

## *Beltaine Lore*

*Beltaine has long been celebrated with feasts and rituals. Beltaine means fire of Bel; Belinos being one name for the Sun God, whose coronation feast we now celebrate. As summer begins, weather becomes warmer, and the plant world blossoms, an exuberant mood prevails. In the old Celtic times, young people would spend the entire night in the woods "A-Maying," and then dance around the Maypole the next morning after washing their faces in the morning dew. May morning is a magical time for wild water (dew, flowing streams, and springs) which is collected and used to bathe in for beauty, or to drink for health.*

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### *A Song For May Day*

## *Be Wary of Lovers Who Come From The Greenwood*

*Carolyn Hillier*

*Be Wary of Lovers who come from the greenwood  
Dissolved in the light of a full summer bloom  
They may draw you like deer to the glade and the spinney  
Held fast by the charm of their glittering tunes*

*Take heed of sweet bells and the silver bright whistles  
Voices that rise and so beautifully blend  
Though the dance is a whirl of fine footstep and frenzy  
A faerie-led song never reaches the end*

*You may leap for the moon like a hare on the mountain  
You may shout for the wind like a rook in a tree  
The excitement you feel is a mist and a fancy  
A shimmering glimmering love-memory*

*The myth hunter drifts in a hollow enchantment  
The true bride is plucking at nettles and dew  
The dance is compelling and time an illusion  
Keep pace with the music whatever you do*

*Thin fingers are pinching from thorn bush and briar  
The haunts of the elvish are slipping away  
The dancers are tripping back into the shadows  
Wish not for a greening wood lover to stay  
From the Album Riven Inside*

## *Thame & 13 Moons Women's Group May Day Evening Beltaine Celebration*



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### *Roundhouse Project*

*More information about the project at*

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*6.30 – Dusk*

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# *Beltaine Celebration*

## *May Day Evening*

- 6.30 *Gathering – Food available or bring a picnic*
- 7.30 *Light the Beltaine Fire*
- 7.40 *Songs from the Sun – From Singer/Songwriter  
Tom Davison*
- 8.00 *Crowning the May Queen & King  
Maypole Dancing  
Fire Throwing Act*
- 8.45 *The Beltaine Rite:*

*Create the Sacred Circle*

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*All Sing*

*Lady spin your circle bright  
weave your web of dark and light  
Earth, Air, Fire and Water, bind us as one*

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*Blessings of the Spirit  
Blessings of the Beltaine Goddess & God  
The Reasons to Gather and Celebrate*

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*Shared Stories - blessings - prayers*

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*Blessing and Sharing of "Cake & Ale"*

*"May You Never Thirst"*

*"May You Never Hunger"*

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*Thanks to the Spirits*

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*Thanks to The Goddess & The God*

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*Open The Circle*

*May the Circle be open, yet forever unbroken  
May the love of the Goddess be forever in your heart  
Merry meet, and merry part and merry meet again  
May the Beltaine Rite end in Peace, in Love and Unity  
Blessed Be*