



Friends of the Museum of Witchcraft

are proud to present

Guardians of Cornish Magic

A day of talks to celebrate the Museum's 60th Anniversary

at

The Wellington Hotel Boscastle

May 14th 2011

In the 20th Century 3 people in Cornwall had a major effect on the worlds of Magic, Art and Folklore. *Cecil Williamson* collected magical artefacts in his now world famous Museum of Witchcraft, *William Paynter* was the last great collector of Cornish folklore, and *Ithell Colquhoun's* love of the Cornish landscape influenced her art, her writing and her magical practice.

1030 doors open

1100 **Cecil Williamson - Life of an Occultist** by Kerriann Godwin and Joyce Froome

Williamson founded of The Museum of Witchcraft 60 years ago in 1951 and this talk looks at his fascinating life before and after the Museum's inception.

1215 **The Cornish Witchfinder: William Henry Paynter** by Jason Semmens

Paynter was a folklorist, antiquary & bard of the Cornish Gorsedd who collected witch-stories & folklore during the 1920s & 30s. His writings are the last great collection of Cornish Folklore.

1315 lunch break

1415 **Ithell Colquhoun's Magical Cornwall** by Dr Amy Hale (anthropologist)

Surrealist artist, poet and essayist, Colquhoun had a passionate relationship with Cornwall which lasted over 40 years. We look at her art, writings and magic and see how her perspectives on Cornwall intersected with wider cultural movements such as Cornish nationalism, the earth mysteries movement and the development of Paganism in the latter half of the 20th century.

1530 Break

1830 Anniversary Book Launch at The Museum of Witchcraft upper gallery

The Museum of Witchcraft ~ A Magical History

a collection of personal memories celebrating 60 years

Cost for the day ~ £10.00 on the door (prebooking preferred to avoid disappointment)

Concessions for Friends of the Museum ~ £6.00

Book launch ~ free

Please reserve tickets at - museumwitchcraft@aol.com or 01840250111

Payment should be made on the day by cash or cheque & tickets are to be picked up at the door at least half an hour before doors open