

The Megalithic Portal Live in the Peak District

**Saturday 28th and
Sunday 29th July 2012**

**Part of the Festival
of British Archaeology**

Programme and Maps

**50p for Contributory members
£1 for non members**



Nine Ladies Stone Circle, Stanton Moor

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Talks, displays, book stall and refreshments at Birchover Reading Room, near Stanton Moor. There are dozens of ancient sites within easy walking distance, please see the enclosed map.

Society membership is just £10 for a year (contributory membership), please ask for an application form.

Saturday 28th July Walks

Saturday Morning: Walk with **Tim Prevett** from History and Mystery Tours to Nine Stones Close and other sites around Birchover. **Start time 10am** running through until about 12.30pm.

Start outside Birchover Reading Room, past Rowtor Rocks, walking to Nine Stones Close, Robin Hood's Stride, Castle Ring, Hermit's Cave, Cratcliff Rocks, and also featuring three locations from the film The Princess Bride. Please ensure you are geared up for a longish walk and be prepared for the weather conditions.

Saturday Morning: A guided walk with Peak District National Park archaeologist and stone circle / cairn circle enthusiast John Barnatt, who will be leading a 2-3 hour walk with lots of stops to look at the various fascinating and little known prehistoric sites on Beeley Moor. All places now booked for this walk - sorry.

Saturday talks and events in Birchover Reading Room

From **11am** (setup permitting) we will be showing **films** of visits to various ancient sites made by Megalithic Portal member Dick Diamond. See page 5 for more details.

1pm Erin Robinson from the Heather and Hillforts project. Conserving the hillforts and habitats of the heather moorland while reconnecting people to the uplands of the Clwydian Range and Llantysilio Mountains in North Wales

2pm John Charlesworth, interpretive guide from Creswell Crags Museum and Visitor Centre who will focus on the recently discovered rock art.

3pm Q&A session with Peak District National Park archaeologist **John Barnatt** who is a great stone circle and ring cairn enthusiast so have your questions ready.

4pm Daniel Brown and **Andy Alder** from Nottingham Trent University talking about their recent 3D modelling of the standing stone on Gardom's Edge, and research into archaeoastronomical alignments

5pm unfortunately due to other commitments **Tim Prevett** hasn't been able to complete the research for his talk on Ritual Landscapes of Mid Wales so we're going to postpone that to our next event. However his Saturday morning walk is going ahead

Instead we'll have some short slide shows from our members:

Eileen Grimshaw with the Sacred sites of Tibet

Peter Boyle with some slides from the Outer Hebrides

There may also be time for another film from **Dick Diamond**

Perhaps you would like to step up for a short talk at the last minute? Let Andy B know.

Display of Neolithic Stone Axes in the marquee

Please see the Conditions of Entry on page 4.

Saturday Evening Walk

6.30pm Guided Walk led by Guy Stephenson, meeting at Birchover Reading Room:

Stanton Moor - A journey into Bronze Age Derbyshire. Around 2.5 hours with frequent stops looking at the many cairns and stone circles on Stanton Moor.

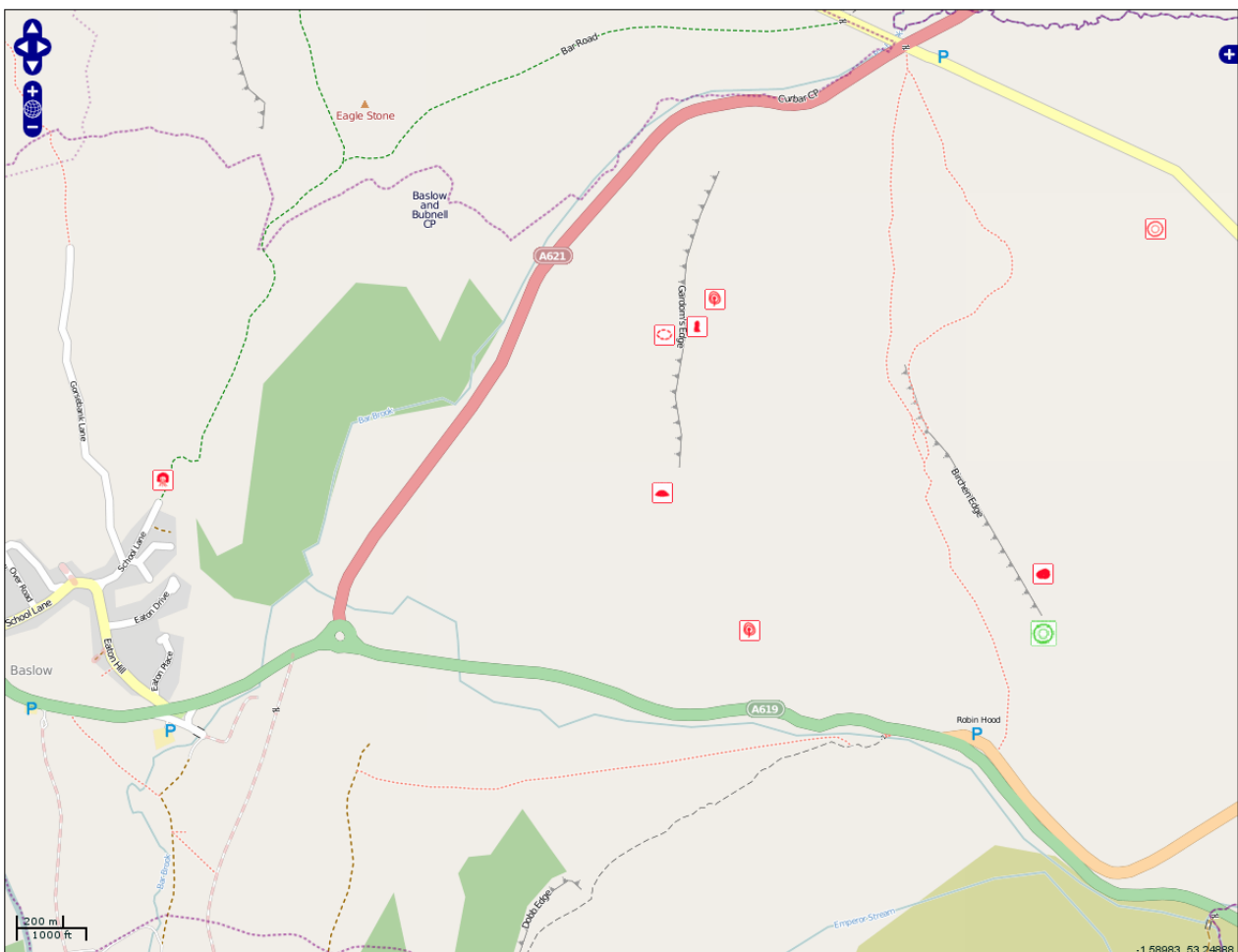
Please ensure you are geared up for a long walk on the moor as it will get chilly as the evening progresses. To finish with a chill out at Nine Ladies Stone Circle

Sunday 29th July Morning Walk

Sunday Morning: Semi guided Walk around **Gardom's Edge** with **Jamie Stone**. Meet at 9.30 for 9.45am in the public car park next to the Robin Hood pub just off the A619/B6050. (Ordnance Survey grid reference: SK280721, Postcode: DE45 1PU) See the small blue **P** to the lower right of the map below. We will be walking up onto Gardom's Edge spotting archaeology as we go.

Taking in the cairn circle, Three Men barrow, Megs Walls (Neolithic enclosure), the standing stone, the famous cup and ring carving and one lesser known cup and ring carving. We will also try and locate one other potential piece of rock art below Birchen Edge as we head back to the car park.

Estimated walk time 2-3 hours. The walk will mostly be on well trodden footpaths, but will be through high heather and boggy ground at times so may be hard going for inexperienced walkers.



Sunday Talks in Birchover Reading Room

11am Andy Burnham - The Megalithic Portal - Little known stones from around the world, an illustrated talk. (Spoiler: This is in large part the same talk that Andy gave at the Bull Ring last year so if you heard it last year you may like to let someone else have a seat)

12pm Rose Welch - The Folklore and Practice of Well Dressing in Derbyshire, an illustrated talk.

12.50pm Eileen Grimshaw - Prehistoric Rock Art in the American South West - An illustrated talk featuring prehistoric villages on top of the Grand Canyon, Spider Woman in Canyon de Chey, rock art in the Painted Desert, the Valley of Fire, Chaco Canyon, Horseshoe Canyon and lots more.

In the lunch break we will showing films of visits to various ancient sites made by **Dick Diamond**, see page 5 for more details.

2.15pm Simon Charlesworth - The Brecon Beacons - Megaliths, Myths and Mysteries. Simon will outline his latest research which aims to show how the myths, legends and archaeology of the area may be more inter-linked than previously thought.

3pm Ian Parker-Heath - Research Archaeologist speaking about the Arbor Low environs Project and how you can get involved as a volunteer.

Birchover Reading Room Conditions of Entry

*No booking is required for events in the hall and entry is free, however as there are only 60 seats in the hall and we have a number of people travelling long distances to attend, approximately half the seats in the hall on both days will be **member priority** seats. Please observe the marked seating and the guidance from our stewards, thanks.*

We would advise arriving early on Sunday to secure a parking space or seat in the hall, and to allow plenty of time to meet fellow Megalithic Portal readers and contributors.

Unfortunately, due to the limited space we cannot guarantee seats will be available to all members however they will get priority for all talks. There will also be standing room at the back of the hall.

The organisers reserve the right to refuse admission once the safe limit on numbers is reached or for any other reason.

Please be thoughtful towards people who will be returning tired from walks, do you really need a seat all day?

Refreshments

Delicious home made food to raise money for The Mustard Tree charity who support the homeless in Manchester, to include:

Choice of sandwiches, Home made cakes with vegan options

Teas, coffees and herbal teas. Cans of non alcoholic drink and juice.

Various chocolate and healthy bars.

Book Stall

Book Stall with all proceeds going to Megalithic Portal society funds. DVDs, exclusive Megalithic Portal T Shirts, greetings cards, 2013 calendars and more.

Note that payment is cash only and purchases over £10 get a free Megalithic Portal fridge magnet.

Refreshments and book stall are out the front of Birchover Reading Room in a marquee we have bought and have put up for the occasion. Help to take it down and put back up on Sunday would be appreciated!

There are two excellent pubs within walking distance in the village of Birchover, the Red Lion and the Druid Inn.

Become a member of our society now for just £10 (contributory membership), please ask for an application form.

Organiser contact Tel or Text on the day: 07910 900298

Dick Diamond's ancient site films

Titles include

Callanish and the Outer Hebrides: the Major Lunar Standstill a few years ago

Brecon Beacons and The Preseli Mountains

West Cork: Collection of mainly stone circles from this area so rich in them.

Peak Stones: from Dick's visit, midsummer 2011

The films last from 45mins to 1 hr

Thanks

We are very grateful to everyone who has helped make this such an amazing weekend.

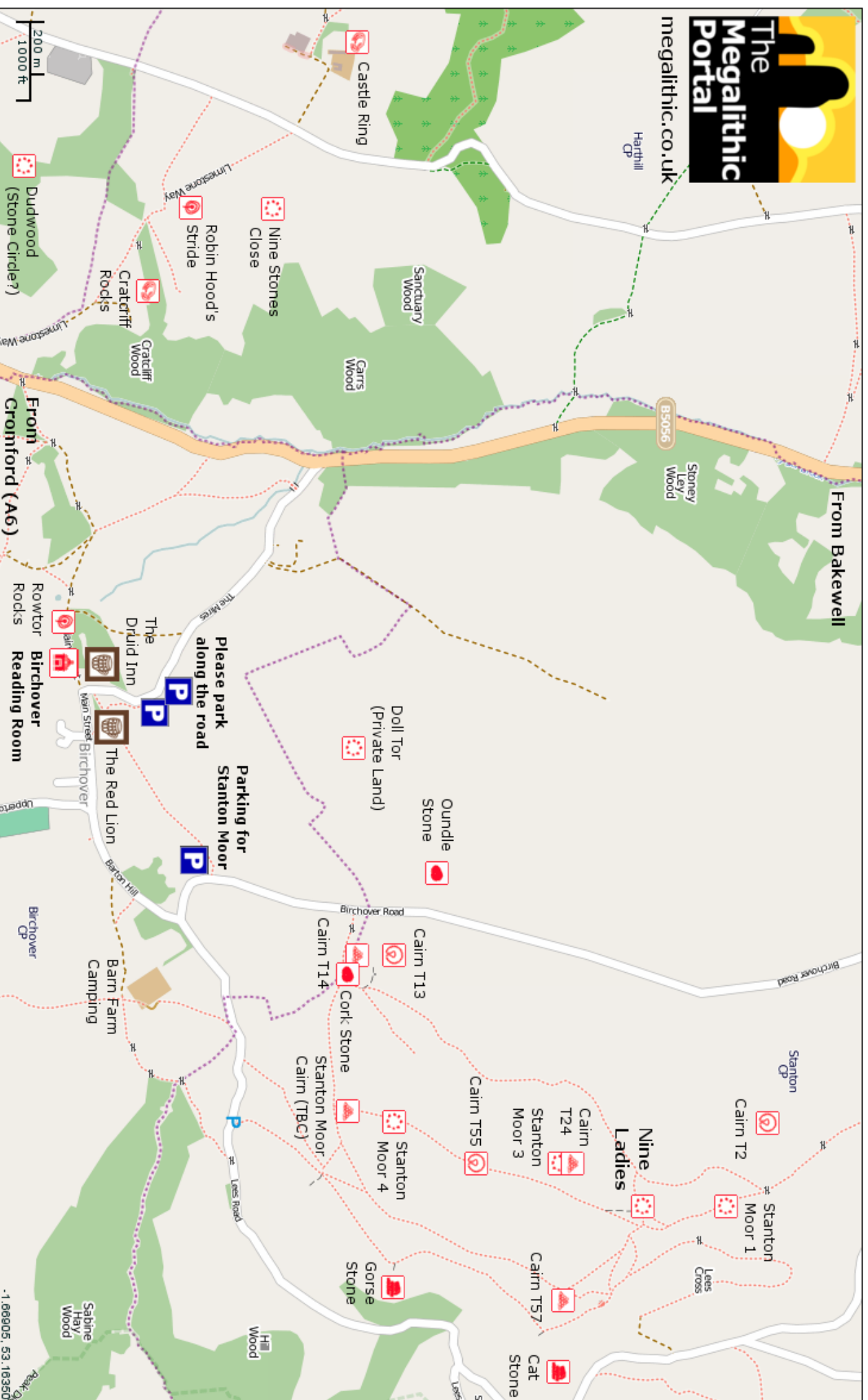
Whether on walks, lifts, talks, films, food, books, marquee, general help, loan of screen and spare projector, use of the hall, storage, and everything else many thanks to everyone who has helped and thank you for being part of it!

Nearby sites



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