Proving: Meadowsweet

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Botanical Name
Filipendula ulmaria

Common Names
Queen of the Meadow, Pride of the Meadow, Meadow-Wort, Lady of the Meadow, Dollof, Meadsweet, and Bridewort.

Kingdom: Plantae
(unranked): Angiosperms
(unranked): Eudicots
(unranked): Rosids
Order: Rosales
Family: Rosaceae
Genus: Filipendula
Species: F. ulmaria
Family
Rosaceae (rose family) is a medium sized family of flowering plants including herbs, shrubs and trees. Most of the species are deciduous, but some are evergreen. Rosaceae is found worldwide but it’s most diverse in the Northern Hemisphere.

Description
The stems stand at 1–2m tall, leaves grow 1-3 inches long with dark green tops and whitish undersides. Meadowsweet has delicate, graceful, creamy-white flowers clustered close together in irregularly-branched cymes, having a very strong sweet smell. They flower from early summer to early autumn and are visited by various types of insects, in particular Musca flies.

Habitat
Meadow sweet likes moist soil in partial shade and can often be found on wetland, by rivers, damp woods, meadows and marshes. It can also grow in ditches alongside fields and is familiar sight in the countryside.

Native Origin
Europe and Western Asia

History
Meadowsweet took its name ‘Queen of the meadow’ in Europe for bringing happiness and joy, also by how it could dominate a damp meadow. Meadow sweet was held scared among the druids along with water-mint and vervain. A druid was a member of the educated, professional class among the Celtic people of Gaul, Britain, Ireland during the Iron Age. The best known among the druids were the religious leaders.

In 1597 botanists John Gerard said of the herb meadowsweet ‘The smell thereof makes the heart merry and joyful and delighted the senses’. During the 16th century Queen Elizabeth I, desired meadowsweet above all other herbs in her chamber, when it was customary to strew floors with rushes and herbs for its pleasant smell and calming energy. English physician Nicholas Culpeper wrote in 1652 about the planets therapeutic effects on the stomach.

Meadow sweet flowers were used to flavour alcoholic beverages in England and Scandinavia and was one of fifty ingredients in a drink called the ‘Save’, In the 14th century being called ‘medwort’ or ‘meadwort’ as it was one of essential ingredients in making mead. This was the mead or honey wine herb, and the flowers were often put into wine and beer.

Folklore
In Russian folklore the heroic knight Kudryash became terrified at the prospect of his own death and refused to fight. In shame, Kudryash planned to drown himself, a fair maiden emerged from the water giving him a garland of meadowsweet flowers, they told him that ‘no harm would befall of him if he wore it in battle’. Kudryash remained unscathed and undefeated.

Fresh meadowsweet is placed on the altar for love spells, or dried is used in various love mixtures. It is also strewn about the house to keep peace and the scent of Meadowsweet is said to cheer the heart. If gathered on midsummer, Meadowsweet will give you information regarding thieves: if you have been robbed, place Meadowsweet on water. If it sinks, the thief is a man. If it floats, a woman.

Meadowsweet is used for love, peace and happiness. The fresh plant is used as an altar decoration or
in a bridal bouquet. The scent of meadow sweet is said to cheer the heart.

**Medical Uses**

Meadowsweet is used to treat a variety of illnesses such as arteriosclerosis, arthritis, cellulitis, cervicitis, colds, cystitis, diarrhoea, dropsy, dyspepsia, oedema, fever, flu, gastritis. Gout headache, heartburn, hyperacidity, insomnia, nausea, nephritis, pain, prostate enlargement, rheumatism, ulcers, urinary tract infection, and vaginitis.

Meadow sweet is used in much of the same way as aspirin, however the herb contains a buffering agent that counter aspirins side effect of causing gastric bleeding, preventing over acidity in the stomach and being one of the best remedies for heartburn. It is a valuable herbal remedy for diarrhoea, and it is believed to be very effective in the treatment of diarrhoea in children. It is frequently used as a natural treatment for afflictions of the blood and used for natural pain treatment.

Meadowsweet can be used topically as an eyewash to treat conjunctivitis and eye inflammation, and also to heal wounds. In addition it can be used as a compress to relieve muscle aches and rheumatic joints. Meadowsweets flower essence can help to relax tension in the head and neck, or as a relaxing bath herb.

**Aspirin**

Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid or ASA) has only been manufactured and marketed since 1899. Medicines made from willow and other salicylate-rich plants appear in Egyptian pharonic pharmacology papyri. Salicin was found in meadowsweet by Swiss pharmacist Johann Pagenstecher in 1830. By 1853 Charles Frédéric Gerhardt determined the chemical structure of salicylic acid and chemically synthesises acetylsalicylic acid.

The first rigorous clinical trial of salicin in 1876 finds that it induces remission of fever and joint inflammation in patients with rheumatism. Felix Hoffmann a German chemist created a synthetically altered version of salicin in 1897, derived from the species, which caused less digestive upset than pure salicylic acid. The new drug, formally acetylsalicylic acid, was named ‘Aspirin’ by Hoffman’s employer Bayer AG after the old botanical name for meadowsweet (Spiraea ulmaria).

Aspirin entered the Guinness World Records in 1950 for being the most frequently sold painkiller. Its popularity declined after the development of paracetamol in 1956 and ibuprofen in 1962. In the 1960-1970s John Vane (English pharmacologist) discovered the basic mechanism of aspirin’s effects, while clinical trials and other studies from the 1960-1980s established aspirin’s efficacy as an anti-clotting agent that reduces the risk of clotting diseases.

**Herbal/ Homeopathic Uses**

The entire herb possess a pleasant taste and flavour. Traditional herbalist simmered the flowers in wine to treat fevers and to cure depression. Meadow sweet is astringent and helps with indigestion, in addition to having diuretic properties, which is helpful in cases of oedema. The fresh flower tops drunk in tea are said promote sweating, along with being used to treat respiratory infections, gout and arthritis.

The fresh root is used in many homeopathic preparations for various ailments. The active ingredients in meadowsweet are essential oils, flavonoids, phenolic glycosides, salicylic acid, and tannins. Meadowsweet is used in homeopathy to treat bronchitis, coughs and other respiratory conditions.
Mythology
Blodeuwedd (flower face) was created by two magicians Gwydion and Math; she was made from the flowers of broom, meadowsweet and oak, and is the virgin Goddess of spring. She was the wife to Lleu Llaw Gyffes. He was placed under a tynged by his mother so that he would never have a human wife. To counter act this curse the magicians took the flowers and produced the fair maiden Blodeuwedd.

She caused much devastation by having an affair, then conspiring to kill her husband. Through her deceit she tricks her husband into revealing how he may be killed, as Lleu cannot be killed by any conventional means, with this new information she arranges his death. Lleu is struck by a spear and is transformed into an eagle; Gwydion switches him back into human form and nurses him back to health, before he reclaims his land back from Blodeuwedd. Gwydion sees Blodeuwedd fleeing, overtaking her he strikes his powers turning her into an owl, the creature hated by all other birds.

Amanda Biggs Proving Supervisor writes:
“It wasn’t until we heard the mythology around meadowsweet that certain things in her experience started to make sense, including one thing she later admitted she hadn’t told me at the time! This was a feeling of being somehow special, like a chosen person. The myth of Blodeuwedd is part of the famous Mabinogion and is of a woman ‘Flowerface’ who was created for a god (because his mother had spat him and cursed his ability to marry a mortal woman) out of various (stories differ as to how many exactly) types of flowers including meadowsweet, and lived well with him until one day she fell in love with another man. So they colluded to kill the husband (as so often happens in myths!) – Blodeuwedd tricked her husband into revealing the rare circumstances in which he could be killed, which required a special spear that had to take exactly a year to make only on Sundays and then be used in a suitably unlikely position – one foot a goat, wearing a fishing net etc! When they managed to kill him, he transformed into an eagle then was later restored, while Blodeuwedd was punished by being turned into an owl, which apparently were unpopular birds, and were separated from the company of most birds because of being nocturnal.

The myth is said to have layers to it – on one level it is about the empowerment of the woman to choose real love instead of what she was given to, a tale of self-realisation. On another (and probably more the original intention) it is a straight Celtic fertility myth, with Blodeuwedd being the summer goddess and the male gods representing the summer and winter seasons, and the need of both of them to combine with the woman, one dying to make way for the other as seasons do. From this perspective it was necessary to ‘make’ Blodeuwedd, in order for her husband to be a king, as only those who had undergone fertility rites and fully declared their love for the earth via a priestess or otherworldly woman could be true kings. This is interesting as it makes her more central than the men, in fact the source of their power, which underlines the goddess aspect again. The myth is from a time of goddess worship, before the coming of the masculine traditions, and has to be seen in this light – e.g. there were no ‘love goddesses’ in Celtic culture equivalent to Aphrodite, as they were always made of natural parts of the land such as flowers and fruit. I think the myth came through very strongly in my prover, and leaked into the lives of those around her.

Astrological
Meadow sweet has strong connections to the planet Jupiter. Jupiter style herbs appear to promote growth by expanding the consciousness of the mind and our awareness. Giving us greater understanding and thereby helping with ones own spirituality, in addition to also creating new and different opportunities.

‘Jupiter is the regent of the meadowsweet. The flowers are alexipharmic and sudorific, likewise astringent, binding, and useful in fluxes of all sorts’
Frans Vermeulen writes about meadowsweet as:
Bringing out the hero – Russian herbalist often tell the story of the brave knight.
Medical uses - It is used as stomachic, mild urinary antiseptic, anti-rheumatic, astringent, antacid, anti-inflammatory, diuretic, diaphoretic, anti emetic and tonic. In Germany it is used to treat the common cold. Here the high salicylate content reduces fever through diaphoresis. Recommend for water retention, bladder and kidney ailments, it can also serve as a wash for wounds and inflamed eyes. A decoction of the shredded rhizome and flower is recommend for nervous disorders.

Mind – Nocturnal feeling of remorse for a slight fault committed long go with the most frightful of stings of conscience and horror of self. Disconnected with self, instinctual side. Problems with sexuality difficulty integrating lower body parts. The need to be independent and they often don't have stable relationships. Generals- Aversion to smoking, hot feeling in the whole body and genera outbreak of sweat and rush fof blood thre head after eating. Burning pains. Sensations- Head is encircled and squeezed by a hoop, enlarged after washing in cold water. Something hot mounting up onto the eyes, eyelids heavy as lead. Pressing feeling in oesophagus. rectum as if drawn in. Inspired air in the room as if very cold. Hot feeling all over. Locals- Pressing, pulsating headache, heartburn, stool in balls, stitches from bladder to rectum. Palpitations and anxiety, ascending heat and suffering from cramp.

Jan Scholten writes about meadow sweet as:
They are left alone by their lover or they feel left alone, without real love anymore. Remorse over a long past slight indiscretion, with most fearful qualms of conscience and loathing of himself. On account of this he could not rest but was obliged to walk about.

Mind- Morbid conscientiousness, hydrophobia, dullness, laughing (when talking about serious things), angry person. Dreams no one is driving the car, plane, loss of control, floating and flying. Dreams vivid, confused.

General- triple warmer, heat indoors, open air, wet weather. Sweat profusely, chest, face and hands, heat and eating. Aversion to smoking. Time, afternoon, 1am. Sleep discomfort after siesta, overpowering, sleepiness, difficulty falling asleep, restlessness, frequent waking. Physical sneezing, motion, moving head, bites of mad animals, rabid dogs, snakes.


Proving Key Themes:
Anxious/ Worry
Concentration/Confusion/Mistakes/Accidents
Digestion
Goddess/Joy
Isolate/Isolated
Pain/ Body Parts
Relax
Sex/Rape/Libdo
Sleep
Sociable Connection
Threat/Anger/ Swearing
Water/Fluid/Leak
Despair/Depressed

**Key Themes explained:**

*Anxious/ Worry*
Worrying too much about everyday things, large and small. Having persistent anxious thoughts most days and interfering with daily life.

*Concentration/Confusion/Mistakes/Accidents*
Concentration is the action or power of focusing all one’s attention. Confusion is uncertainty about what is happening, intended, or required. Mistakes are an act or judgement that is misguided or wrong. Accidents are an unfortunate incident that happens unexpectedly and unintentionally, typically resulting in damage or injury.

*Digestion*
Food is broken up physically by the action of the teeth, and chemically, as by the action of enzymes, and converted into a substance suitable for absorption and assimilation into the body.

*Goddess/Joy*
A women who is greatly admired for supernatural powers and attributes, believed to be the source of life and worshiped by people. Joy being the feeling of great pleasure and happiness.

*Isolate/Isolated*
A person or place to be or remain alone or apart from others. Far away from others, remote or instances of rebellion.

*Pain/ Body Parts*
Highly unpleasant physical sensation caused by illness or injury. Any part of an organism such as an organ or extremity.

*Relax*
To become less tense, tight, or stiff, stop feeling nervous or worried and to spend time resting or doing something enjoyable.

*Sex/Rape/Libdo*
Sexual activity, making love. Instinctual psychic energy that in psychoanalytic theory is derived from primitive biological urges (as for sexual pleasure or self-preservation) and that is expressed in conscious activity. Forcing another person to have sexual intercourse with the offender against their will.

*Sleep*
A condition of body and mind, which typically recurs for several hours every night, in which the
nervous system is inactive, the eyes closed, the postural muscles relaxed, and consciousness practically suspended.

**Sociable Connection**
Willing to talk and engage in activities with other people, friendly and fond of the company of others. A relationship in which a person or thing is linked or associated with something else. The act of connecting or the state of being connected.

**Threat/Anger/Swearing**
Threat is the intention to inflict pain, harm, or punishment, an indication of impending danger or harm. A hostile action on someone in retribution for something done or not done. Anger is a strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure, or hostility by becoming enraged or provoked. Swearing is the use of offensive language.

**Water/Fluid/Leak**
A colourless, transparent, odourless, liquid, which forms the seas, lakes, rivers, and rain and is the basis of the fluids of living organisms. A continuous, amorphous substance whose molecules move freely past one another and that has the tendency to assume the shape of its container; a liquid or gas. Accidentally lose or admit contents, especially liquid or gas, through a hole or crack.

**Despair/Depressed**
Despair is the complete loss or absence of hope. To be overcome by a sense of futility or defeat. Depressed is a state of unhappiness, despondency, low in spirits or dejected. Someone who is suffering from clinical depression.

**Diary co-ordinator’s observations (Jess)**
After spending numerous hours looking over the proving diaries I came to the following ideas about the key themes which appeared more than others: Goddess/Joy, Anxious/Worry, Threat/Anger/Swearing and being Alone/Isolated.

Meadow sweet is described as a tall delicate plant with two shades of colour dark green and a creamy white, with a strong sweet smell. With its irregularly branched cymes and two diverse colours being at two different ends of the spectrum, this link between lightness and darkness reminds me of a character with two different sides the ‘Goddess’ and ‘Offender’.

With links to dreams especially about the rape, sex and violence with elements about being in control, the victim being intimidated and threatened, gives me the feeling this is the dark side to meadow sweet if only in dreams.

Linking to the ‘flower face’ or Blodewedd she was a fair maiden who was the virgin Goddess of spring. Who was made for good to bring someone happiness and love, however she chose to be deceitful by having an affair. Through her unhappiness and anger she conspired with compassion to kill the only man she was created for and meant to have loved. Her rein of greed didn’t last long as she was killed herself and turned into an owl by the magician by which had created her.

Despite the darkness meadowsweet is by far out weighed by the lightness that it perceives through the key theme of being a goddess and bringing joy. It is a strong, independent flower, which likes solidarity. This is proven in its use to help with anxiety and depression, many of the provers
experienced heightened levels of anxiety and worry through the duration of the proving. Many provers found that they liked to be isolated and would like to be left alone. There were links to confusion and a lack of concentration but I feel this was linked to the sleep deprivation they experienced and through the sensation of pain to both physical and physiologically state of the body.

Although this occurred many were empowered and become a goddess themselves by taking control. Bringing boundless amounts of happiness too, it has created the appearance that even though it is fiercely independent, meadowsweet thrives on the connection it has, seeing as there are so many of this plant around, this links to the sociable connections that came though on many of the provers diary entries. A lot of these feelings are connected to the astrological connection meadowsweet has to Jupiter by promoting growth through the understanding of our mind and awareness.

The links to water and leaks came through in the need to often go to the toilet as well as state of upset. Some provers experienced leaks to the environment in which they lived or through their connections to family and friends.

Meadow sweets links to saclyic acid came across strongly through its uses as a pain killer to treat inflammation and pain from symptoms that many provers described as intense, sharp, stabbing and shooting pains, traditionally meadow sweet was used to treat arthritis and rheumatism. Digestion was mentioned by most of the provers, through pains experienced in the abdomen with symptoms of nausea, diarrhoea and flatulence, meadowsweet is used by herbalist to treat diarrhoea, ulcers and indigestions.

**Mani Norland proving observations**
The lady/queen of the meadow, Flowerface

Meadowsweet contains Salicylic acid, the chemicals used to make aspirin, a small section of root, when peeled and crushed smells like Germolene, and when chewed is a good natural remedy for relieving headaches.

Having read the proving summaries from students, looking at the themes and considering the substance I feel there is a nice little story that can be told that links in with the meadow sweet plant being described as the lady or queen of the meadow.

The meadow is a common place, a field enjoyed by all, it makes one think of nature, spring and summer time, alive with bees, bugs and birds. Warm, sunny and relaxing. If you were the lady or queen of such a place surely everyone would want to talk to you, it would be fun, exciting, sociable. You would feel connected, happy and joyful. You would hold your head up high and look out over the meadow. This feels like a fairy tale, where one would giggle, sing and dance. At its heights there is bliss, euphoria and pure whiteness, like a goddess (the little white flower heads looking up to the sun).

Meadowsweet has a pleasant taste and flavour and is traditionally used as a strewing herb to flavour wine, beer and mead – always good for social gatherings. It is also strewn on floors to give rooms a pleasant aroma.

One can also imagining going to a meadow to be alone, silent and calm - a place to enjoy being in nature and reflect on ones thoughts. But this quiet place can become exaggerated, so one feels isolated, excluded, detached and disconnected. So withdrawn that they become completely alone.
Salicylic acid occurs naturally in the plant in greater quantities than anything else in nature and is synthesised for use in Aspirin for headaches.

Physically there was a strong connection to the digestive tract, the ‘earthy’ processes, with a great deal of diarrhoea, abdominal pain, nausea, flatulence and constipation. The whole plant is a traditional remedy for an acidic stomach, and the fresh root is used in herbal remedies.

She may become angry, swearing and indignant or she may want to be totally alone and isolated. Hide the pain and create a barrier. And then there is the dark side, the night and the dirty earth. The common meadow is no place for a queen. Now we see depression, remorse and guilt. Things are black and full of despair. There is disgust, sexual desires and rape. It is not a safe place for a lady!

It is like Meadowsweet produces Salicylic acid in its roots to isolate the despair, detached and dirty underworld. The common plant holds its head up high above the other flowers with a crown of graceful small pure white flowers giving of a sweet pleasant aroma. But she has to drink, water has to come up her stem, it ‘leaks’ through bringing with it strong feelings and emotions from the dark underworld. She tries to rise above, stay sociable, connected and pleasant (the goddess), but sometimes she just wants to be alone, and if the ‘leaks’ get to bad then she becomes anxious, desairs and gets depressed, dark and moody.

ACTUAL PROVING DIARIES.
Organised by theme.

P1 2 07:30 RS Lots of vivid dreams in early hours. *Someone in a dilapidated old house he had recently bought. He had been making ‘improvements’ to the house and its few contents with scraps and junk lying around (make do & mend style) and was very proud. He made cannelloni for a group of people.
P1 2 07:30 RS Lots of vivid dreams in early hours. *Having to assert myself in order to retain my place in the pecking order (naturally I was at the top..) of a houseful of people I was living with, in order to be able to use the shower before anyone else. One woman wants to fight me but backs down when I stand my ground.
P1 3 11:00 Felt manipulated by someone’s tears. Didn’t allow myself to get drawn in. Maintaining distance physically & emotionally meant I didn’t get angry over perceived manipulation and so a bit later after tears had stopped could offer kindness & support that was genuine and whole rather than slightly contrived and covering up a sense of impatience.
P1 25 XX:XX Dreamt that I was with some friends and we were getting ready to go for a night out. We were going to prove ourselves against another group of people, prove that we were, I don’t know; better, more powerful than them I guess. It’s not that we were going out to hurt them, just to put them in their place so they knew who was top. I did not get a sense of aggression amongst our group, though we were excited and glamming ourselves up for a fun night. However, we got so wasted on cocaine and alcohol that we never actually made it into town - we passed out instead.

P2 44 07:30 Dream. Based in kitchen again. A wooden canopy was over a table and I eventually noticed a brown bird about the size of a starling sitting on a nest. I then spent ages working out how and with what I could feed it to make the chicks as healthy as possible. I had worked out that I could cut up worms, roll them in supplements and put them near the bird. Then I woke up. Practical problem solving mixed with curiosity as to how the bird had got there were the only feelings.
P3 1 18:42 NS Vision of a frog with crown, chain bit holding two parts together,
tension but nice, generally pleasant feeling, exhilarated, tiny lacquer flowers, very pretty, fairy tale feeling overall, light, laughing / sense of coldness, not unpleasant / awareness in lower legs

P3 4 14:30 NS Bit less self-conscious, caring less what people think of me. Less conscious overall though, very tired despite good sleep

P3 6 08:00 OS Feeling very light and almost exhilarated despite ‘stressful’ circumstances. They don’t feel stressful but just are things to deal with. Lightness and joy! ;)
P3 6 10:00 AS Feeling very relaxed and exhilarated, biking through the city. As if a protection mechanism has fallen off me.
P3 6 16:00 AS Response from old teacher: very appropriate and respectful reply to me putting down clear boundaries, standing in my power, not having my boundaries crossed and getting a positive response for that

P3 9 15:30 NS Looking in the mirror: slightly shocked. Have somewhat of a wild expression, bit scary

P3 11 13:30 OS Marked polarity in me: fear of belonging <> wanting to belong. Slowly warming up to the concept of a stable long term relationship without the drama

P3 12 13:00 NS Fed up compensating for other peoples behaviour. Fed up being nice and kind in order to keep the harmony. Let’s see what happens!
P3 13 03:00 IOS Deep acceptance of and reconciliation with my mother, realising the way I am carrying her trauma all my life which lead to deep dysfunctional patterns

P3 13 12:00 IOS Deep shift happened, feeling different. More mature and calm. Bought new bike

P3 13 17:00 NS I’m done compensating for other people by trying to be nice all the time and smiling things over.
P3 14 16:00 Calm, concentrated, in a good mood. No more diarrhoea, no accident today - life is pretty cool!
P3 16 10:00 IOS In a good mood despite bad sleep, enjoy people around me but no intellectual involvement

P3 17 21:30 OS Did some yoga before going to sleep - first time since a long time!
P3 18 10:00 NS Beethoven 9th exhilaration dancing, acoustic ecstasy/ same with Nina Simone Sinnerman

P3 19 12:00 IOS Going into sensation of my gaze: sense of injustice and revenge, feeling like a tribal native who has been forced out of his / her habitat. Looking at the perpetrator, just looking with a mix of anger, disbelief and bewilderment. Very deep sense of injustice and betrayal

P3 19 19:00 IOS Feeling quite exhilarated and the world feels magical. Listening to Beethoven’s 9th symphony, dancing and singing

P3 21 22:30 AS Very relaxed, joyful and calm all day. Visiting my parents, deep, honest talk about past, their past and family past I have never heard of. Honest, transparent sharing without masks. Feel much more relaxed around them

P3 22 07:00 NS Over the past few days there is a sense of a new directness when I talk with people. I address things directly without holding back and developing grudges. Less fear to speak my mind, less of a polite mask with angry thoughts underneath

P3 24 12:00 AS One of the marked changes during this proving is the notion how much I compensate for other people’s behaviour and the decision not to do this anymore and being honest about situations that don’t feel ok for me instead of smiling and apologising on behalf of others or pretending that it doesn’t bother me.
P3 36 16:00 NS Gave Worksop today, felt very different than before - much more confident to be able to deliver depth. Feel I am growing into the teacher role more and more, feeling confident. Old self-image still struggles against being cherished and accepted. Still difficult to deal
with the attention without going in overdrive and feeling empty and shallow after, but this time I had plenty of energy afterwards, which is new. Feel awkward with all the positive attention - feels as if I must be a fake and will fall deeply

P3 37 20:00 AS A lot of mental energy. Feedback from many people how happy, enthusiastic and energetic I look. Feedback from various people that I inspire them. Makes me feel a bit awkward as I feel I don’t deserve it

P3 37 21:00 AS Deep connection and acceptance of (my) female energy, engaging with others on a deeper level

P3 38 10:00 IOS Self-confidence is really marked. Calm, strong, joyful, and generous. Getting a lot of response to my work and accepting it. No money worries (even though my bank account still says something different)

P3 46 20:00 The remedy seems to have done its work, no significant changes

P4 1 01:13 NS As the evening went on I started to feel better and better, I had been feeling poorly all day, my energy picked up and I felt better in myself.

P4 3 07:14 NS I had a dream that we had a set of new tooth brush heads for the electric tooth brush, all bright primary colours, people kept trying to take them so I was guarding them, they wanted my wife’s toothbrush but I stopped them. One of the men had a shaved head. I felt threatened in the dream but I was able to stand my ground and protect them, it was not frightening.

P4 3 10.17 NS Energy is good and any feeling of being unwell has completely passed.

P4 16 XX:XX NS I am going to do a dance for my dad and one of the teachers at the School, I am tuning up the music, it is very important, and there are two pieces of music that will show off my moves. I have not practiced before but I know I will be good. I can do this it is just a shame only two people will be watching. I have both machines ready to go and I have the remote controls in my hand. The whole dance takes place on the edge of a huge drop but that does not worry me. I will not fall. I feel I am going to be great.

P 28 XX:XX NS Being driven in a car, really fast, very dangerous. 150 mph. White in the car.

P5 0 00:14 NS I have a content happy calm feeling, content to sit here with the group in silence

P5 1 06:45 RS I feel happy and calm.

P5 1 08:40 NS I was giggly at breakfast

P5 1 08:55 NS I feel great, better than I have done for months.

P5 1 14:54 Lightening and thunder outside. I am exhilarated and giggly and disrespectful of the healing space and the case taking that is occurring

P5 1 15:55 RS I am pleased and excited for my friend. I feel a burst of energy today, yesterday I was full of energy, laughter, happy

P5 2 XX:XX I again notice the difference in my energy. Am impatient, irritable

P5 3 09:03 RS I have energy despite being exhausted from the weekend. I unexpectedly had to walk my daughter to school and felt good and coped well with all the different teachers and people to speak to.

P5 3 XX:XX NS I just feel a little odd; I cannot put my finger on it. This is when I first really noticed it

P5 3 XX:XX NS This odd feeling is all through my body. I can’t work out how to describe it

P5 3 XX:XX RS Despite having an unexpected very busy day, appointment and plans all out of my control, I coped better, with much more than usual. I felt calm
Even though I am tired and stressed I have lots to do, I physically feel stronger and calmer.

I cope very well considering how I was feeling, big dinner party goes really well.

I have a strong desire to be outside by myself, and act on it, leaving my Dad and daughter together.

Considering the emotional stress I am feeling calm and coped well with the funeral, my dad and a school concert.

The anxiety is better for being out.

I had a good evening despite my son and 3 of his friends suddenly being around and I made dinner for them all. I wasn’t stressed and stayed calm despite thinking it was just going to be 2 of us at home.

I was upset, about the oily mess in the kitchen, I was annoyed, but I said my bit calmly and withdrew.

I dreamt I was oiling the chain of my bicycle, teaching a child how to. I did do this a few days ago, (by myself not with a child)

We have to move out of a house we are staying in a few weeks. It’s an old friends house next to my childhood home. Me and my husband are talking and we realise we can pack up some things in advance, like the dvd’s into cardboard boxes. We will have to store them at my childhood home ( in the dream my Mum still lives there). The feeling is to avoid getting stressed and moving it all last moment. We do not have any idea where we will live next, it doesn’t matter. We are both very calm and want to stay like this.

I recovered well from my wobbly moment, faster than usual.

Sister in law and partner farewell meal, I don’t have to cook or feel I have to entertain so I have a good and productive evening

I am exhausted I need to go to bed earlier. I have a rest and feel better.

I feel like weeping when talking to my supervisor. But I don’t and I quickly feel better from talking about how I feel, especially the fear of failure, letting my children down.

I try to rest and relax but I am wired and can’t relax. The need to achieve something is large.

My mood is low, despondent, better for going out and doing some exercise and shopping.

My daughter repeats the same behaviour IS rude and still won’t listen, but this time I don’t take it personally.

I am particularly irritable and snappy to my husband, as we are chatting but he doesn’t let me finish what I am saying. I feel he is not listening to me, something he and our children accuse me of, so I am particularly sensitive to and feel a bit remorseful, but he should of listened.

I bounced back quickly felt better for doing stuff

I feel cheerful and optimistic, the opposite of the last 3 days. Even though I am tired I have energy to do things. I am looking forward to going to my nephew’s birthday

I realise I have had a surge of energy and positivity over the last few hours

I ate my lunch outside again, to be in the nature. I feel better outside, in the fresh air.

I am loving the sunny windy day. I love the wind in the trees. I feel a strong
connection to nature. The wind is blowing a breath of fresh air into everything that is stale. I need to feel the elements, if I am inside working I want to be in the sun.
P5  11  14:30  RS  I feel positive and accept my lack of energy, in the afternoon. I read and rest, then do some work.
P5  11  17:45  RS  I get stressed about going to my sisters as 2 of my children suddenly won’t come due to last minute projects but I accept it quite quickly and don’t waste any energy on them.
P5  13  XX:XX  RS  I feel ok today even though I physically am exhausted and can’t do much. Accepting my limitations
P5  14  XX:XX  RS  I realised last night that I am experiencing mood swings more extreme than normal and not in keeping with my menstrual cycle. This is usually the week I am hormonally more level
P5  16  08:00  RS  I woke up not feeling anxious, feeling happier and realised how low and depressed I have been
P5  16  08:30  NS  My daughter actually told me there was a spider in the toilet, which reminded of the dream I had had last night. I was chasing a huge big really hairy spider determined to catch him before my daughter saw him. The feeling was just I have to catch him, but he was fast. It seemed a difficult thing as the usual small spiders who we let live in our home suddenly all had grown and multiplied and were huge and hairy too. I knew I had a challenge that was going to be hard to protect my daughter from.
P5  16  08:45  RS  My legs are sore it is hard to stand up and walk, but that doesn’t affect my more positive mood
P5  17  06:40  RS  My dreams were busy lots of people, including my closest sister. I found a school tie in my draw. I can’t remember any thing else.
P5  17  03:32  NS  Not sociable, tired but excited. I don’t want to go to the room I share, stay outside in the nature.
P5  17  06:45  RS  I feel happy and calm.
P5  17  08:40  NS  I was giggly at breakfast
P5  17  08:55  NS  I feel great, better than I have done for months.
P5  17  09:20  NS  I went outside and suddenly had the desire to sing, under a tree. I felt very connected spiritually. This continued when I went back inside, I sang in my bedroom and in the corridors as I walked around
P5  17  14:54  RS  Lightening and thunder outside. I am exhilarated and giggly and disrespectful of the healing space and the case taking that is occurring
P5  17  15:55  RS  I am pleased and excited for my friend. I feel a burst of energy
P5  18  06:55  NS  Strong desire to be away from people and be in the nature by myself
P5  18  11:30  NS  I cut someone off who wanted to chat, I didn’t. I am being strong not trying to please everyone.
P5  18  XX:XX  I again notice the difference in my energy. Am impatient, irritable today, yesterday I was full of energy, laughter, happy
P5  20  09:03  RS  I have energy despite being exhausted from the weekend. I unexpectedly had to walk my daughter to school and felt good and coped well with all the different teachers and people to speak to.
P5  20  XX:XX  RS  Despite having an unexpected very busy day, appointment and plans all out of my control, I coped better, with much more than usual. I felt calm
P5  20  11:00  RS  Even though I am tired and stressed I have lots to do, I physically feel stronger and calmer
P5  21  20:00  NS  I cope very well considering how I was feeling, big dinner party
goes really well

P5  21  XX:XX  RS  Considering the emotional stress I am feeling calm and coped well with the funeral, my dad and a school concert.

P5  23  14:00  RS  The anxiety is better for being out

P6  2  XX:XX  AS  Anger, handled properly! Family conflict, lots of calls and emails. I talked to my mother very strongly, told her that she has never allowed us to express different views to hers, I speak harshly and firmly. I am surprised at how I don’t feel guilty afterwards, but serene.

P6  2  XX:XX  NS  Solidity: feel in role of older sister, brothers looking to me for opinion and advise, respect my views, I am very surprised that I count.

P6  3  XX:XX  NS  I enter an exquisitely decorated room, large, square, painted bright yellow. I am going into flower arranging business with my mother or someone else. We live in a small town and I want the business to be part of the life of the town. I am arranging flowers, roses, peonies and others in a vase, they look sloppy which I had one of those pads with pins that Japanese use.

P6  3  XX:XX  NS  I am talking to one of my nieces and telling her I saw her sitting at a long dining table, then I look through a pack of photographs I have in my hands and see a picture of her sitting at a long dining table, I am surprised at my clairvoyance. No emotions or feelings apart from part where I want to hit ex.

P6  5  06:00  NS  Wake up looking forward to the day, full of energy though I only slept 5 hours. Stayed till 1am reading ‘The Primal Wound’ a psychosynthesis book about addiction, also looking up in Google effect of lies from parents on children: there is a lie in the family which affects one of my brothers and I am the only sibling to know, it weighs on me, I feel deeply for him, deeper than usual, issue is amplified in my ‘field of awareness’, think of the load of carrying that secret. At same time I am very excited about having retaken The Primal Wound, which I abandoned years ago and I find so relevant. In 2008, when I was still in the midst of ‘my hell’ I gave it to mum for Christmas. Consciously I did it because I have a brother with alcohol problems, but I see now it was a cry for help.

P6  5  11:30  IOS  I want to write, make my jewellery and pray every day for new friends in my wave length, a lover, new acquaintances, but I see how right now I need let go and enjoy this delicious retreating and creating by myself. POLARITY: The two extremes I have moved between all my life is, spirituality, religiousness, desire for solitude and a love for fun, exciting things like unplanned trips to the seaside where I stayed for many days or months. Indulging and binging. Relationship with partner in my continent became so destructive because he tapped into that binging aspect of my personality and together we went to hell. Since I got back 5 years ago I have been living on the opposite side, the virtuous one, feel that for the first time ever I have developed a Will Power. If I had always handled myself like over last 4 or 5 years my life would be an amazing success!

P6  23  XX:XX  NS  We are going to change our front door at home and I am very please about this as I think it is good fengshui (I had actually been reading about the importance of front doors in fengshui and thinking that our front door is not great, in fact for a long time we have been thinking it needs changing, in the dream I associate it with renewed energy) Remember this section of dream as I am returning from walk with dog, evening is beautiful and it was good to do some exercise.

P6  23  XX:XX  OS  Yesterday took part in a day of activities in support of my country. I
enjoyed it but was most healed and happy when it was all done and behind me. Glad to be back in my space. Although I am happy to have met a couple of people who seem to be in my wavelength, but I am a loner. Also would not want to be back in the ‘community’ again, all the gossip, so glad I moved on, don’t intend to go back. Will try to keep contact with people on my wave length though. I pray every day to meet people I can truly communicate with, have been praying for new friends, perhaps a have found one or two.

I realize that recently my mood is enormously improved by walking in fresh air and enjoying beautiful views or by exercise. I mentioned this in relevant entries, but it is so marked thought it worth it to stress it here.

Quite a few nice pictures of me performing and with group. I feel soothed, recognised, part of event.

Tonight it will be the end of the world, or there is going to be a huge cataclysm. My ex’s two daughters come to seek refuge with me at my place. They are very small. When they arrive I feel very good at seeing them, a warm feeling, nurturing. I ask them where are their father and brother (their older brother is the one I actually brought up and has remained very close to me, he is the one I call my stepson) I’m not sure what they answer but the idea is that they didn’t come with them. I am concerned but think ‘to hell with them’ and I am not over concerned. The prevailing feeling is of nurturing the little girls and the warmth that gives me. I put them to bed, the older one of the two lies on my bed which is the extremely messy bed full of objects from a previous dream, it is so messy that at some point when looking for the little girl I have to search amongst the stuff.

Joy and Peace are returning, I have been making jewelery. Don’t know why I have been lost in a turmoil of ideas, abandoned my jewellery which gives me so much joy. A sense of peace returning. Letting go. Talking to supervisor I say I need to stop following the news, it is all too awful, world is mad, mention a man ate a woman to death, like all taboos, all boundaries are disintegrating!

Feeling that a joy for life is returning, freedom to enjoy myself, vaguely looking forward to Christmas break, end of a year with so many achievements. Feeling I deserve to have a break and celebrate end of fruitful year. Even buy some glitter for College Christmas party! I am still following the news, especially about my country and posting on FB. Via a national newspaper I sent a poem I wrote to the widow of one of the victims of recent atrocity. I feel my involvement is more balanced and less frantic. I feel good in myself. Even manage a meditation session, which I had not lately. Ex and daughters called, I had had no contact with them for over a month and was resigning myself to the fact that they were out of my life. After they call, I take dog for a walk and think how can I help one of the girls, the brightest and who is closest to me, even wander if I could foster her, get her out of poverty. Get a sense of purpose, that all I lived was not useless, of continuity in my life. Also feeling very close to starting with my literary blog, just must find the name for it. Feel much clearer about my life.

I return to the seaside village where I lived with ex for many years. I am taking a ride on a truck with many people and we are driving on the beach, right next to where waves break. There is a lot of people on the beach, crowds everywhere. With the truck we enter a thatched building, a restaurant or bar. All the faces are ‘almost’ familiar but there is no one I really know. Throughout the dream the light is dark. For a moment I get a feeling like I am getting in reality: that I can go out and enjoy myself, feel joy. I think I can go walking down the central street of the village looking good and someone will recognise me and tell my ex I am there. I am sitting round a table with some people and a guy with whom we used to have a literary group. He is not bad looking, but a tormented character so (in reality) I have always avoided any involvement with him. In the dream I look at him and think that perhaps it is time I allow myself some sex. Outstanding in the dream was: the dark light throughout and the feeling worth noting was the breakthroughs of
optimism, like sun rays breaking through a fabric of slight depression. That is how I have been feeling in my waking life as well.

P6 35 10:30 NS With the same large group of people we arrive in some event where my greatest music hero is and he talks to me and relates to me very easy, we are like equals, I think I am supposed to do something at this ‘event’. There is a flight waiting to take off. They are choosing carefully the people who are to go on it as it will be ‘choppy’ When I come to board, the official tells me “are you sure you want to go on this flight? It will be choppy” I am slightly hesitant, but say yes I will. I am aware I am amongst the brave few. I am a bit scared but another passenger reassures me that for sure we will make it.

P6 35 17:00 NS Overwhelmed and exhausted by phone calls, events. A shower of calls and events like husband coming home, living again, dog barking, three phone calls, one on Skype with friend who was bashing away in kitchen while talking(!) drain me. A couple of hours of cleaning flat in silence followed by shower totally refresh me.

P6 37 12:00 RS Very iritated with husband, awful, a real bitch, critical, while we are preparing dinner. I can see at one point he is affected by my awfulness, but he gets over it, is still kind, he asks if proving supervisor asks what he says about me, I say I have recorded husband saying I live in a state of anger. But I get infuriated when I see he prepared potatoes for roasting in a dirty pan, with no water and potatoes are not peeled, I tell him I worry he is getting Alzimers. And actually I do worry about that sometimes.

P6 38 21:00 CS Renewal and Synchronicity, as I started feeling more alive, went out to buy new rug for house, feel sense of renewal, three people whom I had not heard from in a while and had been wanting to hear from, get in touch all at once. Made a point of not watching news and went to bed with a book.

P6 39 03:00 OS Wake up and after about half an hour I realise I will not be able to sleep, partly because I am hungry but also because for first time in ages I can’t wait for day to start. Very creative, visualising how I am going to start weaving piece, must end this extraordinary year making an extraordinary piece! Doing some tidying up I come across some poems, read them and find them very good, think it would be nice to make a handmade book, few copies for presents for friends, my first book. Wait till 6am and go and have coffee and piece of apple pie, meditate for 40 minutes as I decided to re establish my routine, absolutely. It is 08:00 and washing is in machine and I am on my way to gym. Surely will need nap in the afternoon, but feels good to back!!

P6 39 XX:XX NS Creativity and Joy: I was inspired to weave an intricate piece. I noticed I had a heightened feel for the smallest detail; each half-millimetre knot took all of my attention. Was liking what I was making until the colours I had chosen: browns and pinks revolted me, so much so that I had to put the piece out of my sight. Started all over using primary colours, red and green and old gold. I discovered that new breakfast bar and chairs are marvellous height for weaving, allowing me all the freedom of movement. Played North African music full of rhythm, and for an entire week the cords and I danced and produced amazing new pieces. I invented a news style, which I can produce quickly and looks fantastic. I worked nonstop to the same music and remembered how much I like being a craftsman; I should never forget that again. That is what gives me joy. For the first time since my new space was ready in August, I start living it, which is a huge pleasure!

P6 39 12:00 NS Fear that detectors at doors of shops are going to ring as I go through them. Went shopping and every time I went in or out of a shop I was almost certain that the alarm would go off. Couple of weeks back alarms actually went off as I had some metal in handbag and it didn’t bother me, just warned guard after a couple of times that alarm would go off as I walked past, offered to show my bag, all was ok. I know feeling when going through security checks of feeling guilty even if you are totally innocent, but this was very marked and every time!

P6 51 XX:XX NS Very lazy, but don’t mind. A part of me decided that I am on
holiday and I find myself reacting very impatiently when anything or anyone attempts against that, as in the episode above. GODDESS/JOY

**Anxious & Worry**

P1 8 XX:XX OS Thinking about numbers obsessively today. Checking, rechecking, counting. Used to have a strong OCD re numbers but it was a few numbers in particular and accompanied by physical symptoms of panic. This is different, it is any number rather than specific ones and the level of feeling is worlds apart, just a sense of worry that I will get a number wrong, which makes me double check.

P1 11 20:00 NS On receiving a message from the person I had an altercation with, I started to compose a reply in my head but what came into my was an image of me as an obscenely obese person sitting on the sofa and typing a message that said "I can't come and talk because I would have to roll to you and I can't roll that far"

P2 28 06.50 Dream. Was in car with husband, wanted to drive through what looked like a mall but had to stop to let traffic through that was coming towards us. A huge coach stopped partway out, filling the entrance. We had to board it. Baggage/suitcases were everywhere, on top of the luggage rack, two or three high, they looked as if they were about to topple off. I looked up, more bags and 'stuff' was hooked over window openings, all the way up to a pointed glass roof that extended into the mall roof. When the coach started to move it got caught up in bead-like decorations, each bead was almost the size of a football. There was a sensation of needing to hurry before all the bags came crashing down but even though I was pulling the beads into the coach, the problem was never sorted as they kept coming through the window. I was the only one that appeared to be concerned with the situation, but I was feeling quite hurried and frustrated. (Recently a friend has been on a coach trip and my daughter has been stringing up pumpkin decorations)

P2 17:00 Anger gone at last, has left me feeling unsettled. Full moon

P2 54 07:00 IOS Still concerned about completing homework, thinking that it is all too much but underlying feeling is almost a flippant so what! which is very unusual.

P3 9 15:30 NS Still slightly shocked after fall, dizzy, confused, emotional

P3 16 06:00 OS Traveling again all night, stressed about it, too many things i have to pay attention to (working unworkable futuristic gps while in heavy traffic in unknown city)

P3 18 12:00 IOS Sudden vertigo with slight nausea (after reading my bank statement)

P3 19 15:30 IOS Extremely nervous and unable to concentrate. even favourite music works on my nerves, irritable, restless, don’t know what to do - too tired to study, read, etc., but too restless to sleep

P3 27 21:00 NS New balcony door installed, changes feel of my apartment. Keeping calm despite stress

P4 15 XX:XX NS I am on a long colourfully painted piece of wood, a bit like a surfboard but longer and narrower. It is painted in pastille colours and has shapes all over it. Some are made of wood and stick up. It is like nothing I have seen before. I seem to be riding it. I am hoovering on it about 30 feet up in the air. I can see people below me, they are looking up and watching me, i think they may be family. Every now and then the board wobbles and I nearly fall off. The board keeps dipping and the front and almost making me fall off, but some how I stay on. The feeling is freight. It all takes place in this white space. it is not real.

P4 16 XX:XX NS I am on a window ledge, holding on carefully, it is a white framed UPVC window, I start to pull myself back inside, it is a long drop down, but as I put more weight on the window it starts to fall apart. I am frightened I might fall. A grab the white frame and it comes
away from the wall, the whole window is coming out in my hands and i start to drop backwards, i am going to fall, i wake in fright.
P4    XX:XX    NS    I seem to be having frightening dreams each night, this is unusual for me, they wake me with fright in the early hours of the morning and then i have to get back to sleep. May have themes of falling. They have lots of white in them.
P5    2    16:55    RS    I feel sick after talking about the proving symptoms
P5    2    20:39    NS    I have a fear of breathing deeply, worried it is my heart.
P5    4    05:05    RS    I am feeling very anxious, my head is so busy, more than normal for me, but my Dad is coming to stay and he is ill
P5    4    13:30    RS    I am anxious and feel sick in my stomach
P5    4    18:30    RS    I am really stressed and wired, seeing how bad my Dad's breathing is scary
I feel stressed, wired a shaky feeling inside. I find it difficult to control it.
P5    6    05:55    RS    I have really intense anxiety that I cannot control
P5    7    06:15    RS    I am very anxious even though I finally have a day off
P5    7    09:15    RS    Even though I have nothing to be anxious about I am stressed
P5    7    09:30    RS    I have an anxious shaking feeling in my arms and it goes down to my finger tips
P5    7    10:00    RS    I really saw how my anxious wired, stressed state that I have had off and on this year, really exists at the same time inside of me with this new spaced out, calm, slow to answer, the odd feeling
P5    8    12:30    RS    I can feel anxiety about not achieving much today, and the frustration of trying to get out of the house before the sun has gone
P5    8    13:02    NS    I have a fear of breathing deeply even though when I do nothing happens
P5    10    08:15    RS    I am anxious and feel sick in my upper stomach. This carries on most of the morning. I feel it is worse for no obvious reason.
P5    10    10:40    RS    I am still anxious. I feel pressured with no reason.
P5    10    10:45    RS    I feel the anxiety as a shaky feeling in my fingers and arms
P5    10    11:00    RS    My anxiety is worse for resting, doing nothing. I feel it in my chest as a tense feeling
P5    11    15:30    NS    My glasses and eyes seem blurry. I keep taking my glasses off repeatedly all afternoon, like an anxious old person
P5    12    07:30    RS    I feel anxious. I am worried about money more than usual. I don’t feel secure. A depressing start to the day
P5    14    06:30    RS    I am anxious about time.
P5    14    10:30    RS    Whilst talking with my supervisor I explain that I feel most of the symptoms I am feeling especially in the last few days are my old chronic exhausted state. I feel that the proving is wearing off. I am left with anxiety, which I have had in the months before. I still feel in a strange space and the chest shoulder pains are odd and interesting to note, but I wonder could they just be linked with the anxiety I am feeling.
P5    14    09:50    RS    I am anxious as my nephew is in hospital for a minor operation. I can’t believe my alternative sister has gone for it, disappointed that years of homeopathy have not helped him. I haven’t commented on it just let her do what she thinks is best, which is unusual to me.
P5    18    04:45    RS    Woke too early head instantly too busy. I am worrying about friends and family coming to stay in the future ( Dec)
P5    19    20:39    NS    I have a fear of breathing deeply, worried it is my heart.
P5    20    05:05    RS    I am feeling very anxious, my head is so busy, more than normal
for me, but my Dad is coming to stay and he is ill

P5 20 13:30 RS I am anxious and feel sick in my stomach
P5 21 14:05 RS I have really intense anxiety that I cannot control
P5 22 06:15 RS I am very anxious even though I finally have a day off
P5 22 09:15 RS Even though I have nothing to be anxious about I am stressed
P5 22 09:30 RS I have an anxious shaking feeling in my arms and it goes down to my finger tips

P6 3 XX:XX IOS Anxiety about health: start looking up online pictures of moles and skin infections because a small skin roughness behind right ear that I had for a while starts worrying me, is it cancer??

P6 7 05:00 NS I get angry, think it is ridiculous and decide not to do the class and wait for husband outside which I partly regret because I know how goo the class makes you feel. I sit and wait in a big auditorium outside, like a theatre. My stepson arrives and tells me he would like a ??, it is something made with milk. I tell him we will drive over after the class and get it. I think it is handy that we have a dish for it in the car, a white glass bread tin. When my husband and I arrive to the place where they produce that food something happens, perhaps dish brakes and is replaced by a smaller green one. I am anxious to get my stepson what he asked for. (Just before going to sleep I saw in the news that where my stepson is at the moment, back at home with father and sisters, they have a red alert for floods. I had been feeling angry because stepson hasn’t been in touch, but realize that it is due to bad weather affecting lines as it happens...or maybe not, but I don’t feel angry anymore. Nor do I as I would have done in past try to get in touch at all cost and send help for the family, I am putting myself first. I am finally letting go of connection with stepson’s dad which feels scary, like a void, not to ever talk to him again, but it is starting to feel feasible.

P6 11 07:20 NS Sensation like heart trembling. Anxiety as if I had forgotten something. Passes quickly.

P6 12 01:00 NS Grief and Anxiety while lying in bed trying to sleep. I lie awake perhaps for over one hour, but don’t switch light on or even move too much, I lie on my left side facing towards the wall. Can’t stop thinking of the 43 people who disappeared in my country, presumed burnt to dead by authorities. Write something in my head about them. Feel very torn about whether I should go tomorrow to a gathering which is part of a global day of protests or stay at home and do my own vigil, write- I have write ups about it and have been planning to make a video and post it online. In the evening I was exploring a movie making app on my PC( a first one for me, I don’t usually have any patience). The person inside me that weeps is closer to the surface, verging on despair mostly through confusion about what I should do, what my position and role should be.

P6 16 17:00 IOS Anxiety after someone came to buy some of my jewellery that pieces will fall apart. Client bought a necklace I made long ago and my technique has evolved since. Also it is a piece that required some 'engineering' using very thin wire for some tiny beads, makes me insecure. My jewellery is very important for me, being able to create something beautiful, to put mind over matter, to master the cords, it gives me immense joy. When my mother was here recently I was showing her my pieces when I noticed she was absent, then she yawned and said she had to have a lie down, she was so tired (mum has a way a cutting off and being absent which I inherited, but have become aware of and I am fighting) I put my pieces away and she never again asked to see them. When shopping for presents for my nieces she spent a lot of money on some very simple bracelets, to think of it still hurts. She denies this, but I always have felt she doesn’t appreciate what I do.

P6 20 04:00 OS Anxiety makes me get up this early and go into flat to check on computer a reservation for a trip I have in February (going on holiday with godson and his mum and want to see the type of accommodation we are getting, double check we will have enough privacy) Also at that time I mop kitchen floor as I think it must be sticky near cooker and don’t want new stone floor ruined. Then I go back to sleep at about 6am.
Fear/Anxiety: with palpitations when security guards arrived, as we were about to start protest. As they told us that we couldn’t stand still anywhere but had to keep walking I had to end up breaking away from the group when they decided to stand still again, I felt scared and anxious that security would show up again. All my life I have been very rebellious but scared of police and authority; I have been aggressive but have terror of violence, as when at school parties there were fights amongst the boys it terrified me.

Irritable while talking to supervisor, irritated by him digging into the feeling behind things. Suddenly everything starts looking chaotic and messy in my life. As I talk I am aware things sound worse than they are for me and after we finish talking I have an uneasy, anxious feeling that I gave the wrong impression, talked about irrelevant things and didn’t express myself quite right. I feel tired, want to close the year, want to rest, have been going, thinking, working, fixing for over a year. Also feel anxious because I think I was snappy and a bit rude.

Fear in motorway. Husband is driving, feel extremely nervous, fear of crashing, there is a lot of spray on the roads. Husband drives well but too fast and rough. At one point when he breaks last second at a roundabout, I have enough and shout that if he cannot drive smoothly I will take over wheel. The rare thing is the force and determination with which I say it and the positive effect it has. On the way back about 18:00 very scared in motorway again. An accident on motorway just happened, feel we are very lucky to have not come to a pile up.

I have to catch a flight somewhere. I am in a waiting area with of a strange, quite empty airport, waiting for flight, around a table with people who are supposed to represent reliability, security: a lawyer, two small children and there are other two people who could be one of my brothers and someone else. Suddenly they all get up and go. I realise they have cheated me and I feel lost in the strange airport. I am desperate and scared, lost, I wander around corridors and see no one, wailing, crying for help.

Concentration/Confusion/Mistakes/Accidents

Looked at right forearm and felt extremely surprised not to see four deep, red scratches running the length of it. The picture of them is very clear in my mind.

Filling in form that required lots of dates to written. Couldn’t get the numbers right even though was copying them - kept writing wrong numbers

Distorted spatial awareness this afternoon. Didn’t trust my judgement of where I was putting my feet etc. so had to move carefully in case I miss-stepped. Thought I was going to fall off of an unmoving escalator I had such difficulty getting up it. Felt as if when I reached for things I would miss my aim.

Noticed Whistle not so loud

Miss read calendar turned up for lunch with friend on the wrong
day, concentration getting worse. Feeling upset with myself and quite frustrated.
P2 43 10:00 Could not remember where I had put a bag of keys eventually found them at 17.30 after extensive search. Felt very frustrating, was annoyed at being questioned about their whereabouts by husband. Unusually the background thought was, oh well, they will turn up eventually what's all the fuss about.
P2 47 14.44 IOS Concentration is chronic! Cannot stop my mind from wandering, realise that this has been building up for sometime now. Feeling quite flustered and weepy inside. As if brain is stuck in mud or tar.
P2 48 17:00 IOS Concentration still troubling me. I am worrying about getting homework finished as mind keeps wandering onto other things. Feel distracted and upset.
P3 1 18:28 NS Losing count (whole group) / thing with numbers
P3 2 17:00 IOS Focussed, single-minded, soft.
P3 4 12:30 NS Parking ticket because read the time on the ticket wrong
P3 4 14:00 NS Forgot to lock car with suitcase, laptop etc. all in - nothing was stolen
P3 8 16:00 OS Extremely tired and exhausted, cant concentrate or act
P3 8 22:00 OS Reflection after Skype session with Jeremy: There is marked clarity and distinction. Separating things out - what's what. on physical and emotional level. Diarrhoea, mental decisions and clarity (work ethics etc.), clutter clearing my home, sorting out old bills, looking at all the many ideas I have written down but haven’t put into a form yet.
P3 9 13:00 NS Accident - fell badly on my head while slipping on wet floor, nauseous, maybe slight concussion
P3 9 15:30 NS Strong wind is affecting me -> confusing my mind
P3 9 15:30 OS Feeling clumsy overall, out of sync
P3 9 16:30 NS Biking with premonition of an accident as I feel very vulnerable after my fall. A guy right in front of me with two children falls off his bike and broke his shoulder. Me and a few other people sat with them. Mercury retrograde in Scorpio / Libra = accidents are happening!
P3 10 06:00 NS Ambulances and fire brigades on the street all night until morning - adding to the sense of accidents (heard the next morning a young guy died of drug overdose in the park opposite my house at the Amsterdam Dance Event)
P3 10 10:00 OS General sense of clumsiness still prevails
P3 11 10:30 IOS General sense of slipping (almost slipped again twice while walking outside) Had that sense / alertness for a few days now
P3 12 12:00 IOS Very tired in the head, cannot concentrate on any intellectual work
P3 12 21:00 IOS Very tired all day, couldn't concentrate, procrastinated, expect the worst of news
P3 18 18:00 AS Calm day, still difficulties concentrating, just want to meditate the whole day, just sitting and be still, immersing
P3 19 14:00 IOS Absolutely unable to concentrate still (been going on since beginning of the proving)
P3 26 21:00 NS My mind wants to be fed with something but everything bores me (on-going since about 2-3 weeks)
P3 39 18:00 IOS Still very disorganised and not fully in my body. Clumsy & forgetful. Cannot concentrate easily
P5 0 01:32 NS I am spaced out
P5 1 XX:XX NS My glasses and eyes seem blurry. I keep taking my glasses off repeatedly all afternoon and evening
P5 2 12:30 NS I am spaced out, contrast with the high of yesterday
I am suddenly aware that I need to wear my helmet for protection, despite cycling the same route, a lot of off road and never usually using it. I oil my bike chain because of the dream. In case I have an accident at least my chain was oiled!

My daughter and me both thought we heard footsteps in the house. I was surprised.

We heard footsteps again. I think there is someone in the house, even though there isn't.

I am concerned and worried, that it is connected to my breathing or my heart. My supervisor tried to help me get more information but I am too spaced out.

Confusion, for first time ever I was late for Pilates and was not allowed in (last week I was too early) I got up with plenty of time, did my usual routine, I have no idea what happened or why I was late. Sense of confusion, of something out of my control happening to me. Feel very angry, want to take it out on a person with whom I had been planning some actions on the missing students situation and she has disappeared herself, not answering messages or phone, but I call and no answer. I decide not to hang around and take dog for walk. The moment we are out, I see the river, the beautiful morning and a tear rolls down my cheek spontaneously, then some more... 'the person weeping' is closer to surface.

Clumsiness on writing this diary, type wrong letters, mistakes. I can tend to make typing mistakes like I often write that in instead of that, but I notice this is accentuated recently, I call it 'my fat fingers'.

Lost: in car park momentarily loose husband and can't see anyone. Don't know entrance to building, go to one door which is locked. I feel panicky, start dialling husband on mobile when he appears and I am very angry and hurt he left me there, it was confusion. I am actually quite resentful about this and also worrying he acts weirdly, as I write this) This feeling is very old: I was on a crowded beach with parents, I was playing in sand and suddenly couldn't see them, I felt lost. Another time I got lost in a supermarket.

We attend a seminar where we do a guided visualisation, a journey in an old train and returning in a new one, with new wardrobe, etc. My new clothes and new train station are white. I am also reluctant to let go of old, antique things, when they are new they are vintage rather than modern. This interests me as in my dreams I have been seeing lots of antique stuff.

That rebelliousness that all my life has gone against me: I am thrown back to old feeling of rebellion and resistance when the manager at the market tells me we are staying open till later, it will be very cold and dark and I am not prepared with lights, but the main thing is the absolute rejection I experienced of the command, In the end I left earlier, but felt bad since for not having found in me the will to stick with the team and push the trade as much as possible. I had been doing well enough, but had decided it was enough. This is a childish attitude I know since a teenager. I am very sorry for not having seen the entire market through, for the loss of harmony. I imagine other stallholders were not impressed with my action, strangely that doesn't bother me as much as a sense that I let myself down. Also it is as if something in me has decided the year is over and it is holiday and it requires great effort to break that mindset, nor do I try to much lately.

Extremely tired and exhausted, can't concentrate or act, mentally exhausted.

I got really muddled by what day of the week it was, it happened twice, I knew it was Tuesday, but thought it was Thursday, then I spent an hour thinking it was Wednesday and rushed off to catch the shops before they shut.

I keep hearing footsteps in the room above me and the sound of drawers being opened. There is no one else at home. At first I ignore it. After 20 mins I go to see,
nothing, no explanation, no windows open. We live in a detached house but close to the next one. I wonder if it could be our neighbour. It carries on for over an hour and a half. I begin to feel it’s scary do we have a ghost? I have an edgy feeling almost paranoia.

P5 17 07:00 RS I am anxious about time and my head is busy
P5 17 01:32 NS I am spaced out
P5 18 12:30 NS I am spaced out, contrast with the high of yesterday
P5 20 XX:XX NS I just feel a little odd; I cannot put my finger on it. This is when I first really noticed it
P5 20 XX:XX NS This odd feeling is all through my body. I can’t work out how to describe it
P6 0 11:30 NS On getting off train at station felt lost and totally confused for a moment. Although I went to a station, which is not the one I usually use on account of the late hour, the sensation of disorientation and momentary panic was very marked. I asked a man where the main station building was and still I phoned husband who was waiting for me outside station to say "I’m lost!", I don’t usually use that station, but I know it. Having got off at very front of train and continued walking I came to a dark isolated place: felt totally lost and confused.

P6 5 09:00 NS I arrived to Pilates class too early. I attend it weekly and got confused about time, thought it started at 9am instead of 9.15, I am very surprised to see room empty.

P6 11 18:00 NS On talking to supervisor, I go to take pencil and paper and then totally forget what I was going to write. I have to ask him again what it was he said half a minute ago!

P6 18 16:00 RS Husband wakes me up from dream above. Confusion about time: when I went for nap I set up alarm for 3pm. The clock on my phone said I had 1.10 to sleep. It was 3.50 when husband came to wake me up. I can’t understand why alarm didn’t ring, I look and it is set for 3.55. I feel totally disconcerted and confused, I am sure I went to sleep at 1.50 and clock said I had 1.10hr to sleep, how come I set alarm for a crazy time like 15.55?! I need to hurry as it will be dark soon and I need to walk dog before going off to dinner. I feel desperate that I cannot control my days, my time, that I am so confused, I start to cry, but make a big will effort and get dressed. When I am out with dog by the river, the view is beautiful and it makes me feel better, like order returned. I buy a chocolate on the way which comforts me, these domestic things: walking the dog, husband being home, going out for dinner with godson and his mum, my friend who feel so much like family, is soothing.

**Digestion**

P1 17 01:30 NS Had to get up after settled in bed to get a snack as suddenly felt such hunger. Savoury, salty food.

P2 1/F 07:12 NS Indigestion soon after eating. Need to lean back to release pressure from a build up of wind; this releases the trapped air which comes out as a burp. Still want to eat regardless of discomfort.

P2 3 08.45 Indigestion after breakfast. Stool easier to pass than normal, felt as if had a slimy coating

P2 4 11.40 Indigestion after biscuit, as above

P2 4 13:00 NS Same indigestion again

P2 5 XX:XX Same indigestion after all food

P2 5 XX:XX Indigestion after meals easing

P2 7 07.30 OS No longer getting indigestion but constipation returned

P2 11 13.30 NS Have noticed don’t want as much salt on my food, usually I can’t eat without adding it.

P2 11 18.30 NS Definitely don’t need as much salt as usual to flavour my food
Constipation, hard to pass any stools even though they feel quite soft.

Constipation still a problem.

Constipation, hard to pass stool even though it seemed softer and coated in slim. Very smelly. Normal hard pellets.

Blood with stool feels as if anal fissure returned (18 yrs. ago), constipation.

Blood with stool feels as if anal fissure returned, constipation.

Soft stool with only a little blood and not much discomfort.

Diarrhoea. Had to rush to toilet, twinges of discomfort in lower gut. Dark and smelly, very slight burning sensation.

Indigestion after everything I eat within a few minutes. Always same symptoms.

Soft stool with only a little blood and not much discomfort.

Diarrhoea. As above.

Diarrhoea. As above. Feeling of relief that have emptied some out at last. Bloating feeling has lessened.

Constipation back with vengeance, feeling really bloated/bugged up. Sensation of pressure on coccyx and on the lower back area. Also a dissention of intestines, I look as if I am pregnant and feel quite uncomfortable and ugly. Unable to pass a stool.

Managed to pass a small amount of hard stool by rocking back and forth. Not made any difference to the sense of dissention, though felt grateful that at least some had come away.

Still unable to pass a stool; feel as if my waist is expanding. Feeling of pressure and frustration. All that is escaping is a little flatulence.

Cramping around the navel, like a white net, about the size of my hand, then severe diarrhoea (5x between 4:30 - 6:45am), cramping of the anal sphincter with shivering.

Extreme diarrhoea, green water only, strong urge despite nothing left, still eating though.

Still slight cramping around umbilical region, urge to stool but not during night. stool still soft with hard bits in it.

Still clearing out digestive system - no more diarrhoea but still going to bathroom about 5-6x a day.

Still need to go to bathroom twice at night to stool, no diarrhoea.

Still need to go to bathroom twice at night to stool, no diarrhoea / always 3am and 4am.

Stool back to normal.

Finding myself having a slight aversion to eating meat. Can’t digest it well either.

craving sweet and fatty food to ground me.

I had a dream about being naked floating on my back, there are people all around me, they are dressed, then I take a shit, it is hanging out of my arse, I am mortified, everyone can see it, I bumped down and touch the ground squashing the sit against my skin before floating back up again, everyone is disgusted at the sight, I feel horrible, humiliated and ashamed.
wake feeling unpleasant but relieved it was a dream.
P5 0 00:07 NS A loud gurgling in the left side of my stomach
P5 0 00:17 NS A loud gurgling in the left side of my stomach
P5 1 16:05 NS My stomach is making grumbling noises, lower left side, it’s noisy.
This happens a few times over 15mins and moves to the right side, higher up
P5 2 16:10 RS Desire for sugar, ate the cake still wanted more
P5 2 XX:XX RS I had a bloated feeling in my stomach all day and the left side was
gurgling off and on all day. I felt hungry even after eating
P5 3 06:30 NS My stomach is gurgling on the left side. I am hungry
P5 3 08:27 RS I had a sudden fast explosive stool. Much later than usual
P5 7 07:15 RS I feel a bit constipated. I spend a long time on the toilet for me,
which makes me impatient, as I am late. I feel sore afterwards from straining
P5 8 09:05 RS I am a bit constipated. My old piles are aggravated and the bleed a
bit
P5 10 07:15 RS I have a loose stool and an unfinished feeling, I go again 50 mins
later, not so loose
P5 11 20:30 NS I notice I eat a small portion of dinner and have done every evening
since the proving began. I am not bothered by food, I eat regular similar meals, no fuss.
P5 13 06:15 NS I am a bit constipated and I haven’t eaten anything different. My
stool comes out slowly in blobs. I have an unfinished feeling. Afterwards have a pain across my
stomach it feels sore and restricted.
P5 15 18:30 RS The headache has improved and only comes in the evening when I
am hungry but isn’t improved for eating
P5 16 00:07 NS A loud gurgling in the left side of my stomach
P5 16 00:17 NS A loud gurgling in the left side of my stomach
P5 19 16:10 RS Desire for sugar, ate the cake still wanted more
P5 19 16:55 RS I feel sick after talking about the proving symptoms
P5 19 XX:XX RS I had a bloated feeling in my stomach all day and the left side was
gurgling off and on all day. I felt hungry even after eating
P5 19 06:30 NS My stomach is gurgling on the left side. I am hungry
P5 20 08:27 RS I had a sudden fast explosive stool. Much later than usual
P5 22 07:15 RS I feel a bit constipated. I spend a long time on the toilet for me,
which makes me impatient, as I am late. I feel sore afterwards from straining
P6 11 07:21 AS Nausea on waking, heaviness in abdomen like I ate a heavy dinner
when in fact I had a very light dinner and even went to bed hungry. Slight pressure on RS of
abdomen. Symptom passes quickly.
P6 16 XX:XX NS Faint soreness concomitant with nausea, sensation like I had a
blow to head, just slightly sore, like when you bank your head hard against something.
P6 17 07:30 NS Nauseous feeling on waking up, very slightly, as if had rich, late
dinner
P6 18 13:00 RS Although I woke up early and started day well, make plans to have
dinner with godson and his mum; got ready to go to gym after going to buy some tiles. Buying tiles
takes longer than expected so my whole plan gets thrown overboard, I get hungry and very tired,
overwhelmingly tired, eyes sore with tiredness, I take track suit off and put pyjamas on go for a nap
after a bowl of broth.
P6 20 04:00 RS Wake up with nausea stronger than the one lately, pit of stomach
is sore like a weight in it, same as of late, but stronger. It all goes when I drink some water.
P6 22 XX:XX NS in the afternoon sensation like of something in rectum.
P6 22 20:45 NS Sensation of ball inside rectum aggravated, but without burning of
previous days. Stools pale, small balls, knotted, unsatisfactory.
Constipation, sensation of ball in rectum, very uncomfortable! Had suffered from constipation for a couple of months first time I totally gave up smoking, but now I am having one cigarette a day. Even last -and second time- I totally stop smoking for a few months I had no problem with constipation, so this is very peculiar.

Bloating lower abdomen would give anything for a good bowel movement, feel heavy. Even after breakfast of muesli with lots of extra linseed (had extra fruit last evening) and used no milk in coffee, nothing! Driving me nuts, would take a laxative, but I know that's no solution and also want to stick to proving. Also it might be a large percentage wind, though not passing much flatus either.

Full feeling in rectum and abdomen, though last night had stool of little balls and perhaps was enough, though felt unsatisfactory.

Raw sensation inside passage, fullness, burning

Symptoms that have been bothering so much last few days are much better. No burning or fullness and constipation better. I usually take my linseed ground and yesterday had the idea of trying it whole, I think that helped a lot.

Through to day 34, still like this

Dinner lies in stomach like rocks. Pain in the centre of stomach like two knifes, two parallel points. Almost impeding breathing. Feel like I ate too fast. Lasting over an hour.

Two or three bowel movements within couple of hours of getting up. Still small pieces and feeling that bowels not completely clear, but better than recent days.

Almost normal stool before going to bed, feel like bowels have open properly

Stool, normal, satisfactory, feel bowels clear well, as soon as I had a small cup of herbal tea just after waking.

Yellow and soft, normally constipated

Indigestion started as soon as eaten, same as before

Indigestion after cake

Flatulence, not smelly within 10 minutes of eating

Indigestion after lunch. Same as before.

Constipation, no stool all day, feel bloated

Still soft, no blood

Indigestion after biscuit within minutes

Indigestion, worse at collage. Feels like balloon quickly filling up in my stomach, have to lean back and let it out which amel. (Again if offered food would accept). Pressure radiates to throat, feeling of pressure across throat, which goes when I burp.

Craving fried fatty foods, salty and sweet (also getting my period today or tomorrow so it could just be that)

Nauseous sensation as if I had eaten very rich, heavy food (which I haven’t, baked chicken, spoonful of mash, green beans) Nausea came after I had a short nap.

Disgusted by smell in ladies toilet at gym. They keep it impeccable but toilet has been smelling bad for last few days: private smells of genitals and people opening their bowels and lack of air. I complaint-kindly- to receptionist who said there might be needed to do something to ventilation system. But every time I enter a public toilet I am revolted and even at home I feel like that if husband has recently been inside. Even my own bedroom if I enter in the course of the morning I can feel a 'body smell' so that I leave the door open for fresh air to enter.
P6 20  XX:XX  NS  Feeling of soreness and rawness deep inside rectum, very uncomfortable, constant, nothing relieves. Of about two days standing. Constipation or unsatisfactory stool with small ball passed at once or twice a day. Burning pain. In the evening before going to bed a couple of shootings towards vagina. It is so uncomfortable I look symptoms on Google and find a lot about exact symptoms: “burning pain with sensation of ball, like a tennis ball in rectum” from damage of nerve endings... I took two aspirins.

P6 46  10:15  NS  Diarrhoea, had to rush to loo on arriving home, stool bursting out, loose but not liquid. Another two episodes in course of morning.

P5 17  16:05  NS  My stomach is making grumbling noises, lower left side, it’s noisy. This happens a few times over 15mins and moves to the right side, higher up

Isolate/Isolated

P1  1  00:15  NS  Felt a nothingness that is hard to describe. Not emptiness, but more that my normally racing thoughts had stilled. I felt very present and alert but nothing, not even any excitement or intrigue over what may arise from the remedy I had just taken. Most unusual though was that I wasn’t experiencing the sense of panic and distaste I would normally feel after knowingly ingesting other people’s germs.

P2  204.35  NS  Feel calmer have been feeling really wound up after mother-in-laws recent death, feel much more detached from everything

P4  XX:XX  Detachment on emotions, no feeling

P5 2  06:55  NS  Strong desire to be away from people and be in the nature by myself

P5 2  23:15  NS  Not much desire to talk about my weekend when I got home even though I am anxious.

P5 6  10:00  NS  I am finding it difficult to talk to people. I am spaced out and calm. I can't reply straight away

P5 6  17:00  NS  I am less inclined to talk to people. I am more reserved than usual. I want to be alone, and achieve something

P5 10  07:45  RS  I am anxious, I want my family to all hurry up and get out so I can go to school, as it is frustrating that I really want some space from my family and everything is conspiring against me to make my life more challenging. I let her stay home hoping I can take her later

P5 10  09:45  RS  I accept my daughter is at home, and my eldest is staying, so I hide in my room, to do some work

P5 10  21:00  RS  I go to my room to read to avoid people and I am too tired to move again

P5 11  20:00  RS  I am not very sociable and feel pinned in at the table. I want to escape. I hide in another room to phone my daughter at Uni, as we haven’t spoken for weeks.

P5 17  03:52  NS  I don’t want to talk to my family, do very reluctantly, haven’t got much to say

P5 18  20:50  NS  I am reluctant to speak to my family, so I don’t

P5 18  08:20  RS  No desire to be with people ( not unusual on day 2 of my period)

P5 19  23:15  NS  Not much desire to talk about my weekend when I got home

P5 21  12:15  NS  I have a strong desire to be outside by myself, and act on it, leaving my Dad and daughter together.

P5 21  XX:XX  NS  I am less inclined to talk to people

P5 21  18:10  NS  I am finding it difficult to talk to people. I am spaced out and calm even though I am anxious.
I am less inclined to talk to people. I am more reserved than usual. I can’t reply straight away.

I went to my usual meeting but could only speak about practical things, not how I felt. So I didn’t speak much and I passed it on to my friend. Reserved!

I have treated people terribly because I don’t realise I matter to them, the most painful example is my step son. I have been aware of this for a long time but today it is torturing me greatly. I feel cut off, that I have left people behind and now I am out of their circle — this is triggered because I wrote a message to a writer friend asking her for the address of a literary event and I can see she saw my message but has not replied. I feel very, very upset, want to close my FB account, my Messenger, etc. — The only consolation to me is that I can isolate myself in my beautiful, comfortable home in the company of my dog and write through the winter. I am in bed, cannot sleep or be still, I attempt to lie flat on my back and relax, but can’t. I write a list of all the personalities inside me: 1 the one who talks a lot of rubbish and lacks wisdom — 2 the one that has no self esteem and has lived thoughtlessly, ‘like my life doesn’t count’ — 3 the one who can’t create lasting relationships — I do dislike myself so much.

The whole place is crowded (my dreams are always crowded, I long for the day when they are spacious and calm and quiet). A tall blonde woman, dressed in black, with short hair, very unpleasant to me, like upper class and haughty, arrives and comes near to where the man and I are. Then I notice the very beautiful jewellery she is carrying, lots of it, made with silver, it looks antique and is also made of gems: turquoise mainly and a pyramid like the one I have (in real life) made of Sugelite, but this one is yellow. I am fascinated by the jewellery and ask the woman if she doesn’t mind me admiring it. As she is going to protest I say “I know I mustn’t touch them” this is because they are talismans. Then she goes to greet the tall nice man and rubs his knee, then I realise she is with him, to avoid any more humiliation I walk away. I am either naked or very poorly dressed. I want to smoke dope — I can see clearly in the dream that the desire to smoke dope comes from the feeling of humiliation and don’t know how to get any. Outside the place there is a poor, humble family I know and think I can ask the man to go and score for me, but think I don’t want anyone to know. I dial a phone number of a communal house where I know some Rastas live, though I don’t know anyone there. A very friendly man answers the phone and making up a name I ask for Dixon. He jokes warmly and I am gathering courage to tell him what I am really looking for. I am planning to go to the house in a taxi and asking him to wait for me then walking to the house… I wake up. (Before proving I had not remembered my dreams at all, though I was aware that I was having busy crowded dreams.)

Wake up feeling lonely and sad

Feeling very lonely and sad all day, but with a sense of staying with it, accepting. Worked very deeply and with concentration in Pilates, meditative concentration through class and rest of the day. Felt quite a bit better in evening. Quiet, find acceptance comforting.

I feel very lonely. Yesterday I tried to make contact with people through Face Book to organize a literary vigil for the dead and disappeared in my country as a national celebration is approaching. All I have found advertised is parties which I find inappropriate given the current situation. I get very little response to my post, it makes me feel rejected, sad, lonely. I think I should not try to communicate with anybody as it only makes me feel worse. I feel so much better assuming my solitude, I don’t know why I do this trying to communicate so much when it only accentuates my isolation. I feel I must start my literary blog, I must find a name. Just called a friend to meet up in town tomorrow!!! Some of the things she says made me angry and I still made the arrangement… What is this? Why I do this, now I feel like cancelling. I am in quite a state. Confused

Left out/Invisible: photos of Sunday’s event have been coming out, lots of them, I don’t appear in any of them, like I was invisible, take it personal. Although I was wearing a mask, a wrestler mask and was totally unrecognisable, I feel strange, like I was erased from
event or not there. Been thinking of a poem about ego, the idea that when you peel the layers of the ego off like an onion you get to the core, the essence, nothingness. On one side I like the thought of being invisible, living in nothingness and on the other hand I am confused about what or who I am, am I still interesting? am I still attractive? I feel in between times, confused. Would like to accept and settle into 'my space', animals, plants, nature and solitude. I don’t understand why I still expect something marvellous from people? Big identity crisis.

As I catch train back I definitely have the flue, feel as if I am enveloped in cotton wool, in a bubble of warm, grey snot. The train is packed with noisy people, talking a lot, banging empty plastic bottles. I feel numb although it bothers me. People are in festive, Friday night mood, wish I was bright and beautiful, I feel tired and numb and feverish.

I want to shut away from world, I sign out of my Face Book having erased all stuff except music videos. Think I don't want to do the blog I had been thinking about. Feel internet is dangerous, leaves you exposed. Think I have to let that part of me that wants to be seen, perform, etc., die off. Watched the news and feel world is something terrible, something out of those science fiction futuristic movies, barbaric. I want to make my space a peaceful, loving space, treat husband well, pray horrors of the world are not going to come near me, touch my family.

My husband got quite upset when we sat down for dinner, his mother normally ate with us on Sunday. My daughter comforted him while I watched feeling helpless. It was the same sort of reaction as earlier and felt very uncomfortable. I didn't like the feeling of being somehow detached, much like earlier.

P6 29 18:30 NS  As I catch train back I definitely have the flue, feel as if I am enveloped in cotton wool, in a bubble of warm, grey snot. The train is packed with noisy people, talking a lot, banging empty plastic bottles. I feel numb although it bothers me. People are in festive, Friday night mood, wish I was bright and beautiful, I feel tired and numb and feverish.

P6 37 23:00 RS  I want to shut away from world, I sign out of my Face Book having erased all stuff except music videos. Think I don't want to do the blog I had been thinking about. Feel internet is dangerous, leaves you exposed. Think I have to let that part of me that wants to be seen, perform, etc., die off. Watched the news and feel world is something terrible, something out of those science fiction futuristic movies, barbaric. I want to make my space a peaceful, loving space, treat husband well, pray horrors of the world are not going to come near me, touch my family:

P2 17 18:30 NS  My husband got quite upset when we sat down for dinner, his mother normally ate with us on Sunday. My daughter comforted him while I watched feeling helpless. It was the same sort of reaction as earlier and felt very uncomfortable. I didn't like the feeling of being somehow detached, much like earlier.

P3 3 15:00 OS  Cold, shivering from inside

P3 3 17:00 OS  Feeling excluded and judged, feeling like a bad person, no matter what i do or how hard I try

P3 12 07:00 NS  Finding myself using the phrase 'there won't be much left of me' often since beginning of the proving.

At bedtime I find yet another amazing entry in The Primal Wound: 'He alone truly knows himself, who knows himself as nothing' '...many of the deeper layers of our psyche contain wounds from traumatic experiences of helplessness and violation. Thus when memories of these experiences begin to re-emerge and disrupt our lives, it is sometimes necessary to enter into a full experience of the powerlessness characteristic of the of the original painful events. Plumbing these depths..' I go to Google again to research effects of events at the beginning of life and in the womb, thinking of my brother. read about affects of early separation from the mother which takes me to my own separation from my mother, my solitary start in life because of a problematic birth and for first time I feel the sadness of this in the pit of my stomach, nothing very intense, just a pang. I know why I always felt 'horrible' when I visited hospitals as a child and saw babies in incubators. I think of my brothers separation from his mother, I feel the enormity of the theme. Just writing this now I think of the separation of my own baby from me, no feelings I can describe, just an awareness of our human tragedy. I think that my need for recognition and connectedness to others at the moment is in fact stopping me from settling into that space where I want to be: quiet; deep; creative. I absolutely do not want to work with a group of artists, certainly not with the people I have known for a long time.

P1 2 XX:XX RS  Dull ache, lower back. Desire to stretch, move. Better for pressure (massage)
P1 2 XX:XX OS  Very stiff neck. Painful. Muscles felt as if clenched solid. Same as used to have on daily basis.
P1 2 15:15 RS  Headache, pressing feeling at back of head. Worse before storm,
dull light. Better after storm broke
P1  3  10:30  NS  Slight lower abdominal discomfort. Short lived
P1  3  11:30  OS  Right foot uncomfortable, restless. I want to keep it off the floor as feels like isn’t connecting, grounding and I don’t like it. Used to have this sensation in both feet about 3 years ago.
P1  3  XX:XX  OS  Still got stiff neck
P1  3  15:00  Felt headache coming again but it passed quickly.
P1  4XX:XX  Stiff neck
P1  9XX:XX  Headache, back of head, pressing
P1  10XX:XX  Headache with stiff neck
P1  11XX:XX  RS  Pain in right hand, base of little finger, radiating along length of finger and down side of hand. Worse for movement
P1  18  00:00  Dull, heavy feeling in lower back around the spine. More uncomfortable than painful. Better for warmth.
P1  39  19:00  NS  A noise in my right ear. Almost a ringing but very low pitch, maybe more of a humming. Sensation that it was coming in waves that I could feel physically throughout my body. Made me feel nauseous. Went to bed early to lie in the dark, which helped.
P2  1/F  00:23  NS  Headache forehead, feeling of pressure over eye brows, lasted for a couple of hours
P2  2  09:00  NS  High pitched whistle still there
P2  2  04.50  OS  Feeling as if an ulcer on tip of tongue Right side
P2  3  11.09  NS  Sharp stabbing pain Right shoulder near neck. Once
P2  3  16:00  NS  Small sore patch on left side towards back of tongue, as if burned from hot drink
P2  10  XX:XX  Same feeling persisting. When quiet notice high pitch whine is still in ears
P2  15  09.30  NS  Same noise in ears
P2  16  07.30  NS  Sore throat Right side extending to right ear, feeling of pressure, took some Vit C
P2  16  10.15  No longer hurting
P2  23  14.55  RS  Whistle in ears
P2  24  07.30  NS  Scanty, Soft, blood
P2  24  XX:XX  Whistle in ears
P2  30  15:00  NS  Tightness of cruciate ligaments at back of right knee lasted about 1hr 30 min, it felt tight, like they had shrunk and movement was restricted
P2  31  XX:XX  RS  Sore spot on tongue same place as before, same scrapped sensation
P2  33  12:00  NS  Scapula. After gym. A pressing sensation the size of a thumbprint towards the base of each scapula. Really aching, better for movement
P2  35  06.50  RS  Catarrh sliding down back of throat have to keep swallowing to clear it. Slight feeling of pressure inside right ear
P2  35  13.20  NS  Feels as if something is pressing down on the centre of my right clavicle, feeling of pressure from above down
P2  35  14.46  NS  Increased sensation of pressure in ear, feels like pressure is pushing against my ear drum from inside
P2  35  16.15  NS  Pressure has moved to between shoulder blades, feel the need to stretch. Small area of pressure in left shoulder blade that is noticeable. Lasted for 2 hrs.
P2  36  17:00  NS  Noticed that I am pushing the end of my tongue against my front teeth making it feel a bit sore and tingly
Noticed that I am grinding my teeth more than usual, finding it hard to stop. During exercise class. Same as before right knee + tender to kneel on, I didn’t want to apply any pressure, (hadn’t noticed this before as hadn’t tried to kneel down). It felt as if it would give way if I put my whole weight on it. Painful sharp tugging feeling when trying to lean back when on knees Tension/tightness as if tendons would snap at the front and back of the patella. Still feels tight and tender when moving leg back from the knee. Pressure is more inside ear, radiating to jaw. Grinding teeth is an on-going problem, imagine I am wearing them away so trying hard not to once I realise I am doing it. Top teeth ache and throb just a little. Tongue still rubbing back of teeth too with same soreness. Strange sensation that the back of my mouth [past tonsils] feels larger than normal. Headache, pressure from inside, expanding. Strong ache in lower back (right) - chronic ache in the area highly increased after fall, very tired. Nauseous throughout the whole evening (went out with friends), slight feeling to be out of my body a bit. Probably do have a concussion. Yeast’ feeling in the body and brain, fungal overgrowth, foggy brain. Pain in my whole body from the pain in the car. Pulled a muscle in thoracic area, can hardly breathe, screaming. Stitching pain in frenulum left knee. Inflamed pimple at lower lip. had acne for many years but haven’t had a pimple in years. Whole body is jammed up, insomnia due to severe pain in neck, congested (I put this under ‘Mind’ as it feels like a reaction to stress / a shift). Red spot underneath left eye on (several times since beginning of proving). Slight inflammation of the sinuses, sense as if a layer of fungi is covering the membranes of nose and head, woolly feeling. Many things clearing up at the moment: changed supervisor last minute purely on gut feeling, extremely awkward but it resolved very well; found a good solution working with two dentists which was difficult but resolved well; went to an osteopath for the first time and he looked into old scar tissue and adhesions of my fascia and linked them to old stress patterns running between me and my father and in my father’s family during WW2. we will be working on those in the upcoming months and soften the tissue. left and right side of the body - right side being under much tension. need to balance both sides - which seems to happen since the beginning of the proving.
P4  1  00:24  NS  I had a headache that started in the morning and was feeling unwell before the proving. A sharp pain in the left temple. When the proving started all I could think about was the pain in my head. Then suddenly the pain was gone and my head was clear.
P4  XX:XX  Wife headache for 20 days
P4  XX:XX  Unusually I have a headache piecing pain left temple, it happens while on holiday, when I am relaxed.
P4  XX:XX  Spot on left corner of the mouth
P4  28  XX:XX  ROS  Sore and itchy end of the penis on the fore skin, like thrush. Lasts 3 days.
P5  0  00:12  NS  A high pitch noise in my left ear, the sound is so intense it goes right into head, lasts about 30 seconds. It occurs again 3 times but for shorter and less intense
P5  0  00:22  RS  I have had a headache all week, a dull ache, but I really notice it is in my right side
P5  2  08:10  RS  Itchy skin at the back of my head, top of neck in hairline
P5  2  08:15  NS  Sudden flush of heat in bed, hot hands, feet and legs
P5  2  15:00  RS  I have a headache left side, dull ache
P5  2  16:30  RS  I have a headache in my temple, right side.
P5  2  19:40  NS  I had a sudden sharp stabbing pain under my breast. It made me take a sharp in take of breath and I cried out.
P5  2  19:45  NS  I had another short sharp pain on an in breath. It is worse when I breathe in. It happened again a few times but not quite so intense.
P5  2  20:37  NS  The chest pains have stopped but I still have a tight feeling in my chest.
P5  2  20:40  NS  I had another sharp chest pain when I yawned and later when I laughed and I cried out with pain and surprise
P5  3  XX:XX  RS  Headache pressing in my temples on both sides. It is worse for cold and hunger
P5  4  14:35  NS  I have a slight chest pain which reminds me of the sharp pains of day 2
P5  5  12:48  RS  I have a headache on the right side. I realise I have had it all morning, a dull ache coming from the tension in my neck, as I have the extra stress of a funeral to go to and worry about my Dad’s health
P5  5  20:30  RS  I have a headache pressing both sides of my temples. It is worse for not eating as dinner is late
P5  5  22:00  RS  I have a toothache bottom left side
P5  5  XX:XX  RS  I have a sore throat which is a common symptom to me but it is worse today. My voice is husky, but it is not surprising after the emotions of yesterday
P5  6  XX:XX  RS  Headache all day. It is a dull ache and a feeling of pressure especially in my right temple. It is worse when I am hungry and not improved for eating
P5  6  18:00  NS  I have a mild chest pain, in the centre, that reminds me of the intense pain of day 2, I think there is some link
P5  6  21:00  NS  I had a sudden sharp pain in my front two bottom teeth, like a nerve pain which passed
P5  6  21:10  RS  I had a toothache in the bottom right tooth. It feels sensitive and inflamed
P5  7  XX:XX  RS  The headache is still there. It is a dull ache, pressing all around the top of my head. Better for going to my yoga class worse in the evening
P5  7  XX:XX  RS  There is a lot of tension in my neck, that is linked with the headache, Better for firm pressure/ massage. It is worse in the evening
I have the old toothache and the new nerve feeling in my bottom front teeth.

There is a sensation of tightness in my chest.

I have the same headache, a pressing dull ache in both temples. It is worse before lunch, better for fresh air.

I have a pain in my left breast, it is a sharp ache.

I have the same tight chest pain all evening, despite being relaxed and having a night off, but it is milder.

The first thing I feel and think is that my legs are hurting especially in the back of my legs, calf muscles.

I feel a shift from proving symptoms to usual symptoms of ME/CFS, Fibro Myalgia.

The daily headache has arrived. It is a pressing dull ache in both my temples. I realise it always carries on for hours and hours and hours, but I just accept I have it and have had it most days since the proving began.

The feeling in my chest is right in the centre. It is a tight dull pain. It feels like a restriction. It does not change when I breathe deeply. I think I notice it when I am anxious. It feels like it is connected to my left shoulder, the same dull ache, which is in my head too.

I am hot and itchy under my breasts.

I feel a pain across my abdomen, it doesn't last long. It comes again 20 mins later. It could be ovulation.

I wake up thinking my legs hurt again.

There is a sharp pain in my left breast. It is a tightness like the feeling between the breasts, in the sternum’s the pain eases off it is more of a pressing feeling that moves along into my left shoulder.

My shoulder feels tight and sore in a specific point at the top of my arm.

I have the sore spot in my shoulder again. It is intense, a stabbing shooting pain. It comes and goes in waves. The feeling after lingers, reminding me of the tight feeling in my sternum and the sharp pains of day 2. I think it all might be connected. It is worse for lying down, better for movement.

The shoulder pain continued off and on, in the afternoon. It is less noticeable for moving around worse for sitting. It has moved down into the top of my arm.

It is hard to stand up and walk, my feet hurt.

I have had the same headache it lasted all evening and I still have it at bedtime.

The pain in my chest is a tight feeling with a dull ache. It feels like there is some restriction but when I breathe deeply there isn’t.

The pain in my shoulder is less. The dull ache is like the pain in my chest.

I have a pain in my left breast, it is a sharp shooting pain near the centre. I think it is linked to the chest/sternum pain. It comes again two hours later.

The headache is better when I am out doing stuff. It is worse when concentrating or thinking.

I really feel the pain in my shoulder/top of arm.

I have the left shoulder pain, even lying in bed. Its not so severe more a constant dull ache. It stays with me all day.

The tight feeling in my sternum is there a little bit, but it moves into the left side of my chest. It is just there always, linked with the shoulder pain but mild so it doesn’t worry me. I still check by doing deep breaths to make sure I don’t get the sharp pains.
The pain in my shoulder appears, not quite as strong as yesterday.

My husband spontaneously pressed and rubbed the sore place on my shoulder, just for 5 minutes and the pain has gone.

The tight pain in my sternum is there but its mild.

The shoulder pain came back with the annoyance.

I still have the same headache in my temples, it is there all evening.

My throat has bothered me all day, it is swollen inflamed. It is a tickly and scratchy sensation. I keep swallowing constantly.

I still have the same headache in my temples, it is there all evening. The pressure is building up in my head with my cold.

My throat bothers me all day, it is swollen inflamed. It is a tickly and scratchy sensation. I keep swallowing constantly. It comes and goes in intensity.

I have a pain in my neck, left side. It is sore and tender and massage doesn’t seem to help. It is deep inside.

I have had a headache all week, a dull ache, but I really notice it is in my right side.

I have had a headache pressing both sides of my temples. It is worse for cold and hunger.

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P5 22 21:10 RS I had a toothache in the bottom right tooth. It feels sensitive and inflamed
P5 22 06:00 NS I have chest pains, between my breasts. I have a fear of taking deep breaths
P5 23 XX:XX RS The headache is still there. It is a dull ache, pressing all around the top of my head. Better for going to my yoga class worse in the evening
P5 23 16:00 RS I have the old toothache and the new nerve feeling in my bottom front teeth

P6 0 18:28 OS Pressure over brow, reminiscent of auditory migraine I used to get as child, lasting seconds
P6 1 01:06 AS Rheumatic pain left forearm, pulsating. The symptom is different because it is not associated with any rain or thunder. My rheumatic pains are usually associated with rain or thunder in the air, so the fact that they come in other weather circumstances is notable that is why I wrote Altered Symptom.

The difference from norm in symptom is that it is not associated with rain or thunder. So modalities have changed.

P6 4 09:00 AS Rheumatic pain from knees down, specially on right knee where I have and injury and have had surgery, lasting for a couple of hours till I get up (at 11am as I had such bad night sleep) I was rheumatic since childhood. At about 4 lots of knee pain and as patella had already separated- too early- doctors thought it was a fracture and was in bed with traction, when they made x-ray of other knee it was already separated as well, I had early bone development. Rheumatism is inherited from grandmother on maternal side. The current knee injury happened not sure how, during a very painful argument with partner (now ex) I think I stepped badly during fury. Had surgery in 2010 to remove chipped cartilage and have been working hard at rehab, knee almost well, it rarely bothers me or swells. I feel that the memory of that emotional pain is locked inside my knee, but has been so much better; it only bothers me when I over exert it.

P6 5 XX:XX RS When pain was very bad in my hands they felt tight, like the were grasping tightly; I changed the hands position when meditating from palms down to palms up, just so they stopped gripping. I feel strongly this had to with having to keep a grip on everything. When I was a bit younger I used to have very tense upper arms and hands, going into it I felt it had to do with having to take control of things, my mum was/is chaotic and things she promised many times didn’t happen, I grew up with a great sense of insecurity, that things will fail if I don’t control everything, that people will fail me, very strong feeling, always. Tightness of arms I used to have I also used to associate with the way my nanny used to wrap me up as a baby, very tight so no movement was possible, I know because I saw her doing it to my brothers. Now my hands have been almost fine since housework finished and I took a holiday. Pain, is very slight now, has come over last few days, put it down to so much writing. It is the grasping motion, and writing that aggravate.

P6 6 11:57 RS Stabbing pain on left thumb joint.
P6 6 19:21 AS Soreness in hands....

P6 6 XX:XX RS Pain in left ear, stitching. It sometimes comes, has been doing so over last few years. I think it started with roaring sounds, on going to bed I used to think it was sound of traffic, but then realised I was hearing my own blood running through my veins, then pain developed. It comes mostly if I have slight catarrh, now it stitched briefly then passed.
P6 7 10:50 NS Pain in right upper tooth, the one that is loose and needs coming out and implant put in. Has been loose for over 8 years and has been holding on but recently (before proving) started to feel sore a looser. Painful when I chew on it. Now for no reason it hurts, pain extends along upper right gum all the way to ear. Briefly then passes. I call specialist to make an appointment to get it all budgeted and planned for implant in the new year (if tooth holds that long!)

P6 16 XX:XX NS Woke up with a twisted neck which I did in my sleep. Was tempted to miss Pilates class, but husband thought it might help. It didn’t! Pain as if sprained, started after Pilates class, under shoulder blade extending to neck and shoulder. Right side.

P6 17 20:30 OS Soreness in right knee (knee had not bothered except for summer when took wrong remedy and knee ballooned up)

Centre upper spine like a circle some 10 cm in diameter.

P6 18 XX:XX RS Sore pain, as when one is detoxing.

P6 18 15:50 RS One single stitch/stab over right eye and right side of head.

P6 20 08:00 RS Wake up with headache on right side, heaviness on back of head and digging over right eye.

P6 20 10:00 NS Pressure as if there was catarrh. Slight tinnitus.

P6 20 XX:XX NS Glands in front of neck under jaw, feel swollen and tender. Concomitant with ear symptoms.

P6 20 XX:XX NS Feel like I am getting flue, maybe husband’s flue (?)

P6 21 08:00 NS Burning sensation almost disappeared all day.

P6 21 22:00 NS Burning sensation back while lying watching TV. This time further out towards anus, spreading to genitals. Intensity diminishes after a couple of hours.

P6 27 XX:XX RS Shoulder pain was with me as a dull background ache all day yesterday as is still here today ever so slightly. I think I live with a sensation of weight over my shoulders; it is always there, while meditating or exercising I consciously try to lift it away.

P6 28 XX:XX NS Sore point at back of throat, like about to get the flue.

P6 29 XX:XX NS Today is the day to go to the College for proving meeting. I head feels bunged up with a definite feeling of a flue coming on.

P6 30 XX:XX NS Wake up totally sick with flue. Cancel arrangement to meet up with stepson and family. Prepared to stay in bed for days reading, download books and read through to day 33.

P6 43 11:00 NS Pain in both hips as if they're breaking, remains all the time I am in bed. A little better for stretching, but not real relief. Pain rheumatic, like breaking right on the joints.

P6 44 11:00 NS Pain as if breaking on going to bed and remains all the time while lying. Clear sensation as if joints are going to snap, pain totally symmetrical, which I've never had. Before I only had right-sided hip pain.

P5 11 10:50 RS I realise that the head ache is back and that it occurs most mornings around 10 am and last all day, worse in the mornings and evenings, worse for thinking and better for doing something outside.

P5 11 11:39 NS The same sore spot in my shoulder (as above) It comes and , whilst talking to my supervisor. I say, I could time the feeling like contractions.

P5 16 00:12 NS A high pitch noise in my left ear, the sound is so intense it goes right into head, lasts about 30 seconds. It occurs again 3 times but for shorter and less intense.

Relax

P1 8 07:45 Train delayed by 40 minutes, which I know, will have a knock-on effect to my connecting train. Usually I would feel very tense and stressed about having gotten up at some ungodly hour unnecessarily, having to sit in the cold and also potentially arriving late into an
unfamiliar city to attend a training workshop on a stressful subject (safeguarding against abuse) with people I don’t know but I feel really calm.
P1  8  09:00  Still calm despite fact am sitting directly next to a stranger who growls under his breath for a good half hour. Don’t usually like people I don’t know doing weird stuff when they’re close enough to touch me but it’s fine.
P2  1/F  07:12  RS  Once in room felt as if someone was just outside the door, but felt quite calm. Slept well.
P3  2  20:00  IOS  Calm, quiet, wanting silence, being in meditation, feeling slightly awkward being quiet amongst others, as if I need to justify myself for being quiet.
P3  4  15:30  NS  Calm and unstressed at airport despite many people and screaming children.
P3  8  11:00  OS  Overall more relaxed, less self conscious - sense of being ok as I am. Un dramatic.
P3  11  10:30  NS  Overall sense of being content and calm (<> the slipping and sense of loss of control) Have this feeling since the beginning of the proving like an underlying layer behind all the chaos.
P3  13  16:00  IOS  Very tired, period started today, getting things done calmly, feeling at ease overall.
P3  18  11:00  AS  Very calm and confident.
P3  20  20:00  AS  Very relaxed, joyful and calm all day. Still cant concentrate.
P3  28  09:00  AS  Less concerned with people and going on around me, calm despite flight delay.
P3  28  13:00  AS  Overall sense of calmness throughout the last month. Sitting in the plane feeling safe despite slight turbulences. Sun is shining on my face, it’s warm. Introvert and calm.
P5  8  09:00  RS  I feel good, calm less anxious.
P5  9  11:00  RS  I am suddenly very sensitive to my daughter being loud. (I am usually but haven’t been for the last 10 days. This made me wonder if every one has been calmer and quieter in my home).
P5  16  00:14  NS  I have a content happy calm feeling, content to sit here with the group in silence.
P5  19  15:15  RS  I feel comfortable enough in my group to lie on the floor to rest, as I am so tired.
P6  5  XX:XX  After class I have steam and go back home to start quite intricate bracelet - it involves beads with very small holes and two different needles. I think how fortunate I am to love this sort of work; I hate rushing around town and the sort of stuff most people I know seem to love. I listen to Bach cello solos all day, hypnotic!!
P6  19  07:00  NS  I have to catch a plane at 2pm; I am practically at the airport and think I have time to clean my kitchen. When I get to the gate it is already 2pm and have missed the flight. I don’t panic or get upset because I reckon there must be many other flights that day.
P6  23XX:XX  AS  After meeting people the film stays in my mind for days, I hate that and it is why I don’t like to socialise much. This time same thing happens but is less intense: I was very relaxed and calmer, after 24 hours started going through events in my mind.
P6  37  08:00  NS  Very tired in the morning, extremely difficult getting up for Pilates, but when I do I do a very concentrated and intense class after which I feel relaxed but tired, feel I am recovering from flu I had all week.
P3  4  10:00  OS  Feeling better and kept relatively calm despite a calamity at my home while I am traveling. Diarrhoea better, feeling a bit ill. Still a bit emotional.
P5  13  18:00  RS  Time is galloping by I haven’t achieved very much but I am calmer,
not so anxious. The emotional wave of yesterday seems to be over.

**Sex/ Rape/ Libido**
P3 35 20:00 OS The topic of relationships seems highlighted. Various men seem to be interested but it is not mutual. Dreams of ex-boyfriend (Wouter) I seem to have conversations with during the night and clear things up.
P1 25 XX:XX In the morning I got a text on my phone along the lines of ‘look what we did to all of you’. We all started to come to and found that each one of us - male and female had been raped or violated in some way. Back in the large house where the reunion is: a beautiful and sexy man (I know in real life and is the only man that I have fancied in about five years and with whom there was a slight flirt before he went back to his country) tells me that night we are going to be together “but with no compromise” I say “do you know how long I have been without sex?” he answers “about five years” I am surprised that he knows. I feel very excited, very happy, but I am worried that no one should find out. Dream is disjointed so things I remember are: then I am with husband in a large hall, like a gym, we are exercising but some people come to tell us to get out as there is going to be a hockey match. Then I am talking to a group of people about a man (who is a big guru and film maker that I know and knew very well since very young age and had big influence in my development) I’ll call him the Guru; he is probably the owner of the house where we are. I tell the people that the Guru does fall in love that I know, I feel good to have this knowledge, deep inside I know it is me he loved in the past and I feel snug about this. Back to the beautiful man I like, he has a plants business, tropical rare plants, with another friend. I tell my husband perhaps we can buy plants from them for our indoor garden. Then beautiful man comes and tells me that that evening there is a dinner party, that I should stay and after the dinner I will stay the night with him. I feel so happy and excited; I swell up like a bubble with emotion. When I wake up I feel very sad and tearful because that dream cannot come true. I also feel very sad because of my prolonged celibacy situation. To think about my life without sexuality or intimacy, alarms me. I miss it, just writing about it makes me want to cry.
P6 16 XX:XX NS Ex is in bed with a woman who is going to have sex with him, she is black like him( the woman is in reality someone who was very unkind to me while I was living with ex). They are in bed and they start embracing; I tell them to wait until I’m gone because it hurts. I am showing a collection of antique objects to some man, some are teaspoons with jewel incrustations on handles, others are tiny wooden cups with painting on them, perhaps birds. I think I make a remark about how all the birds are different and how people used to keep all these objects (as I write I associate cups with birds with family china) The man points out some of the spoons which he doesn’t like then one which he does. I am driving off in a convertible car perhaps with my husband. A man standing outside car tells me “I hope you didn’t get too jealous” and I answer "No, I don’t do jealousy" P6 38 XX:XX NS I have an appointment with my dentist, but it is to do with something sexual, I think a vibrator features. I feel excited
P6 XX:XX Perhaps I have arrived where I was going. I am with a man that I don’t like that much, but there is a sense of romance. I tell him we are going to go out and have some beers. I feel quite happy, but not over moon as I don’t like him so much, just nice to have a bit of romance and flirting.
P6 3 XX:XX NS I am in bed with ex and want to hit him, playfully I let my fist fall heavy on him, he also takes it as a game- I actually feel very angry with him- we play and roll around. P6 4 XX:XX AS Dream of shame: I am in a crowded place, perhaps somewhere where I work. A very distinguished tall man with grey hair with whom I am having a relationship and I get involved in sex with another two women and two men. I remain in the periphery, there is nothing actually arousing or sexual about this act. I see the two women who have beautiful bodies doing balancing acts on a large red Swiss ball, they have fun, I am an outsider, but I am not aware of any emotion or feeling. I don’t know where three firearms feature, but me and other two people are
carrying three guns. I am aware they are dangerous and feel relieved after we hand them over to a man who is like a doorman. There is an event or ceremony and lots of people turn up. The tall, distinguished man with grey hair is there because he is receiving an award. When I see him I feel ashamed for the orgy we were involved in, but he is very kind and discreetly and affectionately comes over to me and hugs me—nice warm feeling. He tells me “you see why I don’t like to do these things in front of people?” he means touching or kissing. He sits quietly in the corner of a crowded bench.

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I am exhausted and have to rest, and again later.
I am very cold and tired. Looking back I was much colder than usual, both day 1 and 3.
I am more pale, exhausted and tired than ever before leaving Hawkwood.
I am exhausted and have to go back to bed after a few hours up.
Wake up very late, slept almost 10 hours. I usually have supplements to help me sleep: calcium-magnesium and vitamin B. I have stopped taking them to do justice to proving, so very strange to sleep so well. I know I had busy dreams, but can't remember them at all no matter how much I try.
Wake up reluctantly, have slept over ten hours, could continue, force myself to wake up.
Very difficult to wake up. Went to sleep about 1am and have to push hard to get out of bed at 11am.
Feeling very tired, sleepy and not wanting to talk or be disturbed.
Drowsy, tired, no desire to get up. Feeling continues through the morning. I can't help going to sleep late as following news, my life is in chaos, wasted all of last week, just can't get organised.
Stopped sleeping late, force myself to wake up at 10am, could carry on.
Sleeping excessively, force myself to wake up at 10am, could carry on. Last night had to put book down just past midnight as eyes were closing.
Total sleeplessness for hours after going to bed, unable to sleep until about 4am, after I got up, crossed garden and went to kitchen for porridge, then I fell asleep.
I woke in the night at 1.29, wide-awake and not knowing why, usually when I wake it is because my mind is full of thoughts, but I had none. Eventually after 20mins and still being awake I went down stairs to have a cup of herbal tea. Then back to bed 20mins later. But when I went back to bed I still couldn't sleep and lay awake for ages. I think I go back to sleep around 3am.
I have woken up around 5 every morning for the last 5 days. I doze off an hour, and feel better afterwards.
I am so tired I doze off for an hour, and feel better afterwards.
I am tired.
Felt tired all day, wanting to sleep all day in spite of very long sleep.
Had to push myself to work instead of just lying around which is what I really wanted to do.
Extremely sleepy, slept over ten hours and could carry on, force myself to get up. Always wake up with a depressed feeling, which only improves when I had breakfast and get going.
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Sociable Connection

P2 23 07:40 RS  Dream - Was in New Zealand on holiday with my daughter and two boys about her age, no clear story but seemed to view it from above, was admiring all the beautiful green trees and fields.

P3 29 14:00 AS  At the school again, feeling much more in myself and confident, don’t need to be overly nice to people and overcompensate. Can let out my sarcastic streak without being afraid to step on everyone’s toes. Great fun with my friends in the evening, cant remember when I laughed so hard last time! Feeling very much a part of the group.

P5 0 03:32 NS  Not sociable, tired but excited. I don't want to go to the room I share, stay outside in the nature.

P5 0 03:52 NS  I don’t want to talk to my family, do very reluctantly, haven't got much to say.

P5 1 18:35 NS  I want to stay with the group, even though I should rest.

P5 1 20:50 NS  I am reluctant to speak to my family, so I don't.

P5 2 08:20 RS  No desire to be with people (not unusual on day 2 of my period).

P5 2 11:30 NS  I cut someone off who wanted to chat, I didn't. I am being strong.

P5 5 NS  I am less inclined to talk to people.

P5 6 20:30 NS  I went to my usual meeting but could only speak about practical things, not how I felt. So I didn’t speak much and I passed it on to my friend. Reserved!

P5 7 12:30 NS  I feel less stressed and more relaxed with less people at home.

P5 11 13:10 NS  Today I am not bothered by the extra relatives in my home. I felt comfortable and fine with it and just let them be and got on with my stuff.

P5 18 18:35 NS  I want to stay with the group, even though I should rest.

P6 1 XX:XX NS  I see my friends at home through Skype. I am with ex. My friend who in reality is bald has lots of hair and I think he needs a haircut. Friend runs around a swimming pool and jumps over the sunbeds where old people are lying. His old mum who is in reality dead is also there. I tell my ex, that my friend is 80 years old, no, 70, no 60, just over 60. No emotion or feeling. This is the most vivid remembered dream in ages.

P6 10 11:00 RS  Feeling very lonely and cut off. Want to remain like that but also worry about drifting into oblivion forever. Think of making a plan with step son and his mum as it is half term, I look up what is on in galleries and in town. Which brings me to an important celebration in my country approaching and because of it’s social significance and relevance to this particular historic moment, I post on Face Book something calling for writers and artists to come together and do something, manifest ourselves. Also thinking about creating a writing blog - as I have one related to my macramé - Which brings me to remember that I have lots of pieces to make for Christmas sales. I am as busy as I want to be. Still struggling with mixing with people, going out into the world or staying in my cocooned, allow myself to find my 'nothingness' and stillness.

P6 12 10:30 RS  When I woke up I had made my mind up to go to gathering which feels totally right. As I walk I think of a new start, new acquaintances, but mostly new way of reacting to things: I don't want to react hysterically, but go deep inside, find stillness, nothingness, this is not about my ego. When I get home a letter about my passport is there, I make appointment, things happen, I'm moving forward, I'm very alive. I feel much better. Feel very positive about going to town, walking along the river, joining gathering in the evening. Before going out I catch up with all the ironing, ironing always makes me feel good, it is a kind of meditation and it sets things in order. As I burn my finger very slightly with the steam from the iron that takes me to 'have you ever burnt...
your fingers very slightly while ironing? Well, imagine that pain cubically multiplied...'
P6 14 11:00 RS I am in a large house in a gathering. I think husband is there. Somewhere the image comes in of a plant husband and I have, it is an indoor plant, like a ‘yucca’ plant, which is not doing too well, it needs attention, it is tall, but a bit spindly and some of its leaves have gone brown. I can see it needs a re-potting as pot is too small, but don’t dare doing it without expert advice. In the dream I also have the vision of an indoor garden, which is perhaps in my house, with some plants and pebbles as ground cover.
P6 17 XX:XX NS There is a bed, large, full of stuff on it, messy, but it makes me feel good, feels mine. Then somebody comes and throws a sheet of some sort over it, could be plastic. Then the bed shrinks, is tidy and constraint, makes me feel disappointed, desolate. I am dressed in white, white skirt, a woman tells me there are some white overcoats a fashion shop is selling which would look great with my outfit. I bump into a clothes stall and find a top I love, looks old or ‘distressed look, is blue and dark red and has a low back with net, I think I buy it. Then I fall over backwards and a woman who is with me tells me my underwear is dirty; I can feel it, a bit revolting, like it hasn’t been changed in days. I take it off and maybe the white skirt too, I change clothes... (I went to bed feeling quite dirty, itchy scalp, pyjamas feeling dirty and regretting not having had a shower, looking forward to one in the morning)
P6 25 06:00 NS My husband and I have bought a place. In it the previous owners left a lot of antique flower vases, they are of all colours and thick good quality glass, I am fascinated looking at all the vases and I am amazed the people should have left such valuable things. I particularly focus on a vase with green tinge, like recycled glass with a rhomboid pattern engraved on the glass.
P6 26 XX:XX OS Sharp ache on top of left shoulder as from carrying something heavy for a long time. I have been out for lunch with my brother who is in town. He is the head of the family, hugely successful business man we all look up to and are anxious to please. We get on well and sharing a birthday we have many deep personality traits in common, we communicate well, but are also very different. He was the most judgemental of me as he is of everyone. I am saying this because last Sunday I had exactly the same pain after the event I went to. I believe it is stress of socialising that causes the shoulder pain.
P6 54 09:00 NS Very relaxed at Pilates class. After class spoke to people easy, stopped at cafe for a bite, bought a coffee for a lady in the queue, chatted with her while we drank; there was no hurry, nothing to do or say, just that moment. Great and not too familiar feeling.
P5 1 09:20 NS I went outside and suddenly had the desire to sing, under a tree. I felt very connected spiritually. This continued when I went back inside, I sang in my bedroom and in the corridors as I walked around
P1 6 XX:XX NS Alongside feeling tearful I desired company and went out of my way to request it of a friend (going so far as to say I want a hug?!). VERY out of character to either say or feel those things as by nature I prefer to be alone in situations like that.
P1 11 23:30 Took dog out and found a butterfly (Red Admiral) resting in the middle of the footpath - odd as middle of cold Autumn night
P1 16 XX:XX Child sick and wants me to stay nearby. I spend the best part of 24 hours (in-between holding a bowl or mopping a brow) curled up on the end of his bed semi-dozing. Usually I would feel inner frustration at being confined for so long by someone’s clinginess but I barely noticed the time pass, as if it had been suspended and we were in a bubble with no real thought and no real feeling - not in a cold detached way, a sort of warm peaceful nothingness.
P2 12 08.30 Just realised I am feeling more like myself, much more ready to do stuff and communicate with people, had deliberately avoided contact/interaction with people, including my supervisor. Feeling of being weighed down by life in general is passing. Had not really noticed this until it was going.
P2 15 07.31 NS 2nd dream remembered from same night. In my own kitchen but the sink was opposite place to normal, my husband put a large sprig of mistletoe on my hands, I turned for a kiss and he had a pearl/berry on a small ring, hanging from the skin between his nostrils, only remember laughing because it was so out of character for him., my dreams never normally involve my family.
P3 4 14:15 OS Smiling at people from my heart, hoping for a moment of exchanging hearts but their smile dies on their lips when they see mine. I must be so repulsive.
P3 8 04:00 NS On a plane or traveling / A man turns into a crazy person / Everyone is afraid and moves away from him / I make eye contact with him / He trusts me / I can see beyond his exterior / He is not crazy he just is / But he is desperate / I give him stramonium the case is so clear / I feel for him and there is joy and excitement and fun -later realise when talking with Jeremy (my supervisor) that this man is the part of myself that feels excluded and shunned. He was crying and laughing from joy and confusion when he realised that he was accepted and looked at and helped by me in my dream. The feeling I had towards him was sisterly, very supportive and non-judging, just curious and loving. Deep healing!
P3 20 20:00 OS still slightly uncomfortable with people as I sense that I cannot relate as I would like to (reason why I overcompensate perhaps and feel angry when my attempts don’t get responded to in the same way)
P3 21 06:00 AS Deep nourishing sleep. Dream: At Hogwarts, beautiful summer landscape. We sit in class, my voice is too loud for others and I try to keep it lower but dint feel offended. We take a live case with a young couple, me and someone else I am in the active role of therapist, the other takes notes. Patient tells about her town of origin and how it has changed and how that affects her. I start to cry as i can feel the pain in myself. Intervene and discuss this, slightly embarrassed, but able to talk about it rationally. Going outside later on, everyone is outside and not in classroom. Its so beautiful. Autumn is coming its the last summer day. Clouds arriving.
P3 22 07:00 NS Directness also reflected in last night’s dream. Interacting with people in a friendly, direct and cooperative way, discussing things. Don’t remember details.
P3 23 18:00 IOS Extremely tired by other people, introvert, in a good mood, don’t mind people around me but don’t want to be bothered.
P3 25 08:00 AS Realisation: I finally understand my frustration and reason why I struggle in class. I had the ideal of a family, which is supporting each other. I always assumed that there was a family but I just wasn’t part of it. all my efforts being refused and unanswered, which frustrated me enormously in the past two years, I realise now that people are different and that is not the case. I am disappointed but that’s because of my ideals and expectations. It’s ok to be disappointed, angry and frustrated, I don’t need to pretend that it’s all my fault. Nor is it theirs. It shows me what my own needs are and I can move on and match those needs otherwise.
P3 34 08:00 IOS Dreamed of Wouter (ex-boyfriend). In a social environment, I’m with friends and so is he. I pass him by and only briefly odd at him which makes him furious. I am still so deeply resentful towards him and my heart still aches. Seeing him makes me feel very uncomfortable.
P3 37 22:00 NS Talking about ‘family’ a lot (meaning our school) - like a tribe, feeling part of it. the sense of it is almost like a clan - either you are in or out. strong sense of loyalty and connection.
Watching 911 and other global consciousness focus on YT all day

My wife found a small green frog on the steps to the house and rescued it. She said how beautiful it was.

Wake up very alive in spite of little sleep. Get up and go off to gym, Pilates and shopping. I think I should do music, I had forgotten about healing power of music. Last night on TV saw two performers that touched me deeply: Cuban/French duo of twins, the embodiment of Vital Force, beautiful young girls, beautiful voices, pure animal magnetism. Then Sinead O’Connor sang a song with such vehemence in her eyes, and lyrics sound the story of me right now, here: don’t want to love the way I loved before I don’t want to love that way no more What have I been writing love songs for? I don’t wanna write them anymore I don’t wanna sing from where I sang before don’t wanna sing that way no more What have I been singing love songs for? I don’t wanna sing them anymore I don’t wanna be that girl no more. I don’t wanna cry no more I don’t wanna die no more. So, cut me down from this here tree. Cut the ropes from off of me. Sit me on the floor. "I AM"; the only one I should adore OH, take me to church I’ve done so many bad things it hurts. Yeah, get me to church. But not the ones that hurt Cause that isn’t the truth. And that's not what it's for. Yeah, take me to church. Oh, take me to church. I've done so many bad things it hurts. Yeah, get me to church. But not the ones that hurt. 'Cause that isn't the truth. And that's not what it's for. I'm gonna sing. Songs of loving and forgiving. Songs of eating and of drinking. Songs of calling in the night. The songs of light, a bolt of light. And, love's the only love you should advise. Songs of long and spiteful fails. Songs that won't let you sit still. Songs that'll mend your broken bones. And don't leave you alone. So get me down from this here tree. Take the rope from off of me. Sit me on the floor” I AM”; the only one I should adore

n Sinead’s neck a tattoo ' All things must pass'

Threat/ Anger/ Swearing

Friend told me was thinking about getting a dog and I flipped out. I can see objectively that this person isn’t in the right circumstances to own a puppy and I have already watched them turn one into a monster that no-one wants to home but still the strength of my reaction was disproportionate and unnecessary. I felt incredibly protective of this hypothetical puppy. I had to put on a big display of aggressiveness and strength to scare this person away from the puppy.

A young person related an event to me about some unfair treatment he had been on the receiving end of. Although I didn’t express it, I was absolutely furious on his behalf, filled with righteous indignation, and judgemental of the other people involved. Where is my bubble of calm that I've had recently?! Though it must still be there to some extent because I have managed to bite my tongue and say nothing, confront no one, despite how strongly I feel. And I'm thankful for this bit of self-control because whilst I always feel driven to fight for the under dog, I know rationally that my level of feeling is disproportionate to the situation (and not my business anyway!).

The gang of people came back and they shut us in the bathroom that was adjoined to the bedroom. In the way of dreams the house had somehow morphed and was no longer ours. In the bathroom they beat us and tortured us. I didn't dream the actual events that went on in there - my dream picked up from when they let us out a few days later but I know what happened in there. Although that gang of people was doing all this stuff to us, it wasn't their idea - it was co-ordinated by the man that owned the house and lived upstairs. He had cameras filming in every room and he told them what to do because he took pleasure in watching it happen. He delighted in pushing people to the very extreme limit, to breaking point. The next day he beat my dog in front of me, in the kitchen. Again, luckily I didn't dream the exact detail but I know what happened. I thought he had beaten her to death it was so severe. The day after, he summoned me to his room upstairs. My dog was standing in the room when I entered but she wouldn't even look at me. The man called her with his hand outstretched and she slunk over to him, tail between her legs, head down and
shaking badly. He was taking pleasure out of showing me that my dog who has been by my side for 8 years, who has been unwaveringly loyal and loving towards me above all others from the moment I picked her up off the side of the road, who growls anyone that looks at me crossways and takes her duties in protecting me so seriously that I can’t even play fight with people, he wanted to show me that that same dog was now loyal to him. He broke her and he wanted to break me. Everything he did to us was to show us that he ruled, he was top and no matter how strong we thought we were mentally, physically, whatever, he could break us if he chose. I made notes about this dream the morning after but it is now a month later that I am writing it up as I couldn’t bring myself to do it before and even after all this time the power that the dream holds, the intensity of it is immense. Just writing about it is enough to put me right back there.

P2  5  06.15  NS  Woke from dream of daughter, she had been kidnapped by 3 men; I had imagined she had been abused. Had to check she was still in her bedroom, when I woke up. Never normally dream of family or this sort of thing.

P2  28  12.55  Suddenly feel very angry, silly things are upsetting me, feel like screaming, was rude to my husband when he asked me to do something. This I would never knowingly do, however frustrated, but I really didn’t care if it upset him, I needed to let it all out, regardless and it was relief, a sense of release even freedom.

P3  4  08:00  OS  Dark, cold, rainy weather aggravates
P3  5  18:00  NS  New insights into my condition. Feeling that I constantly apologise for being German. Will never be able to lift that weight off a whole nation. Pissed off by English and Dutch racism. Think some people from my class react to my nationality and I keep on apologising by being friendly and supporting - which is never been acknowledged. Also staying cool with my dad crying because I’m telling him about my sorrows instead of making it go away and soothe him and play happy. Same with my mom. If they worry and cry that’s really their problem that I can do little about. I cant lie anymore and play happy all the time just to soothe others

P3  15  22:00  Realising the amount of anger in me and observing it
P3  16  10:00  IOS  Very angry at people, frustrated, bitter, revengeful, ‘fuck them’ attitude, giving up and going on my own
P3  17  10:00  IOS  Still very angry at people, frustrated, bitter, revengeful, ‘fuck them’ attitude, giving up and going on my own
P3  30  05:30  AS  Dream of flying over a city harbour and islands. Husband of my friend has done something wrong and is sentenced to death. They insert a tube into his spine and send cement into his spinal cord to calcify his nerves. Feeling gutted about it while still thinking he deserves some form of punishment
P3  39  16:00  IOS  Realisation: I have a hard time owning my anger and dealing with it in a constructive way. Instead I try to make a case out of it, trying to convince as many people around me as possible that person X has done something wrong in order to avoid a direct confrontation. This then causes an enormous amount of stress and disruption in me and around me. I afraid to confront the other person as in the past my words often got twisted so I ended up being the fool and being deeply ashamed and felt angry about the injustice but suppressed this feeling. (A situation within the supervising process brought this up for me yesterday)

P4  XX:XX  Car alarms
P4  XX:XX  Anger and rage, incandescent with rage, so angry
P4  XX:XX  Boil over of emotion, have argument with wife, feel enraged and shout at her, first I walk away, stay calm like normal, but then get down stairs and think why? So I go back up stairs and unload, I shout with real anger. Feel much better afterwards.

P4  XX:XX  Furious, anger and rage towards family
P5  2  10:15  RS  I was annoyed in class, vocalised it and upset someone. I did not want to get sucked in to a drama that didn’t exist, so I put up strong boundaries
I got annoyed, frustrated and upset by someone else’s domineering behaviour. It bought up old unresolved stuff that I want to let go of but I am really reacting to. I am being extra sensitive and want to do something to make a change, I should save my energy.

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After long chat to supervisor mother calls me as she has not dropped the theme of conflict that arose at weekend. As I try to tell her why I have an aversion towards her favourite grandson (as I he saw the few plates and dishes from family dinner set I was bringing back with me that mother gave me he said I had no right as I had no children and plates have his name on them and he will have kids, very hurtful! Mother defends him, gets very stroppy, I demand my right to express my feelings and I am getting very angry because I have my own feelings and business to attend to. When conversation ends husband calls with some builders issue, I am fuming, impatient, swear I will disconnect phones, all the while this person inside me that cries is crying, but I don’t. Finally I manage to leave the house with the dog and have a beautiful walk in the dark, rainy day which I love, I couldn’t bear a sunny day!! I am very happy with dark, wet, autumn weather. I enjoyed the summer, but summer air brings the sea air and smells which activate all the restlessness of life in the tropics, so I am very happy in this restful autumnal setting.

Confuse and impatient while cooking dinner: forget to oil pan to brown skins and let fat frap out of duck breasts, so they start burning and smoke alarm goes off. Which makes me angry, but I make myself carry on. Then as I am going to put breast in small oven which I have used only a few times but is quite simple to use though I have still to follow instructions, I get very confused and cant operate it, it takes several goes. Husband says we should use ordinary oven that cooking a couple of duck breasts should be a nice, pleasant thing. I shout at him and say it is hell, that it will take ages to warm up, that it is a stupid idea. I feel very angry and desperate. Finally get oven going making an effort to concentrate on instructions, which are really very simple, and when duck come out and I am going to serve it is still bleeding. I give up. Husband steps in and says one minute on a pan over fire will sort it. I scream and say I have enough of washing up, that it will be messy and I don’t want any mess. I go to sit on sofa and in one-minute husband sorts it out. As I eat I realise I was extremely hungry and drop sugar levels had a lot to do with what was happening to me. I have never had any resistance to being hungry, I get very moody. But still I am usually quite together about cooking and doing the house things. It is unusual that I get so flustered.

Anger so intense. Feel miserable and incredibly moody. Husband told me I live in a state of anger, which made me even angrier. He said that as I was sweeping leaves. I fantasise about becoming widowed. My life makes me angry. When I get angry the feeling like there is a person crying inside my chest becomes stronger, but there is hardness and I can’t cry.

Anger at brother who has a drinking problem and although whole family has been very supportive he has relapsed. Disappeared for 20 hours worrying everybody then arrived drunk at mothers. I have always been very loving and supportive but now I am furious, fuming and patience has ran out. "Noticeable rare is the intensity of the feeling which is a recurrent one

Anger when Mother call me regarding my brother. I tell her I want to dissociate myself from all that, that I need peace at home and I am struggling to find it. She gets defensive and I have to make an effort not to explode with her. I just keep quiet, which is unlike me. When we hang up I feel Angry and tearful because of her lack of respect for me, her lack of sensitivity.
towards my feelings. She actually interrupted the typing of this diary. I control myself. Now there are tears beneath the surface. I had been thinking how good it would be if I could just cry my eyes out, cry a lot and then perhaps the anger will be gone. I have also been thinking how many slashes and wounds lie under my skin, much more than I know perhaps. I done so much harm to myself, but there is always someone inside as well who is telling me that I don’t really feel what I’m feeling, that it doesn’t really matter. It occurs to me that maybe what is happening in my country is affecting me so badly, apart from it’s horror, because inside me there are also mass graves, dismembered and burn corpses that have not been acknowledged and mourned. I was already feeling this before proving, but has been greatly intensified: roller coaster, emotions overwhelming me at times, mostly anger, like I am allowing myself to feel the anger I didn’t allow myself to feel before, like my instinct of self protection was injured and I allowed damage to be done to me without reacting, like it didn’t really matter, like my life didn’t really matter and it was something that can be thrown away.

P6 19:00 NS Anger, rebellion, think of burning my passport outside embassy: because as I am on my way to get my second nationality passport I called my embassy for some information and they say that even though I have two nationalities I have to use their nationality while in my country. That coupled with the horrible state of affairs, of corruption and terror in my country makes me feel I threatened, that I would like the protection of this country while I’m there. Also hate the threat and imposition. For the first time ever I contemplate giving up my original nationality. The last thing I do before going to sleep is search online for information. This episode is giving a scary, sinister feeling to my bright beautiful holiday planned in the Caribbean with my godson next year.

P6 20:00 XX:XX NS When I go back to sleep in the morning: I am in my ex’s country, with my ex in a car driving up a very steep street, when I stop at a crossroads I lose control of the car and it starts rolling backwards, I get into a real panic but fortunately manage to steer it to the side of the street where it stops. In a shop I see some bright coloured Chinese lanterns that I like, when I go back with ex a little later to buy some, they are gone , assistant tells me they sold out. I am outraged and disappointed; I can’t believe they sold out in a couple of hours. I think it is something against me. I get into some argument in a cafe or shop where I am a regular customer so I leave, but when I get home two little women, one old, one a young girl, have followed me and they are searching me for something they say I have stolen. I call my ex but although he argues something in my defence I feel he is not really defending me, I am outraged, fighting. Then it comes out that they say I have been plotting to kill them and an investigation is under way. I realise there is a conspiracy against me and I am furious, I swear I will leave the village and never return. I go to embrace step son and he and ex tell me “too many ‘Nortitas’ (Norta is a millionairesse who lives in my ex’s village)...My ex is sitting watching some sports or something in an auditorium, the row of seats is full, when he sees me come he does nothing to get me a seat. I am furious and go away very angry and hurts swearing I will never return.

P6 26:00 10:00 NS No hope for mankind! After watching news of children jihadists. I look up online ‘peace’ to try get some positive input and a Gandhi’s phrase makes me panic “If we are to teach real peace in this world...we shall have to begin with our children” So I think, what is to be expected in a world where children learn how to fight and kill. So I look up next ‘extermination of human race’. I become acutely aware of the human race transcientness, and we feel so transcendent. One day soon, in universe time terms, our earth will naturally disappear, that is the motion of the universe. We might exterminate ourselves before that. I wander what life is about without hope. Once more I stay awake reading depressing stories! Go to sleep after midnight.

P6 27:00 XX:XX NS Anger: I am married to my stepson’s father. While I am asleep he comes in and leaves a window open through which a lot of noise comes in. I am furious and beat him up, but because he is quite fat my hands don’t quite manage to hurts him. At some point he gives me a look like he is losing his patience and is going to hit back, so I stop.
Angry at husband's physicality, the way he walks, when he farts. Think how almost 20 years ago he killed our sexuality with phrase "you have the sexuality of a schoolboy". Think he has been extremely good and patient with me but same time castrating. I decide to retire to bed early rather then hang around him.

Fear: of Islamic state (in news a guy says "we will take over white men and sell their women in slave market" I think I rather be dead; violence, police and organised crime in my country, fear of accidents in motorways, of husband driving every week on bif motorway the way he drives.

Violence and Anger: over last days I have been meaning to listen to a recording of Tich Nhat Hanh where he talks about anger, have been thinking how can someone deal with a war in his country as the Vietnam war.

Lots of vivid dreams in early hours. *An old man (who I knew well in my dream but not in my waking world) takes me to the safe house he has built. Kind of a shelter that is necessary because something awful is imminent. Like bomb shelters in the war. However, this time he is only taking me there to show it to me as he knows I'm unhappy and wants to make me feel protected. He has gone out of his way to make it cosy and welcoming especially for me with whatever he could find. The walls were made of faded green chair cushions stacked and arranged in a surprisingly intricate pattern. I felt calm and safe there with him even with the threat of devastation hanging over us, I knew we would be fine in our little bubble.

I remember I am particularly sensitive to the alarm going off, just for 2 mornings. It being on snooze is making me really annoyed

Really thirsty all day. Like dry horrors. Desire water but soon as have drink am thirsty again

Thirsty! Thirsty! Thirsty

We are thirsty, the same intense thirst I have been experiencing in waking life. We go to greengrocers where he buys a coconut and I buy a round, ball shaped bottle of cherry coconut milk to drink. We have to go somewhere else so we get into my car, which is on the common. I try to reverse to turn but the car keeps driving forward no matter which gear (from the auto transmission) I put it in - it won't stop even in 'PARK'. I love my car, it's a tank and it is reliable - I've always felt so safe driving it. Now, in the dream, I feel scared and not in control - these feelings remain for a long time after I wake.
is unusual

P2 34  7:00  RS  Slight sore throat, feels a little sensitive, dry and sore but drinking and eating doesn’t effect it, quite general in area

P2 37  7:00  NS  Little worse, mainly on right side, I can feel catarrh running down from back of my right nostril in a continuous stream. Pale yellow. Have to continually cough gently which seems to loosen the phlegm so I can swallow it. Still feeling pressure inside ear pushing on eardrum. Nothing coming down my nose

P2 44  07:20  NS  Still as before, but dry feeling down right side of throat and shrinking sensation along the back right edge of tongue. Feels as if it is being pulled under/back?

P2 51  8:00  NS  Left nostril blocked, clear discharge running down into my throat in a continual stream that I have to swallow

P3 3  10:00  OS  Leucorrhoea

P3 4  11:00  NS  Urgent call from neighbour: guests have flooded bathroom, leakage through the floor

P3 5  04:00  NS  Urge to go to toilet 3x between 3am - 5am, no diarrhoea anymore. Cramps of anal sphincter, shivers. Stool smells like beer (yeast?) (Note: I don’t drink beer nor do I eat yeast products)

P3 5  10:00  NS  Just realised that ‘I have to get my bathroom problem sorted’ means two things now! Toilet dreams in the past (not at the moment)

P3 7  03:30  IOS  Urine smells like beer (yeast)

Impulse to paint my floor upstairs after many years. The whole South side of the house is in action at the moment: new balcony door that will work after 12 years of agony, bathroom is leaking and needs to be looked after and repaired (old pipes?), heating repaired and functioning for the winter = overall improvement of the Yang side of the house which was always rather cluttered and dysfunctional

P3 8  10:00  OS  Clutter-clearing also happening around the house: painting of floor upstairs, handymen came to fix radiator, taking measurement for new balcony door and fixing the leakage in my bathroom = overall improvement of the state of the house, fixing old problems, things that have been on the cheap or only halfway.

P3 11  06:00  NS  Dream of leucorrhoea, bedlinnen was white (only had one short episode elf leucorrhoea on day 3, never returned)

P3 11  11:00  NS  Note: there seems to be a thing with water in this remedy: water damage in my house (overflow), overflowing emotions, slipping on wet ground

P3 12  12:30  NS  Urine still smells like yeast (and so does stool)

P3 18  06:00  AS  Slept very well without waking (8hrs). Dream: Sense of how actions are weaving the fabric of our life

Traveling with my mom to somewhere. Staying at a big hotel room. I need to be somewhere at a certain moment but not stressed about it. Need to go to the bathroom; toilet is clean (usually toilets in my dreams while traveling are dirty)

Later on traveling with my dad. He fetches me from train and we go by bike through fields and small villages. We choose a path, which leads to a very steep muddy hill. We decide not to go up but we could as well.

I got a ticket for something. About 500€. I realise my parents don’t need to help me pay for it. Its my responsibility and I can pay for it myself, I have the money

P3 22  17:00  IOS  Very dry eyes, causing tiredness

P3 24  10:00  OS  Pressure in the umbilical area, urge to go to the bathroom several times in the morning (no diarrhoea) Similar to beginning of the proving

P3 40  16:00  NS  Menses 3 days earlier than normal (very punctual usually)
Menses unusually strong bleeding

Quite strong body odour despite deodorant :( (I'm also using spiralling and chlorella lately so it may be a detoxing effect)

Wake with a raging thirst. Mouth feels dry and I desire water. I drink the water next to me bed, but hat does not quench the thirst. Feel so thirsty I am driven out of my bed to get more water. Even after drinking he thrust till remains. Eventually it dies back. This continues for 10 days.

Wake again very thirsty.

Bloody and white discharge with no wound or scratching this went on for 20 days. Small discharge in the evenings.

I am working in the homeopathic centre I own, it is a big seven storey building, white with gleaming glass and lovely landscaping, it has clinics, a hospital, education facilities, pharmacy, books shop, its amazing. It is all so white. I am on one of the middle floors looking out the window over the city and down to the bay, we are up high, then i see the ocean suck back and then lift forward with a huge wave that starts to wipe out the bay area, i feel sick, i can't believe it, it looks like CGI, then i think life is like CGI non of this is real, I shout to one of our teachers to come and see, she looks in horror. we turn on the TV and watch with other students, but it is not just our city it is happening all over the world, it is the end of the world, huge gullies run under the land full of water and cities collapse into the m, India is wiped out, the world is falling under water. the feeling in dream is fear, terror and fright.

I wanted to go swimming. We took some spring water to a house of an older couple. The lady welcomed us and she was washing clothes in a sink. She showed me the way to the beach. As we moved through their home I was touched by the simplicity and how similar it was to my house in Portugal (that we have left).I was envious of their home by the sea. I didn't want to linger I wanted to get in the sea. I woke up crying. I missed my home. I cried for my failed dream of an alternative simple life. I also saw that this is what I still wanted, and it is still possible.

My menses is much lighter than usual

I have a tight feeling in my chest between my breasts. It is better for drinking water

My usual sore throat is worse and I have to keep clearing my throat, like I have a frog in my throat

I heard my daughter crying, I wanted to go to her but she was on the phone and sounded like she was being very mature and sorting out boyfriend problems. I didn't charge up there and get involved as I usually would. I also didn't worry

I am tearful after talking to my supervisor. I need support and reassurance. I feel lonely

I am so tearful when I tell my husband the problems my daughter is having at school. It is out of proportion to the experience. I have taken it to heart and I am blaming myself. I cry for ages, a real wobble out. Doubting my parenting skills, choice of home, town. A fear of the future and of poverty is holding me back. The only thing I don't doubt is studying Homeopathy.

I am tearful when talking to my supervisor about my wobble out yesterday

I am feeling emotional, a bit tearful easily upset by grumpy children
I suddenly had 5 big sneezes in a row, just out of the blue sitting typing. Usually that only happens in the sun.

I have a sore throat different from how I usually experience them. It is an annoying tickle right at the back, better for sips of cold water. I have it all day it makes me cough a bit in the afternoon. I sneeze a few times too.

My mood slipped back to moody, grumpy, tearful, in the afternoon.

My throat is so sore. It feels tickly and dry. It gets worse as the evening goes on.

I sneezed a few times, this evening with an involuntary burst of urine.

I have a bit of a cold. My nose is running from the left nostril.

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I am suddenly hot and sweaty under my arms and hands.

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I feel stressed and annoyed and I cry easily (could be hormonal, pre ovulation).

Carpet pattern moving, like an ocean, while sitting quietly looking at it, provoked slight dizziness so stopped looking at it.

I am haunted by conversation with teacher on day 0. I write him an email at 1am, this alone makes me feel better. Before proving I was already feeling like this, raw, like someone inside me is crying, but very intensified after proving started. I finally fall asleep about 3am.

On waking I read teacher’s answer to my email which moves me deeply, I feel slightly tearful, but peaceful, sip tea in bed reflecting on the self loathing intrinsic in human nature. See reply from women I wrote to last night; feel relieved I didn’t give vent to my reproachful mood from last night. Then supervisor texts that he will call and I get up and hurry to catch up with day.

My husband, my stepson and I are walking to a Pilate’s class. We come across an immense swimming pool, or an underground car park full of water, a great expense of water. I want to get in though I know I will be wet for the class. I take my trouser off and get in and walk in water until we arrive to the class. The classroom is very big, I go in and rush to get a mat, but before I can get a space, all mats fill up, the room gets very crowded.

Go to toilet at club after Pilates and wall which has a sponged paint effect starts moving, like an ocean, just like the carpet at proving room in Hawkwood immediately after taking substance on day 0, it is transient and passes as soon as I take my eyes away from wall.

I know I had busy dreams but only bit I remember vividly is: I go swimming in river opposite my house (the river really is opposite my house and I go swimming on hot days) the water is very blue like the Caribbean, it is a bright day. There are lost of boats-rowing, motor, yachts- and I have to look out for them as I swim. I cannot sink although I try I remain buoyant (this is reminiscent of recurrent dreams I used to have about water being hard; of diving and not
being able to penetrate water. I associate that with my birth when mother’s pelvis wouldn’t dilate and had to have C section) I guy I met at a literary group is there with me, I want to impress him and think I do because I swim in the river (the problem I have with that literary group is that they are a younger generation and they don’t know anything about me and my artistic background, found it quite difficult to handle as when I first arrived in group I assumed they knew of my work. Was hard to be an absolute stranger. Group has now dissolved) SINCE PROVING STARTED DREAMS HAVE BEEN VERY UNUSUAL. IT IS ALSO UNUSUAL HOW VIVID AND HOW MUCH I REMEMBER THEM.

P6 12 01:00 NS What I was writing on my mind while sleepless: ‘Imagine the feeling of the burning liquid slipping between your legs, behind your ears, amongst your hair. You are lying naked face down and on turning round you see the horror on your companion’s eyes at the realisation of what is happening. Have you ever burnt the tips of your fingers while cooking? Well, now imagine that pain cubically multiplied when all the nerves on you skin are set alight...’ I was thinking of a text for the students that were supposedly burnt alive recently in my country.

P6 17 12:00 RS Start day well, meditate. Receive phone call from writer with whom we are organising event, life feels productive and normal. I have a big shower which make me feel a bit better, cleaner! I go to have a massage and the day is bright and perfect. As I’m out in fresh air I feel good about myself, about my life, and a positive feeling about my life returns. I enjoy the journey, the massage enormously- very good ayurvedic masseuse, during massage I think that she is also a doula (a midwife) and that I was born traumatically through CS, that I am for the first time in the hands of a midwife. She recommends a hot bath but when I get home all I can do is sleep. I have a long nap on the sofa with my dog, first restful day I can remember in recent times. In the evening I tell my supervisor this weeks need be productive, run smoothly, organised, unlike last weeks, which was so chaotic, and I did nothing, which really frustrates me.

P6 35 10:30 NS I am walking along a path very similar to where I lived in The Bush, but there is a river running alongside it. I am walking with a group of people; an old boyfriend included who used to be a gross flirt with women. Suddenly I see a group of women walking inside the river, the water is up to their thighs only. One of the women in the group, I think is exactly the sort of woman the ‘boyfriend’ likes; and just so, as soon as he sees her he walks towards the women in the river and starts following, I feel faint with jealousy, that horrendous feeling, but immediately after I discard him from my mind and when he tries to come near me I feel totally cut off from him, he has lost his power over me.

P6 53 08:00 NS I woke up and went back to sleep dreamt: Lots of people in a sort of camp, dark, all in shadows, people’s clothes are dark; it is a kind of festival. Each person has a little animal (a pet, a horse, a dog...) It is the day they all have to bury their animals, who have been going through a dying process, perhaps ill. When someone tells me what is happening I feel Heart broken and I burst into tears, I cry uncontrollably, my jaw shakes so much I am biting my inner mouth, behind the lip on the left side. I can feel I am tearing my flesh and am in a panic, I ask for help, think that perhaps someone needs to inject me a tranquilizer. People are getting ready for the trip to bury the animals; it is a kind of pagan party. Although I don’t feel up to going, with the problem I have with my mouth, I am compelled to go as someone I like very much is going as well. There is a very strong erotic pull. The biting of my inner mouth in the dream was so strong that I expected to actually have been biting myself, but when I woke up my mouth was intact. I woke up feeling I had slept very deeply or feeling as if some unusual strong event took place in my brain, a mini stroke or a convulsion?

P2 30 XX:XX OS General soreness, dry and scrapped, can feel catarrh running down back of throat

P2 42 07:00 RS Tongue is tender at the front feels as if it has been scrapped/grazed. Better when drinking hot or cold water.