



are open to change. This is one, New Year is another. The idea of the threshold is important to liminality but thresholds do not just occur in time. They can also be found in places and in activities. Liminal spaces are a place between places, in which new things (or surprising and unusual things) are possible. Because of this uncertainty, these liminal spaces can seem rather creepy or allow behaviours that would be unacceptable elsewhere: hotels, corridors, airports, empty buildings, Las Vegas, the wood between the worlds in the Narnia books.

Then there are the liminal activities – festivals, carnivals, group travels such as pilgrimages or sports tours, even such extreme things as revolutions. In these liminal activities normal behaviour can be set aside and a spirit of novelty, even anarchy, is unleashed. You will have