

# Slimbridge Dowsing Group Newsletter July 2021

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## Let the Energy Flow

Dear Members and Friends,

I can hardly believe that another month has passed. It seems no time at all since I was writing my contribution to the last newsletter and yet, a great deal has happened in the intervening period.

As we looked forward to the Summer Solstice, I reflected on the passage of time since the Winter Solstice when, despite my recent surgery, I was able to enjoy an early morning trip to welcome the sunrise at one of my favourite places, The Rollright Stones. Just the day before I had been to Stanton Drew Stone Circles for the Harmony Day with Rory Duff.

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I celebrated the Summer Solstice feeling a great deal better and it was certainly an eventful time.

As you may recall, Harmony days occur around the Solstices and Equinoxes where the Earth Energies come into balance.



Having attended a number of these events now, I meet old friends, make new ones and enjoy a social aspect of what is a very special occasion. This time we found ourselves at Burrow Mump, where a ruined church stands proud on top of a hill overlooking the Somerset Levels. The “Mump” is a magical place, clearly of very ancient origin and an energy node on the Michael and Mary Energy lines. The peoples in the past,

both Druidic and Christian knew a thing or two which we are now just rediscovering or re-remembering.

The significance of a Merlin (Bird of Prey) leading us down the lanes to get there, wasn't lost on me.

**Sometimes the universe just leaves you speechless!**

Some 100 plus people gathered for the occasion, in their own groups, eventually all coming together as one to connect to the energies and provide both gratitude and reverence to the location.

Glastonbury Tor was visible, some 20 minutes or so drive away, so we decamped there afterwards, joining friends at the delightful Rainbow café in the High Street where we enjoyed delicious cake, served in such generous proportions that it lasted us for several days!

On returning from Burrow Mump we were lucky enough to be able to attend a wonderful solstice ceremony courtesy of Lisa Cossey where again we met some wonderful people and enjoyed an opportunity to look at the world through different eyes.

At 3am we roused ourselves again and headed out to meet the sunrise – this time less certain of our destination – The Devil's Quoits at Stanton Harcourt or the Rollrights? It was a difficult choice to make. In the end we headed to The Devil's Quoits where, unbelievably, we were the only people in this beautiful, restored stone circle, hidden amongst the ravages of rubbish pits and quarrying.



It was beautiful and quite special although that subtle but strong pull towards the Rollrights was ever present, so we continued our journey to the Rollrights – it was on our way back!!

Although the sunrise had been and gone by the time we arrived, there were still a few people around and the flowers and signs of celebration were still present for us to enjoy. We met some interesting people and I was delighted to be able to share my knowledge of this site with a couple of Oxford professors . . . .

Those points of Synchronicity and connection are clearly themes when you take the time to be observant to the world around you and in one sense try to just get in the flow of what's happening around you.

Connection was a theme with our 1<sup>st</sup> field trip in nearly 2 years at Coaley Peak. Again, doesn't time fly when you look back? Thank you to all of you who took the time to come and join me there.

It was a special morning, with several people learning to dowse with amazing results and the 2 "new" Round Barrows being confirmed. The old barrow threw up some interesting energies and experiences and we even found a site of another barrow, although physical evidence was not available. Most importantly, it was just nice to meet members and friends, connecting again in a dowsing setting.

And on that point of connection, having set the intention with Peter Knight a year ago to have a physical meeting in Whitminster Hall, all being well, that will happen on Saturday morning, 14<sup>th</sup> August. Our first in person meeting since March 2020. Something to celebrate!

This will make a change to the Zoom meetings we have been running since November 2020 although they have been well received and fascinating. Our last talk by David Charman was nearly 3 hours long and full of amazing information across a broad range of subjects. Just the info on Avebury added a completely new dimension to understanding that fascinating place and has made me wonder if it's translated to other stone circles.

And being observant brings interesting surprises.

I was walking in Stroud Farmers Market the week following the Summer Solstice and went to my favourite Cheese stall – Whitelake cheeses. I looked down to be met by a Michael and Mary line Cheese stall. There were cheeses called Michaels Mount, Tor, Solstice and yes can you believe = Burrow Mump!





I just had to take pictures

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**You can't make it up sometimes!**

Kind Regards

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## News

### Linda Fentum (Prenter)



It is with tremendous sadness that I have to inform you of Linda Fentum's passing.

Linda had been away on a diving holiday last week in Kinlochbervie, in Northern Scotland and failed to surface from a dive on Thursday morning. Despite a major search being carried out in the sea and surrounding areas, her body was only found and recovered on Sunday 4th July by Police Divers.

Linda has been a very active member of several local dowsing groups including Slimbridge Dowsing Group, supporting talks, activities and events over many years.

Linda learned to dowse in South Africa and once she knew that she could find sources of underground water, pipes/cables and blockages she started to use her dowsing skills in all areas of her life.

She joined the British Society of Dowsters in 2006 on her return to the UK and was elected Chair of the Water and Services Group. Her close friend and mentor, Peter Golding, worked closely with her for several years until she set up her own dowsing business in 2014 working with farmers and landowners.

She was an enthusiastic friend always ready to help at meetings, connect to people, spreading the word about the world of dowsing.

She enjoyed teaching people how to dowse and was especially passionate about water dowsing and the benefits it can bring. Recently she was raising funds for a trip to Africa to help train local people how to locate fresh, drinking water.

Linda was a very special and valued member of our group and her energy and interest in people shone through. She was always fun and ready to help out whatever the problem. Her infectious smile and humour is known to many and she was a great

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explorer, loving new places and experiences as well as always being generous and fair minded. It was in this pursuit of exploration that she went to Scotland to dive.

To echo the words of Kate Smart of Malvern Dowders, we know that this of course is not the end of Linda's journey, and that she continues to be that loving friend and caring colleague we value so much.

We shall greatly miss her physical presence but know her gifts to us in all the qualities we remember her by.

*Paul*

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## **Dowsing Tips**

Whilst dowsing, remain focused on the dowsing intent by keeping your mind clear of all thoughts except for the item being dowsing. I personally just use a simple visualisation. It is important to remain relaxed with an attitude of anticipation. Trying too hard will inhibit the response. Try and be in the "Flow"

***Rob Gerrish***

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## 2021 Programme

Our booking at Whitminster Village Hall for the second Saturday of the month remains in place, so with the Government now clearly setting the intent of relaxing the Covid rules on the 19th of July, we are now hoping that our 1st in Person, face to face, meeting can take place on August 14th.

As you can appreciate, with the ever evolving Covid situation and the various government tests for opening up our society this isn't set in stone - **yet!** - but if we continue with setting that intention, it's looking likely.

We are still imagining a future where we combine face to face meetings with Zoom talks to allow for everyone's individual circumstances and preferences and we have now managed to complete our 1st field trip.

Possibly our Zoom talk may move to the 4th Tuesday of the month as this would balance with the 2nd Tuesday being in person and no need for the community Zoom as we would be able to meet in person.  
What are your thoughts?

### **In person Talks**

We don't know yet any specifics on rules in meeting in the Hall but we will aim to gather that over the coming weeks and communicate when we are able to.

### **Online Talks**

We have set up a waiting room to join the meeting **15 minutes** before they start to help assist people with any technical issues joining the meeting and this has proven to be **invaluable** to those who have needed it.

For any of the ticketed talks, we do now ensure that tickets are available to be purchased after the start time, just in case you have been distracted.

For the online talks that we are offering, do make sure you register early to avoid disappointment. We do circulate to the wider dowsing community now and for January's and April's talk we had over 80 people! This is all in support of the wider dowsing world which we started in 2020..



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## July Programme

**July 10th - In Person meeting and AGM - Cancelled due to Covid restrictions and AGM deferred until later on in the year.**

**July 13th 2021. 7:30pm - The Wisdom of Trees - Paul Syrett**



The natural world that surrounds us is ever changing and a source of inspiration and fascination. So much of the time we take it for granted or accept things at face value.

Through dowsing we have an ability to see past that and to gain an understanding of the bigger picture, to establish a connection with the consciousness of the wider universe and to the trees themselves.

With a focus on the wisdom that we can absorb by understanding and communicating with trees, Paul will take you on a journey exploring the relationships between water, earth energies, trees and, of course, ourselves. He will drill down and look at how each of these elements come together to help us to understand the world around us in new ways as well as some tools that will open up new dimensions for you to dowse and explore.

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## Biography - Paul Syrett



With a long career in IT behind him, Paul's change of direction initially came in 2009 due to significant health issues from which it was thought he may not recover. In 2012, a rapid spiritual awakening led him to understand the world very differently.

He is a dowser and intuitive healer who has trained in a variety of healing modalities. He also specialises in earth energy work, house and land balancing along with passing on his knowledge and experiences to help others with their own spiritual journeys.

Talk starts: 7:30 pm and Talk opens: 7:15pm

Tickets: are Free and Ticket availability: 100 tickets

Eventbrite link to the talk:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-wisdom-of-trees-tickets-162578559849>

## July 27th 2021, 7:00pm. Informal Community Meeting - Via Zoom

This will be our sixth community forum and we welcome input from members on topics for discussion.

The Zoom Meeting details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86396103366?pwd=K1l1S3ZJeWNvQ0hveTdyR1oyazFKZz09>

Meeting ID: 863 9610 3366 Passcode: 020828

A Zoom link will be circulated closer to the day.

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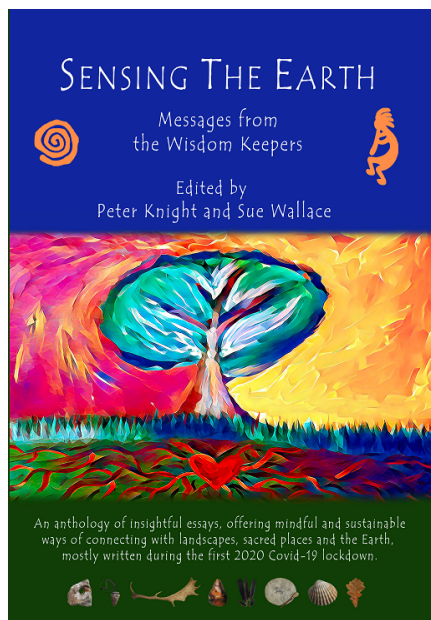
## August Programme

### **August 14th 2021. Sensing the Earth – Messages From the Wisdom Keepers by Sue Wallace and Peter Knight**

An inspiring powerpoint talk by Sue and Peter based on the brand new book which they edited and contributed to. They highlight the themes raised by the 50 contributors, from the fields of dowsing, earth mysteries, leys, earth healing, environmentalism and Paganism.



**This talk will be in-person at Whitminster Village Hall**



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### **August 24th 2021. Informal Community Meeting - Via Zoom**

This will be our seventh community forum and we welcome input from members on topics for discussion.

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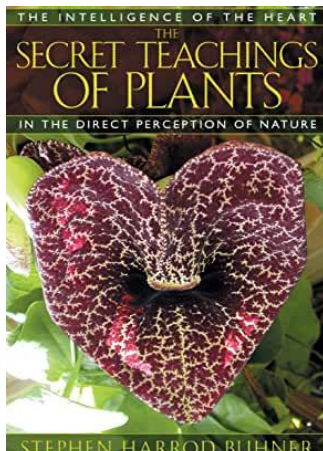
## Library / Resources

The library is a key membership resource which was actively utilised at our face to face meetings. Our plans to expand it into a centralised resource for more than just books took a back seat when we were no longer able to get together.

As the Pandemic continues to prevent our meetings, we plan to find new ways to enable members to access these resources and are also looking to expand the collection to allow members to share their own libraries where they wish to.

### Book Review by Lawrence Wadsworth.

#### **The Secret Teachings of Plants: The Intelligence of the Heart in the Direct Perception of Nature - Stephen Harrold Buhner**



Last month we had a gentle walk in the woods via Peter Wohllebens's "The Hidden Life of Trees". This month the journey is less gentle, but nevertheless still relevant to some of our recent talks, where both Catriona Morag Macdonald and Lisa Cossey referred to the heart as being both electrically and magnetically stronger than any other organ, and even having brain cells. This theme is developed in much more detail by Stephen Harrold Buhner, who introduces us to the heart centred mode of perception as being capable of providing accurate and detailed information. He also gives us a detailed description of the heart as a physical organ as well as covering the emotional and spiritual aspects.

In the second half of the book the author explores the heart centred mode of perception in much more detail as a means of understanding and connecting to the natural world. An example of this is that indigenous people say that their knowledge of plants for nutritional and medicinal purposes comes from the plants themselves. Other examples are given of authors and scientists who also have perceived the world with their hearts. We are also provided with the knowledge and techniques necessary to develop heart based perception ourselves.

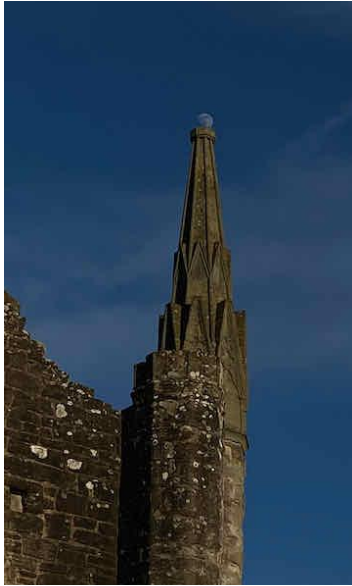


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## What's in a photo

Why don't you connect to it through the picture and see what you can feel / find. Dowsing is an excellent tool to do this.

A couple of questions you may like to ask / Find out. But don't be limited by these questions - see what **YOU** get.



- Its location ?
- What is it??
- What's nearby ?
- What else can you see?



Again what's in a photo

Connect again - What do you find? →

- What is it ?
- Where is it ?
- What is special about it ?
- A Name?

This is a real test of your Dowsing and we would love to know your answers.

Please bring them to our members' talk on the 27th of July where we can discuss or email one of us so we can circulate to everyone.

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## Membership

As a reminder to all members with paid subscriptions for 2020, your membership has been automatically extended to December 31st 2021.

For anyone reading this newsletter who is not currently a member, the annual fee is only £10, so please join us in 2021 for a year in which we will learn to make the most of one of the key tenets of dowsing - "Connection".

Contact our membership secretary Anna Howard for a membership form and details of how to renew your membership/join up. We have designed new membership forms to ensure that we are fully GDPR compliant and will be asking all members to complete the new forms in due course. More on this to follow.

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