

# Slimbridge Dowsing Group Newsletter June 2021

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## Solstice Celebrations

Dear Members and Friends,

A half century!! - Newsletter no 50.... I am sure this was far from Peter's thoughts when he started Slimbridge Dowsing Group all those years ago!

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Since our last newsletter, we have seen the 10th anniversary of International Dowsing Day. It would be great to hear if any of you were able to recognise this day and if you have any stories to share with the rest of the group. Please join our next catch up call on Tuesday 22nd June and tell us more.

As we approach the summer solstice on the 21st June, I reflect again, as I write this note, on the passage of time. At the time of the winter solstice, I was recovering from heart surgery but managed to enjoy an early morning sojourn to the Rollrights to meet the sunrise. It's one of my favourite places to enjoy the subtle and not so subtle changes that happen at these important times. I have found myself to be increasingly in tune with the phases of the moon. Another marker of the passage of time.

This June, we recognise another anniversary, another marker within the space of time, especially for many dowsers as it is the 100 year anniversary of the discovery of the Ley line by Alfred Watkins. A Ley, both a controversial subject and one of many differing interpretations but nevertheless, something that does exist.

For us, as dowsers, it creates a visible link to the landscape, energy and history. I was excited to therefore read that Visit Herefordshire is celebrating this with the introduction of a new scenic touring route - The Watkins Way, a driving/cycling route which will give visitors a unique opportunity to explore Herefordshire's landscape along with the standing stones, hill forts and churches which join these lines and define the Ley.

As another month goes by when I realise that we are not able to confirm a date for our next formal meeting in Whitminster, we have tentatively put the stake in the ground and hope the meeting on July 10th will materialise. On that basis we will aim to hold the AGM then and just have a meeting to discuss dowsing topics and to share food, drink and company.

Even as I write this, the world is changing with green and amber lists and the 21st June date being discussed again. Interestingly it's the date of the Summer Solstice. Does make you wonder what the universe is saying with the synchronicity of dates, weather etc.

With the lifting of other covid related restrictions, we have discussed the potential of meeting outdoors for a little dowsing. So if you would like to join me on the 2nd Saturday of June 12th at Coaley peak to explore some "new" features I have recently discovered then I will see you there at 10 am. We will send out a proper invitation in the coming days.

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This month's online talk continues in the overall theme that our talks for the year have followed - energy! David Charman of Sussex Dowzers has kindly agreed to share with us his knowledge on what he calls energy viewing. I have seen David's talk on a number of occasions now and this promises to be an educational and entertaining evening, so I hope as many as possible of you are able to join. We typically share the details of our talks across the wider dowsing community a couple of days after we share it with Slimbridge members and we have much interest coming from dowzers across the country who have enjoyed the programme of talks we have run this year.

Kind Regards

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## News

Nothing to report this issue.

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## Dowsing Tips

When dowsing with a pendulum, keep the string/chain length to 2 to 3 inches (50 to 70mm) to speed up the frequency of swing. This speeds up the response time.

Make sure the pendulum is moving in its neutral position before asking for a response. My personal neutral position is straight forwards and back, which changes to a circular clockwise for a yes response and anticlockwise for a no.

When using a dowsing chart, align the pendulum over the center spot to start before asking for a response.

If dowsing for direction, the neutral position swing will change to swing towards the direction asked for.

If there is no response to your question, make sure you have permission (ie can I, should I, may I) and that your question is simple and unambiguous.

***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 as soon as we are able, we will plan to continue with these meetings.

As you can appreciate with the evolving Covid situation and the various government tests for opening up our society, it is impossible to speculate as to exactly how this will work out over time, but we aim to be adaptable and evolve as necessary.

We imagine a future where we combine face to face meetings with Zoom access to allow for everyone's individual circumstances and preferences and hope that we shall be able to organise outside field trips.

We are many months now into the year and the forum formats with both Q&A and free flow formats seemed to go down well. The monthly members meeting now starts at 7pm and is open to join at any time so you're able to come and go as you wish, to get more tea or wine!

For the online speaker 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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## June Programme

**June 8th 2021. Energy Viewing at a personal level - David Charman. 7:30pm.**



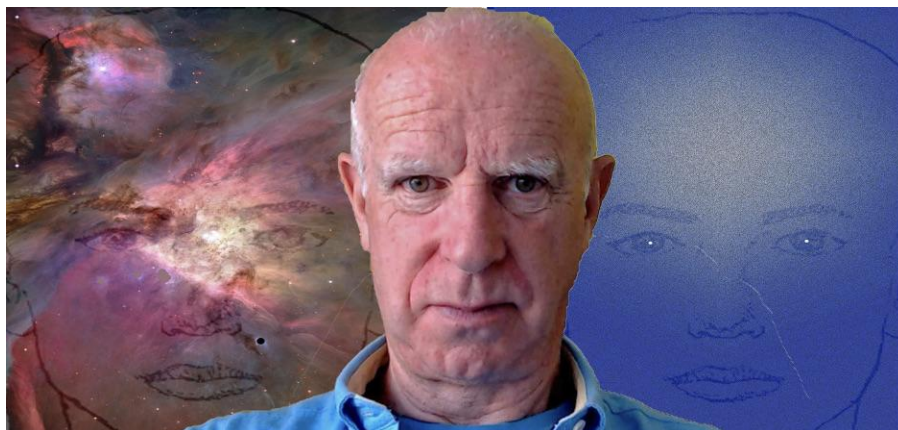
Everything is Energy, you are energy, your energy de-harmonises – you go wrong. Re-harmonising helps you to heal.

Energy Viewing works on shapes and colours in your mind's eye. Indigo and dark blue typically represent harmony whereas other colours represent a physical or emotional disturbance. During this talk, David will tell us more about energy viewing and how it works whilst teaching us how to do it ourselves.

Most young people between 5 and 15 can view energy after about 5 minutes of instruction. For older people, it can take a little longer, but that often depends on how they approach it.

David finds the use of a pendulum to be the most effective way to re-harmonise disturbances and during today's talk he will share examples of how this works.

### Biography





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David has been 2nd in Command at Sussex Dowsers for the last 16 years or so. One of 5 siblings, he had what he describes as an average education, although he was good at sports. His varied career has included building lifeboats for the RNLI, Carpentry and having a goat farm with 120 goats and assorted other animals. After his second marriage he started practising martial arts and whilst in a lesson, he discovered that he was able to see energy and has been sharing this knowledge with others for the past 15 years.

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

Tickets: £3:00 and Ticket availability: 100 tickets

Eventbrite link to the talk:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/energy-viewing-at-a-personal-level-tickets-158029018047>

**June 12th 2021. Field Trip to Coaley Peak. 10:00am.**

**Details to follow**



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### **June 22nd 2021, 7:00pm. Informal Community Meeting - Via Zoom**

This will be our fifth 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

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## **July Programme**

**COVID RESTRICTIONS ALLOWING.**

**July 10th 2021. Annual General Meeting. 10:30am. Whitminster Village Hall.**

**July 13th 2021. Online Zoom talk - to be announced.**

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

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

A Zoom link will be circulated closer to the day.



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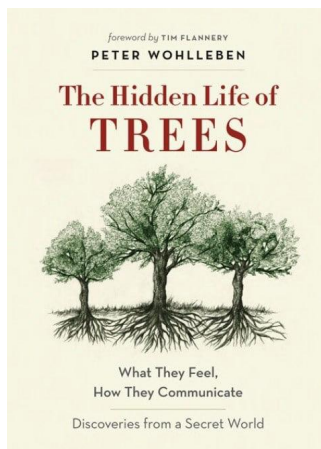
## Library / Resources

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 Hidden Life of Trees: How they feel, How They Communicate: Discoveries from a Secret World**



Whilst this is not a dowsing book per se, it nevertheless compliments our interest in nature, and in particular trees. Some of you may remember Gordon Field's talk on Tree Dowsing in March last year.

This book, an International Bestseller, is written by Peter Wohlleben, a German forester who has spent a lifetime working in a forest of ancient beeches. During this time he became aware of trees as beings rather than commercial entities, and this interest was further stimulated by the scientific research of a local university. This fascinating book introduces us to all aspects of the behaviour of trees, not only on how they physically grow and function, but also on how they are able to communicate with each other via a network of fungal threads that grow into their soft root hairs. This "wood wide web" enables them to exchange information about invading insects, impending drought, and other dangers. They even share nutrients with other trees that are sick or struggling. He even introduces us to the more intangible aspects of whether trees have brains, feel pain, can think or have intelligence. Altogether we glean a wonderful insight into the secretive world of trees and forests, and it is said, a walk in the woods will never be the same again.

## 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.



- How old is it ?
- Its location ?
- What does it mean or do?
- 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 22nd of June 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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