

# Slimbridge Dowsing Group Newsletter September 2021

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## Spirit Connections

Dear Members and Friends,

It's been a fascinating month with a couple of 1st's...

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Our 1st meeting in person on 14th August was a talk by Peter Knight and Sue Wallace. Thank you very much to all of you who came along. This was a welcome introduction to what I hope will be a continuous flow of talks. Our next talk on 11th September will be with Dr Karen Stead-Dexter and promises to be a fascinating subject.

August brought some sadness with the gathering at Hellens Manor House to celebrate the life of our friend and fellow dowser Linda Fentum. It was a lovely afternoon and gave me an opportunity to meet many fellow dowsers, some we haven't seen for a while, some we know from Zoom and some we had not previously met. I can certainly see why Linda loved Hellens Manor so much. It is a fascinating place with a medicinal plant garden, a maze and even a stone circle. I particularly loved the box elephants striding across the lawn.



At the end of the afternoon, my friend Jaine asked me if I had seen the yew tree at the church. Well, we were, of course, in Much Markle and this was the Yew I have seen in the tree books.

Wow, what a tree!

I stayed with it for a while and read the church plaque which claims that dowsers have aged the tree at 1,508. This was a challenge! I connected to the tree for a chat (without tea) and well, I found that she's quite indignant that they think she is only 1,508 as she tells me she is 2,377 years old. She was part of an ancient sacred grove and is quite aggrieved that the church has replaced all of her friends. I learned

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a bit about myself too. The tree told me I was “of the yew” which perhaps explains why I am able to connect with trees so well. One very spirited yew tree!



Whilst connecting to the tree, I noticed that I needed to find a loo. I walked away in search of a suitable location and found that I no longer needed it. So, I tested a theory, walking back and forth to the tree. My theory holds true in that there is a water energy node under the tree. Whenever I am close to an energy node, I find the water in me is pulled down creating the urge for the loo. It has happened quite a few times now in different locations so seems pretty conclusive. What an amazing new dowsing tool I have!

At the beginning of the month, I held a workshop on energy healing at Rooksmoor. It was my 1st! It was a fascinating and enjoyable day and I hope those who attended learned some new skills which they will be able to build upon. In an interesting twist on the day, one of the attendees is a very skilled medium and, through her, we heard from the Templar Knight who has resided by the well for hundreds of years. He was extremely vocal, demanding to know where I have been as his time guarding the well needs to come to an end and he wanted to leave. A conversation ensued and we helped him on his way.

On Sunday 22nd August, David Charman of Sussex Dowzers, who gave us a fascinating insight into his ability to see energy during our June talk, gathered a group of dowzers at Avebury. David has the most amazing dowsing tool that I have ever seen, acting as both a rod and a pendulum depending on how you hold it.

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It's called Hissing Sid!!

We had a fascinating day exploring the site and learned a great deal both about the site and about dowsing. We gravitated to the moon circle at 1:01 to experience the full moon at this very special place. I felt that one of the stones holding the energies for this circle was missing and this was confirmed by other dowsers present. Interestingly, I headed for the spot where I felt I needed to stand and another dowser confirmed that I was actually standing right on the intersection of the Michael and Mary lines. Whilst I was standing there he put a couple of drops of liquid around my feet which left me feeling rooted to the spot. I later learned that the essence was oak and that the location where I stood originally was the site of an oak beacon tree. And yes, I needed the loo!



That evening I, and a number of those with whom I had spent the day, joined Peter and Sue at West Kennet Long Barrow for an evening of drumming. I decided to take my Native American flute and really stretched myself by playing it in public - well, inside the burial chamber actually. This was a 1st for me and I thoroughly enjoyed both the playing and the very positive feedback I got for my efforts! As the moon was rising, a beautiful bright orange, I stood on top of the barrow to play more and was joined by a lady of the Jewish faith with whom I talked for a good 15 minutes while she shared Jewish insights on the 13 month calendar, names for God, Jesus and the Tree of Life. An unexpected but delightful location for a sharing of faiths.

As you may be aware, the lintel stone over the entrance to the long barrow, if you look carefully, resembles the shape of a dragon's head and by the end of the evening we had all received messages from the Dragon Barrow and the dragons associated with it.

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The following day, I was delighted to host a couple of the dowsers, who I had previously met only on Zoom, at Rooksmoor, where they explored the energies of the yew tree in the garden and the well in the cellar. I told them the story of the Templar Knight leaving during the healing course, so I was very surprised when they noticed a new knight had taken his place in the corner of the cellar. Dowsing is such an amazing tool! We talked a lot, during the day about synchronicity, energy lines and consciousness over multiple cups of tea, that great conversation facilitator. After lunch we headed out to Uley Long Barrow aka Hetty Pegler's Tump. We had great fun exploring and even managed some more drumming in the long barrow albeit this one is a little more challenging to get into!

On the topic of synchronicity, I have seen this playing out a lot during the course of this month so a call from a friend inviting me to join them at "Rainbow Camp" could not be turned down. This was another 1st for me and again, many of my limits were stretched. This camp was the first and last time I will take part in a Circle Dance for example! It was an amazing experience and a place to meet more healers, dowsers and like minded souls in a non-judgemental, invigorating and sharing environment - thoroughly recommended.

This week, Gordon Field, who you will no doubt remember, gave the last in-person talk at Slimbridge before lockdown, was speaking at the meeting of Cheltenham Dowzers. In a last minute change of plan, he and his wife Geraldine came to stay overnight in Rooksmoor and we headed out to the meeting together. As always, Gordon, who is a very talented artist and tree dowser gave a fascinating talk and we enjoyed a very pleasant evening and morning drinking more tea and having more interesting conversations. Gordon spent time with both the yew tree and the holy well and was able to provide answers to a great number of outstanding questions. Rooksmoor, as many of you will know, is a fascinating place and will soon be continuing its story in the hands of a new owner, so if any of you would like to come and seek some answers here in the next few weeks, just let me know and I will put the kettle on!

Lastly, thank you to those of you who committed pen to paper so to speak to give feedback on the ramblings...Greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Saturday 11th September for our next meeting.

Kind Regards

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## **News**

As we are now meeting in person again, the newsletter is going back to its quarterly format from October onwards.

We moved to a monthly format during COVID to stay connected with everyone.

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## 2021 Programme

The Programme has now transitioned back to Whitminster Hall.

Pretty much all the rules at the hall are the same - except we don't put the chairs away as they clean them post talk. Please do turn up a little earlier to help set things out, meet for a cuppa and have a conversation.

Details - Whitminster Village Hall, School Lane, Whitminster, Gloucestershire, GL2 7NT.

what3words - classics.metro.surpassed

If anyone wishes to wear masks etc, then please feel free to do so.

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.

### **POST Talk Lunch.**

After the talk we often continue the connection and conversation in the Forge Pub opposite Whitminster Village Hall.

However this weekend I am proposing we go to the Mill at Fromebridge down the road. Easy to decamp to, bigger space, wider (fantastic) menu and I trust better value. Everyone is welcome!

Fromebridge Mill, Fromebridge Lane, Whitminster GL2 7PB

<https://www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/gloucestershire/fromebridge-mill/find-us/>

### **4th Tuesday - Zoom connection**

Possibly our Zoom talk may move to the 4th Tuesday of the month as this would balance with the in person meeting on the 2nd Saturday. We would propose to scrap the community Zoom as we will be able to chat when we meet in person although we can always arrange ad hoc Zoom chats as required.

### **What are your thoughts?**

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## September Programme

September 11th 2021. 9:45 for 10:30am start. £3 for members, £5 for guests.

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

**Introduction to Bird Spirit Wisdom - Dr Karen Stead-Dexter**



An introduction to the world of the winged ones and how their communication through the ages has helped, warned, guided and amused the human world. I will bring in stories from the Vikings, WWI and lots of interesting facts about the wisdom or medicine the Birds have to offer. I will teach you how to open your awareness to receive the wisdom that the Bird Spirits have for you - from a simple feather, call or sighting. I will be accompanied by three birds of prey, each having their own wisdom for us on the day. Each bird will be brought into the talk one by one and their medicine explained. Energetic interaction will be encouraged throughout these sessions - the felt-sense so important to how the bird's wisdom is being received.

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Karen Stead-Dexter PhD is an Animal Assisted Therapist, Medicine Women, Teacher and Environmentalist. Academic work and Spiritual work, for a long time, were always kept separate but for Karen something was missing. Having spent the majority of her academic career learning the damage 'we' have done to the planet, the need to explore ancient ways of understanding our relationship with the Earth led her in to learn more of the ways of the Shaman. Spanning 30 years, Karen now has a strong understanding of ancient healing modalities, bringing in Shamanic traditions of North America (Navajo & Lakota), South America and Celtic Shamanism. She runs a popular clinic in Somerset for Animal Assisted Therapy & Energy Healing, and runs regular Shamanic workshops in Energy Healing, Bird Spirit Medicine and Plant Spirit Medicine connecting people back to nature, back to who they really are and gets them to truly listen to the world around them. Karen has also been a Falconer for 20 years undertaking pest control work, managing a falconry centre, wild bird rehabilitation, running a successful falconry club for 8 years, and running her own independent falconry business (Kingfisher Falconry for the past 9 years) to allow people to experience the birds close up. Merging her therapy clinic with her Falconry business has allowed Karen to pursue her dream - bringing animism and science together through Animal Assisted Therapy under 'Flying in Nature'.

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### **September 28th 2021. Informal Community Meeting - Via Zoom**

This will be our ninth 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

## **October Programme**

**October 9th 2021. 9:45 for 10:30am start. £3 for members, £5 for guests.**

**Still being organised!**

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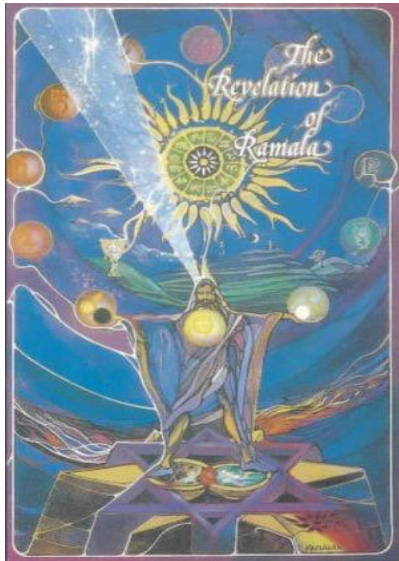
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## Library / Resources

The library is a key membership resource which can be actively utilised at our face to face meetings. We are expanding it into a centralised resource for more than just books. There is other equipment available to borrow. As the Pandemic restrictions have now been loosened, our resource is available again. Some members now allow members to share their own libraries where they wish to.

### Book Review by Lawrence Wadsworth

#### The Ramala Trilogy - A School on Earth teaching the Truth of the Heavens



There have been a number of books written that have been based on channelling via a Spiritual Entity, an Evolved Master or a member of the Great White Brotherhood. Many of these esoteric teachings were written in the latter half of the 20th century. Some are well known such as Seth Speaks by Jane Roberts published in 1972 or more recently Light Stations by Maxine Temple in 1996. However, I believe a lesser known channelling deserves a review. The Ramala Trilogy comprises three books, The Revelation of Ramala 1978, The Wisdom of Ramala 1986, and the Vision of Ramala 1991. The couple who set up and received the channelled teachings, eventually publishing them, based themselves at Chalice Hill House in Glastonbury.

In the books, the mystical, the cosmical and the everyday problems facing humanity from a spiritual point of view, are embraced in an easy to understand narrative. In particular the impending crises arising from humanity's wrong behaviour are highlighted, with interesting insights into what the future holds, especially as we experience the passing of the Age of Pisces into the Age of Aquarius.

The first book contains a series of teachings covering all aspects of humanity's existence on Earth including such diverse subjects as Death, Birth and Life, Astrology, Money and Possessions, Medicine, Peoples Relationship with the Animal Kingdom, and the True Meaning and Significance of Cataclysms.

The second and third books also contain a series of teachings in a similar vein, but are channelled with an audience present, who are then able to ask questions to a separate spirit guide to aid their understanding.

Each reader will need to use their own judgement and intuition to test the validity of the teachings. What might resonate with some may not for others.

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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's nearby ?
- What else can you see/feel/connect to?
- What's the pattern nearby



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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 28th of September 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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