

Peter Gibson – 30th April 1932 – 18th November 2017

It was with great sadness we announced the passing of Peter Gibson in November, at the age of 85. Peter was one of our founder members, and a remarkably skilled dowser. With Barry Goldring, he helped develop our very successful Archaeological Group, and generously invited us to meet at his home, where there was always something new to dowse. He also gave some excellent talks at SDG.

Peter's career began in Tanganyika, where he worked for three years; they then moved to Hongkong, where he worked for 25 years, after which he and Sue returned to the UK. They were married for 37 years, and celebrated their anniversary while Peter was in hospital for three weeks, shortly before he died.

His eldest son lives in New Zealand and Peter and Sue enjoyed their visits there. He will be sadly missed, and our condolences go to Sue and his family.

'He was a great help with organising the archaeological dowsing, and a great friend. I shall miss him.'

Barry Goldring

'Really sad to hear Peter Gibson has passed away; he was a lovely gentleman, so knowledgeable and helpful. I have missed him at meetings, and look back with fondness at his work here at our farm.'

Anita Gantlett

'Peter was extremely knowledgeable, and enjoyed pushing back the barriers with explorations of his own. The archaeological group, and Barry in particular, will miss him hugely.'

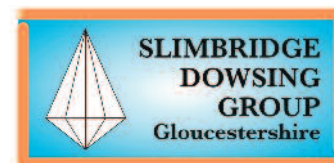
Trish Mills

'Peter was the first person I was introduced to when I first came to SDG and he took me under his wing and convinced me within a matter of minutes that dowsing did actually work. I will miss him.'

Steve Sanderson

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AGM 2017

We had an excellent turnout this year – 26 souls, thanks to all those who came or sent their apologies. As promised, it was an important meeting and your votes were necessary.

Accordingly, the membership has voted to return to Slimbridge Village Hall as our venue in future and, since the Committee decided to have only one meeting a month instead of two, to continue with Saturday morning meetings, not Thursday afternoons. This was a close-run thing, with 11 members in favour of Thursdays, 14 for Saturdays, one abstention.

As we could miss at least two Saturdays due to Bank Holidays, Barry Goldring suggested we meet on the second Saturday of the month, not the fourth, in future. Thank you, Barry. Lateral thinking!

Dates for 2018

In view of all these changes, 2018 is a mix of the two! Because I had booked most of 2018's speakers before the decision was made to have one meeting a month not two, we will continue to have both Thursday and Saturday meetings throughout 2018, so please note days and dates carefully. You have been warned!

Slimbridge Village Hall (SVH)

In accordance with the majority's wishes, Barbara Davis has contacted the SVH, and a few of our Committee members will visit the hall to inspect the recent improvements made there.

The bad news is that they are fully booked all day on Thursdays throughout 2018, so we will continue at Kingshill House during 2018. Moving to SVH in 2019 is the most likely outcome, but is subject to confirmation.

Other AGM News

We are pleased to confirm that Membership Fees of £10 per year (now due!) will remain the same, as will entrance fees at £3 for members and £4 for guests and non-members.

We now have 52 members, and are in robust financial health, so Barbara, our Treasurer, suggested that we no longer ask for 50p donations for tea, coffee and biscuits. They are now included in the entry fee.

Kingshill House (KHH)

As we need to continue for another year at KHH, we hope to have the Littleford Room on Thursdays and probably the Bar on Saturdays. Please help with chairs and tables, it's too much for just one person. Thank you.

Welcome to our New Chairman

We are delighted to welcome Paul Syrett as our new Chairman. Paul is a remarkable person, as I said at the AGM, more “us” than we are ourselves! I booked him for two talks the first time I met him, long before we realised he would make an excellent Chairman. Paul writes:

I am delighted to write this as the newly elected Chair of Slimbridge Dowsing Group.

Dowsing for me now is a daily tool which helps me on so many levels whilst I pursue my new path as a Healer, Life Coach and Geomancer. It was not always like this though!

My background for the previous 30 years was in Technology and change management programmes across larger organisations including BT, WorldCom, and Network Rail until two sudden catastrophic health issues in 2008/2009 stopped that career in its tracks. On reflection my life was already shifting radically and these were but two of the warning signs.

It wasn't until 2014 however when things really started to spiral, following a visit to a Crystal Healer and we had the house cleared of Spirits. When, weeks

later, a vicar turned up to recite a conversation that I had had with someone else two days before, over 100 miles away and hadn't told anyone about, I clearly knew that the world I had grown up in wasn't the true world around me. To put it mildly, it pushed me, my thought patterns, beliefs, knowledge and understanding of the wider world.

Little did I know this new world had actually started to shift in 2003 when I had bought my house, and was now learning was sited on 'Sacred Land' and the site of an ancient druidic stone circle.

My dowsing ability started with similar amazement! I was up a 20ft ladder taking a straight line with a 13 ft plumb line and I thought, 'I wonder what would happen if I ask for 'Yes'. I don't think I have ever been so surprised when it moved. Since then even my kids say 'Dad you're dowsing again' when they see the shopping bag move in strange patterns.

So now that path has changed again with you asking me to be Chair. I look forward to where these new steps take us all in this incredible world of ours.

Second Soul Resonance Workshop – 17th March 2018

Great news for all those on the waiting list for a second Soul Resonance Workshop with Mark Herbert.

Due to popular demand, Mark has booked Kingshill House, Dursley for Saturday, 17th March 2018. There is a waiting list of folks who missed out on the first workshop – so please book early to avoid disappointment!

**To book this workshop,
please contact Mark Herbert
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www.midsummersearthealing.co.uk**

Welcome to the returning Committee Members

Sincere thanks to the returning Committee Members – listed in detail on the back page. I'm delighted to point out that Elaine Clements and Andrew Pegg have agreed to become Co-Chair between them.

We are also pleased that Jane Willoughby, our Librarian and guardian of the Jim Greatrix Library, and Rob Gerrish, who posts SDG details on the BSD website and Facebook, have accepted our invitation to become Committee Members.

Next year . . .

As you know, I have retired as Chairman but will continue to do the Newsletter for another year. This means we will need to appoint a new Newsletter Editor and Publicity person at the AGM in November 2018.

Likewise, Barbara Davis will be retiring as Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary at that AGM. Barbara has filled these roles almost from the founding of our Group, and modestly says the duties are not onerous. She also points out that it is easier to be the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary combined, since information about who has and hasn't paid is needed for both jobs. Please give these vacancies your consideration.

A new position – SIG Co-ordinator

At the AGM, Peter Golding suggested we should consider running

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) for each of the various aspects of dowsing, as does the BSD – water divining, health, Earth Energies and Geopathic Stress. (We already have a SIG for archaeological dowsing.) Peter also offered free tuition to all members and guests, please ask. He specialises in water divining, health & wellbeing, and removal of Geopathic Stress.

Quite unprompted, Andrew Pegg agreed with Peter and kindly offered to become SIG Co-ordinator. Thank you, Andrew.

Programme for 2019

It's never too early to start booking speakers, and although 2018 is now fully booked, we will need speakers for the future. No one has actually taken on this role, although Andrew Pegg has been pro-active and already invited a speaker for 2019.

Consequently, this can easily be a team effort. If you hear a good speaker elsewhere, or read a book by an author appropriate for us, please do suggest it.

Obviously we need someone to co-ordinate the dates – volunteers please contact the Chairman – but all ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Speaking of dates . . .

You will note that I have included the Programme of speakers for 2018 again in this issue, as there have been a few additions, notably a workshop with Christopher Strong in July, and author Colin Parker on How To Read Stonehenge in June. *Trish Mills*

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme 2018

Thursday 11th January 1.30–4.30pm		No meeting	
Saturday 27th January 9.30am–12.30	Karen Teague	Everybody's favourite Medium - her third visit to SDG.	
Thursday 8th February 1.30–4.30pm	Peter Morris	What Dreams are made of!	
Saturday 24th February 9.30am–12.30	Maria Wheatley	The Song of the Tarot the Romany Way	
Thursday 8th March 1.30–4.30pm	Diane Holliday	Dowsing for Past Lives	
Saturday 24th March 9.30am–12.30		No meeting Easter 30th March–1st April	
Thursday 12th April 1.30–4.30pm	Bards of Avalon	Dowsing each other before and after a Sound Bath!	
Saturday 28th April 9.30am–12.30	Barry Goldring and Elaine Clements	Dowsing the haunted Ram Inn in the UK for spirits & tunnels	
Thursday 10th May 1.30–4.30pm	Barbara Davis	Dowsing our local Church	
Saturday 26th May 9.30am–12.30	Barry Goldring & Rob Jewell	Dowsing Roman buildings St Augustine's Farm, Arlingtonham	
Thursday 14th June 1.30–4.30pm	Paul Syrett	My awakening journey with Spirit, history and my home	
Saturday 23rd June 9.30am–12.30	Colin Parker	How To Read Stonehenge	
Thursday 12th July 1.30–4.30pm	Christopher Strong	Workshop (Art Room)	
Saturday 28th July 9.30am–12.30	Jon Martin	How to build a house with a little help from Dowsing!	
Thursday 9th August 1.30–4.30pm	Keith Jones & Barry Goldring	Dowsing the dock on Keith's farm, Arlingtonham	
Saturday 25th August 9.30am–12.30	Bank Holiday	No Meeting	
Thursday 13th September 1.30–4.30pm	Peter Knight	Experiencing the Prehistoric Stone Rows of Europe	
Saturday 22nd September 9.30am–12.30			
Thursday 11th October 1.30–4.30pm	Paul Syrett	Sacred land and Earth Energies.	
Saturday 27th October See 21/22 October instead	21–22 October Mark Herbert	Callarde Dowsing Weekend at Mark's Templar home	
Thursday 8th November 1.30–4.30pm	Yourselves! Plus Barry Goldring update	AGM + Archaeological Dowsing Update	
Saturday 24th November 9.30am–12.30		No meeting	
Thursday 13th Decem- ber 1.30–4.30pm	Yourselves!	Christmas lunch	

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme January – March 2018

Thursday 11th January - NO MEETING

Saturday 27th January

Social Medium with Karen Teague*

Everybody's favourite Medium.

I know it's a cliché, but Karen Teague genuinely needs no introduction. She amazed and delighted us with the remarkable accuracy of her mediumship in 2016 and 2017, and now returns for a third visit.

Karen was discovered when a mutual friend introduced her to Trish Mills in order to publish her book. As part of the fee, Trish asked for a private reading, which almost knocked her socks off! Other members say their lives have been changed since receiving messages from loved ones through Karen.



Thursday 8th February

What Dreams are Made Of with Peter Morris*



Have you ever felt that there is more to yourself than you are currently expressing? Are you unsure of how to tap into your true potential and express your creative or artistic side? Working with your dreams presents a wonderful opportunity to unleash your inner genius and to live a happier and more fulfilled life.

In this talk Peter will share his knowledge and insight into how the hidden language of dreams can be used to transform your life at every level. It will feature practical techniques for recalling dreams, how to understand their peculiar symbolic

language, and how to communicate openly with the wisdom that underpins them.

Throughout history all the world's greatest artists and geniuses understood the power of dreams. Let Peter guide you towards understanding for yourself the secret realm that they all acknowledged as being vital to their success and personal achievement.

Peter Morris is the creator of the popular news and reviews website Spirituality Today. He is author of eight books on various metaphysical and paranormal subjects and has been studying dreams for more than thirty years. I discovered Peter when he came to hear Patrick MacManaway's talk at Kingshill House last June. He asked such interesting questions, and expressed such relevant and informed opinions in return, I knew he was one of us at heart.

Unless otherwise stated, Meetings take place at Kingshill House, Dursley on the second Thursday 1.45 for 2.30pm and fourth Saturday 9.45 am for 10.30 am

Saturday 24th February

The Song of the Tarot the Romany Way

with Maria Wheatley*



Tarot is a great tool for spiritual self-development and it can accurately predict future cycles and events. Over 30 years ago, I was taught the Romany Way of reading the Tarot, which is called the Song of the Tarot. I have developed the Song and you will be amazed at how rhythmic and easy it is to understand the meaning of the cards, which portray a psychology and spiritual meaning.

Like looking into a mirror, the cards reflect the inner dynamics of a person; how they are thinking and feeling. Outer dynamics, such as family, relationships and work are also revealed, giving a holistic understanding and insight into a person's life.

Future cycles and events are hinted at so that we can work with the energies to manifest the future. Tarot is a Seer's portal into the past, present and future, allowing us to grow and develop at all levels. Embracing the guidance that tarot offers is to flow with the unseen and ever-present universal energies that guide our soul's development.

Thursday 8th March **Dowsing For Past Lives**

with Diane Holliday* Our erstwhile Chairman returns with a fascinating talk

Does our soul move on to a new life when we die? If so, how do we know if WE have been here before? We can use dowsing to ask the questions, but of course, we know we only get decent answers when we ask the right questions. Today we will attempt to do just that . . .



In this talk we will look at the religious and cultural backgrounds of reincarnation; some that think we may have had past lives, those that 'know' we have had past lives and others that consider our souls go to rest in heaven for ever.



* visiting speaker

Saturday 24th March - NO MEETING

Easter Weekend is 30th March – 1st April