

# Newsletter

## Slimbridge Dowsing Group

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### **Chairman's Report.**

It's been an interesting few months. We have now made the transition from Kingshill House to Whitminster Hall as our new home and what a change. The hall is terrific and has such a lovely feel and air to it, as they say. I really don't think we could have got a better set of ticks to our requirements, from ample parking, all on one level, increased and comfortable seating, amazing kitchen with excellent facilities, a home for the library and even the pub across the road serving amazing food. So I must say a big thank you to Barbara and the rest of the committee who worked hard to make this happen.

On the wider dowsing side, I went to the BSD Spring Symposium to heed the "call to arms" over the future of the organisation. To say it needed it from what I saw was an understatement! I was asked by the BSD members present to stand as a trustee to help take it forward due to my business transformation background, so I duly did - and yep you guessed it - not selected. I am sure many of you may have seen the BSD email of the appointments, and yes, Nepotism rules. So we now have a personal friend of the president along with two other "new" dowsers capable of being moulded "the private words of the president" selected as Trustees. And not one with any business transformation experience...Oh and the new steer of the BSD - to focus on tangible and evidenced dowsing - water. So many feel the days of the BSD itself are numbered.

Having said that, there is a clear passion for Dowsing in **ALL** its forms and a community in need of something to represent them so there a number of us now talking to see what can and should be done... So please do watch your emails and this space.

Our programme moves apace and Adrian's Talk on Elementals was excellent and my talk on Healing certainly has generated a lot of

discussion, so I hope the coming programme continues to open people's eyes to the amazing world around us and how we fit within it.  
Paul Syrett

**Meetings at Whitminster Village Hall on the second Saturday of the month.  
9:45 for 10:30 am start unless otherwise stated. £3 members, £5 guests.**

## **Group Programme - Field Trips are here!**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Field Trip to visit the Tortworth Chestnut and the Tortworth Arboretum, and to throw in some archaeological dowsing for the old estate.**

**Hosted by our own Druids, Terry and Teresa Dellbridge.**

Ever wanted to really experience a tree?  
To feel it and see if you are able to communicate with it?  
Learn how to sense the energies of the trees?  
See how Earth energies interwork with trees?  
Work out ages and even a trees role?  
Are there Elementals about and learn about them?  
Even try your hand at finding the ancient Tortworth court.



**Then this is a dowsing opportunity not to be missed!**

Terry was Forest Manager at Tortworth for many years and his personal relationship with the current owners has secured us this visit.

Terry and Teresa will meet you at the Tortworth Chestnut, a tree of tremendous history with legend saying it was planted in 800AD in the reign

of King Egbert. Thomas Pakenham refers to it as: 'By far the most fully documented tree in Britain' with written records going back to C1200.

They will then lead us around the Tortworth Arboretum, one of the finest in the county, where we will continue our discovery of Trees, Elementals and Energies. If time allows we will take in some Archeological exploration of Tortworth Court and see what we can find, then marry up to the plans! As this is an amazing opportunity to really try your skills, we will incorporate a lunch stop along the way either in one of the local food places or just bring a picnic.

We will then go to the Arboretum which is one of the finest in the county to continue our explorations and if time allows, will explore the site of the original Tortworth Estate to try our hands at archaeological dowsing.

The day is evolving so other elements may be added at short notice. An email will be circulated closer to the time with all the details of the day.

## **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Belas Knap Long Barrow. Liz Poraj-Wilczynska.**

Liz Poraj-Wilczynska is archaeographer and dowser who has worked on the Cotswolds for the past 20 years.

The Belas Knap project is an investigation into sensory archaeology and phenomenology of landscape.

Why did the barrow builders choose this place to create a home for the dead?

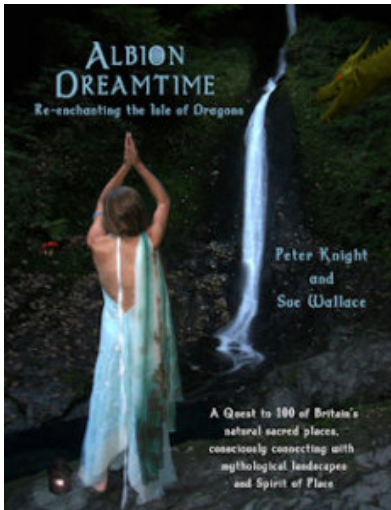
What is special about this place and how can we connect with the magical realm of the ancestors?

This is a dowsing adventure not to be missed one that we can all discover for ourselves.

Energy lines, underground water, interaction with spirit of place and local folklore are just a few of the topics covered in this extraordinary talk.



## **Saturday 14th September – Albion Dreamtime. Re-Enchanting the Isle of Dragons. Peter Knight.**



Based on Sue Wallace and Peter Knight's new, full colour book about their journeying and experiences of 100 of Britain's magical, natural sacred places.

Across England, Wales and Scotland, they chanted, dowsed, drummed, meditated and re-enchanting these ancient sacred sites, which include waterfalls, fairy glens, rocking stones, ancient forests, caves and sacred rock outcrops.

They suggest that it was at such sacred places as these that Albion's

earliest visitors and inhabitants went to contact the spirit of the land and their ancestors. Sue and Peter advocate that these places need to be visited and revered again, in these challenging times.

The Archaeological Group program will be sent out through email as usual. Please contact Barry Goldring if you want to be added to the email list.

## News

Our monthly venue has moved to Whitminster Village Hall. Unfortunately no dogs are allowed in the hall.

The complete address is:

The Whitminster Village Hall, School Lane, Whitminster, GL2 7NT. Gloucester.

Don't forget the times – 9:45am onwards if you want to practice dowsing or have conversations to start.

Last time after the meeting we tried The Old Forge across the road from the Hall, the food was good and reasonably priced. There are 4 venue choices available nearby.

Elaine Clements is leaving the committee, Elaine is too busy with her animal responsibilities for now. We thank Elaine for all her support over the years.

Jane Willoughby is standing down as Librarian. We thank her for all her hard work in organising the Library to get it up and running. Lawrence Wadsworth is taking on this responsibility. Thank you, Lawrence, for taking it on at short notice. The Library is only available to members, so how much it could save you in book purchases over the year? Dowsing books are seldom available in public libraries.

## A Helping Hand Still Required

We have Special Interest Groups for Archaeological, Earth Energies, Health and Water dowsing. Barry Goldring continues to run the Archaeological Group, but we need leaders for the others. Please contact a committee member if you're interested, details as below.

We are making an addition to the newsletter. An article will be added giving dowsing information and advice. If you have an article you would like to submit or would like information on a particular dowsing topic. Please contact Rob Gerrish, details as below.

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