

News

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

We wish Colleen a speedy recovery, as she is currently in Cirencester Community Hospital.

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".

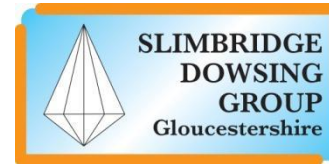
Contact our membership secretary Anna Howard for a membership form and details of how to renew your membership/join up. We have designed new membership forms to ensure that we are fully GDPR compliant and will be asking all members to complete the new forms in due course. More on this to follow.

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 others to share their own libraries where they wish to. Please see insert for Lawrence's book review.

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Chairman's Report

Please see Newsletter insert for Paul's report.

October Programme

October 9th 2021. Tea - An immersive experience!

We are delighted to welcome Anne from [Attic Teas](#) in Bristol who will be giving us an introduction to the work she does and telling us why certain teas are so special in relation to energy work.

She will share with us why tea has always been revered and why, as a culture, we have lost that connection. Following an introduction to the five types of tea and their specific sacred energies, we will look at how we can engage with them as tools for self-discovery.

She will then introduce the ATTIC [blend](#), which we will drink together and 'grok', a mindfulness practice to help us tune into the tea more deeply.

After that we will work in smaller groups and each dowse to find the teas best suited to us.

Anne will introduce the "Tea Cosy" and Tea Training as ways to strengthen our relationship with the teas and we will finish by drinking the Pu'erh tea (Paul's favourite as well as perfect for this time of year!) with a guided visualisation so that everyone leaves feeling calm and centred.

Biography



Hi I'm Anne and along with my partner Ric we founded ATTIC, an acronym for All The Tea In China, back in 2006.

I have always had a fascination with earth wisdom traditions and systems that have helped us make sense of the world. Coupled with my interest in natural healthcare and nutrition, it is no surprise that my work has ended up bringing these two things together.

In exploring how to "re-sacredise" the experience of drinking tea and why it has such a long legacy as a tool for health and

contemplation, we have created an approach to reflect our discoveries. It is the meeting of East and west, the spirit and the science, the invisible and the visible and we invite you to join us on the journey.

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

October 26th 2021. Informal Community Meeting - Via Zoom

This will be our tenth community forum and we welcome input from members on topics for discussion. Opens at 7pm.

The Zoom Meeting details are: Meeting ID: 863 9610 3366 Passcode: 020828
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86396103366?pwd=K1l1S3ZJeWNvQ0hveTdyR1oyazFKZz09>

November Programme

November 13th 2021. How to Dowse/Dowsing refresher.

This **free** session is to encourage those with an interest in dowsing to find out how to dowse or improve.

Maybe you can only dowse with a pendulum or angle rod. Find out how to use the alternative.

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.

Have a go with rarer dowsing tools, ever used a bobber, a wand, a V/Y rod or even an aurameter?

When you ask your dowsing questions, are you keeping it simple and unambiguous? Get some advice on getting a stronger response.

Worried about detrimental energies when dowsing? Find out how to protect yourself before you start and avoid unnecessary risk with Can I, Should I, May I?

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

November 23rd 2021. Informal Community Meeting - Via Zoom

This will be our 11th community forum and we welcome input from members on topics for discussion. Opens at 7pm.

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December Programme

December 11th 2021. Annual General Meeting and Christmas Lunch.

Get to decide who you want for your committee members, have input into the direction of YOUR Group and what talks/conversations you wish to have for the year ahead.. Reports from the Chairman and Treasurer.

Bring and share lunch with a chance to socialise and have some Dowsing Fun..

December 28th 2021. Informal Community Meeting - Via Zoom

This will be our 12th community forum and we welcome input from members on topics for discussion. Opens at 7pm.

The Zoom Meeting details are: Meeting ID: 863 9610 3366 Passcode: 020828
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86396103366?pwd=K1l1S3ZJeWNvQ0hveTdyR1oyazFKZz09>

Chair Report

It's been a busy month one way or another. It started out with a few hurdles though. A couple of days into the month, my mouth started to hurt. I did that stupid thing of ignoring it, so that it flared up and I spend a very stressed Sunday in immense pain and dosed up to the eyeballs with any painkillers I could find. 10 days and several hundred pounds later, full of antibiotics and an eye tooth root canal filled, I finally started to feel a bit better.

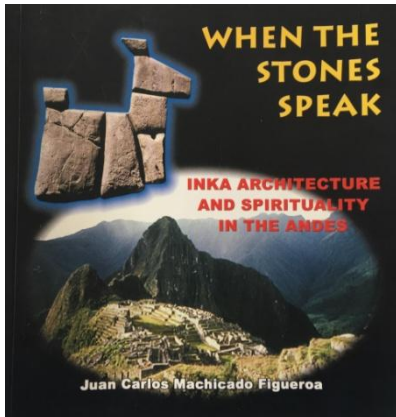
A number of people had mentioned the Pilgrimage for Nature, a group following the Spine of Albion (Belinus and Elen Lines) on foot aiming to reach Glasgow at exactly the time that delegates and world leaders will arrive in the city for the UN Climate Change Conference. I took the opportunity, at the last minute, to join the group on the leg of their journey along the Ridgeway, Uffington/Dragon Hill to Coleshill Organic's on Thursday (September 9th). As it happens, synchronicity played a part in this as my daughter was visiting her grandmother in Henley on Thames and so I was able to persuade her to divert her journey to drop me off on her way. I took our dog Hugo who was beautifully behaved and made many friends during what was a very enjoyable day. We met some lovely people and learned more about their mission. Hugo showed an animal's innate ability to see more than we do and is very sensitive to detrimental consciousnesses. During the ceremony on Dragon Hill, someone called in the ancestors and Hugo got really upset. He started to bark into the centre of the circle to tell a detrimental being to go away. I supported Hugo in asking the being to go and as soon as they did, Hugo stopped. Absolutely fascinating and has happened before with him. It was a lesson for all of us to never assume we are the higher being here and to never believe we know everything that is happening around us. The Natural World is well ahead of us! When I stood on Dragon Hill before the ceremony, I could only feel the Belinus line present with the Elen off to the West. After the ceremony, the two lines intersected in the centre of the ceremony circle - the centre of Dragon Hill marked by the white chalk scar of where the dragon's blood is reputed to have been spilt. This provides further evidence that "Reverence" and "Ceremony" can have a profound effect on the world around us and reinforces Rory Duff's take on Harmony Days. The day's journey ended at the orchard at Coleshill Organic where I was able to bring some lovely apples to add flavour to my morning juice habit! In the evening I participated in the monthly Earth Energies talk where we were discussing the findings of the various people who had been in Avebury at the instigation of Dave Charman (Sussex Dowisers) the previous month. The wonders of modern technology, participating in the talk from the car when coming home! During the day I learned of the plan to hold a ceremony at the Rollrights Stone Circle at about midday on Sunday. Any excuse to

visit the Rollrights is a good one and so we set off on Sunday morning for a very enjoyable day. Before I tell you more about that though I have to mention what happened the day before - the SDG Dowsing meeting. Our second in-person meeting of the year and what a treat it was. Thank you to all those of you who were able to join us on the day. Karen and her apprentice Leah gave us a fascinating insight into birds of prey and how they can be used in healing. What I found really fascinating was that each time we were introduced to a new bird, the people in the room experienced very profound reactions to their special energy. Everyone felt words come to them which when compiled together from everyone, all led to the same adjective. Absolutely fascinating and powerful. Again that natural world! So back to the Rollrights ... We arrived in plenty of time, only to meet up with Ron Dudley-Smith who I have been hoping to get to know and twist an arm to come to talk to us about the stones - Synchronicity again! Ron is an active and very experienced dowser and Trustee of the Rollright Trust. The ceremony itself was inspiring, artistic in nature and our very own Terry was drafted in to play the role of the Feisty Dragon in their artistic rendition of the story of George and the Dragon, led by the very talented Jolie who is leading the pilgrimage. After the ceremony, Teresa and Terry very kindly shared their lovely picnic with us and this definitely gave us enough energy to go and explore the labyrinth which sits just behind the Whispering Knights stones and which I had no idea existed before this day. It is a beautiful and peaceful place to be and I strongly recommend you check it out next time you visit the Rollrights. Before we knew it, the Autumn Equinox was upon us and we headed out on the 21st to Oliver's Castle, an iron age Hill Fort near Devizes to join Rory Duff for the Harmony Day. Both the Michael and Mary Energy lines come together here on their journey North East towards Avebury. Each time I have attended one of these gatherings, I have got to know more interesting and lovely people and each time they have evolved. This one was marked by the sound - singing, humming and drumming contributed to a truly special occasion and there must have been at least 150 people in attendance. I believe the next is at Stanton Drew for the Winter Equinox so do think about coming along for the connection and conversation. And talking of that, our September monthly SDG community "Zoom" talk was fascinating. We talked and chatted about so many different subjects and lasted 3 hours until hunger got the better of many of us. So please do come and share the conversation with us all.

Paul

Book Review by Lawrence Wadsworth

When the Stones Speak - Inka Architecture and Spirituality in the Andes, by Juan Carlos Machicado Figueroa



This is an interesting introduction to Inca Architecture, culture and religious beliefs. The Author, a prominent tourist guide, has carried out extensive research himself, and has lectured widely on his findings, and knowledge of the Incas and their way of life.

The book which is illustrated with many pictures and drawings introduces us to the Inca culture which uses figures to represent their mystical and daily life. These figures are

on their pottery, on their walls or on the ground. The famous Nazka lines showing figures of animals, birds, fish and insects linked in meaning to the concept of fertility and energy is one such example.

In the Inca mind everything is alive, plants, animals, minerals, and even their buildings and cities. They are all animated and live in an interdependent world. Also placing religious buildings or altars at strategic places was part of their ancient mysticism. This was expressed through icons, which were their entities of power, placed at the wall of their temples. Figures such as Illas (stone statues of alpacas or Llamas) or condors kept their ceremonial centres alive.

Reference is also made to the arrival of the Spanish invaders in 1530 who destroyed much of their ancestral wisdom and technology. Sadly with the invaders came smallpox which spread rapidly and accounted for the death of so many people.

The book only whets the appetite for more information about this ancient civilisation. Unfortunately it is not readily available, but I am happy to loan out my copy to anyone interested.