

## News

As we are now meeting in person again, the newsletter has gone back to its quarterly format from April onwards.

## Membership

As a reminder to all members with paid subscriptions for 2020, your membership had been automatically extended to December 31st 2021.

The payment had been deferred until March until we could meet in person again. You will be required to fill in a membership renewal form with your payment for accounting and data protection legislation purposes.

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. Forms will be available at face to face meetings at Whitminster Village hall.

For anyone reading this newsletter who is not currently a member, the annual fee is only £10, so please join us in 2022. Guests pay £5 entry to meetings, members £3. Members have a say in the running of the Group.

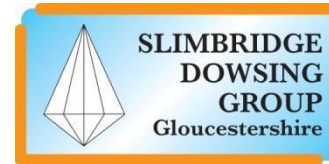
## Library / Resources

Please see insert for Lawrence's book review.

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.

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# Newsletter

## Slimbridge Dowsing Group

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**Chairman's Report** - Please see insert

## July Programme

**July 9th 2022. Rodmarton Long Barrow Field Trip.**



Rodmarton Long Barrow or Windmill Tump is a fascinating place, nestled within the landscape near the hamlet of Rodmarton, little explored by Archeologists with many areas still remaining hidden.

We will dowsing the barrow looking at its location, its place in the landscape, relationship to earth energies and anything we can glean from its History.

This will be followed up by Lunch at a local hostelry.

More details to be circulated closer to the time.

Please wear suitable footwear.

**NOTE - This event will NOT be held at Whitminster Village Hall**

### **July 26th 2022. Informal Community Meeting - Via Zoom**

This is our 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>

### **August Programme**

**August 13th 2022. Gloucestershire Stone Stile Project - Jayne Tovey.**



Stone stiles are a characteristic of the Cotswold landscape of Gloucestershire, with many stiles over 200 years old. For centuries stone stiles have allowed pedestrian access across the countryside and as such indicated ancient pathways which predate land enclosure, and point to where farmsteads, barns and villages, long since vanished, existed. Despite their historic value there is no comprehensive record of stone stiles in our ancient county of Gloucestershire.

Jayne has been instrumental in documenting over 500 of the 800 known. It's been a journey of exploration, not just of the landscape but that of her own spiritual journey and introduction to dowsing.

### **August 30th 2022. Informal Community Meeting - Via Zoom**

This is our 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  
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### **September Programme**

**September 10th 2022. The Bosnian Pyramids. Ron Dudley-Smith.**



Ron, an intuitive Dowser for over 50 years and Warden of the Rollright Stones in Oxfordshire will talk to us about this fascinating subject. Ron has been twice to the Pyramids and has many stories, theories and anecdotes.

More details to follow

### **September 27th 2022. Informal Community Meeting - Via Zoom**

This is our 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  
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## Chairman's Report

What happened to the summer we have been promised? We have been promised a heat wave but all we seem to be experiencing is wave after wave of rain!

Following April's very enjoyable map dowsing session, we are planning some dowsing field trips so let's hope that we see some improvement in the weather over the coming weeks and months!

In May we welcomed Rosanne Jacks for her talk on Lucid Dreaming. We had 24 people at this talk and by all accounts it was much enjoyed with the conversations continuing over a very enjoyable lunch at the Whitminster Inn. Thank you to Rob for hosting this talk in my absence. I caught up with Rosanne the following week at a Lucid Dreaming workshop she ran in Bristol and I know that she really enjoyed it!

I missed this session as I was attending Adrian Incledon-Webber's Earth Energies Reignited Conference in Avebury. I had a great weekend which started for me with an Energy Viewing workshop run in the Henge Shop by David Charman. After an afternoon dowsing around the stones we retired to the pub for a pleasant evening. I stayed at an amazing B&B right in the centre of Avebury run by Henk, Avebury's Arch Druid.

The weekend was most enjoyable with presentations and lots of opportunities for practical dowsing. On Sunday morning, I presented on behalf of Chris Tonge's Earth Energies Zoom Group. It was great fun putting this presentation together and I am delighted to report that it was very well received.

Luckily I decided to stay in Avebury on Sunday night and at 4:30 on Monday morning I found myself celebrating the Moon Eclipse in the Circle with Henk who then spent the next few hours showing me some of the secrets of the place. It was a great experience and it really inspired me to organise a trip there if anyone would be interested in doing that?

Now that we are in the swing of in person meetings, the Committee has spent time in recent weeks planning our program for the rest of the year. We are still to finalise the details but we are looking at a field trip to Rodmarton Long Barrow, also known as Windmill Tump. After the great success of our last trip to the

Tortworth Chestnut and Arboretum we are looking at arranging another outing there. We also have upcoming talks from Ron Dudley-Smith, the warden at The Rollrights who will be sharing his knowledge on The Bosnian Pyramids. Jayne Tovey who has attracted interest from publications such as The Times and Country Life on her pursuit of Gloucestershire Stone Stiles has also agreed to give us a presentation.

Those of you reading the hard copy of this newsletter will be attending the long awaited talk by Maria Wheatley on "From Avebury to Ancient Egypt. Sadly I am going to miss this one too as I am attending DFest22, the South West Dowsing Festival which is based in the beautiful mediaeval village of South Zeal on the northern edge of Dartmoor. Whilst I am really looking forward to this event, I am gutted to miss Maria's talk so I hope you really enjoy it and look forward to hearing about it afterwards.

I am so delighted to be looking forward to an exciting program of events and in person meetings for the rest of this year and, as always the committee will welcome feedback and suggestions.

***Paul***

## Book Review by Lawrence Wadsworth

### A Fairy Tale – The Green Snake & The Beautiful Lily, by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



This book contains the original translation of Wolfgang von Goethe's Fairy Tale by Thomas Carlyle in 1832. It also includes a modern abridged version with a full interpretation by Rory Duff, who many of you will remember gave a talk to our Dowsing Group on a full classification of Leylines, Earth Energies and Nodes back in March 2019. At that time Rory Duff ran the Bristol Dowsing Society.

Goethe during his life recognised that freedom cannot be imposed from outside but must arise from within each

person. He therefore set about writing a Fairy Tale to show via "imaginative pictures" the way a human soul could be set free giving rise to a new and free human community.

The tale is essentially one of transformation, and is based on the power of love and self sacrifice. It is a typical Fairy Tale and revolves around the crossing and bridging of a river, which represents the divide between the land of spirit, and the land of the senses (our conscious life). The main characters are the Ferryman, who can only take passengers in one direction across the river; Will 'O Wisps, two gentlemen made of flames and light; The Green Snake who lives in a chasm with access to an underground chamber; The melancholy Prince who loves the beautiful Lily, but cannot approach her as her touch brings death to all things; The old man with a lamp that can only give out light when another light is present; The Four Kings, one of gold, one of silver, one of bronze, and one a mixture of all three; The wife of the old man who falls for the flattery of the Will 'O Wisps; The Giant with a huge shadow, and finally the Beautiful Lily who loves the Prince, but has to live with the terrible burden that her touch can bring death to all things.

You will have to read the book to see how all the characters play their part in the story, and relate to one another, and of course to find out how the story ends.

This is an endearing and enjoyable story in its own right, despite the deeper meanings, which everyone will no doubt interpret differently in accordance with their own belief system. Therefore it is helpful to have Rory Duff's own interpretation to hand to help stimulate one owns understanding, and no doubt generate new ones.