

Getting to know you ...



Ann Jones has been hiding her light under a bushel – or behind the teapot! – for far too long.

She is kind and reliable, and if the entire Committee disappeared tomorrow, I bet we'd all miss Ann first, because she's the one that tirelessly provides tea, coffee and biscuits week after week.

But behind her extremely modest facade, Ann is actually an excellent dowser. During a recent beginners' workshop, Ann taught a group of ladies who were delighted with their progress. I asked what makes her tick.

Well, people make me tick. I enjoy the company and interaction with others. Animals are another thing that interests me, I enjoy doing healing on animals.

I first became aware of dowsing as a child when I was spending time on my uncle and aunt's farm. It was a very hot, dry summer and the farm got its water

from a spring. Because of the weather conditions the spring was drying up.

In desperation my uncle remembered there used to be a well near the house which had been capped some years previously, and no longer used. So he decided to try and find it by dowsing.

To my amazement he snapped a Y-shaped branch from a hazel bush and began walking up and down the paddock by the house, and of course when he walked over the old well he got a reaction. As you may imagine, to me as a child this was magic.

On another occasion some cattle were lacking in a certain vitamin and I accompanied him as he searched all over the farm until he found areas which had the vitamins needed. Again to me magic.

I had no other contact with dowsing and really had not thought any more about it, until I saw in the Slimbridge Village Newsletter about a newly-formed dowsing group in the village.

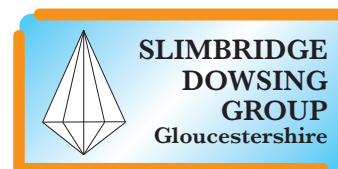
I remembered all those magical experiences from my childhood and thought I must have a go at this for myself. The rest, as they say, is history.

I have had a fair amount of success with archaeological dowsing, but I think my main interests and successes are healing with both humans and animals and I would like to think I have been able to relieve both in some way.

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Dowsing for the love of it

Our economy drive has paid off, and our funds are recuperating nicely. Thanks to Jim Greatrix, we've also received some generous donations, which means we can continue to enjoy our Newsletter in colour.

Interestingly, cutting back on expensive outside speakers for a while has led us to discover a rich seam of dowsing wisdom, expertise and experience within our own ranks, and we have enjoyed some of our best meetings so far!

Amazingly, these wonderful meetings, where we learned and practised, dowsed and discovered, cost us nothing more than the price of hiring the hall.

And even more to come

That said, we have more terrific meetings lined up, and two of the best speakers money can buy!

Ann Lodygowski, animal healer extraordinaire, will be treating us to a hands-on workshop in June, sharing her dowsing talents, skills and secrets.

And on 25th June, the wonderful George Applegate returns after four years. We last had George in 2007 and the hall was packed. Come early to get a seat.

In July we'll have a couple of trips outdoors, one to a member's farm near Swindon where we can dowse all day – it is on the site of a medieval village.

The other outdoors event will be for beginners and improvers, more dowsing training but across the road in the

churchyard and beyond. There will be earth energies galore, water to divine and some archaeological finds too.

In August, Dr Helen Ford will talk about perceiving auras and diagnosis of forthcoming problems which can be fixed before they affect the body.

Also in August we'll be dowsing outdoors again, at Shepherd's Patch – archaeology a-plenty, plus earth energies. Come and see if you can find the site of the old well and dowse its age.

In September, Dr Fiona Firth will be telling us how dogs are trained to find cancer early enough to treat for a successful outcome. Is it by smell or their sixth sense? Maybe both.

In October Terry Shubrook demonstrates Distant Surrogate Kinesiology, achieving balance using colour, sound, healing, and removing negative energy.

Retiring Treasurer

Our Treasurer, Barry Goldring, has not been knocked down in the rush of people offering to take on his job when he retires in 11/11. We need someone to join Barry as deputy soon to learn the ropes.

Erratum so Apologism

Apologies to Jim for the error in the 'Getting to know you ...' write up in the last issue. I was told Jim had joined in 2005 but in fact he was one of the founding members when SDG was formed in 2003. Sorry, Jim.

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme April 2011 to June 2011



Thursday 14 April

Emotional Freedom Techniques

with Diane Holliday

EFT is an energy healing tool and can be likened to 'acupuncture without needles'. Sometimes called the tapping technique, it is the use of language and visualisation with the tapping that makes it work. EFT works on pain, illness, fears and phobias, emotional stress, addictions and more.

The talk will be interactive so everyone will get an energy shift. Diane is an EFT and Natural Health Practitioner. Visit www.dianeholliday.co.uk

Saturday 23 April (Easter Saturday) Water Divining with Peter Golding

Peter will talk about the preparation and methods that are most important when dowsing for water, both on site and by map dowsing. Weather permitting, we will consolidate what we have learnt outside. A free mini-water divining course.



Photo Hugh Conway-Jones

Thursday 12th May (numbers limited to 12) Sound Healing Bath with Jan van der Elsen

You will need to book this in advance, but Jan and Agnes have invited us for a Sound Healing Bath on Sula, their lovely red lightship moored at Llanthony Quay, just south of Gloucester Docks.

This is a special treat at the cost of our usual entrance fee of £2 for members, £3 non-members. Normally a Sound Healing Bath costs £15 per person!

You won't need your cozzys, but you will need a yoga mat or blanket to sit and lie on. Wear comfortable loose clothing and socks so you can take your shoes off, and come ready to relax and enjoy a life changing experience.

Note: Numbers are limited to 12 so please phone Barbara Davis on 01453 890679 to book your place.

Do not park in Sainsbury's car park because they charge you after 2 hours. Gloucester Quays parking is a good bet, but let's car share as far as possible.

*visiting speaker

Unless otherwise stated, Meetings take place in Slimbridge Village Hall on Saturdays at 10.15 for 10.30 am and Thursdays at 1.45 for 2.00 pm.

Saturday 28th May

Cam Peak with Peter Gibson

Come along to Cam Peak where Peter will guide us in dowsing for pre-history long barrows and graves in Cam Peak Park, Upper Cam near Dursley. Peter came across what is believed to be a Neolithic long barrow (grave) on a visit there last year. He carried on dowsing and found many more graves in the area. Little is known and even less has been said about this interesting outcrop. Can dowsing discover its secrets?

Meet in the Cam Peak car park at 10.30 am.



Thursday 9th June Animal Healing Workshop with Ann Lodygowski*

Back by popular demand, Ann offers professional animal healing throughout the world, specialising in some of the most expensive race horses around. In this workshop she is going to teach us how to find out through dowsing what your pet is feeling, both mentally and physically.

Bring along your rods or pendulum, and a 'witness' – hair from a mane, photo of your cat, fur or feather from your pet, to discover their aches and pains, thoughts and feelings, and to establish how to help them. Ann wants to check out their amino acids, minerals, vitamins and gut flora deficiencies.

She will have checklists of all these to hand out and hopes to show us how to work with acupressure points too.

Something for everyone and genuinely hands on.

Saturday 25th June

Experiences of a Master Dowser

with George Applegate*

George Applegate last spoke at Slimbridge on 22 September 2007, and it's a real coup to get him again. By 10 am last time, Slimbridge Village Hall was bulging at the seams.

Now well into his 80s, George began dowsing in 1938. 'The biggest danger in dowsing,' he said, 'is your ego! The best way to learn is from your mistakes, the difficulties and problems. You don't learn from success, which goes to your head.'

Asked how he had achieved his remarkable 99% dowsing success rate, George modestly said, 'You have to have a strong desire to do it. You have to need to do it. And you have to have faith in yourself that you can do it. It's guesswork and God really.'

