

## Getting to know you ... Peter Golding, Chairman



Dowsing started for Peter in 1977 when he was in Saudi Arabia where he spent some 20 years of his working life. As Chief Engineer in charge of airfield navigational aids, he needed another run of cables from one of the huts to the Riyadh control tower.

Obviously he couldn't have his men dig just anywhere, there were underground cables all over the place, but in those early days they weren't marked! He was about to call out one of his technicians with cable detectors, when the JCB man said, "Do the old civil engineer's trick. Dowse for it!"

Peter had not heard of dowsing at that time, but the man found the existing cables and taught Peter to dowse. After several successes, Peter was hooked, and was delighted to find ARAMCO's library in Dhahran had plenty of books on the

subject. "I discovered it wasn't just for water divining," says Peter, "but archaeological dowsing and buried items too. I was amazed at its scope and I'm still learning after thirty-four years!"

He continues working still, not just finding suitable sites for boreholes for farmers, but more recently he has developed an interest in health and healing and geopathic stress. He has demonstrated his skills on various TV programmes and also offers distance healing – on one occasion as far away as Australia.

Slimbridge Dowsing Group was born when, in 2001, the Chairman of the Local History Society asked Peter if he could find the maze or labyrinth in nearby Troytown – the name Troy indicates a maze.

"I found it," says Peter, "and gave a talk about it to the Society. They were so fascinated a few asked if I would show them how to dowse." So he did, and our numbers have since grown significantly.

In closing, Peter would like to answer the question, "How does dowsing work?" but cheerfully admits we do not know. But he quotes Albert Einstein, who said,

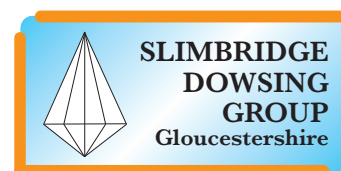
*"... many scientists consider dowsing as a type of superstition [but this is] unjustified. The dowsing rod is a simple instrument which shows the reaction of the human nervous system to certain factors which are unknown to us at this time."*

"Well," says Peter with a twinkle, "watch this space."

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# Newsletter

## Slimbridge Dowsing Group

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### For the record . . .

If you miss a talk for any reason, or indeed, attended one and enjoyed it so much you wish you had a recording of it, we can oblige in future.

Our photographer at large, Patrick Callaghan, writes, "I have a very clear recording of Ann Lodygowski's talk on 9th June, if anyone wants a copy. It can be transferred on to a memory stick as a 80Mb wav file for anyone interested."

Patrick also has some previous talks, and we hope he will be able to record George Applegate's talk on 25th June too.

Contact Patrick direct on [patrick.callaghan17@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.callaghan17@gmail.com) or just bring along your own memory stick, clearly labelled with your name, of course.

(Great to see such a good turn out for Ann's talk – 40 of us, a record.)

### Situations Vacant (1)

Great news, we have filled our vacancy for a Treasurer. Diane Holliday has stepped into the breach. We look forward to welcoming Diane to the new Committee in November.

### Situations Vacant (2)

Having filled our vacancy for a Treasurer, we have another one. I'm quite happy to carry on doing the quarterly Newsletter, but it occurs to me someone else might like to take on the job of writing the mini-reports for the *Gazette*?

I'm sure there are plenty of writing enthusiasts amongst us who could do an excellent job. So if you think after four years it's time I moved over, I agree! Contact me or Peter Golding (PG1) for a chat about it.

Also, I recently sent out a change of e-mail address but please change back again. I am still available on the old address – [quicksilver7@btinternet.com](mailto:quicksilver7@btinternet.com)

### This Rabbit is Constipated . . .

If you were at the AGM last year, you will already know I am planning to publish all our *Gazette* reports in a book, titled *This Rabbit is Constipated*.

This is from one of Ann Lodygowski's talks when she diagnosed Jon Martin's rabbit as having a problem with its teeth, and announced in ringing tones the main symptom, and the title for our book was born!

It will be self published (it's what I do), and a very limited print run. I would like to get my money back, thereafter any profits will go to Slimbridge Dowsing Group. I'm planning to bring this out in September/October, just in time for Christmas presents.

### Advance publicity (2)

A little bird tells me our own dear PG1 is scribbling away too, and might well have a book for sale himself very soon.

Trish Mills

## Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme July 2011 to September 2011



Thursday 14th July

### Dowsing the Medieval Village near Swindon

Barry Goldring 01453 861002 or barryandmichele@waitrose.com

*We have been invited for another day at Anita's farm to discover more about the layout of the medieval village. This will build on our two very enjoyable visits last year. Please let Barry know if you intend to come, we need to know numbers, and also, it is a working farm and we may need to change the date at short notice. Anita can supply hot drinks but please bring a packed lunch.*

Saturday 23rd July

### Practical Dowsing Training Peter Golding et al

*PG1 will be leading two or three other experienced dowsers in practical dowsing training – hopefully outside, weather permitting. This will be a useful, hands-on event, starting from Slimbridge village hall, for all levels from beginners to intermediate dowsers. It's not often we offer such training days, so turn up with rods and an open mind.*

Saturday 30th July

### Slimbridge Horse Show

Peter Golding and SDG Members

*Come along and join in the fun. It was too quiet last year, so we dowsed and put out for more visitors, and sure enough, several turned up to our stand. It's a good opportunity for some more training too, and a chat. It's amazing what you can learn and discover by simply chatting with other dowsers.*

Two  
events for the price  
of one!



Peter with Jasper Carrott, for whom he recently did some water divining.

Thursday 11th August

### Perceiving Auras & Aura Diagnosis Dr Helen Ford\*

*Helen will demonstrate how you can see the human aura and perceive the feelings that radiate from it. She will show you how the aura changes with love and with fear, and how it can be influenced by colour, posture and by both negative and positive projections from others. She will also explain how information can be accessed from the aura to help understand the underlying causes of physical and emotional illness.*

*Helen is a holistic physician who originally trained and worked in western medicine. She has since developed her natural abilities to perceive subtle energies in order to help her gain a deeper understanding of the patterns underlying disease so that healing and other treatment can be directed more accurately.*



*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 27th August

### Archaeology Dowsing at Shepherds Patch, Slimbridge

Peter Gibson

*Peter will lead the search for possible pre-Roman encampments in the fields adjacent to his house, May Cottage, Shepherds Patch GL2 7BP. Someone will meet and greet at the village hall from 10 am in case anyone isn't sure where Peter lives.*



Thursday 8 September

### Bio-alert Dogs Dr Fiona Firth\*

*Fiona works for a charity that has two aims. The first is research into how dogs can detect certain cancers in humans even before recognised by tests. The second aim is to train several dogs each year to help severely diabetic patients become aware that an attack is imminent.*

*Fiona will show some video footage of these things. "Then," says Fiona, "I think it would be interesting to discuss other properties that dogs seem to have. For example, knowing when their owner is coming home."*

*I first became interested in this when my dalmatian diagnosed a skin cancer when all doctors including my dermatologist thought I had a benign tumour.*

*It was at the dogs insistence – first licking then trying to bite it off – that I had it removed and it was discovered to be a serious cancer."*



Saturday 24 September (BSD Congress Weekend)

### Archaeological Recording Barry Goldring

*Barry will remind us how important it is to make a record of our archaeological dowsing, and how to do it using conventional surveying techniques and GPS receivers. He will also be showing off his new measuring stick, as featured in the recent edition of Dowsing Today magazine.*



\*visiting speaker