Extra-Curricular Archaeological Special Interest Group





Above: Nympsfield long barrow, Coaley Peak. Left: Markers of dowsed findings beyond the long barrow, with half a Peter Gibson!

In the January newsletter I talked about our dowsing in Roman Cirencester, but Peter Gibson and I have two more ongoing projects.

PG2 is plotting the Roman roads in the Slimbridge area and we may look at some of them on our training day on 12 April. If not, then a special extra-curricular meeting can be arranged. We really need to know the Roman road layout so that any other finds can be put into context. [On Saturday 23rd June, we will be dowsing St Augustine's Farm, Arlingham. Last time we were there, Jim Greatrix found a Roman road, which needs investigation. Ed.]

I have been looking at the ritual landscape around the Nympsfield (Coaley Peak) long barrow, and this links in with another set of long barrows further along the escarpment.

We will be dowsing one of these when the weather is more settled, as it really needs to be arranged a few days in advance to give you all a chance to attend.

The other field trip in the programme is at Cam Peak on 26 May. There is so much archaeology on this sacred site that we need to explore further; so we intend to divide you into groups, each with a specific objective, so that we can really get to grips with the site.

When our various projects get a bit more advanced and we can produce layout drawings with greater confidence in their accuracy, then our archaeological dowsers will get a copy. We just don't like circulating stuff when it's still a bit iffy.

Meanwhile, don't wait for us - get out and about in your locality and see what you can find. Who knows - you may be living over a Roman villa or an Iron Age village.

Barry Goldring

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Launches and Lunches

Wow, it's all happening at this time of year. We have an archaeological training session lined up, followed by dowsing not one but two local farms for family treasure, history and ghosts; we'll be dowsing Cam Peak again, and we have everybody's favourite animal healer, Ann Lodygowski.

AND, wait for it, not one but two book launches! Plus the usual Saturday pub lunch which has proved extremely popular. Do come along and join us.

Book Launch I

Peter Golding has been working hard on his dowsing memoirs, and great reading it makes too. Not only a good read, but Appendices bulging with excellent hints and tips on water divining and the Peter Golding method of healing. $\int 8$ a copy.

Rabbit . . .

Rabbit has sold very well, thanks to all SDG members who bought a copy, and to those still planning to do so!

We made back our investment in the first two weeks, and I still have money to collect from book sales. So it's turned out to be a fund-raiser too. Guernsey Dowsers bought ten copies!

Extra-Curricular Archaeology

Our Special Interest Group is Experiences growing, see back page for another "Old Dowser report of their events. Do come along to the archaeological dowsing training day on 12 April, because we have some archaeological dowsing lined up so that you can practise your new skills: Cam Peak in May, and two family farms in April and June. Details inside.

The pub lunch idea has been a real winner. The first in January drew 10 people and was so enjoyable, folks unable to join the nine of us for the February lunch were genuinely disappointed.

Pub Lunches

As we are out and about this spring, it makes sense to visit other pubs nearby. The Red Lion at Arlingham has good food at excellent prices. The main joy of it though is the conversation and getting to know other members. See you there!

a reduced price for SDG.

Book Launch II

The book we've all been waiting for since John Gibson-Forty's talk in May 2010.

His 2012 talk on Thursday 10th May will be absolutely mind-blowing, and his new hard-cover book will be for sale at

Trish Mills

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme April 2012 to June 2012



Peter Gibson has suffered a nasty case of shingles so we are pleased to welcome him back.

Thursday 12th April - 1.45 for 2.00 pm. **Archaeological Training Day**Barry Goldring, Peter Gibson

This is a Must-Do event because, as you will see, we have more archaeological dowsing lined up for you on three more Saturdays. So come along and learn the basics, then get in some practice on dowsing days. Beginners welcome; experienced members, please come along and act as mentors.

Plus – Peter Golding will be launching his new book today, come along and take a look.

Saturday 28th April – 10.15 for 10.30 a.m.

Dowsing for Treasure with Keith Jones

Keith has kindly invited us to visit his farm in Arlingham, and would like us to find the foundations of a 14th-century manor house in one of his fields. He says, "It may be an early mediaeval hall. There is also at least one ghost, possibly two, associated with the site." West End Farm, Church Road, Arlingham, GL2 7JL. A38 to Frampton-on-Severn turning Through Frampton, over canal bridge, and go straight on — do not follow road round to the right. Three miles along lanes, into Arlingham, see Red Lion pub on the right. Turn left along Church Road. After 500 yds see church on right. Continue past church another 400 yds and West End Farm is third farmhouse on the right past the church. Turn into car park.



Phone 07754 746599 if you get lost. Cup of tea and loo available.

Pub lunch afterwards at the Red Lion, Arlingham. Extremely popular and well supported. Good food and a chance to chat. See you there.



Thursday 10th May – 1.45 for 2.00 pm. **The Interconnectedness of All Things**

with John Gibson-Forty*

In May 2010, John told us how he had dowsed the Decagon, enchanted by the three Perpetual Choirs of Britain, from sacred sites and churches, history and holy wells, castles and cathedrals, from Stafford in the north, to Glastonbury in the south, Milton Keynes in the east to Llandovery in the west, an area in excess of 14,000 square miles. Today he tells us how his journey also took him via astronomy,

numerology, sacred geometry, music, Shamans, crop circles, ley lines, Aboriginal songlines, the Tao, the Mayan calendar that ends in 2012, the sacred yew tree, Atlantis, the Knights Templar, King Arthur (did he really exist?), the Chakra System, magic squares, Hawaii, and much much more, to the absolute realization, without any doubt, of The Interconnectedness of All Things.

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 26th May – 10.15 for 10.30 am.

Dowsing Cam Peak

with Peter Gibson and Barry Goldring

This event was so enjoyable last year, we have been asked for an action replay. Barry says, "There is so much archaeology on this sacred site, that we need to explore further. So we intend to divide you into groups, each with a specific objective, and hope to really get to grips with the site."





Thursday 14th June – 1.45 for 2 pm. **Animal Healing** with Ann Lodygowski*

Ann says, "I would like to dowse animals for their Auras and make sure that they are up to strength. Also the auras that they are giving off and to be able to see if there are any cracks in their auras and how to heal them. As we ran out of time at the workshop last time, I would also like to see if there are any queries from members about using acupressure."

So bring along your witnesses from your pets – fur, feather, hair or mane – for Ann to dowse. Come early for a seat, Ann is one of our most popular speakers.



Saturday 23rd June – 10.15 for 10.30 am.

Dowsing St Augustine's Farm, Arlingham, GL2 7JN

Rob has generously invited us back to his farm and says, "You could try in the fields at the back of the house to see what Strange Forces there are that I have failed to sort. Come and have a cuppa in the tea room, then we can go round to the Leys on the other side of the village, which had an old cottage, well and pond, alongside a pre-Roman trackway from Cirencester and across the river to Broadoak and forest. A metal detectorist found bits and pieces. Track is called Silver Street, may be a corruption of Silva – wood. Refreshments and loo available.

St Augustine's is easy to find: South of Whitminster on the A38, follow the brown signs to St Augustine's down the B4071. Pass through Frampton and after two miles cross the canal and keep left on the unclassified road to Arlingham. After three miles keep straight on through the village and carry on 100 yards until you turn right into our car park. Phone 01452 640730 or 078 188 275 33 if you get lost.



Pub lunch afterwards at the Red Lion in Arlingham. Good food, drinkies and getting to know other members.