

Archaeological Dowsing Sub-Group



Flags mark our findings on Cam Peak on 26th May.

Cam Peak has never been archaeologically explored, to our knowledge. There is more to find. Peter and Barry are gradually building up an in-depth survey.



More than a dozen members attended the archaeology meeting at Cam Peak car park on 26th May, after a brief briefing at Slimbridge Village Hall.

Peter Gibson explained that the object at the Peak was to dowse for pre-history graves of the Neolithic and Bronze Age periods, circa 7000 and 3000 BC respectively.

Beginners were shown the principles of this type of dowsing by Chairman Peter Golding, while the more experienced members dowsed in other designated areas.

In total, we found indications of three Bronze Age round barrows (or dolmans), comprising stone circles with a slab roof. Several of us found indications of burials within.

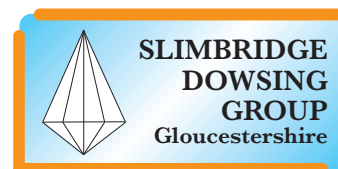
Two Neolithic long barrows with two cruciform (cross-shaped) chambers were also indicated, and would have contained many bones.

Afterwards we repaired to the Railway Inn just down the hill, and enjoyed good food and an excellent discussion on all things dowsing, sitting in glorious sunshine in the garden.

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Your Fête is sealed

Due to popular demand at Committee level, we will NOT be taking a stand at Slimbridge Horse Show this year.

However, we will have a stand at the Slimbridge Fête on 15th September instead. This promises to be much more fun, and worthwhile too, as it is a fund raiser for the village church.

We plan to erect our trusty gazebo and two fine banners, and have dowsing rods available so that the public can have a go at dowsing at £1 a time.

We can offer some brief tuition beforehand, and then folks can dowse for the red ball under the tumbler, then the blue ball, or perhaps individual playing cards – is it red? Is it black? Hearts? Diamonds? Clubs? Spades?

Even more welcome will be your presence on the day to help man the stand and hand out newsletters or leaflets.

Please put 15 September in your diary.

Pub Lunches

As you know, our pub lunches after Saturday morning meetings have gone from strength to strength. Unless we've been elsewhere, we've been meeting at the Tudor Arms in Slimbridge, an award winning pub serving excellent food, but very busy and a tad pricey.

After dowsing on Cam Peak in May, we dined at the Railway Inn in Cam, just past Tesco. An unpretentious little place, the food was fantastic value, no queues and we

sat in the garden in glorious sunshine, not guaranteed every time!

It has therefore been suggested that we change allegiance to the Railway Inn and see how other members feel about it.

Apology (mutter mumble)

Sorry if one recent talk was a bit of a disappointment. I extolled the speaker in good faith, but it seems we got our wires crossed. It wasn't spin, honest, it just didn't occur to me that the talk would be about dead cats and Lady Godiva, none of which are mentioned in the book!

Situation Vacant

You may not remember this, but I gently resigned at last year's AGM and said I was retiring from my role as Publicity Lady and Newsletter Editor.

However, no one took a blind bit of notice, so I soldiered on. I am now trying again for this year's AGM.

To be honest, after six years on the Committee, sixteen Newsletters, as it will be by November, publishing three books, and umpteen *Gazette* reports, Committee Meetings and much programme planning, I am suffering from serious burn out!

We need someone new and dynamic, who has new ideas and, hopefully, a computer. The Newsletter doesn't have to be this format; you are welcome to create your own style. Members are probably ready for a change anyway.

Now please form an orderly queue . . .
Trish Mills

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme July 2012 to September 2012



Thursday 12th July

Members Dowsing Experiences

How was it for you? Come and share.

Our panel will encourage members to relate their memorable dowsing experiences, or share what they have been doing lately. This can also be an opportunity to ask for tuition or guidance if you have any problems with your dowsing.

Saturday 28th July – **FIELD TRIP! 10.15 for 10.30 am.**

Dowsing John's Chapel with Barry Goldring and Peter Gibson

John Wilson-Smith recently joined SDG and mentioned that he has a ruined chapel on his land, and would like to know more about it. So he has invited us along to see what we can discover. John's wife has kindly offered to provide refreshments on arrival. There is parking for 10 cars, so if a few of you can double-up we should be OK. NB: There is a short walk (less than half a mile) to the site through a meadow and new woodland, so stout footwear is advisable. Pub lunch afterwards, as usual, but a few of us will bring sandwiches and stay on after lunch to do the recording.

Directions: Travel south on A38 or M5, exit junction 14 and join A38. Continue south on A38 for 5 miles; turn right at traffic lights by the Hyundai Garage in Alveston. After 200 yds turn left onto the B4461 (opposite the Ship Hotel). After half a mile the Cross Hands pub is on the left, carry straight on, when you reach the de-restricted speed sign slow down, we are 200 yds on the right down a very narrow, hard to see track, opposite a field gate and a telegraph pole. Post code BS35 3PS for those with Satnav!

Pub lunch afterwards at the Fox Inn at Old Down, BS32 4PR – John highly recommends, and I have booked a table for a dozen of us at around 12.30. Good food and a chance to chat. See you there.



Thursday 9th August

Pendulum Power

Forum led by Peter Golding, with Jim Greatrix
Jim Greatrix is one of our founder members, and certainly one of our Wise Men. He uses a pendulum more than his rods, shown here in action. Jim will answer our questions and show us how he uses his pendulum over a selection of charts to find answers and predict outcomes in many different situations.

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 25th August

Questioning Skills Barry Goldring and panel

We all know that if you ask a silly question you tend to get a silly answer, but it's not always as simple as that. You need to use clear terminology that your subconscious understands. For example, if Barry wants to find a sewer, he has to ask for a soil pipe! So come along for a short introduction from Barry followed by an interactive discussion between members and our expert panel.



Saturday pub lunch at the Railway Inn, Cam

Leave Slimbridge, straight across A38 at roundabout, pass Tesco on your left, soon see Railway Inn on your left, turn into road just before it, then right into car park. All welcome.



Thursday 13th September

Water Dowsing with Peter Golding

The quintessential dowser is depicted with a forked hazel twig looking for water. Peter will show members the basic methods used in finding sources of underground water, and techniques to determine the depth, quantity and drinking quality.

Saturday 22nd September (BSD Congress weekend)

Dowsing in the Garden with Jon Martin

Bring along your dowsing equipment and perhaps a small pot plant to dowsing; take part in learning how to dowsing in the garden. Find out what to look for and ways to connect with – and hopefully improve – your own garden. Open your mind to new gardening possibilities.

Pub lunch at Railway Inn, Cam, afterwards. Good food and a chance to chat. See you there.

