



Santa and his helpers. Great photo by John Wilson-Smith, taken on 21st December 2012.

Our investigation of the **Abbey Grounds in Cirencester** for signs of Roman occupation for the Town Council has been completed and several copies of our report sent to them. Sadly, there has been no response.

Two large houses were dowsed in the field at **Anita's Farm**, complete with stables. A further visit is planned for July when we plan to dowsed for buildings occupied in the 15th century to try to find the date the village was abandoned. Anita is providing interesting history details of the village, and our earlier dowsing of her house on the hill above showed that there had been a large house built on the same site in the 15th century, which was enlarged during the 16th century.

The hill meadow at **Alveston**, where we carried out a lot of dowsing last year, near to the farmhouse in **Chapel Wood**, continues to

be of interest. Barry and his team have dowsed the top of the hill for indications of round houses and dates of construction. He was then able to group them into four different Iron Age periods within a large enclosing dyke. Some 80 huts were plotted with a GPS and transferred to software. A presentation was made to the ten owners of the site who were fascinated by our findings.

I also dowsed a timber circle on the hill with the team. It has twelve timber spokes emanating from a central area. The angles of these spokes were recorded and I thought they might be aligned with solar or lunar events.

I visited the site at sunrise at 0706 hrs on 22nd September, the autumn equinox, and recorded the angle of the sun shining along the line of the 90-degree spoke of the timber circle, indicating that this was the reason for the positioning of that particular spoke.

The dowsing year culminated in a visit at sunrise on December 21st when John Wilson-Smith, Barry Goldring and I gathered to take compass bearings of the event. This occurred at 0821 hrs and the sun shone along the 130-degree spoke. The next visit will be on 21st March to observe the sunrise and sunset at the spring equinox.

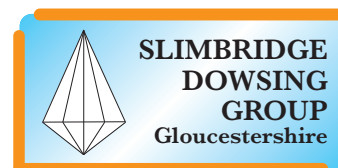
Peter Gibson

Don't forget you can see reports of most of our events on our website.

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International Dowsing Day SDG Open Day Saturday 4th May

As our contribution to this international event, we are holding an **Open Day at Slimbridge Village Hall**, and hope to attract visitors and passersby to find out more about dowsing, and to offer them a cup of tea and cake.

We need volunteers to help out with tea and cakes, plus of course skilled dowsers to welcome visitors and demonstrate dowsing. Please contact Di if you could give an hour or so during the day.

You will find printed posters available if you would like to take one, and display it in your area, or some flyers too.

Our New Equipment

As you are no doubt aware, SDG is now the proud owner of a super new user-friendly projector and a loudspeaker.

These are obviously for use by visiting speakers at our meetings, but also they are available for hire at preferential rates for members. £10 a day! There is also a choice of two screens, large and small, included in the price. Phone Di if you wish to hire.

Cancelled Talk 23rd March

Brian Bailey sends his apologies that his talk on *The Seven Rays, the Archetypes and the Chakra System* has had to be cancelled due to unforeseen health problems. We wish Brian a speedy recovery.

Trish Mills

Dowsing Extra

I would like to thank the few members who met me at the Royal British Legion car park on 28th February to try to locate the route of the underground one-metre diameter surface-water drain pipe throughout Slimbridge.

Philip Garrett, Chairman of the Parish Council, joined us. He had asked for our assistance because they needed to find a blockage, which had contributed towards the recent flood water flowing off the Recreation field onto St John's road.

We marked points where we predict it runs, and are now waiting anxiously for confirmation when excavation commences.

Peter Golding



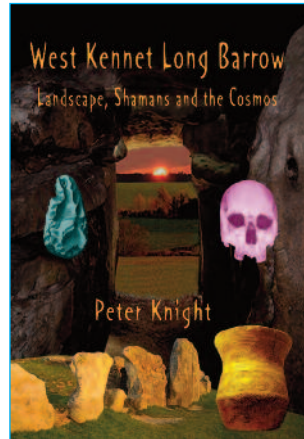
The faithful few dowsing for a blocked water pipe that was causing flooding in Slimbridge.

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme April 2013 to June 2013

Thursday 11th April – **West Kennet Long Barrow – Landscape, Shamans and the Cosmos** with Peter Knight*

Peter is a sacred sites guide, dowser and author, and he has spoken at BSD Conference in the past. He will give an inspiring presentation about this 3,500 year old Neolithic wonder near Avebury. He will look into the landscape setting of the barrow, the internal acoustic properties, the earth energies and alignments, the shamanism and his astronomical discoveries. He will also deal with how we can interact with such places today. www.stoneseeker.net

Note: And on Thursday 8th August, Peter will take us on a guided field trip to the West Kennet Long Barrow - put it in your diary now.



Saturday 27th April **Psychic Protection** with Jane Court*

An informal workshop to look at why we need to protect ourselves on a psychic level, a discussion of various methods of protection and an overview of what can be done should you find yourself under psychic attack. Jane strongly believes that protection is vital for anyone working within the higher realms, and that includes dowsers who should invoke some level of protection before embarking on their assignment. After all – do you really know who or what is "travelling along the psychic highway"?

Saturday pub lunch at the Tudor Arms, Slimbridge

Due to popular request, we have returned to the award-winning Tudor Arms. Good food, good conversation after every Saturday talk unless we're on a field trip.

Thursday 9th May **Archaeological Dowsing Training** Barry Goldring and Peter Gibson

We will start in the village hall with an introduction to archaeological dowsing, then drive to a local site for some practice. Ideal for beginners, but we need some experienced dowsers to act as mentors. You are all welcome.



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 May – **Field Trip** **Earth Energies Field Trip to Chapel Wood at Alveston** Barry Goldring and John Wilson-Smith

A return visit to this rural site, but this time concentrating on Earth Energies. Meet at John's house (White Cottage) 10.15 for 10.30am. John and Pauline will provide refreshments on arrival, then its off to the woods for a morning's dowsing **Pub lunch afterwards**, 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 see Cross Hands pub 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 recommends. Good food and a chance to chat about our findings.



Thursday 13th June **Questioning Skills** with Barry Goldring assisted by an expert panel

Probably the most important aspect of dowsing, which is why we do this topic every year. There will be a short introduction by Barry followed by an interactive discussion between members and the panel. If you have a good example of how to get it right, or how it all went horribly wrong, then we would love to hear about your experience.

Saturday 22nd June + **Lunch afterwards** **Animal Healing** with Ann Lodygowski*

Ann is our most popular speaker at SDG. Come and see again how Ann can diagnose ailments in animals remotely, and then try your own skills. She will also show some of her various methods of healing e.g. via dowsing, Bach remedies, acupressure, colour, Magor rosette, crystals, etc. We always get a good turnout for Ann, and she enjoys being inundated with questions during and after her talk. It's a pity we will have only 1½ hours with her. Come early to get a seat.

* visiting speaker

