

Archaeological Dowsing Section of SDG



Top left: We had an audience of interested cows when marking out our findings at Anita's farm.

(Photo Peter Gibson)

Below: Barry Goldring and John Wilson-Smith compare notes at Chapel Wood near Alveston.

(Photo Patrick Callaghan)

Bottom of page: Frank Archer marking a water dome at Chapel Wood. (Photo Barry Goldring)



On 25 May we had an SDG visit to John's **Chapel Wood** site near Alveston to investigate the earth energies there. It was a lovely day – blue skies, butterflies and wild garlic. We found a number of toroidal (i.e. doughnut-shaped) energies, a lot of small water domes, three spiral vortices, two leys, and investigated one of the five-pointed stars that Ros found on a previous visit. Also, Patrick and Steve learned a new dowsing skill. Bit of a disappointment that there were only five of us.

On 4 June, five of us gathered at **Anita's farm** near Swindon for another day of archaeological dowsing. There were some anomalies in the previous results, and we spent much of the day sorting them out; but also managed to find indications of some more buildings and locate the stream and fish pond. The sun was out, the meadows carpeted with buttercups, and we had a splendid day.

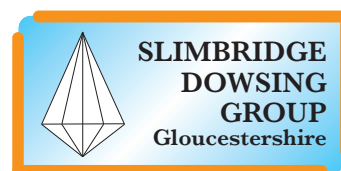


Don't forget you can see reports of most of our events on our website.

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SDG Open Day a Success

Our Open Day on Saturday 4th May to celebrate International Dowsing Day was an even greater success than we had dared to hope.

Sincere thanks to the many SDG members who volunteered their time to meet and greet visitors, or donated cakes and biscuits to sell at ridiculously low prices.

Visitors were surprised and delighted by how quickly they mastered the technique and their rods responded.

We tested them with a walk around Slimbridge Village Hall to find energy lines and underground pipes.

Barbara Davis brought along our photographic display boards of some of the work we do,

Jim Greatrix had made a plentiful supply of dowsing rods for visitors to have a go, and local historical shoe-maker **Sarah Juniper** (above right) had collected stones with holes in them, and threaded a length of string through, so that folks



could try pendulum dowsing too. **Peter Golding** came despite severe back problems, and demonstrated how dowsing works. One man was so amazed and delighted by it all, he returned later with his son and daughter in tow.

Patrick Callaghan was on hand to take photos, and **Di Holliday** offered healing to those in need; one lady left with an enormous smile on her face, relieved of pain for the first time in months.

Peter Gibson set up a very informative stand showing our

archaeological dowsing achievements (see left).

Apologies to Peter that he was omitted from the write-up in the *Gazette*.

And SDG's stalwart tea making team, lead by **Ann Jones**, were on hand to mastermind the refreshments.

All in all a very successful day, with many visitors keen to attend our meetings very soon.



Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme July 2013 to September 2013

Thursday 11th July

Crystal Healing with Kelly Peacey*

Kelly will explore why crystals are so revered: is it their structured molecular makeup, devic force, colour frequency, mineral content, or perhaps the location in which they were formed, that affects us so powerfully? Why did our ancestors pick certain stones when building sacred sites? What can we use them for, and how? Bring your rods or pendulum as we will be exploring crystals with some fun practical exercises. Kelly teaches crystal healing and is a practising therapist. If you have any crystals you would like identified by name and potential properties, bring them along.



Saturday 27th July

Earth Energies with Peter Gibson

Peter will introduce basic Earth Energies and show examples of what can be found around and within our homes and elsewhere. The results of Barry Goldring's recent practical at the Alveston Chapel Wood site is an example of what you can find if you go down to the woods (today). We will then dowse for the invisible energies within the Village Hall.

Saturday pub lunch at the Tudor Arms, Slimbridge

Good food, good conversation after every Saturday meeting unless we're on a field trip.

Thursday 8th August - **Field Trip**

Field Trip to West Kennet Long Barrow with Peter Knight*

Peter Knight recently gave us a talk on this famous Neolithic chambered tomb in Wiltshire. We'll meet Peter at Avebury, where he will lead us in dowsing the Michael and Mary lines. We'll have some lunch (bring your own?) and then Peter will take us on to the West Kennet Long Barrow itself to show us around the monument, and point out its surrounding landscape features. He will show us the archaeology, astronomy, and demonstrate the acoustic qualities of the 5,500-year-old chambers.

We can then dowse for the Michael Line that passes through the site, as well as for energy nodes. Peter will end by leading an Earth-healing meditation and a drumming session.

If you would like to come on this trip, please let Di Holliday or Trish Mills know, or book at the next meeting. Limited to 15 people, we've booked a mini-bus and cost will be £15 per person. Strongly suggest you bring a packed lunch; there is an NT café and a pub but this option takes longer. Meet at Slimbridge Village Hall at 9.30 a.m.



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 24th August – **Field Trip** **Field Trip to Keith Jones' Farm, Arlingham** with Keith Jones

Keith says, "We will continue where we left off exploring the Arlingham Court house before we were frozen out by an icy blast. The legend of the Phantom Funeral and the Saxon and pre-Saxon village site will also be investigated."

The Red Lion in Arlingham is currently up for auction, but it might have re-opened by August. If not, we'll go to the Bell at Frampton instead.

Thursday 12th September

From Atlantis to Orion's Belt (Part 1)

with Trish Mills (**Repeated by popular request!**)

Last February Trish plucked up courage to share what she has learned during her seven or so years with SDG, both through the talks and field trips, plus other research of her own. Her ideas were very well received and provoked lively discussion. So she has been persuaded to present her talk again, partly for those who missed it first time round, and partly to refresh your memory before hearing Part 2 in October.

Trish and Di Holliday subsequently exposed some seeds at Avebury for a trial planting, so she might have some interesting results to share too.

Photo: Spirals are nature's most frequently-used pattern.



Saturday 28th September - **Field Trip** **Field Trip to St Augustine's Farm** Rob Jewell

Last year we went to St Augustine's farm and discovered a lost village. This was reported by Stroud Life and the Gazette and, more importantly (according to Rob), an article was published in the Arlingham News. This year Rob and Elaine have invited us back to their farm to see what else there is to discover, maybe Roman roads or even traces of St Augustine's visit in 604 AD. Meet in the farm café or get there early for a wander round the animals.

We are hoping the Red Lion might have re-opened by now. Fingers crossed. If not, we'll go to the Bell again.

* visiting speaker