

## Archaeological Dowsing Recce at Gossington Hall



*Barry has written up a few findings from our recce at Gossington Hall. Peter Gibson also did a lot of work and made some interesting finds. More details from Peter when space permits.*

To the west of the pond and stream, we found indications of a large building 10m x 19m which had two incarnations: in AD 1560 a three-storey monastery building with a meeting hall on the ground floor and accommodation over. It was massive, with 1.2m thick walls.

Around 1770 there was another building on the same site, apparently single-storey, but I'm not yet sure what this was used for.

Then we found indications of a smaller building (about 8m square?); two-storey, partly overlapping the earlier building. It seems to have been a church school, but was later rebuilt as some sort of storage facility.

We need to do a lot more dowsing on these buildings to get the detail right.

To the south of these two buildings there was a small chapel built around 1470, with burials to the north of it (allegedly nuns, some 10–20 bodies).

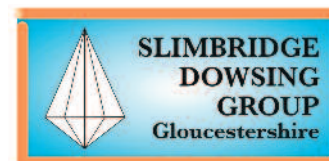
Further south again there were indications of a canopy about 5.5m x 11m, possibly a shelter for lambing, (see photo left) and other things too. Its sides were open, but there may have been some sort of fencing around it. It had four bays and dated from about 1830. Again we need more details.

Beyond the stream, to the south of the pond, we found some more burials. Someone dated them but didn't record the dates!

Under the gardening school dining room Peter Gibson found indications of the remains of a monastery building. On the other side of the drive to the car park, a long building was indicated, with various ancillary services for the monastery, which dowses as around AD 1400, three-storey. Beyond I found indications of a nineteenth-century coach house. There was also a Well which we dowsed for depth.

We detected various spiral energies, and some of us (but not all) found an unpleasant energy just in front of the bricked-up cellar steps on the NW corner of the hall.

I hope to go to the site again before our 26th July visit to record the site boundaries on my GPS receiver. This provides a base on which to plot our results. *Barry Goldring*



# Newsletter

## Slimbridge Dowsing Group

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### Temporary Acting Replacement Chair Election Results

If modern politics is anything to go by, I should be punching the air in triumph and shouting Yes! Yes! Yes! having won this hotly contested seat.

But, fear not, we have a Chairman in waiting. As some of you know, I'm actually just keeping this seat warm for when Steve Sanderson feels comfortable about standing for Chairman.

The Committee thought he would be a great Chairman now. I was despatched to twist his arm, but Steve is not only modest, he's stubborn as well, and we couldn't persuade him. So we're going to be grooming him until he feels ready.

In the meantime, may I confirm and clarify my new title of ACTING.

TEMPORARY Chair FOR NOW – because I've learnt from bitter experience that once you take a job on this Committee, it's yours for life. (Don't tell Steve I said so!)

And actually, I like to think there isn't a lot that needs changing. We seem to be ticking along quite nicely, as far as I know. And I am firmly of the opinion that if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

### Hi Di, Bye Di!

Di leaving for pastures new in Brighton is why the above was necessary! She was Chair for 16 months, and made her mark as a speaker too. Thanks, Di, we hope you will come and visit us occasionally.

### Dowsing at Gossington Hall

Peter Golding was asked to visit Gossington Hall in March to deal with some geopathic stress. This led to an invitation for SDG members to visit too, and see what else we could find. A few of us went along in April to do a preliminary recce, and found plenty! See Barry Goldring's report on back page.

So now we're invited again, and will be meeting with Cheltenham Dowsers at this extraordinary site on 26th July to follow up on what we found that day.

Please note, **NUMBERS ARE LIMITED TO 25**, so we've agreed **12** from Cheltenham and **13** SDG-ers. If you would like to come along, please give your name to Barry Goldring. Details and directions within.

### Recording of Talks

Patrick has been doing a grand job for us as our photographer at large, and until recently, recording talks too. However, we have now realized this may be infringing speakers' copyright, a talk is their intellectual property. So please note recorded talks are no longer available.

### John Gibson-Forty Book 2

Just to say, John's second book, **Forgotten Pathways: Britain's Secret Highways into Forgotten Worlds** is now available and selling well. To obtain a copy, contact Trish. (**Not Amazon!**)

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

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## Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme July 2014 to September 2014

Thursday 10th July

**King Arthur's Camlan** with Laurence Main\*

Everybody's favourite Druid, Laurence Main, captivated us all in November last year, telling us very sternly, it's 'leys' not 'leylines' (guilty as charged). Today he will tell us about Camlan, King Arthur's last Battle. Where was it fought? Where is the evidence? Who were the combatants? Who survived? Why did it happen? Where did Arthur die? Where is he buried? When did it all happen? Who was the Merlin buried on Bardsey Island? Laurence's book, King Arthur's Camlan, has been reviewed as 'a unique blend of historical fact with a visionary twist . . .'



Photo: Patrick Callaghan



Saturday 26th July

**Dowsing Gossington Hall with Cheltenham Dowsing Group** with Barry Goldring, assisted by PG1 & PG2. **N.B. Numbers limited.**

After a brief but fascinating recce earlier this year, (see back page) we will meet up with Cheltenham Dowsers and explore this 1700s site.

**Numbers are limited to 25, so 12 Cheltenham folks and 13 SDG-ers.**

**If you wish to attend, please give your name to Barry Goldring.**

Travelling south-bound on A38, shortly after Slimbridge roundabout, turn right across dual carriageway into Tyndale Road to Gossington. Turn left up the lane towards Tumpy Green Farm, and left again at top of hill to Cotswold Gardening School. **Coffee, tea and lunch included.**

Thursday 7th August

**Cerne Abbas Giant** with Peter Knight\*

If you attended Peter Knight's talk about the giant in March this year, you probably have your name down already for the field trip. We've booked a 30-seater air-conditioned coach this time, and it is almost fully booked! Only 10 seats left at time of going to press.

Bring a packed lunch so we can get off to a quick start. £15 per person covers coach. SDG will pay Peter Knight's very reasonable fee for guiding, inspiring and entertaining us. A great day out with like-minded folks. Contact Barbara Davis to book (see back page for contact details.)



Unless otherwise stated, Meetings take place in Slimbridge Village Hall  
Fourth Saturday at 10.15 for 10.30 am and second Thursday at 1.45 for 2.00 pm.



Susan and Ian at Little Malvern Priory. Susan is author of Sacred Space - Sacred Sound: The Acoustic Mysteries of Holy Places. Ian has worked with earth energies for many years.

Saturday 23rd August

**Singing the Lines**

with Susan Hale & Ian Woodcock\*

Following John Gibson-Forty's two books on dowsing the decagon, Susan Hale and Ian Woodcock have been singing the lines to harmonize the land. From the Welsh triads to the decagon, centred on Whiteleaved Oak in the Malvern Hills, the perpetual choirs have enchanted their imagination. Through talk, photographs, chanting and sound exercises, they will share what they have discovered on their journeys.

**Pub lunch and chat at the Tudor Arms, after every Saturday meeting.**

Thursday 11th September

**Go With the Vibes** with Keith Harmon\*

This is a hands-on talk about energy and health with plenty of audience participation so do bring your L-rods along. There will be opportunities to increase your own and other's energy, and demonstrations on how energy is dissipated accidentally or on purpose, and the use of energy from crystals to benefit others. We will also see Keith's unique so-called Harry Potter technique. Another little known energy technique, sometimes called hand yoga will be included, for coping with heart attacks!

Keith tours the UK and the USA giving many talks. He is also an archaeological dowser, an energy therapist, Chairman of the Middlesex and Surrey Archaeology Dowsers; Chairman of the Association of Energy Therapists; C.E.O. of the British Complementary Medicine Association; Vice Chairman of the International Association of Health Dowsers and, until last year, Chairman of the BSD health group. And now, at Slimbridge!



27th September

**St Augustine's Farm** with Barry Goldring

This is a follow-up to last year's visit when we investigated Rob's triangular Ley field and found indications of several interesting buildings and two Roman roads. Rob and Elaine have invited us back again to investigate more archaeology in this field, and possibly elsewhere on the farm. Meet in the farm cafe for coffee (10 for 10.30 start) or get there early for a wander round the animals. St. Augustine's Farm is signposted from the A38, go through the village of Arlingham, past the Red Lion, first track on the right. Park in the car park and follow the path to the cafe.

**Lunch at Red Lion, Arlingham – changed hands and now much better!**

\* visiting speaker