

Newsletter

Slimbridge Dowsing Group

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Bumper New Year Issue!

A Happy New Year to one and all, and welcome to our bumper New Year issue. I have permission from the new Committee (which, as usual, looks suspiciously like the old one) to run to 8 pages this quarter only.

We have lots to tell you, notably what happened at the AGM, and the decisions made. Plus of course our Programme for the first quarter – January through March.

In addition, I am delighted to include our Programme for the whole of 2015, in a free pull-out-and-keep centrefold, which includes meetings, speakers, and two or three field trips, not forgetting the International Dowsing Open Day on 4th May.

And as if all that wasn't exciting enough, on the back page you will find details of some of the annual events that are an important part of the dowsing scene.

Why not put them in your diary now?

AGM News

Not a great turnout out – sixteenish, I think, or 36% – but better than the national average at General Elections.

We received lots of apologies for absence because of illness, particularly amongst our revered wise men, Peter Golding (PG1), Peter Gibson (PG2) and Jim Greatrix. Along with Barry Goldring (who was with us), these three are our finest dowsers and teachers, and much missed.

We also received several votes by proxy, so that was well received. It was Rob Jewell's suggestion; thank you, Rob.

New Committee

The existing Committee was returned unopposed. As there had been no new nominations, this did not come as a major surprise. The only exception was for Vice Chairman. As you read in the October Newsletter, Jon Martin is stepping down to build a house, and Steve Sanderson was duly elected in his place. Welcome, Steve.

Thursday p.m. versus evening?

I am relieved to report that keeping Thursday afternoon meetings was carried unanimously, with no one in favour of changing to evenings. The deciding factor was the unlit car park, which is *behind* the hall, not beside it, and in pitch darkness.

Subscriptions stay the same . . .

Please note, Annual subscriptions remain the same – £10, and are now due. You can pay on the door or send a cheque to Barbara Davis.

. . . but Entry Fees increase

Although annual subscriptions remain the same, the AGM was asked to approve increasing our entry fees from £2 for members and £3 for guests to £3 and £4 respectively. This is still very reasonable, many groups now charge £5 entry.

The reasons for this are that the cost of hiring the hall has increased, and speakers are paid a fee plus reasonable travel expenses. The Meeting approved the increase, which will start in January 2015.

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Saturday Meeting time change

Anita Gantlett proposed (by proxy) that the time of Saturday meetings should be a little later. Anita and several other members travel quite a distance to be with us, so Saturday morning meetings will now start at 11 a.m. prompt. Doors open at 10.00 so do come along for the usual coffee, tea, bikkies, social chat and training beforehand.

SDG Badges

SDG Badges were a popular idea, and won the majority vote. So I've ordered 50 and they will be on sale shortly. This is not a profit-making idea, they will be sold at cost, just £4 each. The design is based on our logo – wear it with pride!

Rabbit II

The Meeting was asked if they would like a second edition of *This Rabbit is Constipated*, our book that contains all the write-ups published in the *Gazette* over the five years from 2007 to 2011.

It was decided to ask again when more members are present. However, even if we go ahead, it probably won't be until 2016, as it takes five years to fill a book.

Archaeological Dowsing Section

After the AGM, Barry Goldring gave us an update on what the Archaeological Section has been up to. This should have been with PG2, but sadly he was absent.

One of the things Barry mentioned was Ros Milward's findings at St Augustine's Farm in Arlingham. She first dowsed a recent-ish Christian church building, beneath which she dowsed a Pagan church. Further dowsing gave indications of a stone henge and then a wood henge. And as if that wasn't enough, she went on to discover three ley lines intersecting at that very point. Now that's what you call dowsing!

New Health & Healing Section

Starting our own off-shoot Health & Healing Section was mooted last year when Di Holliday was still Chairman. There was a lot of interest, but it wasn't the right time.

I'm delighted to report that after the AGM, it was mentioned again, partly as a result of several of us attending Peter Goldring's Health & Healing Course in October. Peter dowsed a lady and found something of concern in her right breast. A mammogram has confirmed his findings. The lady asked Peter for absent healing, but being unwell himself, he could not help.

Wouldn't it be marvellous to have a Health & Healing Group that could oblige? To send absent healing is so much better than sending a card!

It would be a sub-group similar to the Archaeological Section. We hope to hold an initial meeting soon, when anyone interested can come along and help decide how it should be run. Please contact Rob Gerrish on rob.gerrish@blueyonder.co.uk if you are interested.

Generous Donation

Jim Greatrix has made a very generous donation to our Group. He asks that the Committee decides how it should be used.

After some discussion, we felt it might be appropriate to pursue the idea of a library of dowsing books, and to name it after Jim.

We already have some donated books, and will ask if we can store them at the village hall between meetings. Our first purchase will be *A Letter to Robin* which Jim rates highly. Thank you most sincerely, Jim.

Other Dates For Your Diary

See pages 4 and 5 for the pull-out-and-keep 2015 Programme, and page 8 for more annual events well worth a visit.

See you there!

Trish Mills

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme January 2015 to March 2015

Thursday 8th January

Using Double-V Rods to Find Water with Peter Golding.

The inventor of the Double-V rod, Clive Thompson, a retired architect and scientist, was President of the British Society of Dowsers from 1981 to 1987, and awarded the position of Honorary Life Vice-President. Clive considered that the single V-rod was limited in that it could only flip up or down, so he invented the Double-V dowsing rod in the 1980s. It has proved very useful for locating sources of groundwater and is accurate in the hands of someone who has mastered the technique of using it. Come along and master the technique yourselves.



Saturday 24th January

Sacred Geometry Made Simple with Trish Mills

Have I got news for you! This talk unfolds like a detective story. Discovering Sacred Geometry is like being handed the keys to the Universe. We begin – briefly – with the basic shapes that comply with nature's secret rules, and see via some amazing photographs how together they create harmony.

The ancients discovered all this way ahead of us, and showed us how to calculate the size of the earth and the orbit of the planets with stunning accuracy. We also learn why the pyramids are comprised of nothing but triangles; how Fibonacci worked out the formula for counting rabbits and stumbled on the secret of spirals; and how to make your own snowflake.

Once we've figured out all that, we take a look at how man has copied nature in music, architecture and art, and the sacred geometry in crop circles.

It's not just mind blowing – it's incendiary! You'll never look at the Universe in the same way again.



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

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Thursday 8 January	Peter Golding	Using the Double-V rods to find water.
Saturday 24 January	Trish Mills	Sacred Geometry Made Simple
Thursday 12 February	Lorraine Doherty	Bosnian Pyramids
Saturday 28 February	Jeff Saward	Labyrinths
Thursday 12 March	Celia Gunn	Chakra Garden
Saturday 28 March	Jeff Brooks (Wyvern)	Psychometric Dowsing
Thursday 9 April	John Baker	Dowsing Holes in the Ground! Wells, etc.
Saturday 25 April	Field Trip	Mysterious Cam Peak
Monday 4 May	Int'l Dowsing Day	@ Slimbridge WWT (TBC)
Thursday 14 May	Kelly Peacey	Platonic Solids, Sacred Geometry and Crystal Grids
Saturday 23 May	Field Trip	Visit to Chakra Garden
Thursday 11 June	Susan Hale & Ian Woodcock	Singing the Lines II
Saturday 27 June	David Furlong	Sacred Landscape
Thursday 9 July	Yuri Leitch	The Glastonbury Zodiac
Saturday 25 July	Joint Field Trip	SDG / Bristol Dowzers
Thursday 13 August	Peter Knight	Stolen Images - Pagan Symbolism in Ch Architecture
Saturday 22 August	Barbara Davis	Earth Energies at Coaley Church + pagan symbols
Thursday 10 September	Invited Rory Mac	To be confirmed
Saturday 26 September	Rob Jewell, PG2 and Barry Goldring	St Augustine's Farm
Thursday 8 October	Ros Milward	To be confirmed
Saturday 24 October	Maria Wheatley	Subject TBA
Date to be confirmed	Committee Meeting re AGM	Committee
Thursday 12 November	AGM	Committee
Saturday 28 November	Hartmann Curry Lines, Earth Grids etc.	To be confirmed
Date to be confirmed	Committee Meeting re Programme for 2016	Committee
Thursday 10 December	Christmas Party Four tables?	Ourselves!

Why not put these dates in your diary now?

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme January 2015 to March 2015 *Continued*

Thursday 12th February **The Bosnian Pyramids** with Lorraine Doherty*

Lorraine first heard about the Bosnian Pyramids some three years ago, and has been hooked ever since. Excavations are ongoing, mainly in the Ravne Tunnel, and Lorraine has led groups to visit the valley of Visoko, home of the Bosnian Pyramid of the Sun and Archaeological Park, and to experience the energy there. Her original interest was in the Runes, and she has found marks within the Ravne Tunnel that seem to communicate in a similar way.

Lorraine will bring samples of the stones from the pyramids, and recordings of their vibrations, which lends credence to the suggestion that they were massive transformers or generators for the energy system that lies beneath them.



Saturday 28th February
Labyrinths with Jeff Saward*

First captivated by the labyrinth in 1976, Jeff Saward is a world authority on the history and development of labyrinths and mazes, and is the author of *Magical Paths*, a pictorial essay on the modern revival, and *Labyrinths & Mazes*, a comprehensive illustrated history. He is also the editor of *Caerdroia* – the Journal of Mazes and Labyrinths, and co-founder and director of Labyrinthos, the Labyrinth Resource Centre, Photo Library and Archive.



Travelling extensively to research the history of labyrinths and mazes, Jeff has an unrivalled collection of photographs from around the world and is frequently consulted to provide designs, information, illustrations and documentation for both modern construction projects and historical restorations. Take a look – www.labyrinthos.net

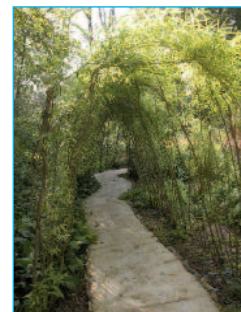
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* visiting speaker

Meetings take place in Slimbridge Village Hall on the fourth Saturday at 10.00 for 11 am and second Thursday at 1.45 for 2.30 pm.

Thursday 12th March

Monk's Glade Chakra Garden: Heaven on Earth with Celia Gunn*



For 14 years, Celia Gunn has been co-creating a chakra garden from a half-acre rubble-strewn and weed-filled wooded glade. As the original vision became manifest, the intermingling of emerging subtle energies and real-life issues became evident. Gradually, Celia and her cups-of-tea-bearing husband Anthony came to understand that the cultivation of specific features in the garden were helping to ground higher-dimensional forces and assist in the understanding of multi-dimensional consciousness. Celia will share some of her ongoing experiences and insights with photos a-plenty.

Visit www.earthskywalk.com/Garden-index.html or search The Chakra Garden on Facebook.

In addition to Celia's talk today, we will be visiting her Chakra Garden near Bath on Saturday 23rd May. We will take names after her talk, and plan to car share.



Photos from above left to right: Entering the veil. An oasis of calm. Ganesh hosts a blackbird's nest on a tree stump. The red (base) chakra.

Saturday 28th March

Psychometric Dowsing with Geoff Brooks*

Psychometry is the ability to receive clairvoyant impressions of the history of an object.



This session will include the opportunity to experience psychometry for yourself. Please bring your pendulum or rods, and a small personal item for this purpose. This skill will bring new insights into your dowsing activities.

Dowsing, as we know, is the ability to find hidden targets and unknown information through intuition. Dowsing instruments are simply a means of amplifying the human body's response to information contained in the subtle energy field of the planet.

The psychologist Carl Gustav Jung described the information from this energy field as the collective unconscious mind. He used metaphoric imagery received in the dream state as the basis for his psychotherapy.

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More dates for your 2015 Diary

The 12th Convention of Alternative Archaeology & Earth Mysteries is run by Peter Knight in Pewsey, Wiltshire, 4th October, 2015. I first attended the 9th Convention in 2012 and was promptly invited to do the Perpetual Choirs talk at the 10th Convention in 2013. 2014 was the best yet, and the great and the good from the world of dowsing were all there.

This is now fixed on my calendar for ever more. Peter gets some excellent speakers and, since my antennae are always on Red Alert for speakers for SDG, this is a rich hunting ground.

There are stalls selling books, crystals, cards, etc., plus refreshments with a yummy vegan vegetable soup, all at very reasonable prices. Tickets are usually £20, discount if bought early. **www.stoneseeker.net**

The Ley Hunters' Moot in June/July 2015 at Dinas Mawddwy Village Hall, Machynlleth, looks very promising. Usual price is £30 but Laurence Main is selling advance tickets bought in 2014 for £10.

An optional week of guided walks begins on Sunday 28th June, to places of historic interest, and an opportunity to dowse the ley lines in this stunningly beautiful area.

It ends on Saturday 4th July with nine speakers, including Ian Pegler, Maria Wheatley, and yours truly.

I've been asked to do the Perpetual Choirs talk, followed by Susan Hale and Ian Woodcock 'Singing the Lines'. I now bill myself as their warm-up act!

There will be stalls and vegan catering. **www.networkofleyhunters.com** or ring Laurence on **01650 531354** – he eschews IT, so is a pain to get hold of, but keep trying. You'll need to book accommodation early, Laurence will supply details.

The Healing Weekend is on 10th–12th July at Secret World Wildlife Rescue, East Huntspill, Highbridge, Somerset TA9 3PZ.

They have speakers in three different marquees throughout each day, plus a large marquee with all sorts of alternative treatments and therapies available; plus dancing, drumming, and music in the evenings. There are lots of trade stands, where I buy most of my clothes these days. (I want to be a hippy when I grow up.)

Tickets have been £5 *per day* the three years I've been, plus extra for some workshops and evenings. It is incredibly well attended, plenty of parking. It's not totally about dowsing, but we all go anyway.

www.thehealingweekend.co.uk

Trust me, if you don't know anyone when you arrive at these events, you will by the time you go home.

Trish Mills

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

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