



Newsletter

Slimbridge Dowsing Group

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More for your money

As you see, I have permission from the Committee to go to eight pages again for this issue. We are becoming so active, with so much happening, I can't squeeze it all in to just four pages any more.

Health & Wellbeing Group

The new Health & Wellbeing Group got off to a great start in February, with a good number of people showing an interest. Sincere thanks to Rob Gerrish for so ably getting this started. See his Report elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Jim Greatrix Library

As you know, our lovely Jim Greatrix passed on 6th February, and after his generous donation in December, we are in the process of setting up the Jim Greatrix Library. We already have quite a collection of books, many donated by Peter Golding, and plan to add more, notably *Letter To Robin* and *The Pendulum Charts* by Dale Olsen, which Jim always recommended.

His widow, Phyllis, has kindly offered to donate Jim's own dowsing books to us, and I understand there is quite a collection.

We are currently looking into cupboards, so to speak, to choose the best one for our situation. Once purchased, our Library will be up and running. Members are welcome to borrow any book, but please remember to write your details on the relevant page in the folder, which we will also be setting up shortly.

Badges

Have you bought your badge yet? Wearing them came into its own at Jim's funeral. All the Buffaloes were wearing sashes, which identified them beautifully. And we wore our badges. I think it enhances the Group energy, identifies us and shows we belong. The next Group event will be the International Dowsing Day on 4th May. And it shows you're not just a dowser, you're a *Slimbridge* Dowser! Wear it with pride.

Missing Books

In 2007, one of our members, Alec Peachment, passed away and we inherited his collection of dowsing books. Some kind soul has been storing them for us ever since, but we don't know who! If you have them, could you please let me know. Thank you.

Erratum

Erratum is Latin for 'Ooops, I screwed up' and my face is as red as one of Billy Gawn's bricks. During my talk on *Sacred Geometry* in January, I said the base brick and the upright brick (at right-angles to each other) complied with the rule of Phi, the ratio of 1:1.618.

Barry Goldring kindly whispered in my ear afterwards, and said it was the hypotenuse brick that complies with the rule of Phi. So I checked with the great man himself, and Billy Gawn e-mailed to say that Barry was right and I was wrong. Sorry I dropped a brick!

Trish Mills

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme April 2015 to June 2015

Thursday 9th April **Dowsing Wells and Holes in the Ground** with John Baker*

John Baker is founder and Chairman of London Dowzers, the south-east's equivalent of Peter Golding. He has been a dowser for some 30 years, initially archaeological dowsing to gather proof that what he was dowsing actually existed (it did.) John still works with local archaeological groups, and saves them a lot of digging. In fact, he was successful to the point that the British Society of Dowzers (BSD) invited him to start a special interest group (SIG) in the subject. With help from Sue Brown, he Chaired the group for six years, served on the BSD Council but resigned after two years, and left the BSD four years ago.

Now concentrating on water divining, John set up the Professional Dowzers' Register to put some 'clear water' between the professional aspects of dowsing and the more esoteric aspects that have now taken over the BSD. John is a great dowser and has some interesting tales to tell about wells, chalk mines, a medieval sewer, and on one memorable occasion, dead rats under the floorboards!



Thursday 9th April meeting followed by **Health & Wellbeing Group 4 p.m.**

Future meetings will cover distant healing, dowsing Auras for health, dowsing food intolerances and appropriate homeopathic potency and dosage.



Saturday 25th April – Field Trip Archaeology at Hart's Barn with Barry Goldring & Peter Gibson

Hart's Barn is on the site of an eleventh-century hunting lodge, reputedly built by William, Duke of Normandy. The adjacent buildings are used as a craft centre. We have been asked to fill in the 600-year archaeological gap between the first lodge and c. AD 1800.

Harts Barn is on the north side of the A4136 between Longhope and Mitcheldean.

Turn right through the second car park, and park behind the Workshop Units. Meet in Unit 18 for a briefing at 10.30 a.m. The tea rooms are open from 10 a.m.

If you would like lunch there, Emma has an offer for us – soup, big cheese scone and a cake for £6.50, and we have use of an upstairs room to ourselves. Let me know if you want to take advantage of their offer, as they require advance notice. If you want a lift/can offer a lift from Slimbridge village hall, contact Barry a few days in advance.

Meetings take place in Slimbridge Village Hall on the fourth
Saturday 10am for 11am and second Thursday 1.45 for 2.30 pm.

Monday 4th May **International Dowsing Day at Slimbridge WWT with all of us!**

This was great fun last year, and the Slimbridge Wildlife & Wetlands Trust is kindly allowing us to return this year. Having heard about dowsing, thanks to the Gazette and Stroud News & Journal, visitors were intrigued to find our various flower pots and sand pit and enjoyed the opportunity to try dowsing for themselves.

We will start about 10.30 a.m. and leave around 3 p.m., so lots of volunteers are needed to make it work. Steve and Barbara did most of the work last year, so if you can come along, even for an hour or two, you really will enjoy it. Encouraging folks to have a go at dowsing is fun, let Steve know if you can help. Don't forget to wear your badge, so visitors know who you are.

Thursday 14th May **Healing with Crystal Light Grids and Sacred Geometry** with Kelly Peacey*

Today you'll have the opportunity to work with Crystal Light Grids so you can experience first-hand the subtle shifts they create in you and your surroundings. Be sure to bring your pendulum!

Kelly will explain how the specifically aligned placement of quartz crystal on sacred geometric patterns can bring about profound healing and expanded consciousness.

She has been a practising Crystal Healer for more than 15 years, and has learned how the powerful super-conductive, amplifying and receiving qualities of clear quartz with sacred geometrical patterns can heal and realign our energy and bring a higher state of awareness.

Sacred Geometry is the mathematical language that defines the universe as energy. We know these patterns and shapes are powerful alchemical symbols as they are found all over the world on ancient religious and sacred sites. The most common geometric symbols considered sacred are the Egyptian Flower of Life, the Hebrew Vesica Piscis and the Italian Borromean Rings (also known as the Holy Trinity). But of course there are a great many more, such as the Kaballah, the Seed of Life, the Platonic Solids, and the Fruit of Life. Kelly explains how these symbols can heal and align your space.



Thursday 14th May meeting followed by
Health & Wellbeing Meeting at 4 p.m.

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme April to June 2015 *Continued*

Saturday 23rd May – **Field Trip**

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



As a follow-up to her presentation 'Monks Glade Chakra Garden: Heaven on Earth' on 12th March, Celia Gunn and her husband Anthony Thorley, are delighted to invite us to experience their Chakra Garden on Saturday, 23rd May.

Celia will first accompany us on a brief tour of the garden so that we can familiarise ourselves with it, and ask any questions. Then we will be able to make our own meditative journey through the chakras, in any way you wish.

You are welcome to bring musical instruments, to drum, sing, dance, to use crystals, dowsing rods or pendulum, and so on, as the spirit wills. Celia has come to understand that, as much as you receive from the garden, the garden receives from you.

Afterwards, we will enjoy tea and cake, and perhaps share any observations or experiences. No fee but donations welcome.



How to find the Chakra Garden

Celia and Anthony have kindly said we can make a day of it. So why don't we meet at Slimbridge village hall to organise car sharing, bring a picnic to eat in the sunshine, and be ready for our tour at say 2 p.m.? It's about 45 miles, which should take less than 1.5 hours. So let's meet at 11 a.m. at the village hall.

Address: Monks Glade, Woodborough, Peasedown St John, Bath BA2 8LQ.
Tel. 01761 435497

Directions: Via Bath, take the A367 heading south towards Radstock & Wells. Follow by-pass around village of Peasedown St John (pass Mercedes and Audi showrooms). When the A367 (Fosse Way) straightens out, **slow down** – you will see a stone wall on your left, and a driveway entrance, with yellow notices saying 'Private drive' and 'Slow 15'. Drive down the tree-lined drive. Monks Glade is third on the left. Parking is available.

* 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 11th June

Enchanting the Land:

A Perpetual Enquiry II

with Susan Hale and Ian Woodcock*

Following last year's Slimbridge talk and experience with the perpetual choirs, Susan and Ian will continue sharing their discoveries with more stories, songs and chants, including work they have done recently connecting lines 1–6 from Chartley Castle to Glastonbury.

After their talk, we have permission to go over to Slimbridge Church to do some vocal toning and measure the before and after effects.

Susan Elizabeth Hale is a music therapist, singer and the author of Sacred Space Sacred Sound: The Acoustic Mysteries of Holy Places. She is the creator of Earth Day – Sing for the Trees, an annual global event. Since 2010 over 8,000 people in 43 countries have sung for the trees they love.



An American transplant, Susan lives in Malvern with her husband Ian where they are part of the Well Dressing Festival every Beltane. www.songkeeper.net

Ian Woodcock is a singer/songwriter who has been researching earth mysteries since retiring from teaching special needs children. In 2008 he was part of the Awakening Albion Walk along the Michael and Mary lines.

NO Health & Wellbeing Meeting for Thursday 11th June

Postponed partly because of the above, and partly because Rob is away.



Saturday 27th June – **The Sacred Landscape – Connecting to the power of place**

with David Furlong*

We will explore the magical ingredients that cause some landscapes to be considered sacred. In this process we will look at sites like Avebury and the Malvern Hills, as well as the way in which places are linked together through ley-lines creating a matrix of energy across the landscape. We will also look at the power and spiritual significance of rivers such as the Severn, and holy wells such as that at Glastonbury, and what these invoke within us. In one sense the whole of the British Isles is a magical landscape, which can empower us when we link to its energies. All will be explored using dowsing and different intuitive techniques. David has been a therapist and teacher for more than 45 years; he is a dowser, author of five books, an excellent speaker, and tour guide to sacred sites.

Lunch at the Tudor Arms, Shepherds Patch – good food and conversation

SDG's Health & Wellbeing Group Report by Rob Gerrish



The inaugural meeting of the SDG Health & Wellbeing Group.

Back in October 2014 Peter Golding ran a Dowsing for Health Course at Slimbridge. SDG has been hoping to start a H&WB Group for some years; Peter's Course generated renewed interest, and the Slimbridge Dowsters' own Health and Wellbeing Group was formed as a result.

More Dates for your diary

In addition to the events in this quarter's Newsletter, not forgetting our **International Dowsing Day** event on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May at Slimbridge WWT for which we need volunteers to help, other dates for your diary are:

Dowsing For Children on Sunday 19th July. To be invited to show young children how to dowse is a huge privilege. Do come along if you can help, and come along if you can't – this is a leaning opportunity for us all. Possibly bring your own child?

We're also invited to join Hampshire Archaeological Dowsters and the BSD who are coming all the way up to **Crickley Hill, near Cheltenham**, to celebrate International Dowsing Day

On 12th February we had our first meeting at Slimbridge village hall. It was well attended with over 20 people turning up. We had a mixture of people from those with no healing skills to those who have been healing for years.

We started off with the basics of energy healing. Where does the energy come from, how to access the energy and connect to it. Practising this connection and seeing what effect it has on ourselves, and

cleansing and protecting ourselves prior to passing the energy on to others.

The next meeting will be on the 12th March, at 4pm, following the main meeting about Celia Gunn's Chakra Garden. There is no additional fee and last time Ann kindly made more tea.

on **Sunday 3rd May**. They say, 'Crickley Hill is a much fought over, causewayed enclosure situated on a spur with spectacular views over the Severn valley. Occupied since Neolithic times to around AD 500, we will be given a guided archaeological site tour and then have the opportunity to dowse the enclosure and record our findings. Event details on BSD website.

Gary Biltcliffe and Caroline Hoare, authors of **The Spine of Albion**, about the **Belinus Line** that goes from the Isle of Wight to NE Scotland, are offering daily Urban Pilgrimage Walking Tours along the line and across the entire country, throughout the year. Not exactly local to us, visit www.belinusline.com for details.

Two One-Day Dowsing Courses with Peter Golding *Beginners to Intermediate level, at Slimbridge Village Hall, Gloucestershire.*

These one-day courses are available nationally, not exclusively for SDG-ers, so book early and speak to Peter about an SDG-only discount. They run from 10:00 am to 5:00pm, with a break for optional pub lunch. Course fees £75 each, or £140 for both.

Saturday 30th May Water Divining Workshop

The quintessential dowser is one who can find water. The course includes:

1. Confirming your dowsing ability, and teaching any beginners;
2. Interpreting geological maps and the properties of rocks;
3. Identifying areas where groundwater is likely and most unlikely to be found;
4. Peter's remarkable technique of improving your success rate in finding the location of groundwater;
5. Counting methods, Bishop's and Creyke's Rules to predict depth and flow rate;
6. Visits sites where successful boreholes have been drilled on Peter's dowsing mark;

7. The opportunity to accompany Peter on his visits to clients, and gain experience towards a Professional qualification.

Saturday 20th June Dowsing for Health & Healing and clearing Geopathic Stress

The course includes:

1. Confirming your dowsing ability, and teaching any beginners;
2. Protection from any detrimental influences;
3. Dowsing the Aura;
4. Discuss Allergies and Intolerances;
5. Testing for Geopathic Stress in the home, and how to convert these energies to benign or beneficial;
6. Remote Spiritual Healing to any part of the world with aid of a photograph;
7. Peter's method of dowsing and clearing sources of malfunction or discomfort;
8. Applying spiritual healing and confirming that the person has improved.

**Contact Peter direct
on 01453 890316
or mailto@petergolding.net**



Peter's very well-attended Health & Healing Course on 18th October 2014.

Archaeological Group Report by Andrew Pegg

Dowsing for a Blocked Drain

In January we received an SOS from a lady farmer in Stonehouse who had a blocked drain somewhere in one of her fields, and it was causing huge problems. Barry Goldring led a group of volunteers to see what they could do to help.

Barry had us dowse for any underground drains in the field, then marked out the lines of the two we found and where they joined. We discounted numerous energy spirals and an underground water course.

We then dowsed for the blockage which corresponded with a large boggy patch, so Barry marked out the blocked section with flags, and asked his rods the age and size of the pipes and their depth. We also dowsed whether the sections above and below were clear, which the rods indicated they were. You could see how the blockage was affecting the surrounding areas of the field.

The bonus opportunity after a much needed cup of tea in Sue's kitchen was to look at the ditches alongside the top end of field where the road runs. The ditch there was blocked and so full of water that it ran off from the adjoining large field on the other side of the road, over that, and into Sue's field. So it was a double whammy in terms of the cause of her boggy mess.

The low-cost option for Sue is to dig out and clear the specific section of drain

which would then allow the water to flow to an outlet and ditch at the far end. If that is insufficient, then she might need to dig out the ditch on her western boundary to do the same job, but clearly that will be much more costly.

Clearing the blockage on the road to allow natural seepage seems out of her control and it is of no interest to the Highways Department to put in a drain, so this is definitely a low-cost self-help option. Sue was very pleased by our findings and suggestions of how to solve things.

Barry also gave us an impromptu session on 'advanced' dowsing involving wine selection and blinking, I think he said, so that was fantastic too.

Thank you, Barry, we learned a lot and it was well worth the trip to A&E to unfreeze the toes and lower limbs safely. That bit wasn't on the risk assessment. But apparently Barry did risk-assess the wind speed to see whether it might unduly affect our rods and the results. Clearly it did not!

Andrew Pegg BSc MRICS

Thank you, Andrew, for writing up this most interesting report. I wish I'd gone now! If other members do some particularly interesting dowsing, either with SDG or on their own, we'd love to hear about it. Don't forget to take a photo.

You can see reports of most of our talks on our website.

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