

Getting to know you ...



Jim Greatrix has been a dowsing rod user for many years, and joined SDG in 2005 2 years after it was formed.

He is 100% reliable and before our meetings Jim collects the key to the village hall, opens up, puts up our banner to welcome

you, and most important of all, puts the kettles on! Jim is a Committee member and one of our well-respected dowsing wise men.

John Hedges has been a friend of Jim's for many years. Before retiring he owned the Shell petrol station in Cam, but he had a mystery on his hands. His cellar at home was half-full of water, why? You have to expect water to come into your cellar to some extent, but that's OK so long as it flows out again. John's didn't.

He telephoned the previous owner, who assured him there was a sound soakaway outside the back door and he had never had this problem himself. There must be a blockage somewhere.

John contacted Jim, knowing he was a dowsing rod user. "Come and see what you can do," he said. "It's getting serious, all the labels have been soaked off my wine bottles."

Enter Jim with dowsing rods. He didn't find the soakaway, but the rods indicated a drain going across the beautifully manicured lawn. Uh-oh.

Following the direction in which the rods were pointing, Jim ended up 30 ft from the house beside a lime tree. Could this be the root of the problem?

More dowsing, more crossing of rods. Eventually Jim was sure enough at having found the blockage, he put one of his white survey sticks in the ground.

"Here," said Jim. "Dig here."

So John dug down 3 feet. Nothing.

Jim remained confident enough to say, "Keep digging." After another 3 ft down they found tree roots had broken and entered the drain, thoroughly blocking it.

John was amazed and relieved. "Over an acre of garden, and you found the exact spot!"

Maybe John should have then asked Jim to dowsing the wine bottles to see which labels belonged where!

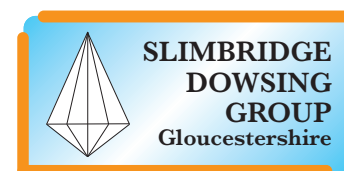
After telling me this story, Jim went on to say he is now 76 and beginning to feel his age. But he loves the Berkeley Vale and says we have a fantastic heritage here for some really interesting dowsing – Berkeley Castle, the River Severn, plenty of archaeology, Roman ruins etc.

Aldridge & Son is a family building firm, and Jim was their first carpenter. He proudly boasts that he has worked for four generations of the family. He is an Honorary member of the Berkeley Buffalos after 57 years of service.

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Times is 'ard

As those of us that attended the AGM on 11th November 2010 already know, (see AGM report on website), we have been cheerfully overspending on speakers and a newsletter in glorious breath-taking Technicolour, and now have a deficit of almost £400.

It was therefore proposed we cut costs by using more speakers from our own Group, and by printing the Newsletter in monochrome, not colour. We can still e-mail a colour version but printing in colour was costing 50p per copy. Ouch.

As you will have already discovered, our Treasurer Barry Goldring also proposed that we increase the annual subscription from £5 to £10. While an increase is never welcome, it was seen as an appropriate solution and carried unanimously. £10 is still pretty reasonable!

Programme for 2011

As we said above, times is 'ard and, like the government, we are trying to make spending cuts. We are therefore turning to the membership for talks and ideas, in order to save the cost of paying outside speakers.

After four years plus of listening and learning at Peter's knee – and other low joints – many of our members have discovered they have great aptitude and become excellent dowsers. They've been on courses, discovered new things, visited new places, learned a lot.

And once you've seen the programme inside, I think you will agree it is actually more interesting than usual!

So come along to these exciting talks and workshops, and consider whether you can perhaps make a contribution yourself. We all have an interesting story to tell. There's a lot of talent and experience within our ranks, and this is our chance to give something back.

A word of thanks to our Sponsor

In the October 2010 issue of our Newsletter, we invited members to submit any interesting dowsing stories or experiences they have had. Jim Greatrix not only came up with a dowsing tale, he also expressed his concern that the Newsletter would have to be in mono in future, in order to save costs.

Jim has been able to obtain sponsorship from **Aldridge & Son, builders from Berkeley**, and the **Berkeley Buffs**, to pay for this edition of the Newsletter which can now be printed in colour after all.

This is most generous of Aldridge & Son, thank you very much indeed. See Jim's story on the back page.

Retiring Treasurer

Our Treasurer, Barry Goldring, is happy to continue for another year but would like to retire in 11/11. He has therefore asked if anyone would like to join him as deputy and learn the ropes.

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme January to April 2011

Thursday 13 January

Forum on Dowsing Questioning Skills

with Peter Golding (PG1), Peter Gibson (PG2) and Barry Goldring

Our three wise men have learned from years of dowsing that to obtain meaningful results, you have to ask the right questions, phrased in such a way that they are unambiguous, usually providing a 'yes' or 'no' answer. Come along and see the results when you ask questions the right way – and the wrong way – and join in the debate.



PG2,
PG1 and
Barry
Goldring



Saturday 22 January

Earth Energies with Jon Martin

Jon's experiences of dowsing earth energies, with practical demonstrations of their effect will include using intent so that the energies can be altered. A chance for the audience to try finding earth energies and harmonize them for themselves.

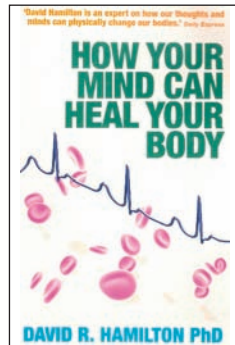
Thursday 10 February

Quantum Field Healing Technique

with Peter Golding

When our Chairman, PG1, attended the BSD Annual Congress in Cirencester last year, he came home much enthused by an amazing talk he had heard given by Dr David Hamilton, who also introduced an amazing meditation method. With the aid of Dr Hamilton's CD, Peter will guide us through the talk and the meditation.

NB Our talk is about Dr Hamilton's techniques, he is not the speaker.



Saturday 26 February

Dowsers' Training Workshop

By popular demand, this meeting will be dedicated to improving the practical dowsing skills of beginners and experienced dowsers. It will be hands on and everyone will be involved. Dowsing together is fun, bring your rods and/or a pendulum.

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.



Thursday 10 March

Members' Dowsing Experiences

Great for getting to know each other, this will be a way for members to introduce themselves and relate their dowsing interests and experiences. We will begin with Trish Mills telling us about her 2010 visit to Newgrange, the passage tomb just north of Dublin in Ireland, and the spirals she found there. We have a couple of other speakers lined up, so if you wish to join in, and talk about your own dowsing experiences, the more the merrier. This could turn into a regular event.

Saturday 26 March

Dowsing in Time with Barry Goldring

Many dowsing difficulties can be resolved by Time dowsing. Barry will explain the difference between dowsing in the NOW and dowsing in the THEN, with lots of examples from his own experience.



Thursday 14 April

Emotional Freedom Techniques

with Diane Holliday

EFT is an energy healing tool and can be likened to 'acupuncture without needles'. Sometimes called the tapping technique, it is the use of language and visualisation with the tapping that makes it work. EFT works on pain, illness, fears and phobias, emotional stress, addictions and more. The talk will be interactive so everyone will get an energy shift. Diane is an EFT and Natural Health Practitioner. Visit www.dianeholliday.co.uk

Saturday 23 April

Water Divining with Peter Golding

Peter will talk about the preparation and methods that are most important when dowsing for water, both on site and by map dowsing. Weather permitting, we will consolidate what we have learnt outside. A free mini-water divining course.

A date for your Diary – Experiences of a Master Dowser

George Applegate is one of the world's best known dowsers, with over fifty years' experience in finding water and oil in many countries. A must-hear talk.

Saturday 25 June – don't miss it!

