



Newsletter

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Chairperson's Message

Hello to all members and friends. 2026 has been a richly eventful year for SDG and here we are, looking at the approach to the Solstice once more, which falls on June 21st at 8.26 am. Traditionally this is the time when Dark vanquishes Light, and the reign of the Holly King begins. Of course 'dark' has as many positive meanings as 'light' and at SDG we hope you will accompany us into this season of greater reflection and meditation, continuing our search for knowledge. Uranus, the planet of awakening, has now moved into lively, questioning Gemini, so hopefully we can look forward to some galvanising new concepts and stimulating debate! The three events of our current quarter have provided an interesting variety, with Kate Smart bringing the wisdom of Ancestral Healing in April, Liz Poraj-Wilczynska leading us in a memorable trip to Belas Knapp in May, followed by the return of one of our favourites, Maria Wheatley, looking at our lost prehistoric priesthood and related topics, this June.

One of the most exciting developments over the last quarter has been our Special Interest Energy Dowsing group, led by Lawrence Wadsworth, which has proved especially popular. Our trip to Cam Peak was fascinating, with revelations on many levels, rounded off by discussion and a lovely dinner at the Tudor Arms, at Shepherd's Patch, Slimbridge. A big thank you to Lawrence for the considerable effort put into organising this.

We very much hope that you will enjoy the next quarter's programme, and that you will join us for a chat and food at the George in Cambridge, on the A38, after our Saturday morning talks.

Spin off groups are run through Whatsapp, if you are interested please tell Teresa. As always, full details can be found on our website, printed newsletter or by talking to a committee member. You can also contact teresadellbridge@gmail.com or text 07833752173. We are always delighted to receive enquiries and suggestions.

Enjoy some Solstice Sorcery!

Teresa

July Programme

July 11th. 10:30-12:00. Whitminster Village Hall. GL2 7NN.

The Consciousness of Trees with Andrew Edgar.

The likes of Peter Wohlleben (author of *The Hidden Life of Trees*), and botanist Dr Suzanne Simard have argued that trees are capable of profound experiences of the world around them, and that they can communicate these experiences to other trees (through root systems, and the mycelia of fungi). Dowzers have long recognised that trees have auras, and indeed that these auras will expand as the dowser makes contact with the tree – an expression of the tree's awareness that they are in contact with the dowser.

In this talk I will explore, through my personal experience of dowsing with trees and in communion with spirit of place, how dowsing and botany can give us an insight into the world of trees, and how we might come to understand and communicate with those trees. I will explain how we can trace the networks of communication that link trees, how we can find the protective mother tree within a group, and how patterns within the aura of a tree hint at the messages that the tree might have for us.

Andrew Edgar

Now based in East Sussex, and after living and working some thirty years in Cardiff, I help to run a dowsing group under the auspices of Lewes U3A. I have been dowsing, and a member of the BSD, since 2010. I have recently been co-opted as a trustee to the BSD council.

My primary interests are in Earth Energies, although I am sympathetic to all uses of dowsing. I am particularly interested in possible explanations for dowsing, and in the implications that the fact that dowsing works has for our understanding of the world around us. Dowsing, for me, is a way of communicating with the natural and spiritual world we inhabit and share.

<https://andrewredgar.wixsite.com/dowser>

August Programme

August 8th 2026. 10:30 - 12:00. No Meeting at the Hall.

Field Trip to the Tortworth Chestnut.

Terry and Teresa Dellbridge will lead a field trip to the Tortworth Chestnut, where we can dowse for information on the tree, its age, the extent of its aura and other information.

The **Tortworth Chestnut** is an ancient [sweet chestnut](#) (*Castanea sativa*) tree in [Tortworth](#), South Gloucestershire. The exact age of the tree is unknown, but various sources provide estimates. Two accounts in 1664 and 1712 record the tree growing in, respectively, the 12th and 13th century, dating it at over 800 years old.^[1] The tree was known as "the Old Chestnut of Tortworth" in 1150, suggesting it is over 1,000 years old.^[2] More romantically, a legend recounts that the tree sprang from a nut planted in 800 AD during the reign of [King Egbert](#).^[1]

The tree can be accessed via a lane next to the churchyard of St Leonard's in Tortworth. The original trunk has little live growth, but over centuries new trunks have formed where branches have developed, subsided and re-rooted, and continued to flourish.

There is ample parking in the churchyard of St Leonard's Church, 1, Old Court Cottages, Tortworth, Wotton-Under-Edge, Glos. GL12 8HF. The Chestnut is adjacent to the church and the ground is flat.

Following exploration of the chestnut, there are other opportunities for dowsing in the church itself, which dates from the 12th Century, and other beautiful trees in the environs.

Please bring a notebook to keep track of all you find out, so we can discuss our experiences over lunch at the nearby Tortworth Estate Cafe and shop. We need an idea of numbers for this trip as places may be limited, so please let Teresa know as soon as possible if you are coming, by texting 07833752173. (Teresa does not use social media so please contact by text or call).

Teresa has booked the Tortworth Cafe and Farm Shop for lunch at 1.15 on the day. Places will be limited to 20 *and people will need to choose their food from the menu with which we will be provided near the day, and pre-order.*

The Cafe and Shop provide some delightful retail therapy opportunities for good food, rustic crafts and plants.

Terry was Forest Manager for the Tortworth Estate for many years, and in fact he built the fence around the Tortworth Chestnut. Teresa is an author, therapist and nature mystic. Her latest book *Enter the Wildwood* will be available for sale on the day at the slightly discounted price of £14 - if you would like a copy please bring cash. The charge for the trip itself is the usual £5 members, £7 non-members.

September Programme

September 12th. 10:30-12:00. Whitminster Village Hall. GL2 7NN.

A Talk by Teresa Dellbridge, Wiccan High Priestess, Therapist and Nature Mystic.

Enter The Wildwood: Tree Magic, Lore & Divination.

Discover how to enter into a deeper, more enchanted relationship with the living forest.

Identify your Birth Moon Tree, recognise the gifts of individual trees and learn how to connect to the trees for guidance, grounding and emotional healing.

Teresa will also tell us some stories about her personal experiences with trees and what they have revealed to her along the way.

September 24th. 7:30pm - 10:30pm. Special Evening Presentation. Doors open 7:00pm. Whitminster Village Hall. GL2 7NN.

The gifts that the ET Star Family likes to share, data about how to ascend, and other consciousness technology with Matt Bell.

From the age of seven I started to have various odd experiences which couldn't be explained normally. As I grew-up, I started to interact with various E.T. beings and learned about ancient knowledge and the way to communicate with Star Family. Extra-terrestrials, who we call "Star Family", do walk amongst us. In fact we all have Extra-terrestrial genetic ancestry. So once you factor that in, that other intelligent life exists out there, it makes a lot more sense as to why things are the way they are. The Earth is run by the United Federation of Planets from Antarctica and from a ship stationed behind the moon. These beings are manipulating humanity for their own gain, which goes against their own rules about the Prime Directive, and various Star Family have interfered with humanity's development from the start. (The Prime Directive is a set of rules which are, not to interfere with or manipulate a developing species.)

Now that we know that benevolent Star Family are here in orbit around the Earth, they are providing humanity with a more detailed record of our Earth and Human history, and are helping to present the truthful data to assist the populations to come out of the mental slavery illusions, and break free from the psychological and frequency manipulation currently in operation.

<https://starteachingsprotocol.com/>

Meeting venues vary, please see individual meeting information above.

Meetings on the second Saturday of the month, unless they are a special event.

9:45am for 10:30am start unless otherwise stated. £5 members, £7 guests.

Free beverage and biscuits.

News

Our website is available, www.slimbridgedowsers.group. There is the program of events for 2026 on the events page, a Blog of past events and much, much more.

A memorial to Peter Golding has been placed in Slimbridge Village Hall, it portrays a hand, made of wire, holding a crystal pendulum.

We will no longer be having a bar at our evening special events, as there was not enough demand for it. We do have access to glasses and openers at our venues.

Membership

Membership fees will remain at £10 for 2026 and we hope as many of you as possible will join our dowsing community this year.

Membership forms are available from members of the committee or on the member's page of the website.

<https://slimbridgedowsers.group/membership/>

Special Interest Groups

In 2025 members raised interest in starting a water dowsing SIG and this was organised by Jon Walker. Please contact Jon if you want to be added to his 'WhatsApp' group for event details.

Since then more interest has been shown in starting an Earth Energies SIG and Archaeological SIG. Lawrence Wadsworth is leading the EE group. Please contact Lawrence if you wish to be added to the SIG.

Earth Energies Special Interest Group Report

The inaugural meeting of the group was held in May where the aims and objectives were considered, and an overview of "Earth Energies" was presented. It was generally agreed that we should spend the summer months visiting sites of interest, whilst planning these trips and sharing our findings during the winter ones. To that end we

agreed our first field trip should be to Cam Peak, which took place on Saturday 16th May. We now have 16 members and 14 of us were able to spend an interesting afternoon at the site. Between them the group were able to locate energy lines, nodes, the existence of 2 labyrinths, a round barrow, and long barrow and much more. We plan to revisit the site to consolidate our findings later in the year. Meanwhile we are busy writing up our findings and planning our next field trip to take place on Saturday June 20th.

We now have a section allocated to us on the Dowsing Group's website where we will publish and record our activities.

Library / Resources

Please may I remind you that you must be a fully paid up member of the SDG to borrow books and other materials from the library. Please return books promptly after reading them to allow others the chance to read them.

CHANGES: There is a new sign placed behind where publications newish to the SDG Library are placed (by the SDG Library Catalogue Ring Binder).

BEWARE: Sometimes, there may be a table (s), near to the Library tables, that has / have books, or other items, for sale. Those do not have anything to do with the SDG Library. That Sales Table(s) will probably have a "For Sale "sign on it.

BOOKS RECENTLY ADDED TO THE LIBRARY:

- Books Donated on 14th of March, 2026 by Debbie from her friend's clear out:
- "Karmic Healing"(Clearing Past-Life Blocks to Present-Day Love, Health, and Happiness), by Djuna Wojton [Crossing Press, 2006].
- "A Beginner's Guide To Runes", by Kristina Arcati. [Hodder & Stoughton, 1999].
- "Working With Guides & Angels", by Ruth White. [Piatkus Books Ltd., 1996].
- "Modern Shamanic Living" (New Explorations Of An Ancient Path), by Evelyn C. Rysdyk. [Weiser Books, 1999].

Donated By Teresa Dellbridge

- Book: "Enter The Wildwood" (Tree Magic, Lore, & Divination), by Teresa Dellbridge. [The Crowood Press Ltd, 2025]. Forward by Ronald Hutton. Donated by the author Teresa Dellbridge (SDG's Chairperson), on 14th of March, 2026.

- Donated by Emma Fitchett:

- Book: “Journeys With Plant Spirits” (Plant Consciousness Healing & Natural Magical Practices), by Emma Farrell. [Bear & Company, 2021. Donated by the author Emma Farrell, on 14th of March, 2026. Emma gave the SDG Talk on that day, under the surname Fitchett.

- Books, etc., Donated on 11th of April 2026, by Sue:

- DVD: “The Etruscan Legacy and Megalithic Achievements Of Italy”, Presented by Gary Biltcliffe, at The Assembly Rooms, Glastonbury, on the 18th and 19th of May, 2013. A Megalithomania Production.
- Book: “The Spine Of Albion” [An Exploration Of Earth Energies And Landscape Mysteries Along The Belinus Line], by Gary Biltcliffe & Caroline Hoare. Sacred Lands Publishing, 2012.
- Book: “The Secret Garden Of The Soul” [An Introduction To The Kabbalah], by Allan Armstrong. Forward by R.A. Gilbert. Imagier Publishing, 2008.
- Book: “The Big Breed Theory Of The Creation Of The Universe” {The Mysterious Dark Energy Can Now Be Explained}, by Ron Pearson & Rory Macquisten. Publishers: www.Lulu.com, 2010.
- Book: “The Green Man” [The Pitkin Guide]. By Jeremy Harte, 2001.
- Book: “The Definitive Wee Book On Dowsing [A Journey Beyond Our Five Senses]”, by Hamish Miller. Wooden Books, 2009. Originally published by Penwith Press, 2002.
- Book: “Sacred Geometry”, by Miranda Lundy. Wooden Books, 2012.

- Books Bought For The SDG Library:

- Book: “The Disciplines Of Dowsing”, by Tom Graves and Liz Poraj Wiczynska. Part of the Teradian Alternate Realities Series. Tetradian Books, Colchester, UK. September, 2008. ISBN Number:978-1-906681-08-1. This book has advice on Dowsing techniques, critiques of attitudes and motivations for dowsing. It also has the results of the author’s dowsing’s of Belas Knap Long Barrow and of the West Field next to it, plus how to plan and practice fieldwork.

SDG had a Field Trip to Belas Knap, on the 9th of May, 2026, and our Professional Tour Guide, then was Liz Poraj-Wilczynska.

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