

Opportunities

At the 2018 AGM in November we will have two vacancies to fill. These are for the Treasurer/ Secretary/ Membership Secretary role currently held by Barbara Davis, and for a Newsletter Editor and Publicist held by Trish Mills. Both ladies have been 'in post' since the inception of SDG – working hard on our behalf for the last ten years. They both deserve their retirement, and we wish them well.

However, these are difficult shoes to fill! Both roles define SDG, so we are looking for volunteers *now* to shadow Barbara and Trish over the coming months. Please give this some serious thought; if you think you can take on one of these positions, and put your personal stamp on it, then please contact Barbara or Trish to have a chat and see how you can make it your own.

Soul Resonance

You will no doubt recall Mark Herbert's popular Soul Resonance talk in July '17 and the Course he ran in November last year. As you know, Mark kindly invited attendees to visit his Templar home in Devon for a

Callarde Dowsing Weekend on 20/21st October. This will include more soul resonance but also the chance to dowse a genuine Templar property complete with circular hedge.

It's not too soon to start thinking about this, and it would be courteous to let Mark know how many SDG members would like to attend. If you are interested in going, please e-mail Trish Mills in the first instance, so that we can let Mark have an indication of numbers in advance. Details to follow.

Alternative Archaeology and Earth Mysteries Convention

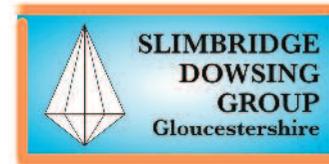
The 15th Convention at Pewsey run by Peter Knight is on Sunday 7th October in Pewsey, Wiltshire. He has some good talks lined up including *Music in Remote Antiquity* and *The Great Pyramid and the Osirian Temple, Egypt*. www.stoneseeker.net/AnnualConvention for details.

Water Course

Don't forget Peter Golding's last ever Water Divining Course on 5th May in Slimbridge Village Hall. Contact Peter via www.petergolding.net

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Chairman's Report

Hasn't time flown over the last few months? Christmas and New Year are distant memories interrupted by snow, but spring is here and the year is awakening.

We have had a good but interesting start to the 2018 programme with three talks so far. The talk by Karen Teague was fascinating and the feedback deep and meaningful to all involved. We do have a transcript written up and an audio of the talk so if there were messages for you, let me know and I can let you have a copy.

The talk by Maria Wheatley was less so, because despite the best efforts of all concerned, there was some confusion about dates. We plan to invite Maria again next year, and trust the impromptu replacements of a dowsing demonstration by Rob Gerrish and Steve Sanderson, the talk on Sapphires by Kelly Peacey, and my own stand-in talk about my awakening journey, were ample reward.

Sadly I could not make the talk by Diane Holliday but I understand from those there it was most interesting. It gave people something to think about in formulating dowsing questions and areas to explore in our own past lives, and even what form that might have taken! Light-hearted advice is always welcome.

So where are we with general matters relating to the Group itself? We have had two committee meetings to help structure and take matters forward, and we have visited Slimbridge village hall to look at its

viability for 2019. Things have changed on several fronts there, so we have given our provisional go ahead for booking it. However, we will continue to monitor the energies at the hall, not all of which are positive, as well as parking issues.

The 2019 programme itself is slowly taking shape and we have a number of suggested speakers. However this is *your* group and we need your input on many fronts. We need you all to participate and put forward ideas and suggestions for speakers, things to do and areas to dowse.

We are keen to explore the idea of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and possibly follow the British Society of Dowsers' concept, but we need your input. Also, as you saw with my talk, we all have stories to tell and experiences to share, to help each other on our individual journeys.

Lastly we are assessing the impact of the new Data Protection Act on how we do things. My thanks go to Barbara for leading this and because of it, I can only say – Welcome to the new members who have recently joined us. I am not even allowed to include their names – what a stupid state of affairs that is. However to counteract this, I am proposing each Committee Member wears a badge at meetings, saying who we are and what we do, leading to connection, conversation and discussion when we meet. So don't be shy: you are with like-minded people – please step forward and communicate – who knows where those conversations might lead? *Paul Syrett*

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme April–May 2018

Thursday 12th April **Dowsing Before and After a Sound Bath** with Bea Martin & David Johnson, aka The Bards of Avalon*

Bea and David have been working together with sound since 2003, offering therapeutic sound baths that allow participants to sleep better, have reduced pain and an increased feeling of wellbeing.

In this highly experiential session, they will show how dowsing can be used to measure the effects of sound on the human energy field, first offering a therapeutic sound bath using vocal harmonies, gongs, Himalayan bowls and other percussion instruments. Then we will use tuning forks on each other, and dowse to measure changes in wellbeing and auric fields. We will end with a discussion to review the results.



Saturday 28th April **Dowsing the Ancient Ram Inn for ghosts and archaeology** with Barry Goldring, Elaine Clements and Steve Sanderson



The Ram Inn at Wotton-under-Edge was a medieval coaching inn, reputedly the most haunted Inn in the country. We first visited in 2008 and, more recently, Caroline Wallis the current owner asked four of us to find a long-lost tunnel leading to the local church, which we duly did. Trish took the opportunity to ask for another visit for the Group.

*Please arrive between 10.00 – 10.30 a.m. when we will separate the Spirit dowsers (led by Elaine and Steve) from the Archaeological Dowsers (led by Barry). There is a loo (if you can find it!) but no refreshments. For those who like some mid-morning lubrication I suggest you bring your own or visit one of the local cafes before arrival. **Directions** Coming from Dursley on the B4058, at the roundabout (its actually triangular!) take the first exit (Potters Pond), pass the first two turnings on your right (quite close together); The Ram Inn is second building on the right, and a car park just beyond. If full, use the public car park just before it. For those who must use a SATNAV, the post code is GL12 7HF.*

Thursday 10th May **Dowsing Your Local Church** with Barbara Davis

*This is a chance to do some practical dowsing at St James Church, Dursley, with their kind permission. We will try some archaeological dowsing first, to investigate the origins of the church, e.g. was there a henge on this site? We will also seek energy lines including leys and their influence. Please bring rods and pendulums, some will be provided. We can also investigate pagan influences in church architecture. **Note** parking in Sainsbury's is limited to three hours so meet at 2pm outside the Church.*



Unless otherwise stated, Meetings at Kingshill House, Dursley on 2nd Thursday 1.45 for 2.30pm and 4th Saturday 9.45 for 10.30 am



Saturday 26th May **Archaeological Dowsing at St Augustine's Farm, Arlingham** with Barry Goldring

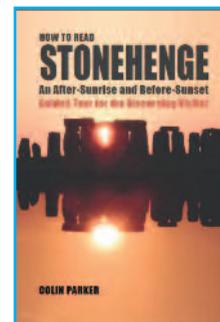
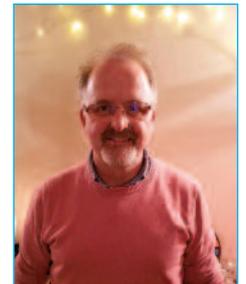
With kind permission of Rob & Elaine Jewell, we continue our exploration of this interesting site – an opportunity for less experienced dowsers to practise archaeological dowsing alongside the more experienced. We can also dowse the labyrinth. We will have lots of kit to share – marker flags, quivers, GPS receivers, pacing sticks, rods and pendulums. And at the AGM in November you will be able to admire the finished results. Arrive 10.00–10.30am for drinks and briefing, then off to the fields! Red Lion for lunch, or bring sandwiches. A few of us may want to do more dowsing or recording after lunch.

Directions Leave A38 signposted Frampton-on-Severn, follow brown signs to St. Augustine's Farm. Cross the canal, keep left to Arlingham. Pass the Red Lion, after 100m turn right into St. Augustine's car park. Walk along to the wooden building that houses the loos and cafe.

Thursday 14th June **My Awakening Journey** with Paul Syrett

Paul Syrett was recently elected Chair of Slimbridge Dowsing Group having only been a member for a short time. It seemed like the right thing at the right time, and has been a common theme in Paul's life over a lengthy career working in IT, dealing with serious health issues and more than his fair share of near death experiences. Paul lives with his partner Suzanne, six of their children, three dogs and lodger Tim who has played a significant role in Paul's current and past lives.

Their home is central to the tale of an ordinary bloke who has experienced some extraordinary things. The house was built more than 1,000 years ago on sacred land, the site of ancient stone circles, and both Paul and the house have links with Merlin and Arthur. Connections between people and place feature in a tale of dowsing, elemental beings, faeries and goddesses. This talk is about a journey of healing and self-discovery and offers insights into the way in which our world is changing every day, especially if we open our eyes and our minds to appreciate it.



Saturday 23rd June

How to Read Stonehenge with Colin Parker*

This fascinating and ground-breaking new book by Colin Parker really does lift the veil on the mystery of the purpose of the Stones. Using the 'Architects Double-Doorways Visual Key' hidden within the stones, Colin unlocks the purpose of this ancient site and how it should be used. Revealing Stonehenge to be much more than a religious temple, the author visually demonstrates how to read the stones standing today after sunrise and before sunset.