



*SDG-ers dowsing John Wilson-Smith's private woodland in South Gloucestershire, where he had originally found some moss-covered stones. Excavation had revealed quite a large building with three rooms. John invited us to see what we could find on Saturday 28th July.*

This is a sort of progress report.

Peter Gibson has almost finished the report on our investigation of the Abbey Grounds in Cirencester. Copies will be sent to those who took part in the work there; the rest of you will have to wait for one of our Winter talks.

Our most recent visit to Anita's farm produced more info on the medieval village. We have a second visit planned for 25th or 27th September, and one objective will be to find out about a large building indicated last time, just before we packed up. It could be the local manor house. As usual, please let me know if you intend to come.

The visit to John Wilson-Smith's field at Alveston on 28th July was very interesting. The morning was spent finding out that the 'chapel'

John and a few friends had been excavating was in fact a medieval farmhouse, but there had been three Saxon chapels nearby (two Pagan and one Christian). We also detected a late Iron-Age timber building.

In the afternoon, a few of us stayed on and dowsed a fallen stone and a crop mark on a nearby hill. The stone dowsed as part of a Neolithic stone circle, and we were able to find the original location of the stones and record them on GPS. The crop mark was indicated to be the perimeter of an Iron-Age hill fort, and I just had time to dowsing for the profile of the outer dyke. We will be following this up shortly.

The Neolithic settlement we found at Cam Peak is an ongoing project.

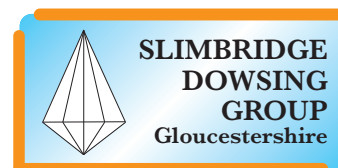
*Barry Goldring*

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

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# Newsletter

## Slimbridge Dowsing Group

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### Slimbridge Fête

Our October Newsletter is early, so that we can print extra copies and hand them out to interested members of the public visiting our stand at the Slimbridge Fête on Saturday 15th September.

To any non-dowsers reading this, hello, you are welcome to come along to any of our meetings, details inside.

To SDG members, we still need volunteers to help run our stand at the Fête. Barbara Davis says if several of us do an hour each, we would have fun and still have time to enjoy the rest of the Fête. Contact Barbara on 01453 890679.

### John Gibson-Forty

John is making good progress after his stroke; he has recovered his power of speech and can have a normal conversation but is understandably very depressed.

### Situations Vacant I, II and III

The old stalwarts and diehards who have been in office since SDG began in 2003 (notably Chairman Peter Golding; in my case 2006, and Barbara Davis in 2007) are running out of steam. Each of us has individually decided it is time to hand over the baton; we've all been going for quite a while now – 9, 6 and 5 years respectively.

Please give serious thought as to whom you would like to nominate for each of the offices listed below, possibly yourself? Ask not what SDG can do for you, but what you can do for SDG!

**I.** I got in first when I regretfully resigned in our July issue, and invited would-be editors and/or publicists to step forward. I have to confess, we have not been knocked down in the rush.

**II.** Our oh-so-capable Club Secretary of over five years, Barbara Davis, says,

"Yes, I am retiring. I will continue to enjoy dowsing and come along when I can. Being a Grandma, a walk leader, catering support for my church, and a host of other things, all take time, and something has to give." Please contact Barbara for details of what being secretary entails, and see if you could take on this important task.

**III.** And Peter Golding, our Chairman, isn't leaving us, he merely wants to be 'kicked upstairs' to a less demanding role as President. Peter says, "After serving as Chairman since our formation, I would like to retire and hand over the responsibilities to a younger member. I would then like to be appointed to the new position of President and oversee the continued success of this most active and popular dowsing group. Please let the Secretary have your nominations for Chairman."

### Where did 2012 go?

We've had a marvellous year, great field trips, introduced Saturday pub lunches, and made new friends with inspirational dowsing skills. Now we look forward to 2013 with new folks at the helm.

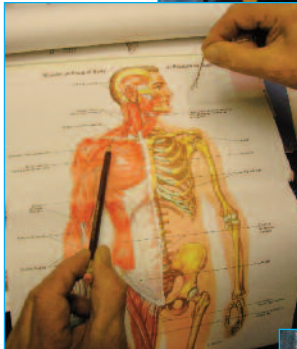
*Trish Mills*

## Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme October 2012 to December 2012

### Thursday 11th October **Dowsing for Health**

with Peter Golding

*Peter will show us how to use dowsing to detect personal allergies, intolerances, and sources of discomfort. He will share his checklists, and demonstrate his special method of Spiritual Healing*



### Saturday 27th October **The Power of the Land and Us** with Alan Neal\*

*There are places in the landscape where we are uplifted and at our best, but in others we feel a distinct discomfort, even foreboding. A casual glance would reveal nothing amiss, yet our intuition tells us a very different story. Far from being exclusive to humanity, these seemingly inexplicable reactions are common to all life forms: animals, birds, plants, trees, insects, each one with its own specific likes and dislikes. What triggers such clear yet intangible messages, and how, as dowsers, are we able to deal with them?*



### **Pub lunch afterwards at the Railway Inn, Upper Cam.**

Where the best conversations happen and you discover like-minded people with unexpected dowsing skills.

*Leave Slimbridge, straight across A38 at roundabout, pass Tesco on your left, soon see Railway Inn on your left, turn left into Rowley, the road just before it, then right into car park. **All welcome.***

*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 8th November

### **Dowsing by Numbers** with Barry Goldring

Preceded by the dreaded AGM

*The dreaded AGM will be kept mercifully brief, and in fact has been quite fun in previous years. Then Barry will show how your dowsing experience can be enhanced by the use of numbers, no matter which special interest you are using. Even earth energies can be better understood by the use of numbers, as recent research has shown.*



### Saturday 24th November **Dowsing Roman Roads** with Peter Gibson

*The A38 is known to have been a Roman road and Slimbridge having had a Roman presence. Peter Gibson has dowsed for several Roman roads in the Parish, some near to dowsed Roman villas. He will show how these roads were built and the indications they leave on the ground. Dowsed roads are shown on an O.S. map. Members may remember dowsing a Roman road through the Village Hall earlier this year.*

### **Saturday pub lunch at the Railway Inn, Upper Cam.**

The Railway gives us a warm welcome and their prices have to be seen to be believed. And they are quite happy for us to chat the afternoon away. **All welcome.**

### Thursday 13th December **Four Tables Christmas Party**

*But we don't have to limit ourselves to four! If you have something of interest to dowse, bring it along and we'll give you a table to put it on. We are open to new ideas.*

*We'll have our usual drinks and nibbles, with something non-alcoholic for those of us driving. It's a chance to be sociable too, which we are getting quite good at.*

*Bring your rods, pendulum and an open mind.*

*Newcomers welcome.*



\* visiting speaker