

Newsletter

Slimbridge Dowsing Group

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More for your money

Eight pages again this month. I don't think the Committee has noticed. Shhh!

Health & Wellbeing Group

The Health & Wellbeing Group had to be postponed in May and June, which was unfortunate but unavoidable. We hope from now on, it will take place after each Thursday meeting at 4 p.m. All welcome.

Jim Greatrix Library

It was a great pleasure to declare the Jim Greatrix Library open on 11th June. The cupboard looks great, thanks to Steve Sanderson, who assembled it and added a lock, the plaque and locking wheels.

We have a nice selection of books, with more promised. There are no rules, just please sign the book of your choice in and out, with the date, on the relevant form, filed under book title in the pink folder.

All we need now is a Librarian! Truly, this is not an onerous task. The books are not catalogued, just in order of size. It would be nice though to have someone to check it over occasionally and keep it tidy.

If you see a book in a charity shop or car boot sale that you think would be nice to have in our Library, you are welcome to donate it.

There is some of Jim's generous donation still available, so if you know of a title that would be an asset to have on our shelves, please let the Librarian know, and we can order it for you.

Missing Books

Despite dedicated enquiries, I still haven't been able to track down the books donated to us when Alec Peachment passed in 2007. Now I've given up looking for them, they will probably turn up.

Speaking of Books . . .

When Jim originally made his donation, it was in fact to publish Rabbit 2, with another five years of reports from the front row at our meetings. He went on to ask the Committee to decide how the rest of it was to be spent, and our Library was born.

So Rabbit 2 will appear next year. Stand by!

Speakers for 2016

We've been approached by a couple of people offering to do talks for us in 2016, so I've set up the Calendar and filled in a few blanks already.

So far we have booked Karen Teague, a gifted Medium; Celia Gunn on our personal Totem Animals; and the postponed visit to her Chakra garden.

Due to popular demand, I've pencilled in a repeat of my talk on Sacred Geometry Made Simple for the depths of January. And we have Karen French, author, artist and speaker, revealing more of the many aspects of Sacred Geometry later in the year.

If there is a particular speaker, author or dowser you would like to suggest for a talk, please let me know.

Trish Mills

Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme July 2015 to September 2015

Thursday 9th July

The Glastonbury Zodiac with Yuri Leitch*

Yuri Leitch is an author and artist in Glastonbury, and his beautifully illustrated book, *Gwyn – Ancient god of Glastonbury and key to the Glastonbury Zodiac*, is the culmination of six years' contemplation, historical research and investigation into the sacred landscape of Somerset's unique landmark, Glastonbury Tor.

To the ancient Britons, this isle in the marshes, named Glastonbury by the Saxons, was sacred ground, their paradise. Gwyn was the protective warrior god and Lord of Paradise.

Yuri's presentation looks at the great alignments of Britain and the knowledge they revealed via clues deliberately planted in the books of Katharine Maltwood (1878–1961), discoverer of the Glastonbury Zodiac.



Top: Yuri with his painting Love at Last.
Right: Gwyn by Yuri.
Left: Maidens by Yuri.



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Sunday 19th July – Extra event
Dowsing with the Get Grubby Gang
and as many SDG members as possible.

In January this year, a nice lady called Val Box, of the 'Get Grubby Gang', part of Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, contacted us having chatted to some of our members at the International Dowsing Open Day event at Slimbridge WWT in May 2014. Val wrote to ask if we could meet her Get Grubby Gang and show them a bit about dowsing.

They usually get between five and eight families, so we need at least one SDG member per family. (Mums and Dads come too, so we don't need to worry about CRB checks.) Ages range from 4 to 13. Their meetings are in Saul, but we've invited them to join us in Slimbridge village hall, which will give us a base, a kitchen and a loo, and we can then go over to the field beyond the churchyard to dowsing for earth energies and underground water.

This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce dowsing to youngsters at an early age when they usually take to it pretty well. Better than adults! No one has yet taught them to be sceptical or cynical, they come to it with an open mind.

So if you care to join us from 1.45 p.m. for 2.00 until about 4 p.m. on Sunday 19th July, please come along. Teachers and parents especially welcome.

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



Saturday 25th July @ 2 p.m. Field Trip SDG and Bristol Dowers with Rory Duff*

A while ago, SDG suggested a joint meeting with Bristol Dowers, so we're all invited to an **afternoon** of dowsing earth energy lines in St Georges Park playing fields in Downend, an excellent place to start as there are several pairs of different lines, each well separated from the others. There is also a node there which we will learn how to dowsing and find, so ideal for beginners. Experienced dowers are more than welcome and Bristol has tasks and challenges for you as well. From 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., Bristol dowers expect at least 10 of their members to be there on the day, so it's a chance to meet and chat with like-minded people.

Directions: We will meet at the small car park at the Westerleigh Road entrance which is near to the Mangotsfield cemetery. The park is only 5 mins from the M4/M32 junction.

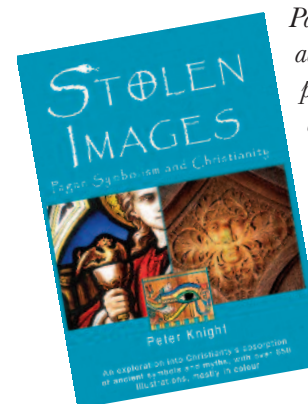
NB. This is an afternoon event, so no lunch meeting today.

Thursday 13th August

Stolen Images – Pagan Symbolism in Church Architecture

with Peter Knight*

Peter Knight needs no introduction to Slimbridge Dowers, as he has guided us around the Cerne Abbas Giant, Avebury and the West Kennet Long Barrow in the past. Today he comes to tell us about his tenth book, *Stolen Images – Paganism in Church Architecture*.



He will be talking about how ancient Pagan symbols and myths were adopted into Christianity to usurp pre-Christian beliefs, and lend authenticity to the new religion.

Peter claims Jesus mirrors the ancient sun gods, while the Virgin Mary replaced Isis (Osiris's sister/wife) and other earth mothers.

Admittedly a controversial subject, come with an open mind and £16.99 to buy Peter's book to find out more. (N.B. This book is published by Stone Seeker Publishing, not Quicksilver Publications.)



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Slimbridge Dowsing Group Programme July to September 2015 *Continued*

Saturday 22nd August – **Local Field Trip**

Earth Energies at Coaley Church with Barbara Davis



This event will give us an opportunity to practise our dowsing skills, particularly archaeological dowsing, by tracing back through the history of this site from the present Victorian building to Pagan times.

We can also practice dowsing for Earth Energies including leys, other energy lines, and spirals. And, based on what we have learned from previous meetings, we can also look for Pagan symbolism and Sacred Geometry by carefully studying the building.

To find Coaley Church, travelling southbound on the A38, at the Slimbridge roundabout, turn left to Dursley. As you approach Cam, take the turning on the left into Box Road.

Go past the Cam and Dursley Railway Station and continue on to Coaley.

There is plenty of parking just beyond the Church at the Village Hall. Light refreshments will be available during the morning. (And a loo!) Local pub does not do lunches.

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Thursday 10th September

Hartmann and Curry Lines

with Steve Dawson*

The Earth's two main natural grids are the Hartmann and Curry Lines, they both circle the globe and, with slightly different spacing and angles, they regularly cross, producing higher levels of energy, especially where all their polarities match up, i.e. all Positives or all Negatives.

Hartmann Lines run North to South and East to West. Curry Lines run SW to NE and SE to NW (to the Poles).

Steve Dawson is an ex-Commercial Diver and Drill-rig worker who has worked all over the world for the last 40+ years, mainly for the Oil companies. He was very fortunate to come across dowsing when working in the desert whilst searching for buried oil-lines.

Steve has always been intrigued by Pyramids and ancient Churches, and came across their unique relationship and orientation with the Hartmann and Curry Lines. He has used them to relocate lost churches, sacred sites, and True North very accurately within minutes.

Now living in Bury St. Edmunds with his wife Ann, whose interests include Earth Energies and Home Healing, they are both active members of the Hopton-Norfolk Sunrise Dowisers.



Health & Wellbeing Meeting 4 p.m. Thursday 10th September

* visiting speaker

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Saturday 26th September – **Local Field Trip** – 10 a.m. for 10.30 start.

Dowsing a Labyrinth at St Augustine's Farm, Arlingham

with Barry Goldring, Peter Gibson (PG2)

and by kind permission of Rob & Elaine Jewell

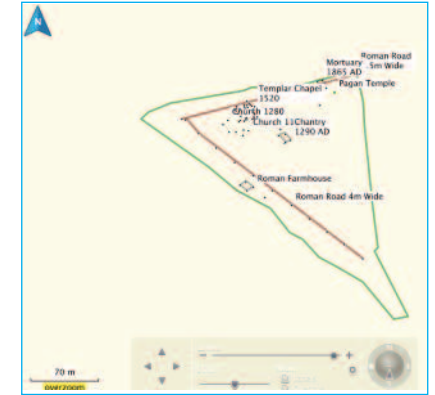
St Augustine's Farm is a perennial favourite, and we have been invited for another dowsing session in Arlingham.

Earlier this year Barry and PG2 dowsed and found indications of where a five-ringed labyrinth used to be. Rob has asked us to mark it out so that he can make it a feature for his young school visitors.

Barry and PG2 would also like to confirm some of the results from our previous visits, especially the Roman roads. Interestingly, the Roman road that goes past Keith Jones's nearby farm in Arlingham dowses as leading to a jetty, so it would be useful to check this out too. We can also look for earth energies, so lots to do.

St Augustine's is one of our favourite field trips. Because it is open to the public – mainly schools – there is a café, loos and plenty of animals to see too. Why not bring a packed lunch, or repair to the Red Lion for a snack, and make a day of it? Work will no doubt continue into the afternoon. 10 a.m. for 10.30 start.

Directions: *St. Augustine's Farm is signposted from the A38 at the Frampton-on-Severn turning. Continue through Frampton, over the canal bridge, then 'left' to Arlingham. (This 'left' is physically straight on, but the road continues round to the right.) Continue on through the village of Arlingham, past the Red Lion, and St Augustine's is the first track on the right. Park in the car park and follow the path to the café for a coffee before we begin.*



A Note on Labyrinths

As we know from previous talks, labyrinths have unusual energies and have been known to fool dowisers into thinking there is holy water at their centre, which there isn't. Visit <http://slimbridgedowisers.org.uk/HTML/labyrinths.shtml> for a write-up of Jeff Saward's recent talk on Labyrinths (with additional explanation from Peter Golding, and This Rabbit is Constipated, page 129 for 'A Labyrinth in Troy Town', a talk by Peter Golding on 27.11.2010.

Bring a packed lunch or visit the Red Lion, Arlingham.

Advance information:

Barry Goldring and Peter Gibson run the SDG Archaeology Group, and have done some fascinating field trips with remarkable results, which they then write up into professional reports with a high standard of technical information. They have been invited to speak in more detail about recent visits to Harts Barn and Gossington Hall at the forthcoming AGM on Thursday 12th November. Ably assisted by Ros Milward, there will be some interesting photographs too. Put it in your diary now.

Local news from the Gazette

As you know, the local Gazette is very good to us, and uses most of the reports we send them. They sometimes cut them a little, as space demands, but at least we get a mention, and usually a photo. They recently included (part of) the following piece, which was good publicity for dowsing, SDG and Inspirational World!

As many of you are not local, and do not see the Gazette, I thought you might like to see it here.

Slimbridge Dowsing Group

Some of the shops in Dursley's Parsonage Street are believed to have a resident ghost (or two), but not number 24. However, Inspirational World does have an unusually uplifting energy.

'I noticed it as soon as I walked in,' said Trish, a local dowser and member of Slimbridge Dowsing Group (SDG). So she asked the proprietor, Michael Chaplin, for permission to dowse, and he was delighted.

'The rods immediately indicated energy spirals throughout the shop,' she continued. 'Or it might even have been simply one big spiral.'

It is possible the energy spirals were there when the premises were occupied by the Community Shop before Michael moved in, but it is more likely that the uplifting energy has arrived as a result of all the colourful handicrafts and items he stocks from all over the world. This often happens.

'We followed the dowsing rods throughout the shop,' continued Trish. 'The spirals seemed stronger over the highly-coloured



mosaic plates from Bali, the display of crystals, and the seating area with the Celtic designs where customers can sit and have a cup of tea.'

Seeing the rods apparently move by themselves got Michael interested in dowsing too, and he now stocks dowsing rods, SDG's book, *This Rabbit is Constipated*, containing reports of SDG speakers' talks that have appeared in the Gazette, and copies of their quarterly newsletter. He is currently offering the rods and book at a special price, and Newsletters are free anyway.

Customers are welcome to come and have a go with the rods before they buy, just to see if dowsing works for them. 'You have to persevere though,' warns Trish. 'Everyone can dowse, but it might not happen immediately. Although with all that uplifting energy, you might not be able to stop them!'

Slimbridge Church Flower Festival 23rd–25th May 2015

St John the Evangelist Church in Slimbridge held a flower festival on the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May, and local groups were invited to participate. Barbara Davis and Cara, her daughter, very kindly did an arrangement on behalf of Slimbridge Dowsing Group and, we may be biased here, but we all thought it really was the star of the show.

Barbara and Cara did this for us previously in May 2010, and their theme then was water and earth energies. This year they did a similar idea, again with great originality and flair.

Thank you, Barbara and Cara, it was very kind of you to spend such a great deal of time on this project. Newsletters left for folks to take all disappeared too.



Top left: *Water energy.* Top right: *Earth energies.*
Bottom right: *both windows and our banner. All 2015.*
Bottom left: *Delphiniums representing a water fountain, and chrysanthemums as earth energy spirals, both 2010.*



Archaeological Group Report – Barry Goldring & Peter Gibson

Gossington Hall Revisited

You may remember our Archaeological Dowsing meeting at Gossington Hall last year, accompanied by the Cheltenham Dowzers. I was there recently and heard that, while excavating for a new car park, they had uncovered the corner of an old building. It was just where Barbara Davis's group had dowsed and recorded their findings on our earlier visit, possibly a cattle shed with storage over.

So, a bit later, when builders were excavating to try to find out why Gossington's basement kept flooding, they found a brick-lined culvert and wanted to know where it went and how much of it was blocked.

They contacted SDG and we were able to dowse and tell them where it went, and that it appeared to be largely clear, except at the two ends, which were then cleared.

Harts Barn, Forest of Dean.

Dowsing has continued at Harts Barn. Three of us (Barry Goldring, Peter Gibson and Ros Milward) had a second visit hoping to clarify the results obtained the first time we went.

We had a pleasant day dowsing for coach houses, stables and an associated forge, and blacksmith's and coachmen's cottages in the lower area of the present site. We also found indications of a link road to the main road.

The first Hunting Lodge was detected on the higher part of the site with associated stables, and



The Harts Barn Gang on the first visit on 25th April. Barry, PG2 and Ros Milward returned for a second visit.

two sets of kennels at a lower level. The kennels would probably have been for different breeds of hunting dogs, one for hunting deer and the other for hunting the formidable boars that lived in the bush and undergrowth. Another kitchen, probably for cooking food for the dogs, was dowsed nearby.

Nearer to the moated house we found indications of a bakery and a laundry. We also dowsed an icehouse, thought to have been cut into the hill.

These findings are being added to our overall site plan from the GPS data lists. We now have a fair idea of the layout of the site in the AD 1200–1300 period. It is quite a complicated site, so further visits will be needed to sort out more of the history of this fascinating place.

Hear more after the AGM on 12th November.

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

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