



South Herefordshire Dowsers

Spring Newsletter 2017

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Our opening meetings

We have started 2017 with two interesting evenings. In February we had a 'Three Tables' evening with three different activities which we did in turn. Balancing chakras with flowers was a new and novel way to spend half an hour. This was organised by Sue Watts-Cutler and proved interesting and popular. Glan had a table with different foods which we dowsed to find out if we had any allergies. This is always interesting. The third table was organised by Ros and was psychometry. Members brought in small pieces of jewellery or a small personal possession and participants held the object hoping to 'read' information about the owner. Stuart Wilson was our speaker for the March meeting. He is an archaeologist and has worked for several seasons to find the lost city of Trellech. He gave us an interesting and full talk about what he has found – so far. We hope to have a tour of the site later in the year.

Future trips

The committee has been working hard on organising a few trips to various places:

Wednesday 3 May Goodrich Castle (English Heritage)

The castle is in a lovely position in open countryside and overlooking the river Wye. It is one of the finest and best preserved mediaeval castles in England. Jackie has arranged for us to have a free hot drink. If you haven't yet put your name down please ring Jackie on 01600 750837 or email her on pinkyjk@hotmail.co.uk.

Wednesday 14 June Lacock Abbey (National Trust)

The Abbey was once the home of William Henry Fox, father of photography. Parts of the building are 800 years old. We plan to take a minibus and the cost will be £10 plus entrance. There is a café, museum and shop. Please telephone Isobel on 01432 273884 or email on isobel@willmott1970.force9.co.uk if you wish to book a place; numbers are limited.

Wednesday 28 June Tour by Peter Knight

We will visit three Neolithic long barrows: Nymphsfield, Hetty Peglar's Tump and Belas

Knapp. Peter has led us on two tours in the past and given several talks to the group and is informative and interesting. The plan is to meet at 10.30 am at Nympsfield, share cars to Hetty Peglar's as there is very limited parking there, and then return to Nympsfield where we will have our packed lunches. We shall then go on to Belas Knapp where there is an uphill walk of about a mile. The tour will end at about 3.30 pm. The parking dictates that there are only 14 places for this trip with a cost of about £6 for the tour. We will meet first at Wilton car park in Ross at 9.00 am and car share to Nympsfield. There are a few places left. Please get in touch with Isobel if you would like to book a place, details as above. Please bring a packed lunch with you.

Saturday 1 July

Workshop on the Hartmann & Curry Grids

Steve and Ann Dawson gave us a very interesting talk last summer on the grids and return this year to give us a day's instruction and workshop at Aston Ingham Hall. The programme will be:

10.00 am Tea & coffee followed by talk/instruction

12.30 pm Packed lunch + hot drink

1.30 pm Out 'in the field' to dowse for the grids

3.30 pm Return to the hall for tea

4.00 pm Finish

Cost per person: £10 Please bring a packed lunch.

Please get in touch with Isobel if you interested in booking a place, details as above.

September 4 Day Trip to Tenby

The minibus is full, but if anyone is interested in going by private car please get in touch. The trip includes visits to Gumfreston, Manorbier, Carew Cheriton and Caldey Island.

Future speakers

As well as the trips above we have some interesting speakers coming:

6 April Popular speaker **Adrian Incedon-Webber** returns and talks about *Healing your Home*.

4 May **Peter Knight** returns to talk about *Dartmoor Mindscapes*.

1 June **Penny Platts** *Five Extraordinary Churches*; Penny is an experienced speaker and a guide at Hereford Cathedral

6 July **Steve & Ann Dawson** return with *King John's Lost Baggage Train*.