

## SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE DOWSERS

### SUMMER NEWSLETTER

The dowsers first trip this season was on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and I think one could say it didn't go quite according to plan. However, we had an enjoyable time as recorded below by Sue Watts-Cutler:

The sunny morning of May 3<sup>rd</sup> saw a group of SH dowsers gathering at the entrance to the lane leading to Goodrich Castle, the destination of the day's field trip. However, there turned out to be a slight hiccup: overnight, the castle had had a break in and the custodians had closed it to the public and were awaiting the police.

Although this initially seemed rather a blow, some creative discussions and a kind offer from Ros soon produced a perfect nearby alternative – Ros's own garden and paddock.....

Ros has often talked about the energetic features to be found on her land but it all came alive when the members were actually there to dowse it for themselves. There are spirals a-plenty, a rare high frequency energy line connecting nearby sacred sites via her garden and plenty of archaeology. In fact the latter appears to stretch from around 2000 B.C. right up into recent times and includes in the paddock the site of a stone age cloistered round temple/shrine whose walls were several feet thick, and a small Roman road with contemporary British round hut beside it. The undulations of open cast mining can be seen at the front of the house, whilst up in the woods at the back is the site of another ancient circular site – one of those connected by the high frequency energy line.

The day was crowned by an ad-hoc lunch, hastily gathered from Goodrich village post office and Ros's own kitchen cupboards, and there was also the opportunity to walk around Ros's beautiful garden which she has lovingly and artistically nurtured and landscaped for over twenty years. A grand day out indeed!



A series of chakra-like vortices run down underneath the pergola, which Ros has helpfully marked out with features on the ground. Here trip organizer, Jackie, is standing on one of them.

Since the last newsletter we have had three interesting talks: Adrian Incedon-Webber who spoke on *Healing your Home*, Peter Knight whose talk was based on his recent book *Dartmoor Landscapes* and Penny Platts who gave a very fluent and interesting talk on five Herefordshire churches.

Stuart Wilson came in March to talk about his excavations at Trellech and we have now arranged for a trip to see these excavations on **Saturday 15 July**, meeting at Trellech at **11 am**. We will plan car sharing at the July meeting.

Our second trip was to Lacock which was very enjoyable. Rob conveyed us in a shining new minibus, which we hope to hire again for the September trip to Tenby. We looked round the National

Trust owned abbey, enjoyed good food in the café opposite and walked round the village which has been used for many films and television productions. Thank you to Rob for your excellent planning and careful driving.

Our programme for the rest of the summer looks like this:

### **Wednesday 28 July    Tour by Peter Knight**

We will visit three neolithic long barrows: Nympsfield, Hetty Peglar's Tump and Belas Knap. 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. 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 am and car share to Nympsfield. There are a few places left. Please get in touch with Isobel (details below) if you would like to book a place. 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 are interested in booking a place  
[isobel@willmott1970.force9.co.uk](mailto:isobel@willmott1970.force9.co.uk) or Tel: 01432 273884.

**Saturday 15 July      Visit to Trellech      11 am at the site.**

### **Future Speakers:**

**6 July** Steve and Ann Dawson will be giving a talk about *King John's Lost Baggage Train*

**3 August** Glan Jones will be giving an evening of training starting at the hall at the usual time.

**7 September** Grace Edgar will talk to us about *Dowsing Cardiff*

**5 October** Karen French is coming to talk about *Shaping Reality*

**2 November** AGM and talk on *Village Water*

**7 December** Christmas Meal at Conservative Club, Ross

