

## SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE DOWSERS



### AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our Autumn programme of events. I hope you have all enjoyed the mostly sunny summer we have had and been out and about enjoying outside activities. In the last newsletter there was a report about the Conningsby visit. Since then there have been the Garden Festival at Hellens, report below, Open Gardens with June and Isobel, a trip to Llantonny and three members' meetings, the August one being the training session with Glan.

The remaining members' meetings this year are:

**September 5th: 'Dowsing Life's Decisions'** with Linda Fentum. Dowsing can help us at those points in life where we reach 'crossroads' and cannot figure out which way to go. Linda will talk about how effective decision making improves our lives and will be giving examples of how and where she uses dowsing to make decisions. Tonight is an interactive session where – if you want to - you can begin to re-evaluate your life. Please bring paper and pen, something to press on and your favourite dowsing tool.

Linda is a Hereford-based, professional water dowser. She also leads various training workshops and talks. See: [dowsingdivining.com.gridhosted.co.uk](http://dowsingdivining.com.gridhosted.co.uk)

**October 3rd: 'Spirit and Earth'** with Adrian Incledon-Webber. With increasing urbanisation, the erosion of the traditional family unit and the decline in mainstream religious practice, we seem to be losing both our connections to the earth and our sense of belonging to something greater than ourselves. Adrian asks whether we can now learn from our ancestors' example and rekindle our symbiotic relationship with Mother Nature, our Planet and to the Universe as a whole. What we can do now to help both ourselves and those around us.

Adrian is a very experienced house and earth healer. His book, 'Spirit and Earth', co-authored with Tim Walter, was released last year. See: [www.dowsingspirits.co.uk](http://www.dowsingspirits.co.uk)

**7 November Chakras** with Glan followed by short AGM and long refreshments

**All at 7.30 pm**

**5 December Christmas Lunch at the Royal Oak, Much Marcle.** Full details of this will be forthcoming soon. There is ample parking and a warm welcome.

### **Hellens Garden Festival by Sue Watts-Cutler**

This cooperative venture between Malvern Dowsers and the South Herefordshire Dowsers took place this year over the weekend of June 8th and 9th at Hellens Manor, Much Marcle. Once again, the owners had kindly let the Malvern Dowsers have a free pitch to promote dowsing as a special interest group and SHD helped out too.

Last year this June weekend had been scorchingly hot and dry; this year the good old British weather had other things in mind. Having set up and waterproofed Linda Fentum's gazebo on Friday afternoon ready for Saturday, the wind got up overnight and upended it, so it had to be re-erected early on Saturday. Then, what the weather forecast had optimistically described as 'light rain' turned into torrential downpours. Although plenty of plastic sheeting and tarpaulins kept the stand and volunteers dry, it did have a detrimental effect on the total number of attendees visiting the festival. Nevertheless, there were still a good number of members of the public who stopped by to learn how to use dowsing rods (Linda had marked out the line of an underground sewage pipe on the grass and there was also a parallel, unmarked, water line a little further away).

To optimise space and to give scope to volunteers who preferred to sit down, pendulum dowsing was separated from rod dowsing and those who wanted to learn to use a pendulum sat at a table and used a steel nut on the end of a piece of string to date a brick and pieces of pottery and glass plucked from the very old garden flower beds nearby.

Donations for SHD's 'Introduction to Dowsing' booklet, plus Ced's home made rods and pendulums raised £41.40 for the charity 'Village Water'. Visitors also left a number of contact details and expressions of interest in joining the MD and/or SHD groups – proof that visitors to the festival are now travelling there from a wide radius.

Sincere thanks to all the volunteers from both dowsing groups who came along to help teach and promote dowsing on the stand over the weekend, including MD's Liz, Gabriella, Angela and Ann plus SHD's Linda, David, Sue, Sarah, Jan and Glan.

*Sunshine at Hellens: the waterproofed gazebo stand.....*



*Wind at Hellens – Linda teaches members of the public how to use dowsing rods in a gale as the gazebo inflates.....*

