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Dowsing News



Adventures With a 21st Century Dowser

We stood at the top of the field of long grass – 10 of us.

'Just walk down to the bottom and mark with your flags any reaction you get.' Thus, those at the water dowsing workshop were given their instructions by UK professional diviner, John Baker. 'Don't look for anything in particular, just allow your subconscious to do the searching.'

As we all walked in line down the field, ploughing our own furrow, so to speak, our rods opened and closed and the spots were marked with flags. Job completed, we awaited the verdict of our leader. Pointing to Uschi Corbin, John said, 'You found a wall that's there under the ground. 'He told Nigel, 'Your reaction was just to earth energies.'

From the evening before when John had delivered his talk 'Adventures of a 21st Century Dowser' to an audience of 30, he had made it clear that he was strictly a 'tangible' dowser, only interested in finding

minerals, or archaeological remains. His amusing anecdotes had kept his audience chuckling but through it all was a serious theme – dowsing works. John told of some of the jobs he had been asked to do, deliberately avoiding repeating any in his book, which sold briskly during the break.

His workshop in the field next to Sue Taylor's house delivered far more than our expectations. After having got our unconscious minds 'tuned in,' over the next two hours we discovered buried walls of what possibly could have been vineries and a possible underground storage tank. Our *piece de resistance* was the discovery by Nigel and his small team of what might be a disused well. Could John please confirm this?

Using his own unique technique John used both his L rods and forked stick to see if, indeed, there was a structure under the ground. Standing on the location he walked in a circle. Yes, it was an old well! He then ascertained the depth (keeping it to himself) and asked us each to calculate the number of feet to the top of the



water....Answers varied from a few inches to 69ft. The latter depth was divined by Pam Atkinson. 'Spot on,' said John, who had calculated it as 70ft.

At the end of the morning we all agreed that once the grass was cut there was a happy day of dowsing and picnicking to be had.

Feedback after John's visit was so positive that members have asked if he could make a return visit next year. John said he would be delighted.

A Healthy Diet? Astrology Has the Answer (and that's not a lot of moonshine!)

If your moon sign is Aries ... A blood cleansing diet is an excellent way to rid yourself of any unwanted toxins floating around your system that may be creating problems.

If you're a Scorpio...Food that is high in fibre including wheat germ, oat and rice bran are a must.

Or a Pisces...If you continue to have problems with either water retention or your weight, it may be a good idea to check to see if you have any food allergies.

These are just some of the pearls of astronomical wisdom offered to 24 of us who attended the Health SIG's evening on May 2. The speaker was International astrologer and Guernsey resident Sharon Ward.



'Astrology works on the premise that when you are emotionally balanced and happy then you are physically well and healthy and vice versa. Medical astrology holds the key to re-balancing our bodily systems and bringing to us a greater sense of health and well being. We each have a Moon sign, just as we have a Sun sign. The Moon governs the inner self and the emotions and as we often use food as a response to life's stresses and strains, it makes sense to find out where our weaknesses lie and what types of food are best for us according to our Moon Sign,' she told us.

CURSES! I'M UNDER PSYCHIC ATTACK AND THERE'S A WATER VEIN UNDER MY HOUSE

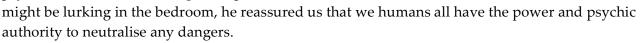
Could your headaches, or your mother's arthritis, or the crime rate in St Sampsons, be due to detrimental energy hanging about your home or the environment like a bad smell?

According to UK professional dowser and geomancer, Adrian Incledon-Webber, we are under siege all the time from up to 40 different manifestations of bad energy which can reduce our immune system and give rise to a variety of health problems.

This is what 15 of us found out about at Adrian's second 'Heal Your Home' weekend workshop at Les Cotils.

'Many therapists will have their problem clients, people who never seem to get better. Their home may be the problem area. I believe "Heal the house to heal the person" could be the most appropriate form of action,' he told us.

With the aid of plans of our own homes we were taught how to diagnose the cause of problems which might be lurking there. His checklist of detrimental sources ranged from underground streams and mobile phone masts to curses and psychic cords. Before we all got too paranoid about what





'But first and foremost, before we start tackling any detrimental energies, we must protect ourselves.' Adrian showed us how we can erect a bomb-proof psychic screen around us, keeping us safe from marauding, malevolent vibrations.

Happily, we also have the power to transmute the energies from detrimental to beneficial with the right frame of mind, determined intent and the right healing processes.

At the end of the two days we all felt we had learned a lot about the invisible world around us and how to play our part in making it a happy environment for ourselves and others.



Just like dowsing there is no scientific confirmation of how it works - but it does! Writes Tony Talmage.

That was the message that came across loud and clear when Blake Smith and his partner Katie demonstrated the holistic therapy, reflexology, at the March meeting of the Health Special Interest Group.

'Simply put, areas in the feet and hands correspond to all the glands, organs and areas of the body,' Blake explained. 'For instance the big toe represents the head.'

Beauty therapist Katie, who uses reflexology in her work, said that a skilled practitioner can discern problem areas in other parts of the body just by feeling areas of the foot with their fingers and thumbs.

Strange – but it works!

Said Blake, 'For instance my thumb will experience a gritty or rough sensation which, to me, means there could be a problem in the corresponding area of the body. I can then treat that area by manipulating the foot or hand.' He explained that reflexology divided the human frame longitudinally into 'zones' running from the top of the head to the end of the feet. Each zone, and all the bones, muscles, glands etc in it, was governed by an area of the foot.

'For instance a point on the outer edge of the big toe represents the throat, neck or the thyroid gland. Massaging this area can ease neck problems or balance the thyroid.' Blake admitted that there was no scientific proof for the principles of reflexology. 'But it has been used successfully for thousands of years and just seems to work.'

A lively question and answer session developed as Blake and Katie worked on the feet of each of those present. Blake quickly discerned both my feet were stiff and inflexible, due to an accident 10 years ago. No surprise there, I thought. But, apparently, this stiffness also affects my shoulders and back, changing my posture, so I need to straighten up. Also, my adrenal glands seem over-active. I guess I'd better learn to relax a bit more!

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Here are the latest dates for GSD and HSIG meetings to which everyone is welcome – members free but, unless otherwise stated, for non-members entrance is £5. In date order the meetings are:

Thursday 11 July, 7pm Dowsing challenge field trip. Venue La Vallee de Bas, Route du Crolier, Torteval. Phone 265894. Perry's guide 32 D3

Thursday 25 July, 7pm Health SIG Hands on Healing. Venue Les Fries, Ruette des Fries, Castel GY5 7PW. Tel: 252966. Perry's 15 E1

Friday 26 July, 7 - 8.30pm Welcome to GSD members. Venue Queux Patio Garden Centre, Castel. Soft drinks, wine, light refreshments.

Thursday 19 September 7pm By popular request 'Strictly Come Dowsing' St Peter Port walk 2 with Annette Henry. Followed by evening meal – venue tba.

Saturday or Sunday (tbc) 26 or 27 Oct, 12 noon 'plate party' to celebrate GSD's third birthday. Venue Les Fries (as above)

Thursday 21 November, 7.30pm Pre-Christmas social evening. (Venue & details tba)

December, No meeting.

For further information about dowsing, or the contents of this newsletter, please contact Tony Talmage on 264396 or email talmage@cwgsy.net



Welcome to the Guernsey Society of Dowsers Website. The Society was formed in 2010 by British Society of Dowsers' member Tony Talmage, who recognised the potential in our history and heritage-rich Channel Island of Guernsey for developing all aspects of this ancient art. In addition to our regular monthly meetings we have developed Archaeological and Health Special Interest Groups, who have their own get-togethers and field trips. We also have guest speakers from the UK offering a range of courses and training several times a year.

Guernsey dowsing goes global!

Thanks to the hard work and IT skills of our vice-chair, Jill Bray, we now have our own website. You can now keep up to date with events and GSD developments on a regular basis. And catch up with past events by clicking on the links to our archived newsletters. And, you can tell your friends who want to know more to check out www.guernseydowsers.co.uk

Dowsing the mean streets of...St Peter Port!

Twenty-two of us enjoyed a 'strictly come dowsing' evening in April in the company of walking tour doyen Annette Henry, *writes Fiona Douglas*.

With rods and pendulums at the ready we began our perambulations on the harbour side of the Town Church. Close to the large blue letter-box is a small ancient granite pillar, one of those marking the edge of the original town walls. We were asked to discover if there were any further walls in the area. We found several, but since they were outside the original town wall they stemmed from later dates.

From here we moved to the narrow alleyway behind the old 'Gabriels' shops in Fountain Street. After prompting, we dowsers generally agreed this street had been used by prostitutes and visiting sailors. At that time it was narrower than it is at present and particularly unpleasant being congested with sewage and rubbish – this information was provided by Annette and later confirmed by dowsing.

Interestingly, we were told that Fountain Street lay outside the town walls and the sea came right up to

end of the alleyway, hence the proliferation of sailors in the area. From here we moved on to Cornet Street where we climbed the first set of steep granite steps on the left which lead into a narrow high walled granite walkway. Halfway along the walkway Annette asked if anything untoward could have happened in the area. Dowsing uncovered two disturbed areas fairly close to the spot. Annette revealed that a few feet further along an innocent young woman had been accidentally killed.



So much to explore...and dowsing lends a new dimension

From here it was on to Lower

Hauteville and the old barber's shop which Victor Hugo was known to have used. This information was confirmed through dowsing but it was here that we agreed to put away our rods and pendulums, relax and enjoy the rest of Annette's guided tour. She enchanted us with information about the herbalists' walkway, haunted houses and happenings in the 'vinelles' - those short, narrow, alleyways that lead directly from the high-street to the quay. Vinelles can be found in abundance throughout the High Street and are worth dowsing.

We learned of a sinister murder at the bottom of Berthelot Street. We also heard from one of our number that a similar incident occurred on almost the same spot many years later after a 21st birthday celebration, but was thankfully averted. The evening's work finished at Village East where we shared a sumptuous meal and more information on Town history. A most valuable and fascinating evening.

If you have enjoyed reading this newsletter, why not send it on to anyone you think might be interested?