

PRACTICAL DOWSING - SOWING THE FIRST SEEDS

If a history of the Guernsey Society of Dowsers is ever written Sunday 20 February 2011 will get a mention. Because it was the first meeting of members where we actually got down to the serious business of practical dowsing.

Thanks to Nigel Clarke 25 of us were able to meet at Queux Patio Plants – a perfect venue whatever the weather. As it happens, the air was still, the sun shone intermittently and the energies all round were unplifting. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

After a recap of the history and current uses of the dowsing art we all set off to dowse which plants would be best suited for our own gardens or homes: 'I narrowed it down to two in the end,' said one member. 'Then it was dowse the best location and orientation.'



After that a dowsing tour of Nigel's new 'energy garden' now complete with stream, pond, bird feeders, a 'wetland' area, a willow dome and the hull of an old boat! Everyone used their rods and pendulums to check the direction of the stream underground. Nearly everyone got a reaction to those lurking resonances.

Flower essences

Back inside and still on the plant theme we learned about how flower essences are performing miracles in some cases of chronic illness. They were invented by Harley Street physician, Dr Edward Bach, who spent decades researching the curative powers of plants finally devising 38 essences to treat disruptions in seven specific areas of human emotional or mental equilibrium. We each dowsed our own health needs and matched the essences that might be appropriate for treatment.

So, by the end of the two-hour session the buzz of conversation was witness to the success of our first practical dowsing gettogether.

A rare opportunity...

The British Society of Dowsers' vice president, Adrian Incledon-Webber, is conducting a number of courses during the year.

Only a few places are left on his April dowsing workshops:
Health Dowsing (fully booked)
Introduction to Dowsing, Saturday 9 April 09.30-1700
Earth Energy dowsing, Monday 11 April 09.30-1700
All the above at Les Cotils
Dowsing for Perfect Planting Sunday 10 April 10.30-12.30
The Meadows, Rue des Blicqs, St Andrews. Perry's Ref 29 F/1 (opposite former Martel's Garden Centre)
To book for all above contact Pam Niles on 246293 or email cpniles@yahoo.com



Jim Lyons – one of our speakers in Guernsey later this year

Jim is a highly entertaining speaker with a unique view on the part human consciousness plays in dowsing. He will explain how our Ancient Sites in Guernsey can teach mainstream Science what is missing in their Standard Model of Matter. Wow! Jim's a long-standing member of the BSD's Earth Energy Group and Dowsing Research Group, with a particular interest in consciousness and its relation to the dowsing mechanism. His infectious enthusiasm has inspired many of us over the years. Don't miss what is sure to be an entertaining and thought-provoking talk (In September - date to be announced).



Earth energies are:

Any energy that can be dowsed on, in or from the Earth

Any geomagnetic field
Energy spirals
Water veins/underground streams
Ley lines
Energy Leys
Stress lines



In Health Dowsing you can dowse for:

- Vitamin & mineral deficiencies
- Food allergies & intolerances
- · Chakra balancing
- Aura testing
- Flower remedies
- Sleep patterns
- Dietary needs
- Water intake
- Exercise regime
- Energy levels throughout the day
- Detrimental energies at home and work

Dowsing Q & A

What is dowsing?

It is the ancient art, in growing use today, of seeking information, or unseen objects, not available to our five senses - from locating underground water and minerals, tracing lost pets & people, to diagnosing allergies, choosing therapies or improving the well being of our living environment.

Is dowsing a special gift?

No, almost everyone can dowse. It's rather like riding a bike or learning a musical instrument - some are gifted but for the rest of us practice, practice, practice makes perfect.

What tools do you use?

The primary instrument is the mind of the dowser. To engage the sub-conscious in the dowsing process the dowser uses any of four main tools - the pendulum, the Y-rod (forked stick), the L-rods or the bobber. These act as indicators much as a needle on a gauge. The tools respond in a binary fashion giving yes/no or true/false answers to carefully worded questions. Dowsing is sometimes called divining indicating that the source of the answers might be from a higher consciousness or the universal mind.

How does it work?

Nobody really knows. There is a consensus emerging that when our minds receive the answers to the question our muscles respond and this response is magnified by the tool we are using. There is no magic in the pendulum or rod - if there is any magic at all it is in us.

What is dowsing used for in the 21st Century?

The more the digital age dominates our lives the less we are feeling connected to the world of nature around us. The dowsing tool gives us back that connectedness with the universe in both a practical and spiritual way. On the one hand dowsing can be used for locating minerals, water, archaeological remains or lost objects; on the other it can detect unseen energies, both natural and man-made, some of which are harmful to our health. Many dowsers use the process to test the nutritional value of food, diagnose physical ailments, plan gardens, or study ancient sacred sites like Stonehenge.

How can a person get started?

Joining a dowsing group would be a good way as you can be guided in the techniques by others who have walked the path before you. However, that is not essential. The first three steps are: find a tool that suits you, get your mind ready, and assume the ready position. You don't need to buy expensive devices from the internet as they are easy to make at home - a wire coat hanger can be fashioned into a pair of L-rods and a key on a piece of thread will work as a pendulum. If you do want to buy something smarter, the British Society of Dowsers will have what you need. The internet is full of 'how to ' information. Or there are plenty of inexpensive books available.

Could I make a paid career of dowsing?

Some do, ranging from multi-millionaire specialists hired by oil or mining companies to the more humble health practitioner who is happy to earn a living doing what he/she loves. For most, though, it is a fascinating hobby which can transform your life.

A damp problem?



Case study number 1

Mr and Mrs V in St Martins had a damp problem and wondered if a hidden old well might be leaking. Could I dowse for its location? My rods told me there was no leaky well but water from an underground stream ran past the corner of their cottage. So, what to do? Dig a trench? Divert the stream with pipes. Or a gulley? Let's try something else first!

I would 'divert' the course of the stream with my intent. I concentrated with rods in the search position and focused my intent on shifting the water harmlessly a few feet to one side where it would drain into a lower lawn and veg patch – and not detrimentally affect anyone else's property or garden.

Mrs V was delighted and willing to wait and see if the damp clears up. Mr V politely excused himself and went to post a letter. A thought bubble above his head said:'If you believe that you'll believe anything!'
Time will tell.

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