

Dowsing News



A scientific breakthrough? Or just mumbo-jumbo?

Far from being just another dowsing exercise, eight of us could be making history that sunny, June evening.

Gathered at Queux Patio Garden Centre, in an empty section of one of Nigel's commercial greenhouses, we reached out to embrace the domain of the psychic. Yes, we took our first steps in an experiment that could change the world's thinking on how animals, birds, fish and insects migrate thousands of miles without the aid of a map or satnav!

The Guernsey Society of Dowsters has been selected by scientists in the UK to carry out a series of experiments to try to create 'psi-tracks' which are the measurable lines of a directed thought. When a person concentrates vividly on a physical object in his surroundings, a 'psi-track' seems to be established to the object. This track, say the scientists, can be detected by dowsing.

Guernsey's involvement follows successful trials in Sweden

One person, 'the sender', chooses a spot as the 'sending place' and then secretly selects a chosen target object between 20 to 100 feet away. Standing in the sending place, he or she makes a strong mental concentration on the target object. This, supposedly, creates the psi-track.

Of 40 double-blind experiments, on six different occasions during a three year period, in 32 cases researchers in the UK succeeded within a span of about in half an hour to find the hidden objects.

For our first foray into this strange world we chose a simple but effective protocol. All eight of us divided into four pairs.



Taking it in turns, one of the pair 'created' the psi-track while the other was out of range and not watching. To do this Tony set out a line of flags numbered 1-8.

The four 'creators' used their intent from a point 20ft away to set in place an invisible mental line to one of the flags which only he or she knew. After several minutes they stepped back from their position and their partners entered the experimental area and began dowsing to see if they could detect their partner's individual line, which they followed to a numbered flag. But was it the right one?

Then the 'creators' used their intent to erase all lines and the pairs swapped roles.

Joy Gardner looks for her psi-line – but will she find the right one?

seemed disappointing. But UK scientist Jim Lyons was delighted – the result was far above average and he asked us to do further experiments.

Tony thought the overall 'score' at the end of the first evening, five out of 12,

So, the psi-line team followed up our first experiment with another at the end of August. This time the mission was to mentally create a line, in the shape of a polytunnel, to a 'target' object over a distance of 20 metres and end it with a rising vortex. While one in the pair did this, the other was elsewhere creating a 'disembodied' energy spiral, anything from 1-7 metres high. Did they detect each other's creations? Well, we had mixed results. Finding the 'polytunnels' was so successful that Jim Lyons, our UK scientist heading the investigation, might think we were cheating (we weren't!). But our results on the spirals was no better than guesswork. BUT...strangely, some spirals were detected, but by the wrong partner! The results have now been sent to Jim and his team for analysis.

Novices 'discover' medieval Guernsey settlement

UK archaeological dowser Laurie Booth's visit in May has resulted in another dowsing Special Interest Group being set up. Following his talk at Les Cotils on a Friday evening he led us through two practical workshops over the weekend.

Under his tutelage, on Saturday 16 of us advanced in a line towards some indifferent-looking hummocks just east of the imposing fort on the Grandes Rocques headland. With one accord our L rods, held in the search position, opened outwards tracing the outline of a medieval wall. 'It was amazing to see,' said one workshopper. 'Our rods all seemed to react at the same time.' Laurie declared it was definitely the remnants of an ancient settlement, thus confirming earlier findings in digs carried out by Guernsey's Museum Service.

Laurie proceeded to search for the pathway that human inhabitants would have used to access the settlement. 'Always search for the pathway,' he advised. 'It gives you a starting point and you can build the rest of your findings on that.'

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In For the next half an hour we traced the outline of several walls, marking them with flags. Then it was on to our next 'live' target - a similar alleged settlement at Albecq. Sure enough similar walls, foundations and pathways gave up their secrets to what Laurie termed 'my fledgling dowsers.' Despite a keen north-easterly breeze we prowled around the site attracting many a second glance from strolling families and dog walkers!

The next day, the weather was not so kind. But, despite the spits and spots of rain, our enthusiasm remained high as we searched for lost underground bunkers and tunnels under Delancey Park. Much to the joy of a representative from Festung Guernsey, members of our party managed to trace the lines of two horseshoe-shaped tunnels running from the direction of Grandes Maisons Road, curving around the base of the Monument and proceeding under the Mont Morin Car Park. Others found the clear outline of a bunker, with attached store. Laurie confirmed the rumour that there is an 'undiscovered' bunker between the changing rooms and the playing field.

Said the Festung representative, 'Amazingly, there are few German records of what lies under the surface of our island. We know some of it but there is a lot that's missing. Your exercise today ties in with our own researches.'

Laurie says he wants to return to Guernsey for further investigations.

By popular consensus, at the end of the two days of workshops members voted to set up their own archaeological dowsing group. Anyone who is interested in joining is asked to contact the group's co-ordinator, Val Mahy, at val.mahy@commerce.gov.gg or phone 725845.

Don't forget, you're always in charge – INSTRUCT your rods what to do, says Laurie

As already mentioned Laurie Booth, a highly experienced and successful archaeological dowser, listed on the British Society of Dowsters professional register, was our guest speaker at Les Cotils in May.

Searching, plotting and recording on archaeological sites have become for Laurie an all year round occupation, including assisting museums, the National Trust and Sussex University with various projects. Laurie told us he wanted to show how to look after yourself when dowsing and searching for sub-surface features. Dowsing, he reassured us, was something that everyone could achieve as it was a matter of application and the concept which you form in your head as to what you are



actually after. Laurie suggested that you should always consider yourself to be in charge and when looking for something get a clear mental picture. If it helps to draw it, then do so. The more vivid the picture the more likely your rods will respond accordingly. 'Instruct your rods what to do,' he said.

Dowsing with Laurie for ancient settlements at Grandes Rocques and Albecq

the site of a Rondavel believed to be situated in the grounds of the Chelsea Pensioners Home, London. He also talked of dowsing for the site of a known ancient chapel within the ancient settlement area of Portsmouth. Apparently, troops disgruntled at not being paid, murdered the Bishop of Chichester and fled to France.

After 59 years of exile, and under the fold of the Catholic Church, the soldiers were allowed to return on condition that they built the chapel on the site where the Bishop had been slain. Laurie located this ancient chapel now situated below a well developed area which is not likely to be excavated in the near future. Later, TV's 'Time Team' became involved and confirmed this and other discoveries by Laurie.

So, here we realised, was a dowser we were privileged to have visiting us in Guernsey and conducting a weekend of workshops (reported elsewhere).

Dowsing Technique:

Laurie explained to start his search for anything underground all he did was walk across the area and ask: 'give me the nearest building.' Once located, the structure was flagged, and photographed. Gradually a picture begins to emerge.

At the weekend workshop looking for German tunnels under Delancey Park he said, 'Feel sure that you have locked something in your head about your target then go towards it and say "open on target." Then put down a flag. Continue tracking the feature from that point. After finding the centre and the other side of, say a tunnel, turn and follow its direction to see where it leads.'

In a less specific situation, like an empty field, Laurie advised, 'When you don't know what you may discover you say to your rods: is there a structure/has there been a structure here? And you will feel a slight response. Understanding and feeling this response takes time and is gained from practice. Follow where the rods point and they will cross when over something significant.'

Laurie firmly believed that to begin archaeological dowsing you should have some local knowledge of the area before starting to dowse – eg knowing if it was likely to be concealing medieval, bronze or iron-age settlements. Medieval buildings were constructed of stone – chapels usually lie East to West and often used the same measurements and building materials throughout England. Bronze and Iron-age structures are usually round and were constructed of wood now signified by post holes in the ground.

Laurie said use rods without sleeves as the sleeves isolate you from the rods and prevented you from picking up any slight movement as you approached your target.

Here are the latest dates for GSD meetings to which everyone is welcome. Unless otherwise stated entrance is £5. In date order the meetings are:

Thursday 6 September, 7pm Crystal Healing, with Jan Jeffreys. Venue LES FRIES, RUETTE DES FRIES, CASTEL GY5 7PW. TEL 252966 (Perrys page 15 E1).

Saturday 15 September (lunchtime) a fun couple of hours dowsing in Lihou. Meet at Lihou headland car park at 11.30am. Take picnic, or flask and sandwiches. And your rods/pendulums! Return across causeway at 2.15pm (no entrance fee for this meeting).

Friday 12 October, 7.30pm return of popular UK dowser Nigel Twinn for a talk on his biography of legendary dowser Billy Gawn 'Beyond the Far Horizon.' Venue Carol Hindes Room, Les Cotils.

Saturday and/or Sunday (13/14 October), Nigel will be holding dowsing workshops. Venue Saturday, Les Cotils 10.30am - 12.30pm; Venue Sunday, Queux Patio Plant Centre, Castel, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Entrance £10 per day (towards cost of Nigel's travel and accommodation).

Thursday 1 November, 7pm talk on Hypnotherapy by Ann Bowditch. Venue LES FRIES, RUETTE DES FRIES, CASTEL GY5 7PW. TEL 252966 (Perrys page 15 E1).

Thursday 22 November, 7.30pm the 5-tables challenge! Pre-Christmas fun in Dowsing objects to test your festive food intolerances as well as perfume, toothpaste and shower gel. We'll also do some mystery 'distant' dowsing. Venue, Les Cotils.

December, No meeting.

Val Mahy writes:

"June 14th saw the inaugural meeting of the Guernsey Dowsters' Archaeological Special Interest Group at Raymond Falla House. Eleven enthusiastic members supported the evening, which began by an introduction given by Tony Talmage.

'The atmosphere was very pleasant and relaxed with everyone contributing'

Dowsing for archaeology was discussed, following the workshops recently held with Laurie Booth and the developing of confidence. The atmosphere was very pleasant and relaxed with everyone contributing which is exactly what I had requested.

The group tried their hand at map dowsing before going outside to locate the site of a demolished water tower and an underground water holding tank.

Note: For those who found themselves towards the far corner of the car park not far away from the white building - Yvonne and Tony, as I remember - over the wall an oil tank is situated, and where you were standing more or less, an advisor had set up a pond in that area for hydroponics. So you had picked up the water/tank connection.

And a month later...Rain and a field of long wet grass did not stop an intriguing few hours of dowsing for three intrepid explorers, otherwise known as the three dowsing musketeers, who faithfully turned out for this occasion (we were joined later by Mike and Jean Rouget, owners of the field).

Discovering evidence of a German structure...

Following hints from Laurie Booth (who had previously dowsed the site discovering evidence of a German structure) a surrounding enclosure wall and entrance was located along with two power cables running out towards the N/NE end of the enclosure towards an oblong structure, thought to be a generator house, a little distance away.

Within the enclosure a square feature was located and this is thought to be the base for a radio mast, the structure being designed with four feet. Further investigation was hampered by the lush, high vegetation. The suggestion was made that another mast would have been in place, more or less an equal distance away from the generator house, both masts being connected with a 'washing line' cable between them. As it was felt that there could be further findings/structures, it will be the site of another ASIG visit.

Val says that her new schedule of meetings will be available soon and all members will be informed of dates, times and locations

A fun evening in Herm...

...turned out to be...just that – thanks to Nigel Clarke who urged us to dispense with our dowsing tools and let our bodies experience the dowsing sensations.

Twenty-three of us rambled up the steep path to St Tuguals Chapel and engaged in an exercise within the garden area to the south side. The group were asked to walk in designated segments to record their own feeling or sensations, absorbing everything around them. The more sensitive picked up some negative feelings which turned out to be where human remains had been unearthed and it is believed that there are still more to be located.

Later, with rods back in hand, we were asked to locate some hidden glass cubes on the site of two Neolithic and Bronze age tombs at Roberts Cross. Some of us located the right site but got the wrong number of cubes and vice-versa. But nobody minded – it was all a bit of fun.

Much discussion followed later at the Mermaid Tavern where the group tucked into a very welcome bar meal accompanied with suitable liquid refreshment.

And then there was a bonus. On the last ferry to Guernsey we were joined by a party of entertainers, in Guernsey for the Festival and on an evening off in Herm. So our day ended with much raucous singing expressing the joy of a Guernsey summer's evening. The trip will be remembered for some time.



'Healing Your Home' was the theme of a weekend workshop conducted at the end of July by our UK dowsing friend and mentor Adrian Incledon-Webber. It was held in the Torteval Church Hall, in the shadow of Torteval Parish Church itself.

Adrian, chair of the British Society of Dowsters' Earth Energies Group, told us of all kinds of dangers from noxious energies. And how to combat them.

This breathtaking photograph reminds us that bad energies will never triumph if the Great Geomancer in the sky has anything to do with it!

The church that was happy to give up its secrets

St Peter's medieval Parish Church seemed to welcome us in a special way when we braved the unseasonal June weather to dowse its secrets. It was as if it was trying to compensate the 12 of us for ignoring the day's gales and rain by putting on its best energies.

There were strong lines from outside leading down the centre aisle right up to another line from north to south by the altar, which was probably the energies from the legendary spring beneath the foundations.

Where the central line crossed another underground water vein there was a strong, beneficial vortex which several of us dowsed as reaching out to blanket half the congregation.



As we roamed about the church we sought water courses and springs and the location of the original pagan site on which the church was built, (as evidenced by a megalith built into the east chancel wall).

A spectator to our endeavours was the Rector, the Rev Maurice Strike, who told us the locations in the church where he felt there were

palpable energies. Our quests were crowned when the inside of the church was bathed in dramatic light as the setting sun of the summer solstice bathed us in all the colours of the rose window.

This was our cue to decamp to another sacred site – the thousands of years old passage grave, the Creux Es Fees on Lihou Headland. Here, we discovered the inside of the structure displayed floral gifts left there by souls sensitive to the special meaning of Midsummer's Day. As we flourished our dowsing tools we all agreed the inside of the dolman was fizzing with energy. Jane led us in a chorus of respectful humming and the stones echoed with a healing balm of sound.

As the light faded on Guernsey's third largest dolman we realized there is so much more to be dowsed... We didn't even have the time to check whether it really is on a line between the standing stones of Carnac in France and Avebury in Wiltshire. Creux es Fees - if you'll have us - we'll be back!

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