

# **DON'S DOWSING DIGEST**

## **February 2011**

Hi everyone,

I do hope that this newsletter finds you and your families fit and well. It was nearly four years ago when I announced that we were going to start an archaeological dowsing group and I am pleased to say that the group is now thriving with more members than ever attending the various field trips.

We have spent most of the autumn and winter researching the Roman routes through the New Forest and have achieved some amazing results, especially at Nursling where we have located the Roman settlement on the banks of the River Test.

We have also studied the Roman Road heading towards Silchester where we discovered that the route turns northwards at Martyr Worthy. Evidence of a Roman building was also discovered here.

We had our second lecture last Thursday at St Cross with Maria Wheatley, assisted by "Busty" on the Avebury Complex, some members felt that this talk was a bit disappointing where others simply loved it!

### **Community Project**

I have been contacted by the Lakeside Special Needs School in Chandlers Ford. They are encouraging some of their students to partake in an excavation of the Roman road that passes through the school grounds. I met with a member of staff last week and located the route by dowsing and marked out a trench for the students to excavate when the weather improves. I have been informed that I can supervise the students in this excavation and will carry out the recording. This seems to be a worthwhile project and will give HADS a good reputation locally.

### **Basic Dowsing Courses**

Never been on a dowsing course?

Adrian Incedon-Webber is running an Introduction to dowsing course in Cherhill, Wiltshire on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The course will include visits to Avebury, West Kennet and the Swallowhead Spring. See [www.dowsingspirits.co.uk](http://www.dowsingspirits.co.uk).

Our own Laurie Booth will soon be sending out details of his training programme.

### **On Site Training.**

On our dowsing research days there will be an opportunity for new dowsers to be trained on how to dowse for underground archaeological structures and on some of the problems encountered with dowsing such structures.

New members.

I am delighted to welcome several new members to our group, it is very encouraging to meet with such enthusiastic people...welcome indeed.

### **Outstanding Annual Subscriptions**

We still have just a few members who have not paid their subs as yet. It is necessary to join for the insurance aspect of Public Liability. Can you please send your cheque of £10 payable to HADS to Ed the Treasurer please ASAP

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**We don't want to lose you as you are important to us!!**

### **Future events**

This coming dowsing season looks very exiting, not only continuing our research programme in Wessex but going further a field on our day trips. Just to keep you all informed what is going on I have completed this diary page for your perusal. The tours mentioned are the ones that I am leading, a full list of walks in and around Winchester can be obtained from the Tourist Information Office, The Guildhall, Winchester.

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Dowsing at Testwood Lakes 09.30-13.30
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February Centre 11.00	Tour of Roman Winchester Discovery
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February Centre 11.00	Tour of Roman Winchester Discovery
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 11.00 (free)	Tour of Alresford. Station Approach

Saturday/Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Essex BSD ADG Dowsing event. Gestingthorpe,

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Museum 19.30 Talk on the Staffordshire Hoard Salisbury

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
trip Uffington White Horse and Wayland's Smithy  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March Dowsing at Calmore

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April ADG Committee Meeting, London  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April Day out to Bignor, The Trundle & Slindon  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April HADS Committee Meeting

<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>19.30</b>	<b>Talk on the Marden Henge Salisbury Museum</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>HADS Talk at St Cross Gary Biltcliffe</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>HADS Stonehenge OOH visit (sold out)</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Archaeological Group</b>	<b>Don Bryan talking to the Marlow</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>18.00</b>	<b>Tour of Bishops Waltham - Palace car-park</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Day out to the Cranborne Chase</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Discovering the Winchester waterways</b> <b>Durngate car park 15.00</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Day out to the Isle of Wight</b>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Week tour of Northumbria HADS/History Group</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Day out to the Rollright Stones</b>

So, plenty to do and places to go. There will be other dowsing events offered as and when I can fit them in.

Some really good news is that Wendy Fromm at Nursling has given us permission to continue our research at Nursling Mill, this is the site of the Roman Settlement and the crossing point of the River Test

Hope to see you all out with HADS this coming spring & summer

With kindest regards

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