

DON'S DOWSING DIGEST

May 2011

Hi everyone,

Imagine the scene, a young girl standing in the rain in the centre of Stonehenge last Saturday evening with rain drops falling from her head but she has the largest smile on her face I have seen for a long time. She was a member of SPICE, a singles club that I have been taking to Stonehenge for several years now.

I have estimated that over my 21 years of tour guiding I have been to Stonehenge over 400 times and each one is so different. On Saturday night we were met at the stones by a tremendous thunderstorm and rain that came down in bucketfuls! Some of you may say that is not unusual for Don's trips, but even I have to agree that I pulled out all the stops on this evening!!



Not taken on the night but very similar!!

In truth, we were very lucky on the night because at exactly 19.45 the rain stopped and we entered the stones in haste as the dark clouds hovered above us. We were able to explore the stones and I demonstrated where the energy lines were before the skies opened again after about half an hour. Instead of dashing back to their cars the group stayed with me and amazingly the girl mentioned above was so intrigued by the dowsing rods gyrating above her head that she did not want to either leave the centre of the stones or even give me back my dowsing rods!! She stated that she had never before encountered so much peace within her body as she stood there in the pouring rain. As for me? I led the retreat back to the cars to end an astonishing visit.



Photo ~ Richard Cole

HADS's own visit on the 1st May was nowhere near as dramatic, although it was quite cold and windy, but we did actually have a sunset to photograph. Thank you to the many members who contacted me to say just how much they had enjoyed the visit. We welcomed some guests on this visit to the stones including Stephanie's mother and father who came across from France, not just for the visit to Stonehenge but to visit Stephanie and Karol before the birth of their baby towards the end of June. We look forward to welcoming their baby into our family of dowsers.



HADS dowsing at Stonehenge, photo ~ Richard Cole

Catching up

Many of you are aware that Carol and I actually managed to get to Turkey this year without the threat of a volcanic dust cloud that spoiled our holiday last year!

We were, however, a bit concerned when our brilliant Turkish guide gave us instructions what to do in the event of an earthquake! Luckily we didn't have one and enjoyed the two weeks travelling around this fascinating country visiting such sites as Ephesus, Troy and Olympus. We covered a distance of 3700 km over the two weeks. Although the weather was not always good we did have a brilliant time and can recommend Turkey as a destination for a holiday.

On my return I have had to go straight back to work and this last week I have been taking an American lady around Wessex. Yesterday I took her to Knowlton and she was absolutely delighted with the henge site. Today I am taking a day off and therefore attempting to catch up with events before I take off on tour again with more Americans.

Of course I am not the only person going on holiday, and I know that some of you will not be able to take part in our planned activities as you too may be exploring the world.

Our next planned day out is on **Sunday 22nd May** when we shall be going to Cranborne Chase to study some of the archaeological sites that abound in this area. We shall be meeting at The Sir John Barleycorn pub at Cadnam at 09:00 to car-share to Dorset. You will need to bring your walking boots, some water and hopefully a sun hat and sun cream!!

Sites to be visited will include Bokerley Dyke, Martin Down, Oakley Down and Pentridge.

Lunch will be taken in a local pub.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING ON THIS FIELD TRIP OR NOT!!



Bokerley Dyke



Pentridge



Oakley Down

Field work at Nursling will continue throughout the summer. Not only will we continue our Roman road research but we shall also be able to excavate some trial trenches attempting to locate Roman buildings and the ditches of the roads we have been working on over the last few months.

I shall be offering some dates shortly but due to work commitments I may have to offer days in the working week rather than at weekends.

As a Winchester tour guide I am leading a walk around Bishop's Waltham town and palace on Saturday 21st May at 15:00.

I am also leading a walk on the lost waterways of Winchester on Saturday 4th June again at 15:00. For tickets and further information on both of these tours please contact the Winchester Tourist Information Office on 01962 840500

Day Out to the Isle of Wight – Sunday 12th June

We shall be meeting at the Red Jet terminal, Town Quay, Southampton (time to be advised). I have booked a 17-seat minibus that will meet the ferry on arrival. We shall then explore the island after visiting the Brading Roman Villa with a chance to locate the Belinus Line as it passes through the site.

Cost and timings to be advised.

This trip is fully booked. The names attending are listed below and can you please let me know if you are unable to come so that we can offer the space to someone else on the waiting list.

Attendees: - Fiona, Sally, Alan, Paul & Gill, Ed, Tracey, Clive & Trish, Gill & Roger, Jan, Julie, Marshall, Isabel, Cath and me

HADS Committee meets at Charnwood Crescent on Tuesday 14th June. If any member has any requests for field trips, ideas for talks or suggestions for further activities then please do let any committee member know your thoughts, we would be delighted for any input to our programme.

Your committee is compiling next winter's lecture programme, after Gary Biltcliffe's successful talk we are asking him to return and give another lecture. Martin Green has agreed to come and talk about Cranborne Chase archaeology and we are inviting Jim Leary to come and talk about Silbury Hill.

Saturday 25th June – Friday 1st July

The *In Search of St Cuthbert* Tour. Four members of HADS are embarking on this trip to explore Lincoln, Durham, Holy Island and the Farne Islands before we return home via Hadrian's Wall.

Saturday/Sunday 16th & 17th July

Archaeological Dowsing Group of the BSD event at Cheltenham including a visit to the Belas Knap Neolithic Long Barrow, more details to follow.

Do keep up to date by viewing: -

<http://www.hantsarchaeodowsers.hampshire.org.uk/>

Kind regards to all, Don