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**DON'T FORGET THE A.G.M. ON SUNDAY MARCH 27TH
FOLLOWED BY DOWSING TUITION, TREASURE HUNT &
MAKING A SEED GERMINATOR! ADMISSION FREE**



A packed hall for Patrick Macmanaway's talk. *Photo by Linda Griffiths*

PRE-HISTORY OF SOUTH WALES -

Ros Briagha

Ros took us on a journey through pre-historic time starting with the discovery of the 'Red Lady of Paviland' (see below) 29,000 years ago to the thawing of the last mini-Ice Age, about 12,000 years ago.

The 'Red Lady of Paviland's skeleton was found in a cave on the Gower in 1893 by a vicar. It was thought that she had been a Roman prostitute due to the covering of red ochre.

Later research showed that the skeleton was male and 29,000 years old. It's likely the red ochre was used to denote a ceremonial purpose and in fact, it's

thought that this was probably a much revered personage, maybe a shaman. Ros also told us that red ochre may have symbolised blood.

By covering a corpse in 'blood' it linked with its birth when it would have come from the womb in a similar condition. In this way, the dead were 're-born' into a better life.

There have been other finds in Carreg Cennen, half-way up a cliff. These were four skeletons, two adults and two children and once again they were covered in red ochre.

Research in Siberia has shown that sites containing human remains were probably regarded as sacred.

The bodies would be laid to rest with several grave goods such as pots and jewellery. The families would pass down knowledge in relation to the whereabouts of the ancestors, so that they could be visited on ceremonial occasions or just to ask advice. As we honour our dead today, so did early man thousands of years ago.

Ros also demonstrated, using a map, how certain areas may have been regarded as 'sacred' due to their placement in relation to the Sun's movements. This was a way that early man could have kept pace with the seasons.

Having to hunt to survive, knowing when and where large herds of reindeer could be found meant being able to put down provisions before the winter set in. It's probable that these sites were revered and marked by, what we know as 'standing stones' or stone circles today. Stonehenge is a very large example of this kind of astronomical timepiece where the 'blue stones' were brought from the Preselis.

The land now known as South Wales, would have been tundra, the climate quite pleasant which brought many other 'tribes' or settlers from overseas. Places such as Ireland, Outer Hebrides and Scandinavia. With more people travelling, 'roads' would have been formed such as that which is known as the A40 today.

Ros loves to travel the A40 as opposed to the motorways. By following this route it's possible to see all the sacred sites which would have been significant to early travellers in finding their route and visiting the ancestors along the way.

Other sites of interest in South Wales (some have been the subject of previous field trips) were Parc le Brios on the Gower. Here you can visit a chambered long barrow and a cave known as 'Cathole Rock'. The long barrow has been largely but sympathetically restored with the use of dry stone walling. (*Members will also be able to visit long barrows etc. in August at Tinkinswood - Ed*)

It's likely that the presence of more people probably gave rise to aggravation and disputation of hunting grounds etc. Also with the pleasanter climate people turned from being hunter gatherers to a more settled existence with farming etc.

It's likely that more strongholds were built as protection in lofty positions so that the countryside could be viewed on all sides. These include Garn Goch above Llandeilo (*subject of our July field trip this year*).

There were lots more fascinating facts and information (*too much to record here - Ed*) and as expected, Ros was bombarded by questions at the end of her excellent presentation. If you missed this, you missed learning a lot about our pre-history. All of which is very useful to a budding, and even more experienced dowser.

Looking at Patrick's promotional literature I see that he is mainly concerned with the treating and curing of sick building syndrome.

From his brilliant presentation though, it's quite obvious that his interests and work have a much broader spectrum in that it includes buildings such as farms. His fame is such that he is invited to work all over the world including on the massive Australian farms with thousands of acres.

Farms include animals, causing his remit to encompass healing and curing them of their ailments as well. He especially works with horses and cattle because they are most sensitive to energy changes or energy 'waves' below and around them.

Patrick comes from a family of dowsers and was introduced to dowsing for a whole variety of things from a very early age. Being a dowser he is also a natural holistic practitioner which means before he starts to tackle a problem with a building or a farm, he will spend quite a bit of time assessing the surrounding area.

He takes in everything including whether there are sick trees, overhead cables to psychic disturbances caused by restless spirits. He feels that there is no point tinkering with a problem. You must start from scratch with the place itself and the environment to discover what is causing the malaise.

Patrick described working with cows suffering from mastitis, a nasty condition causing infection and soreness in the udders. Which then affects the milk yield in the animal and means that the farmer cannot sell milk from an affected cow. The cows are obviously suffering as well which can cause problems with their behaviour.

Vets would be likely to go straight in and start treating the mastitis but as described before, Patrick stands back and looks at the whole picture first. He has often discovered that the problem has been caused by a water energy line travelling under the field where the cows graze and a simple application of an iron rod can work wonders.

In other words, Patrick uses 'earth acupuncture' at a spot he has dowsed previously and drives in the iron rod to affect a change in the flow of the water.

Going back to sick buildings, the World Health Organisation states that '...30% of buildings are sick buildings, leading to stress and diminished health,'. By applying his various remedies such as diverting the negative influence of a power line he can improve health and wellbeing for not only the animals but the people as well.

Patrick and his family have also been involved with setting up a stone circle in Vermont in New England, America. The project has centred upon a local park where a space had been provided for the purpose.

Although not ideal in dowsing terms, this was the only spot that the council would allow them.

It seems as though the landscape had other ideas though because the stones are quite happy, beside a lake and perfectly situated for the solstices.

Unlike Ros's 'dancing stones' just 'jumping into place', he had to use large lifting gear to move them.

Patrick also held his audience enthralled as he spoke about making a portable 'mock' stone circle in which to germinate seeds.

Apparently seeds placed in a stone circle or a pyramid at certain times, will have a much greater yield*. He also introduced us to his own concoction to boost the energy of all plants called 'Love Juice'!

Despite a fair amount of cajoling he wasn't prepared to give away his secret recipe though!

Unfortunately Patrick had forgotten to bring any of his publication etc. to sell on the day but you can go to: www.dragonlines.net to order his books online.

HEALING GROUPS – *Part One*

This is where a group of people get together to send unconditional love and healing energy out to those in need in the world.

Something that is particularly apt now given the turmoil in the Middle East. If you haven't been to a healing group or participated in group healing but are interested in knowing more, here are a few suggestions to get you started.

When: You need to be fairly dedicated if you are going to do this and try to attend every week, fortnight or month, whatever your group wishes. Find a day that is suitable to all and try to stick to it.

Venue: Use each other's houses or find a room in a village hall. You need to be warm and comfortable. It would be nice if you could burn some incense and/or light candles, so make sure it's allowed! It's advisable to clear the room of any negative or undesirable energies beforehand, especially if you are in a public area. Remember that village halls etc. will probably charge

Cleaning & Clearing: It's important that the area you are going to use is (as much as possible) free from clutter, clean and comfortable.

Cleaning doesn't just mean getting rid of cobwebs, it's important to make sure that your room is cleared of any negative energies.

This is where you're dowsing skills will come in but I always burn some white sage or incense (frankincense is good but expensive, you only need a little though). Just waft it around the room, making sure the smoke goes into every crevice and corner. You can ask out loud for the room to be cleared or recite a prayer to your God, Goddess or whoever else you believe is in charge.

There are lots of ways to do this and it's just a case of finding you're preferred method. I will include some more ideas next time in Part Two. I've talked about 'clearing' energies next I'll be looking at 'raising' energies and how you can 'send' them.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011*

Sunday March 27th **AGM All Please Attend!**
*Learn how to make a seed germinator!

Sunday April 24th **Phil Cope**
Holy Wells of Cornwall

Sunday May 8th **Field Trip**
Kidwelly Castle & local standing stone

Sunday May 22nd **Dowsing Practice**

Sunday June 12th **Field Trip**
Gumfreston Holy Wells & Marros Stone Circle

Sunday June 26th **Peter Golding**
Geopathic Stress

Sunday July 10th **Field Trip**
Garn Goch Hill Fort, Bethlehem

Sunday July 24th **Steve Douglas**
Working with Orbs

Sunday August 14th **Field Trip**
Tinkins Wood and St. Lythans

Sunday September 25th **Ann Lodgyonski** Dowsing
with Animals

Sunday October 23rd **Peter Knight**
Wessex Astrum

Sunday November 27th **Angela Brunt**
Local History

NB: Please note the date for the July field trip is incorrect on your poster. It should be as above. Sunday July 10th not 11th!

INDOOR MEETINGS

Due to the slight increase in the cost of hiring the hall, indoor meetings will be slightly shorter than before. As a rough guide, the structure of the meetings will be as follows:

1:45pm	Doors open
2pm - 3pm	Talk by speaker
3pm - 3:30pm	Tea break
3:30pm - 4pm	Questions for the speaker
4pm - 4:30pm	Practice dowsing & healing, as and when required
4:30pm - 4:45pm	Put chairs and tables away
4:45pm	Meeting ends

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