



**Wandering around the Wye**  
**A guided tour for Thames Valley Dowzers with John Moss**

**30<sup>th</sup> June - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012**

This weekend will take place in some beautiful countryside on the England/ Wales border. We shall visit a variety of fine scenic and historical locations which will give us full scope to exercise our dowsing skills under the expert leadership of the Director of the British Society of Dowzers, John Moss, who is well acquainted with this part of the country.

**Itinerary**

**Saturday 10.00 am:** Meet at Skenfrith Castle. Register with Paul Field.

**10.30am Start:** *Skenfrith Castle*, a well preserved example of the Welsh Borders defences. Free admission.

**11.45 am:** *Garway Church* was a Templar church once upon a time plus well look at a holy well and dovecot. The place is a little known architectural and historical gem.

**Picnic lunch**

**1.45 pm:** *Abbey Dore*, once a monastery, now a parish church in the beautiful Golden Valley.

**3.30 pm:** *Kilpeck*. Its church is famed for its outstanding and mysterious stone carvings. Also, the motte and bailey and mediaeval village site.

**Evening meal at Kilpeck Inn** plus a dowsing related **talk** by John Moss

**Sunday: 10.00 am:** Meet at *Goodrich Castle*. An impressive Welsh March (border country) 11<sup>th</sup> century castle. Admission charge £5.80/ £5.20.\*

**11.15 am: Symonds Yat Rock.** A fantastic viewpoint over the river Wye gorge from a rocky outcrop beside ancient hill fort. Car parking charge £3.

**12 noon: Lunch** at The Mill Race Gastro Pub, Walford, Ross-on-Wye

**2.00pm: Trellech.** Once a major town in medieval Wales, we shall visit 'Harold's Stones' (three Bronze Age standing stones), 'The Virtuous Well' and 'Tump Turret'.

**3.30pm: Tintern Abbey,** one of the finest monastic ruins in Wales, the subject of Wordsworth's poetry and Turner's artistry. Admission £ 3.50/ £3.00.\*

\* Admission charges quoted are the 2011 prices. Alternatives are the normal and concessionary prices rates.

### Tour ends

See the following email links to the above locations:

<http://www.castlewales.com/sknfrth.html>

[http://www.garway.org.uk/historic/hg\\_garwaychurch.html](http://www.garway.org.uk/historic/hg_garwaychurch.html)

<http://www.doreabbey.org.uk/>

<http://www.herefordwebpages.co.uk/kilpeck.shtml>

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/goodrich-castle/>

<http://www.royalforestofdean.info/wye-valley/symonds-yat.shtml>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trellech>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tintern\\_Abbey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tintern_Abbey)

Also see the article on Kilpeck in the BSD's journal *Dowsing Today* November 2010.

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### **Information for those wanting to join the Thames Valley Dowsers Weekend**

#### **Booking**

Our TVD weekends are very popular and the numbers have to be limited for various practical reasons. Places on these weekends are restricted to paid up members of the TVD. If interested, you are advised to book **asap**. To secure a place, please email our treasurer Paul Field at [membership@thamesvalleydowsers.org.uk](mailto:membership@thamesvalleydowsers.org.uk)

If you do not obtain a place, you may ask to be put on the waiting list. Contact Sue Scott Powell on 01494 813 214 or email [susan@scottpowell.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:susan@scottpowell.fsnet.co.uk)

#### **Cancellation Policy**

In the event of cancellation, for whatever reason, your £20 deposit will be forfeit *unless* we are able to find someone who wishes to take up the place(s) you had booked. We hope that you will understand that our fixed costing for the weekend are based on a calculated number of persons and the TVD may be out of pocket unless all places are paid

for. You may have cancellation issues too in the case of pre-booked accommodation – see as follows – so you are advised to check if you have holiday cancellation insurance.

**Accommodation**

Members are responsible for finding their own accommodation. It is suggested that this be sought in the Ross on Wye area. Please note that this is a popular tourist area and we shall be there at the height of the holiday season so you are advised to make early bookings.

**Practical Considerations**

By booking for this weekend, you are deeming yourself to be fit enough to participate in all the planned activities. The weekend has been designed to offer an opportunity for all of reasonable fitness and you may choose to opt for greater or lesser exploration at some of the places visited. However, there is a deal of walking necessarily involved throughout the whole weekend. Please ensure that you come equipped with suitable footwear and clothing to meet changes in the weather.

**Travel Instructions**

A map and further travel instructions will be provided nearer the time to those who are participating. The web links above will also give you an idea of the territory we are covering.

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