

Dowsing

On Wednesday 19th December more than 20 members gathered in the Concorde Room of Rushmoor Borough Council Offices to listen to a fascinating talk by Michael Haxeltine on Dowsing in modern times.

Mike started us off gently with the home-made dowsers each of us had previously made from his instructions and many of the audience members were immediately successful with locating their own nose amidst much amusement.

We then moved on to a series of more serious things including 'Sick Building Syndrome' in buildings and an illustration of how using a mobile phone reduces the depth of a person's personal protective aura for the period of time the call takes place.

Rather useful was an explanation of the use of dowsing to locate the best position for planting trees, shrubs and flowering plants in the garden. Instead of choosing what is ascetically pleasing for the gardener, we were shown how to find which way round to face each plant to ensure its optimum growing conditions. Many of us felt this was a technique we might employ in our own gardens when including a new prize specimen.

After a break for mulled wine and a mince pie, each person was allocated a number and instructed to dowse for a wrapped parcel with matching number which had been hidden in the room earlier. This required a great deal of moving about, changing direction as the dowsing rods swung about and hunting under coats and behind fire extinguishers but, eventually, the majority of people found their own parcel which contained a bar of chocolate just in time for the Christmas over-indulgence session.

This was an informative and enjoyable evening with the general agreement being that it could easily have gone on for several hours or that we should go and do a course on dowsing, since there was so much fascinating information that Mike could only just scratch the surface of in the given time.