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PITCH HILL LEY PROJECT

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On Sunday 7th October 1990, Gordon Millington and Eileen Grimshaw were making a reconnaissance of the Pitch Hill area, where a UFO had been reported on 5th November 1988 and considering whether a night visit there on the second anniversary of the sighting might be worth while. This project was not carried out, for an investigation of the ley energies around this area seemed likely to prove more rewarding. They climbed to the triangulation point, to which the Ranger had driven in his car, at the top of Pitch Hill, and both dowsed a very wide band of energy there, readily distinguishable from the many weaker lines crossing the hillside between the trig point and the car park above the Windmill Inn. In an area noted for UFOs, the Surrey Puma and the Winterfold Horror, it is perhaps not surprising to find so much loose energy. The weather was dry, cold and windy.

On 11th October Gordon and Eileen reported this to Jimmy Goddard at the SEMG meeting and a ley was found seemingly coincident with the dowsed band, passing through a number of points including about a mile of coincident track to the east.

Jimmy Goddard, Gordon Millington and Eileen Grimshaw set out on Saturday 17th November to test the theoretical line drawn on the map from the energy line dowsed on 7th October at Pitch Hill. They chose the straight track at TQ204458, and parked the car on the bridleway opposite the entrance to Shellwood Manor, noting that there was a mound of earth in each of the two fields at opposite sides of the road. The bridlepath had a dowseable energy line running along it (detected by all three present) but was not in line with the original ley found. The Scots pines alongside the houses on the other side of the road from the bridlepath were noted.

The energy line continued from the bridlepath across the road and past the houses to the left in the drive to Shellwood Manor. Each house, besides having Scots pine clumps, also had two oaks each facing the track. There was dowseable energy running between each pair of oaks. Holding a crystal here gave a tingle reaction in the fingers to Eileen and Jimmy. The energy line continued through the farm, until at the big barn on the right the straight track coincident with the original ley was met.

Energy was dowsed by all three for quite some way along the track. A line was found at right angles to it running along both sides of the hedge at the triangulation point. It is suspected that the drive to the farm, which is at an angle to the track, may have another energy line, passing through the triangulation point and going on to what seemed to be a brown mark amongst the green vegetation on a distant hill. This may require investigation later by taking an accurate bearing on the horizon point from the farm drive and then dowsing the brown path.

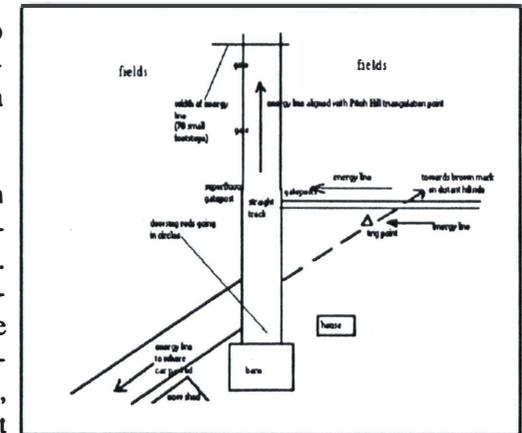
The mounds, clumps and triangulation point are all on an alignment running parallel with the entrance drive - but if, as this work seems to show, these lines have width, then it is coincident with the drive (as the rods seemed to indicate). At the second farm gate on the left from the big barn which straddled the start of the straight track Eileen and Jimmy dowsed the width of the energy line. This was 70 small footsteps wide (Eileen) and extended into the fields on both sides of the track. Facing Pitch Hill, the right side of the energy band extended just into the field at the side of the track, but on the left side it extended a considerable way into the field. At every intersection with field gates Eileen noticed that there were animal paths at right angles to the track. At the triangulation point there was an animal path through the hedge to the next field, in the middle of which was a fresh hole about three inches in circumference (possibly a rat or snake hole). Eileen noticed a grey squirrel running along the track and disappearing between the first and second farm gates. Jimmy took a number of photographs.

All three then proceeded to the church of St. Mary Magdalen, South Holmwood, (TQ172449) at the side of the A24 in direct alignment with the straight track and the original ley. The energy line was picked up at once in the layby to the side of the church lych gate. It was dowsed by Eileen as 70 larger footsteps. It ran in a straight line directly up to the church and in line with its east-west axis. It felt stronger than on the straight track but not as strong as it was at Pitch Hill. Gordon picked up a line at right angles to the church, between the first and second large windows, counting from the east end. Eileen also found this and found a strong point in the line on the step leading from the aisle to the church tower. Other powerful points she picked out were by the font and at the small altar in a side aisle. Jimmy obtained a small reaction from his sandjar at these points.

The church is not old - it was built in 1838 - but it has the appearance and atmosphere of an older church. It has an interesting subconscious siting story - two local ladies were watching some boys playing cricket on the spot and suddenly felt very strongly that there ought to be a church there. The fact that they were the ones able to bring this about suggests that there is conscious intelligence behind subconscious siting. Inside the church Jimmy had head-hum, and the line was dowsed by Gordon and Eileen. Outside, on the south side of the church, were a couple of unusually shaped Scots pines, noted by Jimmy, shaped like praying hands.

The evidence obtained seems to confirm the possibility of an energy line as drawn on the map in a straight line from Pitch Hill.

On Sunday 18th November Eileen continued dowsing at three further points on the Pitch Hill line. On the A281 near Selhurst Common she found it difficult to dowse at first because of the heavy traffic, but still picked up the line, running along two hedges. At



Hascombe it was easier to dowse, as it was a much more peaceful place. On a minor road near Hydons Ball she found it was easy to dowse with one hand while driving, and picked up the line again as the car crossed it.

We hope to continue this project through the year and eventually have sufficient information to produce a booklet. The full report, with all diagrams and photographs, will be published in this.

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from Mary Bonney, Windsor: Regarding the account of your holiday travels, it is perhaps a coincidence that both Kent and Somerset produce excellent apples, as well as producing hills that used to be islands and are sites of pilgrimage-chapels. The account of the Brooklands hauntings is interesting to me because my late father had some connections with the place after the 1914-1918 war - he had served in the Royal Navy. It was here he had his first experience as a passenger in an aeroplane, and the pilot was "a young woman wearing trousers and silver sandals". That would have given him a shock because he had strict ideas about how womenfolk should dress and behave. As far as I know he never flew again, but I wish I knew who the "flighty" young lady was!

from Fred Hadley, Surbiton: I sometimes wonder how long the various schools of thought will maintain friendly relations. The Exchange List in No. 27 as always shows acceptance of strange viewpoints which implies some sort of consensus. Where else, in politics or religion, could I find such harmony and good will? Only in the New Stone Age, when our henges were laid out, and our zodiacs established, and our ley lines surveyed, was there such complete consensus about what was right, and women ruled the earth as well as the roost. There is a new book available called "Earth Stars" which claims 250 square miles of land round London was covered in sacred sites which were all interconnected by perfect pentagrams, just like Stonehenge. Isn't it time our schools took the kids off computers and gave them a good grounding in Euclidian Geometry?

from Gordon Millington, Guildford: Everyone is now busy jumping on the crop circle bandwagon and it is certainly developing in a fascinating way! A few weeks ago I went over to Lionel Beer's place to hear George Wingfield talk about current research into the subject and was astonished at the discoveries which have emerged since we heard Paul Fuller expounding his views at the Port Talbot conference. I had a chat with George after his talk and thought him very level-headed and competent. An old Etonian with a science degree from Trinity, Dublin, he is now a systems engineer with IBM and you should certainly read his account of circle studies with Pat Delgado, Terence Meaden, et. al. in the first chapter of Tim Good's new book, "The UFO Report 1991". I am bound to say that I remain somewhat sceptical of the alleged connection between UFOs and crop circles, which George tends to favour. I was more interested in a cryptic doggerel communication which the circle team received from what sounds very like a Lancashire witch coven, posted in Rochdale, which is not a thousand miles from Pendle! I wonder if the pair of luminous horns seen floating above the corn circle by one of the team indicates that it is Cernunnos producing the "trilling" sound that mystified them all? What fun for the Magonians if it turns out to be fairies after all!

It may seem curious to some that I am a regular church attender despite the fact that I do not believe most of the doctrines of Christianity. The idea that the murder of Jesus Christ is instrumental in "taking away our sins" (whatever that might mean) seems not only illogical but unpleasant, and that of eating his body even more so. The life of Jesus was probably very different from that portrayed in the Gospels - and probably a lot longer! (See my article on the "Jesus in India" trilogy in Amskaya 12).

Despite this, however, I feel that religious worship must be important, or the phenomenon of subconscious siting of churches on leys would not exist. Far too many churches, certainly too many modern ones, exist on leys to be accounted for by Pope Gregory's edict or conscious geomancy, though I am sure both influences existed. And if they were subconsciously sited, it surely cannot be simply to make the job of ley-hunting easier! There must be deeper reasons, and to detect them we must examine the uses to which the buildings are put.

Sound is, as mentioned in "Skyways and Landmarks Revisited", an integral part of most worship, and it certainly seems likely that this boosts the energy in the leys - an opposite principle to that of the sandjar ley detector, which produces vibration at powerful places. Yet this cannot be the whole story, for I have found at least one Quaker meeting house aligned on a ley (at Kirkbymoorside in Yorkshire) and it is likely that others are too, for I have experienced head-hum in every one I have visited, including the one at Egham, which is a modern bungalow on a housing estate. Yet the Quakers do not have music at their meetings, which are mostly silent except when a participant feels moved to speak.

So it would seem that the act of worship is in itself important, and I cannot believe this is restricted to Christianity. Woking Mosque, for example, seems to be on two alignments, one of which passes through a standing stone I found on Horsell Common and an earthwork on Chobham Common, among other points. Yet the doctrines of the various religions are different and jealously guarded, usually with each believing their own creed to be the only true one. The only common theme seems to be the worship of the creator, in whatever form he/she/it is envisaged.

I have no doubt that pagan places of worship are also so aligned, however ephemeral - for instance, if a family of pagans worship in their home, I feel it is likely that they will have been drawn to live in a building positioned on a ley.

The conclusion is that worship is what is important, and all worship is equal in status regardless of sects or doctrines. In fact, sectarianism is extremely dangerous, as in Northern Ireland, the Middle East and elsewhere. It is ironic to think that while all this tension and bloodshed is going on, the worship of ordinary people in all these religions could be supporting the life-energy of the planet.

NOTES AND NEWS

London Meetings. The following meetings have been planned by London Earth Mysteries Circle, to be held at 7.00 p.m. at the Maria Assumpta Centre, Kensington:

February 12th: "Who was the real King Arthur?" by Lilian Storey. February 26th: "Crop Circles, an Earth Energy Aspect?" by Ralph Noyes. March 12th: "Chakras, Earth Energies and the Individual", by Geoff Freed. March 26th: "Examining the Fundamentals of Odinism" by Michael York. April 9th: "How Leonardo Faked the Turin Shroud", by Lynn Picknett.

Zodiac talks Mary Caine spoke and showed a video on the Kingston and Somerset zodiacs on four consecutive Saturdays in November at the Bourne Hall Museum at Ewell. I was invited to display our group's material at the talks, but was unfortunately only able to get to two of them. Although the audiences were not large, there seemed to be a lot of interest generated and some of the booklets were sold. The building is remarkable, a round structure with a dome in the middle of a park, very reminiscent of a landed flying saucer!

Water appearances There was an interesting item on the "Voyager" astronomical electronic bulletin board recently (based in Woking). It was from the New Scientist of 9th June 1990. John Olivio of Pennsylvania State University made an anomalous observation of large amounts of water vapour suddenly appearing in the earth's upper atmosphere, and postulated bombardment by millions of mini-comets. This was refuted by Alex Bessler of Rice University, Houston, who says minicomet impacts have never been detected by lunar seismometers. Although I do not have the scientific knowledge to know if such appearances would have good or bad effects, things like this seem encouraging to me as possible effects of the Gaia mechanism trying to correct environmental imbalances.

Happy Bicentenary! We learn from the Stamp Bug Club (!) that 1991 is the bicentenary of that friend of travellers, the Ordnance Survey. To ley hunters, however, it has been both a friend and an enemy. It has been a friend because it produces the excellent maps, the best in the world, without which ley hunting would have been extremely difficult if not impossible. Nevertheless, in its literature it has always sided with the archaeological establishment in opposing the idea of leys, so our celebration of its bicentenary is perhaps a little muted.

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PAUL BAINES

I am very sad to have to report that Paul Baines died a few weeks ago, of heart failure. Before his move to Deal in Kent about eighteen months ago, subsequent to his marriage to Mary, he had been a regular attendee at our group meetings and will be remembered for his cordiality and dry humour. He remained a subscriber to Touchstone after his move to Kent.

He made a significant contribution to the group's "Skyways and Landmarks Revisited" project in which we (Paul, Philip Heselton and I) investigated the findings of Tony Wedd of Chiddingstone and produced a booklet reporting on our findings. An expert dowser and medical herbalist, he used knowledge of these to add to the pool of knowledge in the project and wrote in the booklet on essential oils and their possible significance with regard to tree clumps, and the property of some trees to be dowsing "interruptors".

Paul's funeral, at Barham Crematorium in Kent, was a moving occasion at which our group was represented by Doris and myself, and Charles and Gill Refoy. In his address, the vicar gave a brief outline of Paul's life, including some things I had not known about, such as his trip round the world as a steward on a liner. He became a professional embalmer, then decided to go into medical herbalism and studied for several years to gain qualifications in this field, subsequently obtaining his own practice. Paul had apparently joked with Mary that he would like fruit rather than flowers at his funeral, so she made him a wreath including oranges, apples and limes, as well as a number of herbs, of course. The beautiful view from the crematorium balcony of the rolling Kent hills receding into the blue distance was very evocative of a continuing journey.

He was a great lover of cats and had always had several - added to after his marriage by those Mary had! It was his wish not to have flowers at the funeral, but for the money to be donated to animal charities. They were in the process of restoring their eighteenth century house in Deal - the cellar had become a well-equipped herbalist's laboratory, and they had spent hours stripping old woodwork and panelling and recovering the original fireplaces.

As well as earth mysteries, his main interests were herbalism, alchemy and dowsing, and his contributions to meetings on these subjects (as well as from a wide general knowledge) will be well remembered by his friends in the group. On one occasion he showed us an example of solid mercury - something I did not believe possible before.

He was also, at one time, interested in UFOs and had been a member of BUFORA. He appeared on the BBC television programme "Out of this World" on the subject, shown operating detection equipment in the field. A clip from this film, including Paul's voice, was later seen in the play "The Flipside of Dominick Hyde", about a time traveller visiting the twentieth century in his time machine flying saucer! The characters were in a pub in which a programme about UFOs was being watched on television - and the voice on the programme was Paul's! I have both of these programmes on video tape.

One thing which Paul said has remained in the minds of both myself and Philip Heselton. It was said during our weekend investigation of the Chiddingstone area in 1984 in connection with the project, and was never elaborated. He said that he had the feeling that he had about five more years to live and that this would be his last life on Earth. Whether this implied achieving nirvana or incarnation on another planet we do not know, but wherever he is I am sure I am joined by all who knew him in wishing him happiness and fulfilment in his continuing journey. As was said in his funeral address, Paul was a gentle and intelligent man, who it was good to have known.

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