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CAMPUS LINES CORROBORATION

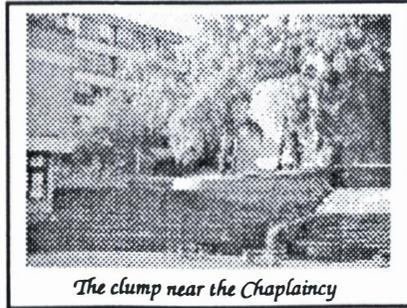
I feel that a sequel to CampusLines could very well be written (though I don't know when I would find the time to do it!). Every campus I have visited or received reports on since the publication of the booklet has produced evidence that it is a special place in the ley system - sometimes with known ancient connections, at other times seemingly completely subconsciously sited (but with connections with surrounding ancient sites).

The University of East Anglia at Norwich is certainly no exception to this, as I found when I visited it in July to attend the New Learning 92 conference. As with most modern campuses, it is an extremely lovely setting with expertly landscaped grounds, much of which had been apparently sculptured by the hidden powers to fit in with the very ancient ley system of the area - connecting with such points as Norwich Castle and Cathedral, the site of a henge south of the city, and the Roman town of Caistor St. Edmund. The ley linking this to the cathedral was described in an earlier issue of Touchstone.

The scene was set for the visit when, just five minutes from arriving at Norwich station, I saw what seemed to be a crop circle. It was an annular ring with some kind of squarish design on one end, but we went by so quickly I could not tell its exact shape. I took a still video picture of it on the way back, but unfortunately was interrupted by the ticket collector at the crucial moment so still did not get a picture of that end of it. I would judge it to be somewhere in the vicinity of Caistor St. Edmund.

Before going to the campus, I visited the castle and the cathedral. The former I found to be a powerful ley centre, with dowsable leys going out to many of the churches visible from the mound. The power of this site was mentioned in the current issue of Gloucestershire Earth Mysteries, who mention that a building trade paper reported that the building of the new shopping centre on one edge of it has been plagued with difficulties such as steel

girders magnetising and welds refusing to take. The one to the Cathedral seemed particularly wide - about 40 paces. At the Cathedral, the Caistor St. Edmund line seemed to be picked up running along one of the passages of the cloister.



There were three "hot spots" picked up by dowsing on the campus. One was a landscaped clump near the Chaplaincy (another case of the campus church being subconsciously sited). This seemed to be on a natural rise in the ground, though this is difficult to discern because of the many raised walkways around. Another was at a fine clump of Scots pines near Earlham Hall, which was found to have a number of stone outcrops within it. The third was a large mound near the lake, with one limb appearing to run out towards the midsummer sunrise. When I enquired about this, I was told it was simply spoil from the digging of the lake! It had several "fairy rings" of toadstools around its slopes.

The leys found on the trip seemed to join the hot spots together with each other and the significant ancient sites in the surrounding countryside. I will be going on holiday in Norfolk later and hope to do further investigations.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN NORFOLK

Since going to the university, Matthew Gregory, a local investigator for the Centre for Crop Circle Studies, found the corn circle, near Swainsthorpe, not far from Caistor St. Edmund. I was delighted to find it was only a few yards from the junction of one of the leys from the campus and one from Caistor St. Edmund church. There is a deciduous clump at the junction, which dowsed as a ley centre. When in the field, a farm worker told him of another, even nearer to Caistor, which he also investigated.

The first ley joins two of the campus "hot spots"; it passes through Earlham Church, the Earlham Hall clump, the Chaplaincy clump, a church near Cringleford, the corn circle clump, a straight track running between a church and a moat in close proximity at Hawes Green (this would have pleased Alfred Watkins!) and Topcroft Church. The other goes through Hapton Church, a multijunction at Mulbarton, the corn circle clump, Caistor St. Edmund Church, two cross-roads/tracks, Woodbastrick Church and two churches in Catfield.

The first port of call on arriving in Norfolk was, of course, the corn circle. Although the corn was cut, the previously flattened area was still intact and this site was spectacular as the circle was now bright green with growing grass against the background of yellow

stubble. I was intrigued to note that I obtained a strong dowsing reaction on all the parts that had been flattened (i.e., all round the ring), but not on the parts that had been standing (including the area inside the ring). Doris mentioned hearing clicking noises in the field, and I heard them too, but we did not get a chance on this trip to do control observations in other fields.

Both the leys I had drawn were picked up by dowsing, in addition to one bisecting them and passing through the corn circle. This was later found to go through a triangulation point at Long Stratton, Swainsthorpe Church (not far from the circle), the circle and the clump, a "20" spotmark on the railway bridge and a roundabout junction at Norwich, before running parallel with the B1150 for several miles (about an eighth of a mile from it), and passing through a cross-roads at Scottow.

These leys seem to be part of a definite system linking these important sites: the Earlham Hall clump, the corn circle clump, the henge site south of Norwich and Caistor St. Edmund Church (on the site of a Roman town).

I was alerted to the henge by a new member of the group, Amber Smithwhite, who sent me details of research done there by Eric Winch, who discovered that it was found by an RAF pilot in 1929; excavations revealed it to be an early neolithic wood henge built about 3250 BC. No human remains were found. Its shape is visible today only as different shades in the grass.

He found two energy lines when he visited the site. One of these was said to be a midsummer sunrise line claimed to link with Stonehenge and Cerne Abbas. My map shows that this would run parallel to the adjoining road, and could be a line linking a church on the A47 on the outskirts of Norwich and Irstead Church; in the other direction, Chapel Hill near Markshall. It is not a good ley on the map but has a number of minor indications that seem to indicate in its favour. He describes the other line as east-west but draws it on his diagram as going at an angle north of east. It could be the one going to the Earlham clump.

Caistor St. Edmund Church is actually a few yards inside the Roman earthwork, but the width of the ley running along the bank was found to just meet the east end of the church (presumably at sunrise and sunset it takes in the whole building). It was found to be about ten paces wide. The earthwork is almost square, unlike Silchester, and the interesting feature is a linear earthwork outside the wall and at a slight angle to it. It extends considerably beyond the inner wall so does not seem to be simply an outer rampart. It may possibly be older - it has a ley running along it which points directly at the henge. It goes through Stratton St. Michael Church, Caistor church and earthwork, the henge,

a cross-tracks, a clump near Old Hall Farm, a circular wood north of Coltishall and a church at Sco Ruston. This last has the unusual feature of having the word Church on the map in antique text, so must be ancient.

There is also a ley running along the main bank, as mentioned; this is the one previously mentioned in Touchstone. It goes through Fritton Church (on a junction of tracks), a cross-tracks and mean-following road at Saxlingham Nethergate, half a mile of coincident track near Swainsthorpe, Caistor church and bank, three churches in Norwich and the Cathedral, another church in Norwich beyond this, and three cross-roads. At the Cathedral, the ley probably runs along the north-running east cloister. A ley running along this (but none of the others) was picked up by dowsing.

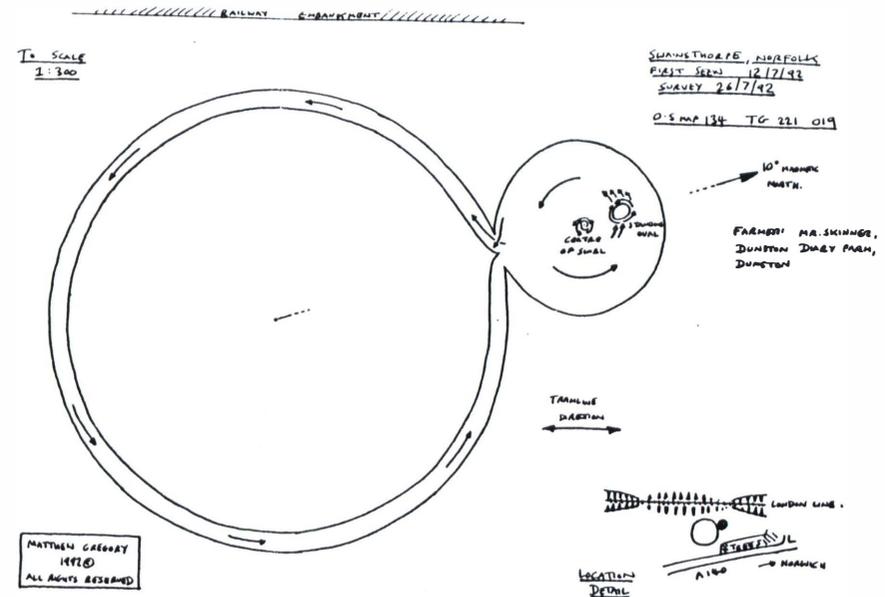
The village where we stayed, New Buckenham, is also extremely interesting. The village guide tells us that in about 1145 William d'Albini gave his castle at Old Buckenham to the Augustinians who used the materials to construct their Priory. He chose a more prosperous location beside the Norwich to Thetford road; and here he built a new fortification, immediately east of which the village was laid out as a planned settlement on a grid of intersecting streets with its own market, to raise dues for the castle. It is unique in England as a medieval planned town which has retained its original size and plan intact. It was bounded by the Town Ditch, parts of which were widened in the 19th century to serve the tanning industry. To the east of the village is a common where there are still people with the ancient commoner's rights to grazing.

Today the village is a beautiful and friendly place (in spite of the fact that the village whipping post is still in place in the Market Hall!) We stayed in a flat which was a former hay loft, above Lovell's, the village shop, between the green and the church. From the village plan, leys seem to jump out at you, though it has to be admitted that they are not that spectacular when transferred to the Ordnance Survey map. The village plan indicates, however, a number of features which would not be marked on the map, such as field boundaries, the position of the Market House, etc. Perhaps this is just an area where non-Ordnance Survey ley points predominate. The alignments apparent from the plan were checked by dowsing.

The most prominent line is the alignment of the long, straight stretch of road across the common known as the Turnpike. This aligns directly with the Castle keep and the village street follows the general direction (Lovell's is actually on this line, keeping up our tradition of being subconsciously sited on leys when on holiday!) A field boundary running to the Castle also follows it. It was found by dowsing to be about 16 paces wide; another crossing it at the next cross-roads out of the village is about half that. The Turnpike ley runs from a clump at Bunwell Hill, along the Turnpike, the street and the field

boundary to the Castle keep, and to Roudham Hall and a cross-roads with a "church, remains of". There is a milestone on the road about half-way between the village and the next cross-roads.

The castle keep, a brooding but powerful stone ruin situated on the eastern edge of its earthwork, was found to be a ley centre, and the multijunction on the Turnpike at the other side of the village is another. This was noted when trying to determine the width of the ley at this point, and finding it to be almost impossibly wide. I was, of course, walking along one of the other leys running into it. Each track and road converging on it has its ley, one with a good Scots pine clump on it. The third important site in the village system is the church, an "uncommonly sumptuous Perpendicular Church" of the 13th century. Lionel Beer will be interested to note that it has woodwoses on the font, along with lions. It is powerful, and often has the top of its tower covered with birds. The village was an intriguing and relaxing place to spend a holiday.



The Corn Circle

NOTES AND NEWS

Recent field trips

There have been two interesting field trips recently, both of which have been recorded on video. Much of the information gained by the group is now stored in this form, and there is too much for it all to be shown at meetings, so I would advise all who can to request copies. These are free, I just need a tape to copy them on and the postage. If you have no video recorder, you could still get them and arrange with a friend to view them.

One of the trips was the London Earth Mysteries Circle one to Dorset, now edited under the title Energy in Dorset. Places visited include the Dorset Cursus, Maumbury Rings, the Wishing Well at Upwey (which has a description of a ley in its guide), the Cerne Giant and Knowlton, the ruins of a church in a neolithic henge. The Cerne Giant is on the E-line we have been following for some time now, and it was picked up there as wide and powerful as always.

The second trip was one in Guildford led by Eileen Grimshaw, seeking out many mysteries of the town, especially ghosts. The ghostly atmosphere was accentuated by the presence of Roundhead troops there for the Civil War Fair, part of Guildford Festival. This video has not been edited as yet, but the unedited tape is available. We were lucky to have good weather for both trips.

The Stag Hill Centre

The ley centre at Stag Hill, on which Guildford Cathedral is built, seems to be an important one, though there is nothing to mark it at the moment - it is just a spot in the grounds of the University of Surrey. The cathedral was not built on it, but it is on one of its leys, and an extremely interesting one. Six leys have been found so far - and the Odiham Firs one was found independently after Chris Hall's Ecology Field Trip (video available). It was only noted later that it goes through the Stag Hill Centre.

1) The Odiham Firs ley. Stag Hill centre; Caesar's Camp north of Farnham; Beacon Hill and trig point; coincident road; cross-roads; Odiham Firs clump and trig point; group of tumuli.



2) Merrow Church; moat at Onslow Village; coincident track; church in Farnham; "Golden Pot" cross-roads north of Alton; Lasham Church.

3) A ley investigated by the group some years ago. St. Mary's Church, Byfleet (very powerful, and with a now vanished "mound" against one wall pictured in a drawing of the church done a century ago); Wisley Church, Newark Priory, cross-roads at Send; Stag Hill Centre; Shackleford Church; Peper Harow Church; Beacon Hill, Hindhead; a milestone at Bramshott; a multijunction at Chapel Common.



4) Interesting cathedral multi-church ley. St. Martha's Church; Holy Trinity Church; The Friary (now a shopping centre but the site of a former friary); the Cathedral; Stag Hill Centre; Wood Street Church; an unmarked centre at Farnborough; Heckfield Church.

5) Newlands Corner tumulus (I was never able to find it); Christ Church (where my daughter was married on August 1st); Stag Hill Centre; a church near Aldershot; a church south of Farnborough; a milestone south of Winchfield.

6) Guildford Castle; Stag Hill Centre; spotmark at Farnborough Green; a tumulus at Yateley Common; a multijunction south of Eversley; a ford south-east of Swallowfield.

London Meetings

September 8th - Psychic Questing and the Orgone Answer to Crop Circles, by Andy Collins. September 22 - The Medicine Wheel: the Native American Way of Teaching, by Tim Willcocks. October 13th - Reclaiming our True Heritage, by Christopher Davies. October 27th - Earth Mysteries and Magnetism, by Serena Roney-Dougal. November 10th - Social Evening. November 24th - UFOs - the Psychic Connection, by Charles Snell. December 8th - Mysteries on the Road to Santiago, by Phinella Henderson.

These meetings, organised by the London Earth Mysteries Circle, are held at the Maria Assumpta Centre, Kensington at 7.00 p.m.

Rob Stephenson is also running two evening courses on earth mysteries at the City University - "Earth Mysteries, the Beautiful Enigma" and "Earth Mysteries - the Ancient Wisdom Revealed?"

Leonardo - Astral Traveller?

Cross Link, the journal of the Bayer Group of companies, had this intriguing item in its recent Issue 5:

"In Her Majesty the Queen's Collection of Old Master Drawings in Windsor Castle, there are a number by Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519) which show the meandering progress of the River Po in Northern Italy. It is as if the great man had hovered some 30,000 feet in the air and sketched what he could see. How was this possible? Did he actually build one of the flying machines he designed? Or did he mentally project himself up into the air? There are no answers - just 500-year-old drawings that defy rational explanation."



The Junction Monument

This is the monument on Chobham Common at the junction of the "ghost line" and Weybridge intervisibility leys described in the last issue. It was erected in 1901 "in memory of the noble life of Queen Victoria".

Anomaly at Megalithic Site

The following cutting, from ASSAP News No. 17, was given to me by Rob Wilson of the Northern Earth Mysteries Group when we visited the Nine Stones stone circle on the Dorset field trip:

"A report of strange electrical anomalies at a stone circle in Dorset is to be investigated by ASSAP members in the west. A Ford Transit was being towed by another van past the Winterbourne Abbas site in January when the electrical systems of both apparently failed simultaneously. They were travelling at 45 m.p.h. A similar occurrence is reported to have happened ten years ago when six cars were brought to a halt one night in a lane near the circle. The importance of cases like this in anomaly research is that they can be tested with such equipment as multimeters and magnetometers. The very successful Dragon Project has already obtained measurements conclusively demonstrating that so-far unexplained shifts of electromagnetism can occur at megalithic sites. Such findings have been independently reproduced by other researchers, including physicists from Imperial College and Kings College, London. The cause, cycles and periodicity of such electrical phenomena at ancient sites is not yet understood, so more research is needed."

Modern Stone Circle in Devon

When returning from taking our son to school in Devon, my wife and I were interested

to see what appeared to be a stone circle on the road near Ashburton. It was not marked on the map so I rang an official of the Sites and Monuments Register in Exeter. She said the circle had been made by engineers building the road! Were the stones found in situ, I wondered? The circle seems to be on a ley through Ashburton Church (visible on a ridge from the circle) which continues across Dartmoor. There is a sunken stream running through the circle's centre.

Earlier Videos

Whirls of Energy is about the recent Old Sarum and Winchester field trip. Why is it called that? Get it and see! **The Pitch Hill Project** is a chronicle of the project to date - mainly using stills as video was not taken on most of the field trips. **A Visit to Tony Wedd Country** describes a trip by three SEMG members to Chiddingstone, visiting sites made legendary by the late Tony Wedd, and including some recording of Tony himself at a talk he gave in 1968. **Surrey Earth Mysteries** is an outline of the subject followed by a detailed illustrated examination of the Ferry Lane ley from Chertsey to Horsell.

Two interesting cuttings

Daniele Hart sent me two quite interesting cuttings recently. One was on a new stone circle built recently at Carsington Reservoir, Derbyshire. It has been (consciously in this case) sited to align with Derbyshire ancient sites, including Eyam Moor and Arbor Low stone circles. There was (of course) the usual outcry from the local Christians that the monument was pagan, but luckily it is still there in spite of this.

The other cutting was on the spate of mystery cat sightings recently. The Exmoor Beast and the Surrey Puma have apparently been joined by the Hampstead Puma, the Kidderminster Jungle Cat and the Hayling Island African Swamp Cat, among others! Detective Constable Steve Ashcroft is (in his spare time) investigating this. The article includes an interesting file and map of sightings since 1988.

(*The Observer*, June 14th)

LETTERS

From Norman Darwen, Blackpool, Lancashire

(received February but unfortunately mislaid)

A recent article in Blackpool's Evening Gazette highlighted the fear that Government proposals for a new by-pass road will destroy the Roman road I described in Touchstone No. 30, though there have been calls for a public enquiry into the decision. A local historian also mentioned finds of Roman artefacts in Blackpool and Poulton-le-Fylde and the fact that the line of the road has never been excavated. Following on from the recent debacle over the road-building over Twyford Down and a throw-away sentence in the Scottish Sunday Post in early February that improvements to the

A9 road will mean the destruction of several stone circles it seems our ancient sites receive no official protection at all - unless they are profitable.

I would also like to mention that I am very interested in your research on ley width. It brought to mind a phrase I read some years ago; I cannot remember the source or the exact words but it was to the effect of "this line is more remarkable for the number of sites it just misses". If ley width can be variable, perhaps it would be worth looking again at existing alignments and the nature of sites they just avoid, and if a doubling of width could cause them to be included.

From Rob Stephenson, London

Sorry you could not attend the Essex trip, which went off well. We had a guided tour round Waltham Abbey and when we got to Borley (which I knew to be touchy about people showing an interest in its ghostly associations) we were given tea in the church by the lady who opened up. She also uncovered the altar to show us the old altar-stone rediscovered in 1945. We also managed to fit in the round church at Little Maplestead built by the Knights Hospitallers. I will show slides of the trip at our next social evening.

TEMS MEETINGS

TEMS meetings are to be held on the last Sunday of each month, but at various venues. See the accompanying panel; please contact Lionel Beer for further details (081-979-3148). Use magnifying glass if necessary!

There will also be a FIELD TRIP on September 20th, visiting Horsell Common and its standing stone, and the site H.G. Wells chose for the landing of the Martians in War of the Worlds, and other local places of interest.

TEMS now produces a very interesting newsletter.

TEMS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1992



- Sunday** CCCS Branch Meeting: "Physical Effects Associated With Crop Circles" Dr. Roger Taylor, BVSc, will review sound and photographic anomalies, luminous effects etc, aided by slides. He is an immunologist and has latterly turned to alternative medicine. Possibility of 1992 video material. **VENUE:** Hampton, Middlesex. Please ring Lionel: (081) 979 3148
- Sunday** ASSAP/TEMS Open Meeting: "Ghostly Phenomena" John Spencer will expand on his new book "Encyclopedia of Ghosts and Spirits". He is Vice-Chairman and Company Secretary of BUFORA, conference speaker, and author or co-editor of several important UFO titles. **VENUE:** East Molesey. Please ring David Christie-Murray: (081) 398 2381.
- Sunday** "Questing for Lost Artefacts & Secrets" Andrew Collins will relate his experiences with psychics. Andy is an investigator of the supernatural and UFO reports; author of seven books, inc. "The Seventh Sword". **VENUE:** SW11 with super views of the Thames and Albert Bridge. Please ring Valja: (071) 228 8791.
- Friday** TEMS Christmas Party: There will be some light intellectual tuff or field trip video. Mainly this will be an opportunity to have a good gossip, knock a few self-proclaimed experts and enjoy a buffet till late. Please ring Lionel: (081) 979 3148. **VENUE:** Hampton.
- There will be no meeting at the end of December.
- OTHER EVENTS 1992**
- 5-6 September The Lay Bunters' Moot, Hebdon Bridge. Ring - Andy: 0484 - 721993
- 5 September BUFORA Meeting at the London Business School, Sussex Place, Regents Saturday 6.30 pm. Speaker: Anne Silk. Information: 0582-763218.
- 19 September BUFORA Special Conference for 30th Year Anniversary, London Business School (as above). Talks by six speakers, with Lionel Beer, BUFORA Vice-President, in the chair. Please refer to enclosed leaflet.
- 3 October BUFORA Meeting at the L.B.S. Speaker: Geoff Viney 6.30 pm.
- 17-18 October Northern Earth Mysteries Residential Weekend. Ring John: 0422-882441.
- 7 November BUFORA Meeting at the LBS. Speaker: Alan Mayne, MA. 6.30 pm.
- 5 December BUFORA Meeting at the LBS. Speaker: Michael Buhler "UFOs in Art".
- CCCS London Meetings of the CCCS. Please ring Beth Davis: 0480 - 890625.

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(in addition to the ones described on the back cover)

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BEGINNINGS

These two booklets have recently been brought out by the Surrey Earth Mysteries Group.

The Hidden Unity looks at the strange phenomenon of subconscious siting of ley points, and notes that places of worship, of all religions and all ages, tend to predominate on leys. The environmental and philosophical implications of this are discussed, and the apparent necessity of worship but irrelevance of doctrine. Two ley centres are given as examples, and investigated in depth - the Shah Jehan Mosque in Woking and the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, Scunthorpe. There is an appendix by Eileen Grimshaw on the significance of the Pagan religion to this study. Illustrated with photographs, maps and line drawings.

Beginnings is about a series of potentially useful discoveries, mainly made by Jimmy Goddard over a period of about twenty years, but having some overlap with discoveries made by others. For various reasons, the investigations are all in their early stages, and some have not been continued. They include earth energy detection, natural antigravity, subconscious siting, ley width, and the solar transition effect. There is also a chapter on cognitive dissonance - a psychological factor which seems to have been at the root of all bigotry - scientific, religious and other - down the ages. The booklet is concluded with an account of the discovery of leys by Alfred Watkins.

Each booklet is £1 plus 30p p&p from the Touchstone address.

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