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INTONY'S FOOTSTEPS

The Hampstead Heath Tumulus



In 1949 Tony Wedd was walking over Hampstead Heath from Parliament Hill past Highgate Ponds after having read *The Old Straight Track* by Alfred Watkins for the first time:

If you care to go to Ken Wood, go over Parliament Hill towards Highgate Ponds, just short of the ponds turn left towards Ken Wood - an asphalt pathway up over the hill. As you approach Ken Wood you'll see a solitary pine clump - I did this when I first read Watkins in '49 - I hope it's still intact. One clump - one pine - ten feet higher than all the beeches in Ken Wood. Especially after reading Watkins, I said

"That's a mark, if ever I saw a mark - it stands out like a sore thumb - and further, I'm sure it's meant to be seen from here because of the lie of the land". And as I said so I looked to my left and only fifty yards away was a little tumulus - the one tumulus on Hampstead Heath - it has Scots pines in the middle and a crown of thorns around. So I took the line on the tumulus and it went through Westminster Abbey which is sited on a little island called Thorney Island because of a clump of thorns which gave it its characteristic mark. So you've got three in a line and you can go back into historical records - the pines on

SURREY EARTH MYSTERIES GROUP MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXCEPT AUGUST AND DECEMBER) USUALLY AT ADDLESTONE. FEBRUARY 10TH MEETING WILL BE A ZECHARIAH SITCHINEVENING AT 115, HOLLYBUSH LANE, HAMPTON.

the tumulus and the pines in Ken Wood I think indicate that at the tumulus you get the change from hawthorns in the lower, marshy ground to pines on the higher ground. I remembered the old legend of Westminster Abbey, which described how when the bishop was due to consecrate the Abbey a fisherman notified him that it had already been consecrated in advance. I take it that this is a way of saying that the thorn clump on Thorney Island was already holy, and by siting the Abbey there they had chosen holy ground.

This discovery enthused him with the subject of leys. He later connected them with flying saucer sightings and their orthoteny alignments found by Aimé Michel in France, and brought the subject back to life again after the Straight Track Club had ceased to exist in the 1940s.



The stone

On visiting the area in September, and walking as he did from Parliament Hill

past Highgate Ponds, I came first upon a striking little clump of Scots pines which I thought at first was Tony's mark. Near a belt of trees, but far enough away to be very visible as a clump from a distance. There was a seat nearby, and on entering the clump I found what seemed to be some kind of stone at its centre, buried with just the top showing.



I could not see the tumulus from here, but found it beyond another belt of trees to the right, after asking a local who was walking his dog. It was indeed very spectacular, and just as Tony had described it, a mixed clump of pine and beech, with a pair of pines very similar to the "praying hands" pair that we had found at South Holmwood church on the E-line. Its "crown of thorns" was still there encircling it, as was a metal railing, but there was an unlocked gate. There was a depression in the centre which seemed to indicate that it had been excavated.



At this point I realised that the other clump could not be Tony's mark; this was seen to the right of the tumulus, not the left, though it seemed to be on the right line and also about fifty yards away. There did not seem to be any protruding Scots pine to the right, which seemed to indicate it is no longer there - but it was strange that Tony had not noticed the other clump. Could it be new and subconsciously sited? I doubted it because of the stone, but this could have been the case. Both tumulus and clump seemed powerful and gave dowsing reaction, with the ley about ten paces wide.

The ley linking the tumulus and Westminster Abbey enters the West London 1:50000 map at a cross-roads on the A1 with two stretches of coincident track, goes through a church in Finchley, the tumulus and the clump on Hampstead Heath, two churches with coincident track between near Maitland Park, a church near Regents Park, the Post Office Tower (!), then through Soho to Westminster Abbey, a church in Brixton and two in Herne Hill.

On the map, it is also quite prominent that the Broad Walk across Regents Park and Portland Place, Marylebone align with the Hampstead Heath tumulus. This is also a good ley, entering the map at a church in Monkton Hadley, then a ridge peak at Totteridge (this name suggests Watkins' theory of the ley men "tottering" or "doddering" on a ridge, as they used their staves to align the monuments). It then passes through a church in North Finchley, a synagogue in Hampstead Garden Suburb, Ken Wood House, a 115 spotmark in Ken Wood, the Hampstead Heath tumulus, Broad Walk at Regents Park and Portland Place at Marylebone, St. James's Palace, a church with a spire at Westminster, a multijunction with church at Thornton Heath, and a cross-roads with church at Croydon.

I was also very interested to find that there is another good ley from the tumulus going to Sunbury Cross, now a junction on the M3 motorway in Surrey (formerly Middlesex), but originally a prominent meeting-place of five roads which we found to be a ley centre in the early days of ley hunting. This was also interesting to me as it goes across Chertsey Meads and my home town of Addlestone. It goes through a multijunction with church at Highgate, the Hampstead Heath tumulus, a church with a tower at South Acton, a church in Brentford, Syon House, a church at Isleworth, a cross-roads near Kneller Hall, Twickenham, and Sunbury Cross.

The line then crosses Chertsey Meads to Addlestone. On January 1st, 2000 I cycled along the Addlestone stretch going towards Horsell. The line goes through the summit of Woburn Hill, and was found to be about 13 paces wide. It then goes through a green by Dudley Close, and a group of cedars opposite, and another green island with a tree at Chapel Park Road.



After this it goes through a large copse on rising ground with some mature oaks, one of them much larger than the famous

Crouch Oak. This is on the Spinney Hill Road, going towards Ottershaw. From here I threaded my way through estates following the line, and found that someone had put a large clump of garden conifers in a garden directly on the line in Ledger Drive.



It then goes through the summit of Hare Hill, which also has some large oaks and a Scots pine. There was one very spectacular double oak; looking between its trunks one is looking down a very steep hillside to houses and gardens quite a distance below. The alignment then goes across Rowhill, through a pond to meet the Chertsey Guildford Street-Ferry



Lane ley (a 23-pace one featured in my video "Surrey Earth Mysteries") at an old house called "Dunford House"



adjoining Dunford Bridge on the Bourne. (The latter was possibly originally "the ford by the dun" - dun being the Saxon term for an artificial earthwork - Maiden Castle has the same origin).

FURTHER FINDINGS ON THE REACTIONS OF ANIMALS TO LEYS by Rienk Noordhuis

On 25th August I went to Morn Hill (Winchester) to catch slow-worms. It was a quiet day and I decided to do some dowsing for the exact alignment of the 6 paces ley mentioned to you. From a distance I noticed a large group of house martins (about 150) flying above the site and sitting on the telegraph lines where the 6 pace ley crosses them. They were accompanied by many (local?) barn swallows joining them in their activities. It was the first time I saw this group on the site - it seemed almost too good to be true.

The alignment of the 6 pace ley is correct as I had given it to you (crosses the farm on the east and the gate almost spot on. More careful dowsing resulted in finding an 8 pace ley (less powerful) crossing the 6 pace ley (near or at the place where the birds sat on the telegraph wires) under a very small angle. This 8 pace ley had a direction more NNW/SSE, crossing the road west of the point where the 6 pace ley crosses. This complicates matters, but careful dowsing revealed a third ley of only three paces going NNE/SSW, crossing the two previous lines at the building site and possibly hitting the tumulus near the farm. Further leys I could not find.

Most slow worms caught so far were caught near the 6 and 8 pace leys. Common lizards seem little correlated with the leys within the site although it may be significant that they still persist on a site like this.

I haven't had time to look for the 12 pace ley from Upper Froyle (Hen and Chickens Inn) near Kingsley, but will in the near future.

I'll keep you informed of further findings that may be of interest. It strikes me how hard it is to get these matters (such as ley energy) to the surface after vigorous suppression by church and now by scientific establishment.

On 6th September the season and my work here were nearly finished, so I made sure to do some more observations on familiar points near the A31 last week.

I managed to go to Kingley and found the common there. I found the 12 pace ley approx. crossing the middle of the common about 250 meter west of a mansion in it. Also I found a five pace ley there, and about 7 other five pace leys.

On the 31st of August I decided to check a large farm complex directly on the A31, between Winchester and New Alresford (this stretch of A31 runs in a north-easterly direction). At this farm I had seen barn swallows often and a large flock at the end of the summer in 1998. This year again I have seen a large group of house martins and barn swallows. Dowsing I found the farm to be near a ten pace ley that runs parallel to this piece of A31. Near the back of the yard or possibly behind the farm it is crossed by an eight pace ley perpendicular to the 10 pace one. The swallows were seen mostly above the ten pace ley and swarming was seen above or near the place where the two lines cross. This could be the same flock that I described to you from the Morn Hill site which is only a few miles away. So far, the behaviour of the swallows seems to suggest that wider leys and crossings of them with other leys are of special interest to them.

I have been detecting many three (or two) pace leys, often occurring in a regular grid pattern, but not always. I can feel their energy when I am near a larger ley. The larger leys I don't necessarily feel. On the Morn Hill site I could feel the 6 pace ley strongly, but not the eight pace ley. Could it be that, equal to a blood vessel system, the larger leys are feeding energy to the smaller ones? Are the three pace leys part of the Hartman pattern that I have heard about? For the current purpose I have chosen to ignore them when dowsing for leys unless I can feel them or want to check a particular wildlife site. However I am wondering whether the sites chosen by fallow deer stags during the rut (from the video you showed me about Donovan Wilkins) can be cross-roads of these thinner lines. How is this in relation to stone circles? You see, again more questions than answers, but despite this, a growing belief in the use of ley energy by animals.

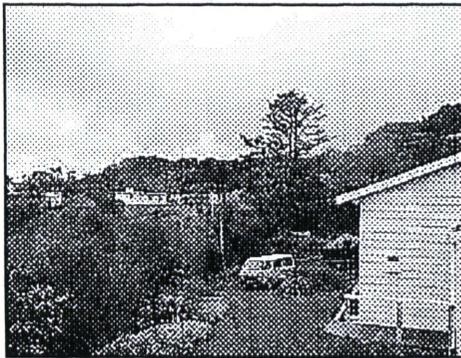
THE E-LINE AND ST. MICHAEL LINE IN NEW ZEALAND

A few years ago I attempted to extend the E-line, the very wide and powerful ley that this group investigated in depth at about the beginning of the last decade. It was traced round a globe by means of a rubber band checked for its great circle status by making sure the northerly and southerly tips were at the same latitude, and that it was a straight line all the way round when viewed from "above". Although obviously at this scale pinpoint accuracy could not be achieved (the band itself was about 100 miles wide at this scale!) I noted that it went through some interesting areas - Mount Everest, the Lines of Nazca and Ayers Rock in Australia. My map dowsing findings in the Nepal area were described in a previous issue.



Sam Sampson

I noted in passing that the line seemed to graze the southern tip of New Zealand; then last year I had an email from Sam Sampson in Stewart Island, a small island off the southern edge of South Island. Sam had had a rather Watkinsian vision of leys meeting at Stewart Island some years ago, so was very excited to know, after visiting our web site, that the E-line could pass through it. He sent me some larger scale maps of the island, and map-dowsing and just looking at these seems to indicate that the line does in fact go through it, and its town of Oban.



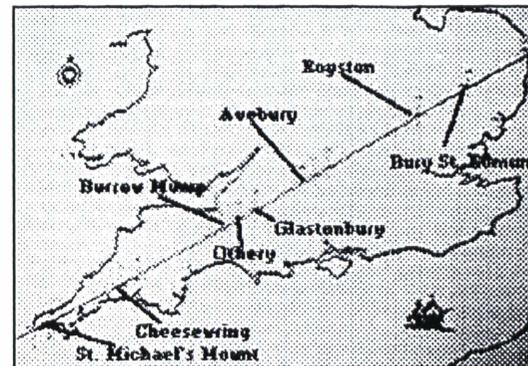
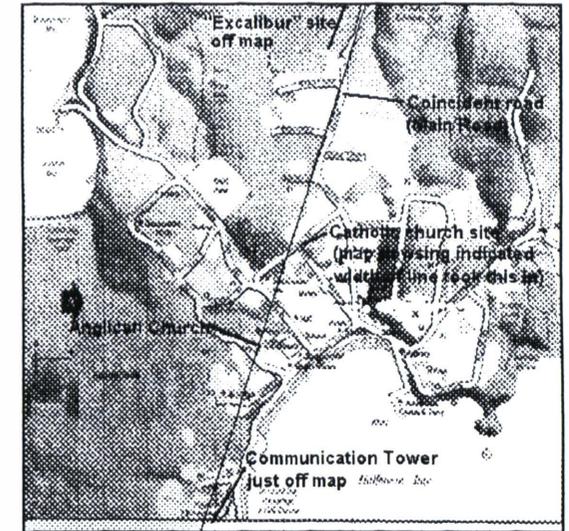
The Anglican church, looking south towards Peterson Hill

I plotted the angle of the line at this point on the New Zealand atlas map, and was very interested to see that a line at this angle almost seems to "jump out" when one looks at the Stewart Island map of the E-line. "Main Road", very long and straight, is at just the right angle, and extending the line shows that it passes through the Anglican church - so subconscious siting is at work here also! Later I was to find that it passes through the planned site for a Roman Catholic church that was never actually built.

The line passes through a number of other interesting points, including a pond near Main

Road where someone felt moved to put a model of Excalibur, and the local hilltop communications tower (Peterson Hill) - we have found that many such towers in Britain are placed on leys.

Having found this, and realising that the south of England and the south of New Zealand are antipodal, I decided to plot the St. Michael line on the globe. This line, discovered by John Michell, is probably the most well-known ley of all. It links many places with St. Michael dedications across England, including St. Michael's Mount in

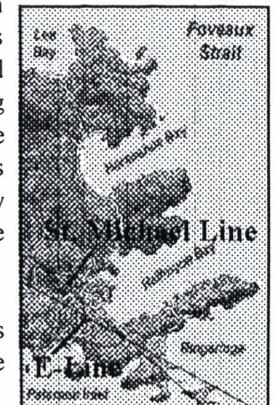


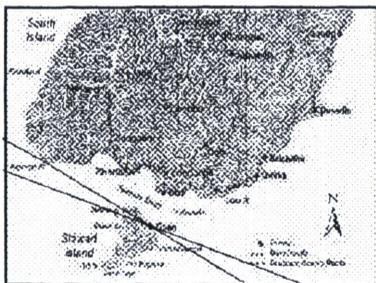
Cornwall, St. Michael's on Glastonbury Tor and St. Michael's on Burrow Mump, Othery as well as Avebury, the Royston cave and Bury St. Edmunds. It crosses the E-Line near St. Day in Cornwall, at what seems to be a meeting-point of several roads.

Hamish Miller and Paul Broadhurst found serpentine energy lines snaking around it, but I believe it is also a straight ley (the straight and the

sinuous forming a caduceus), and on plotting it on the globe with the rubber band I was astonished to find that it also seems to pass through Stewart Island. These two lines crossing there would make the island a place of global significance, and map dowsing seemed to indicate that the crossing point is Peterson Hill, where the communications tower is. It must be emphasised that this information was gained from dowsing, not plotting - this accuracy would not be possible from the very small scale of map on the globe.

The line, leaving England in a north-easterly direction passes through Sweden, goes south of Finland and across Russia to the





meeting-point of Russia, Mongolia and China, which I have seen mentioned as a significant point. It then roughly follows the Mongolian border, and goes across China to pass through Hong Kong. Then it goes through the Philippines and across Australia, passing through Sydney, before crossing to Stewart Island. From here it reaches its most southerly point in the Antarctic Ocean and swings north again, running along the border of Argentina and Chile, across Bolivia and Brazil, crossing the Amazon

estuary. It then crosses the Atlantic back to England. Crossing Stewart Island, the St. Michael Line lives up to its nature and passes through a number of peaks; it also just touches the southern tip of South Island at Puysegur Point.

LETTERS

from Fred Hadley, Surbiton:

Many thanks for another fascinating issue of Touchstone, which links several disparate interests of territorial and supernatural enquiry. Thorsons Direct is a mail-order book-retailing wing of Harper Collins in Glasgow. Very rarely do they produce books relating to geography. On page 24 of their latest catalogue is a reproduction of the dust cover of *Ancient Energy of the Earth*, by David Cowan with Ann Silk, priced £15.99. What the blurb says on page 24 is significant, I think. "This book is the result of 30 years of the Earth energy lines of the British landscape in which David Cowan has walked over 3,000 miles... why our ancestors were focussing the natural Earth energies through their ancient burial grounds, standing stones and circles, and reveals how the mastery of ley line divination can be understood in terms of ancestral spirits, ghosts and poltergeists. TLH closed down, but the public may still be interested!

from a reader in Kent:

Tony Wedd's Chiddingstone to Keston line (one of the "twelve healing lines" - JG) goes through my back garden. For a variety of reasons, both historical and energetic, I decided to use the Chiding Stone and Caesar's Well as end points. I mapped the line on the 1:5000 map and I noticed that it ran through the valley behind my house so I mapped it on the 1:25000. I've lived here for 30 years and for most of that time I've been aware of the energy flow through the valley. I've never mentioned this to anyone but several people have spontaneously sensed it in the same place while they've been walking across the valley. The map line is about 150 metres west of the perceived energy flow.

A middle-aged lady on the bus recently told me that she stables her horse up here because of "the nice energy in the valley". I haven't noticed animals reacting unusually but they do seem to be content here.

A quote from one of William Wilberforce's letters: "I well remember, after a conversation with Mr. Pitt, in the open air, on the root of an old tree at Holwood, just above the steep descent into the Vale of Keston, I resolved to give notice, on a fit occasion, to bring forth the abolition of the slave trade". Does this count as a healing act? The exact spot is supposed to be marked by an old stone bench with the above quote inscribed on it.

NOTES AND NEWS

London Earth Mysteries Circle

(7.00 pm. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, The Meeting Room, the New Diorama Centre, 34, Osnaburgh Street, London, NW1. Members £1.50, Non-members £2.50, concessions £2)

January 11th Ogham, the Alphabet of the Druids, by Steve Wilson

January 25th Through the Mist Gently - Reconsidering Ancient Lemuria, by Rima Bartlett.

February 8th How I Make Patterns in the Crops - An Artist Circlemaker Explains All, by Rod Dickinson

February 22nd The Intelligent Universe - An All-Embracing Theory for the Paranormal, by Ian Baillie

March 14th - Shakespeare's Secret Language Revealed for the First Time, by Prof. H.I. Pilikian.

March 28th - Sacred Sites and Sustainability, by Andy Norfolk.

April 11th - Contributions and Social Evening.

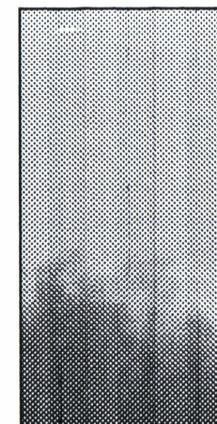
Travel and Earth Mysteries Society

January 30th - The Mysterious Window of St. Martha-on-the-Hill, by Eileen Roche. Please ring Lionel - 0181-979-3148.

February 27th - Ancient Jordan and Primeval Earth Gods, by Rick Gibson (talk which was to have been given in December). Please ring Lionel - 0181-979-3148.

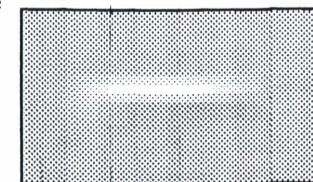
March 26th - Talk by Ken Seddington - please ring Lionel - 0181-979-3148

April 16th - To be advised - please ring Lionel - 0181-979-3148



That Cigar Again!

On November 11th 1999, at 5.36 p.m., just before sunset, I was travelling with my wife Doris through Wiltshire on the way to Somerset. We had just passed Stonehenge, and I had my video camera with me as I had just taken some pictures of Rox Hill clump on the skyline, for use in *The Legacy of Tony Wedd* as he had investigated that clump in his Stonehenge research. I saw a very similar cigar-shaped object to the one I had seen in 1998 with Eileen Roche, although this time it was not seen for so long - probably less than a minute - and



there was not enough time to alert Doris so she could see it. But I did get some pictures which look very similar to the other cigar seen over Addlestone. It was also lower in the sky, so there are some trees to give an idea of its size.

The Legacy of Tony Wedd CD-ROM



Tony Wedd was an artist and designer who designed and built his own house in Chiddingstone, Kent. In 1955 he attended a lecture by Desmond Leslie about the contactee George Adamski, and became fascinated by contact claims. He was also interested in the countryside, and his booklet *Skyways and Landmarks* was the first to connect flying saucers with Alfred Watkins' discovery of prehis-

toric ley alignments. He believed the connection was a form of energy in the leysystem, which the space people could use. During the 1960s he did research on leys, particularly at Stonehenge, in Kent and in his native Somerset, and was the person who brought the subject back to life after the Straight Track Club ceased in the 1940s. He also did much work on uses of this universal energy, and formed the STAR Fellowship, whose aim it was to welcome the space people and learn from them. He died in 1980, after having emigrated to Australia and living there for ten years.

His proposed exhibition was never built - this CD-ROM is intended to be an electronic form of that exhibition, with the narration in Tony's own voice. It is divided into three sections - Flying Saucers, Landscape Energies and Lost Technology.

Flying Saucers gives details of the enigmatic Silpho Moor disc, as well as information gained from contact claims and his own personal communications. It also includes Earth People, Space People - which is to replace a book Tony produced about the contactees, but which was never published and which was subsequently lost. This comes with *The Contactees Speak*, in which contactees narrate their own accounts of their contacts with extraterrestrials. There is also a history of the STAR Fellowship, which Tony founded.

Landscape Energies gives Tony's research into leys and earth energies in Wiltshire, Kent, France and other areas, as well as the theory of magnetic currents which linked leys to flying saucers and which, in the booklet *Skyways and Landmarks*, was to enthuse a new generation with the living landscape and its many implications.

Lost Technology describes a number of devices and procedures utilising universal energy - some of which were said to be successful, from the De Land Magnetic control to keep orange groves warm at night, to Eeman's healing circuits, binding force meters and even a headache healer! The significance of the number seven in these matters is gone into in some depth.

The Legacy of Tony Wedd is available at £12.50 including postage from:
Spacelink Books, 115, Hollybush Lane, Hampton, Middlesex
Please make cheques payable to Lionel Beer.

SURREY EARTH MYSTERIES GROUP MEETINGS

Surrey Earth Mysteries Group meetings are on the **second Thursday of each month**, except August and December, at 25, Albert Road, Addlestone, starting at 8.00 p.m. The meeting on February 10th, however, will not be here but at **115, Hollybush Lane, Hampton**, a joint meeting with the Travel and Earth Mysteries Society. It will be a **Zechariah Sitchin** evening. Sitchin is the man who has propounded very scholarly but astounding theories about the past on this planet and visitors from elsewhere. We will see the video about him in which he expounds his theories and gives the documentary evidence for them.

Some good Web addresses

Here are some sites you might like to look out for if you are searching the Web:

Surrey Earth Mysteries Group <http://www.strodes.ac.uk/semg/semg.htm> Our own site, with pages on the E-line, the Hidden Unity, and other topics, as well as lots of earth mysteries links.

All the Planets are Inhabited! <http://www.strodes.ac.uk/atpai.htm> My other site, about extraterrestrial contact.

The Geo Organisation <http://www.geo.org> A lot of earth mysteries here, including quite a lot on dowsing.

Earth Mysteries Home Page <http://www.hobart.tased.edu.au/~rogers/earthm.htm> An interesting Australian site.

Chris Witcombe's Earth Mysteries <http://witcombe.bcpw.sbc.edu/EMIntro.html> An American site with Watkinsian information and pictures.

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THE HIDDEN UNITY and BEGINNINGS

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.

EARTH PEOPLE, SPACE PEOPLE

In 1961, Tony Wedd produced a manuscript *Earth Men, Space Men*, detailing many claims of extraterrestrial contact. It was never published, and the MS is presumably lost. To try to make up for the loss in a much more modest size, this booklet has been prepared. As well as giving details of some of the more prominent contact claims, there are articles on the history of the STAR Fellowship and some of its personalities, evidence for life in the Solar System and investigation into extraterrestrial language.

Each booklet is £2 plus 30p p&p from the Touchstone address.

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