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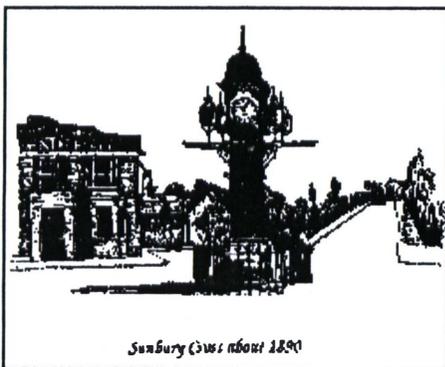
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SUNBURY CROSS - LEY CENTRE

Watkins mentions the "cross" name as being indicative of a crossing-point of leys, and I have known Sunbury Cross to be an important ley centre right from the beginning of my time as a ley hunter in 1961. Philip Heselton, my school friend who was to become editor of *The Ley Hunter*, lived close by and a number of interesting leys were found to pass through it.

When I first knew it, it was a multijunction of five roads in Sunbury, with a clock tower in the middle which was erected in June 1897 in celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Now it bears what I have called a "latter-day Silbury Hill", supporting the terminal junction of the M3 motorway.

Lyne, Chertsey and Littleton churches are on a line going through it, and this line also goes through two churches in Twickenham, a church on Richmond Hill, and a church and long mean-following road at Fulham with three cross-roads. A line joining the ancient churches at Walton-on-Thames and Abinger goes through the junction, and Shepperton Church aligns through it to churches at West Drayton and Bedfont.



Sunbury Cross: about 1897

Perhaps one of its most spectacular leys is one found by Alfred Watkins himself - the Silchester Ley, joining the early Christian church site, a Roman temple and the parish church in the city of Calleva Atrebatum at Silchester, Hampshire. He notes in *The Old Straight Track* that all three are aligned to the same angle as the ley. When extended eastwards, this ley runs along two stretches of the Nine Mile Ride in Wokingham, and skirts the northern

tip of Caesar's Camp there, a cross-roads at South Ascot and Sunningdale Church. It then goes through Sunbury Cross and is coincident with Courtlands Avenue, Hampton, and goes through a crossroads and coincident road in Teddington, a cross-roads at Richmond and three more churches.

The most recent finding has been the Egham Causeway ley. The Causeway is a thirteenth century structure crossing the Egham floodplain, and could also be the

course of the London-Silchester Roman road, although the course has not been determined definitely in Egham. The ley goes over Cooper's Hill, Runnymede, just below the RAF memorial on the hill, and goes through a Neolithic site on the Surrey side of Runnymede Bridge, along the Causeway (not straight, but mean-following) to the roundabout near Staines Bridge that I think was the site of the Negen Stones mentioned in a Chertsey Abbey charter, the original site of the London Stone at Staines (a Roman altar stone which marked the boundary of the jurisdiction of the City of London over the river), through a cross-roads in Ashford, the Spelthorne Hundred Moot site as recorded in the Surrey Sites and Monuments Record, along a long stretch of coincident road to Sunbury Cross, another coincident stretch and cross-roads and two churches in New Malden.



Sunbury Cross today



MORE ON THE NEGEN LINES- AND ANOTHER GREAT CIRCLE LINE

When visiting Runnymede Bridge recently (the site of a Neolithic and Bronze Age site) I was surprised to find a mound on the Egham side of the bridge with a large group of multiple deciduous trees and topped with Scots pines. Although on the ancient site it would not seem that it was part of the original - no mound was mentioned in the Surrey Sites and Monuments Record for it, and it was rescue-excavated in advance of the construction work on the M25 (which crosses the river adjacent to the other road bridge) in 1980. Also, the trees look as if they could be about twenty years old. It would seem to be a striking case of regeneration. The Runnymede Bridge site is on the Egham Causeway ley going through the Negen Stones site to Sunbury Cross.



Runnymede Bridge and mound

The multiple trees

There is also a similarity between the relationship of the Negen Stones site to the Stanwell Cursus, which ran along what is now the western side of Heathrow Airport, to that of Stonehenge and its cursus. Stonehenge is set at a distance from the cursus and about midway along it, with Woodhenge being situated at the right-hand end of the cursus. An almost identical pattern is exhibited at the site of the Big Rings henge at Dorchester-on-Thames, which is similarly placed near its cursus, with a wood henge at the right-hand end of it. The Negen Stones and the Stanwell Cursus show the same pattern, except that it is not known how far the cursus extended to the south. However, at the place where one would expect the wood henge, and in alignment with the known southern stretch of the cursus, is the Neolithic ring ditch at Shepperton Green, revealed by the Surrey Sites and Monuments Record.

Also, the following email was received from Gloria Hazell of the staines.5u.com site:

I was just looking thru your site again, and wow you do know your stuff don't you. It's funny when I was a kid back in the 50's I went to school in Chertsey, (Stepgates) and mum used to take me on her bike and we used to go round the back of Chertsey Church where the Abbey stood (stands) and across the golf course (where I saw a UFO in 1986/7) back to Chertsey Lane where we lived. She always told me about the history of the area, and I always felt something special there at that Abbey ground, I still do, I love it there. The same with the Lammas and St Mary's church, I have often wandered around the church yard there searching for something... The Pagan's door probably...

Anyway I always felt something about the Staines roundabout too and in actual fact lived not far from there (Bowes Road) back in the early 80's until I moved to America. While in America I lived first in New Jersey on the east coast, and then stumbling one day upon another ancient site in Minnesota while on a trip, moved there a few years later. Pipestone Minnesota is a very sacred site to the Dakota people, it is where their ceremonial(peace)pipes come from. The site is on a vortex and I believe it too is on a ley line the same one that comes from Sedona, Arizona, that is also a very special place. I often wondered if it was on the same one that runs thru here as the feelings were always

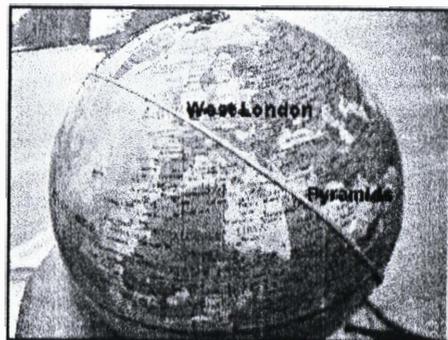
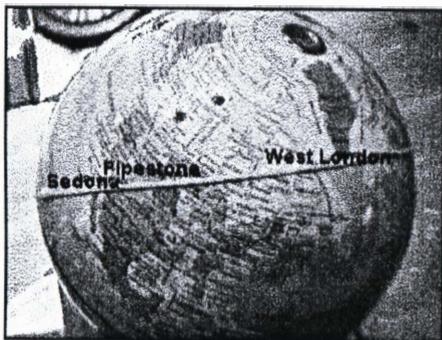
that of being home to me.

*Now I move backwards and forwards between here and there, both places pull at me.....
Gloria*

It is interesting that the three places mentioned (Chertsey Abbey, the Negen Stones roundabout and St. Mary's, Staines) are actually on the same ley. But not only this, when the two places in America (Pipestone, Minnesota and Sedona, Arizona) are aligned on a great circle, this also passes through the West London area here in Britain and the area of the Pyramids in Egypt! At this scale, it is impossible to be precise as to whether (for example) it goes through Staines or Chertsey, or if it passes through the Great Pyramid - the band has, as Lionel Beer pointed out, a scale width of about 100 miles - but it is certainly interesting in the light of what Gloria says in her email, although it could not be the Chertsey/St. Mary's line as it is not at the right angle.

There is a ley which could be this one, though. This comes through a church in Windsor, runs along a long stretch of coincident track by Queen Anne's Gate there, through a spot which I called a "sanctuary" because of its feeling, through both memorials at Runnymede (which we had found powerful on our field trip last year, particularly the Kennedy one), through the Petters field prehistoric site, through Laleham church, Shepperton multijunction, through the prospect tower at Claremont Garden and skirting an earthwork near Epsom.

The procedure for finding the great circle was the rubber band and globe one that was used for the extensions of the E-line and St. Michael Line as great circles. The line is a great circle if the two rules are followed: the line must be a straight line all along its length when viewed from above, and the northernmost and southernmost extremes must be at the same latitude north and south (in this case 40 degrees north and south).



Coming from Sedona and Pipestone, the line goes through a part of Canada, the southern tip of Greenland, through Ireland and England to the West London area, then through France and Switzerland and running along the east coast of Italy, through Egypt and the Pyramids area (could be the Great Pyramid but once again we cannot be that precise), Sudan and

Ethiopia, goes south of Australia but passes through South Island, New Zealand and some Polynesian islands before returning to Sedona.

Gloria also writes of a UFO sighting at Mixnams Lane - very close to the St. Mary's Staines, Negen Stones, Chertsey Abbey ley (which actually runs just the other side of the roundabout, through part of the entrance to Thorpe Park):

The UFO was back in 1984 (or 86) (I came back for a holiday both years from America and can't remember which one it was,) and I had gone out with a couple of friends for the evening. One of them lived on a houseboat on the river just behind the golfcourse. We were driving back with her in 2 cars to make sure she got back Ok as it was dark, we were behind her and we drove around the road from Chertsey/Staines Lane, thru Mixnams Lane towards the golf course. A dark, little lane, that was not paved at the time. it may be now I haven't been over there for ages. Anyway as we rounded a bend I saw something above the trees, it was bright I thought first it was a street lamp then realized that there were none around there so I said to my friend, what do you think that is, she said she didn't know and we did the usual da da da da theme... as a joke. By now we were closer to it and almost at the car park where my friend would leave her car, at the edge of the course, before you get to the buildings of the club house. At this point we saw that my friend had stopped her car and was running towards us. We stopped and jumped out too, to hear Gill say, did you see that thing. She sounded scared. For some reason at this point I decided to go to see what it was, and started to run towards it. My friends later told me i was shouting, 'we have to welcome them' but i don't remember that i just wanted to see more. I always say at this point they decided they didn't want to have a crazy woman running up to them so they took off running..... they were originally just about at tree level, but went higher very quickly until i guess they were about helicopter high they went off towards St Annes hill area. Quite quickly at first then they seemed to slow down and we watched them for a while just every so often putting a spotlight beam down to the ground as if they were looking for something. The ship was not cigar shaped, not round somewhere in between, the thing i remember most vividly is the light it was more like a halogen light but back then we hadn't heard of them. It was bright and white. It was also very quiet no sound at all. Then all of a sudden we couldn't see it any more.

I realize that I was a nutcase running after it but i did it on impulse, my friends were mad at me cause they said I could have been taken away... guess I could have but didn't think of it at the time.

We walked Gill to the houseboat and then left, I believe we were there about half to 3/4 an hour. This was at about 11PM. None of us drink, we had been to a pub but had been drinking lemonade and coke, it was summer.

Sandra drove me to my mothers where i was staying with my young son and i told her of the experience. He heard me and even to this day he can remember that because I was so excited. I don't know what mum thought. the next day Sandra called me and said 'did we really see that last night?' I said yes. So we decided that I should call someone to report it and we agreed on the airforce. Somehow I found a number and called. I told the man what we had seen. He told me that he had been told to tell people that it was the Europa' night club balloon, as so many people had reported seeing it. He then said 'actually, I would have thought you were all crazy but a friend of mine also saw it and I know he isn't crazy.' the way he spoke was as if he hadn't wanted to say it was this nightclub balloon, but had been told he had to say that. when he said about his friend seeing it too that sort of told me that we had seen a UFO, and it was his way of telling me so. For a nightclub it was VERY quiet!

I have also had another experience on Mixnams lane coming from Gill's at night. I was driving along and I saw lights in my rear view mirror, they got closer and then disappeared, there was no road or driveway for them to go into they just went. I had that same experience in Pennsylvania once too, on my own at night on a highway that had no traffic on except me. Then i saw a car coming up quickly behind me and thought wow hes going fast, then before he got to me he just went too. no side turn no place to turn off, in the mountains, well big hills, but by this time i thought ok it's yet another UFO and it didn't phase me, that was in 1990.

A line along Mixnams Lane goes through Sunningdale and Laleham churches, and skirts a mound on Richmond Park and Caesar's Camp on Wimbledon Common.

From Norman Darwen, Bolton:

I was pleased to see a mention of the village of Flash in your article on Derbyshire. Some years ago my wife and I had a couple of short breaks there. There is a large spring in the middle of the village, which the inhabitants are very proud of and which had been the source of dispute in the recent past - I gathered there had been a lot of animosity due to some residents trying to claim it as their own rather than a resource of the village as a whole. Although the spring did not have a dedication, it is very close to the church mentioned in the article. Incidentally, there is also a large trough-like well situated next to the Flash bus stop on the main Buxton to Leek road. I remember this site had some commanding views.

NOTES AND NEWS

TEMS meetings

Sunday 23rd February - Twin Telepathy, by Guy Lyon Playfair. **Venue: Hampton**

Sunday 30th March - Healing Sick Houses, by Alison Pollard. **Venue: Wimbledon.**

Sunday 27th April - to be advised. Venue: Hampton.

Sunday 18th May - Bizarre Human Experiences, by Gloria Heather Dixon. **Venue: Hampton**

For Hampton please ring Lionel, 020-8979-3148

For Wimbledon please ring Ann, 020-8542-3110

London Earth Mysteries Circle meetings

7.00 p.m. Tuesdays (2nd and 4th in the month) at the New Diorama Centre, 34, Osnaurgh Street, London, NW1.

28th January - The Green Man, by Clive Hicks

11th February - Callanish, the Stonehenge of the Hebrides, by Gerald Ponting

25th February - Ancient Mazes in the Arctic Circle and Elsewhere, by Jeff Saward.

11th March - Sinister Business at the Crossroads: Witchcraft before Wicca, by Jackdaw

25th March - The Goddess of the Witches - Working with Hekate in Modern Times, by Sorita

8th April - Open Forum and Social Evening

SURREYEARTHMYSTERIES GROUP holds its meetings on the second Thursday of each month (except August and December) at 25, Albert Road, Addlestone at 8.00 p.m. We would be pleased to see you.

A Flower at Kew



Lionel Beer has given me a cutting from the Richmond Informer of September 27th reporting on a crop circle that appeared at Kew Gardens in a wheat field, planted for the Colour Sensations festival, by the river end of the Syon Vista. A spokeswoman for Kew said security staff did not see or stop anyone, and a high wall would have to have been scaled for anyone outside to have made the circle,

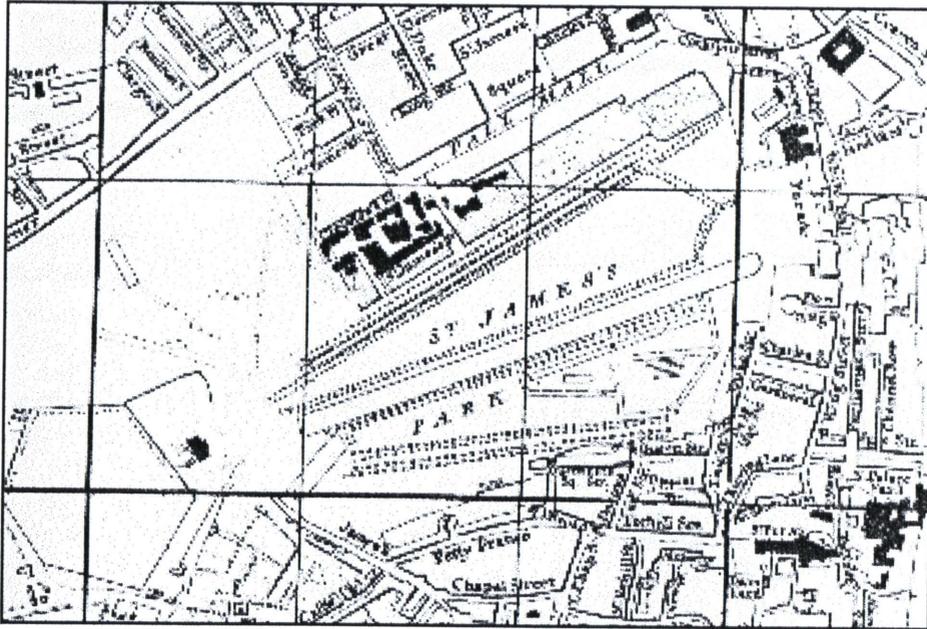
which looks like a five-petal flower in an annular circle. The paper reports that an unidentified flying object was seen at Tolworth recently.

The Buckingham Palace Ley in 1746

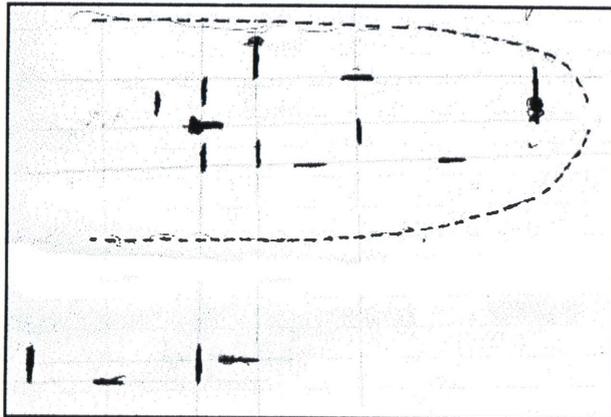
A map of London printed in 1746 by John Pine and John Tinney clearly shows the alignment of Buckingham House (as it then was) with the Mall and Charing Cross. The house, which was built in 1703, was owned by the Duke of Buckingham at this time; sixteen years after the map was published, in 1762, George III was to buy it for Queen Charlotte, when it would become known as the Queen's House. The garden seems to have been hexagonal at the time of the map, and there seems to be an L-shaped building on the site where St. Peter's

Church, Eaton Square was built in 1827 This was founded to meet the needs of the new houses being built by the Grosvenor family to make what became known as Belgravia, but was originally called Pimlico.

The Buckingham Palace Ley web site - <http://www.ahsoc.fsnet.co.uk/royal-ley> - is the most popular of my web sites, having had 10,074 visitors at the time of writing.



Barmoor



I had an enquiry recently, from a visitor to the *A Life of Ley Hunting* site, about the Northern Earth Mysteries Group moot at Barmoor House near Hutton-le-Hole in Yorkshire in 1980 and the pattern of long barrows on the hill there. This was an interesting aligned pattern of small linear mounds, as shown in the sketch map done at the time.

The Moot was extremely interesting and thought-provoking; here is the account I wrote at the time for *Northern Earth Mysteries*:

SPRING MOOT AT BARMOOR, 11th-19th April 1980

When I set out for the Northern Earth Mysteries Group Moot at Barmoor in Yorkshire this April, I expected an enjoyable weekend, but could not be prepared for the profundity of the experiences which were to follow - indeed, I did not fully realise them until afterwards, looking back over the weekend as a whole. The house, originally a summer retreat for a Quaker family at the turn of the century, is pleasantly situated below a moorland hill, and the whole area had a distinctly welcoming atmosphere, no doubt enhanced by the beautiful weather which persisted all weekend. After arriving on Friday evening, it soon became clear that ley hunters of many different interests were present, and it was not long before lively discussions were taking place.

After dinner and a general introductory session, the remainder of Friday evening was largely spent discussing possibilities for field trips the next day. Quite a number of suggestions were made, and it was decided to split into small groups, largely because it was felt that smaller numbers at any particular place would be more able to experience the true atmosphere than would a crowd. I believe my chosen trip was definitely the right one for me, though I would like to have seen some of the other places had there been time.

After breakfast next day, I set out with Philip and Hilary towards Cropton Forest, where we met another group from Barmoor looking for a standing stone marked on the map. It was surprisingly difficult to find, but well worth the effort. The stone was about four feet high, its wide faces pointing north-south, with vertical grooves on one side. Like many ancient stones, it was covered in lichen, though none could be found on any of the stones seen in the soil. With the sunlight coming through the leaves the scene was extremely beautiful, reminiscent of the Nine Stones at Winterborne Abbas, Dorset.

The next site we visited had a more austere atmosphere, particularly as it was just beyond a sign telling all concerned to keep away because of acute fire risk. This was Mawley Cross, a wayside cross about seven feet high. While obviously of later date than the previous site, it was made of the same local sandstone, very beautiful when the sunlight caught its abundance of quartz.

After this, and an interesting discussion in the local pub, we set off towards Blakey Topping, which was to prove one of the most awe-inspiring sites I have ever visited. From a distance it looks like Silbury Hill, though much larger, and protrudes from a flat plain in a similar manner to Glastonbury Tor. In fact, it is almost identical to the Tor in size, shape and feeling; the view from the top is similar too, though the surrounding hills are nearer. Before we reached the summit, however, we found an unusual arrangement of standing stones which did not appear to have ever been part of a circle.

The only rather sinister part of the view from the hill was the Fylingdales early warning station, which had two small dish aerials pointed directly at the hill. After the weekend was over, the possibility occurred to me that these could be monitoring emanations from it. It is rather wild speculation, but the Dragon Project has shown a connection between ancient sites and microwaves, and it might well be feared that the large detectors might mistake emanations from the hill for a nuclear attack. If so, constant monitoring would probably be done to screen out this "interference" - in effect, the government's own Dragon Project, no doubt a great "drag on" national resources. There are now no stones on Blakey Topping, but nevertheless it is a place of great power, so similar to Glastonbury Tor that I found myself almost surprised not to find Chalice Well at the bottom (though there was a small rushing stream).

The last site we visited before returning home (we were all spontaneously calling it that by this time) was the church at Lavingham, now famous to ley hunters for its powerful crypt. Head-hum can be felt in the main body of the church, but in the crypt it increases dramatically. No doubt there are cycles of fluctuation; it seemed somewhat more powerful on this visit than on my last some years ago, and I found myself panting a little. Comparisons with a Reich accumulator seem very real when one is in the crypt, and I could not stay long. Nevertheless, there is still one site I have visited which seemed to be at least as powerful - the otherwise unimpressive little church of St. John's in the parish of Llanfairtalhaiarn in North Wales.

After this we returned to Barmoor and were to enjoy a delicious vegetable curry before proceeding with further discussions; I was to have my first experience of cocking brown rice! My fears of it escaping over the top of the pan turned out to be unfounded (just!) and we were soon discussing plans for next day's activities. Guy Ragland -Phillips' suggestion of a dawn trip to a local "City of Troy" maze was agreed on by a section of those present, and it did not seem long before I was woken by the dinner handbell at five the next morning.

The sky was already lightening as our three cars set off, and I was afraid we might miss the dawn as the site was fifteen miles away. I need not have worried, however, we arrived at the maze in plenty of time. Small and unobtrusive by the side of the road, we all wondered how it could have remained intact for so long. Its grassy curves were banked and obviously intended for running round at speed, which of course a number of us tried, including myself! It did not seem a very powerful place at first, however, and I wondered about its choice for the dawn trip. Immediately the sun rose however, this abruptly changed - the sensation hit us like a wave breaking over us, possibly enhanced for me as, either by chance or subconscious siting, I was standing directly across the maze facing the sun. It is an experience I will not be quick to forget.

We were certainly very ready for breakfast when we returned, and I thought we would probably spend the rest of our time at Barmoor in discussion. I still had one interesting experience to come, however; this was a trip to the top of the hill above the house. Some who had been there on Saturday had reported it to be covered in long barrows, so, led by

a member playing a rather haunting tune on a tin whistle, we made our way to the summit. The pattern of the long barrows there was certainly very unusual. All the barrows seem to point either north-south or east-west, and there do seem to be alignments, some with barrow centres and others with ends. The distance in the plan may be distorted, but the alignments are real, as these were checked visually.

When we returned for dinner we found a number of mazes had mysteriously appeared in various places in sugar and salt! These were so well done that it was a pity to disturb them when the time came eventually to tidy the house before leaving.

All in all the moot was an experience I will remember for a long time; it was only after it was over that I slowly came to realise the totality of what I had gained from the weekend. It was finally rounded off by a very pleasant visit to Guy Ragland Phillips for a chat on the events of the Moot and ley hunting in general.

MY EIGHTEEN WEB SITES

My web sites, including the **Buckingham Palace Ley site**, the **Tony Wedd site** and the **Surrey Earth Mysteries Group site**, were originally hosted on the Netscape Online web server. When this was closed down at the end of June, 2002 I had to transfer them to another site - Freeserve. However, getting the search engines to realise that the original URL no longer exists but the sites still exist on another one was been no easy matter. However, the "robots" seem to have caught up with the sites now and the counters, particularly on the Buckingham Palace site, are going up again

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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 I had thought it was lost, though it has recently been located. To try to make up for the loss in a much more modest size, this booklet was 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.

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