

# Touchstone

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## COME ON PAST FIELD TRIPS!

During the early 90s I took a video camera on a number of field trips, and have uploaded some of them to YouTube, the internet video site. They can be viewed by anyone, but the YouTube URL addresses are so complicated that I have made a link page on one of my domains to make getting to them easier for everyone. The URL for this is:

<http://www.spacevoice.fsnet.co.uk/videos>

The videos currently uploaded are:

### **Mysterious Guildford**

Eileen Roche takes us on a mystery tour of the town, telling us about a mischievous child ghost who haunted a shop, grey ladies in car parks, and Lord Nelson's sentry who has been seen in the Angel Hotel. Leys in the area seem to part of the story too. We meet the Honorary Remembrancer, the curator of Guildford Museum and the manager of the Angel Hotel. By coincidence, the day of this field trip was also that of a seventeenth-century fair, so we see "Lieutenant Onslow" shouting for people to "bring out their plate" and leading his troops through the street.

### **A Ley through Kingston**

We travel along a ley through Kingston found by Lionel Beer, while he tells us about the various points. Starting at Littleton Church near Shepperton we come to the Diana Fountain, and then Norbiton Church, where a slightly sceptical dowser is surprised at the reaction he gets from the rod. At Kingston Church we see the foundations of the earlier Saxon one, and nearby the stone on which seven kings of England were crowned. Then there is a chapel in the almshouses, another church and finally the abbey site at Merton where the chapter house foundations have been preserved under a flyover.

### **The Norfolk Network**

A network of leys found in 1992 includes Norwich Castle with its unnerving paranormal phenomena, the Roman town of Caistor St. Edmund and parts of the campus of Norwich University. A crop circle which I first saw passing on a train seems to be part of the pattern, and there is a little-known henge monument south of the city. We finish at New Buckenham with its castle and medieval street pattern.

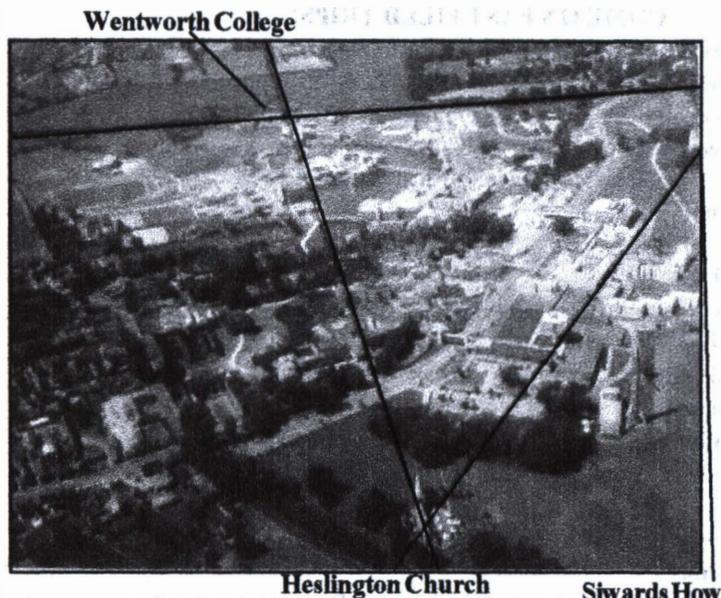
## The Adamski Scoutship

Evidence that, despite a well-known UFO researcher's statement to the contrary, the type of flying saucer made famous by the contactee George Adamski has been seen on a number of occasions in many places over the years.

More to follow!

## LEYS IN YORK

Leys are not just map abstractions. See the alignments drawn on this aerial photograph (University of York and surrounding area). Heslington Church (19th century but on older site as evidenced by plaque on the wall saying rebuilt 1830) is in the foreground of the



photograph). Siwards How is a large tree-covered tumulus on a ridge, named on the map and visible on the right-hand edge of the picture. There are aligning stretches of road and ley passing through one of the old gates of the city. One of the leys was found during fieldwork (during an Open University summer school in 1978) to pass through two field gates, as marked on

the map. This is often noted with leys. This ley also follows a straight stretch of the city boundary and a straight hedge as it runs behind the University.

On the first ley-hunt of the week I went towards the tree-covered Siwards How (now adjoining a water works) and found a beautiful view from the ridge - York Minster was visible in the distance. The alignment from here to nearby Heslington Church passes through two modern but suggestive places - one a small fir-covered mound in a college courtyard, the other an immense mushroom-shaped water tower serving the University. From Siwards How the mushroom tower and church spire can be seen in direct alignment;



this can also be seen from the fir mound.

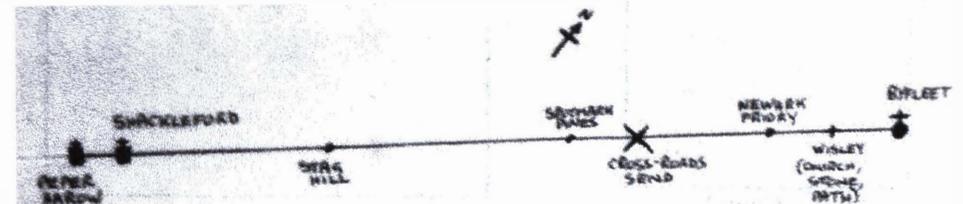
The ley running along the hedge was just behind Wentworth College where I was staying, and continues south to pass through a church in Selby and several track junctions. The energy could be felt in the building and registered a reaction on the sandjar ley detector. I was later to find this ley's course through the two field gates.

Following another ley, which went right across the campus from Heslington Church to Wentworth College, I found it to be perhaps the best ley of the three, going through another church, a moat, several coincident stretches of road, a hilltop etc. On the campus it runs through the island in the lake. It runs along the east-west axis of Heslington church, which is at a slight angle to true east.

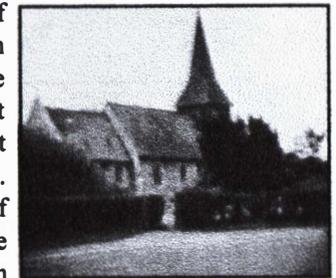
## York Leys:

- 1) High Belthorpe Moat, cross-tracks, Primrose Hill trig point, aligning stretch of A1079, B1228 stretch, Heslington Church, pyramid structure on building, Dringhouses Church, aligning road at Healaugh.
- 2) Heslington Church, mushroom tower, college fir mound, Siwards How tumulus, cross-roads where it meets 3, through a city gate at Walmgate, and possibly three churches in York.
- 3) Cross-tracks, church in Selby, Riccall Church, straight Wentworth College hedge which is city boundary, leading to straight stretch of road, to cross-roads where it meets 2.

## BYFLEET-GUILDFORD LEY



This ley was investigated in the field by the Surrey Earth Mysteries Group. It begins at St. Mary's Church, Byfleet, a church which a number of people have felt as powerful, and which was used in energy detection experiments. The older part of this church is thirteenth century. It then passes through Wisley Church, where there is a mysterious stone in the porch, irregular and pitted. There is a good visual alignment here, for, standing over the stone, the church path and Byfleet church on the horizon can all be seen in direct alignment. Continuing further the line goes through the remains of Newark Priory, a cross-roads at Send and a spotmark a little further south where there is a group of pines on a rise. It then goes through Stag Hill, Guildford, and churches at Shackleford



Byfleet Church

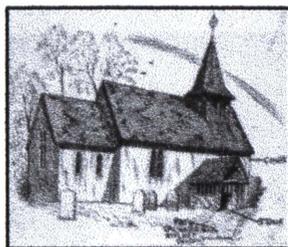
and Peper Harow.

### MAKING THE MYSTERIOUS AND BIZARRE INTO A HOBBY

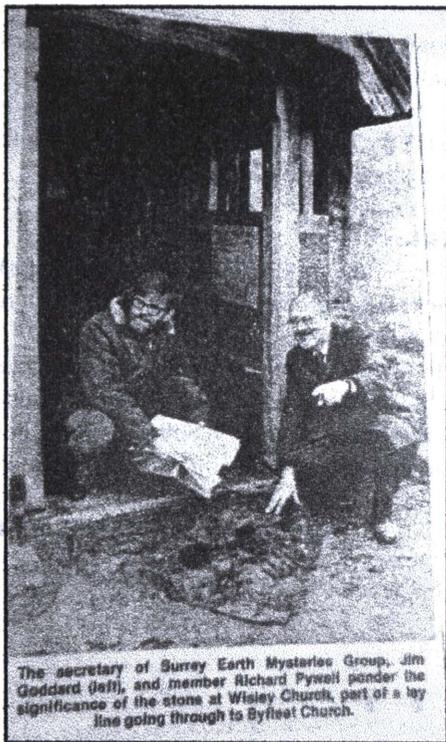
From *Touchstone*, July 1985:

This article on our group, written by Alyson Smith, appeared in the May 16th, 1985 issue of the *Surrey Herald*. It was accompanied by this picture of Richard Pywell and myself by the stone in Wisley church porch, and was the result of a visit by Miss Smith to one of our meetings.

We are told that the group will discuss anything from ley lines to flying saucers, and that the main *raison d'être* of the group is to discuss the mysterious without being thought weirdos. The article was quite a sympathetic one to our subjects of interest and included quite a bit to attract people to the group.

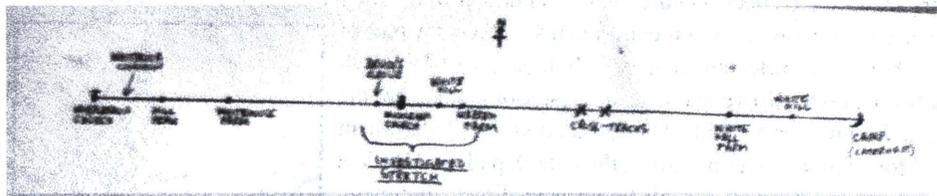


Wisley Church



The secretary of Surrey Earth Mysteries Group, Jim Goddard (left), and member Richard Pywell ponder the significance of the stone at Wisley Church, part of a ley line going through to Byfleet Church.

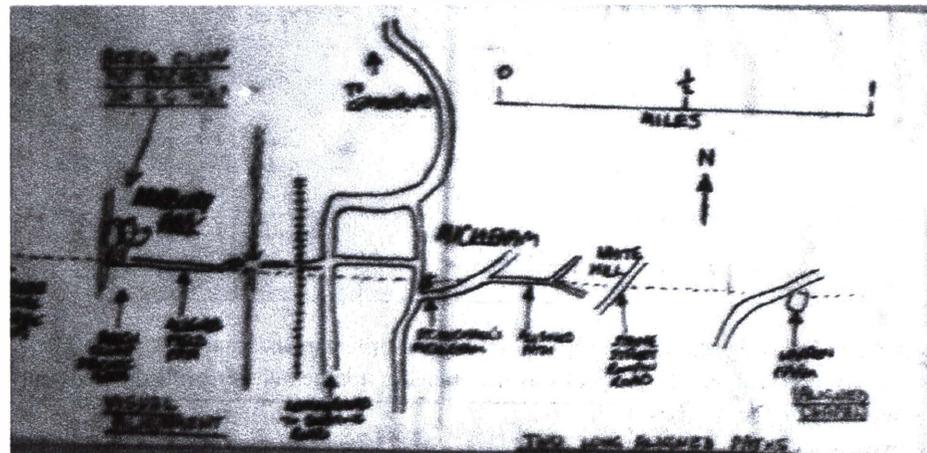
### "SALTLEY". WORPLESDON TO MICKLEHAM



An interesting feature of this alignment, discovered in the 1970s in the early years of the Surrey Earth Mysteries Group - is the number of "whit" and "white" names occurring on it. Some, but not all, could be explained by chalk visible; however, Watkins mentions such names as indicating a possible salt trading route. (There is a Salt Box Road at Worpleston,

about half a mile from the line).

Worplesdon Church dates from the thirteenth century and occupies a prominent position. Druid's Grove is an excellent vantage point and from it the beech clump and Mickleham Church can be seen in visual alignment. The origin and age of the name are not known. St. Michael's, Mickleham is also old, as its Norman chancel arch testifies. Warren Farm is rather enigmatic in that it has an adjoining small chapel with a crypt, now used as an egg shop. It is not thought to be particularly old, yet the line passes through it, skirting the rest of the farmhouse. The camp at Caterham is only marked on the map as a name, so it cannot be ascertained whether it skirts (as in some Watkins examples) or passes through the centre.



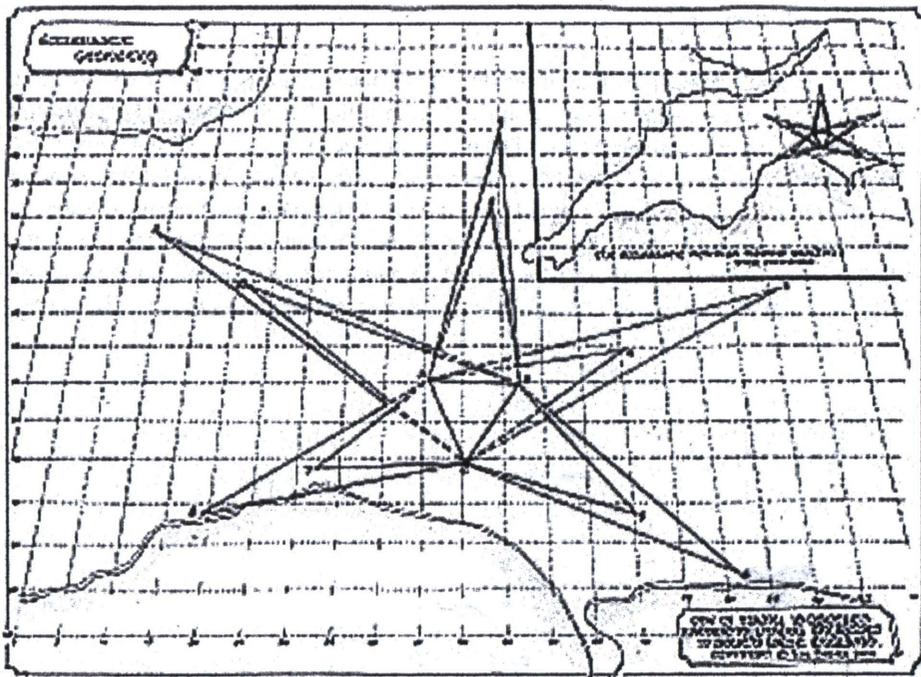
THE INVESTIGATED STRETCH OF THE SALTLEY

## NOTES AND NEWS

### Leys mentioned in Wells Cathedral programme

Wells was one of the cathedrals covered in the recent short series *Cathedrals* on BBC4 recently, and a number of visitors were interviewed, asking their impressions of the place. One singer in the Chapter House said "The cathedral has always been a big pull to me, because all churches and cathedrals are built on ley lines. They were deliberately done like that to harness the power of the earth's grid lines, which is why it is such a powerful place. Of course, it's linked to Glastonbury Tor also through these grid lines, which is also a source of power, so it's very special to me, this place."





Wells Cathedral is also the seeming apex point of a multiple star landscape geometry pattern discovered by researcher Tom Brooks, which includes a large number of the churches in the West of England. His discoveries all seem to be based on isosceles triangles, a figure that crops up time and time again in ley research, from Philip Heselton's Great Isosceles Triangle discovered in the 1960s, with its apex at Arbor Low stone circle in Derbyshire

(<http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk/>)



*Wells Cathedral, viewed along Vicars' Close ley*

triangle) to Doug Chaundy's triangle of white horse hill figures in Wiltshire. It crops up again in the current issue of the *Network of Ley Hunters' Newsletter* in Brian Thirtle's discovery of the triangle between Kit's Coty House dolmen in Kent, Lower Kit's Coty and the Coffin Stone.

In Tom Brooks' star pattern above, all locations are parish churches except No. 1 which is Wells Cathedral in Somerset. 2. Barton St David. 3. Tollard Royal. 4. Pulham. 5. Winterbourne

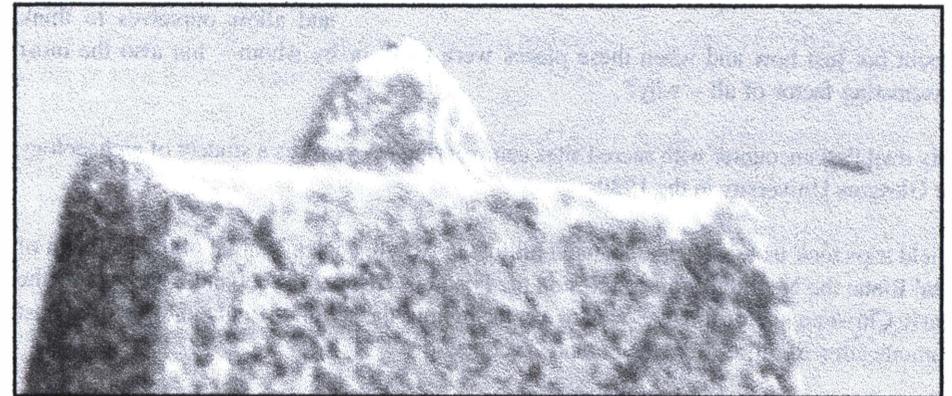
Cerne. 6. West Lulworth. 7. Uplyme. 8. Branscombe. 10. Pitminster. 11. Wiveliscombe. A. Mosterton. B. Evershot. C. Uploders. No. 9 has been left out to avoid over-complicating the diagram but it represents a potential further extension of the system.

### UFO over Stonehenge

On 23rd July 2013, Jim Harte took this photograph at Stonehenge. He says: "It was only when I downloaded the pictures that I noticed this object in the sky so I can't give you any eyewitness testimony. The shots taken 2 seconds before and 1 second after are clear of anomalies. Birds are clearly discernible in other shots taken at the time and the only aircraft visible were much higher and busy leaving chemtrails in their wake.

"The picture was taken on 7-19-13 at 14:01:35 using a Canon 550d Kiss X4 with Sigma 28-300 lens set to 1/200 exposure and 7.1 f/stop. The camera was set to shoot in jpeg only at the time."

<http://rense.com/general96/ukufo.html>



There have been a number of UFOs seen at the site over the years - some others are in the YouTube video *Are Stonehenge and Sedona UFO portals?* (Search for this title on the YouTube site, exactly as written, to see it). It includes connections with leys and earth energy.

### The pull of ancient sites

from the blog of Neil Oliver, presenter of *Sacred Wonders of Britain* TV series:

From the very beginning my interest in archaeology was driven by fascination with the strangeness of the past.

As well as wondering at the effort involved in building places like Avebury, West Kennet long barrow and the Ring of Brodgar, I wanted to understand what on earth had motivated

all that labour in the first place.

When the *Sacred Wonders Of Britain* project came along, I felt I would finally have the



*Neil Oliver*

opportunity to have some speculative conversations with the foremost experts in fields like archaeology and medieval history. And so it was.

Why do some ancient sites draw us back and still resonate with us today? For the first time we could visit sites like St Nectan's Glen, Flag Fen, Llyn Cerrig Bach, Canterbury Cathedral and many more besides –

and allow ourselves to think about not just how and when these places were built, or by whom – but also the most fascinating factor of all – why?

My own first encounter with sacred sites came during my years as a student of archaeology at Glasgow University in the 1980s.

Field trips took us to sites like Dunadd hillfort in Argyll, ancient capital of the kingdom of Dal Riata; the Neolithic stone circles on the Island of Arran, off Scotland's west coast; the early Christian site of Iona; as well as venturing into the south of England to see the most famous sites of all at Stonehenge and Avebury.

I was captivated by all those places then and I've been captivated ever since.

When it came to choosing which sites we should feature in *Sacred Wonders Of Britain*, the process was agonising.

The notion of sacred is woven through the landscapes of Britain and Ireland.

Generations of people, down through the millennia, have sought to make sense of the cosmos, and their place within it.

Spend time in any of the circles, chambered tombs or early churches and you can almost sense the passion with which our ancestors went about the business of understanding what was going on around them and in the sky above.

We were at all times sensitive to one absolute truth – that it is quite impossible to put yourself in the mind of a Neolithic farmer, or to understand the thinking of an Iron Age druid.

Their worlds are utterly separate from ours and the profound differences in our circumstances mean we would be ill-advised even to try.

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In the 21st Century, where religion is practised at all, it is separate from the activities of every day life.

It seems at least possible that in the ancient world, no such distinction existed.

Similarly, the practice of religion may have functioned as a practical tool – not unlike the use of modern politics, bringing people together to discuss matters of mutual concern.

In any event, we tried to allow for those concerns and others. We selected sites that spread across as long a time period as possible.

For this reason, the rock art of Creswell Crags seemed like a must – given that it was made more than 13,000 years ago.

We needed to consider too the world of the Neolithic, the Iron Age, the impact of things Roman and also the advent of Christianity.

Bath's sacred spring holds surprisingly vindictive requests from ancient Romano-British worshippers. Hopefully the sites and monuments visited during the three episodes will suggest just enough to make a meaningful, if speculative picture.

What we are saying about those places is certainly open to challenge – indeed my greatest hope is that our version of events will simply get people talking and arguing!

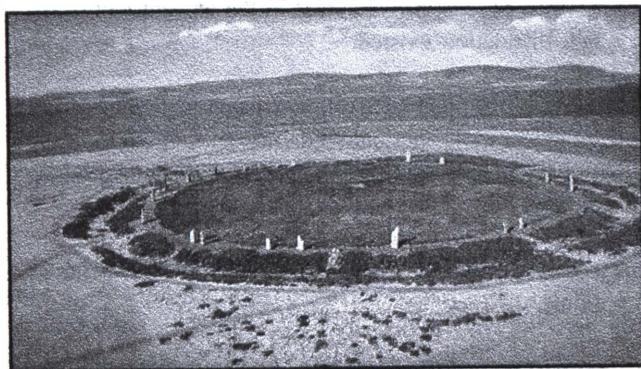
I'm often asked to identify my favourite site – and it's as hard a question as you might imagine.

When pushed however, I have to concede that Orkney knocks me off my feet.

If I had a time machine, I would certainly go back to the Neolithic period on those islands in hope of understanding just what grand idea – what visionary individual, perhaps – inspired a mania for monument building that lasted for a thousand years. Ness of Brodgar on Orkney is, for me, the most significant archaeological discovery of my lifetime. Just the

sight of the place strikes me dumb and I look forward to every visit and the chance to glimpse just a little bit more. The Ring of Brodgar is an ancient circle of stones, each quarried from a different part of Orkney

Flag Fen too is a wonder to behold – the realisation that people living nearly three and half thousand years ago were motivated to build, to reshape their landscape to such an extent. There's undoubtedly something very strange about looking down a deep dark hole onto a structure that people once walked on in the daylight.



*The Ring of Brodgar*

But it is the fact the place was swallowed by rising water levels and the deposition of peat that has preserved it for our viewing today.

Thanks to the careful application of modern techniques of preservation, the timbers of the walkway are still timber, soft to the touch.

Much of it is as it was when those Bronze Age farmers knew it as part of their every day landscape. Maybe it's just the way I'm made, but that simple fact puts the hairs up on the back of my neck every time I think about it.

### BOOK REVIEW

**Supernatural Lancashire**, by Peter Hough, published by Robert Hale Limited, London, 2003. 224 pp, illus, index. ISBN 0 7090 7037 3

Though not a new book, this should be relatively easy to track down, and it is worth the effort. Essentially a gazetteer of the Red Rose county - in pre-1974 guise - this details not only the expected boggarts, screaming skulls and various ghosts, but also the curious Spring-heeled Jack (whom I had only associated with London previously), UFOs, Men in Black and such strange phenomena as "The Risley Robot". The book divides the County Palatine up into three loose geographical sections, and each chapter has a handy "Places to Visit in..." section at the end. If you are heading north, do pack this!

*Norman Darwen*

### WEB SITES

*The following web sites are all relevant to earth mysteries*  
**The Buckingham Palace Ley Line** <http://www.ahsoc.fsnet.co.uk/royal-ley>  
**The Old Stones of Staines** <http://www.ahsoc.fsnet.co.uk/staines>  
**The E-line** <http://www.spacevoice.fsnet.co.uk/semg/eline.htm>  
**Ley Structure** <http://www.ahsoc.fsnet.co.uk/leystruc.htm>  
**The Truth about the Ley System** <http://www.tlh6976.fsnet.co.uk/leytruth.htm>  
**A Life of Ley Hunting** <http://www.leyhunt.fsnet.co.uk>  
**The Great Isosceles Triangle of England - leys and orthoteny (UFO sighting lines):** <http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk/triangle>  
**The Solar Transition Effect** <http://www.ahsoc.fsnet.co.uk/soltrans.htm>  
**The Real Stonehenge and Avebury - Mollie Carey's photos of carvings at ancient sites:** <http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk>  
**The Ley Hunter 1969-76 - the magazine on leys, with some articles by Tony Wedd:** <http://www.tlh6976.fsnet.co.uk>  
**Flying Saucers, Leys and Lost Technology - the Tony Wedd site:** <http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk/tony>  
**The Egham and Thorpe Virtual Roman Museum** <http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk/romanegham>  
**Jesus and Uxella - a distinguished visitor at the forgotten port of Puriton** <http://www.ahsoc.fsnet.co.uk/uxella>  
**The Hidden Unity** <http://www.spacevoice.fsnet.co.uk/semg/hdmenu.htm>

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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. **£2 plus 30p p&p from the Touchstone address. Please make cheques payable to J. Goddard.**

*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. **£2 plus 30p p&p from the Touchstone address. Please make cheques payable to J. Goddard.**

### **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 - Tony had given it to Timothy Good. 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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### **THE LEGACY OF TONY WEDD**

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