

THE OLD STRAIGHT BEACON TREE TRACKS

Mave Calvert talks about her research into the Solar and Lunar transition effect and relates it to the broadcasting of energy by Beacon Trees, suggesting that the old straight tracks that we now know as Leys may once have been the paths that our ancient ancestors intuitively followed to reach Beacon Trees and their associated springs.

I became interested in all things esoteric in 2006 after a series of nervous breakdowns and was fascinated by the concept of the straight alignments, known as Leys, that run across the landscape connecting places such as churches, mounds, stone circles etc. I was intrigued by how the original Ley-Hunter, Alfred Watkins, described his first perception of these Leys as a glowing network. In an introduction to a reprint of Alfred Watkins' seminal book, *The Old Straight Track*, in 1970, John Michell wrote about an epiphany that Alfred Watkins experienced in Herefordshire on 30th June 1921:

"Riding across the hills near Bredwardine in his native county, he [Watkins] pulled up his horse to look out over the landscape below. At that moment he became aware of a network of lines, standing out like glowing wires all over the surface of the country ... throughout his life Watkins privately maintained that he had perceived the existence of the Ley system in a single flash."

From Ley-Hunting I moved on to Earth Energies which I have now been researching for over fifteen years. My original focus was the interaction between earth energy lines and a type of earth energy vortex that connects to underground water, which takes place during the 20-minute periods leading up to the various Solar and Lunar transition events (Sunrise, Solar Noon, Sunset, New Moon, Half Moon, and Full Moon). My research suggests that as well as temporarily widening energy lines (an effect that has been noted by many Dowzers including the Ley-Hunter Jimmy Goddard who researched this in the early 1990s), these transition periods also have the effect of cleansing and re-tuning these earth energy lines and vortices as part of the earth's self-cleansing and healing system.

In October 2015 I was in Girona Cathedral when a group of people who appeared to be Tibetan began chanting in front of a statue in a side altar. An energy line that passed through the Cathedral immediately became energised and widened to encompass the entire Cathedral, gradually returning to its previous state once the chanting ceased. I was intrigued that the chanting had the same effect on the energy line as the Solar and Lunar transition periods do, the difference being that the transition periods appear to be triggered naturally when the Sun or Moon reaches a certain position relative to the local horizon.

A more recent area of investigation for me has been the narrow, straight energy lines that connect trees to one another. I can feel electromagnetic energy with my hands and dowse it in 3D. I find that these lines have an electromagnetic core around 5cm in diameter, similar to a wire or cable, that radiates from tree trunks at a height of approximately one metre and runs horizontally at this height above the ground until it connects with another tree. When energised it is as if the cable has been plugged in and the electromagnetic core suddenly becomes surrounded by two spiralling currents of opposing polarity, thus increasing the dowseable width of the line. As well as the trees themselves, these lines also pass through

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earth energy vortices that are connected to underground water. My dowsing suggests these vortices once had large trees sited in them, the vortex having originally formed by the tap root of the tree sucking up underground water thus creating an electromagnetic current that rises vertically upwards from the underground water. Even when the physical tree is no longer present the energy vortex often persists.

Gordon Field, the artist tree dowser who gave an excellent workshop at the BSD Conference in September 2022, tells us that Britain is covered by a network of “Beacon Trees” that act like mobile phone masts broadcasting energy over a radius of several miles and each of these Beacon Trees is associated with a nearby Beacon Spring.

In July 2021 I visited St Mary Magdalene’s church in Hucknall, Nottinghamshire. I was in the churchyard waiting for a service to take place so I could go inside afterwards to visit the tomb of the poet, Lord Byron, whose mother-in-law, Lady Judith Milbanke, was a Dowser. While I was waiting, I dowsed the energy lines connecting the trees around the church. One of those lines went from a tree in the south-east of the churchyard, into the church, through Byron’s tomb and out the other side to connect with several more trees. It was the usual 5cm in diameter and one metre above ground level. However, I noticed that when the service started it became energised and widened out. From an initial 5cm in diameter at rest it became around 50cm in diameter, ten times its former size. I could detect two energy spirals that had not previously been there, flowing in opposite directions around the core (see image). Towards the end of the service the lines returned their 5cm rest state and the spirals were no longer detectable.



Energy Line radiating from a tree.

Yellow is the electromagnetic core of the line (5cm diameter).
Blue and red coils are the counter-rotating spirals that appear
when the line is energised (50cm diameter).

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After checking out Byron's tomb, I drove to nearby Annesley Old Church, close to Newstead Abbey where Byron had once lived. A large Holm Oak tree standing next to the ruined bell tower dowsed as being a Beacon Tree. I found many of these straight, narrow, energy lines radiating from its trunk at one metre above ground level. Several of them connected to other trees in the churchyard. I played Tim Wheater's "Gayatri Mantra" on my phone and was delighted to find that the lines radiating from the Beacon Tree immediately sprang into life just like the one in Hucknall churchyard did during the church service earlier that morning, but this time they became even wider. What was initially a 5cm diameter line became 100cm in diameter (20 times its initial width) with the same two spiralling energies of opposing polarity surrounding the electromagnetic core. As soon as I turned the music off, these two spiralling energies were no longer detectable.

The following week I visited Southwell Minster, known as the Cathedral Church of Nottinghamshire. There are several ancient trees in the large grounds surrounding the Minster. My intention was to dowse the energy lines connecting these trees and then observe the energies during the Solar Noon transition period. I identified a Sycamore Tree in the north of the churchyard as the Beacon Tree. Dowsing suggested that it had grown in the same place where previously there had been Oaks that were also Beacon Trees. I dowsed the same straight energy lines connecting the trees. One came from an ancient Yew tree on a small mound in the south-east, passing right through the Minster and the site of a former Holy Well, to connect with the Sycamore Beacon Tree. When I dowsed this line through the Minster, I found it passed through a stone column that dowsed as being on the site of a former large tree. During the 20-minute transition period leading up to Solar Noon all these energy lines became energised despite no music being played and no church service or chanting taking place. All the other trees seemed to be transmitting energy to the Beacon Tree which then broadcast that energy throughout the surrounding landscape. At the end of this 20-minute period, at the exact time of local Solar Noon, all the energy lines returned to a rest state.

Gordon Field tells us that Beacon Trees always have an associated Beacon Spring, although sometimes these springs no longer appear at ground level. The former Holy Well at Southwell Minster was filled in and roofed over in 1764 after a drunken clergyman fell in and drowned. This could have been the Beacon Spring. At Annesley Old Church I had dowsed a Blind Spring (a spring that doesn't break the surface of the ground but creates a pulsating dome of underground water) below what would have been the main altar of the now ruined church, which again could once have been the Beacon Spring associated with the Holm Oak Beacon Tree.

I had previously observed a similar energy transmission process taking place when dowsing the earth energy lines and vortices surrounding my home during the Solar and Lunar transition periods. I had identified one particular vortex in my living room as the main communicator that seemed to collect and broadcast energy at these times. During a very wet period in January 2021, I noticed a spring bubbling up in a field next to my house. My dowsing suggested it was once a sacred spring that groups of people would visit. When I asked to be shown where these people went after visiting the spring, my rods led me back to my home

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and right to the vortex in my living room. I was rather perplexed by this and spoke about it an Earth Energy Group (EEG) Zoom meeting later that year. At that same meeting Paul Syrett introduced many of us to the concept of Beacon Trees. We realised that the earth energy vortex in my living room was the site of several generations of Oaks that acted as Beacon Trees and the spring that had bubbled up in the nearby field was likely the associated Beacon Spring. Gordon Field later confirmed this.

At the BSD Conference in September 2022, I not only attended the workshop with Gordon Field, but also a talk by Trish Mills about the work of John Gibson-Forty whose books, "The Interconnectedness of all Things" and "Forgotten Pathways: Britain's Secret Highways into Forgotten Worlds" Trish had recently re-published.

On pages 97-101 of "City of Revelation" (1973) John Michell suggested that the village of Whiteleaved Oak near Malvern in Worcestershire was the centre of a landscape geometry in the form of a 130-mile-wide decagon that he called "The Circle of Perpetual Choirs". Michell said these particular Perpetual Choirs were at Lantwit, Stonehenge, and Glastonbury where 2,400 saints maintained a ceaseless chant for the ongoing enchantment of the British Isles. Dowsing in the early 2000s, John Gibson-Forty and Peter Watson spent over three years dowsing the lines of this landscape decagon that radiated from Whiteleaved Oak. On pages 16 and 60 of "The Interconnectedness of all things", Gibson-Forty describes how he found that these lines would expand in response to church services, music, and chanting.

My research suggests that the widening and contacting of energy lines seems to serve to both cleanse them of unwanted energies and retune them, a bit like us having our chakras re-balanced. I was told by Grahame Gardner that the ringing of church bells can also have a similar effect on energy lines. It occurred to me that as well as cleansing and re-energising the energies of the assembled congregation, the original purpose of church services and the various Pagan rituals that preceded them, may have been to enchant the surrounding landscape and its underground water by causing the local energy lines to expand and contract, thus lighting up the local Beacon Tree network.

In my Ley-hunting days I was often frustrated to find that when investigated on the ground a Ley would just miss a church that appeared on the map to be a significant ley-marker. Having dowsed some of these places again with my newfound knowledge about trees, I realised that often the Ley passes through the site of the Beacon Tree in a churchyard rather than the edifice itself. This made me wonder whether the old straight tracks were originally the paths by which our ancient ancestors found their way to the Beacon Trees and their associated sacred springs. Such trees often served as gathering places and the springs provided both a source of water and healing where people could connect with the esoteric spirit of the spring, who was often recognised as a local deity. Our ancestors may well have been able to see and feel the straight lines of energy connecting the trees when the lines were energised during the Solar and Lunar Transition periods and navigate along them, so creating the straight paths that we now refer to as Leys.

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I will leave you with the suggestion that perhaps the vision of a network of golden energy in the landscape, perceived by Alfred Watkins during the midsummer of 1921 may have been part of the Herefordshire Beacon Tree network within the Perpetual Choirs decagon lighting up during the Solar Noon transition period.

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References and Further reading:

Articles about Mave's dowsing adventures in the Sherwood Forest area of Nottinghamshire, including Hucknall Church, Annesley Old Church and Southwell Minster can be found on her Sherwood Dowser website www.dowsingsherwood.com

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