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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The aim of this dowsing research project is to explore different aspects of tree, water, and earth energies and to investigate how the different aspects are interconnected, as well as how they are affected by the New and Full Moon periods, the Solar and Lunar Transition periods (the 20-minute periods leading up to Sunrise, Solar Noon, Sunset, New Moon, Half Moon, Full Moon and the Equinoxes & Solstices) and the Mid-Afternoon Transition period (3pm to 3:15pm).

The project at Newstead will be led by Mave Calvert. Other individuals and groups have expressed interest in carrying out parallel research in other locations, which will allow us to compare our findings.

The Newstead project will comprise 8 sessions:

1	Saturday 11 th April 2026	Tree Energies
2	Saturday 9 th May 2026	Water Energies
3	Saturday 13 th June 2026	Earth Energies
4	Sunday 21 st June 2026	Summer Solstice Energies
5	Saturday 11 th July 2026	Beacon Tree Energies
6	Saturday 8 th August 2026	Landscape Pentagonagram Energies
7	Saturday 12 th September 2026	New & Full Moon Energies
8	Wednesday 23rd September 2026	Autumn Equinox Energies

ASSOCIATED INFORMATION

All the project documentation is available in PDF format on Mave's website: [Research Project \(List\) | The Sherwood Dowser](#)

As well as the Project overview and plan for each individual session, there is a document containing the pendulum dowsing charts that you may wish to use and a document containing information about the location, geology and a brief history of the Newstead area. There are also documents with home and remote dowsing opportunities. Documents with the findings for completed project sessions and a summary of progress to date are also available to download.

For anyone who didn't participate in Session 4 – Summer Solstice Energies, the Appendices to this document give more information on the structure of the various things that we will be dowsing along with Mave's take on these, which sometimes differs from that of conventional Dowsters because her self-taught deviceless dowsing techniques have allowed her to approach these things a more holistic 3D context.

As this is a research project, please remain open-minded and go with your own findings even if they are unexpected and different to what other Dowsters find. That's how we learn and discover new things!

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SESSION 8 OVERVIEW – AUTUMN EQUINOX ENERGIES

As we learned during Session 4, the day prior to the Solstices and Equinoxes is a harmony day when Earth Energy Lines come into sync with one another and the energetic features surrounding Blind Springs widen out for several days. We will explore how the tree, water and earth energies that we dowsed in the previous sessions change during the Autumn Equinox period, and whether this differs to their behaviour at the Summer Solstice. The appendices contain further information about the energies that are prevalent at this time of year.

For Dowsters joining in person:

Date: Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Venue: Newstead Abbey, Ravenshead, Nottinghamshire NG15 8NA

This is the final session of the Newstead project.

Please bring a notebook and pen to write down your observations and let me have a copy of your notes afterwards so that I can collate our findings for the final project write up and presentation to the Earth Energies Zoom group on 8th October

I will have some pendulum dowsing charts with me. However, if you wish to print off and laminate your own copies you will find them on the research page of my website including extra ones that we have added as the project progressed.

Meet at the café between 10:15am and 10:30am to bond as a group and discuss what we will be doing today. We will aim to start dowsing in the open field where we worked on the morning of Solstice by 11:15am. We will compare the energies that we dowse with how they were in Sessions 2 (Water Energies) and 4 (Summer Solstice energies) of this project and then monitor them during today's Solar Noon transition period between 12:37 and 12:57.

Lunch break will be from 13:00 to 14:00. You can bring a picnic or eat in the café.

As this is the final session of the project, after lunch we will dowse for a suitable place to make a Mandala from natural materials that we have collected in the surrounding area. As part of this we will Bless and thank the landscape, the water, the trees, the invisible energies and the unseen Beings that have graciously participated in the project and generously shared so much wisdom with us. We can then return to the café for tea and cake and/or explore the beautiful, landscaped gardens around Newstead's Abbey.

The results from the Summer Solstice dowsing have been incorporated into the various sections of this plan so we know what we will be comparing our dowsing with and this will hopefully make things easier for anyone who did not take part in the Solstice dowsing session.

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For Dowsters working in different locations:

This session is date dependant as the Autumn Equinox takes place at 1:05am on Wednesday 23rd September. You should therefore undertake this research on either Wednesday 23rd September and/or Thursday 24th September.

(The energetic changes that form during harmony days usually stay in place for around 3 days. However, there is a Full Moon at 17:50 on Saturday 26th September which will mean that the cylinders form around the Tree trunks and Capped Vortices during the Solar Noon Transition period on 25th September and this will influence any readings and make it more difficult to separate them from the Equinox changes. Consequently, we will only do the research on 23rd and 24th September).

Remember to check the time of Solar Noon in the location where you are dowsing and work with that rather than the timings given for Newstead. The exact time of Solar Noon depends on the Longitude of your location and changes over time so may be different to what it was at the Solstice.

*Please make notes of your findings including exact dates, times and locations and **submit your data to Mave no later than 30th September** so she has time to collate the results from this final project session before presenting the project to the Earth Energies Zoom group on Thursday 8th October. Due to these time constraints, research received after this time will not be incorporated into the project.*

Return to the location where you did the Summer Solstice research and repeat the readings and experiments that you carried out then to see whether there are any differences between the Solstice and Equinox energies.

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DOWSING INVESTIGATIONS FOR AUTUMN EQUINOX ENERGIES

This time we are interested in exploring how energies of the trees, water and earth energy features that we have dowsed in previous sessions have changed during the Autumn Equinox period and see if they are different to when we dowsed them during the time of the Summer Solstice in Session 4.

The Equinoxes occur when the Sun crosses the celestial equator and neither of the Earth's hemispheres are inclined towards the Sun. Almost every place on earth experiences roughly equal hours of daylight and darkness. The Autumn Equinox in the Northern Hemisphere, where this project is based, is the Spring Equinox in the Southern Hemisphere.

In contrast, the two Solstices occur when one side of the Earth is inclined as far away from the Sun as possible (Winter Solstice) at the same time as the other side of the Earth is inclined as close as possible to the Sun (Summer Solstice).

The exact time of the Autumn Equinox is 1:06am BST on Wednesday 23rd September 2026, and the Harmony Day is Tuesday 22nd September.

Tuesday 22nd September (Harmony Day) Times at Newstead in BST:

Moonset 01:19, Moon Rise 17:46, Moon Transit 22:06

Sunrise 06:50, Solar Noon 12:57, Sunset 19:03

Wednesday 23rd September (Autumn Equinox) Times at Newstead in BST:

Moonset 02:37, Moon Rise 17:59, Moon Transit 22:51

Autumn Equinox 01:06am; Sunrise 06:52, Solar Noon 12:57, Sunset 19:01

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Part 1 – Comparing the Summer Solstice and Autumn Equinox at Newstead

At Newstead we took readings of the size of the geodetic geospiral, primary and secondary holes around the Blind Spring in the open field on 9th May during Session 1 – Water Energies and 21st June during Session 4 – Summer Solstice. We found that on the Summer Solstice the energies had widened out almost three times more than normal. Today we will measure these same energies to see if they widen out as much at the Equinox as they did at the Summer Solstice.

Return to the open field opposite the Waterfall at Newstead and locate the Blind Spring that we dowsed previously

Sound of the Equinox Energies

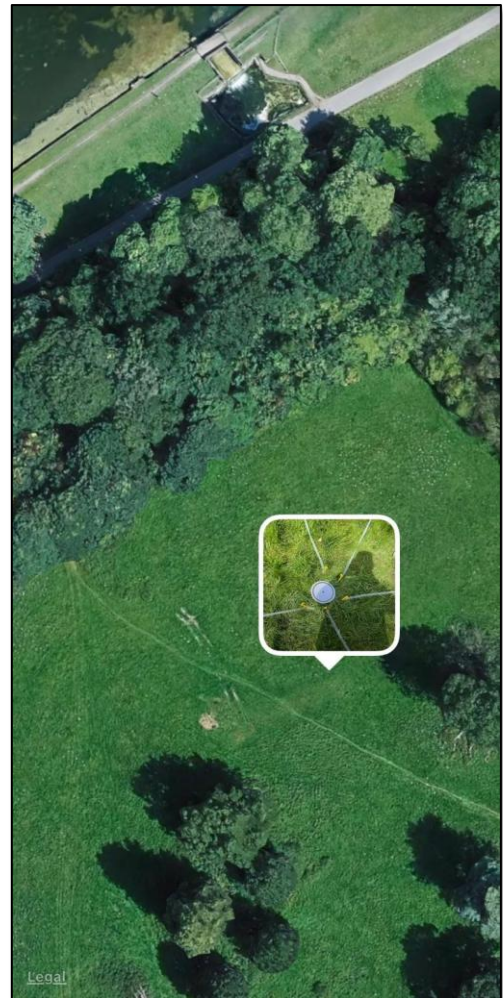
At the Summer Solstice, Sian, who can hear both water and earth energies, commented that “the lines seem to be ramping up today with the Earth Energies sounding louder and not feeling as detrimental as they did on our previous visit to this area in May”. She said she felt peaceful and calm rather than nauseous. Sian also commented that today’s energies felt very similar to when she is in a Stone Circle.

If Sian is present today, ask her to describe how the water and earth energies sound today and note or video her response.

Depth of the Blind Spring in the Open Field

At the Summer Solstice Sian dowsed the Blind Spring as being 26 feet deep with the top being approx. 6 feet below ground level. On 9th May the depth had been 30-35 metres.

Dowse the depth of the the Blind Spring today noting the exact time of the reading



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Exclusion Zone Cylinder

At the Summer Solstice a double-edged cylinder with vertical walls had formed around the Blind Spring in the open field. The inner edge of this cylinder was 17 Mave paces (approx. 8.5 metres) from the centre of the Blind Spring and it was 2 Mave paces wide (approx. 1 metre). We noted that it would be easy for a Rod dowser to confuse this with the Primary Halo if they weren't aware of the energetic changes that take place at this time. We got the feeling that Elemental beings come up to "feed" within this double-edged cylinder.

Check whether this cylinder is present today, how far it is from the centre of the Blind Spring and how wide it is.

Do you feel any connection with elemental beings when standing inside this cylinder?

Upward Spiral above Blind Spring

At the Summer Solstice, Sian detected an upward flowing spiral emanating from the top of the Blind Spring. It had 19 coils at the Summer Solstice compared to 13 coils in May. This vertically flowing spiral did not widen out more than about 1 metre in radius at ground level.

Check whether this spiral is present today and if so, how many coils it has.

Tree Energies

At the Summer Solstice, Kate measured the energy field of a Cedar Tree in the field where the Blind Spring was. The readings were taken between 12:05 and 12:10. The energy field or aura was 58 paces at the Summer Solstice whereas dowsing back in time showed that it was only 24 paces wide 7 days previously. Dowsing suggested that 58 paces was its maximum width and it never gets wider than this.

If possible, find this Cedar tree again and dowse its current width. For comparison, ask to be shown the width at the same time on the Summer Solstice and again 7 days ago.

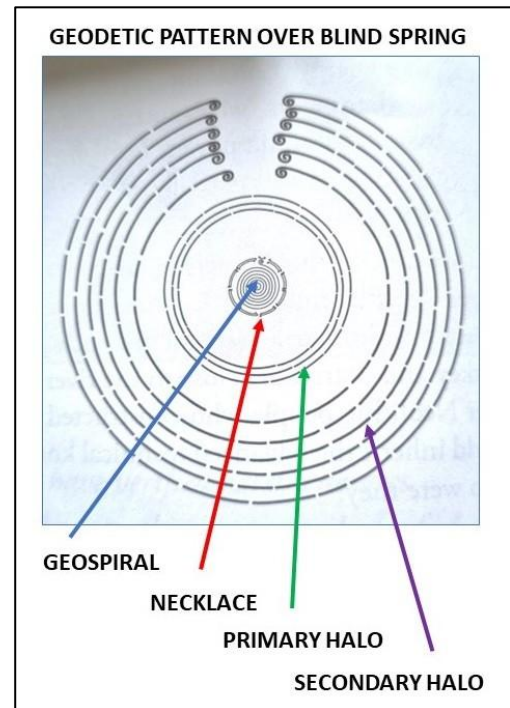
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Geospiral

At the Summer Solstice, the geodetic geospiral at ground level had widened out a lot since our visit in May and had 13 coils to it. Mave counted 19 paces (approx. 9.5 metres) from the outer edge of the geospiral in the NE to the Blind Spring centre.

Sian found the outer edge of the geospiral several metres further out than Kate did, and we concluded that the geospiral was not remaining in exactly the same position but oscillating and pulsating, as if it was breathing in and out.

We had also found in May that the geospiral, Primary and Secondary haloes are elliptical in shape rather than circular and seem to be widest on the side closest to the current position of the Sun. Maria has since found this to be the case with some tree auras.



Dowse, mark and measure the edge of the geospiral walking in a NE direction from the centre of the Blind Spring.

Repeat this walking towards the current position of the Sun to see if the geospiral in any wider in this direction.

Count the number of coils.

Do you feel that the geospiral is oscillating in and out like in was at the Summer Solstice?

Colour Frequencies of the Geospiral

At the Summer Solstice, using Maria Wheatley's High frequency colour Dowsing chart, Sian dowsed the Blind Spring centre as Orange. The first coil/band of the geospiral working outwards in a straight line from the centre of the Blind Spring dowsed as Infra-Red and 1C (physical/etheric or Octave 1). The second coil was Yellow and Divine Feminine (Octave 6). The third coil was infra-Red 1C again, the fourth was yellow DF again and so on with the same colour frequencies repeating alternately.

Repeat these readings to see if the colour frequencies of each coil are the same as they were at the Summer Solstice.

Also follow along the coils of the geospiral from the centre outwards to see how the colour frequency changes and whether there is any gradual change along the coils.

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Primary & Secondary Halo

At the Summer Solstice Kate started looking for the Primary Halo at 11:43am and headed SE where there was the most open space available in the field. She found that the Primary Halo was 22 paces (5.5 metres) wide and started 221 paces (55 metres) from the centre of the Blind Spring. When we dowsed it in May it was only 81 paces (20 metres) away from the centre of the Blind Spring at its maximum extent. Kate dowsed that this extent was the same 90 minutes ago and would be 90 minutes into the future. We didn't check the position of the secondary halo on the ground but remote dosing by Mave suggested it was still in the field approximately level with the south-eastern end of the garden lake.

Walk in a SE direction from the centre of the Blind Spring and note how far out the start and end of the Primary Halo is today and its width.

If possible, carry on walking in the same direction until you find the inner and outer edges of the secondary halo and note its width and distance from the centre of the Blind Spring.



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Part 2 – Autumn Equinox Solar Transition Period (12:37pm to 12:57pm at Newstead)

The solar noon transition period is the 20 minutes leading up to the exact time of Solar Noon in a particular location. This is measured from when the Beacon Trees first send up their communication spheres to the exact time of Solar Noon. However, previous sessions of this project have shown that there is an energetic build up to this period.

Remain in the open field and start measuring the Solar Noon transition period at 12:27 which is 30 minutes before Solar Noon at Newstead.

The Geospiral & the Primary Halo

Have one person monitor the Geospiral and another monitor the Primary Halo. Keep a note of the exact time that any changes occur and, if possible, measure the distances from the centre of the Blind Spring.

At the Summer Solstice Mave reported that the geospiral felt like it had started to contract inwards 18 minutes before Solar Noon which will be 12:39 today if it happens at the same relative time). One minute before Solar Noon Kate could no longer detect the geospiral.

Kate was monitoring the Primary Halo at the Summer Solstice and reported that it had pulled in 15 minutes before Solar Noon which will be 12:42 today if it happens at the same relative time. 4 minutes before Solar Noon she reported that the Primary Halo was now half the size it had been when we dowsed it earlier that morning.

The Blind Spring

In previous sessions we have found that the Bovis and Colour Frequencies during the Solar Noon transitions period seem to go in cycles of increasing, crashing (not giving any reading at all), increasing a bit more, crashing again. At the Summer Solstice Sian found the Bovis of the Blind Spring in the open field oscillating between 19,000ub and 8,000ub and crashing.

If enough people are available, dows the Bovis and/or colour frequency of the Blind Spring during the Solar Noon transition period. This needs to be done in pairs with one person dowsing while the other takes notes. Ensure the exact time is noted for each reading.

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Part 3 – Autumn Equinox Mandala

This will draw the project to a close.

Dowse for an appropriate location to make an Autumn Equinox Mandala from natural materials that we have collected in the surrounding area. As part of this we will Bless and thank the landscape, the water, the trees, the invisible energies and the unseen Beings that have graciously participated in the project and generously shared so much wisdom with us.

Dowse or sense the vitality of the land before and after the Mandala is blessed using whatever measurements you feel are appropriate.

Make a note of any wisdom you may receive during this period.

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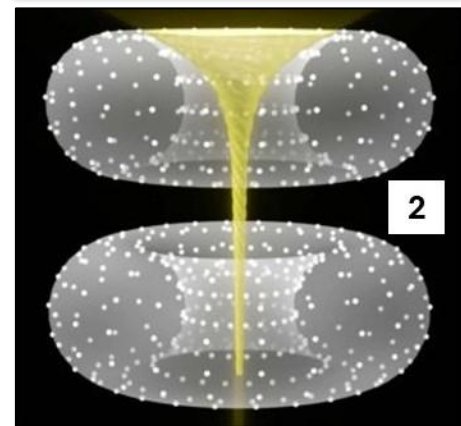
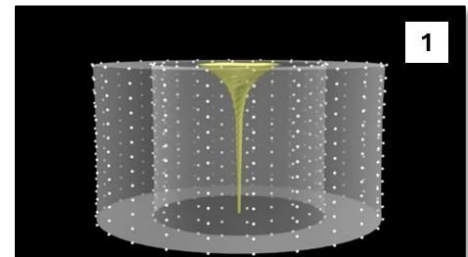
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Research by the late Rory Duff showed that energetic changes take place around sacred sites on the day prior to the Solstices and Equinoxes and can stay in place for several days afterwards. Rory found these changes to take place at places where a particular combination of different types of energy lines meet and what he called Node points.

Research that Mave Calvert has done suggests that these energetic phenomena are far more widespread than Rory realised, occurring around all Blind Springs irrespective of how many energy lines are associated with them.

Rory Duff called the days before the Solstices and Equinoxes “Harmony Periods” because he found that the differing frequencies (pattern of lateral side-to-side roll or weave) of the Energy Lines that meet at Node points all come into harmony with one another at these times. Research by Chris Tonge has substantiated this.

Rory found that a sacred site where the requisite number of energy lines meet becomes surrounded by what he calls a “Annulus Region” which is basically a vertical energetic tube or cylinder which stretches both above and below ground. This forms on the harmony day before the Solstice or Equinox and has a double edge (Diagram 1) effectively making it an Exclusion Zone. Over the course of several hours the inner edge starts to pinch inwards eventually meeting in the middle and splitting into two torus shapes which start to counter rotate (Diagram 2). When the upper half of the torus shape rises above ground level at a sacred site such as a stone circle (Diagram 3) Rory referred to this a grail or chalice shape.



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Research done by Mave Calvert initially around the Blind Spring on her lawn, and then around nearby sites such as Churches, showed that the same energetic process takes place and the same energetic features develop around the Blind Springs with the formation of an annulus region on the harmony day that later splits into two counter-rotating torus features. This suggests a link with underground water as well as the harmonising of energy lines. Mave monitored this on the day prior to the Summer Solstice in 2026 and the results are detailed in the findings document for Session 4 of this project.

Mave's research suggests that the energetic changes manifest in two phases. The initial changes begin to take place just prior to Moonset on the harmony day before the Solstice or Equinox which seem to be priming the location for the second phase. Then a few hours later, or sometimes the next day depending on the time of Moonset, the full energetic manifestation takes place. What we end up with is a thick vertical cylinder of energy surrounding the site which gradually widens out encompassing a large area around the Blind Spring. The size of this seems to be related to how powerful the Blind Spring is.

Rory found that when the energy lines hit the edge of this containment field or exclusion zone, they are deflected to the right and do not continue inwards to the Node point in the centre. Mave Calvert and Chris Tonge also found this to be the case. They found that the exclusion zone was rotating in a clockwise direction and this caused the Energy Dragon Lines to be deflected to the right, rising up above the energetic dome to reach down into the Blind Spring in the centre.

Similarities to the Crop Circle Phenomena

This also seems to be similar to the way that crop circles manifest as a two-stage process. According to Freddy Silva in his book "Secrets in the Fields: the Science and Mysticism of Crop Circles" the ground seems to be primed a couple of days before the actual manifestation takes place. Silva has also collected evidence to show the crop circle is surrounded by a vertical cylinder of energy which acts as a containment field or exclusion zone similar to the ones that form around Blind Springs at the Solstices and Equinoxes.

Hugh Newman of Megalithomania found that when a crop circle manifested in Cambridgeshire near the Wandlebury Ring on the path of the Mary Dragon current, the Mary energy temporarily shifted its path to avoid the crop circle. This could also be a case of a geodetic energy line, as Silva calls them, being deflected by an energetic containment field or exclusion zone similar to how the energy dragon lines are deflected by the Solstice and Equinox exclusion zones around the Blind Springs that they use to cleanse and recharge themselves. When Mave was monitoring Silbury Hill near Avebury during a Solar Transition Period in June 2025 she also observed the Mary current temporarily move to one side.

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Expanding Geodetic Features

Mave's research suggests that the Blind Spring energies are part of a large toroidal energy structure which rises up higher above ground during the Solstice and Equinox Harmony periods thereby causing the concentric circles and haloes around the Blind Spring to become much wider apart.

Site dowsing of the Blind Spring around the water feature on Mave's lawn showed the entire geodetic energy field (geospiral and surrounding haloes) normally extends to a radius of 20m (diagram below left). However, over the Winter Solstice period of 2021/22 this had expanded tenfold to a radius of 200m (diagram below right).



Remote dowsing of the Geodetic features around the powerful Blind Spring beneath Wollaton Hall in Nottingham over the Winter Solstice period of 2021/22 showed a similar expansion. The geospiral that normally extends to a 100m radius expanded to around a 250m radius. The radius of the outer extent of the primary halo triad expanded from 450m to 750m, and the outer extent of the entire energy field expanded from 850m to around 1,500m.

Mave's research also shows that the depth of the water in the main shaft of a Blind Spring increases around the exact time of the Solstice and Equinox, suggesting that the water is either being sucked downwards or has temporarily ceased to pulsate, possibly in tandem with a polarity reversal. Readings for three different Blind Springs at the time of the 2025 Winter Solstice (15:05 GMT on Sunday December 21st, 2025) showed an increase in the depth of the water dome of between 5 and 10 metres.