

**Quarter inch to the mile Road Map of Surrey 1: 253,440, (a 1980's map published by Barnett's)**

There's a Hog in the landscape! and we are convinced that historically, this natural feature would have initially been skirted by cart roads and footpaths; then likely maintained, (perhaps even enhanced) kept in shape over time with the use of buildings, hedges, tracks, trenches, field boundary fences, stone indicators, etc.; but despite using the same route, our Hog is now denoted by motor roads; from the A31, (the Hog's Back) A246, A245, A320, A319, B383, B3020, A30, A325 and the 'tail' is the A287 to Newnham, Hampshire.

These roads now fully encompass the Hog; within and nearby, it's all about mystical sites, energy hotspots, UFOs, dragons, dragon-slaying associations, superhumans...even a flying witch on her stick – together with up to a thousand wild boar roaming the countryside inside our hog, (yes, right now as you read this) + pig keeping and much more!

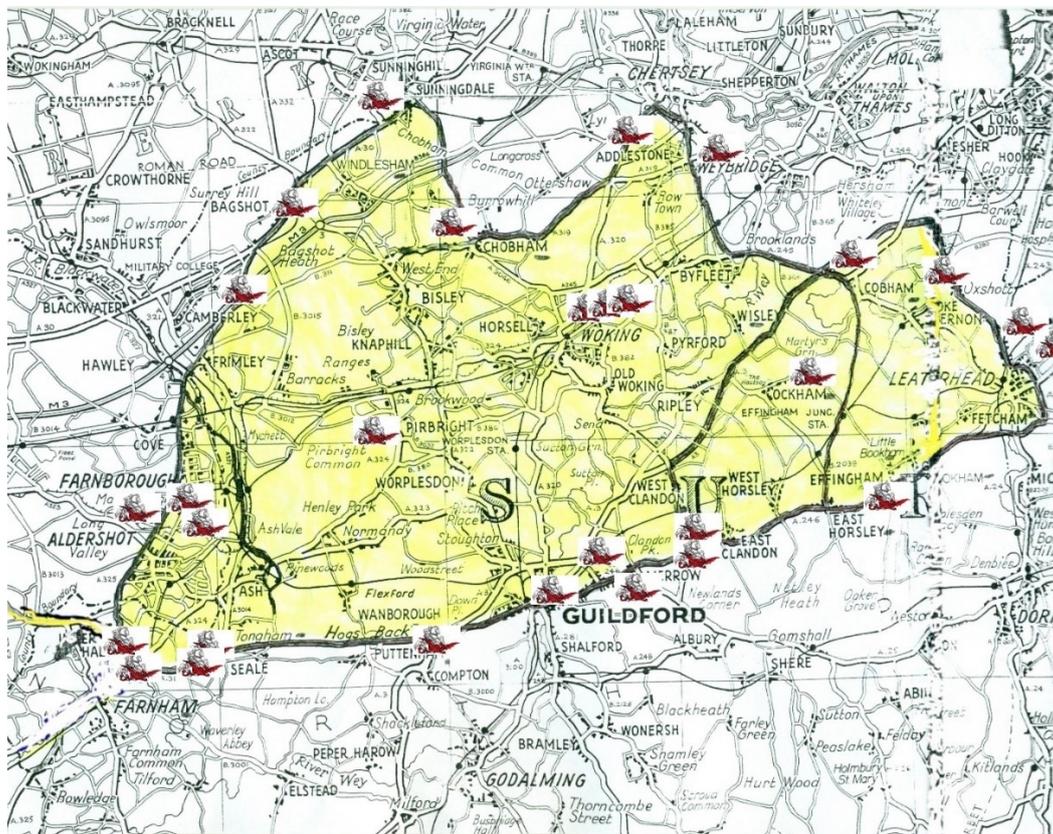


The thoroughfare running along the Hog's 'spine' is ancient, and in earlier times its raised position offered travellers a vantage point, plus also kept them above the thick ancient woodland of the valleys on either side.

For size comparison purposes, the famous Nazca desert lines and pictures in southern Peru extend over an area of nearly 190 square miles, (500 square km) and are visible from space - whereas our Hog only has a length of 37 miles from tail to snout.

So, *ours* is relatively small by contrast; but one thing that both the Nazca geoglyph layout and our figure do have in common is that they are only visible when viewed from high above.

Just how that may have been possible anciently is tackled later in this examination; suffice to say for now, the whole area was once a hotspot for occultic practices – and the church seems to have carried out a systematic attempt to eliminate such *evil forces* in the Surrey Hills and Hampshire Borders area by surrounding these places with certain, specifically-dedicated, holy building constructions.



= the location of \*dragons/slayer associations bounding our Hog; hidden meaning/unwitting siting at work? Please note, some other church establishments on this landscape figure may have been lost, demolished/built over or had alternative names during the course of time; so, in fact, there could be even more dragon connections than shown here!

\*Featuring: Saint George = Dragon Killer, Saint John = Dragon in Chalice Legend; Saint Paul = Dragon Cleanser; Saint Michael = Dragon Slayer... and St Martha = Dragon Tamer.

# **The Hog's Back – A Hog in The Landscape: Surrey's Greatest Mystery:**

*Lost Sites of Wonder, Forgotten Ancient Knowledge and UFOs*

**by Kenneth Parsons and Hilary Porter**

## **Intro - Reading the landscape**



We could have easily called this book something like *an alternative travel guide around Surrey and the Hampshire borders*; but we thought no, let us tell people straight away what we've found... **a Hog in The Landscape!**

What you are about to see isn't an idea that has just been pulled out of the air, or a concept that is really only in the mind; this is a proposal based on some pretty good research and historical confirmation.

We have decided to tackle a controversial matter, which may not appeal to everyone. Some possibly, will not be able to get their heads around it at all, and many may choose to dismiss anything so seemingly bizarre.

Doubtless, one or two people will simply not read this discourse thoroughly either; rather, they will skip and 'eye scan' pages; which is a pity, because in doing so they will miss many important pieces of evidence which help to form the bigger picture.

Regardless, here we go.

Part of the road running from London to Winchester is the A31 dual carriageway; but the highway differs from most others in the UK in at least one respect; this road isn't just a number - it has an identifying name also and is listed as **the Hog's Back**.

People might ask, why is the A31 called the Hog's Back? Because basically, it is a narrow, elongated ridge.

It's not contemporary either, archaeologists have unearthed evidence of a road running along here since Roman times.

The Popular Dictionary of English Place Names has it being first given this title in 1823, yet Wikipedia states that Jane Austen, in a letter to her sister

Cassandra, dated Thursday 20 May 1813 from her brother's house in Sloane Street, wrote of her journey to London in a curricule via "the Hog's-back". "Upon the whole it was an excellent journey & very thoroughly enjoyed by me; the weather was delightful the greatest part of the day... I never saw the country from the Hogsback so advantageously."

That shows it was known as the 'Hog's Back' by Jane Austen's time; however, we know for a fact that it has been acknowledged as the Hog's Back much earlier than normally claimed, because we have seen it detailed as such on a map from the 1700's, examined by us at the **Surrey History Centre, Woking!**

Someone's either telling 'porkies' or they haven't done their homework!

**So, we have established 1700's - and it is on the cards, the date for this Hogs Back title could predate even that by a century or two!**

It is no uncommon thing to find the early history of a place neatly packed into its name; unpack the name, and you have the opening chapters of your history.

The internet tells us, the Hog's Back gives its name to the geomorphological landform known as a Hogback, which is a long, slim ridge or series of hills with a narrow crest and steep slopes of nearly equal inclination on both flanks.

Be that as it may, we're not terribly happy with the 'official' single explanation as to why the A31 is so named; in fact, **we feel strongly there is actually more than one explanation.**

On a side note, we found it quirky how in other parts, the same title 'Hogback' is given to a certain type of recumbent monument, generally with a curved ('hogbacked') ridge, often also with outwardly curved sides. This shape, and the fact that they are frequently decorated with 'shingles' on either side of the central ridge, show that they are stylised 'houses' for the dead.

As it turned out, the Hog territory discussed in our book, contains plenty of monuments as well, (not in the style of Hogback gravestones though) mainly megalithic in date, although lots of later pagan sites are also evident; **we are of the opinion that the A31 road owes its unusual designation to more to than just an indistinct spine appearance; but more so, how, on certain maps, an entire 'hog' profile is quite conspicuous!**



**A Hogback grave monument**

Before progressing any further it must be said, we are fully aware of the Hogback's in Sark, (Jersey) Ottawa, Utah, \*South Carolina and other locations abroad, which are similar in name only, (usually a series of mountain ranges and hills, while not having any complete topographic hog figures to their credit) but we bet a pound to a penny, they do not boast anything like *ours* in the way of high strangeness. \*Yet, uncanny things do happen there as well it would seem, although very rarely; see end of book for 16-05-2020, extraordinary UFO capture from TV screen - Hogback Mountain, Landrum, South Carolina, US.

As people interested in mysteries, we had sometimes mused over this unconventional title of Hog's Back, but never really got around to looking into the matter in any great depth.

Invariably, the problem was a lack of time, with work commitments always having to take precedence; but following a couple of major visual UFO Encounters that both of us experienced whilst overlooking this area in 2007

<http://www.beamsinvestigations.org/Hogs%20Back%202007%20UFO%20Sighting1.html>

and 2015,

<http://www.beamsinvestigations.org/Strange%20Craft%20Recorded%20Over%20Farnborough,%20Hants,%20UK%20%27The%20Magic%20Kingdom%27%20-%202007%2009%2015.htm>

and a lesser, but still important photographic capture by us of an outlandish flying object in 2016... our lives changed.

We already knew of some incredible sightings made by others in these parts; not only of UFOs, but all kinds of weird and wonderful happenings; and that combination of experiences really fired us up.

Just what was it about this region? We had to find out more.

Our new priority was to embark upon a major research project.

Just skimming the surface to begin with... the more we delved - the more we found. And what we learned from it all absolutely blew us away!

A note for all new explorers; do not visit the hog with high expectations, as one will be hit by plenty of disappointment; built-over spots, monotonous brick housing estates and that type of thing... boring, boring, boring; but don't be put-off by such modern constructions – if you know where to look... how to look, (and with practice, one can develop a 'feeling' for the past, a sixth sense) there are still plenty of clues to be found; every so often, some nice surprises await!

While conducting various initial archival explorations, it soon became apparent that entries about the Hog's Back in popular Place Name Dictionaries were not at all reliable; it might be said that most were more in the way of conjecture and guesswork, as in reality, very little in the way of historical record existed concerning its origins.

For example, the most common reason given in reference works usually read something like this; *its name came about due to the shape of the road, and how it is constructed on "a narrow, elongated ridge", 'just like the spine of a hog', and that is how its title 'probably' came about sometime in the 19th century.*

Note how the records are specific here, not a horse or a cow, but definitely "a hog"... but, how could they be so positive? Why say that it looks like the back of a hog? Well, at a distance, from one or two angles, this road does bear a slight resemblance to the spine of a creature; but why a Hog? it could be another large animal type... such as a cow or a bull; and the answer, as you will learn shortly, much of the area was once concerned with pig-keeping and boar hunting!

Archaeological remains are a good indication. Surrey Heritage Historical Food in Surrey provided evidence from archaeological sites in this part of Surrey, which showed a diet with much variety, including **pig**, cattle, **boar**, badger and wine and fish sauce.

Wikipedia, (the free online encyclopaedia) warns that “although the origin of many place names is now forgotten, it is often possible to establish likely meanings through consideration of early forms of the name.”

Slightly off-putting was *A Revision of the Ancient Woodland Inventory for Surrey Project* (carried out by Robert Davies, Victoria Benstead-Hume and Matthew Grose January 2009 to June 2011), in which we read *unfortunately place-name scholars often disagree as to the precise meaning of a name, with some assigning quite different topographic associations to the same term.*

However, we soon learned that **some academic works, (earlier the better) can, with caution, be used as a guide to help reconstruct the landscape.**

For example, ‘leah’ or ‘ley’ refers to a woodland glade or clearing, ‘den’ (or even Celtic 'Don'. ... Den(n): Pig pasture) to a woodland swine pasture and ‘hyrst’ or ‘hurst’ to a wood or a grove especially one on a hill.

The disadvantage is, many topographic place names probably relate to features which were atypical, and therefore distinctive, rather than describing the general situation.

Locality names, (names within neighbourhoods) and those *changed* in form to create new meanings, can provide more in the way of answers.

In its blurb, the Hog’s Back brewery says they take their name “from the nearby Hog’s Back, **a ridge of hills that looks just like a hog lying down.**



Photo: Profile shot of the Hogs Back road.

Yes, we can just about see where they are coming from with the ‘Hog’ vibe.



Detail showing part of the Hog’s Back c 1603

In medieval times the Hog's Back was a trading and pilgrim route between Farnham and Guildford, but now it is less glamorously known as the A31."

Our inquisitive minds were left a tad unsatisfied.

Standing on part of the North Downs in Surrey, the Hog's Back is raised 154 m. at its maximum prominence and looks out over a region of magnificent natural beauty, where stunning views extend right out to The Devil's Punchbowl; it is the 24<sup>th</sup> highest hill in Surrey.

When the idea of the Pilgrim's Way to Canterbury was popularised in the nineteenth century, a route over the southern slopes of the Hog's Back, parallel with the ridgeway and running through Seale and Puttenham, was incorporated in its course. In order to avoid the A31 however, the Pilgrims' Way does not run along the top of the Hog's Back.

The AA Road Map Puzzle Book, says of the A31 title, "at some point in history it must have reminded someone of the back of a pig, though we don't know when the current name came into being."

### **Toponymy and Etymology**

**Toponymy** is the study of place titles, their origins, meanings and use - and **Etymology** is the history of words.

Using these two branches of research, we began a comprehensive study of local designation roots, and how their form and meanings may have changed over time.

Regarding the unusual, rather oddball things that we were searching for, reference books on English place names proved to be about as much help as the proverbial chocolate teapot, and usually 'suggested' possibilities of what names meant; "possibly" this, and "possibly" that - and "probably" this and "probably" that.

Here is a peculiarity that raised our suspicions about this whole name aenigma; two peculiarities actually... and they both form a part of our proposed landscape figure.

Located in remote woodlands in Aldershot, Hampshire on our area in focus, is the curiously titled 'Bats Hogsty'... an ancient earthwork system which consists of several lines of strange banks and ditches covering half an acre of land.

Until recently, archaeologists were somewhat puzzled as to what this site could have originally been constructed for.

Is it, as the acquired Hogs Styne title indicates, – a Pig Pen?

One would have thought so; and the latest suggestion by scholars as to how the first part of this name ever came about, is that 'Bat' may have been an important local person, and the construction was dedicated to him.

Now get this: 'Bat' sure must have been a popular name in times long ago, because, (almost unbelievably) **there is another similarly named earthwork called the Bats Hogstye to be found just 12 miles or so away at Chobham! not to be confused with Cobham, Surrey.**

According to Eric Gardner, M.B. (CANTAB.), F.S.A, the Chobham Bat's Hogstye is nowhere near as old as it's Aldershot counterpart, and so for us, this significant age difference between the two sites suggests that 'Bat' was NOT a person's name after all, and far more likely to have been a remembrance of an ancient deity!

Excuse us if we come across as not believing some of the mystification that historians and their like are regurgitating parrot-fashion – we don't, simple-as; do they think we were born yesterday?

Why can't these people be honest and make it plain? that over time, the original and obvious meanings of some words have been lost. Perplexed? I know we were, but worry not, as a bit further on we detail more about these two important sites, giving our take on the issue.

And the vague listings continued... *'possibly land owned by a man called' [so and so], 'probably a woodland clearing of a man called' [such and such], 'or that of his followers'.*

We soon came to appreciate, that those titles backed up by documentations in the Domesday Book (DB), Britain's earliest public record, can be trusted as far as derivation was concerned.

For this, ruler of the time King William *"sent his men all over England into every shire."*

*They "...made a survey of all England; of the lands in each of the counties; of the possessions of each of the magnates, their lands, their habitations, their men, both bond and free, living in huts or with their own houses or land; of*

*ploughs, horses and other animals; of the services and payments due from each and every estate.*

*Also, he had a record made of how much land his Archbishops had, and his Bishops and his Abbots and his Earls, and ... what or how much everybody had who was occupying land in England, in land or cattle, and how much money it was worth.*

***...there was no single hide nor a yard of land, nor indeed one ox nor one cow nor one pig which was there left out: and all these records were brought to him afterwards."***

To be fair, lots of other place name entries are straightforward enough; many self-explanatory, and no one would disagree with the authors' assessments; patently though, scholars who wrote about the more obscure place name origins were fumbling in the dark, and it is doubted that records even exist of these 'probable' men, because, if any of this was known for sure, and these authors had obtained proof, (say again from the Domesday Book) then they wouldn't keep using terminology that means *by the merest chance, perhaps or maybe*.

If they didn't know the answer for sure, then why not just leave these entries blank? but then again, what else would they have left to fill the void of the undiscovered?

It must be assumed that they had to *pad* their books out somehow.

Quite frankly though, *gestimations* like these were not acceptable to us as they stood.

Next, we personally consulted a couple of University academics about the matter and learned more; and straight from the *horses' mouth* we had our suspicions confirmed.

We were told in no uncertain terms that, apart from explanations about common generic forms in place titles like \*'Ham' = 'farm', 'house' or 'homestead', and that sort of thing, quite a few entries in Place Name Dictionaries are unreliable and can't be entirely trusted.

Often, the 'iffy' ones, are merely a matter of speculation and assumption.

**\*For your own research you must double check whatever is stated, because 'ham' for example, does not always mean 'farmstead' etc; and here is another real 'doozy', (as they say in the States) 'stoke' doesn't always mean 'house', 'farm' or 'hamlet'. It is derived from the common Anglo-Saxon word 'stoc', sometimes implying a holy place... therefore, there are various possibilities - something that we will repeat again further on, just as a reminder.**

It became clear, many positions are not recorded in any surviving documents.

Fact is, lots of place names came into being before official records began, that is why there is so much uncertainty amongst today's students of the subject; in the absence of written evidence, and/or if something does not fit the *official* narrative, second-guessing and downright fabrication can rear their ugly heads.

Remember, this is about asking questions and not simply accepting what we are told, (or *sold*).

According to local dialect, heaps of place names have been spelled in various ways at different times and disparate contexts.

Enough have also become corrupted and altered over the centuries.

During 1476, William Caxton introduced the printing press, and ultimately changed the standard dialect throughout England; but before then, and to some extent even in following eras, folk tended to spell phonetically, as back then, people wrote words more or less how they were pronounced.

\*Likewise, we should consider improper OE, speech variation such as altered syntax and colloquial or regional word choices.

**\*At best, it must be considered that mainstream 'English' of the early time periods, (the lack of education meaning worse pronunciation of names thereof) geographic isolation, and many 'sub-dialect/languages', would mean that certain indigenous names of unowned public locations and spaces have, in all likelihood, been lost, subsequently 'misunderstood' or are being overlooked altogether; and perhaps deliberately so.**

Large numbers of place titles have been compounded, thus, in essence, they are corruptions of words and names that appear to have become obsolete some time ago. The trouble we find, it is the latter century titles, habitually fabricated for land privatization by nobility, (added simply to suit the wealthy landlords of that era) which were/are mostly employed by Etymologists in their examinations.

**\*Extract taken from Ley Lines & Earth Energies - The Rediscovery of a Lost Wisdom. A number of location titles can be found like this, Old English words formed phonetically, and which were so named as a recognition of the previous usage, owners, dwellers etc.**

**Even natural landscape features, (which were once held in high esteem by those of pagan communities) sometimes played a part in the naming of land areas... a factor often overlooked by many of today's historical researchers.**

At this time, it is almost as if, certain uncomfortable connections are being glossed over by many compilers of English Place Name books; feasibly as it doesn't fit in with the task assigned to them, or they are unaware of doing so.

In effect, certain contributors may have been, (and still are) subtly changing community history – erasing important sections of the past, with our distant social history being portrayed, (at least partially) as a Disneyfication of what it essentially was, at its roots.

It is an inescapable fact also, mankind's 'history', (HIS-STORY) itself is, to some extent, just a 'story', dictated by whichever ruler was in power at any given time, set out according to their desires.

Besides, it is known how for example, those in the 16th and 17th centuries with wiccan leanings, (and that's more than might be expected) had uncomplicated beliefs; they believed in magic and the power of the supernatural. Such groups were highly spiritual and trusting, and therefore would naturally turn to these principles. The elements of earth, fire, air, and water... (later) aether, were the earliest tools of natural magic. Stones were considered 'living rocks', water from a stream was 'alive', in fact, anything born of the living earth possessed an inherent power, awaiting only the believer's intention to bring its magical qualities to life.

Staunch Christians spoke and wrote about witchcraft in an abusively disparaging manner; it was vilified until it became a misjudged religion; nevertheless, the 'wise' folk continued with their customs, but more out-of-the-way of vile accusations heaped on innocent women's heads by the Inquisition; charges that had no relevance to witchcraft as it was traditionally practiced and as any modern-day student of world religion could verify.

*Warring, such as the Norman Conquest resulted in some re-naming of our monasteries, castles, estates etc; this, combined with poverty, pestilence and social upheaval have each caused a further transmogrification of distant folk memories.*

So, to a large extent, (and despite being glossed-over by some academics, misrepresented in fantasies, and then copy pasted by the media) our research shows, that is the way things once were – especially in rural settings.

Ordinarily, society's attitude was far different than the over-rationalised mind-set of today.

How many readers realise for example, that in those times, bridges, (built to span a physical obstacle, such as a body of water) were sometimes endowed with consecrated chapels?

People of old believed in powers bigger than them, with the superstition of prayer as their only hope of exercising at least a little control.

Now, with that out in the open, the reader can envisage what a battle it has been for us in tracking down the type of uncommon, verboten information we are writing about.

Secretly though, this knowledge still lived/lives on, as it was/is passed down to protection groups over the years. For instance, look closely and you will see how many revered concerns, invariably used/use what is called earth or sacred geometry in their building arrangements.

Pagan communities harboured great regard for planet earth; yes, it was a hard life, further blighted by fear and shrouded in superstition, but from everything learned, they had the kind of respect that many in this present age of cynicism and self-destruction, might do well to learn from.



Google Earth was useless for our purposes; for instance, on GE, at an altitude of 700m, not even the geoglyphs on the Nazca plains Peru are visible, (just a

blurry muddle) – although those miles of lines plainly are; so, it was paper *sheets* only for us; and when we began studying specifically scale maps of the area, it was then that Hilary and I stumbled on something involving **Simulacrum, (plural simulacra)**, from Latin: *simulacrum* which means "similarity" - a phenomenon first recorded in the English language during the late 16th century; this was used to describe for example, something like a natural rock formation or piece of wood that seemed to have the outline of a face, or observed patterns that vaguely represented familiar objects or figures.

Some modern literature cite specific examples of geographical simulacra, anything with a vague semblance of something familiar: and it is known how many indigenous peoples, (natives of any country) who were basically animistic, highly revered and treasured such features in their topography, so kindly provided by mother nature.

In our case, when a quarter inch to the mile map sheet was used, (1: 253,440), and turned upside down, we could see the likeness of a creature in the landscape.

Not a precise representation by any means, quite crude some might call it, and its nothing small, because this is estimated to have a length of approx. 27 miles!



Surely, a completely natural and coincidental feature, yes, but with a name like the Hog's Back given for the A31 which runs right along the figure's 'spine', well, this type of 'coincidence' just could not be ignored; and further digging threw up yet more evidence.

As with the shocking feat of ancient artwork, the Nazca Lines and figures in Peru, which in that particular case are manmade, but designed to be seen from high above; was it all for the *Sky Gods* or is there another answer? various questions need to be tackled.

Could the suggested figure, merely be wishful thinking on our part?

OK, we admit there is that possibility; but then, such an explanation would not be able to address a further puzzle; of why this proposed creature profile encloses far more ancient, secret, mystical, (and that includes both sites and human detections of paranormal phenomena) and sacred positions per square mile, than might be expected to be found ordinarily at random.

Exposed in this enquiry are key sites directly on, or close to, each of the major body parts of *the Hog* profile, (*its* head, ear, eye, belly, front leg/trotter, back leg/trotter, rump, anus area and tail); plus, within, we found countless sacred healing wells/springs, along with a Celtic tree temple circle.

Then, we have the numerous UFO encounters and hauntings recorded for inside *our Hog*; one account, which has what we think is the most incredible, authentic [photo set](#) of a paranormal phenomenon EVER taken re; St Peter's Church Farnborough.

If that wasn't enough, how about the variety of ancient megaliths, both standing and recumbent, together with the many dragon legends at *hog-related* \*places of worship, which we think are the result of hidden meaning or unwitting placement.

**\*Most of the last mentioned are directly on-hog, (if you will) or within its map borders, but there are several situated just outside the figure; and why that should be so is simple to address; our theory is that in a small number of instances, at the time of planning, the lay, (we don't use 'lie') of the land, or maybe its geology, was found to be unsuitable for building either on the edge, or too close - hence their positioning a bit further afield.**

Something else, what of all the hog-keeping/ritual memories, ancient sacred sites, ley lines and clandestine \*tunnels/passages that we learned about - all in-Hog? How can we dismiss these lightly?

**\*In our experience, it is unlikely that many of the recorded tunnels/passages exist physically, for this is a characteristic of their very nature; sometimes these are literary devices in which they are employed in narratives to deliver a broader message, such as an explanation of what ley lines are about. Writers and speakers typically use allegories to convey, (semi-) hidden or complex meanings through popular symbolism/imagery.**

Not forgetting either, the crypto creatures, and very odd characters we found out about, with, what are ostensibly alien abilities, each at the heart of this Hog? and that is just the ones we know of! Inevitably, other connected evidence still awaits discovery in some small village or other... again, on *the Hog*.

As researchers of many decades, we say that it's most rare to find such a wealth of surprises in one limited expanse of land; and statistically, way too much to be 'accidental', 'coincidental', call it what one may.

What you are probably wondering about right now, could there be any connection between swine and the more paranormal side of things for this zone; we doubt if, not between livestock and UFO appearances etc anyway; but rather, **we think it is the activities that once went on here, regarding an early belief in the sacredness of the earth and its energies, which is evident; that former relationship between mind and matter, between substance and attribute, and between potentiality and actuality.**

Wells and Springs on this figure are abundant – the result of Earth's "natural" water cycle; but they are listed in our book on the assumption that they are free from human interference; if so, the sources would be classed as 'active', filtered as they are through Surrey's sand and chalk-rich soils.

Springs are formed 'when the side of a hill, a valley bottom or other excavation intersects a flowing body of groundwater at or below the local water table, below which the subsurface material is saturated with water.

A spring is the result of an aquifer being filled to the point that the water overflows onto the land surface. They range in size from intermittent seeps, which flow only after much rain, to huge pools flowing hundreds of millions of gallons daily.

Springs are not limited to the Earth's surface though. Recently, scientists have discovered hot springs at depths of up to 2.5 kilometres in the oceans, generally along mid-ocean rifts (spreading ridges). The hot water, (over 300 degrees Celsius) coming from these springs is also rich in minerals and sulphur, which results in a unique ecosystem where unusual and exotic sea life seems to thrive'. Source: USGS Water School.

Such a high concentration of hallowed places could be the result of a combination of factors; \*providence, kismet and what might be termed subconscious siting. \*This can be where the correct place at which to dowse for a water source, construct a temple or whatever, is decided upon using instinct/and or dowsing methods to locate prime land which enjoyed flows of positive earth energy.

As dowers ourselves, it must be pointed out that these 'flows' are a normal, but little understood/little discussed part of nature.

Referred to by the Chinese as 'Chi' and known under different names around the planet... in Great Britain we simply call this energy 'Ley', and the lines of sensitivity are termed 'Ley Lines', on which many pagan shrines and temples

were patently set out across, with post-medieval site continuity achieved by many grounds having other religious buildings raised over previous ones.

Archaeological digs and some historical records also seem to confirm that sacred site continuity was intentional, whether this may have been with intention of site conversion from pagan to Christian, subconscious siting, both, or even mere convenience, that remains a thorny issue.

Very often cited, but rarely in its full form, is a letter sent by Pope Gregory to Abbot Mellitus, who was about to join Augustine in England, in the year 601; we know of it only through Bede's *Ecclesiastical History of the English Nation*, written in 731 (book 1, chapter 30). Oxford Reference inform us that ‘those who wish to demonstrate the origins of traditional customs and lore in pagan times use it as a much-needed bridge across the societal chasm of Christianisation; they take it to mean that the Church in England adopted a general policy of appropriation rather than confrontation, and from this basis argue for a large-scale survival of non-Christian elements within the Church and/or within society. It has become a key element in many modern interpretations of folklore.

This is thus a crucial text, requiring close scrutiny. The numerous translations agree in substance but differ a little in emphasis; the one quoted here was first published by Dent in 1910. Gregory asks Mellitus to tell Augustine: *what I have, upon mature deliberation of the affair of the English, determined upon, viz., that the temples of the idols in those nations ought not to be destroyed; but let the idols that are in them be destroyed; let holy water be made and sprinkled in the said temples, let altars be erected, and relics placed. For if those temples are well built, it is requisite that they be converted from the worship of devils to the service of the true God; that the nation, seeing that their temples are not destroyed ...may the more familiarly resort to the places to which they are accustomed.*

*So far, the letter is permissive rather than prescriptive: well-built temples can be reused, once properly consecrated. It does not say that every temple must be so used—far less that the siting of purpose-built churches should be determined by proximity to pagan shrines and landmarks. Gregory then turns to festivals: And because they have been used to slaughter many oxen in the sacrifices to devils, some solemnity must be exchanged for them on this account, as that on the day of the dedication, or the nativities of the holy martyrs whose relics are there deposited, they may build themselves huts of the boughs of trees, about those churches that have been turned to that use from temples, and celebrate the solemnity with religious feasting, and no more offer beasts to the Devil, but kill*

*cattle to the praise of God in their eating, and return thanks to the Giver of all things...*”

Whatever critics choose to say, these places of wonder do tend to radiate some kind of ‘kick’, an often detectable current of some kind.

Even on the Smithsonian TV Channel, (screened early in 2020) television and radio presenter/comedy-writer Clive Anderson, successfully detected such energies when trying his hand at dowsing at the Rollright standing stones on the borders of Oxfordshire and Warwickshire.

We watched this programme, and Clive was clearly dumfounded by the reactions of his dowsing rods as he approached the ancient stone circle; for it was plain to see, the old cynic himself didn’t think that for one moment dowsing was actually going to work... yet it did!

No wonder these and other such places have fired people's imaginations for thousands of years, because for some, (as the Smithsonian admitted) they “mark the spot of an unseen natural energy source.”

It might seem quite absurd to most in today’s high-tech age, this concept of primeval burial mounds, standing stones and churches having been constructed, (often thousands of years apart) with some kind of mystical connecting ritual in mind... lines spanning in all points of the compass across the world; yet such an idea is precisely what dozens of very influential pioneers have suggested.

'Ley' is a subtle energy, often barely detectable on scientific gadgets, but far better located using Dowsing Rods, and can travel over or through the ground, and understood to be geologically generated in nature.

Before we continue, it must be pointed out, that in our proposal of a Hog in the Surrey landscape, we are NOT discussing an entirely man-made sloping, hillside figure comparable to *The Long Man of Wilmington*, or *The Uffington, White Horse*, but a probable chance occurrence... flat plane geometry on the ground, perhaps preserved by man.

As we touched on just now, there are other places such as the Nazca, Peru lines and drawings, where the problem of how people living in a time without maps or aircraft, could have had any involvement with these large-scale, landscape creations, (most of which can only be viewed from an aerial perspective) has baffled many experts for decades.

No one can say for sure, but a few have theorized with ideas such as Remote Viewing/OOBE's or Out-of-Body-Experiences, which are both best described as altered/mental/spiritual states, where one is able to mentally perceive things from a place outside one's body, without any limitations of distance; such states can be artificially induced either through meditative practice or, as in some Shamanic tribal cultures, through the use of natural narcotic substances.

Perusing through rural tradition and custom literature, (some, hailing from times where the Heresy Act was still in force, and thus it was difficult to say exactly what one wanted to) impressions are given of instances where, during the middle ages and thereafter, many 'land husbands' were still of pagan persuasion, and held a strong faith in 'the living earth', sometimes referred to as Gaia.

In between the lines, is frequently how forbidden details were conveyed, thus, during those dangerous ages, the *meat* of such beliefs and practises, often became crammed between the *bread* of flowery writing, folklore and superstition.

Imagine for a moment, that the phenomenon of remote viewing/OOBE states WAS known about here anciently, and formerly employed by soothsayers in this country; such knowledge could have been used to locate the whereabouts of any favourable ground simulacrum, with the view to using these shapes for earth rituals; this may have even been performed in conjunction with ancient farming calendars, presumably, with the hope of improving land fertility/specialized planting/increasing harvest yields; Just an idea there.



Taking the idea a stage further, we also began looking into early zodiacal rituals/beliefs, and discovered that in mythology the Hog creature itself is connected to the \*Hyades star cluster, and thus, if our example was known about in centuries past, (as we are thinking) then it would have been considered of great significance in the pagan belief system.

\*The Roman people knew The *Hyades* as *Suculae* or "the Little Pigs": Hyades comes from the Indo-European root \**su*- 'Pig'. Derivatives: **swine**, **hog**, **sow**.

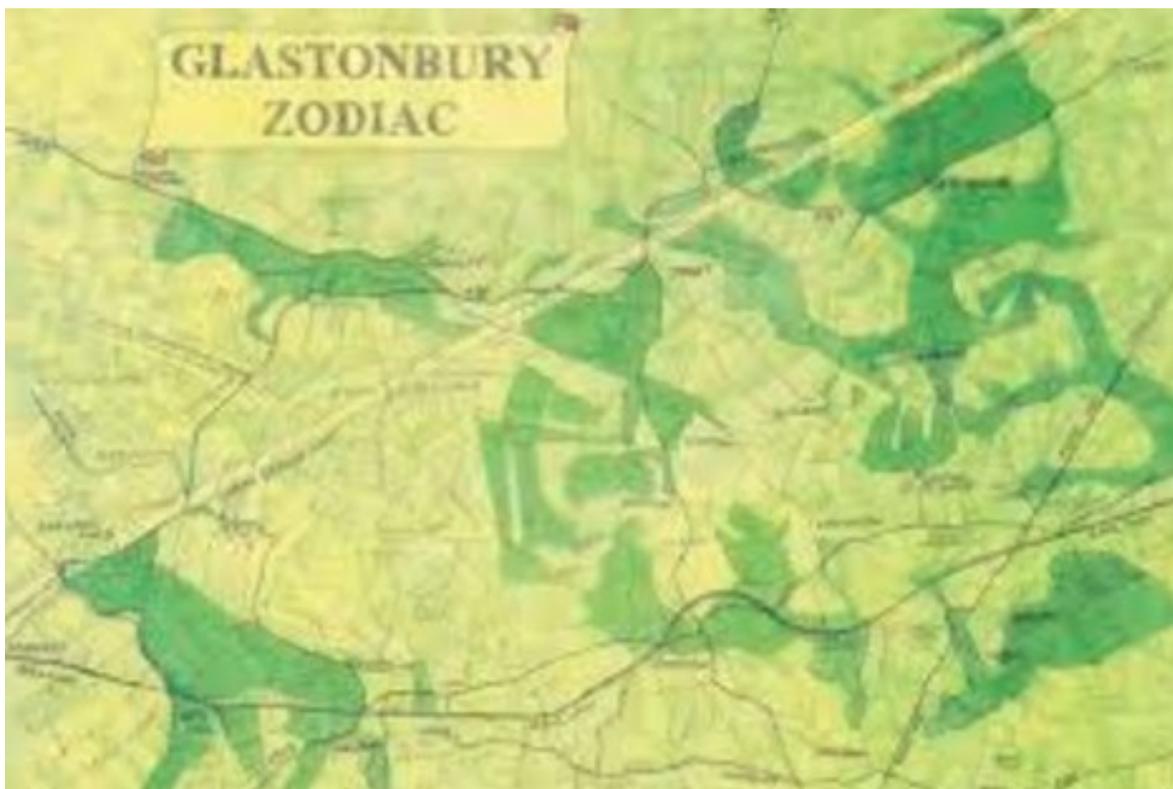
Smaller geological features such as shapes in mountains cliffs/rock faces were held in such high esteem by those of the earth worship communities, that these effigies were often preserved and even enhanced over time by teams of dedicated enthusiasts.

Also, it must be assumed that any sacred land geometry would be sustained through the careful positioning on its boundaries of temples, trackways, fences, ditches and small constructions, often incorporating tree markers, mounds, wells etc.

It crossed our minds also, that anyone could have simply marked out the geographical positions of each sacred site, in small scale, on parchment or in the soil, (along with many others now presumed disappeared, dug out, filled in and otherwise covered over) and like a dot-to-dot puzzle, joined the sites together with a line, and noticed that indeed, the great majority had formed the crude diagram of a pig.

Along with the Surrey Hog, there are several other examples like this to be found around Britain; such as the supposed Glastonbury Zodiac which consists of a series of mounds, paths, streams and rivers that come together to form terrestrial representations of the 12 horoscope constellations; again, like our Hog, these can only be seen from up high in the sky, about 4-5 miles above.

Yet, even though insinuations were made by the Elizabethan astrologer John Dee (1527-1609) that such a feature most certainly existed, the Glastonbury Zodiac has now been called into question; some call it 'bad archaeology', but, we are confident that what we have discovered is NOT so easy to dismiss as some landscape figures are.



**The Glastonbury Zodiac**

Problem is, all of these would have been impossible to see from ground level in early times due to their scale, even from hilltop vantage points; but for the Surrey Hog at least, that problem has been solved to our satisfaction.

Today, lookalike contours of this nature remain unknown by most, yet these can be readily identified through map studies; and, if they were known about in times past, they can be further confirmed with the aid of local place names.

Following two major UFO experiences that we enjoyed whilst watching over this area, both of us became really curious... wondering just why it was, that the UFOs chose this particular location to make an appearance and put on such a spectacular show for us.



**30 09 2016 - Approx. 2.00 pm  
Captured on the Hog's Back, Surrey, UK (Simple enlargement of object)**

Contrary to what some may think, UFOs certainly exist, as evidenced by our BEAMS site <http://www.beamsinvestigations.org/ufo-reports.html> where 100's of thought-provoking pictures & videos are submitted to us and displayed on our report site every year. Largely taken by amateur photographers, these contain phenomena that are 'alien' to our understanding; but that simply means they can't be identified or explained by our current, (outdated) aeronautical and scientific knowledge.

The UFO phenomenon has occurred throughout recorded human history, and Ufology, (the investigation of unidentified flying objects by people who believe that these things may be of extraordinary origin) is truly a marvellous subject to be involved in; the only frustration we put up with is how people will insist on viewing these captures using mobile phones; whereas we believe that to study recorded evidence properly one should always view this type of material on a decent size screen... such as a tablet, laptop, monitor, etc wherever possible; by relying purely on small phone screens, people are missing so much.

Of course, the question is where these objects do, (the real UFOs) actually come from? well, we suggest that some may involve visitations from other "realities" or "dimensions" that coexist separately alongside our own.

This is not necessarily an alternative to the extra-terrestrial hypothesis, (ETH) both could be true simultaneously.

French secret services, former director says: UFOs come from parallel worlds!

For the first time, the former head of the French Directorate-General for Foreign Security, (DGSE) an intelligence agency, has addressed the UFO problem as something out of this world and dimension.

Alain Juillet, a former agent and director of French intelligence, in a recent interview has said rather controversial things about the UFO phenomenon. It is the first time that a former intelligence agent, then a senior government official, openly addresses the issue of unidentified flying objects, recognizing their existence and external nature on this planet.

Which shows that we are far from alone in our concept of interdimensional alien visitation.

Perhaps this first example is one such case.

2008 Hogs Back Disc UFO: By a witness who wishes to remain anonymous.

“I was due to attend a tap class at St John's Hall, Cove, and I had just watched something strange fly over the village, which seemed to come from the Fernhill Road area; I saw this quite clearly.

I came in the door of the hall after observing it, (and knowing how an unidentified, triangular craft had been seen over the area, on-and-off for a few years now, by various people) I felt it safe to mentioned to my friends what I had just seen.

Overhearing this, my dance teacher said, "what, another one!"

That's interesting she exclaimed, and then she told me about a mother and daughter who attended one of her other classes, who revealed to her all about an unnerving experience which they just had where they live along the Hog's Back.

They said, they were about to leave their house for the dance class, when suddenly, a sizeable, disc-shaped object appeared over their home.

Both mum and her daughter were freaked out by the sight but observed what they could of this UFO hanging low in the sky.

The pair could only make out parts of its underside, which seemed dull with no features; and try as they might to get a better look, they were only able to see 'the craft' from certain angles through their windows.

They were far too frightened to even step outside and had to wait for this thing to go, which it eventually did, after what 'seemed like a lifetime'; then they dashed out to the car and made their journey, still very shaken.

The witnesses are not sure how the object departed, whether it flew away or simply vanished; all they knew is one moment it was there, next it had gone... much to their relief.

They arrived at the class late and very shaken, but the daughter eventually got on with her dancing, though still obviously disturbed by what had taken place.”  
[End]

*In our opinion, there is no hardcore evidence for the assumption that all reliable witness observations of ‘alien’ objects, beings or creatures can be attributed to extraterrestrial visitation.*

*A far greater and more logical point of derivation would be INNER SPACE.*

*Thus, perhaps, we should be thinking more in terms of Trans-Dimensional visitations involving energies, figures and creatures appearing from other dimensions, parallel worlds and universes, whose doorways, (also known as*

*windows) co-exist with our own material plane and space time, (though on a different frequency or level of molecular and atomic vibration) only to be seen when certain circumstances permit.*

Back to our investigation again... and as researchers who had long been interested in ancient grounds and earth mysteries, we began to ponder, **was there something unusual about the very area itself?** Hilary and I made it our priority to learn more, and that is when we discovered a landscape contour that give the impression, in every important respect, of a pig, hog, swine and so forth ... an example of topographic simulacrum. To paraphrase something we read somewhere, (written in jest most likely), ‘maps can be works of fiction and easily lead a person astray’; but for us two, it wasn’t only about reading maps – one could say it was more about **learning to read the landscape!**

We studied numerous antique pre-1800’s maps, (if they can be called ‘maps’ ... perhaps the terms ‘diagrams’ or ‘paintings’ are more fitting) of the Surrey/Hampshire borders, and to be honest, most of these were quite impractical due to their poor drafting and limited coverage. Undoubtedly, topographic simulacra, (lookalikes) was something our ancestors would have found fascinating, because many in olden times held a strong faith in the relationships between symbols and reality. What we today may term simulacra, would have undoubtedly been considered as signs... portents and prodigies, that when interpreted by those who observed them, could provide guidance and advice from *the gods*... as then, revered.

Trigonometry points have always helped man in marking out the landscape and map creation, with this long-forgotten vintage example discovered, (would you believe it of all places?) covered by brambles in a hedgerow along the Hog’s Back A31 road!



**Note this trig point’s symbol on the right, located between the ‘O’ and the ‘S’ which is supposed to represent an arrow pointing up.**

**For us, it resembles two lines going to a horizon point!**

**Images courtesy of [trigpointing.uk](http://trigpointing.uk)**

Obviously though, because the more modern cartographical sheets are mapped from an aerial perspective it would be expected that earlier man shouldn't have been able to see bizarre landscape terrestrial pictures such as the Hog, as he wouldn't usually be able to spot such simulations from ground level; unless, that is, somehow, he WAS able to view from above!

Out of the question? Well, perhaps not entirely.

As touched upon previously, one has to ask, just what was the purpose of the Nazca, Peru desert lines and pictures? Considering how they can only be appreciated from the air – miles up.

After umming and arring for months, eventually we abandoned our usual Ordnance Survey sheets in favour of another scale of paper map, the humbler, quarter inch to the mile Road Map of Surrey 1: 253,440, (a 1980's map published by Barnett's) along with a South East road atlas, scale two and a half miles to one inch, as with a few exceptions, we found that other more detailed, broader maps would not work quite as effectively for our purposes.



**One exception to the more modern maps used, we also found the Hog figure on an 1850's OS map, (some of which itself, is based on a 1791 Trigonometrical Survey). Again, no dishonesty... only the recognised routes of that time have been highlighted.**

Ignoring certain, huge modern monstrosities like the \*M3, (usually marked on maps in blue... and in this case under the Hogs' tail - which slightly spoils the

perfection of this silhouette) the Hog is easily distinguishable and stands out proud.

\*Mentioning the M3, one a reader of a related YT video submitted this interesting comment:

*“I'm 69 and have family in Mytchett. Early 1990's about 11.30 pm we were coming back home from a visit to them and just joining the M3. To our left up above was this absolutely massive saucer craft with very bright beaming lights underneath and it appeared to be following us. I and my partner were sitting in the back looking out of the rear-view window and my mother and father, who was driving, shouted 'turn round and stop looking at it'. None of us ever spoke of this during the one-hour drive home or again. Why didn't we talk? Was it a memory wipe? No trauma was attached to it whatsoever. They are long deceased now so no asking. Sorry for the long post. End. [Mytchett itself does fall within The Hog]*

We've searched and searched – but haven't found another.

When we came across the map *Hog* lookalike, that was interesting enough, but when we learned what this contained, that was our eureka moment!

It was then we knew we would be at odds with many academics.

**We are convinced that historically, this natural feature would have been maintained, (perhaps even enhanced) kept in shape over time with the use of buildings, earthworks, hedges, tracks, field boundary fences, stone indicators and that type of thing; but despite skirting the same route, our Hog is now denoted by roads; from the A31, (the Hog's Back) A246, A245, A320, A319, B383, B3020, A30, A325 and the 'tail' is the A287 to Newnham, Hampshire.**

**The aforementioned roads appear to have been built contiguous to the Hog, essentially surrounding it as it were.**

Now that might seem nonsensical to some poring over these pages, but as the bends and curves in certain country routes still testify, early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, back roads/lanes, (now termed second class and minor) in particular, were sympathetically developed around the lesser-known archaeological sites, landscape markers and other features wherever possible.

With a sense of duty, rather than sacrificing and tarmacking over, (as tends to be the case with the Highways Agency of today) road planners would ensure that our records of bygone times be built close to, rather than over, leaving certain unclassified features from previous epochs untouched by modern road-building machinery.

There are numerous contemporary examples where hedges, destroyed when roads have been widened for the first time in their life of perhaps more than a thousand years, have been replanted, but repositioned further back.

Such repositioning would naturally cause irregularities in the shape of any landscape contour.

This letter from the Highways Agency concerning the proposed route for the Newbury Bypass in 1996, shows the dilemma faced by planners when trying to protect our history...

*“Any route for the bypass would be likely to encounter a variety of archaeological remains, including some of national importance... there would be little purpose in arguing for the established line to be changed in order to avoid one set of archaeological sites, only then to have to respond to a different set of sites...”*

During these constructions, countless varieties of wildlife and flora are also eliminated for the convenience of tarmac surfacing.

Clearly, (bearing in mind that here we are discussing everything in profile) the Hog’s Back road A31 epitomizes its spine; travelling round towards Leatherhead - and off-hog, (but neighboring) \*Headley signifies the cranium.

**\*Headley appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as the manor of *Hallega*. It was held by Radulfus (Ralph) de Felgeres. Its Domesday assets were: 2 hides; 6 ploughs and woodland worth 15 hogs.**

**We find it more than a bit curious how this name Manor of *Hallega* (the literal meaning of which is ‘a clearing with heather’) is so close the Old English word *Halig* which meant ‘holy’ – and incidentally, is also associated with ‘hog’!**

**Halig from Proto-Germanic \*hailagaz (“holy, bringing health”), from Proto-Germanic \*hailaz (“healthy”), equivalent to hāl (“whole”) + -ig. This suggests to us that the free land of Hallega, (Headley) was so-named long before ‘Ralph’ built his manor there.**

**Surrey Archaeological Society’s Bulletin 476 states... in 2019 a test-pit was dug by archaeologists in the grounds of an old house in Rowhurst, Leatherhead revealed that “the brick structure was built over a very substantial flint and rubble square basement of unknown date: some have suggested a 16th century date, others medieval or much earlier. Attached to one side is the timber-frame part which includes the timber dated to 1346. Finds from within the house include a Bellarmine witch-bottle.” ... a further indicator of occult practices once having been prevalent throughout the Hog region; more on this later.**

Ockham, and its former megalithic stone marks/marked the eye of our figure; Fetcham (springs) is possibly its Snout.

*Tales of Old Surrey* by Matthew Alexander, (curator of Guildford Museum) speaks of a ‘tunnel’ which was said to run from Ockham; a product of myth makers for the dim-witted? or a message concerning something else, passed down the centuries, which has become inexact over time?

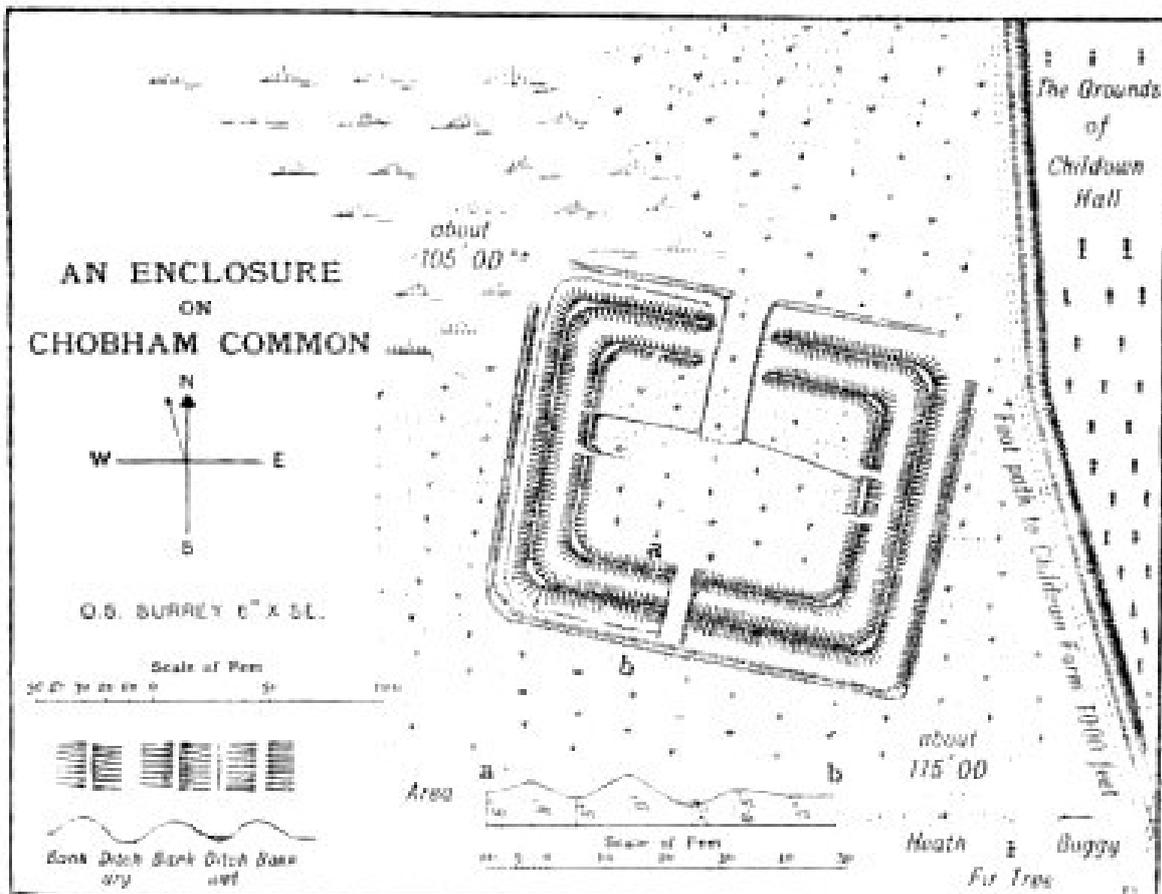
Next, Stoke D'Abernon (Hogtrough Lane) denotes the mouth; the Hogs' front leg is marked by the remains of a large multivallate \*hillfort of Iron Age date at Weybridge. \*Various archaeologists operating in Britain have criticised the use of the term "hillfort" both because of its perceived connection to fortifications and warfare. Historian, Leslie Alcock believes that the term "enclosed places" is more accurate. Meriting a mention too, (for their former significance) are Dragon Lane - the St George's Hill Estate, and Old Avenue, Weybridge; formerly, an underground holy spring ran locally, but it now carries a private, gated community area, golf course and all; this was for centuries, acknowledged as an area of great natural beauty, which was once owned by royalty and the aristocracy.



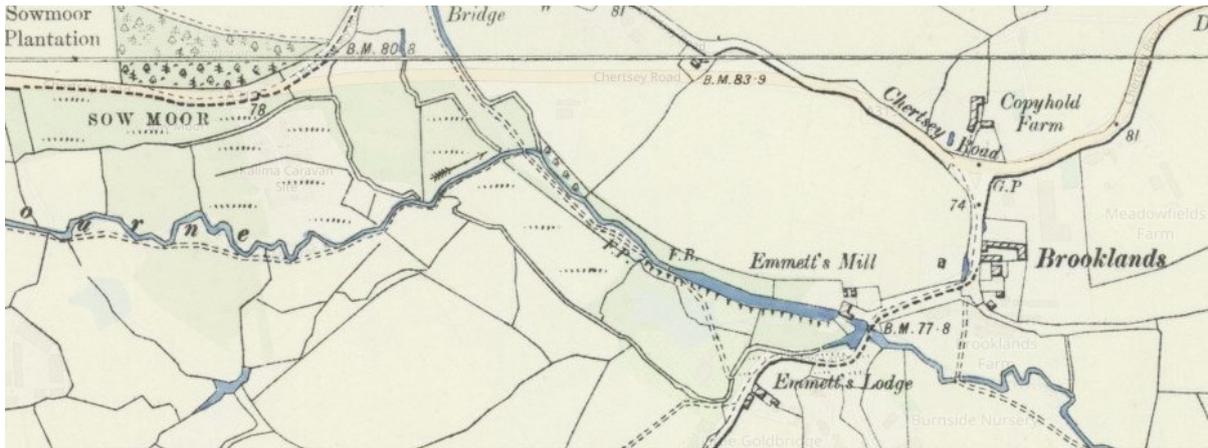
And now, the two ancient Bats Hogstye's (watch the slightly different spellings for these); *Hogsty* meaning a pen, house, or enclosure for hogs.

The first is at Chobham, Surrey - and the other, in Aldershot, Hants.

No 1, Sow Moor, Chobham -The Bats Hogstye, a substantial earthwork,  
celebrates the belly of our landscape figure...



Above, is an archaeological diagram of the Bats Hogstye – Sow Moor, Chobham



Map showing Sow Moor Plantation, Sow Moor (Chobham Bats Hogstye) and Brooklands

Next, a profile of the Hog's 'rump' is marked by the Bats Hogstye, a 2nd earthwork of the same name as the Chobham site, (though spelt another way) located at Aldershot.

The Hog's buttocks and tail area are represented by such places as 'Bourley Hill', (Caesar's Camp), [Bourley, pronounced 'Borley', could well be related to 'Boar' as the name is a compound of the Saxon words "Bap" and "Ley" meaning "Boar's Pasture"]: 'Hog Hatch', ('Hatch' = its anus?) [ hōgidz ] is *Hoghache* 1570, *MinAcct* , *Hoggage* 1749 B . v. **hæcc** 'Upper Hale' ('Hale' rhyming with tail) *Hale* 1222 Rental; *del Hale* 1258 Pat is *Hale* 1222 Rental ,*del Hale* 1258 Pat (p) . v. **health**.

It is suggested that Hoghatch Farm, Hog Hatch Lane, Spring Lane, Folly Hill and the site of Park Farm and Hale, Pightle House, (a common name = farm barn or small enclosure, but probably spoken in Old English as a "pigtail") are all notable in their own way.



Above, is earthwork No 2 - The Bats Hogstye – Long Valley, Aldershot  
Incidentally, this site is much more difficult to access these days due to the military having erected a road barrier to stop people going through this area, (the woods to the right-hand side

of what is known as the 'Aldershot Arena') which was, previously, an extremely good sky watching spot for UFOlogists like us.



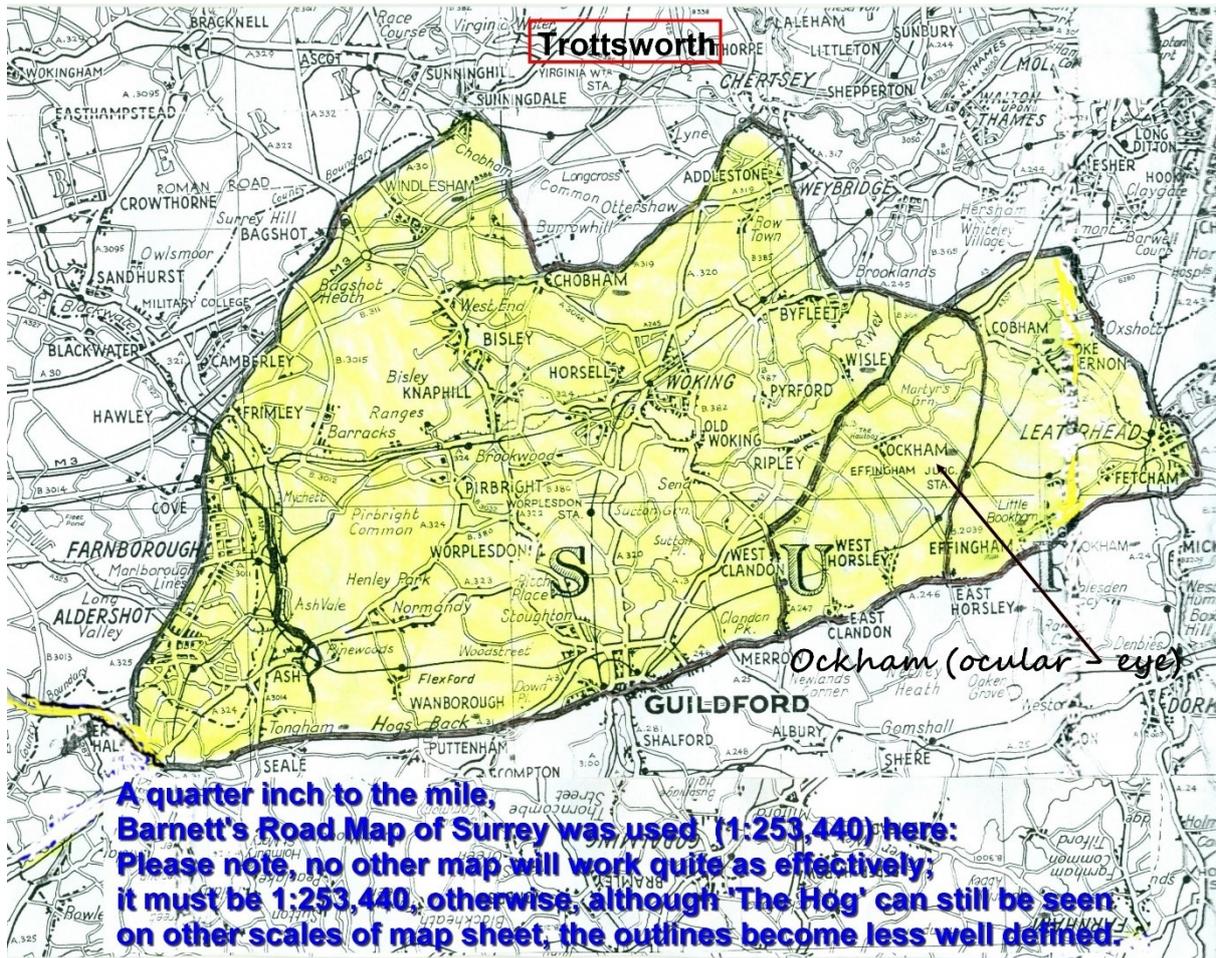
Another view of The Bats Hogsty (note the spelling) – Long Valley, Aldershot

Located in remote woodlands, the curiously named 'Bats Hogsty' is an ancient earthwork system, which consists of several lines of strange banks and ditches covering half an acre of land. Until recently, archaeologists were somewhat puzzled as to what this site could have originally been constructed for.

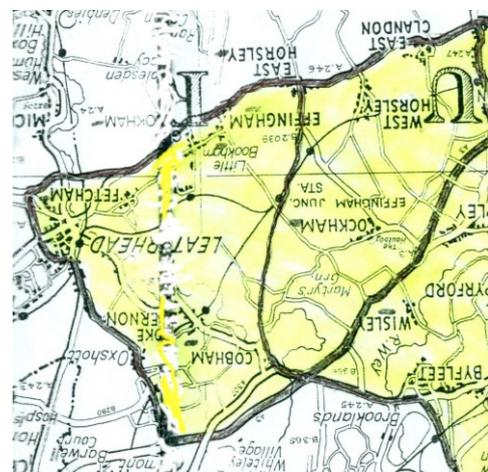
It is likely though, that this set-up was used for herding swine as the acquired Hogs Stye, (Pig Pen) title indicates; and the latest suggestion by scholars as to how this name ever came about, is that 'Bat' was likely enough 'an important local person, and the construction was dedicated to him.'

'Bat' sure must have been a popular name in times long ago because, (almost unbelievably) there is another similarly named earthwork called the Bats Hogstye to be found just 12 miles or so away at Chobham!

According to Eric Gardner, M.B. (CANTAB.), F.S.A, the Chobham Bat's Hogstye is not as old as it's Aldershot counterpart, and so for us, this significant age difference between the two sites proves that 'Bat' was NOT a person's name after all, and far more likely to have been a remembrance of an ancient deity.



Once more we asked ourselves, is this all just a random, chance occurrence? But then, (at the barest of minimums) how does one account say, for the positioning of **Ockham**, smack-bang where the eye should be...



a name that has several meanings...

Is Ockham...

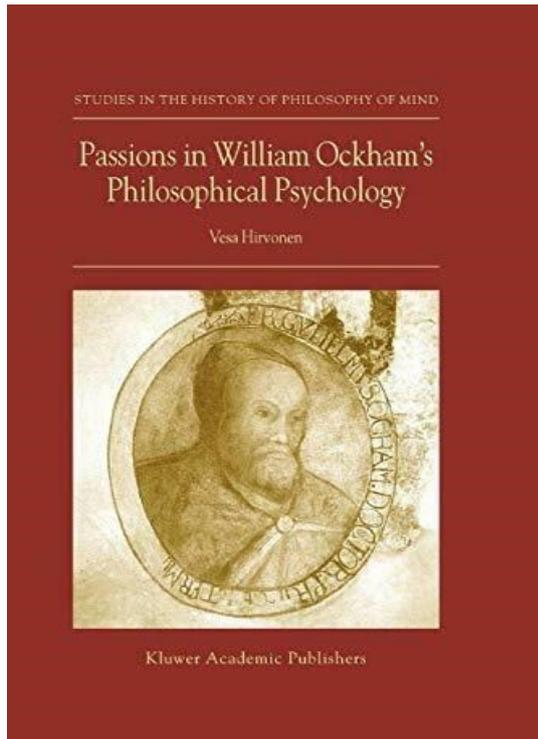
1. 'Possibly a homestead or enclosure of a man called Occa'?
2. So-named after \*William Ockham (c. 1287–1347), English friar, philosopher, and theologian? Origin of the 'Occam's Razor'- the principle that states the simplest explanation is usually the best one.

**\*We think that this old name fallacy should be put to bed once and for all, right here, right now.**

**In reality, very little in the way of biographical information about William survives; his surname is unknown...**

**...his Christian name was 'William' right enough, but his surname was NOT 'Ockham', 'Occam' or anything like it.**

**Right enough, he was thought to be born in Ockham, yet is often referred to as 'William Ockham' - when it should always be 'William of Ockham'; and due to that reason, the 'William Ockham' invention is repeated copycat fashion by innumerable authors. Our point is, Ockham the place was there long before William was even born, thus his supposed surname is the title of a hamlet; he wasn't called Ockham back then – only now!**



Or is it

3. From Middle English **-ock**, from Old English **-oc**, **-uc** , from Proto-Germanic **-ukaz**. Akin to Old Saxon **-ik**, (diminutive suffix) German **-ich**, Middle Low German **-ken**, (diminutive suffix) Middle Dutch **-kin**, Old Norse **-kr**, (diminutive suffix)?

Or is it

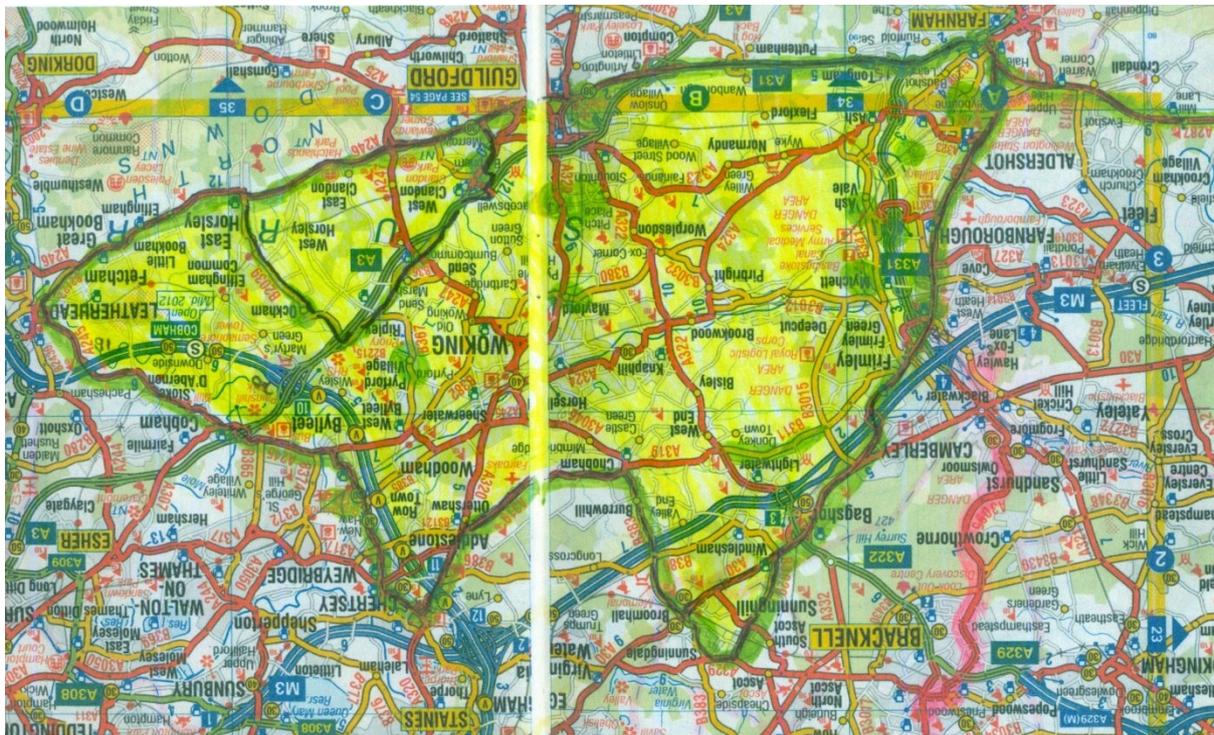
4. Established from Proto-Indo-European Hellenic **ók<sup>w</sup>tis - h<sub>3</sub>ok<sup>w-</sup>, h<sub>3</sub>ek<sup>w-</sup>** (“eye; to see”)... eventually resulting in the English word **Oculus**?

### Origin



late 16th century: from late Latin *ocularis*, from Latin *oculus* ‘eye’.

Based on the *ocular* testimony, of or relating to the eye *ocular* muscles; ‘resembling an eye in form or function’.



**Fact:** The area point on our Hog was called ‘Ockham’ way before William was even born!

We think that the answer is obvious.

Now, what is the authority for believing that this mediæval philosopher was a native of the picturesque Surrey parish of Ockham?—village I cannot call it, because, however the case may have been in the thirteenth century, there is clearly no village now. He “was possibly,” says Mr. R. L. Poole, in the “*Dictionary of National Biography*,” “a native of the village in Surrey from which he bore his name.” That Ockham, or Occam, as he is sometimes called, derived his name from the Surrey parish is probably correct. I cannot find that there is any other place of the same name in England mentioned in Lewis’ “*Topographical Dictionary*.” Probably another thirteenth century Franciscan—Nicholas Occam—hailed from the same quiet spot. Brayley, anxious to complete the trio of “eminent divines,” adds yet a third, John de Ockham, who flourished under Edward III. This latter seems at any rate to have been a much less distinguished person than either of his two predecessors.

Excerpts from the Surrey Magazine May 1900: Above - Re ‘William’: Below Re ‘Name’ origins

46 The Surrey Magazine.

ments in the Weald. The guesses at the meaning of place names of ancient philologists are generally more humorous than correct—one only stays to smile at that “old Mr. Knight, an eminent schoolmaster of Kent,” who has been immortalised by Aubrey for his brilliant conjecture that Guildford ought properly to be known as “Gold ford,” because of some gold having once been dropped there in the ford! The method is the method of Mr. Ignatius Donnelly of the great Shakespearean Cryptogram. All we have to do is to adopt beforehand some more or less plausible theory, and then twist and distort our facts and our spelling into conformity with our preconceived notion. The thing is simplicity itself. But in the case of Ockham, probably enough, the sturdy old guessers were right. Aubrey leaves the question severely untouched; but Fuller boldly plunges in and styles the place “a village so called of the *oakes*.” Very likely; though I do not, alas! remember at the moment whether the oak is now-a-days a conspicuous ornament in the pleasant Ockham lanes. Anyhow, it may have been the blackberry in the days of Wamba and Gurth.

And our English place name dictionary... what does that list for Ockham?

Well, that says, (as might be expected) “possibly homestead or enclosure of a man called Occa” ‘Oak homestead/village’ is more the mark... but emblematically, it is felt that this is the eye... as from Proto-Indo-European *\*h<sub>3</sub>ok-*, *\*h<sub>3</sub>ek-* (“eye; to see”).



Ockham Pond – its watery eye, is a strong possibility



David & Charles reprint of the first edition of the one-inch Ordnance Survey map of Dorking and Kingston dated 1862.

Bodystone Hill, Ockham, has huge potential – can't find out any more about this place though.

And remember, 'the Hog' CAN still be appreciated on some other scales of map sheet also, it is just that the outlines become less well defined.

**It's all about how much area is being covered by a particular map; zoom in, and one sees less expanse, less coverage; zoom out, and more districts, roads and other features are shown; thus, for our Hog, that is where distortion, (with the Hog taking on a ragged appearance) happens - and why it can only be seen properly on the maps specified in this report.**

Any which way one looks at it, with no cheating, using the correct maps, this shape of a pig-like *creature* can be effortlessly outlined.

How-so? - how did this come about? Our guess is, preceding the main A-roads, (major roads) B-roads, back roads or distributor roads, occupation roads, (for the sole use of the occupiers of the land concerned) it was just primitive village cartways, trackways etc in these parts - heavily travelled though they doubtless were.

A mighty-strong suspicion we have, is that these old ways were purposely built, in close vicinity to the Hog.

More than likely, the original cart tracks and what have you, were intentionally fashioned tightly **around** this elementary lookalike of a Hog; along with field boundary fences, banks, trenches, pathways, hedgerows and other features, all carefully positioned/planted/cut/set etc to maintain the sharpness of what is, at the end of the day, a basically shaped feature in the landscape; and, as you can see, the contemporary roads at this point follow along the original routes planned out many hundreds of years ago!

But here's the real mystery; this crude, natural, geographical feature can only be seen from above! And we will address that foremost issue later!

Reading the work 'Historical Memorials of Canterbury' by Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, (1855) we find in 'Appendix to The Shrine of Beckett', that the author draws attention to some identifiable points on this arrangement: '*At \*Farnham, the abrupt termination of the Surrey downs presents itself in the remarkable ridge known as "the Hog's Back"*'.

*Thence there are two communications towards Guildford, diverging at a place called "Whiteways End", one being the main turn-pike-road along the ridge, the other, and probably being the more ancient, running under that height towards the tumulus and adjoining eminence south of Guildford known as \*St. Catherine's Hill, where it seems to have crossed the river Wey at a ferry towards Shalford.*

*The name of “Conduit Farm”, near this line, situated on the south flank of the Hog’s Back, may possibly be worth observation.*

*Eastward of Guildford, the way doubtless proceeded along the flank of the downs, by or near St. Martha’s Chapel, situated on a remarkable eminence, (with an altitude of at least 167 m.) insulated from the adjacent downs.’*

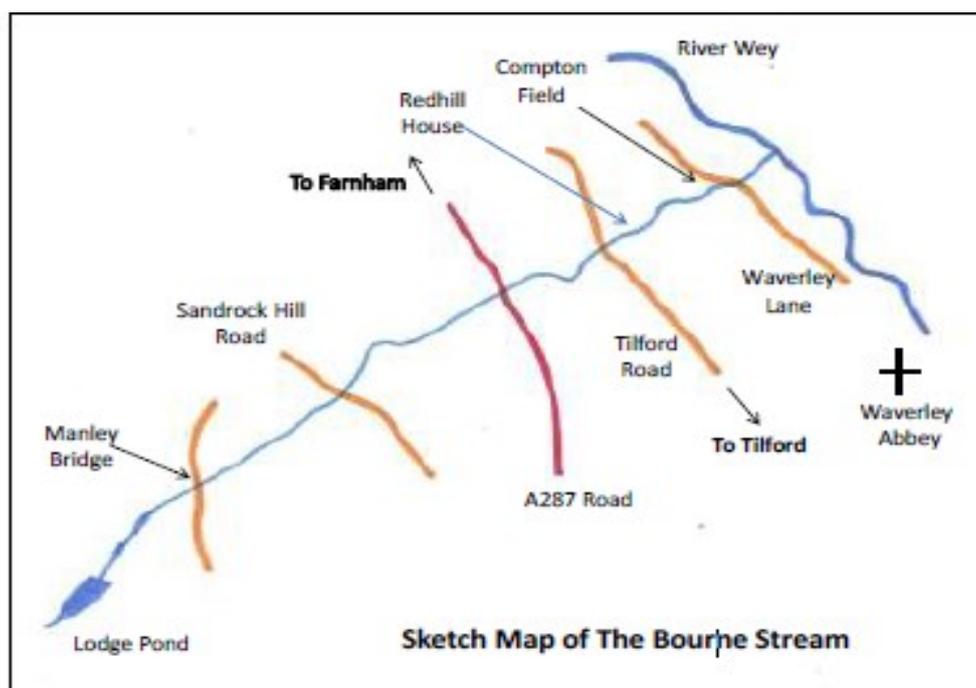
\*Make a note of ‘Conduit Farm’.

\*This is a part of the Pilgrim’s way.

\*St. Martha’s Chapel is accessible only by foot. A 12th-century church existed here before falling into ruin by the 18th century.

\*A cave has been discovered here which is approximately dated from the 14<sup>th</sup> century – possibly a medieval shrine or hermitage, alleged to have links with the close-by sanctuary of St. Catherine. It may even have earlier origins as a site of cult activity, due to its pre-14th century name of '**Hill of the Dragon**'.

\* The Bourne, (once considered sacred) is a small seasonal watercourse located between the River Wey North Branch and the River Wey South Branch in Farnham.

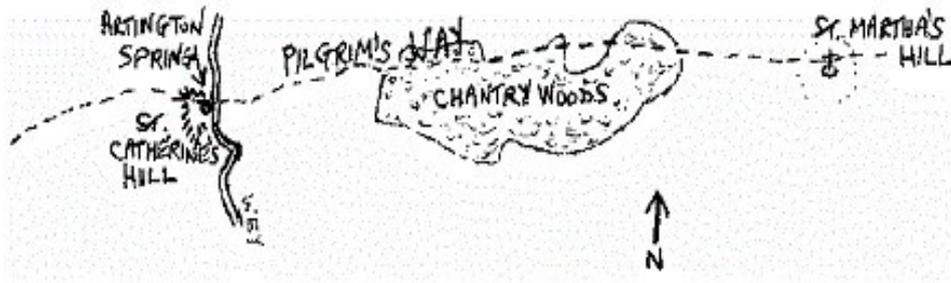




\*Records over several generations talk about cottagers on St. Catherine's Hill keeping livestock such as pigs and goats; undoubtedly the people living here would have used the hill and the Common for grazing.

On the Pilgrim's Way between Winchester and Canterbury and located between the manors of Chilworth and Tyting, (both of which are mentioned in the Domesday Book) St Martha-on-the-Hill, Halfpenny Lane, Guildford is a wonderful old church, logical of close examination by any truth-seeker.

**Catherine and Martha –**  
some observations by *M J Harper and H L Vered - The Megalithic Empire*



**St. Catherine's and St. Martha's Hills**

St. Catherine's Hill was formerly called Drakehull, Draco or Drake Hill, Draco meaning Dragon, and according to legend, a dragon guarded the springs there.

In ancient English mythology, dragons were said to guard or protect important sites.

The top of St. Catherine's Hill was an ancient beech grove, and was the site of shamanistic chants and drumming. There is also a local legend which says that the hill was the eye of a pagan dragon.



A 'Catherine hill' is always of interest especially here where it is twinned with a St Martha's Hill and both with 'chapels of ease' on their summits.

Chapels-on-a-hill are built over former standing stones, in this case acting as \*waymarkers for megalithic travellers coming up from the Channel coast. [\*comment here by authors Ken and Hil; surely, wooden signposts would have been just as good for this purpose, why go through all the effort of dragging huge stones to these, (often hard to access) high points like St Catherine's Hill?]

Despite their Christian names, Catherine and Martha have gone down in legend as giantesses who allegedly built the two chapels by tossing a hammer to and fro across the valley, a recognisably Megalithic motif.

Sites that are imposing and supposed to be unimaginably old are often ascribed to mythic giants, just as huge dykes are believed to have been built by the Devil.

The legend suggests the two hills are to some extent man-made. At any rate, these hills, as with so many holy springs and wells, have been unconvincingly incorporated into Christianity.

### **The Artington Spring**

St Catherine's Hill overlooks the Artington spring, whose waters were believed to have healing properties, particularly for eye complaints, a common attribute of 'holy wells'.

The *art* in Artington is probably a reference to artemisia or ‘magic art’ since the drug is a powerful hallucinogenic. The alternative explanation offered, that it is connected to hart as in harts/deer/stags, etc., is actually further evidence since these are thoroughly Megalithic animals. The springs may have already existed or been specially provided at this designated crossing point, presumably for a fee in either case. [End]

## **St Martha and the Dragon**

Permission is granted to tell and retell this story.

Story-Teller Janet Dowling

Outside of Guildford, there is a hill, and on the top of it is a church called St Martha’s. If you go in there you will see a standard with a picture of St Martha and a DRAGON at her feet! This is their story.

A long time ago, in France, in a place called Nerluc, near Avignon, the people were very scared. Animals were disappearing – and no one knew why.

First it was just a lamb. Then a sheep, and then a cow. All the people were worried what would be next? They began to lock their animals up at night, but then they found scratches on the doors, and sometimes the doors broken open, and more animals taken.

“What is happening? What kind of monster is doing this? Who will find out?”

Ten brave men agreed to stay awake all through the night and see what they could see. Outside the town they tethered a few goats as bait. And they waited. And waited. It was a long night and as the sun came up, they began to think the monster had left, when all of a sudden they turned and there it was. Just in the shadows in front of them. The monster roared at them, bared its teeth and lunged its claws at the nearest man, who just got away in time.

They had all seen the monster in the shadows. The trouble was they had all seen something different. One man said it was like a bear. Another man said it looked like a big ox with a huge turtle shell on it.

“No, No,” said a third, “It had a lions’ head.” Two people whispered that it had a scaly tail, just like a scorpion’s. They didn’t know what to think. All they knew that there was something big and strange in their forests, and it was threatening themselves and their families.

“What if it kills a man, a woman or a child?” The mayor of Nerluc put out a reward, and many people came to try and kill the beast. But I have to tell you, they all failed and many of them died when they were attacked by the monster.

The people of Nerluc were in despair. They didn't dare come out of their houses their animals were all locked up. People were too scared to leave their homes to even look after the crops and harvest.

They would starve. What were they to do? Into the town came a young woman called Martha. She had travelled a great distance. She had come from the Holy Land in a boat without a sail, or oars or a rudder and with her faith and a good wind, and she was brought to shore to Marseilles in the south of France.

There she had travelled preaching the message of peace and tolerance of Christ.

When the townspeople told her about the beast she knew she had heard about it before. It was the Tarasque, a dragon from Turkey. And she knew what must be done.

All by herself, she walked into a clearing in the woods, singing songs. The dragon heard her and came rushing into the clearing. Its teeth were bared, and he was ready to plunge his claws into her. Exactly the same as he had done with all the other people who had come to trap him.

Martha kept calm, and steady. Singing her song. The claws of the dragon came towards her. But her song was so gentle and sweet that it touched the dragon and calmed him down. He stopped, looked at her, and then knelt before her.

When she took off her belt, he allowed her to put it around his neck, and as she \*sang softly to him, the tamed dragon followed her out of the woods into the town.

The townspeople were amazed to see that this young woman had done what many knights had failed to do. And they were frightened to see the dragon coming towards their town. That fear took hold of them so strongly that they picked up their picks, and shovels, and spears and anything that they could get their hands on. And they did a dreadful thing.

While the dragon stood there peaceful and calm those terrified townspeople attacked the dragon and killed it. They were so scared of it.

When it was all over, the people began to realise what they had done. And some people began to feel very sorry and wanted to make up for it. To remember

what they had done, they changed the name of the town to Tarascon, and they decided to celebrate the taming of the dragon by St Martha. And that is how St Martha is remembered until today that you can overcome your fears and worries by facing up to them and taming them. [End] Source: Tales of the Surrey Hills

\*Other accounts say that Martha threw Holy water over the dragon to calm it.



**Picture: Saint Martha Taming the Tarasque, from Hours of Henry VIII - circa 1500. Coincidence? A cave has been discovered at St Catherine's Hill which is approximately dated from the 14<sup>th</sup> century – possibly a medieval shrine or hermitage, rumoured to have links with the nearby sanctuary. St. Catherine's Hill was formerly called Drake Hill, i.e. Dragon Hill, and according to legend a dragon guarded the springs there.**



St Martha's (known as 'The Beacon on the Hill'), Guildford c. 1700's

One commentator has written of "huge boulders" in neighbouring Weston Wood which point to the presence of a dolmen or stone circle.

Pausing for a moment, it must be asked in this context, just what is a dragon actually a metaphor for? Is it man's sins of greed, jealousy and wrath made flesh and scale and fire? or, is it as we tend to think, the practice and belief in earth magic and similar wiccan-type practices?

It is pretty certain that there are also links between this and another dragon legend for West Clandon, about 5 miles or so distant.

\**Folklore*, vol. 64, (June 1953), p. 350 records how the ability to cure was attributed to a number of Surrey springs and wells. One of these was at the base of St. Catherine's Hill, close to where the old trackway known as the Pilgrim's Way ran. Around 1894 companies of school children used to take bottles to fill them from the spring, and drink.

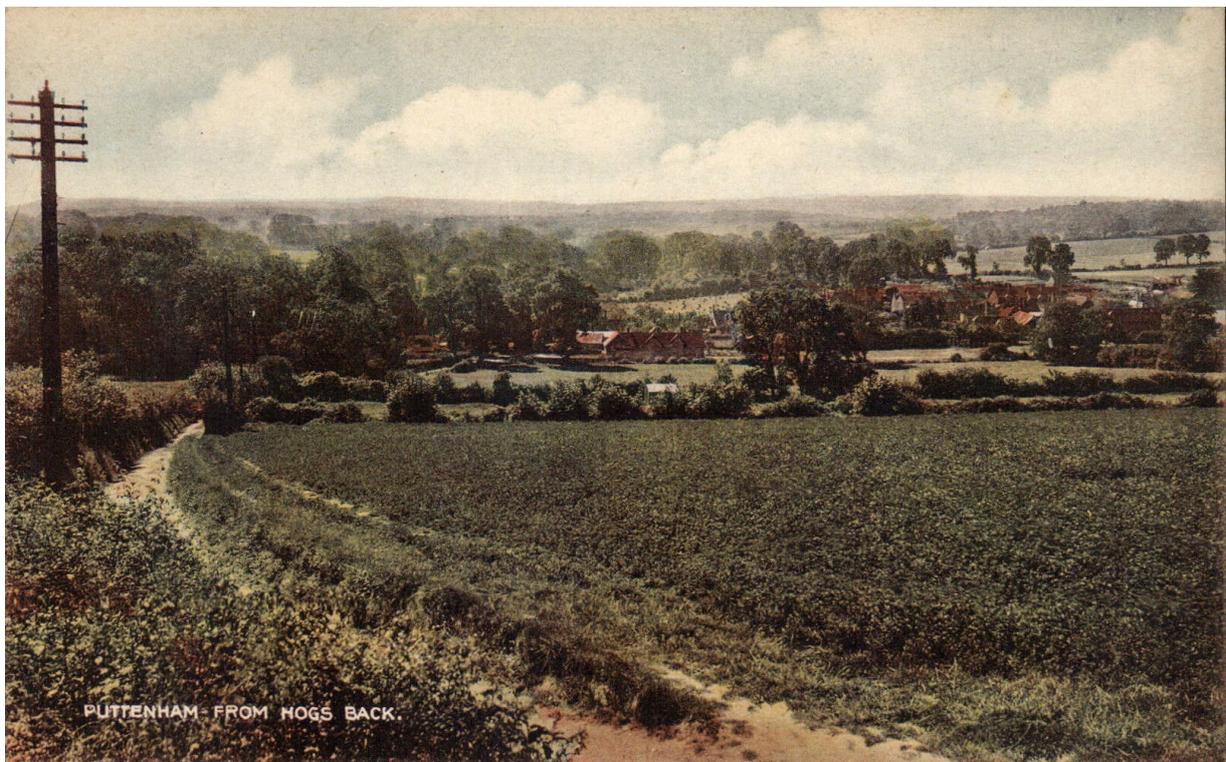
Of course, little today is as it once was; everything, names, places, recall of social usage etc. is either stifled, or exists as a meagre, frail reminiscence.

Interestingly, we came across this piece on a site aptly called Surrey's Ritual Landscape, produced by a retired Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building.

*In June 2014 I visited the site of the Hog's Back Barrow. The Hog's Back is a long chalk ridge beginning in the outskirts of Guildford and ending a couple of miles short of Farnham. The ridge runs east to west with panoramic views to the north and south. In the office I had made note of two sets of coordinates; the approximate position of the barrow, shown by the Ordnance Survey as an Ancient Monument symbol, and the point on the line where the FROWSBURY LINE intersected – this point is twenty metres to the east of the symbol.*

*There is an interchange roughly halfway along where the road to Wanborough passes beneath the dual carriageway, known locally as the Puttenham crossroads. Just beyond this point on the westbound carriageway is a large layby and cafe. Using the handheld GPS, I located the position of the Ancient Monument symbol on the tarmac on the south edge of the slip road exiting the layby.*

*The coordinates for the point on the overall pattern of alignments lies some 20m to the south-east of the symbol and was reached by crossing a low bank and through fairly dense growth into open grassland bordered by a post and rail fence.*



*The actual point was about a metre south of this fence. The rough grass here showed no sign of any change in ground levels, but this area needs to be looked at in the winter with minimum growth.*

*The position on the alignment doesn't make much sense at this point and seems more likely to be nearer the heavily wooded central reservation. This would give excellent sightlines in both directions.*

*Although the Druid Mile does not appear in the pattern here it could be of interest that the barrow and Wanborough Church are one DM apart if an element of slope correction is taken into account – the difference in elevation is quite considerable. Hillbury Hillfort has some interest but it is not until Culverswell Barrow where we find the 12 DM point is only the width of the barrow away. [End]*

To our eyes, the Hog figure jumped out without even having to mark the map with a pen!

It's just a completely accidental feature, a sheer fluke of nature, we are not claiming otherwise, and what a splendid way of guiding the viewer around our cartographical tour of extraordinary findings.

Chance occurrence though this 'Hog' outline is, what isn't coincidental, are the multitude of religious/ceremonial/other cultural sites of significance, (those of prehistory and more recent), together with scenes of abnormal events, that are revealed here; **far more per square mile, than might be expected to be found at random.**

Having driven around and within the Hog many times to personally visit its sites, (meeting lots of friendly and helpful people in the process) it has to be said that for us, physically exploring the very area we had been scrutinizing using paper maps, often felt quite a privilege.

As already explained, works on Toponymy and Etymology were examined, as well as the comprehensive and extremely rare "Primeval Pagan Mnemosyne" Vol 1 and 11 by S.E.F. Sheppard, (of which only 4 sets are known to exist) that contain page after page of meticulous surveys/site research notes and must have taken years to compile, which provided many answers to our questions.

Woking and Reading Universities helped us enormously in this respect also, by allowing us to peruse their archives.

After performing our initial dissection and removing some of the Hogs' *hide* as it were, one thing soon became apparent; the greater majority of remarkable places and phenomena seem to be found/or have occurred, either directly on its border framework, on its outskirts or deep within.

For us, this is further testimony that the Hog shape is really there and delineated, rather than it being ‘imaginary’; possibly first discovered ‘inadvertently’, then confirmed using simple surveying equipment and maintained through the ingenuity of careful marker siting.

The idea of this and other figures of its type? One hypothesis is that our early ancestors linked them to deities and respected them as such for their advantages.

Although ‘mistakes’ are inevitable with the volunteer-run online encyclopedia Wikipedia, (who are sometimes accused of ‘history revisionism’) they do have their good points; yet despite what they say about the Hog’s Back, our own personal investigations reveal that quite a bit of the land around here used to be employed by farmers in olden times for pig keeping, and likely enough biodynamic agriculture, along with esoteric concepts like astrological sowing.



Indeed, these animals were once considered as currency of sorts, and many of the woodlands and other ground regions, commemorate this fact with names such as \*Bat’s Hogsty, nr. Aldershot, (which according to the marked Hog map, is nearby the ‘tail’) Bats Hogstye at Chobham, (one of the Hogs’ legs as it were) Hogback, Hog Hatch, Hale, Altitude: 103 m. (338 ft) [‘tail’ again, its tail end] and presently the main Hog’s Back (spine). \*Modern: A sty or pigsty is a small-scale outdoor enclosure for raising domestic pigs as livestock. It is sometimes referred to as a hog pen, hog parlor; early - the hog being derived from Old English *halig* for holy.



**Funnily enough, at Ellis Farm Chobham, (right on-Hog as expected) they still breed and sell swine! Site continuity at work? And although one might think that there must be loads of pig farms in this zone of Surrey, in fact, you would be wrong... there aren’t, we’ve done our homework!**

The hog was a highly prized article of trade, not only in this region, but many other parts of Britain and around the world too. In classical times, the Romans considered pork the finest of meats, enjoying sausages, and depicting pigs in their art.

Across Europe, pigs have been celebrated in culture since the Middle Ages, becoming especially important in Medieval Germany and in Early Modern Italy.

But getting back to our Surrey Hog, and the suspiciously high concentration of swine-keeping for this area cannot be ignored.

The key to this is the Domesday Book, the oldest surviving public record; here are just a few quick, random examples, which are each parts enclosed within the Hog demarcation, but not necessarily all indicated on the map due to scale.

The Hog's *components* include:

**Albury, Surrey.** On the edge our Hog, the village appears in the [Domesday Book](#) as Eldeberie. It was held by Roger [d'Abernon](#) from Richard de [Tonebrige](#). Its *Domesday* Assets were: 2½ hides, 1 church, (**St Peter & St Paul's Church**), [dragon connection], 1 mill worth 5s, 8½ ploughs, 1-acre (4,000 m<sup>2</sup>) of meadow, woodland **worth 30 hogs**. It rendered £9. Albury village is next to [Albury Estate](#) which is an estate of 150 acres (0.61 km<sup>2</sup>). Within it is the Saxon church. The book *Three Surrey Churches - A Chapter of English History* (by Rev H R Ware & P G Palmer, undated but from circa 1910) has a chapter on St Martha's including the following tantalising references.

"To the east of the hill, on the rising ground of Weston Wood, **towards Sherborne Springs, lie huge boulders, foreign to this part of England, relics of a cromlech. Similar remains once existed near Albury Rectory**, and a mass of rock in Colyer's Hanger, on the hillside, probably marks the site of a third."

This might mean zilch to the uninitiated, but Albury rector William Oughtred c. 1573-1660 is buried in the ruined chapel; yet he was no ordinary man-of-the-cloth; according to his contemporaries, Oughtred held an interest in **the Occult**; not only this, but he was the mathematician Tutor to **Christopher Wren**, (who himself drew on **occult traditions**, especially those of the Cabala), renowned as being one of the most highly acclaimed English architects in history, as well as being an anatomist, [astronomer](#), [geometer](#), and mathematician-[physicist](#).

*Next, move along, nothing to see here*, some might still cry, until one learns that this church and nearby Albury Park estate was remodelled by the famous Gothic revivalist architect, designer, artist **A.W. Pugin**. c. 1846-52; **that, to our way of thinking, is quite some occultic connection for such an isolated little house of worship.**

**Badshot Lea**, (next-door to Farnham) in some measure, a contributor to Farnham's Domesday assets of 40 hides; 35 acres (140,000 m<sup>2</sup>) of meadow and woodland **worth 175½ hogs**.

Dragon executioner-dedicated **St. George's Church** Badshot Lea Rd, Badshot Lea, Farnham is not old, but meaningful for its integral placement on the hog.

In the thirteenth century, Farnham had a substantial brick-built pottery tile kiln, which was excavated in Borelli Yard. This appeared to date from just before 1216 and was producing **dragon**-backed ridge tiles for the area.

**The Green Man** was situated at 118 East Street, Farnham; alas, this quaint old pub closed in 1909.

**Badshot Lea** once held a \*Neolithic long barrow, now destroyed by quarrying. This monument lay on the route of a prehistoric trackway known as the Harrow Way or Harroway, which passes through Farnham Park, (itself, marginally off our Hog, but near enough) and a sarsen stone still stands close by.

**\*It is generally accepted by those knowledgeable in such matters, that ancient man preferred to be buried in places where Earth's energies were strongest.**

The parallel 'Pilgrim's Way', a historical route taken by pilgrims to the shrine of Thomas Becket at Canterbury in Kent, could be older than is generally touted, and rather like the Harrow Way, may date back to the time when Britain was physically joined to continental Europe.



**Bagshot:** Bagshot was a settlement in the Domesday Book (No value of estate given in Hogs). Evidence of Neolithic activity has been found in Bagshot, Lightwater and Frimley, whilst there are Bronze Age burial-mounds in West End.

## Painted Dragons Found in Bagshot



### Tracing

A newly discovered 16th century Tavern in Bagshot High Street retains extensive areas of wall paintings and had replaced a 14th century aisled hall of which little remains. The paintings were first uncovered during refurbishment of the building early in December. The owner, architect Peter Heath, called In Geoffrey Cole of the Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust who undertook a preliminary examination and realised the Importance of the discovery.

Peter Gray has very kindly prepared a short note for the Bulletin based on his examination, and Nigel Barker supplied a photograph which was traced for the frontispiece.

It should not be regarded as being completely accurate, however, since some areas were obscured by shadow. It does provide a little of the flavour of the painted schemes, however.

Curiously, this panel is shown here upside down from its disposition within the building.

The paintings were found on two walls (the rear wall and the end wall of the 14th century building) of a two-bay room on the ground floor. (The other two

walls had either been rebuilt or only studwork remained.) Apart from traces of an overall colouring there is evidence of more than one mural scheme.

The overlying scheme of black on white is of a foliate decoration with dragon head grotesques.

The various decorative schemes seem to relate to different stages of the building's 16th and 17th century development, but exactly what, has yet to be determined. It does seem though that one scheme relates to the open hall rather than the later building.

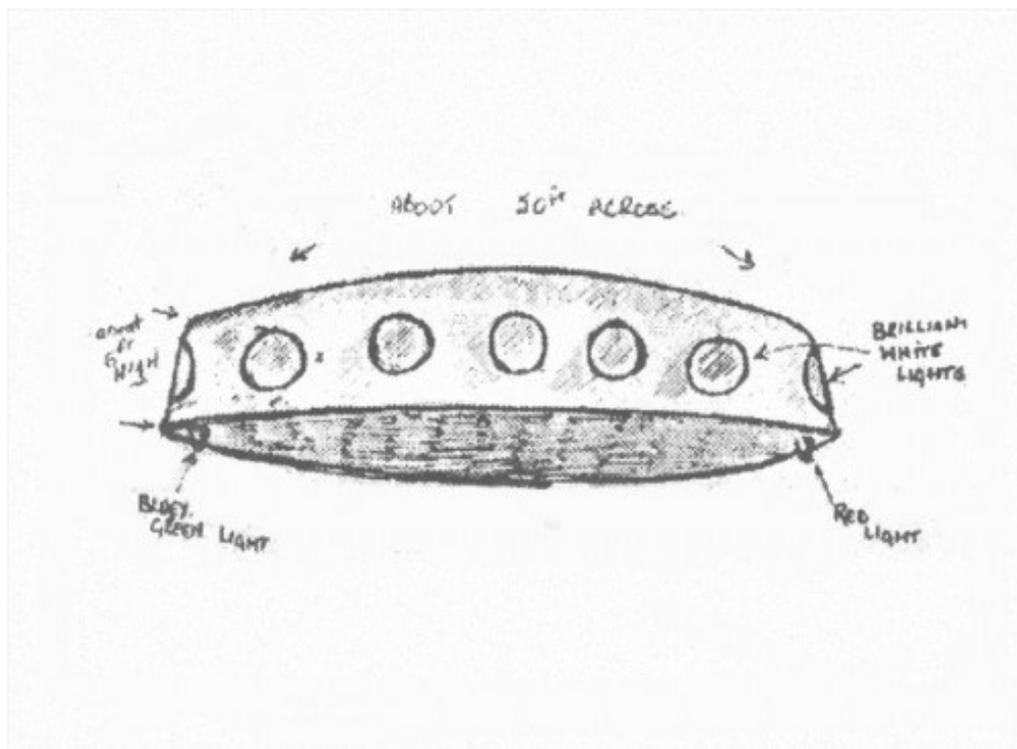
Emergency consolidation of the painting is underway, and it is proposed to protect them behind glazed partitioning.

It is hoped that a full report on the building can be prepared in conjunction with expert advice on the origins of the painting. Source: Surrey Archaeological Society Bulletin 317

**Bagshot, is also where two large saucer-shaped aerial objects, were encountered by a family in 1985!**

Date: September 15, 1985

Location: Bagshot Heath, Surrey, United Kingdom



Witness David McMurray's drawing of one of the two objects that the family saw.



**Above: The McMurray family**

**Source: Bill Davey, Sunday Mirror (London, UK), Sept. 29, 1985**

A family had a bizarre close encounter on a day out - with two UFOs.

The first flying saucer put butcher David McMurray and wife Susan in a spin when it hovered in front of their car.

Minutes later a second "spacecraft" flew into view - and now the strange sightings are being probed by experts.

David and Susan were driving home across Bagshot Heath, Surrey, to Farnborough, Hampshire, with their two children Paul, 5, and Katie, 18 months.

David, 35, said: "I saw something hovering above the road in front of us. I could not believe my eyes.

"It was a huge saucer-like craft about 50ft. long with brilliant lights coming from portholes around the center. Then it suddenly took off." When a second craft began to follow the family's car David stopped, got out and went to investigate. But it too, took off.

David said: "The whole family were weak and trembling for days afterwards."

Susan, 25, a hairdresser, said: "When David tried to start his car the battery was drained." She added: "I saw the two things with my own eyes. It was an incredible experience."

One UFO was also spotted five miles away by salesgirl Lyn Brookes, 24, of Wokingham, Berkshire.

She said: "It hovered in one spot for about five minutes.

"I was really frightened. It was as if it was watching me."

Now David has sketched the strange craft and is sending his drawing to the Ministry of Defence who are to investigate.

UFO expert Omar Fowler, 54. has also seen the drawing and said: "I have no doubt this report is genuine."

Heathrow Airport say none of the strange craft could have been planes.

UFO-watchers believe that the area is a target for flying saucers.

### **Woking Surrey – A Silver Disc-Shaped UFO**

Posted: February 29, 2008

This is the third sighting of UFO's in my town since 1978 that I have personally seen.

The first was a silver traditional type disc; I saw this when I and my friends were lining in a queue for lunch, so full daylight; and it wasn't a plane as it moved far too fast and in an odd manner, up, down, and hovering.

The second was 1985, (I think) when the sky changed and what looked like the underside of a craft was visible.

This was evening, in a full, bright clear star-filled sky, and as I said, an enormous underside of what I can only describe as a spacecraft, became visible, then the heavens switched back to normal.

I don't think I am delusional, and I wasn't the only one to see this happen.

Thank you to the witness for filing their sighting report. (The Vike Factor)

**Bisley**, Surrey, a name which, (officially) comes from Busseleghe 933, and meaning a “woodland clearing of a man called Byssa” OE pers. + leah.”; but as the reader will have guessed by now, there is much more to this place than that.

St John the Baptist was invested as a proper church in the village by Abbey monks in the 15th century, who built its mixed brick and timber chancel, since replaced. The church features a medieval bell and a 15th-century porch which is said to have been built from a single oak tree. A local spring was once known as the 'Holy Well of St John the Baptist' and was said to have **medicinal powers**.

Its waters were used for local baptisms until the early 20th century.



**Bisley Holy Well (June 2020)**

**Waters so rich in iron, that the spring basin, trough/surrounding bed are stained a rusty brown!**



Reputedly, this well has never run dry nor froze up.

It has provided a dependable source of fresh water for centuries and was mentioned more than 300 years ago by John Aubrey, (a Surrey antiquarian 1626-1697) who wrote: “near the church is a spring called St. John the Baptist Well.

The dedication made me curious to try it with gall, (oak apples) which turn it to a purple colour.

It is colder in summer than other water and warmer in winter!”

Earlier still, there is evidence from the Pyrford Charter Bounds, (956 A.D.) suggesting that a church had been constructed adjacent to the well when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire.

The isolated position of the present parish church, from that developed part of the village, suggests that it may be constructed on the site of the original pre-Saxon building.

The spring water from this holy well was once respected as **blood of the earth**, as it contains a significant amount of dissolved iron and was once said to benefit sufferers of eye problems and various other complaints; but its reputed healing powers have probably not been tested in recent times and it is certainly recommended not to do so these days. (We've been informed that it's bitter tasting!)

Mothers used to visit the spring with bottles to get water to wash their baby's in at private baptisms and is still sometimes drawn for this purpose.

The stonework is formed mainly from heathstone, a sarsen stone found locally and used in the construction of parts of many churches in this area, including Bisley and also in the walls of Windsor Castle.

There is a legend in the locality which reports that Bisley church owes its very foundation to the presence of this spring.

Though we personally found the church itself a bit bland and stuffy, walk further on and out onto the meadow at its rear, home of the holy spring, and it is like discovering another world... what a difference!

We can say without any fear of contradiction, visiting this area is truly like stepping back in time...

There is also a myth that a tunnel existed here, which went from Clews Farm, Bisley underground to the church; of course, no one has ever found this; and they won't either, because chances are that no such tunnel ever existed.

We've come across quite a few similar myths relating to the presence of supposed tunnels at all types of special sites around Great Britain; and the reason for this we think, is that these legends are an inherited memory of ley lines or earth energy flows.

You see, its rather like Chinese whispers, the game in which a message becomes distorted by being passed around so many times; people find it very difficult to repeat an original message word-for-word.

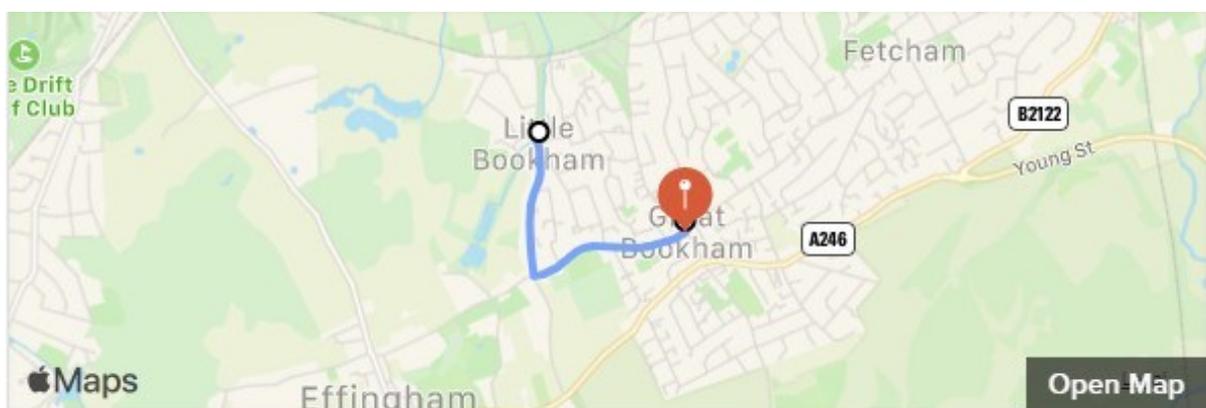
And imagine attempting to describe what a ley line actually is to others! So, invariably ley lines eventually come to be termed as 'tunnels' when information stories like these are repeatedly told and retold over the decades.



**Trackway leading to and from the Bisley Holy Well: Truly like stepping back in time!**

**Little Bookham** is a small, historic village in Surrey, England and appears in the Domesday Book as *Bocheham* ... hides; 2 ploughs, 4 acres (16,000 m<sup>2</sup>) of meadow, herbage and pannage **worth 11 hogs**.

**Great Bookham** is 3 minutes away...



whose church, (according to a 1908 publication by Philip Mainwaring Johnston F.R.I.B.A.) has (or had) bays that are divided by panelled buttresses with tracery of double cusping under a pointed arch, set within a square head, having

spandrels filled with foliage of diverse patterns, and, in two of the bays are [stylized] carvings of falcons and **dragons**.

**Polesden Lacey, nr. Bookham**, is said to be haunted by an unknown apparition whose presence pre-dates the Edwardian mansion by centuries. The monk-like figure wears a brown cloak with the hood pulled up, covering its head. So, you had better keep your eyes peeled if you're out for a walk in the idyllic grounds.

Hard by is **Boar Hill**, where, according to tradition, there were formerly wild boars.



**Byfleet** is a village in Surrey, England. It is located in the far east of the borough of Woking. The former **Brooklands** motor racing circuit is located just to the north, while to the east, Byfleet appears in the Domesday Book as Byeflete. ... worth 325 eels (per year), 6 acres (2.4 ha) of meadow, woodland **worth 10 hogs**.

The curator of Guildford Museum, Matthew Alexander, author of *Tales of Old Surrey*, mentions a 'tunnel' that purportedly led from the now-vanished, original Byfleet Manor. Used as a location in ITV's *Downton Abbey*, this is on the site of buildings dating from the 11th Century.

**Burham** is recorded in the Domesday Book as **Borham**, its Domesday assets were: 3 hides; one mill worth 15s, 6½ ploughs, 25 acres (10 ha) of meadow, woodland **worth 83 hogs**. It rendered £8.

#### **Burham (Early-attested site, Worplesdon, Surrey)**

*Borham* 1086 DB; *Burham* 1242 Fees; 1253 Ch; 1296 Ipm; *Burgham* 1255, 1272 Ass; 1287 Ipm; 1293 FF; *Burgham by Gildford* 1340–6 Ipm; *Burcham* 1265...

This name, like Burpham (PN Sx 166) and Burham (K), *Burhham* BCS 1322, is a compound of **burh** and **ham(m)**. There is no earthwork here now, but there may once have been.

*The Green Man* at Burpham (48m) was a former coaching inn on the original A3 route from Guildford to London; a public house had been on the site for more than 400 years but was demolished in 2008.

Use of the Green Man here is particularly interesting to us.

We first spotted this name on a reproduction 18<sup>th</sup> century map of the Burpham area and visited it prior to its sad demise.



It could well be a case of subconscious siting because, make no mistake, the icons of Green Man and the nature goddess are archetypal and were once as globally popular as the Christian cross is today.

Really, his image has never truly died away; the Green Man motif even enjoyed a revitalisation in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, becoming a popular face carved on furniture and even artistry on tavern/public house signage during a trend known as Gothic Revival.



The Green Man is a metaphor – meaning something else, something far deeper in our psyche; it is a genetically inherited, subconscious remembrance of a former belief system... further suggestion that there is something extra special about this region; and it is wondered, how many similar inns and taverns elsewhere on our Hog have been erased without trace?

**Camberley** (Top end): Pre 19th century, the area now occupied by Camberley was referred to as Bagshot or Frimley Heath. Along the B3015 there rests a huge ancient stone which weighs many tons. It is known as the Maultway sarsen stone. During road building works, it was moved by a crane to its current resting place from just 20 yards away, after having been planted in that location for 10,000 years or more!



## **Camberley UFO Experience 1971?**

### **Witness Description:**

“Camberley, Surrey, I cannot remember the exact date as it was so long ago. I think it was in 1971 sometime, maybe summer as the weather was good, clear and no rain. At the time I was living near Camberley in Surrey.

I was just going to bed when I noticed a luminous object about 3 miles away streak up almost vertically at very high speed, perhaps about 2000mph. After it had ascended to about 3/4 of a mile it suddenly turned almost at right angles.

It became much brighter as it turned and was clearly in the shape of a classic flying saucer.

The UFO then travelled horizontally, nearly in my direction, but losing speed.

This thing passed within about 1/2 mile of my line of sight, was about 750yds high when it passed over a house about 500yds to my side. By then it was travelling at about 600mph. It was oval-shaped, about the size of an aircraft carrier. I did not see any structural aspect and no dome on top, but it may have been moving at an obscure angle to me.

The object was luminous... looked metallic and silver in colour. It was opaque with clearly defined edges, not fuzzy, but it made no sound and left no trail.

It continued in the same direction, which was northerly, perhaps magnetic north.

I was looking out of a window, so I lost sight as it passed my house. If it maintained the same direction, it would have gone over Bracknell, a large town, a few miles away, so maybe others may have seen this UFO.

The object did seem to be under intelligent control, but I wonder if it could have been an earthlight? (a luminous aerial phenomenon that reportedly appears in the sky, at or close to, areas of tectonic stress); however, the fact that it was of a silver metallic colour with sharply defined edges does not seem to be consistent.

I was living in the Camberley area for about 12 years and was not aware of any seismic activity.

There were two other sightings of strange objects I had before and after from the same address but not as dramatic; many years later though I realised that they all travelled in a similar direction which was or close to magnetic north.

Apart from these, I have not seen anything else.” [End]

**Viewpoint Aquarius** used to be an inspiring private publication. It was split into three categories, the study of Theosophy - Flying Saucers - Yoga, Meditation and Healing. The guy who put this together used to run workshops in Camberley; these were organised outside the Tekels Park centre in a private house.

Frank, (the founder), was quite an interesting man, a cranial osteopath and a homeopathic practitioner who had travelled to Egypt in his youth. Although he never spoke about his travels very much, his trip to Egypt had left quite an impression and he hinted at something rather dark as if something had attached itself to him.

**Chobham** is listed in the Domesday Book as *Cebeham*. Its assets were: 10 hides; 1 church, 1 chapel, 16 ploughs, 10 acres (4.0 ha) of meadow, woodland worth **130 hogs**. It rendered £15 10s 0d per year.

**Burrowhill** is the neighbourhood north of the village, whose title research suggests = *Ct Past Sacre* (v. **burg**'burrow, lair, den', (knowledge/secrets Dragon guardian of?) to be derived from **burgh**, MED s.v. *burgh*(2), and **hyll**); no vestiges left visible there now, unless it is the hill itself that was once deemed as another sacred part of the Hog.

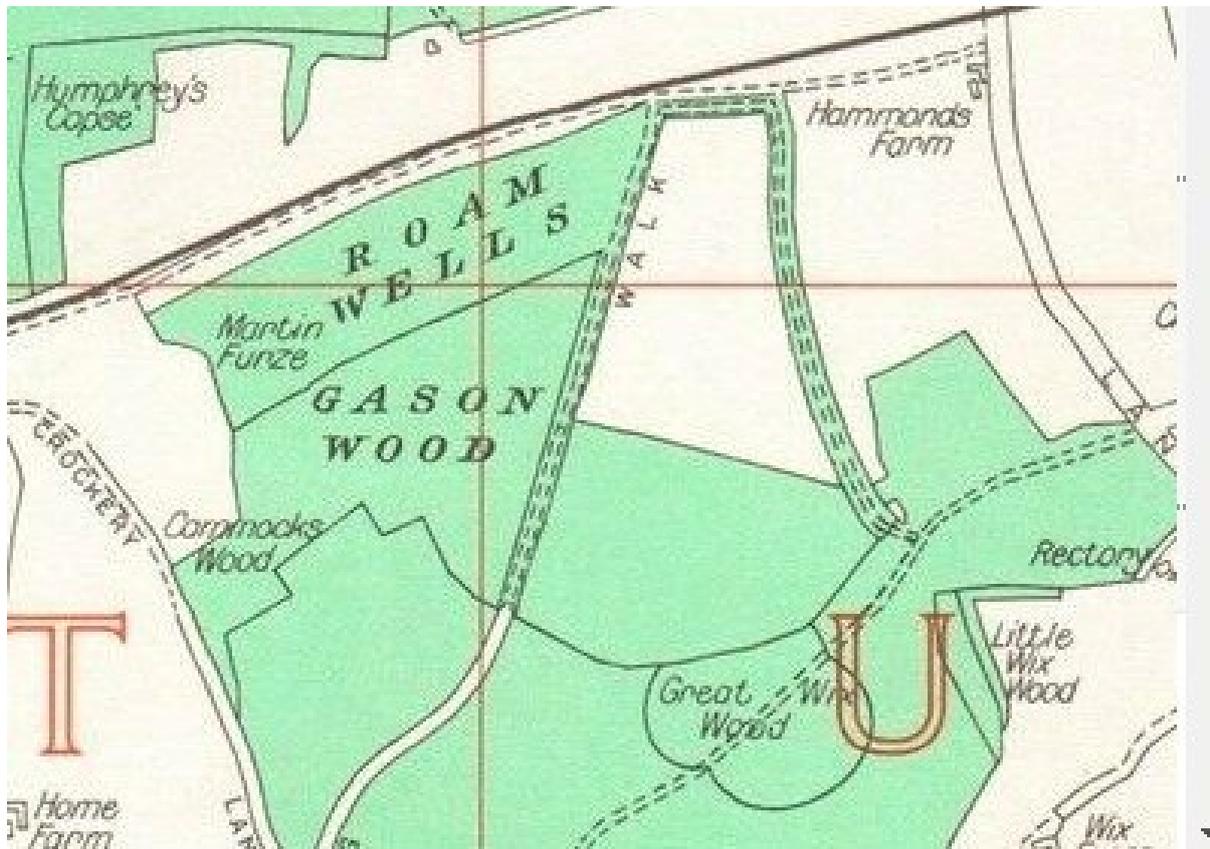


**West Clandon:** West Clandon is a village in Surrey, England within 1 mile of the A3. It is situated one mile north ... Its Domesday assets were: 2½ hides; 1 church (replaced approximately one century later), 1 mill worth 3s, 2½ ploughs, woodland worth **5 hogs**.

West Clandon is described in one guide as a village ‘with a fascinating history on the North Downs Way east of Guildford. Combining chalk downland and ancient woodland’ it is ‘the haunt of wild boar’.

In the 13th Century, the **Knights Templar**, an order of military monks, established an administrative headquarters on the site of the present Temple Court, West Clandon, now home of the Onslow family.

Some traces have been found of Iron Age occupation and signs of Roman habitation, but the early settlements owed their existence to their situation at the foot of the North Downs, where water was available on the spring line where the chalk meets to clay.



Excerpt from a map by Geographia Ltd, 1964, showing a significant part of East Clandon

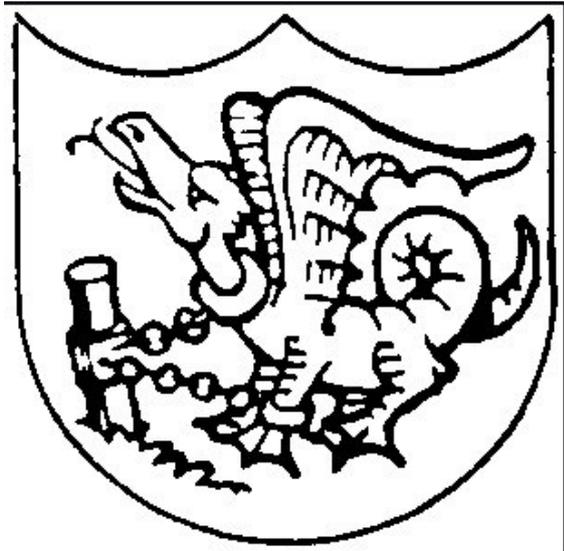
Incredibly, (and this one really sent our pulses racing!) West Clandon has its own Dragon legend. National Grid Ref TQ 042 509

Why this find excited us so much, is because from experience, we know that in the Middle Ages, dragon and snake iconography were said to have been commonly employed by the church to represent Evil; and whenever a pocket of cultural earth worship tradition could be diluted, and its cult members converted to Christianity through fear... then that is how these fireside stories were doubtless born.

Apart from other symbolic attributes, Dragons and snakes were held by Wiccans to represent the shapely flows of Gaia's aquiferous arterial system... both underground and over, via its sacred rivers, streams, brooks etc; water worship, part of the Pagan belief mind set.

It may come as no surprise then to many, when we say that the Church's goal of that time was to stamp these old practices out; and with all of the many springs

and other pagan indications discovered on this landscape figure, trying to eradicate earth worship must have been one heck of a task!



#### Christian taming of the dragon symbol

The dragon is a message-carrying vehicle that refers to one thing by mentioning another.

Now the fable - indited in conjunction with the curators of the West Clandon Dragon.

Legend has it that a fire-breathing dragon, (some say a serpent) once infested a back lane in Clandon.

The villagers were much disturbed and refused to pass that way, when a soldier who had been condemned for deserting the army, entered the village with his dog and was offered clemency and sanctuary if he would rid the village of its dragon.

In a fierce battle he duly did and settled in the village.

Many writers state that the age of the story is unknown, but they usually make it clear that it was first reported in The Gentleman's Magazine 1796; while other records say that West Clandon was plagued by a dragon in the 17th century, (1600's).

Yet, the battle is depicted in a 13<sup>th</sup> century woodcarving displayed in West Clandon's late 12th century church of \*St Peter and Paul. And what an attention-grabbing dedication we have for this church, because St Paul is the very holy man said to have ousted all manner of beasties, (including serpents) and even thunderstorms, from various locations including England!

\*The Book of Acts (28:1-6) gives us some information about St. Paul, and how he became shipwrecked on an island he later learned to be Malta. While gathering firewood, he was bitten by a poisonous viper. The people there expected him to swell up and die rather quickly. When he was unaffected by the bite, the population assumed he was a god.



**St. Peter and Paul, W. Clandon.**

[Had a chat with the vicar there and was told that this circular site church has no crypt]

The Book of Acts does *not* say that St. Paul drove out poisonous snakes from Malta. But as Malta became more populated, people began to realize there were no poisonous snakes on the island. The tradition then sprang up that after being bitten by one, St. Paul either drove them all out or that through his preaching all poisons were cleansed from the wildlife.

In other words, Saint Paul rid the area of pagan practices and converted people to Christianity; and with that in mind, it really makes one wonder, whether a megalithic stone circle once existed on the site where St Paul's Cathedral, London now stands!

This is not as daft as it sounds. According to E.O. Gordon, there were two stone circles in London one at St Paul's and the other at Westminster Abbey; her theory is that all, or nearly all, cathedrals were built on earlier temples – stone circles, and there is some evidence for this. Many archaeologists and historians have long suspected that Christian places of worship occupy earlier pagan sites and certainly, Westminster was considered a sacred site before Westminster Abbey was built. The author asserted how various cathedrals still contain old pagan stones; they are survivors of a lost age.

She believed that the original circle at St Paul's was in the graveyard; and although no stones survive there, the 'London Stone', (a historic landmark housed at 111 Cannon Street in the City of London) was the index stone for this circle.

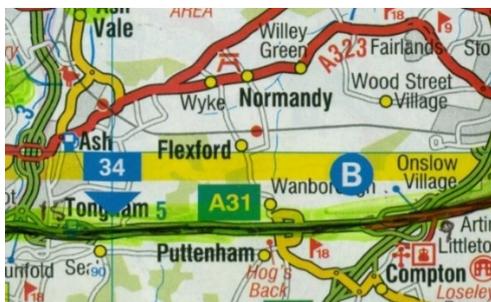


**The London Coat of Arms featuring two dragons tells us something**

Hitting the trail track again, **Addlestone** (12.5 miles away) there is also a **St Paul's**... as well as an example at **Camberley**, (both on-Hog), which also has a **St Michael's** at 286 London Rd, Royal Military Academy, Camberley.

St. Paul at Church Hill was built in 1902 by W. D. Caroe and is in a Scandinavian style. The remains of a brick tower known as The Obelisk stand on top of The Knoll. It was built in the 1750's by John Norris of Blackwater.

The Crouch Oak in the town is one of Britain's oldest trees, believed to date back to the 11th century.



**Tongham**, on the north side of the Hog's Back, (which is particularly close to the Pilgrims' Way) also has a Church of **St Paul!**

Still on-hog, the nearby village of **Ash** has a chapel where one of the small windows there depicts **St Michael** with a freshly slain dragon!

Hunts Hill Farm, (pig farm) Common Lane, Normandy, Guildford, and the site of Pile's Farm, Addlestone, should likewise capture the attention of anyone now tuned-in to our account. There is evidence on the parishes eastern border of Romano-British occupation in the form of temple remains... and, an **Oval UFO was seen over Normandy, Surrey, UK in 1977**

<http://www.beamsinvestigations.org/Oval%20UFO%20Seen%20Over%20Normandy,%20Nr.%20Guildford,%20Surrey,%20UK%20-%201977.htm>

While we're here... regarding Addlestone, and that place isn't without its UFO visitations either; MoD docs reveal how in November 1993, a woman phoned police in Addlestone with a report of "one large white saucer-shaped object with bright lights all around the sides" just 400 yards above her. The witness reported the UFO as being "larger than an aircraft and definitely not an airship".

Something else to consider, is the possibility that the Hog landscape figure under discussion might also be closely surrounded, penned in... circled, enclosed by these important dragon/associated holy places; and although we discovered one at **Ashstead**, (as you will see later) we are going to leave the rest of that periphery exercise to the reader as we do not wish to stray outside of our boundaries more than necessary.

So, back to the Clandon carving - and no prizes for working something out; because this originates from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, then the West Clandon legend can't possibly date from only the 1700's, as many writers imply - or even the 1600's as others say; **historical evidence tells us that it was first publicized 300 years earlier than usually stated, through this High Middle Ages wooden artefact!**



**Close-up of 13<sup>th</sup> century carving feature in the West Clandon church**

The West Clandon Dragon legend is even commemorated on an embankment on the A426 at West Clandon crossroads.

It can only be seen from the road, (westbound to Guildford) or the central reservation, the dragon faces north.

This is 19m by 8m and in reasonable condition, made from very fine compacted chalk; the edges are well defined and there is some wooden edging.

The beastie is breathing fire and has an elaborate tail, and claws are defined on its feet.



**Looking excellent: The Clandon Dragon re-emerged after years of slumber!**



**Find out more about the Clandon Dragon at the project Facebook page.**

[https://www.facebook.com/clandondragon/?hc\\_ref=ARQPtRFIIaUjc4Lta0HItFsE3HUejaq4aw\\_VzSBusMjh8iyprCVTefHtVsueVVvs7KsA&fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/clandondragon/?hc_ref=ARQPtRFIIaUjc4Lta0HItFsE3HUejaq4aw_VzSBusMjh8iyprCVTefHtVsueVVvs7KsA&fref=nf)



The dragon was originally carved in 1977 to commemorate the Queens Silver Jubilee, it was cut by Francis Robinson and Donald Papworth, the design was from David Papworth, Donald's brother. Work started on the 24th May 1977 with the pegging out of the dragon and was completed on 3rd June and a party celebrated the event.

The dragon was looked after until 1989 and by late 1990 it was grassed over.



### The 'first' Dragon

In May of 1991 Gillian Woodford set about restoring the dragon although its appearance has changed somewhat. The work took three weeks, and some help was enlisted from the inmates at Send prison.

The bank is a former spoil heap from a chalk quarry and the chalk is just below the surface but is loose and the surface is not particularly firm and plants root easily.

Elsewhere, following the story, we learn there is a woodcarving in the local church. There is a bit more to the tale about the dog.

"A dragon which was giving the locals a hard time was killed by an ex-soldier and his dog - the dog leapt onto the creature's face, while the man decapitated the wyrm." End.



### **West Clandon village sign**

Regarding legends like this, author Janet Dowling says in her book *Surrey Folk Tales*, “in fact, some of them are rooted in history,” she insists. “The Dragon of West Clandon is a true story – you can find the original report of a serpent, a big snake, in the 18th century. But as the story has been told and retold, it’s turned into a dragon.”

Oral tradition of handing down stories through generations, remains a vital part of the fabric of the British Isles, and together with more formal chronicles creates the real story of this land.

“Some historians will say that it’s absolute tosh – and, yes, it’s not history, but it doesn’t matter!” says Dowling, who founded the Surrey Storytellers Guild in Ewell in 2000. “Historians like to record stories as collected, but I’m afraid storytellers take the tale and go with the spirit of it, so there might be a few embellishments or differences.

“It’s the spirit of the story that is important. Stories are the way in which we share our culture, our values and our beliefs, so they change over time, in their retelling. The bones of the story are the same, but the way in which we tell them reflects the society in which it is told.” End quote

**Clandon House** Clandon Park, is an early 18th-century Grade 1 listed Palladian mansion in West Clandon, long being a seat of the Onslow family.

The National Trust has owned it since 1956. The house was substantially damaged by fire in April 2015, which left it "essentially a shell".

In January 2016, they announced that some of the principal rooms on the ground floor would be fully restored to the original 18th century designs.

The apparition of a distressed woman wearing a “long cream dress and brandishing a large hunting knife” has been sighted on the lawns of the house.

A particularly clear sighting occurred in 1896.

She has also been reported inside the house.

Also said to haunt the grounds is a bearded man, who is sometimes accompanied by a woman in black.

We are told by National Trust, that removal of panelling in the Speakers' Parlour and modern display cases in a basement room, has revealed a number of marks scratched into beams and plaster walls called apotropaic marks, or witch marks. Carpenters or occupants made these simple marks to protect the building, or themselves, from malign forces and evil spirits attempting to gain entry.



*Interlocking letters V and M, found on a hidden beam in the Speakers' Parlour, refer to the Virgin Mary*

From earliest times, but reaching a fever pitch in the 17th century, people were incredibly sensitive to the threat from forces beyond their understanding, often focusing on the activity of witches. This national fervour was further inflamed following the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, an assassination attempt on the Protestant King James I by Catholic plotters, after which accusations of demonic forces at work in society were rife. Older women, particularly widows who were not protected by male family members, were often targeted with horrific results.



*The 5 pointed star that was drawn into the wet plaster when the house was built in the 1730s*

People weren't able to understand the world in the way that we do now, lacking the benefit of our insights into modern science and medicine. Without the knowledge to combat or prepare for eventualities such as ill health, the weather or poor harvests, it was important for people to feel that they had a way of protecting themselves. These marks formed part of a web of superstitions that helped people to feel in control and safe. Discover more at Clandon Park.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/clandon-park/features/witch-marks-discovered-at-clandon-park>

The sites of **Temple Court** and **Summer Farm, West Clandon** should be noted.

**Jessep's Well, Cobham, Surrey:** According to 'The Casket' periodical, (1828) this well carries/carried 'a strong saline water, slightly chalybeate'.

**Hogshill Lane, Cobham:** Etymology Cf. *Hogs Hill* 1848TA (sometimes this is all that remains, a vague remembrance of former local land use in the form of a road title.)

A significant find was made of a medieval seal matrix in Cobham; this little gem emerged thanks to a man with a metal detector. The Stone priory seal matrix, thought to date from the 13th or 14th century, was found on private land in **Cobham** by Tony Burke and his wife Veronica.

It contains the Latin "s'ecce sce marie et sci w(v)lfadi martiris de stanis", meaning: "The seal of the church of Saint Mary and Saint Wulfad the martyr of Stone".



- **A historical form of Cobham is Coveham** 675,933,967(13th) *BCS* 697,1195, t.Hy2(1285) *Ch* 1174–89 *Chertsey* 1205 *Cur* 1221 *FF* 1517 *ADi*

**Coveham Freemasonic Lodge, Spencer Road, Cobham, (where they met when first formed) is one of Surrey's many Lodges of Freemasons.**

**Painshill, Cobham** is a beautiful 18th century landscape garden in Surrey. The 158 acre wonderland has **dragon statues**, mystical follies including a Crystal Grotto, Gothic **Temple of Bacchus**, (Green Man) and a Ruined Abbey to name just a few; universal mind/subconscious siting in evidence a-plenty here.

There were few Saxon finds from the county but some interesting medieval finds including a unique 12th century harness pendant with a **mounted dragon from Cobham**. Source: Surrey Archaeological Society Bulletin 438

There is also a **Saint Michael's Chapel** in Cobham.

## Another oddity: **Haunting at Cobham's St Andrew's Church**

Type: Haunting Manifestation of a Blue Donkey

Date / Time: Twentieth century?

Further Comments: This strangely discoloured creature is reputed to haunt the churchyard.

## **Morphing UFO Seen Over Cobham, Surrey 22/05/2019**

We contacted the witness and here is his reply *There was no sound in the air; it was too far away to be clear, but I saw that it was made of metal and you could see the reflecting sun rays streaming off its surface. The object was constantly changing shape.*

**Effingham** is a large semi-rural and rural English village in the Borough of Guildford in Surrey, (Altitude: 92 m.)... Effingham appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Epingeham. ... 4½ ploughs, 5 acres (2.0 ha) of meadow, herbage and pannage **worth 18 hogs**. Like many churches as old as **Saint Lawrence** here in Effingham, their histories cannot be written in just a few lines; but let us just say, it was built sometime between 1086 and 1100 - it is most important to our Hog investigation - and there is a dragon connection.

**Fetcham**: Its Domesday assets were: 7 hides; 5½ mills worth 17s; 10½ ploughs; 2 oxen; 30 acres (12 ha) of meadow; woodland, herbage and pannage **worth 23 hogs**.

The Mill Pond springs at Fetcham are a large number of chalk springs, still used. These springs continued to supply water during the droughts of 1976 and 2006.

**Frimley**, Surrey: Unexpectedly, as we were preparing this book, on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 someone wrote to us saying... “Hello I saw your recent video on YouTube and thought I would forward on my photos.

This object shot over Frimley Surrey at five past midnight. I first thought this to be a balloon of some type, but I noticed it was moving against the wind and then just sat over my house in Station Road. What is odd, is that moments before I was talking to a friend and author Paul Sinclair in East Yorkshire who is a paranormal researcher. Hope this is of interest to you - thanks for your time.”



**Shot 1 of the (morphing?) Frimley UFO - taken 30/06/2020 12.05 AM**



**Shot 2: Frimley UFO**

We have got to hear quite a few UFO accounts from Frimley down the years, but they have only been anecdotal until now, with no photos taken; these just received are very interesting indeed, and in our opinion, definitely show a structured flying object of unknown origin.

One has to wonder, if this same type of phenomena had been witnessed by our distant ancestors, would those onlookers have viewed the UFOs as Spirits or 'Gods' - and perhaps built their sacred temples etc accordingly, to where such miracles in the sky occurred; as above, so below?

Just a thought.

**Guildford** is a town in **Surrey**, England, 27 miles (43 km) southwest of London on the A3 trunk... Guildford appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as **Geldeford** and **Gildeford**... teams, 16 acres (65,000 m<sup>2</sup>) of meadow, and woodland **worth 40 hogs**.



**Chertsey:** (tip of the Hog's front leg/trotter) Chertsey appears in the Domesday Book as *Certesii*. It was held partly by Chertsey Abbey and partly by Richard Sturmid from the abbey.

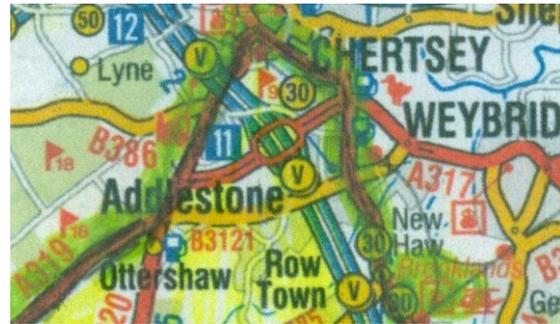
Its Domesday assets were: 5 hides, 1 mill and 1 forge at the hall, 20 ploughs, 80 hectares of meadow, woodland **worth 50 hogs**.

St Ann's hill is named after St Ann's chapel built here in about 1334 by the monks of Chertsey Abbey. There is a Holy Well on the northwest flank of the hill which may have prompted the building of the Chapel. The Nun's Well, St Ann's Hill Chertsey. In their *A Topographical History of Surrey* by Brayley and Mantell (1850) wrote:

*“Another Spring, once **highly** reputed for its medicinal virtues, rises on the north-east side of the hill, in the wood or coppice called Monk's Grove, which gives name to the seat inhabited by the Right Hon. Lady Montfort. This spring, according to Aubrey, had been long covered up and lost; but was again found and re-opened two or three years before he wrote. The water is now received into a bason about twelve feet square, lined with tiles. “*

The combination of a healing spring, an ancient stone and as the name of the hill might suggest a sacred tree is something of considerable interest to those interesting in sacred landscapes and suggests a possible old cult hereabouts. The existence of a ghostly nun may also be significant.

Special occasions are marked by Morris dancing and a beacon fire on this hill.



On the other map we have used, (which is slightly newer and pays more attention to particulars), Chertsey is **directly** where we expected it to be.

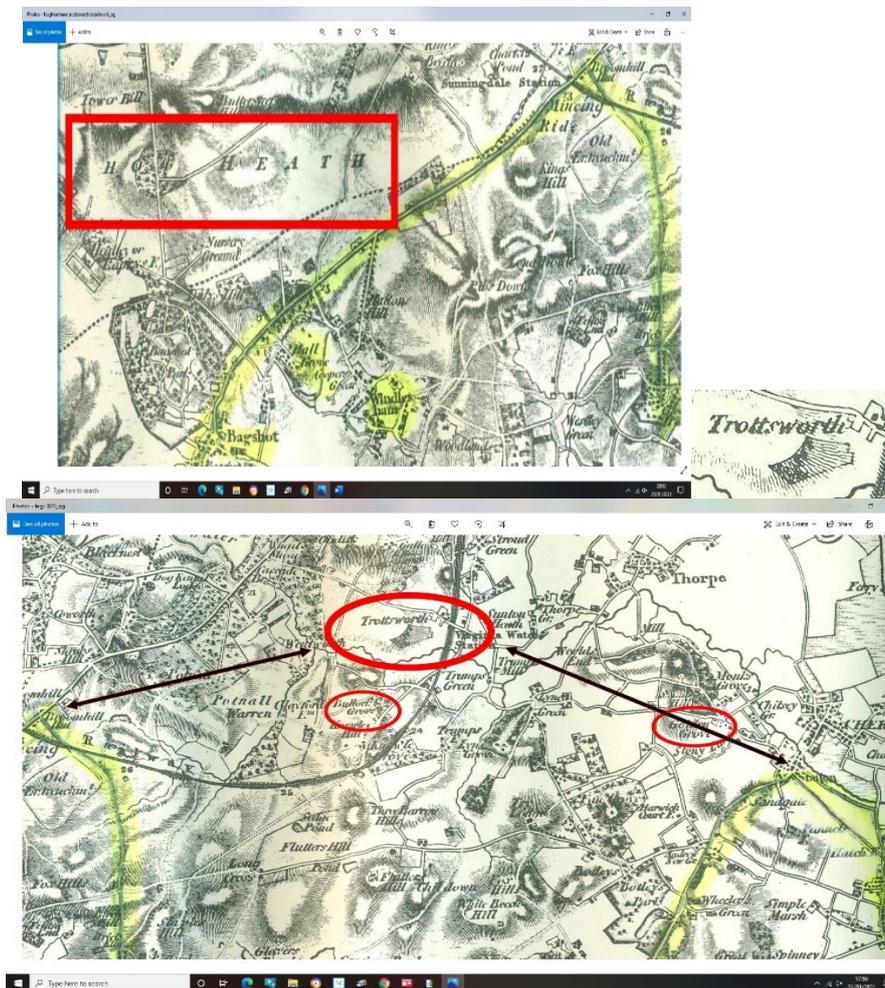
Noticeable too is the village of **Lyne**; This was for centuries dominated by landholding of \*Chertsey Abbey, as this was one of the earliest religious communities centred on a large building in the country, founded in the mid-7th century. Accordingly, the hundred (county subdivision) was named Godley. Out of curiosity, we ran ‘Lyne’ through an Old English to Modern English translator... and it read ‘Lyne’, plural ‘Lynes’ is an obsolete form of ‘Line.’

Make of that what you will, but we thought that the official place name explanation for ‘Lyne’ given as ‘Lime Tree’ was open to some interpretation.



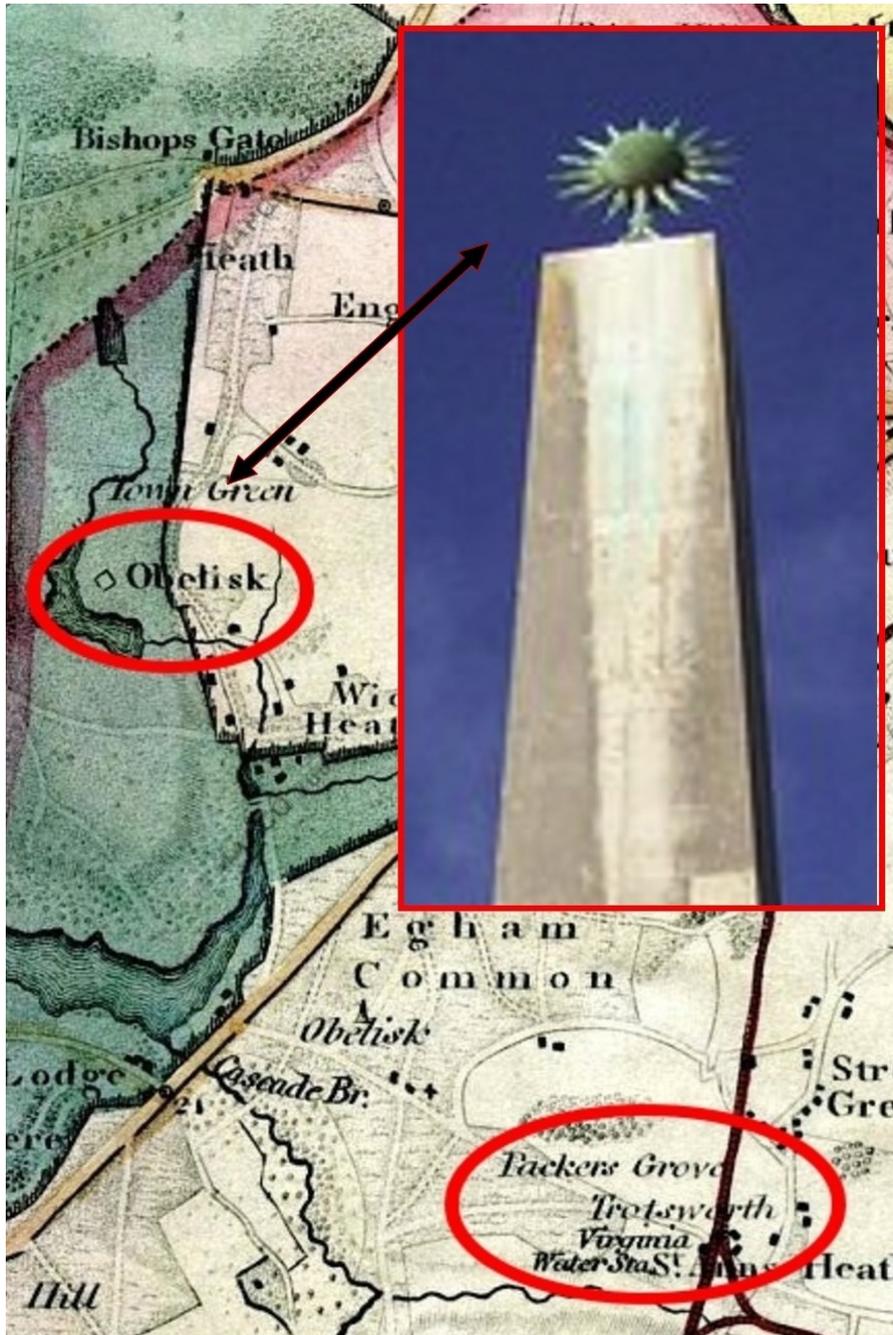
Highlighted crop taken from the South East Road Atlas, scale two and a half miles to one inch

\*An interesting connection: When Chertsey Abbey was dissolved in 1536 by Henry VIII, the majority of estates and property of the Abbey was transferred to a re-founded Benedictine abbey at Bisham, Berkshire. Bisham had originally been a Templar foundation dating from 1260. The Templars had Bisham as their property in 1308.



Top: OS map of the 1850's shows there used to be an area called 'Hog Heath', which we have boxed around. Note the shaded line is the Hog's back leg. A bit further up, (shown above the two trotters) is a location called 'Trotsworth' which dates back to about the 12<sup>th</sup> c. We have strong 'hog' suspicions about this place, but further clues have long since gone of course, and modern commemorative street names there now merely spell it Trotsworth – with one 't' less than the original title.

*A History of Addlestone states: Trotsworth in the east was a manor, the only manor in Virginia Water. In the 12th and 13th century the name "de Trotsworth" was used although the family name was probably Russell. A chapel at Trotsworth is known to have existed. By the 16th century Trotsworth was owned by the abbey of Abingdon; its records, sadly, do not survive.*



Also, this unusual monolith near the now lost Trotsworth, (photo inset) erected by King George II in memory of his son, (mid 1700's), which still stands and is very masonic looking. In point of fact, the whole area in very *Ley Line* looking.

## **Lightwater – Ancient Viewing Platform and ‘The Colossus’ on High Curley Hill**

Lightwater Country Park is an important fragment of the once vast Bagshot Heath, stretching to Bracknell and Windsor.

This location has a recorded history going back to Saxon times. The main road linking Chertsey Abbey and Frimley Priory skirted the base of High Curley Hill. The area was called "whit heke mere", (white, clear water, surrounded by grass) probably a reference to Hammond's Pond, hence the name of the neighboring village of Lightwater.

Most of Lightwater only dates from the twentieth century including the parish church of All Saints, but **High Curley Hill appears as a landmark on the earliest local maps.**

The stones on Curley Hill are sarsen stones – blocks of hard quartzite most famous for their use at the major stones of Stonehenge (in addition to the Bluestones - dolerite). There are other similar large stones locally, such as the one on the verge of the Maultway, situated by a junction with Red Road.

It is said that many of these were deposited in their locations when being pushed there in front of the advancing glaciers in the last ice age, with a myriad of examples having been re-positioned with intent by human effort countless centuries ago, where they currently sit.

Remarkably, the Curley Hill examples are located 129 metres above sea level; an inconceivable height, (one would have thought) for ice age glaciers to have lifted them to.

These don't appear to be the result of the relatively modern and ghastly trend for *ornamental* sarsens; such *fake-oliths*, (as we jokingly call them) are red herrings and have no place in an investigation such as ours.

It's easy to be fooled, as some of those efforts can use weathered-looking boulders from any number of quarries or other; but make no mistake, real, aged standing stones do not just lay on the surface, they are deep-rooted on earth's energy hotspots, (sometimes known as earth's acupuncture points) and have been planted with as much below as on the surface; the analogy we would use is 'like the roots of a tooth'.

The particular proofs that we are concerned with look to be the real deal, and form part of the Hog.

After climbing to the summit of High Curley Hill, one can see that apart from the stones, this could well have been used as a triangulation point by our ancestors.

As a plaque there shows, this steep sand and gravel hill once offered some good views; before mature tree cover that is.

Just up until a decade or so ago, one could even see Guildford from here; currently, on a clear day, Woking, Bagshot Park and the London skyline are among the few places left that are still visible.



**One must imagine what this high point was like originally.**

**Most of the trees immediate to the main stone would not have existed, along with the log fencing - affording our ancestors a clear, unobstructed viewing platform.**



**Partial view now from Curley Hill**



**Megaliths in line on High Curley Hill, Lightwater; like all of these, the stone in the foreground has as much, (if not more) below ground as above.**



**Sunken stone #1 on High Curley Hill**



**Two carefully positioned marker sarsens either side of a well-trodden covering of heather and scrub; this looks like a ceremonial entrance leading out to the largest stone in the north-west**



**As much below ground as above - showing just how long these stones have been here**



**Second in-line; a sunken giant leading up to a flat plateau containing the Colossus**



**2<sup>nd</sup> in line; close-up, showing how much more of this is buried!**



**The Colossus stone –  
and as the next shot suggests, there is a lot more of this below ground!**



**The Colossus – a different angle... a megalithic monster mystery!**



**And what are these cylindrical cavities on the Colossus? Natural holes or the handiwork of man? the partial concave mark on the right suggests that an attempt has been made by someone to drill into the rock; but who, when, how and why are questions that we could never hope to answer.**

One only has to think back about the vintage trig station found overgrown along the A31, (as cited earlier) to see the connection about how these high points may have been employed in the maintenance of our proposed landscape figure.

The level area up there would have been fundamental, both to antediluvian peoples and those of more recent periods, offering as it does, views to points miles away.

Just a few hundred years ago, it is known how some church towers and even tall ‘follies’ were employed for surveying the lay of the land.

Depending on their situation, all high elevation points were utilized, and of course, this would have included hilltops.

For us, the crucial positioning of the ‘measurement’ stone is just too much for this to be anything other than the work of intelligent planning.

Another possibility is that this locus was once used for, (or may have doubled as) an astronomical, sky-watching station; we say, if not – why not? It makes good sense to us, being avid watchers of the skies ourselves; and there is no reason why ancient man would have been any less fascinated with the heavens than we are - probably even more so!

Now for a change in direction...

### **Lightwater – The Running Man Incident by Hilary Porter**

My account is revealed here for the first time.

The Red Road, Lightwater, Surrey is infamous for having had a number of incidents happen along there throughout the years; this includes some truly baffling traffic accidents.

Approaching midnight on an early summer evening in 1980, one such occurrence took place; something so unusual and mysterious that I will never forget what I was told.

My uncle Freddy Stringer was then Assistant Director of the Defence Evaluation Research Agency, (DERA) based in Farnborough, and both he and his wife, my Aunt Renee, were travelling up the Red Road in their Sunbeam Alpine sports car, after having attended a music appreciation evening held in Woking, Surrey.

Suddenly, there was what my Aunt described to me as ‘a Zombie-type humanoid’, that rushed out of the bushes from the passenger side of the road.

This 'being' then dashed around to the driver’s side of the car, (my Uncle’s) and even though they were now moving at 30 mph, it ran alongside effortlessly.



The ‘zombie’ was wearing a tight, drab, all-in-one suit; ‘he’, (if this was indeed a man) had long light hair, flowing backwards.

‘His’ face was grey, extremely weird looking, almost ghostly and had a melancholy expression on it.

My Uncle, being one of the UK’s best air pilots in the country at that time, kept his cool, and calmly said to my aunt 'is your car door locked darling’, yes, she nervously replied... and they just travelled-on.

With Freddy’s foot pressing down on the accelerator, they were now gaining more speed... up to 40 mph, yet incredibly, this Zombie being was still running alongside the car!

The situation was starting to get dangerous for obvious reasons, but particularly as this road has some nasty bends, and back then it was far narrower than it is today.

Without warning, the ‘man’ or whatever it was, dropped back slightly behind their car, then in less than a minute, raced forward again, this time to the near-side, and endeavored to open the locked door, by grabbing at the exterior handle, repeatedly pressing the button on it; as anyone would, my Aunt screamed hysterically.

Despite such a frantic situation, my Uncle maintained his composure and tried to tell her she was safe with him.

They were now going nearly 50 mph in this nightmare state of affairs, when the super-athlete abruptly gave up, scurried into the undergrowth and vanished.

Our phone was ringing at 9 am the next morning, with my aunt at the other end still very upset.

She needed to speak to someone who would understand what her and my Uncle had just gone through; and as I was ‘family’, I promised I would keep this information to myself as they were people who mixed in high social circles.

Happily, after a good chat, I managed to calm her down and my Aunt was then able to get on with the rest of her day.

As time wore on, neither my Aunt or Uncle would ever mention this incident again and took their secret to the grave.

Only now, since their deaths, do I feel at liberty to disclose the matter.

[An aside - according to the Guinness Book of records, the fastest man on earth was Usain Bolt at 27.8mph in a 100-meter sprint!]

28/10/2021, today we conducted an interview with someone who used to live at 142 Ambleside Road, Lightwater.

While living at home with his parents in a chalet-type residence, (since demolished), the witness, (who was a young lad at the time) recalled how some highly curious things happened there.

He was just 7 years old when these things occurred, yet remembers distinctly, regular *dreams* of being able to levitate down the stairs and even flying unaided, (which was weird enough in itself) but he then went on to recall something far, far stranger.

His report began by detailing a long mirror, which reflected another mirror on the landing; while fully awake, the boy suddenly heard a male voice from nowhere which said “look in the mirror”; and as he peered into it deeply, he saw what he describes as a *shadow being* gliding down the wall, which proceeded to move-off and hide behind the stove.

Apparently, ‘the figure’ didn’t have any discernible facial features, he saw just the head, body, arms, and legs; it was jet-black, and as it moved, it made a kind of shuffling sound.

“It was as tall as me, around 4 ft...

...as for that discarnate voice, well, I have heard it again since, only one other time, as a warning of an impending accident about five years ago.

But have had no further sightings of the black figure.”

“The only thing I used to suffer with during that period, and still do to some extent, are severe migraines. The migraines back then were so bad I used to drive my head into the corner of a room.”



**Ockham** – The Eye (Oculus) appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Bocheham. Held by Richard Fitz Gilbert, its assets were: 1½ hides, 1 church, 2 fisheries worth 10d, 3 ploughs, 2 acres (0.81 ha) of meadow, woodland **worth 60 hogs**.

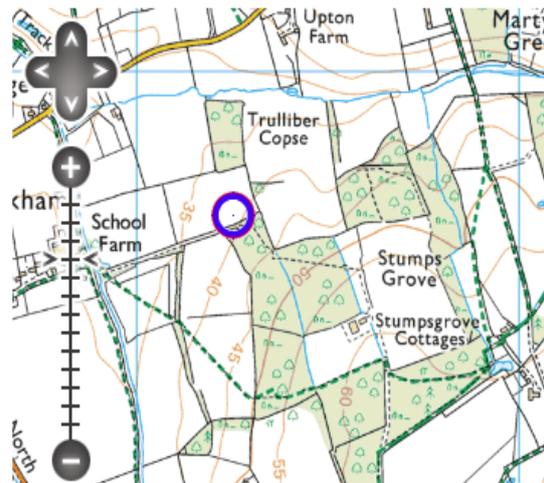
The tiny Downside chapel, dedicated to St Michael, (slayer of all things ‘evil’ – including the poor old dragon, logically) only dates from the Victorian/Pre-WWI period, but is still quite a curious place.

This small village used to contain a large megalithic stone, (\*which was recumbent in a farm field at Stumps Grove) and nearby Wisely Common - Cockcrow Hill have their own ancient mound and large bell barrow tumulus. **\*Based on a memory from many years ago when we visited and studied this lonely megalith; recently it was discovered that, *on the sly*, it has been removed by someone, (farmer?) without any consideration for our cultural heritage... an artefact older than the Egyptian Pyramids!**



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Stumps Grove, Ockham, Surrey - where the sarsen stone once lay



Then we have the Semaphore Tower which rises from high Ockham and Wisley Commons at Chatley Heath... a tall, narrow Octagonal, inhabitable tower that dates to the early 19th century. Obviously, as its title tells us, it originally had a military function; but from a Ley Line point of view, (thinking in terms of dual usage) wow, what about this as an ideal surveillance/surveyors point?

**Pachesham**, (within **Leatherhead**) is listed in the Domesday Book as *Pachesham*. It was held by Hugo (Hugh) from the Bishop of Lisieux.

Its Domesday assets were: 3 virgates. It had part of 2 mills worth 12 shillings, 4 ploughs, 5 acres (20,000 m<sup>2</sup>) of meadow, woodland **worth 3 hogs**.

The village of **Puttenham** contains a **St John the Baptist church**, which is towards the eastern end of the village. Readers will find out later why this is so significant to our investigation. The church was built in stages. The oldest part is late Saxon; in 1160, Norman pillars were built. In the 13th century, the Lady Chapel was added and in the 15th century the tower was added. In the 18th century it was destroyed by fire but was restored in the 20th century. Puttenham Common is situated at the foot of the southern slope of the Hog's Back ridge, roughly midway between Guildford and Farnham. It contains Frowsbury Mound, an ancient bowl barrow, plus Field System Earthworks.



**High altitude UFO captured from Puttenham Common, Surrey 09/10/08**

**A disc-shaped aerial oddity was captured, 09/10/08, high in the sky above Puttenham Common, Surrey, UK.**

Nothing unusual was visible at the time of shooting; shots taken immediately before and after this didn't reveal anything out of the ordinary.

Although we haven't detected much yet on our dowsing rods, apparently this location does have \*alignment energy tracks passing through it, which come across from the Hog's Back.

\* It is advisable to read this point made about the varying strengths of energy.

*These days it is important not to expect all Ley Lines to be highly energetic anymore; a phenomenon known as 'crustal shift' must be considered.*

*This is where divisions of earth's lithosphere, or exterior surface, (otherwise termed as the 'crust') is imperceptibly slipping all the while; we might only be discussing fractions of an inch per year, but over long periods of time, the accumulative effects are considerable; and whilst these vast rafts of land are gradually moving in this manner, earth's core obviously stays put.*

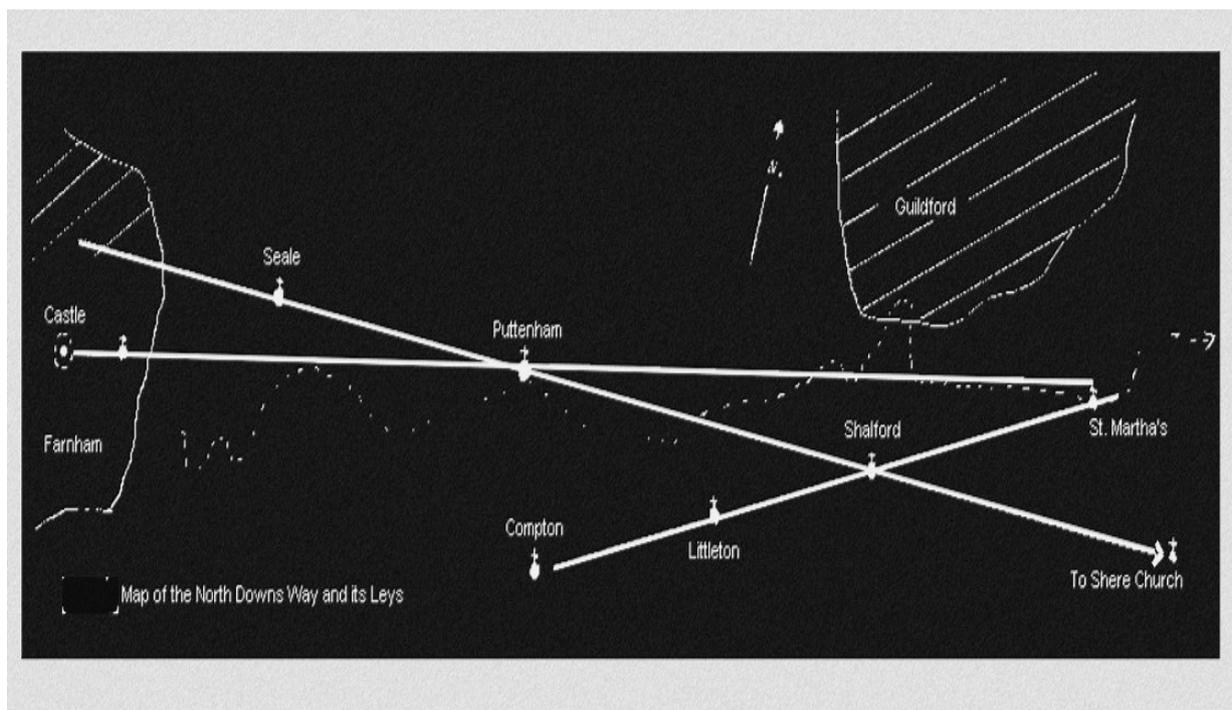
*What this means is, after all these centuries there has been so much lithospheric movement, that many arrangements of markers will be severely out of station with the earth's magnetic flows and thus not working correctly as once they undoubtedly did; a mere shadow of their former glory.*

*Still, a 'shadow' is better than nothing, and we can vouch for the fact that miniscule trickles of energy are continuing to get through in places, detectable by dowsing... and felt through the body sometimes; not so much as a high-*

*power shock, more the mild tingle one would get if you were to put your tongue on the terminals of a small, run down 9v battery.*

*We have felt the power ourselves sometimes, trickling through and even beneath our feet, most notably at **\*St Laurence, Seale, Surrey...** an interesting old church founded in 1080, and meaningful to this investigation. (including energies that are possibly Aquiferous in origin... from subterranean water flows.). This has been known to cause a sense of disorientation in some people.*

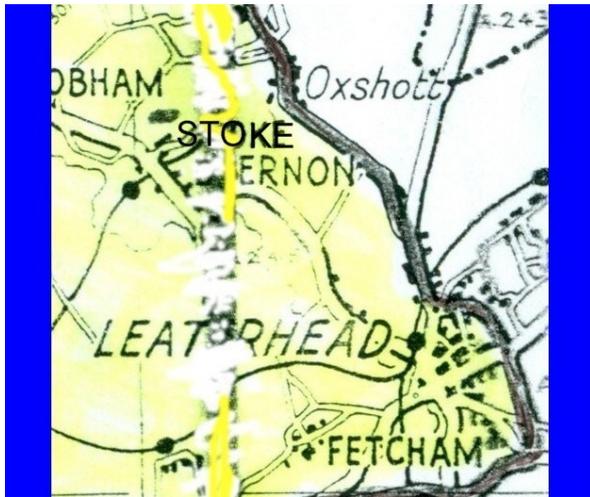
*As you can see, the Seale church, (Altitude 89 m.) stands on a significant ley alignment.*



*Marshalling all the evidence together, makes clear the potential magnitude of what we are considering here... a living circuit of Bioenergetic Current or 'Yunni' as the Celts used to call it... now damaged by both nature itself and mankind's handiwork. Taken from 'Ley Lines & Earth Energies - The Rediscovery of a Lost Wisdom'. **\*Saint Lawrence** or Laurence was one of the seven deacons of the city of Rome, Italy, under Pope Sixtus II who were martyred in the persecution of the Christians; and despite dragons not being strongly associated with the saint, he is depicted in certain medieval paintings with such a mythical winged creature very near, albeit usually one of a more-timid appearance.*

**Runfold** is a village in Surrey, about 2 mi (3.2 km) ENE of Farnham and it exists on the ancient Pilgrims' Way and on the former route of the A31 road, which has by-passed the village since the early 1990s.

**Send, Surrey:** Its Domesday assets were: 20 hides; 1 church, 10 ploughs, 2 mills worth £1 3s 6d, 5 fisheries worth 4s 6d, 84 acres (34 ha) of meadow, woodland for **160 hogs**.



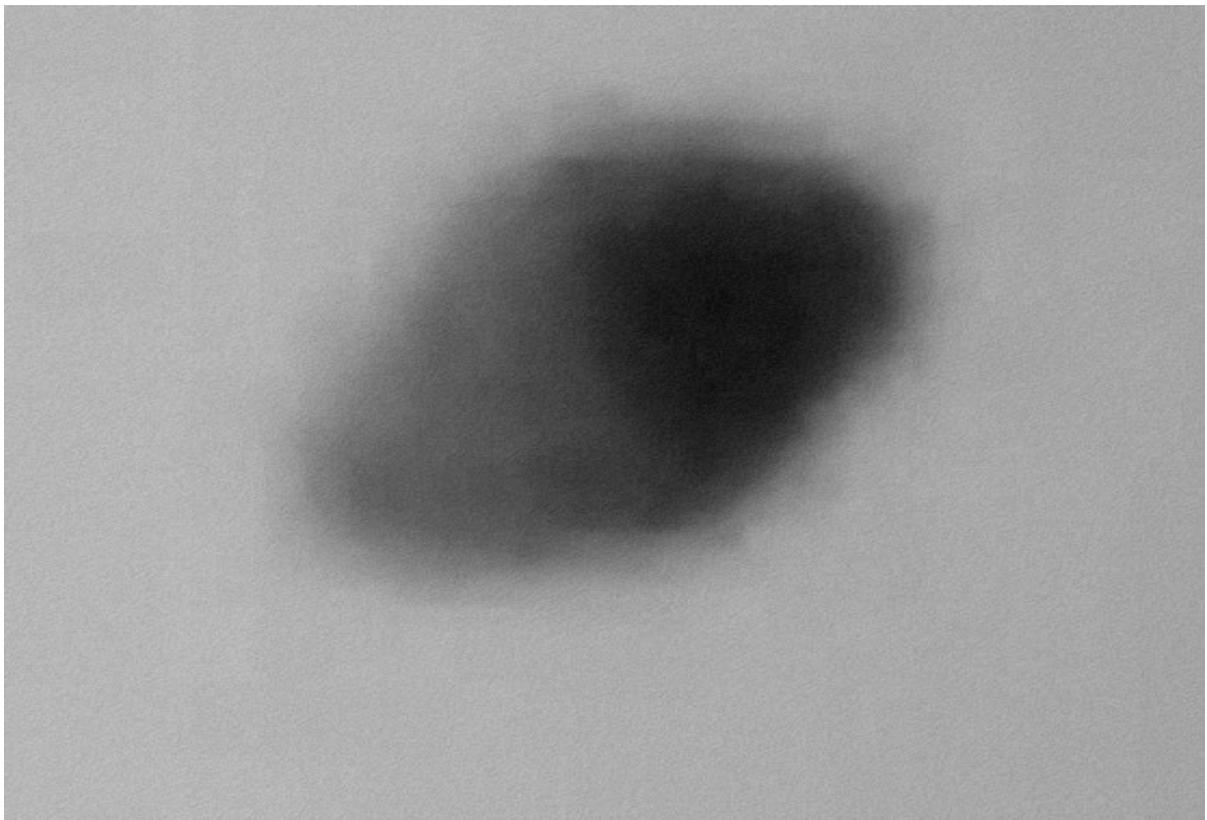
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**Stoke D'Abernon** (the mouth? - Hogtrough Lane) is a village and former civil parish in the borough of Elmbridge in Surrey, ... Stoke D'Abernon appears in Domesday Book of 1086 as the manor of Stoche, **(derived from the common Anglo-Saxon word stoc, implying a holy place)**. ... 4 ploughs, 6 oxen, 4 acres (1.6 ha) of meadow, woodland **worth 40 hogs**.

There is here an extensive common, Stoke Common, much overgrown with wood, and on it a medicinal spring called Jessopp's Well, which is said to be very powerful.

This is a mineral spa converted to a very small spa house that was built in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century; the water was sold for a period at 6d per bottle.

## UFO Captured Over Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey - Jan 2018



**Morphing UFO shot over Stoke D'Abernon, (nr. Hogtrough Lane?)**

Witness Statement as follows: "Filmed this strange object while waiting next to my car in Stoke D'Abernon.

To me, it looks like a small UFO, symmetrical, spins on its axis, changes shape, descends vertically, very strange.

As soon as I started talking to a witness, it descended vertically in the forest behind the houses.” [End]

Comment: From our analysis, we have determined that at times, the Stoke D’Abernon aerial object resembles a miniature Saturn, like a ball with a ring around it.

Adding to our research... in a book dated 1908 by Philip Mainwaring Johnston F.R.I.B.A., we chanced upon another curiosity regarding Stoke D’Abernon: We ask the reader, when was the last time you’ve seen a pagan, half naked angel in a church? Well, we have found one, (or at least, it once existed, not sure about now, as we have been unable to enter this place of worship due to Covid 19 restrictions) on the pulpit sounding board of St Mary’s Church Stoke D’Abernon.

Verging on a Sheela-na-gig, such an architectural grotesque might look most out of place to the average Jo, but for those who know their onions – (and considering how many traces such as this have ‘disappeared’ over the years), this is a pleasing discovery.



This photo shows the ceiling of the sounding-board before it was “repaired”. [A sounding board, also known as a tester and abat-voix is a structure placed above and sometimes also behind a pulpit or other speaking platform that helps to project the sound of the speaker.]

Its 1908 description reads: *In the central panel is a very quaint and very ugly dancing angel, carved in low relief. It is evidently intended for a female figure, and is shown nude to the waist, below which its voluminous skirts are gathered and secured by an elaborate bow. So far as any symbolic meaning is concerned,*

*this curiously pagan "angel" is about as appropriate to its position as are the hideous gorgon figures that bear up the body of the pulpit.*

A further importance is that Stoke D'Abernon was from the beginning an "ecclesia propria", a church built on private land by a feudal lord. We also read somewhere, that there is a St. Michael connection here with one of its carvings, but sadly cannot retrace where we originally found this in our archival delving.

St. Mary's, a partially 7<sup>th</sup> century church, whose external holy water stoup is a 15th century addition, is of great interest to our enquiry, together with the site of a timeworn well house further over towards **Wisely**.

In these parts, there are simply too many farms and \*groves, (\*with some rumoured of having had wiccan usage in early times) to list here.

By way of addition, religious revivals of the 19th century saw wooden, corrugated, (and even a few willow-woven) 'roadside' tabernacles/chapels pop up nationwide, like the one shown below.

Originally, this particular building was to be found just off our Hog, and located in Eashing, Surrey; but today, it has since been enthusiastically restored, and relocated to a point that is now positioned in conjunction with our hog, at the Rural Life Living Museum, Tilford, Farnham.

Intuitive siting at play again?

One, can only imagine what else has been lost in the way of attestation, long-gone in the name of progress.



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL IN EASHING. This shows the chapel in its original setting before removal and restoration. It was built by the Petotress family the Congregational owners of Eashing paper mills.

**Sunninghill/Sunningdale**, (the Hog's Back leg) is marked by a major bronze-age barrow; this, lays just inside the Chobham parish border south of the clubhouse of Sunningdale Golf Course. The C of E parish church of Saint Michael and All Angels at Sunninghill was originally established about AD 890. The present Church is the third on the site, and the misleading inscription by the west door describes the second one as the 'original church'!

David Nash Ford writes about this region in his 'Royal Berkshire History'... *Sunninghill began to expand as a village down the west side of Sunninghill Road on \*Saltershill during the early 19th century. The school was founded in 1818 next to the smithy and things expanded from there. This was due partly to the popularity of nearby Ascot Races, but largely because of **the chalybeate spa** at the old Wells Inn (now a restaurant).*

*Since the discovery of the **health-giving spring** there the previous century, it was one of the prime places to be seen for Windsor's high society. In its heyday, it was as popular as Bath or Tunbridge Wells, but its clientele was much more exclusive, and it was even frequented by Royalty.*

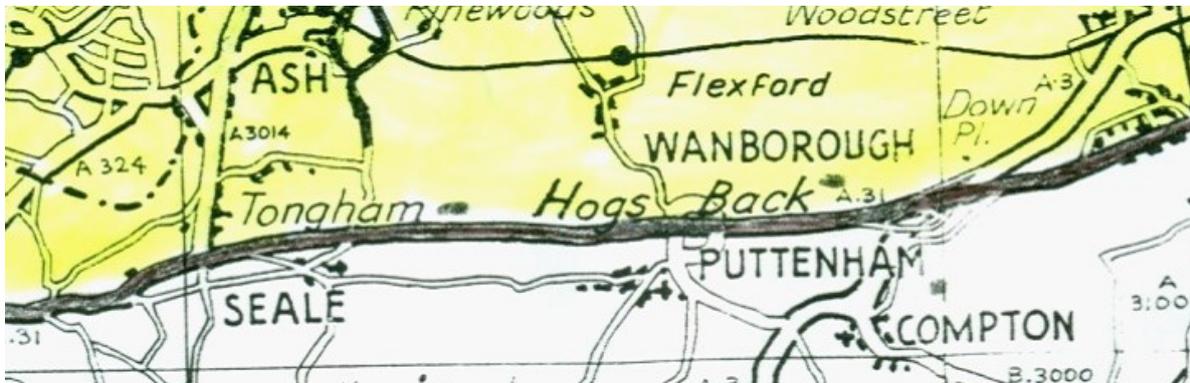
\*Ley tracks often ran straight through a forest or woodland clearing and were usually sighted from some distant hill called 'salt-hill' or a similar title.



Much of Sunningdale was originally part of Windsor Forest, which formerly spread out for many more miles than it does now - in fact from Windsor right down to Basingstoke. The term 'forest' in those days did not necessarily imply an area covered with trees, as we now understand it, but was also used to denote waste land covered with heather or other undergrowth.

In fact, this district was almost treeless, except perhaps for a few sturdy oaks which had managed to grow up in spite of innumerable deer, wild pigs and other animals, which browsed off the young shoots as soon as they appeared above the ground. So rare were trees and shrubs that where they did exist, the places where they grew were named after them.

**Sutton Place, Guildford, Surrey** (Manor), within which a Tudor mansion is situated, (Altitude: 143 m.) which appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as *Sudtone*. Its assets were: 3 hides; 1 mill worth 5s, 3 ploughs, 20 acres (81,000 m<sup>2</sup>) of meadow, woodland **worth 25 hogs**.



**Wanborough**... this appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as *Weneberge* held by Goisfrid (Geoffrey) de Mandville. Its assets were: 3 hides; 1 church, 9 ploughs, 6 acres (2.4 ha) of meadow, woodland **worth 30 hogs** (per year). Its people rendered £7 per year to their overlords. Flint and bronze implements have been found in the fields.

The name **Wanborough** is from *Wenberge*, the Anglo-Saxon name for the White Barrow, a burial **mound** on the Hog's Back. 'Wenna's burial-mound/hill' or perhaps, 'wen-shaped burial-mound/hill'. The topography here may suggest a hill in the shape of a wen, or tumour.

Wanborough grew around, and to service, Wanborough Manor which is on the site of ancient springs.

## The Wanborough Oak: Sacred Grove Ancient Circular Temple



### *Ancient Surrey temple shows Celts were tree-worshippers*

Ancient Britons really were a bunch of tree-huggers, according to new archaeological evidence in Surrey.

Confirming claims by the Romans that our ancestors worshipped trees, a dig at a 2,000-year-old Celtic religious complex in Wanborough, near Guildford, suggests that in the late Iron Age, the main focus of religious veneration for local tribespeople was a large tree - probably an oak.

It is likely that the tree formed the central feature of some sort of sacred grove.

Other evidence from the British Isles and Europe has indicated that the Celts particularly venerated the oak, the yew and the ash.

Priests' head-dresses found in a previous excavation, bear emblems of the Celtic sky god Taranis, the Celtic version of Jupiter - a deity closely linked with oak trees.

The Ancient Britons venerated trees for many reasons - their longevity, their apparent annual death and rebirth, and their seeming ability to inhabit both the underworld, through their roots, and the sky, through their height.

The Wanborough oak was probably positioned at the heart of a sacred grove or enclosure and may well have been the place where tribal chiefs were

inaugurated, where fertility rituals were carried out and where animal sacrifices were performed.

Following the Roman Conquest, continental architecture and other cultural ideas were introduced into Britain, and the open-air religious complex centred on the sacred tree was replaced by a circular temple in a Gallo-Roman style with flint and clay walls, a tiled roof and a wooden floor.

The sacred tree was removed but its site remained important, with the entrance passage of the temple deliberately aligned towards its position.

Votive offerings to the gods, including the largest hoard of Celtic coins ever discovered in Britain - 10,000 coins found in the mid-1980s - were interred nearby.

Which included these coins depicting an image of a wild boar!





These are generally ascribed to the Atrebates, a Belgic tribe of the Iron Age and the Roman period, originally dwelling in the Artois region, who appear to have minted their own coinage. Domestic minting began around 100BC. The implications are obvious.

This is **only the second early Romano-British circular temple to be found.**

The excavations, directed by archaeologist David Williams and funded by Surrey Archaeological Society, have shown that the building itself was 11.5 metres in diameter and was probably more than 10 metres high.

Digs at the site, including the Gallo-Roman round temple, have just been completed. "We were thrilled to discover this building because it is only the second temple of its type ever found in Britain," said Mr Williams. Source: The Independent 11<sup>th</sup> September 1999.

**Wisley** appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as *Wiselei*. It was held by Osuold (Oswold) [of Wotton], whose main seat was Wotton. Its Domesday assets were: 1½ hides; one church, one mill worth 10 shillings, three ploughs, one fishery worth 5d, 6 acres (2.4 ha) of meadow, woodland **worth six hogs**.

**Wisley Church** is intriguing; the dedication is unknown, but this Norman place of worship was once known as '**The church in the farmyard**'. The farmyard has long gone.

There is a **maintained medieval track** running from Byfleet through Wisley to St Nicholas' Church, Pyrford.

**Woking**, official Notts University research name meaning: '*Wocc(a)'s people*'. *The site of the hundred meeting place was 'Harmes Hatch' near the boundary of*

*Cobham and Ockham parishes on the NE edge of the hundred. The second element of this name is OE haecc, 'hatch/gate', but the forms are too late to determine the first.*

“Wocca tribe” – wicca people? *Woccingas* OE defined: ‘wizards, magicians, soothsayers, astrologers’.

The Domesday Woking & Godley Hundreds say that Woking’s assets included 1 church, 1 mill, meadow, 32 acres and woodland at **133 pigs**.

In 1895, H. G. Wells was an established fiction writer, and he married his second wife, Catherine Robbins, moving with her to the town of Woking in Surrey. There, he spent his mornings walking or cycling in the surrounding countryside, and his afternoons writing. The original idea for his famed novel *The War of the Worlds* came from his brother during one of these walks, pondering on what it might be like if alien beings were suddenly to descend on the scene and start attacking its inhabitants.

Much of *The War of the Worlds* takes place around Woking and the surrounding area. The initial landing site of the Martian invasion force, Horsell Common, was an open area close to Wells' s home.

But that was just an invented story by Well’s... although maybe not completely; how funny then, that actual UFO’s ARE reported sporadically in this area - such as this sighting.

### **Woking - August 09, 2009 - Real UFO Sighting**

#### Sighting Specifics:

Distance	101-500 Feet, 501 Feet - 1 Mile
Altitude	Treetop, Over 500 Feet - under Cloud cover
Duration	00:02:00
Features	Unknown
Flight Path	Stationary
Shape	Disc

#### Witness Description:

August 2, 2009, I was in bed, then decided to look outside of the window for no reason at all and saw what appeared to be a disc that was above the tree line in the back yard; the object was completely stationary.

I did not witness where it went since I was young and scared, so I left the room.

The lights on this UFO were a mix of green, blue, red, yellow and gold, even white in some places. [End]

**All Saints Church, Woodham**, stands in a circular prehistoric bank-and-ditch site, and merits a nose-around. 'The Traditional Church in the woods', (as it's known) is to be found near 6 Crossroads Roundabout Woodham, Woking; ah, and we mustn't ignore **St Paul's Church**, Oriental Road, Woking either for its location; but we are talking plain and of little age; maybe a case of intuitive siting though! Sheerwater **St Michael's** Ecumenical Church, Dartmouth Ave, Woking fits the same bill – modern building, very basic, but look beyond this!

**St Johns** and **Hook Heath** is a suburban ward in Surrey consisting of two settlements founded in the 19th century in the medieval parish of Woking.

Thick woodland is mixed with open meadow at **St Johns Lye**.

**Worplesdon**: Its name is given as a 'hill with a path/bridle-way', perhaps referring to the steep path which leads to the church, and this village is located 3.1 miles (5.0 km) NNW of Guildford in Surrey. Its Domesday assets were 6½ hides; a church, 9 ploughs, a mill worth 2s 6d, 8 acres (3.2 ha) of meadow, wood **worth 60 hogs**.

Understandably we can't list every single area within our Hog, it would take *forever*; but just from these examples the reader can see that, back then in this region, (and numerous other parts of Great Britain according to the Domesday book) monetary-wise, the breeding of swine was a vital source of income for farmers.

Yet, it wasn't only during the 11<sup>th</sup> century that hogs were considered as wealth and currency. Slang terms for the old shilling coins included "hog". Between 1701 and the unification of the currencies in 1825, the Irish shilling was valued at 13 pence and known as the "black hog", as opposed to the 12-pence English shillings which were known as "white hogs".

And we think that regionally, many place appellations extend further too, especially post Caxton times, and possessed dual or multiple meanings.

Even if the origins of many place names are forgotten presently, we can still decipher their construction to reveal what may have been used in colloquial language for casual communication between local folk.

The question is, which came first, the Hog's Back title, (which dates to the last quarter of the 18<sup>th</sup> century) or the names of regions bordering and within the Hog's Back A31; and the answer is, (for some areas anyway) unquestionably the latter.

For instance, Bats Hogstye, (the belly region) a triple-banked enclosure, 315m east of Chobham Common, likely precedes the Hog's Back name, being as it is designated Medieval. The site of **New Hall Farm, Chobham**, should not be forgotten either.



**Leatherhead Mysteries:** ‘Head’ area of our Hog (and close by)

Seeing as how we are mainly dealing mainly with the latter middle ages here, this next information might seem a tad irrelevant, but it serves to show the confusion there is in the multiple meanings of some place titles.

Wikipedia tells us “*the name Leatherhead was recorded in the Domesday Book as **Leret** and by the end of the 12th century it had been recorded as **Lereda, Ledreda, Leddrede**.*

*Initially, the name was given an Anglo-Saxon derivation of **lēod-rida** (“place where people [can] ride [across the river]”), this is now considered highly unlikely as **Lēod** does not exist in any other English place name, and **\*ride** is speculation.” [End]*

We argue that the meaning of place names changes over the centuries.

A good example is Farnborough, Hampshire, where we live.

No longer is it known as **Fearnbiorginga**, (862) meaning ‘a village among the ferns on the hill’, or even ‘mounds amongst the ferns’ as some gazetteers have it; but today, the place is totally synonymous with aircraft and military!

Talk to anyone around here about ‘mounds’ and ‘ferns’ and they are bound to give you a funny look!

There's no doubt that values/word meanings evolve over time, just as customs, fashion and beliefs change.



There was uproar among the residents of Leatherhead when *The Penny Black* pub changed its name to the *Hogshead*. Coincidence, or yet another case of what we term subconscious siting – (situated right on our Hog's head) - Leatherhead? The Survey of English Place Names: A county-by-county guide to the linguistic origins of England's place-names – a project of the English Place-Name Society, founded 1923, says of Leatherhead, (Major Settlement, Leatherhead, Surrey) "this name must remain an unsolved problem. Its first element so suggestive of OE *lǣod*, 'people,' and its second element so obscure."



In the middle of Ewell is Bourne Park; Bourne House is a modern replacement for the original and houses a museum. The lake in front of the house is centred on the main spring, although the fountain is ornamental!

We realise that we will be accused of going slightly *off-hog* here, but there is a sacred spring in **Ewell, Surrey**, part Ewell the springs which form the **Hogsmill River**.

These springs and others around our 'head' area, (and many other parts of the Hog too) are all connected by a subterranean aquiferous, arterial system.

They attracted prehistoric people to the area and numerous remains have been found, mostly in Ewell and particularly near the Hogsmill.

During the reign of Elizabeth I about 30 'witches' were tried at the Surrey Assizes. These included Eden Worsley, a spinster of **Ewell**, who was charged that on 4 July 1564 she murdered by witchcraft Elizabeth, the daughter of Robert Bybye. She was the only one sentenced to hang; the majority were found not guilty.

**Thorncroft** Holy Spring - hauntings and more.

Technically, the Hog's 'snout' is Headley village, but Gimcrack Hill is our first port of call.

### **Partaking of The Waters**

A crystal-clear stream here may look unremarkable enough, but the Thorncroft Spring was once widely recognized as having curative properties.

It is mentioned in "Holy Wells and Magical Waters of Surrey" by Rowland G.M. Baker, as formerly being noted for assisting with medical ailments including the relief of sore eyes; even King George 111 is said to have followed the tradition and would partake of 'the elixir of life' from this very source, when ever he came to stay at Windsor Castle.

One can access its copious flow by descending several steps immediately next to the main public road, where the waters emerge from a bankside culvert and run towards the River Mole.



In the early 17th century, one physician idealistically described such healing springs in verse:

"These waters youth in age renew  
Strength to the weak and sickly add  
Give the pale cheek a rosy hue  
And cheerful spirits to the sad."

It must be pointed out however, that since the industrialization of Britain, untreated water sources cannot always be relied upon as being quite as pure as they once were; but early testimonies to the efficaciousness of this Spring, together with alleged 'cures' received at numerous other Holy Springs/Wells dotted around our Hog and elsewhere, suggest that the public were *not as green as they were cabbage-looking*, when it came to their faith in such sites.

After having filtered through various rock strata, spring waters are often high in mineral salts... which probably had something to do with many early medicinal claims; this, combined with the power of belief, certainly seems to have resulted in some beneficial effects in times of old.

Add to the list...

### **Hawk's Hill - Saxon Burial ground**

18 grave burials have been unearthed there which are of 7th century in date and formed part of a much larger cemetery on Hawk's Hill.

A curio that we found about 2 miles from Leatherhead, (just off the head of our Hog) in its surrounding environs is this...



... a dragon-slaying dedication found in **Ashstead, St Michael's**; this is a relatively modern church, (and only just fringing the hog) but St Michael the Archangel is listed as a professional dragon-slayer, (one of the many saints usually pictured in Christian art) who was said to have destroyed evil, (and deadly creatures) wherever they went; bearing in mind what we said earlier about such symbolism, we felt that it's positioning on the map was a more than a tad curious. Unexpectedly, even **Lower Ashted** has a **St George's Church** dating back to 1115; or at least they did have in 1920! - now its St Giles' & St George's, with St Giles being a modern red-brick affair!

It is said that there are **no single set of rules**, (and that's a direct quote) which govern the choice of saint for a church, chapel, or religious foundation, but

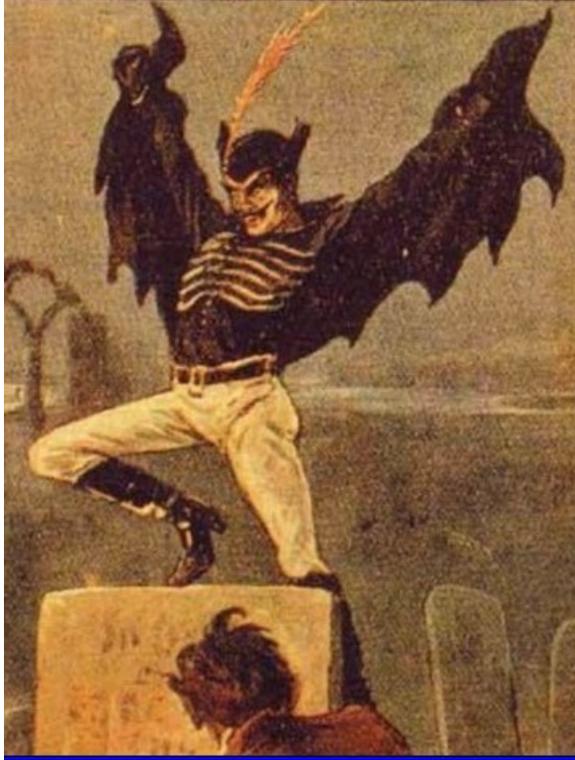
choice of patrons were/are influenced by the history of English Christianity, as well as popular Bible stars. However, we think that there is much more to the earlier, (and to some extent thereafter) choice of church dedication, than just major characters in Biblical studies.



Albrecht Durer (1471–1528) – Woodcut: *Saint Michael Fighting the Dragon*



## Guildford – A Collection of Mysterious Spaces



Spring-heeled Jack was an entity most prevalent in Victorian England, but remarkably, has also been reported much more recently!

Imagine the scenario, you are with your family driving along a motorway.

Abruptly you see in the distance, a mysterious character standing at the side of the road. As you draw closer, it leaps out and darts in front of your car, then vaults with exceptional force over a 15-foot wall, disappearing from sight.

As stated by the Surrey press, this is just what happened to a local family in 2012 as they made their way home after an evening out together.

Encounters with the strange leaping figure have been reported from several different locations throughout these parts.

The first account of Spring-heeled Jack was penned in 1837, but subsequent recordings were made in many regions of Great Britain, particularly Surrey and Hampshire.

*Surrey and Hants News & Guildford Times* – 14 December 1878, ‘Jack’ was even seen by soldiers at Aldershot Barracks. This story went as follows: a sentry on duty at the North Camp peered into the darkness, his attention attracted by a peculiar figure "advancing towards him." Then, according to Elliott O’Donnell, *Haunted Britain* – Consul Books (1963) pg 89, the soldier issued a challenge, which went unheeded, and the figure came up beside him and delivered several slaps to his face. A guard shot at him, with no visible effect; some sources claim that the soldier may have fired blanks at him, others that he missed or fired warning shots. The strange figure then disappeared into the surrounding darkness "with astonishing bounds."

There are many ideas about the nature and identity of Spring-heeled Jack, and due to the tales of his uncanny aspect and extraordinary athletic prowess, he became the topic of several works of urban fiction.

Spring-heeled Jack was described by people who claimed to have seen him as having a chilling and unpleasant appearance; diabolical characteristics... including a ‘Devil-like’ aspect with ‘clawed hands’ and eyes that ‘resembled red balls of fire’.

**Ash Vale** in the borough of Guildford, Surrey



### **UFO Sighting in Ash Vale, UK on November 24, 2017**

Witness Description:

“I was walking along the street when I was distracted by the sudden appearance of a cigar shaped vehicle.

It appeared from nowhere and was like nothing I have ever seen before.

The craft was hovering, then suddenly, it flew off at an amazing speed.

I felt like it was a dream, but it definitely happened, and I feel honoured to have witnessed it.

I have not provided my telephone number as I don't really want to talk about it again with anyone else in person, but this outlet has provided me with the opportunity to reveal my experience publicly.

Up until this point I have told nobody else - as I know I would not be believed.”

**Sighting Specifics:**

<b>Distance</b>	21-100 Feet
<b>Altitude</b>	Treetop
<b>Duration</b>	00:01:00
<b>Features</b>	Patterned Surface
<b>Flight Path</b>	Path with Directional Change



Standing right on a huge alignment, Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, (which, at its base, is 57 m. in altitude) was used as a scene backdrop for the creepy 1976 movie *The Omen*; yet, even away from such works of fiction, this location is no stranger to genuine mysteries and even supernatural happenings.

Building work began in 1936, but delayed by WW11; so, it has no great age, nevertheless, the cathedral is an impressive structure which is also situated directly on a ley line.



**The cathedral was designed by architect Edward Maufe, and this is his dragon ‘foundation’ stone set into one of the walls there.**

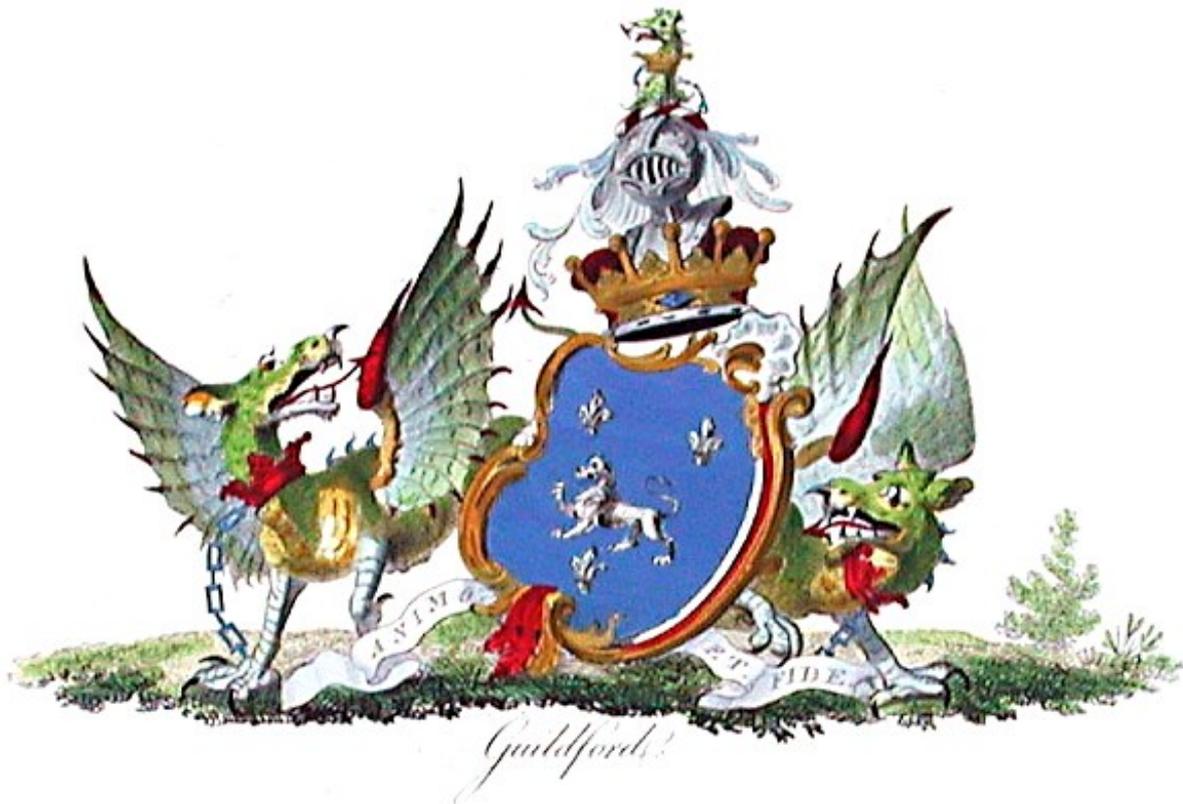
Two photographs taken in April 2012, that appeared to show a spooky shape on this mount in Guildford, have caused a stir among investigators of *The Paranormal*.



Amateur photographer, Mark Baker, 37, took the pictures when trying out a new camera timer, and when he downloaded them to his PC, they appeared to show a ghostly white form.



‘It was not until I got home and was downloading, I noticed it,’ he said; and Mark went on to stress that he had not digitally altered the images in any way.



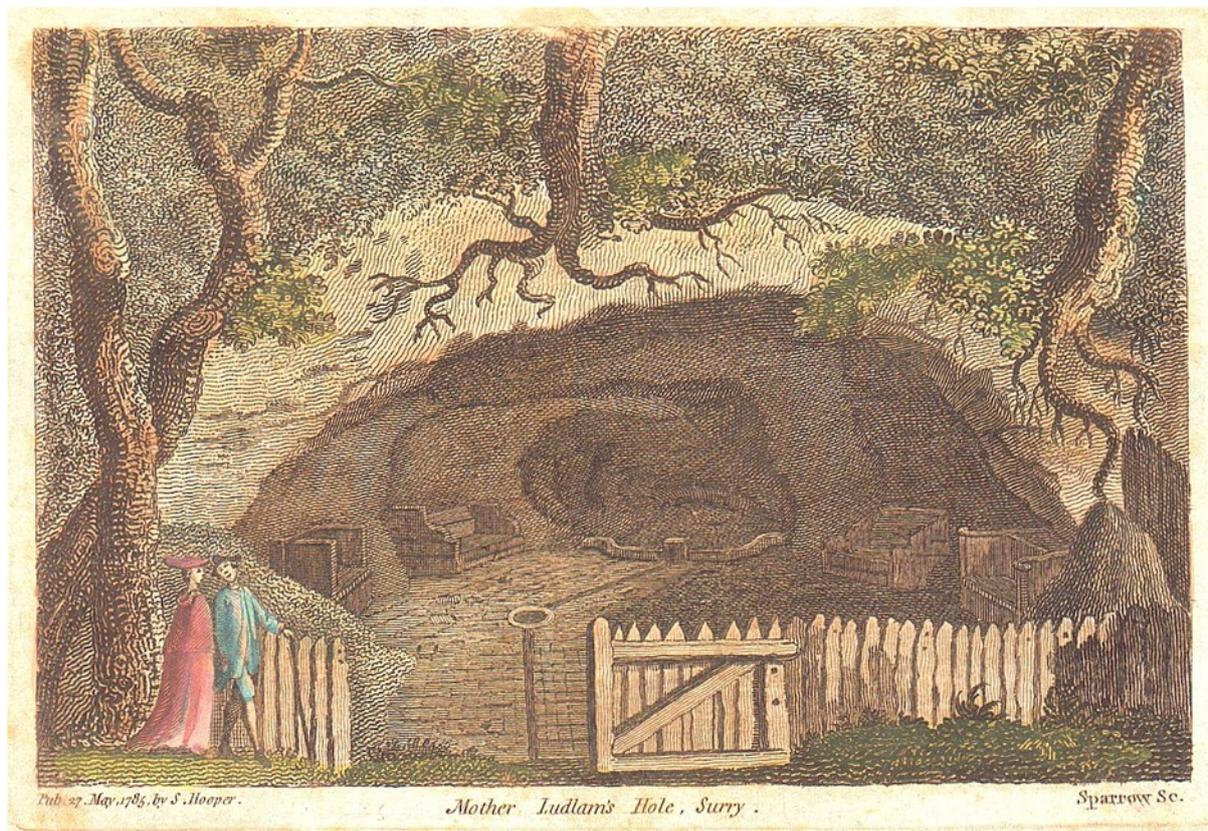
Guildford is an engaging place, and this is its original heraldic coat of arms dating back to the 1700's belonging to the Earl of Guildford. Note the dragons yet again. Of course, times change and so has the towns' coat of arms; these days it bears a castle as its main theme.

### **Mother Ludlum's 'Other Hole' is in Guildford**

Records show that there is a small, narrow opening in Guildford, (a 'hole' if you like) leading to a natural subterranean rock passage.

This falls directly on the 'spine' of our landscape Hog.

Although barely big enough for an adult to squeeze through, this eventually leads to another cavity, popularly known as Mother Ludlum's 'Hole', an artificially widened outflow cave with a spring stream running through and from it.



The main entrance of the cave is in a sandstone cliff at Moor Park near Farnham, Surrey, (technically, this is located slightly outside the Hog boundaries) but is now closed-off to the public due to safety concerns following a partial collapse of its roof.

Folklore submits that in the 13th century the 'Ludewell', (other spellings through history include 'Ludwell' and 'Luddwell') was once home to a White Witch known as 'Mother' who supplied the monks of nearby \*Waverley Abbey with fresh water and cooking utensils in return for food.

\*A few supporting points/clues; we have heard that there is a connection between the now ruined Waverley Abbey and Rosslyn Chapel, a 15th-century chapel located in the village of Roslin, Midlothian, Scotland, involving the Holy Grail. Also, "*this hallowed shrine*", (as the abbey was once referred to by Francis Cardinal Bourne) used to provide shelter for weary pilgrim travellers.

The chronicles of Waverley Abbey in England tell of Hugh of Champagne "with two knights of the Temple and two clerics." The knights went all over England and as far north as Scotland, "and many took the cross that year and those following [travelled] the route for the Holy places."

At the next stop, Hugh felt confident of a good reception. Thierry, count of Flanders, was well disposed to the Templars. He also encouraged his barons to be generous. On September 13, 1128, Thierry held a solemn assembly before the bishop of Théroutanne at which he confirmed the donations made to the Templars by his predecessor, William Clito. Present to witness it were Hugh, Godfrey of St. Omer, Payns of Montdidier, "and many other brothers." It's never made clear, but I believe that these "other brothers" were some of the new recruits that the

Templars so desperately needed. A public gathering such as this would be a perfect place for a rousing speech. A young man carried away by the moment would find it hard to renounce a vow taken before so many people.

Finally, the party returned to Troyes sometime around January 1129. There they received a house, a grange, land and fields near the suburb of Preize from a Raoul Crassus and his wife, H  l  ne. This donation almost certainly became the commandery of Troyes. Witnessing it were Hugh, Godfrey, and Payns along with Templars named Ralph and John. It seems that the trip had been worth it.

1Orderic Vitalis, *The Ecclesiastical History of Orderic Vitalis* vol. VI, ed. and tr. Margery Chibnall (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1978) pp. 310-11.

2Thierry LeRoy, *Hugues de Payns*. (Troyes: Maison du Boulanger, 1999) pp. 72-76.

3Ibid., p. 195.

4Ibid., p. 76.

5Robert of Torigni, *Gesta Normannorum Ducum* Vol. II, Book VII, pp. 32-34, ed. and tr. Elisabeth M. C. Van Houts (Oxford: Oxford Medieval Texts; 1995) p. 257. I say apparently because there isn't any record of Henry's generosity, except Robert's account.

6Quoted in LeRoy, p. 76.

7Marquis d'Albon, Charter no. 16.

8Ibid., Charter no. 22.

And, thanks to *Tales of Old Surrey* by Matthew Alexander, we learned that an *underground passage* supposedly ran for over two miles to the Waverley Abbey; plausibly, such legends were often early, but distorted, commemorations of Ley Lines.

Origins of the name 'Ludwell' or 'Luddwell'. A modern ethnographer would identify 'Lud' as a Celtic god: A temple dedicated to Llud once stood at the site of St. Paul's Cathedral in London near Ludgate, which was named after him.

He replaced the Goddess Tamesis as God of the River Thames.

Llud was also notorious as the Celtic god of healing.

Of course, that quaint little story of 'Mother's' arrangement with the monks may be just folklore; and looking at the legend another way, (from a Pagan, living earth belief angle) the 'Mother' reference might just as easily be considered as alluding to the 'Earth Mother', (rock womb of) and the 'Hole', a symbolic reference to the opening where the water emerges from 'her' cavernous vagina... now there's a thought!

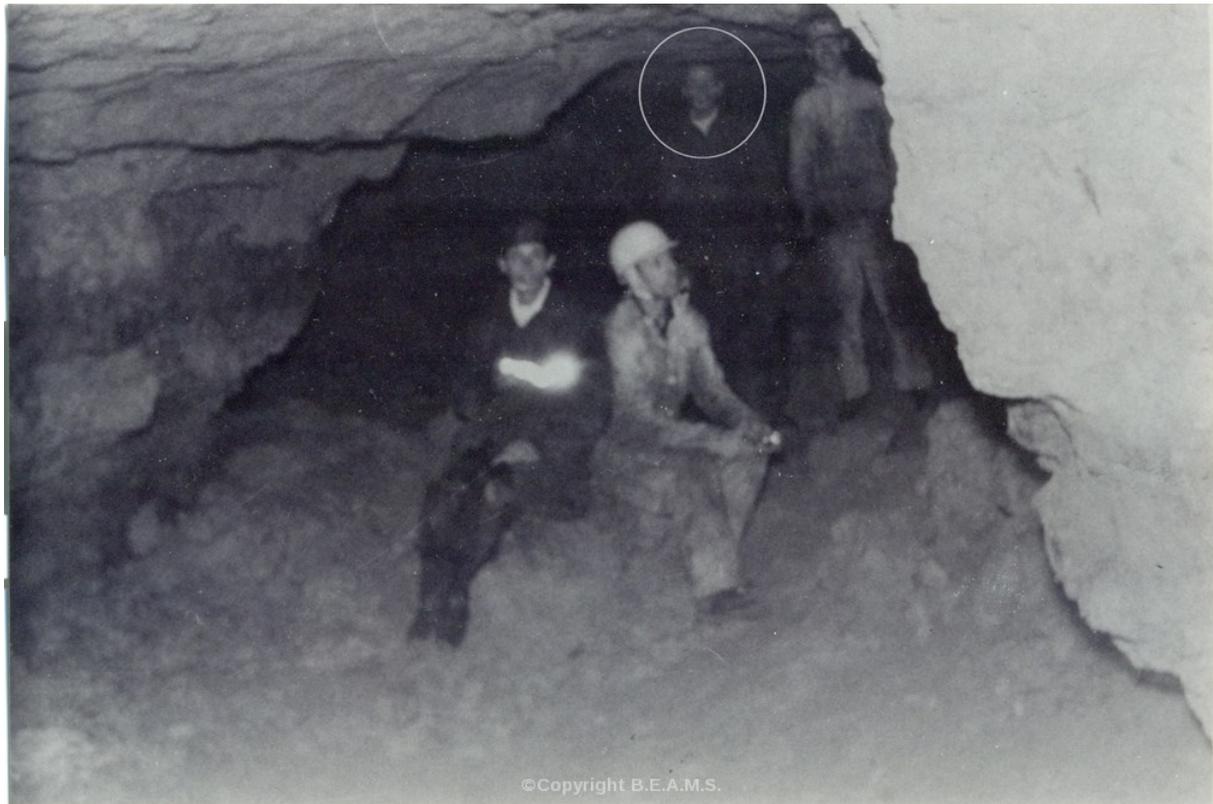


**Inside-out from Mother Ludlum's showing water flow; photo by Ken Parsons**

Curiously, on the bank above Mother Ludlum's Cave there once existed another, much smaller cave.

This was allegedly the shelter of a man named 'Foote', who is supposed to have excavated the hollow; locals referred to it as 'Father Foote's Cave'. The cave may have been the source of the original Ludewell, though it is now totally dry.

Here is yet another connection to the high strangeness of this place... written by Ken Parsons.



**Above is a genuine picture of the 'spirit' extra of a 'caver' or possibly a miner - taken in the 1960's, during an exploration of Mother Ludlum's Hole, near Farnham, Surrey, UK**

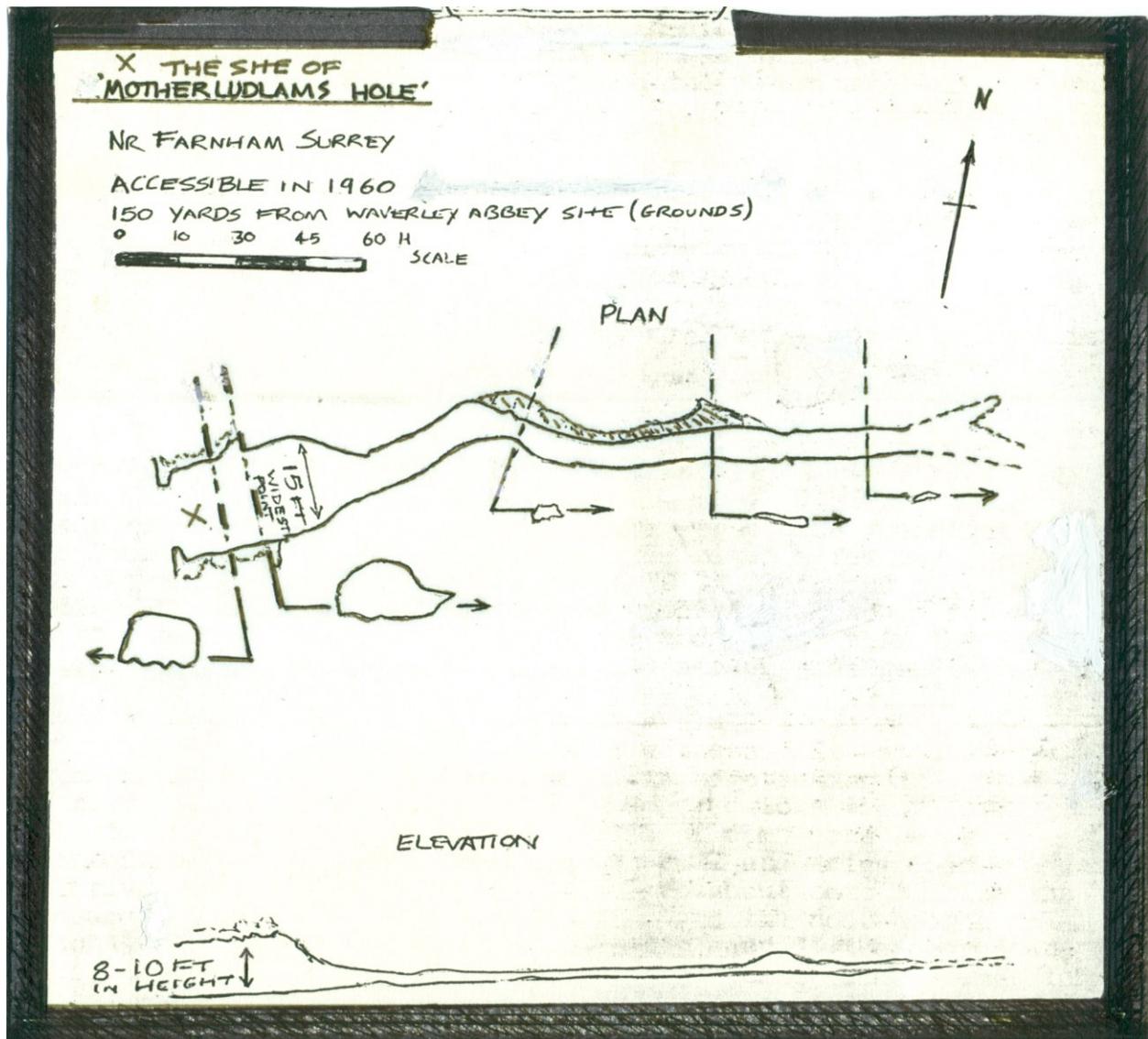
The idea was for the men to crawl through a tight passage at the back of this cave and come out at the Guildford opening.

The person sitting front-right was someone I knew named George, and one day, while he was reminiscing to me about his potholing adventures, he gave me this unusual old photograph to keep; George explained to me that there were only four members in his caving expedition, (three of whom are in this picture and one is taking the photo) he had no idea how the fifth man, (highlighted by a circle back-left) got into the shot, as there was absolutely no one else around at the time this was taken.

George said that when he picked his photographs up after processing - he had 'quite a shock' to see this mystery figure 'posing for the camera as bold as brass'; and apparently 'he' was in none of the other shots taken in the cave entrance either.

Note also how the mystery person is not wearing a protective hat; cavers always wear a hard hat with chin strap to protect the head from jagged rocks and possible falling debris.

In my opinion it is unfeasible for this to be a double exposure, as the enigmatic individual is so tightly positioned next to one of the cavers; like George said, it's as if he's 'posing for the camera - and no one else saw him'.



A map that George drew for me to explain how he crawled through from the cave near Farnham to Guildford

Of course, we tend to automatically label these photographic apparitions as 'ghosts' or 'spirits', but it is sensible to consider, that some so-called 'ghosts' might be the result of another kind of little understood phenomena... residual human memories.

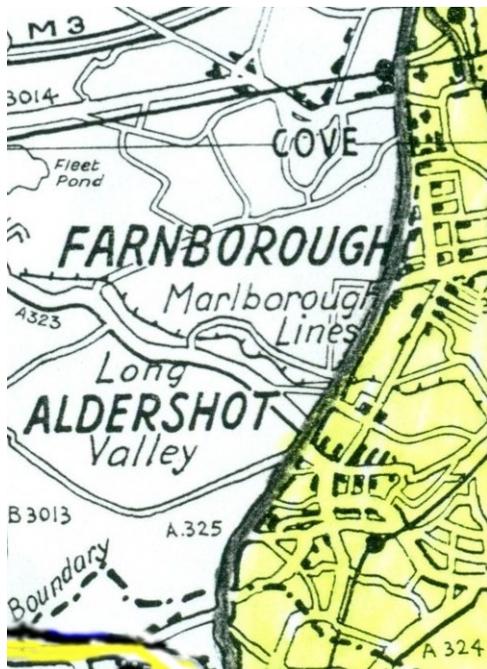
These can somehow become imprinted, (recorded) into the area space of our environment; like a loop of film that is replayed when certain, (psychic?) criteria are fulfilled, as with this grouping of like minds? Yet, such a hypothesis surely only works when a 'ghost' is seen in real time, by the naked eye - or captured on video.

If what we are discussing here is simply some kind of dumb 'ether recording', (for want of a better term) how could this figure have presented itself on a still photograph at all? and so carefully positioned as well... implying that the figure had sentience?

I have carefully kept this photo that George presented to me about 20 years ago, on file, along with his account, but hadn't given it much thought since to be honest; but I find it quite a neat piece of synchronicity how his strange picture only now fully comes into its own, tallying perfectly with the recent research that I have conducted for this book concerning the landscape Hog.

Bits and pieces of evidence turn up in the most unexpected places sometimes!

Local legend mentioned that geese and ducks were lost in the Ludlum cave and appeared several days later rather worn out and featherless at Guildford, some eight miles away! The earliest reference to this story being 1787 and was published in Frances Grose's fifth volume of *The Antiquities of England and Wales*.



### **Farnborough to Aldershot, Hampshire, UK: Alignment, Neolithic Mini Stonehenge & More!**

The BBC inform us of a new theory concerning standing stones.

Two of Britain's leading archaeologists, both world-renowned experts on Stonehenge, may have finally solved the riddle of standing stones.

Professor Timothy Darvill and Professor Geoff Wainwright think that the megaliths may have been used for healing.

The whole purpose of the great stones is that they were a prehistoric Lourdes says Wainwright. "People came here to be made well."

This is revolutionary stuff, and it comes from a reinterpretation of human bones discovered buried near to Britain's largest site at Stonehenge, Wiltshire.

Darvill and Wainwright believe the reason was the magical, healing powers imbued in the stones by their proximity to traditional healing springs.

But though Darvill and Wainwright think the idea of the megaliths as a prehistoric Lourdes is the most convincing yet, it's fair to say that the archaeological community is not totally persuaded. When the idea was first suggested at a lecture in 2006, it was met with much encouragement, but also quite a few incredulous looks. And that's hardly surprising.

Now we are going to expose Farnborough's *best kept secret*, what may have been a virtual Mini Stonehenge, somewhere not normally visible to the general public; a site which can be traced as part of a straight alignment, (give or take the odd outthrust) of special historical features stretching from Windmill Hill Farnborough, (whose altitude is at least 97 m.) all the way to Aldershot, (Altitude: 104 m.).

Historical records say that a 'windmill' once stood here. The windmill itself dated to the Medieval period and was marked on a map of 1675, but was no longer in use by 1840. It was located at Windmill Hill, north of Farnborough.

The windmill mound survives as an earthwork. In an illustrated talk, Jo Gosney of the Farnborough Society in 2016, specified that "a small house called Windmill Hill" occupied this spot, which was later rebuilt by H.E. Kendall jnr for Sir Thomas Longman, the publisher in 1863, and ultimately purchased by the \*Empress Eugenie, widow of the exiled Emperor Napoleon III of France."

**\*Empress Eugenie and the Occult:**

Bertrand Russell once observed that spiritualism was the suburban form of witchcraft, but it was considered neither suburban nor witchcraft during the Second Empire. Even the great Dominican Lacordaire, the most brilliant preacher of the day and a member of the Académie Française, thought there might be something in it. In 1854 Princesse Mathilde and Pietri, the Prefect of Police, both tried table-turning. Napoleon and Eugénie experimented soon after, without much enthusiasm.

Three years later, an unusually gifted medium named David Dunglas Hume arrived in Paris, a young Scot who had discovered his powers while living in the United States. Twenty-two, haggard and skeletal, with nice manners, he not only communicated with the dead but foretold the future. Converted to Catholicism by a celebrated Jesuit, Fr Ravignan, he confessed that he was tormented by spirits but promised to give them up. They returned, however – at least, he said they did – and he began to talk to them.

On 13 March 1857 Horace de Viel Castel wrote, ‘All Paris is talking about the American sorcerer.’ Hume had been taken up by Prince and Princesse de Beauvau-Craon, holding seances at their house where, when he went into trances, claps of thunder sounded, bells pealed, tables and chairs danced round the room, pianos and accordions played, while handkerchiefs came out of the guests’ pockets and tied themselves in knots.

Fascinated, Eugénie invited Mr Hume to hold seances at the Tuileries, the first taking place in a seldom-used room. A heavy armchair suddenly lumbered across the room towards him and then the chair on which he was sitting rose slowly into the air – he also floated out of the window. Later the spirits of Napoleon I and Queen Hortense spoke to him, together with those of Pascal, Rousseau and St Louis. So, too, did Don Cipriano, who held the empress’s hand – ‘It’s my father’s hand!’ she cried. The emperor grasped it too, exclaiming, ‘My God, it’s cold!’ The Duc de Mortemart actually saw the spectral fingers. from Page 20 *Eugénie: The Empress and Her Empire* by Desmond Seward

Really important archaeological notes about this site include: “A well-marked windmill mound with a trig point and a clump of trees. It is surrounded by a circular ditch, about 40m in diameter. This seems enormous to be the ditch for the tail of a post mill. The mill is marked on Ogilby’s map of 1675, but not on Beighton’s map of 1725. It had definitely disappeared by the time of the Tithe Awards in 1841.” Source:

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In yards, that is 43.66667 across! Apart from the “enormous” diameter of its circular ditch, for seasoned ley line enthusiasts, the sheer mention alone of a “trig point” and “clump of trees” for this “windmill” should ring many bells.

One historian asked in her book *The Story of a House – A History of Farnborough Hill* by D. Mostyn, “was this, one wonders, the mill marked in the Domesday Book as worth ten pence?”

Yet, according to what we have established, this part of Farnborough was much more important than just for milling grain; rather, it seems likely to have once been a site of pagan reverence.

The same author reveals an extra treat, in the potential of there being some relation between Farnborough Hill house, and the mysterious Eversley’s St Mary’s church

<http://www.beamsinvestigations.org/The%20St%20Mary%27s%20Church%20Eversley,%20Hampshire,%20Pagan%20Stone%20Mystery.html> a whopping 9 miles off-Hog, but which contains a sarsen stone secreted beneath its altar floor!

It transpires, the Longman’s were great pals with Charles Kingsley, (famed author of the *Water Babies*, written as part satire in support of Charles

Darwin's *The Origin of Species*) who just so happened to be the clergyman of Eversley church and came to stay at their home on many-an-occasion.

It is said of Kingsley, that his preaching "*was becoming a great power*".

Surrey Archaeological Society Bulletin 410, carried some useful information: "Way back in 1980, an unusual pottery vessel was recovered from an area of chalk foundation in Epsom. Although only the lower part of the vessel remained it was recognised as some type of casserole shape, though its actual form was uncertain. Eventually the vessel was identified as a type recognized in Germany as a Schweinetopf, or **pig pot** from its vague resemblance to a pig, and the Epsom find was assumed to be an import from the Rhineland.

Where this gets interesting, is how more recently, a re-evaluation of waster-material from the **Farnborough Hill** excavations of 1968/72 by MoLAS and just published, has identified a few fragments of this form, (Pearce, J 'Pots and potters in Tudor Hampshire' 2007, 198): so, the wheel has turned, and it seems likely that the pot from Epsom is a product of the Surrey/Hampshire Border Ware industry.

There were only three sherds from Farnborough Hill and six examples so far recognised from London sites, although intriguingly there is a complete example, with its lid, in the Museum of London and another less complete one in the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.

The examples from Farnborough Hill are dated to the later 16th century and stratified finds from London to the late 16th and early 17th century. In the Rhineland, this type of cooking pot is dated to the 16th and 17th centuries."

Tucked away in a secluded corner, (located near 'the nun's graveyard') at the base of what is now Farnborough Convent Hill School, rest some notable Megalithic Stones.

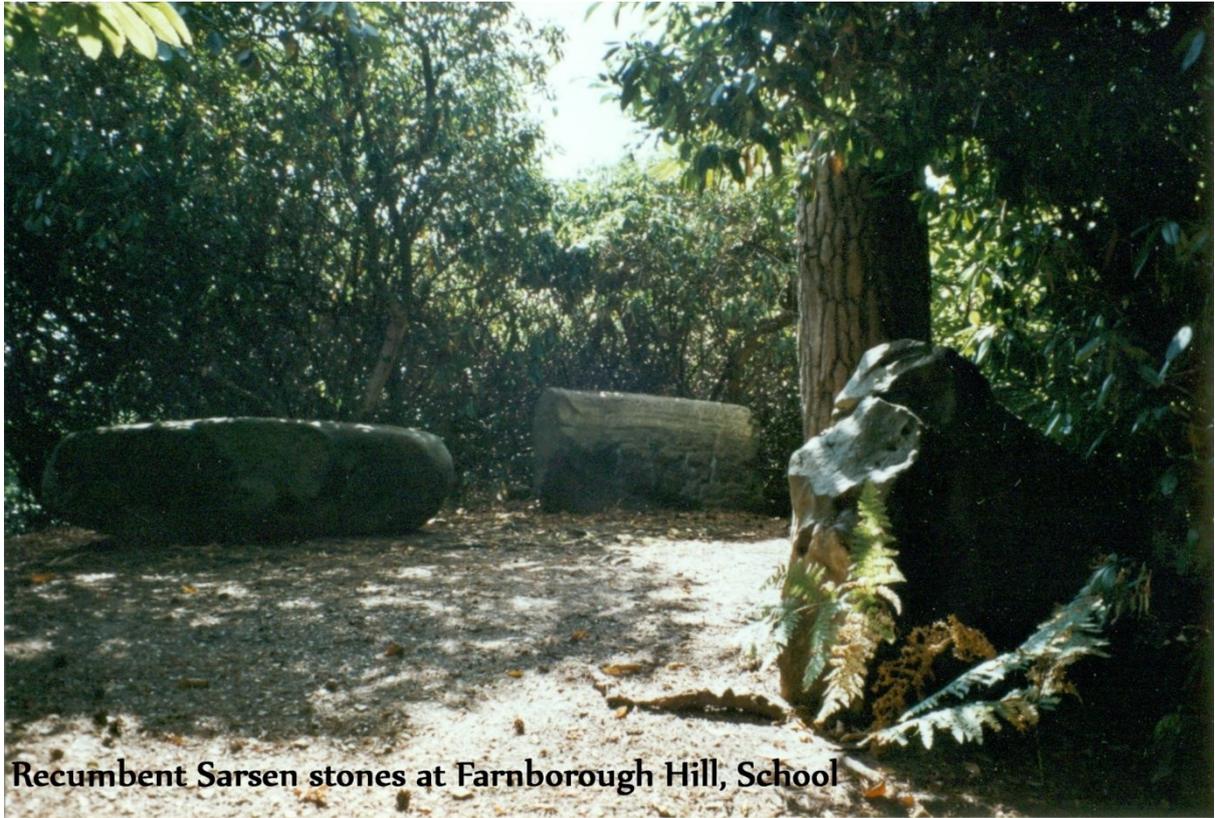


**The Longman/Eugenie house - now Farnborough Convent School**

Forgotten by all but a few, each massive boulder measures in excess of 3 feet across and weighs many tons.

In 'Sarsen The Old Grey Stones of Hampshire', inspiringly written by local historian Arthur E. Lunn, (who tended to be quite cautious in his views) the author acknowledges their great antiquity, and speculates how these impressive blocks may have been transported here as part of a landscape project in the early 20th century.

However, as you will soon learn, this site is marked on a single map that we examined, as being of special importance; and as the next photos clearly illustrate, far from these stones being introduced neatly for aesthetic purposes, where they now rest looks more like a dumping ground; the impression that we got, (and as one legend suggests) is of the stones having been hauled, (dragged?) to a spot that was out of sight.



**Recumbent Sarsen stones at Farnborough Hill, School**





**Above: 'Grooved' marks on 'major' stone; are these natural, or the result of cutting?**

Nearby, there are also examples of 'lesser', flat sarsens, sunken into the ground over time and now almost covered over.



**Lesser?**

Apart from the huge, complete specimens, there are some small rock chunks which have since been used around the garden for decoration, set out in a more orderly fashion and strategically placed around the hill; but even these smaller pieces could easily be the remains of a much bigger megalith which had been smashed up.

By special arrangement, former scientific worker at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough 1939-1941, and then senior keeper of this school, Mary Rose Murphy, a well-educated lady of great respectability, (now sadly passed away) kindly showed us around the area.



**Right to left: Mary Rose Murphy, Hilary and her daughter Sally**

The current building which stands here, now a Roman Catholic Boarding School, was originally constructed in 1860 for the publisher Thomas Longman, and later became the home of Empress Eugenie; but we suspect that prior to the house being built, something else once occupied this high spot; these grand old Sarsens may have formerly graced the hill as part of a stone complex.

After giving us a guided tour, Mary, (shown in above image on right-hand side) went on to tell us about a very old piece of folklore attached to these now fallen giants.

The legend goes that one evening, (many decades ago) the megaliths mysteriously uprooted themselves and moved down the hill on their own.

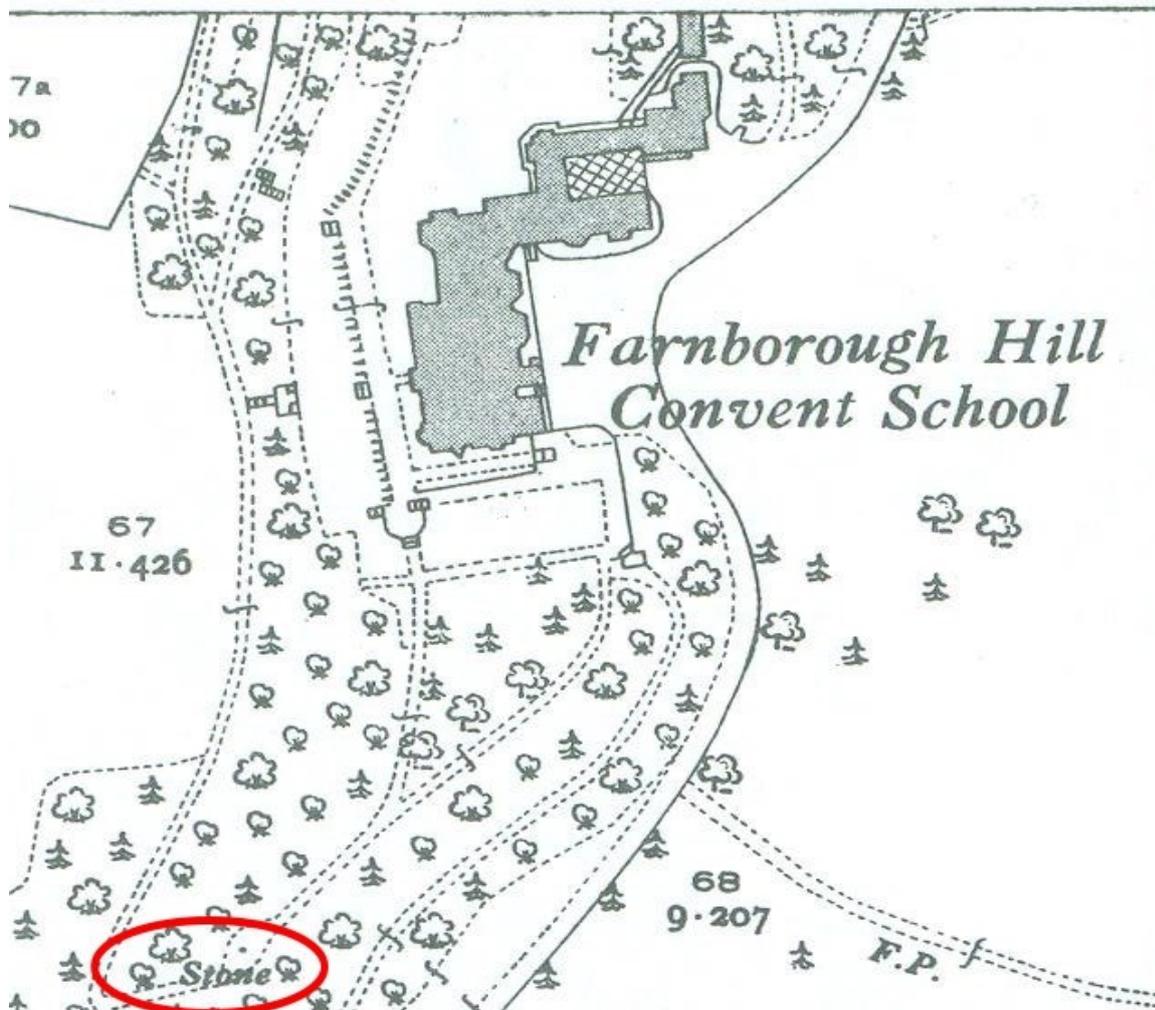
They were discovered unceremoniously scattered at the bottom next morning; blocks which we may add, that would have proved immensely difficult to shift without the aid of modern, powered machinery!

Our interpretation of that old wives' yarn is as follows; the megaliths were excavated and moved away from the hill by workmen in preparation for the building of the Longman house, and disposed of where they are now; then, their wanton act of vandalism was given a supernatural excuse... a fairy-tale for how such a terrible thing could have happened to this historical treasure.

Sadly, at that time, there was \*no proper law to protect prehistoric sites, such as the Ancient Monuments Act which wasn't passed by parliament until 1882, a whopping 22 years after the publishers' home was built!

We suspect that either a megalithic circle arrangement, or a single, tall monolith, a phallic-like stone, (broken in pieces for removal?) may have stood on the hill, predating, first the windmill and then the Longman/Eugenie house... by hundreds, if not a thousand years - or more!

# HAMPSHIRE SHEET XIII.13.



The stones, (or 'stone' as indicated here) are marked on a 1930 OS sheet – the only map to do so that we have found.

The very fact that this is recorded as 'stone', (in the singular) on a 1930 Ordnance Survey map of Farnborough, (titled 'Hampshire 13. 13' – 'Old Ordnance Survey Maps Farnborough 1930' – 'The Godfrey Edition') a solitary sheet specifying the location as of historical importance, is intriguing, and raises a few long-shot possibilities; that what remains today in these grounds might be the smashed-up pieces of a massive single 'stone'.

Unless of course, it means a 'stone site'; or... it is merely a careless print error on the map, and should be 'stones' plural, which is most unlikely. No matter what, this site represents something that is way too big for any boundary stone/stones, (which it most certainly is not in our opinion) or ornamental rocks; most of these artifacts are of monumental proportions!

A point of note about the map on which this discovery was made. Most of the maps from the *Godfrey Edition* range are reprints of old Ordnance Survey sheets, taken from the 1/2500 plans and reprinted at about 14 inches to the mile.

They cover towns explicitly, showing individual houses, railway tracks, factories, churches, mills, canals, tramways and even minutiae such as dockside cranes, fountains, signal posts, pathways, sheds, wells, etc.

**\*And as asked in *Ley Lines & Earth Energies - The Rediscovery of a Lost Wisdom*, “just how many other towns and villages across Britain once possessed their own stone circles and Pagan shrines etc, only for them to be mindlessly vandalized... smashed and removed as society was steadily re-engineered by our religious and political leaders?”**

We have dowsed these grounds and located several strong energy alignment tracks which pass through here; in fact Mary Rose Murphy herself was a practiced dowser and she conducted a similar confirmatory dowsing survey of the site.

Following the death of her husband Napoleon 111, Empress Eugenie founded Saint Michael's Abbey in 1881 (note... St Michael again – famous dragon-slaying saint); this was designed as a mausoleum for both him and their son the Prince Imperial, both of whom rest in the crypt there, along with Eugenie herself, all in sombre granite sarcophagi. The Empress was close friends with Queen Victoria and later become godmother to Victoria Eugénie of Battenberg, daughter of Princess Beatrice. The Empress died age 94, in 1920.



Once described as a 'powerhouse of prayer', St. Michael's, complete with gargoyles, compass floor design in its crypt, dragon-slaying legend and other Gothic features, is located less than half a mile away and quite visible from the convent; by the bye, an old name for this area was 'The Coombs'. In this case, 'Coombs' probably belongs to the class of *topographic* surnames, which were given to people who resided near physical features such as hills, streams, churches, or types of trees.

Moving further up towards Aldershot, we reach a couple of listed ancient monuments: Albert Road, a side street of South Farnborough, holds an interesting Bronze Age burial mound.



**Albert Road Barrow: Image courtesy of Alan S**

...and, progressing onward along the Farnborough Road, a prehistoric Bowl Barrow is located on the Queen's Roundabout in North Camp: An older name for this is the Cockadobby Hill, sometimes called \*"Cockadobbin", "Cock-a-Dobbie Hill"... with 'Dobby' being an Old English word for 'Elf' or 'Goblin'.

**\*Oddly, we discovered another Cockadobbin on the Hog figure, at Chobham, not far from Hagthorn Bog: Could be just a coincidence but we thought it fit to mention, (see next - marked map).**



**Cocadobby Hill, Queen's Roundabout, North Camp, Farnborough**

Just think, this tiny hillock on the road intersection, is practically all that remains of what was once a vast swathe of open heathland! National grid Reference: SU86835343

To one side, the traveller can find St. Peter's Church, <http://www.beamsinvestigations.org/sept26.html> (please enter this link as it leads to a page exposing an incredible, absolutely real, shocking, paranormal photographic capture at this church).

St Peter's is the earliest remaining building in Farnborough, dating back to the 12th century and featuring its own Christianized, Sarsen stones.

Traveling further still within the Hog, we now arrive at Rowhill Copse on the southern edge of Aldershot town: This is the location of 'The Bourne', an original, natural spring, which issues from the ground, that is the source of the River Blackwater; this small wood has now been classified as a Nature Reserve.

As one watches it's waters bubbling up from the soil, it is to be remembered that pagan man most likely venerated such springs, along with trees, caves and large stones; these crystal waters were probably considered as particularly magical because they were being issued directly from the 'Earth's Womb', as they are likely to have considered it.



**Above: 'The Bourne': This is a mere puddle to start with, but it's trickles steadily accumulate to form the beginning of the River Blackwater.**

To conclude this particular segment, and any other 'ways' that cross through it, I think a mention should be given to several more locations of interest:

There is The 'Aldershot Stone' - yet another ancient sarsen marker.

Admittedly, a bit further over from our main alignment of sites, this small, listed monument has been rightly left in situ by the council as part of a pathway border next to Windmill Close.



**The 'Aldershot Stone'**

Then of course, there are the Bats Hogsty Earthworks - Long Valley, East of Aldershot.



**View standing at Chobham South**

Before we leave this spot, how can anyone not be *taken* by Cathedral of St Michael and St George? (yes, two dragon-slayers in one church!) in Aldershot:

It's only Victorian in age, yet significant to note. The imposing construction has a tall tower topped by a red-brick spire, making the church a prominent local landmark. Above the main door is a relief of Saint George standing over the slain dragon.



Frieze of St George with the slain dragon above the main doors.

**This, in our opinion, could, (unbeknownst to many others) represent Christian triumph over paganism, death of the old wisdom/ways... perhaps even the taming of Gaia, (planet earth) all neatly wrapped up as one piece of symbolism.**



**Above: A dragon mounted in the Lady Chapel, St Michael the Archangel, Aldershot, Hampshire.**

**Situated at 120 Church Lane, East Aldershot, St Michael's is a key part of the history of pre-military Aldershot. Dating to the 12th century with later additions, there was almost certainly an earlier church on the site. Higher knowledge at play again.**

Key also, is the Church of St Michael the Archangel, (note the dragon-slayer dedication again) the parish church for the town of Aldershot in Hampshire.

Dating to the 12th century with later additions, there was almost certainly an earlier church on the site.

Looking at all of this, it's hard to escape the idea of deliberate building sequences.

As artist, Luke Piper describes it... *the idea of a pilgrimage suggests a route to follow...*

*I have always wondered about ley lines, feng shui and telluric energy. Could these phenomena be physical forces such as magnetism and gravity, affect what makes places special or different to others and therefore linked along waves, on seams or flows currents? If physical they shouldn't be affected by human interaction despite our best efforts - mining, farming and generally using the land but presumably would also ebb and flow with the sun, stars and planetary movements of the cosmos.*

*"... Were we collectively attracted to these places because of a concentration of existing natural forces and then our homage to them actually augmented or strengthened the phenomena creating some form of memory in the landscape? By making tracks and roads, temples, avenues, churches and shrines we focused and manipulated this flow as well as marked it in time in stones and bones..."*

\***Bourley**/Long Valley are situated close to Upper Hale and are the location of a biological site of special scientific interest. 'Bourley Hill', (Caesar's Camp), [Bourley, pronounced 'Borley', could well be related to 'Boar' as the name is a compound of the Saxon words "Bap" and "Ley" meaning "Boar's Pasture"] \*Worth mentioning too is St. John the Evangelist Church, Hale, Surrey. It's not old, (consecrated only in 1844) but here's the rub... St. John is often depicted holding a chalice, an allusion to his being put to the test by the high priest of the Temple of Diana at Ephesus. St. John with a dragon in a chalice is almost as common in some churches as St. Michael vs. the dragon/devil; and (depending on where the reader has come in on all of this) it will be seen how our Hog is absolutely bounded by dragon iconography.



**Beacon Hill**, (once locally called '\***Bacon Hill**'... the backside/tail area, and administratively part of Hindhead Surrey; this lays principally between two main roads to the north-west of Hindhead - the A287 Haslemere to Farnham Road and Tilford Road): 'The Bourne' Aldershot.

\*More provocative facts: Swine were esteemed, of course for their meat, but not all bacon was consumed, some of it was offered to the gods. This much is at least suggested by the Old English term *offrung-spic*, n.n: sacrificial bacon, bacon offered to idols.

According to Paul Cheetham, a senior lecturer in archaeology at the U.K.'s Bournemouth University, Iron Age inhabitants used pits to store vital food supplies, such as grain, in a pre-refrigeration age.

They seem to have used each pit for just a year or two at most before digging a new one. Before abandoning the old pit, however, they buried an animal

skeleton in it - and not just any animal, but a hybridized animal skeleton formed from the body parts of various animals, including horses, cows, sheep and pigs.

Some of the skeletons found in storage pits were particularly well articulated, or connected, indicating that the hybridized animal remains were buried with flesh still attached. It's not known whether the hybrids were stitched together, as organic material such as string would not have survived in the ground over 2,000 years.



**Pig skeleton found in burial pits**

As these animals were valuable as a food source, leaving them in the abandoned pits must have had great meaning - most likely as a religious sacrifice. Miles Russell, Cheetham's co-director and a senior lecturer of prehistoric and Roman archaeology at Bournemouth, told LiveScience that the ancient Britons who left the animals were "creating combinations of prized animals as an offering to particular deities."

### **The Pig in Ancient Religion**



In *The Religion of the Ancient Celts*, (published in 1911) John Arnott MacCulloch, one of Scotland's pre-eminent scholars on Celtic Religion and Mythology, noted that the hog was often expressive for vegetation divinities in Europe and that "the flesh of the animal was often mixed with the seed corn or buried in the fields to promote fertility".

MacCulloch speculates that it was the hog's role as a fertility god that led to his becoming associated with "fertility in flocks and herds"; he also highlights the high status and prestige enjoyed by pigs or boars in Celtic cultures, including in religious and mythological context.

The Hog was a holy symbol on coins, altars and armour, while bronze statues of the animal have even been found.

These were sanctuary treasures, but over time it became the symbol of a deity, as is seen by the altars on which it accompanies a goddess, perhaps of fertility, and by a bronze image of a goddess seated on a boar.

The altars occur in Britain, of which the animal is sometimes portrayed as the emblem.

In *Tales of Old Sussex*, (1985) by Lillian Candlin, it is entered that "the Saxons, the people from the neighbourhood of the Ems, Weser, Frisian coast and other places nearby, and who gave the county its name of Sussex - South Saxons – also thought highly of the pig, or boar, as they always referred to it.

They endowed it with almost godlike qualities."

"Pork was the principal dish at their great Yule feast." [End quote]

The swine is esteemed in Ireland, and in the texts monstrous swine are the staple article of famous feasts. These may have been legendary forms of old swine-gods, the feasts recalling sacrificial feasts on their flesh.

Magic swine were also the immortal food of the gods.

'Bones of the swine, sometimes cremated, have been found in Celtic graves in Britain, just as sacred animals were buried in Egypt, Greece, and elsewhere.'

When the animal was buried with the dead, it may have been as a sacrifice to the ghost or to the god of the underworld.

The boar was sacred to the earth Goddess Diana and in the Hindu religion, the divine mother Varahi was the *Earth Sow*.

What more can we say, the Pig was once a highly revered creature, not only in Surrey, Hampshire and Britain in general, but internationally!



Here is another point... it's probable there are up to a thousand boar roaming the Surrey countryside - right-now, as you read this.

It is thought that the wild pigs started breeding after escaping from farms that are licensed to keep them.

However, the likelihood of you seeing one is slim, as they are remarkably intelligent, shy, retiring animals.

Yes, wild boar are still living in our Surrey woodlands and actually have been for quite a while!

The boar is an ancestor to our domestic pigs and feral populations are now firmly resident in the South of England, where it was hunted to extinction in medieval times.

It inhabits broad-leaved woodland and is omnivorous, choosing to snuffle in leaf litter for roots, nuts, fungi, small animals and carrion.

But their fearsome reputation is largely unfounded, according to Dr Martin Goulding, who wrote the first book on wild boar in Britain.

"They're very shy, retiring animals and they don't like disturbance. They'll run away from human contact and they know we're in the woods before we know they're about." BBC Surrey.

### **Basingstoke Canal (Aldershot) - The Strange Case of Alfred Burtoo**

By Hilary Porter

Hynek Classification: CE3

Shape of Object: Disc

Number of Witnesses: Single

Special Characteristics: Humanoid/Occupant, Landing, Witness Sketch, Animal Reaction, Contact, Communication, Witness Photo

Having been a researcher of all things relating to UFOs and the paranormal, (together with experiencing my own interaction with aliens and a whole rash of encounters being reported throughout the late 70s into the 80's, covering the areas of Northeast Hampshire and West Surrey), it was with great interest that I came across a particular newspaper article during mid-August 1983.

The Aldershot News carried a story that was submitted by a local UFO investigator, Mr Omar Fowler. The piece concerned an elderly gentleman who lived in the area, by the name of Alfred Burtoo.

It was a warm summer's night; this chap loved fishing in the early hours and decided to go to his favourite spot along the Basingstoke Canal near North Town, Aldershot. At Government Road he encountered a Ministry of Defence

policeman on his beat; they briefly chatted, then once over Gasworks Bridge Alfred went down the embankment turning left and settled down for a night's fishing.

He had his dog "Tiny" with him for company and tethered the dog by taking the bottom joint of his fishing umbrella, sticking it into the ground and securing the dog to it; and then he cast out the fishing line into the canal waters, putting his fishing rod on a rest.

Through the night air he could hear the gong striking 1 o'clock at Buller Barracks; about 15 minutes later Mr. Burtoo decided to have a cup of tea from his thermos flask.

Suddenly, a vivid light came over North Town.

Alfred watched in amazement as the illumination went into falling leaf motion over the nearby Aldershot to London main railway line, where the display blacked-out for a few seconds, before turning itself on again and seeming to land on the embankment on the other side of the Gasworks Bridge. He began hearing a strange whining noise, a bit like an electric generator.

"Then, as he looked on, the main lighting went out but he could still see some light through boughs of the trees in that area."

He thought to himself, well, that can't be an airplane because of the strange sound and the way this thing had moved; so, he lit up a cigarette, still keeping a watchful eye on the landing area, when the dog started growling furiously.

Even though it was a dark night, the fisherman could just make out a couple of diminutive figures coming towards him along the towpath. Trying to stay calm and collected, he told the dog to shut up and stop growling, and being obedient, the dog obeyed his master.

As the figures neared, all became clear. No more than five feet in front of Alfred, now stood two small humanoid figures each about 4ft high.

He reported that incredibly, "they just stopped and looked at me and I did the same". He observed that from head to foot they were wearing light green coveralls which looked to be made of a material "like plastic", (no buttons or other fasteners were noted) and they had helmets of the same colour with black visors so he couldn't see the faces.

The witness said that one of the beings beckoned to him with his right forearm, then turned, still waving his arm; so, Mr. Burtoo followed behind him and the other "being" next, with the three forming a line.

“We walked along the towpath till we reached the railings by the canal bridge”.

The being in front simply went through the railings like a ghost; while our witness climbed over the top, then all three of them crossed Government Road then back down onto the canal footpath.

Going around a left-hand turn in the pathway, he saw a large object, about 40 to 45ft across, standing partly on the towpath, with between 10 to 15ft of it jutting out over the embankment. Alfred thought, “Christ, what the hell is that?”

As they drew closer, he could see that this craft had steps going up to it. The steps were off-line to the towpath and they had to walk onto the grass to go up them; around the hull there seemed to be portholes and the vehicle rested on two ski-type runners.

Following the leader, Alfred climbed into the craft. Once inside he was taken aback by the futuristic interior all around him. He could see no sharp corners... everything was smooth and rounded-off; next he was taken into an octagonal room.

The little figure in front of him crossed over the room, and then the sound of a sliding door could be heard opening and closing. He stood in the room to the right of the door, and the entity that had been behind him was now standing between him and the door; Alfred couldn't make out if this was to stop him leaving the UFO or not!

For more than 10 minutes he stood taking in everything that he could see. The walls, the floor and the ceiling were all black, and looked to him like unfinished metal, whereas the outside looked like burnished aluminium; there was no sign of nuts and bolts anywhere, everything had a seamless, moulded look to it.

What interested him most of all was a shaft that rose from the floor to the ceiling; it was about 4ft in circumference, and on the right-hand side of it was a z-shaped handle; on the other side of that stood two more humanoids, similar to those that walked along the towpath with him.

Abruptly, a voice emanated from somewhere in the room and said to him, "come and stand under the amber light"; but the poor man couldn't see any amber light until he took a step to his right, then he could see it... up on the wall just under the ceiling. He stood there for about five minutes, then a voice said, “what is your age”, to which he replied that he would be 78 next birthday.

After some time, the abductee was asked to turn around, which he did, facing the wall; about five minutes later the voice said to him, “you can go, you are too old and infirm for our purpose.”

"As Alfred walked down the steps of the craft using its handrail, he observed that it was made out of interlocking sections... in other words, telescopic."

Stopping halfway between the object and the canal bridge, he looked back and noticed that the dome of the craft resembled an oversized chimney cowl, and that it was now revolving anticlockwise.

Then going back to the spot where he had left his faithful dog guarding his fishing tackle, the first thing he did when he got there was to pick up his cold cup of tea and drink it!

Suddenly he heard the noise that he had heard earlier, just like an electric generator... which was now starting to carry through the dark night air.

Then another major spectacle, he saw the strange craft lift-off and the bright lights around it came on again; in fact, this time it was so bright that he could see his fishing float in the water 6 feet away from the opposite bank of the canal; he could even make out the thin iron bars on the canal bridge.

The craft took off at a very high velocity out over the military cemetery in the west, then a little later the witness saw the same light going over the Hog's Back area and out of sight; it was now around 2.00am.

Alfred settled down to wait for dawn, which came at 3.30am and then, got back to doing some fishing, and as incredible as though it may seem, he did not feel inclined to report his experience to anyone immediately. He sat there fishing until 10 o'clock in the morning, at which time two Ministry of Defence mounted policemen rode up to him.

"Any luck mate?" one of them asked.

He replied yes "I've had three roach, five rudd and a tench of two and a half pounds and lost a big carp which took me into the weeds".

Then Alfred started telling the two policemen about the UFO that he had seen, and one of them said, "yes I dare say you did see a UFO. I expect they were checking on our military installations."

Was this a tongue-in-cheek comment to placate the witness?

As they chatted, a man from the lock yard came along and told the MoD policemen that horses were not allowed on the towpath, so the conversation was cut short. The witness continued fishing until 12.30pm, and then returned home at 1.00pm.

His wife Marjorie and a friend noticed straight away that he was somehow different; then Alfred Burtoo went on to tell them that he had seen a UFO but didn't dare to say that he had been taken on board the craft!

Returning to the landing site two days later, Alfred noticed straight away the foliage where the UFO has stood was flattened and in disarray, yet unfortunately, no photos or soil samples were taken as he feared ridicule and incredulity whatever evidence he produced.

I have learned that just on the other side of the Basingstoke Canal there are some Mechanical Engineers workshops; surely, they must have seen or heard something; but apparently no, checks by local investigator Mr Omar Fowler drew a complete blank; nor could he trace the two mounted policemen, and the occupants of a bungalow near the canal lock, right beside Gasworks Bridge, were away at the time.

One very important fact is that this experiencer suffered none of the effects often reported by Close Encounter witnesses, such as temporary paralysis, nausea, diarrhoea or time lapse, but as his wife and friend verified, his manner was different. Another thing his wife noticed was that he wasn't eating much, resulting in weight loss for a time.

Despite the lack of hard data, I think that this is one of the most convincing and important reports of a UFO encounter of the third and fourth kind, not to be dismissed lightly. One of the key points which leads me to such a conclusion is that this witness was generally considered by all those who knew him to be a genuine, honest and responsible person who had fought in two World Wars... so why on earth would anybody like this make up such a story?

"It certainly wasn't for financial gain, as he didn't even seek publicity, although one or two publications did eventually get hold of the story."

**Authors Note:** I have been periodically monitoring this spot, walking the canal path and exploring nearby, and have found that the surrounding area is becoming increasingly restricted, (and this all began long before '9/11' or '7/7').

Basically, there is special soldier presence in many locations around here, which could be expected to a degree given its military status, but these soldiers include SAS dressed in black, and all fully armed, which strikes me as a bit OTT: I wonder, could there be something else near this canal that they don't want anyone to accidentally stumble upon?



In early December of 2006, I randomly took lots of digital photos at the alleged landing site - and on one of the images I noticed a very peculiar anomaly.

A weird object has appeared in one frame of a sequence. Nothing untoward was visible in the picture shot directly before this or the one after.



**Taken in exactly the same spot as the 'landing', (an area which was obviously less overgrown in 1983 than it is today) a mystery object, (looking like what I have called "an ectoplasmic-looking thing") can be clearly seen... something that certainly wasn't there to the naked eye when I took the picture; nor was it there when I rushed back to check the location again just minutes later.**

**Upon magnification it looks as if something is manifesting or shape-shifting, about to expand in size, perhaps existing on an interpenetrating dimensional level, making such manifestations detectable only by the eye of the camera or other equipment... under certain circumstances.**

Despite Mr. Burtoo having passed away on August 31st, 1986, with almost religious regularity the local newspapers write an abbreviated story about this encounter each year to coincide with the anniversary of this now famous case, and always, they trivialise the incident, running him down and generally making this witness a laughing-stock.

To my mind they seem very keen to do this... and again, one must question 'why?' in this area of military D-Notices, (whereby nothing of defence significance can be printed in any of our papers around here) do they go to such lengths to make it crystal-clear to people that UFO's don't exist, and anyone who claims they did see one will be treated in such a detestable manner... period!



An interesting aside/update: In April 2013 we located a friend of Alfred's, who used to go fishing with him.

He confirmed to us in conversation that; 'Alfred was a really nice man, and certainly not given to making stories up'. [End]

Another point of interest, whether these are natural deposits or were once part of a megalithic arrangement it's hard to say, but **some decent sized sarsen stones are to be found near the Deepcut/Pirbright barracks on the Basingstoke Canal side just a couple of miles or so away.**

A place of Christian worship for at least 800 years and possibly from Saxon times, the church of **St Michael** and All Angels at Pirbright, whose weathervane is in the shape of a flying dragon, a reminder of the patron saint's immortal combat, is yet a further place of importance; the indicators we found on this hotspot are highly suggestive of a previous pagan presence in the area.

While we're on Pirbright it may surprise readers to learn how, in the early 1800's, villagers used to link hands and dance around any strangers entering the hamlet in what was called '**Dancing the Hog**', which may have been a custom used to extract a small release fee from the 'captured' outsider; but just think about it; chances are, this play had a symbolic meaning or special significance

with origins deep in the past. Its components include encircling a character who becomes the figurative 'hog'; hmmm, let us see, Dancing the Hog, now what does that boorish title remind us of?

**Aldershot – Healing Spring;** this is where we find Caesar's Camp, a very large earthwork on a high promontory near to a beacon hill; the location was \*once served by a pagan spring which emerged from between two primordial boulders called the Jock and Jenny Stones. (\*past tense used, as only the smallest of trickles and a damp patch, remain to tell the tale of where its allegedly healing spring waters once flowed.)

### **Legend of The Basing and The Wishmoor Stones**

*On the A30, near the Jolly Farmer roundabout, there's a new stone with a plaque on it saying recounting what was here before. It's on the Bagshot to Camberley A3 road, just before you get to the Maultway turning.*

The inscription reads "site of Basing Stone".



The original stone 'disappeared' while some road works were being done in the 1950's - hence this is "the site of ...". The stone is near where the parish boundary crosses the A30 (an old coaching road). Our guess is that this had been repurposed as a boundary stone; but there is no telling what its original function was.

*\*Recommended reading; a booklet: Medieval Surrey Heath. 1996 PJ Stevens. Published by Surrey Heath Local History Club/Phil Stevens. ISBN 0 9524299 1 8.*

Whether the original Basing Stone was a boundary marker or not is up for debate; but more positive regarding its definite prehistorical age and mystical associations is the Wishmoor Stone, recumbent and located about a mile or so from here on the Surrey-Berkshire border.

**Sow Moor, Chobham** - The Bats Hogstye earthwork, (located on the Hogs' belly); and to recap, one can travel from this point around to the front leg, then Headley, Leatherhead, the 'head', (Altitude 51 m.) The Hog's Back (spine), then along to \***Merrow**, again, on the hogs' **spine**, (for which *English Place*

*Names Dictionary* by A. D. Mills has the entry “**Merrow, Surrey = *Marewe* 1185. Possibly OE *mearg* \*‘Marrow’ in a figurative sense such as ‘fertile ground’**”) - and after the **marrow**, so on, and so forth; beginning to get the picture? Merrow also has/had a cave and grotto system at Merrow Grange.

The 1936 Oxford Dictionary of English Place Names by Eilert Ekwall says of Merrow, that its name “may be OE *maere weoh* meaning famous temple.”



\*bone marrow is primarily located in the ribs, vertebrae, (spinal column) sternum, and bones of the pelvis.

\*We found it notable how there is also a very old a St John The Evangelist church, (St John is also known as ‘The Apostle’ by the way) in Merrow. St. John’s dragon in a chalice is almost as common in some churches as St. Michael vs. the dragon/devil. There’s a lot of different stuff behind this.



Left: A detail from a stained-glass window in Bardney, depicting St John holding a chalice containing a dragon. Right: St John The Evangelist, a mid-12th century church in Merrow, Surrey.

Merrow is also home to a St Pius X - a Roman Catholic church built in 1973; so-what? we hear you cry; connection being the Society of St Pius X - Marian Corps. “fight of women against the dragon” This is about *spiritual warfare*. Revelation 12:7-9 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. How unusual is that? two strong dragon connections in one tiny village! And we know of yet another, which we have promised to stay shtum about for personal reasons.

**Merrow Grange** was built in 1868 for the Pengilly family in a mock-Tudor style. It was enlarged in various phases between 1895 and 1927 by Francis Baring Gould. The house and gardens were put up for sale in 1928, when the property included c 45 acres (18ha) of land. By the mid C20 the property was owned by a Catholic convent (Order of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph, also known as the Ladies of Mary) and was used until 1971.

\*Curiosity: The **Surrey Puma** was one or more phantom big cats reported in south western and an adjoining part of Hampshire from 1959 to the present year. It was seen even earlier at Waverley Abbey, Farnham by William Cobbett, (a resident of Normandy, Surrey) who recalled an incident which must have occurred around 1770. There was a hollow elm tree near Waverley Abbey, *‘into which I, when a little boy, once saw a cat go, that was as big as a middle-sized spaniel dog, for which relating I got a great scolding, for standing to which I, at last, got a beating, but stand to it I did. I have since many times repeated it and would take my oath on it to this day.’*

The Surrey Puma is a newspaper term coined in August 1964 when a large cat was reported in the **Farnham** and **\*Odiham**, (\*tail of our Hog) area on the Surrey-Hampshire border.

**Physical description:** Pumalike big cat. Length, 3–6 feet. Shoulder height, 2 feet 6 inches–3 feet. Gold, beige, reddish, or black in color. Large paws. Tail, 2 feet 6 inches long. Sometimes thought to be paranormal in nature.

In 2005 such a *Big Cat* was seen at **Merrow; Whitmoor Common, nr Guildford**, (chased up tree by dogs, firefighters failed to capture it; at least 24 reported sightings in the area, mostly sandy coloured, though some reported bobtail and spots, and others long tail and no spots).

**Fairyland, Merrow.** Merrow Downs used to be known as ‘Fairyland’; did that have something to do with the fact that ‘Merrow’, (according to Irish folk legend) associates with ‘fairy lore’? we’re not certain, as despite copious surveys, exhaustion has been reached regarding our research for Merrow; but anyhow, today the diversion here is certainly not fairies, but golf!



**Merrow Downs, Fairyland 1904 – romantic naming perhaps, yet it certainly conjures up times now long gone; sadly, much of ‘Fairyland’ has since been altered into a golf course!**



**Merrow Down - an extract from *Just So Stories* by the writer Rudyard Kipling**

*There runs a road by Merrow Down--  
A grassy track to-day it is--  
An hour out Guildford town,  
Above the river Wey it is.*

*Here, when they heard the horse-bells ring,  
The ancient Britons dressed and rode  
To which the dark Phoenicians bring  
Their goods along the Western Road.*

*Yes, here, or hereabouts, they met  
To hold their racial talks and such--  
To barter beads for Whitby jet,  
And tin for gay shell torques and such. [End]*

### **Farnborough – The Valley Road**

#### ***Mum and Son in X-Files Horror Over Alien in Car***

December 22, 1996

“A frightened mum made a late-night call to a vicar after an X-Files encounter as she drove along a busy main road with her five-year-old son.

Jennifer Parlane is convinced that an ET, (extra-terrestrial being) joined them in their car.

The temperature dropped suddenly even though the heater was full on and the windows were closed, said 42 year-old Mrs. Parlane.

My son Lawrence who was in the back, began shivering. Then we heard a low moaning sound that gradually grew louder. It was definitely human, it sounded like a cry for help.

Lawrence went absolutely hysterical. He was in a real state.

There was a presence there, I could feel it.

I turned the light on but could see nothing.

Lawrence was as white as a sheet. He was just shaking with fear.

I put my foot down to get to the end of the road as quick as I could, then everything returned to normal.

The incident happened on the newly opened Blackwater Valley relief road near Aldershot, Hants.

She was terribly upset by what had happened and little Lawrence was extremely frightened and couldn't sleep said the Rev. Stanley Zeal, the parish priest she called.

Mrs. Parlane added, it has completely changed Lawrence's personality.

He was a fun-loving normal child. Now he's so edgy". *The People*

### **UFO Sighting Aldershot, Hampshire-late summer 1980**

Location of Sighting: Aldershot, Hampshire

Date of Sighting: late summer 1980

Time: late afternoon

Witness Name: Withheld

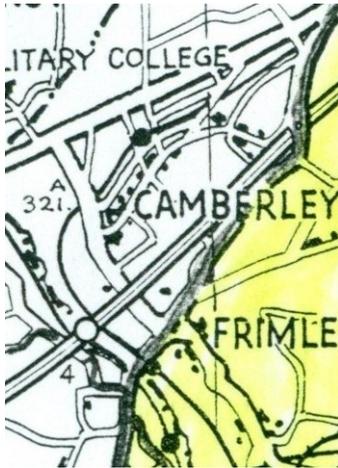
Witness Statement: I observed a small flat black disc, possibly 12"-14" inches in diameter. It took my notice at the top of some bonfire smoke, I originally thought it was debris from the fire, but it was moving strangely.

It almost seemed that it was 'basking' in the smoke, turning over and over. The disc then moved away to some trees and after a while returned to the smoke of the fire. It then skimmed just above the trees and moved further away. Nobody else seemed to notice, I followed in my car to the top of the hill, where it continued to skim around the trees and buildings in an almost 'childlike' manner, as if exploring.

After around twenty minutes or so, I saw the disc rise into the sky and fled off skyward at an incredible speed. I knew in my heart that this was not of 'earthly origin.

I do not know why I never told anybody about this, but a few years after the event, I read a newspaper article stating that around that time there were several sightings very similar to that which I have described.

It would, after all this time, be nice if I knew that other folk had seen the same thing as I had.



### **Deepcut, Camberley – UFO Incident**

Extract taken from *The Diaries and Recollections of an Alien Abductee*

Late February 1995: A Sunday evening; it had been a showery day; the time was now 7 pm: I was sky watching from my bedroom; my house is at a very high elevation, thus, I have a commanding view over the whole area.

Even though it had rained earlier, we now enjoyed a clear interval in the weather, and out of a cloud above Deepcut Barracks, a large, multicolored, energy plasma-type object with no visible signs of propulsion, descended and settled on, or very near, the huge water tower in the army grounds.

I monitored the entire event through my powerful binoculars; I could see that the UFO remained there for a few minutes before briefly disappearing.

The object was quite disc-like in appearance, and just throbbed with pulses of every imaginable color... quite a beautiful thing to behold.

There is no way on this earth that this wasn't seen by personnel in the camp, such was the size and brilliance of the object.



### **Deepcut Camp 1935**

Not long afterwards, the grounds there were plunged into darkness; then I spotted, coming in from the West, a very special aircraft; it flew over the area, turning over Deepcut to start its descent towards the Farnborough Airfield; as soon as it had carried out these maneuvers, the plasma-disc instantly rematerialized over the water tower and hung there for another few minutes.

Next, the craft rose up and went into some cloud that was drifting in over the area, at which point, the disc was completely lost from view.

And I was to have an incredible surprise next day as well... double verification!

My care worker arrived at our house to give me a break with my daughter, so I could go shopping; Leanne, (who doesn't mind me quoting her first name) was clearly very excited about something; so, we sat down with a cup of coffee, and she told me all about it.

I learned how she had been out with her boyfriend at the famous Lakeside Complex, Frimley Green, Surrey, having a meal while sitting by the window overlooking the picturesque lake; more importantly perhaps, this view also takes in the area of Deepcut!

Both of them saw something quite extraordinary she said, this huge, swirling, brilliantly lit disc-shape thing was hanging over the Deepcut Army Camp water

tower, just as I had observed; they were absolutely flabbergasted at what they were watching!

From that position, they were no more than about a quarter of a mile away from the gates at the base, when suddenly, the UFO they had been studying, momentarily faded out, before reappearing over the water tower again!

Other people who were having a meal and working at the restaurant, must have also witnessed this UFO; but what they couldn't see, (because of tree-growth partially obscuring this part of the area) was an unusual-looking aircraft coming in from the West, (the likes of which I have never seen before) turning and descending slowly over Frimley Green and Farnborough to make a landing on the Farnborough Airfield; it was most odd, almost as if the plane had some connection to the UFO; at the bare minimum, the pilot of that aircraft must have at least caught a glimpse of what was going on over Deepcut.

Subject: Submitted UFO Sighting Report

**Location: Frimley, Surrey**

Date: May 03, 1998

Time of sighting: 02:00 a.m.

Witness Statement: I was lying in bed looking out of my window when I noticed what seemed to me to be a very strange star.

I got myself up and had a proper look out of the window and to my amazement what seemed to be tiny stars were swirling around and moving at speeds not possible for any known technology.

They seemed to be keeping to a triangular formation.

I noticed one which was swirling; it seemed to be leaving a light trail behind it.

I also watched them move in parallel.

Behind the trees I could also see a stationary object, which was emitting green, red and blue light.

I saw the objects suddenly disappearing then reappearing and after about 40 minutes the whole sky seemed to clear and not even the stars were visible.

When I tried to type-up this exciting incident my text became strangely encrypted and I had great difficulty saving it to a floppy disk. I am not sure if this is relevant, but it scared me at the time as I have a powerful computer that I do not usually experience problems with.

This sighting was also witnessed by two friends who were spending the night at my home. The following night my mother saw the object that appeared to have the alternating lights and trained binoculars on it.

Through the binoculars the lights were still apparent and suddenly what can best be described as a high speed aerobatic light display occurred. The line of lights moved rapidly in the shape of firecrackers, swirling spirals and figures of eight before re-forming into one star-like object.

### **More Strange Things Happen Very Near The Hog!**

#### ***Large, Black Disc Seen!***

**Fleet**, Near Farnborough, Hampshire, UK: Location of Sighting: Fleet (nr Farnborough), Hampshire: Date of Sighting: 1992 - 1994: Time: 12-12:30 (Lunchtime).

Witness Statement: I've lived in Farnborough since 1971, I've witnessed a few strange things at night, (including humming noises and lights) but this one event stands out and it's always bothered me, it's a great mystery.

It happened way back in the early 1990's I think between 1992 and 1994. It was a sunny day with clear blue skies, so I guess it was somewhere between Spring and Autumn.

It was my lunch-hour between 12 and 12:30, I was driving towards the multi-storey, (Albert Road?) in Fleet to do some shopping, the car park was further up, on my left and the road was pointed towards Farnborough, (and the RAE) which was about 2 miles away.

The first thing I noticed were the cars in front of me slowing and stopping, some people even getting out and pointing excitedly and anxiously up the road towards the horizon.

I looked, and saw a large, dark disk shape, (possibly very large, it was hard to tell the distance). It was moving very, very slowly and silently from left to right with its 'nose' pointed up at about 45 degrees. This was a very strange altitude for an aircraft, and this looked nothing like any aircraft I'd ever seen. Was it an Airship (or Dirigible)? A likely explanation given Farnborough's history. But no, I've seen enough of them in my time, this thing looked nothing like an Airship, it seemed solid metallic even, had no signs of outboard motors powering it, and was a perfect saucer shape. I'm convinced it was no Airship. I saw dozens of people staring in utter disbelief, mouths open, some looked scared, others excited and jumping up and down. One man walking along the

pavement stopped suddenly with a start and dropped both his shopping bags, it was almost like something out of a movie.

I didn't just get a fleeting glimpse of this UFO, I watched it for about 1 minute, (possibly shorter, but certainly at least 30 seconds) along with everyone else. I'd stopped in traffic to observe, mouth wide open in disbelief, I couldn't believe what I was seeing.

As if this wasn't enough, with a sudden roar, 2 black military helicopters, (I think they were Gazelles) thundered in straight up the road from behind me heading directly for it as if on an intercept course. Then it seemed I'd lose sight of it over the horizon, and I had to see what would happen when the helicopters reached it; so, I quickly drove up the car-parks circular ramp, made my way to the top (open air) floor (only 1 storey up) so I'd get a good look at it.

I lost sight of this action for all of about 1 minute.

I flew out my car and rushed to the side of the car park for a good view, I was excited but also anxious and kind of a little scared. But I saw nothing. The UFO had disappeared, and there was no sign of the helicopters. From where I was, I should have got a perfect view but there was absolutely nothing to be seen.

Everything felt very weird and wrong, the cars that had stopped and all the excited people had already moved on - it was as if it never happened. It's plagued me for years; did I dream it?

No. I told a UFO enthusiast at work about it the moment I got back from lunch and it's something they regularly brought up in conversation for several years.

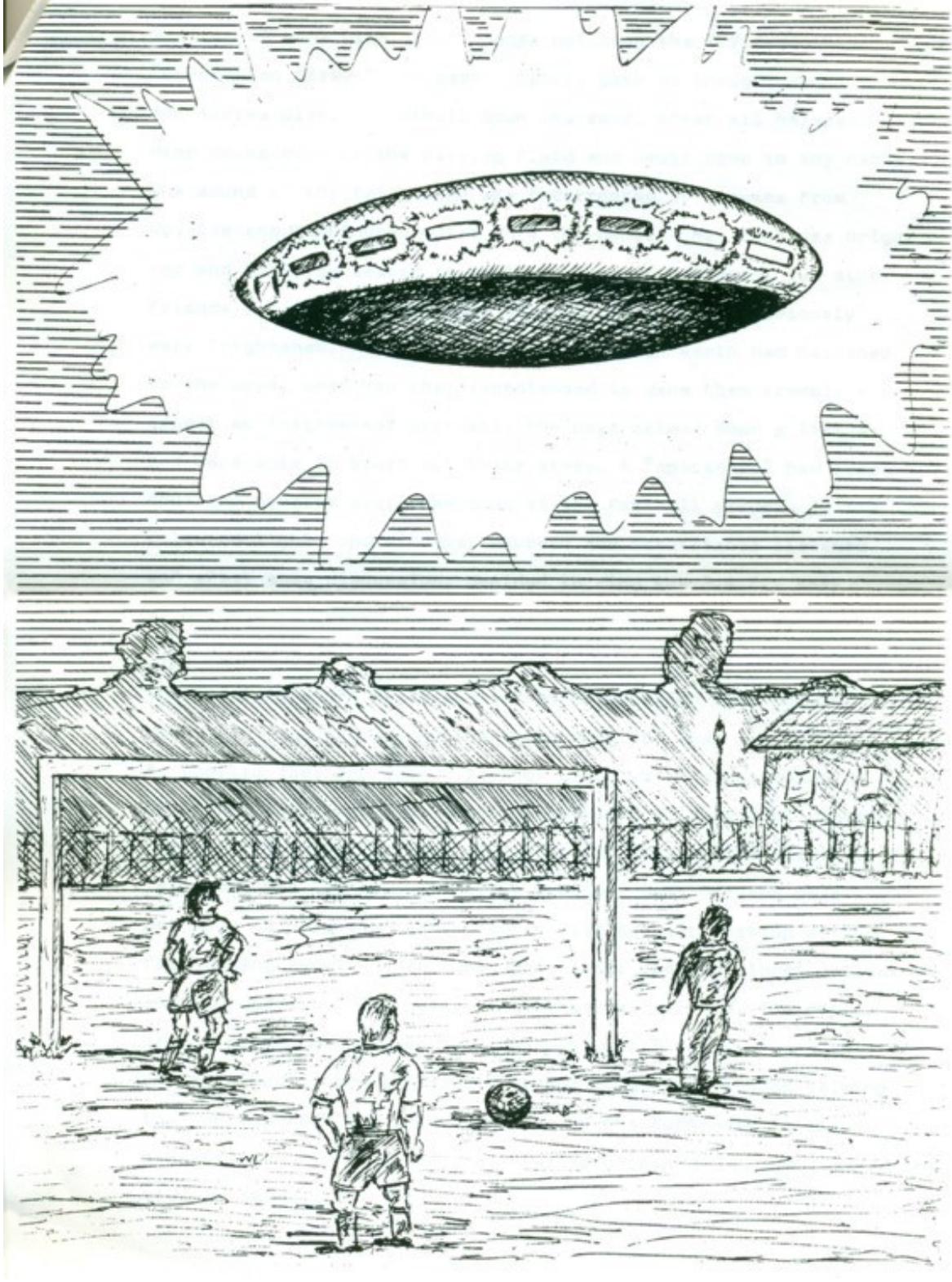
Whatever I saw I saw that lunchtime in my car, I wasn't asleep at the wheel! All the people that I witnessed looking at it, and nothing appeared in the local press.

Things to take away: I'm a professional engineer and a totally "normal" rational person, I got a good look at this not just a glimpse, my eyes were not playing tricks, lots of other people saw it and were similarly gobsmacked by what they were seeing. I've always lived in Farnborough, I've seen many strange aircraft, I'm an experienced observer, what I saw was NOT normal or easily explained; and the helicopters? black, maybe unmarked, military helicopters racing towards it at full speed. What was it all about?

And why am I the only one, (possibly) who seems to remember it? [End]

All of the youngsters watched the craft as it hovered over them

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**1978: Huge gold cigar with lights and windows  
seen over Farnborough, Hants.**

It was about 7.40pm on the evening of the 5th of April 1978, when the brown ball hurtled downwards towards the post. Andy jumped to head it into the net and score another goal. As his eyes looked upwards to judge the speed of the ball, he was distracted by a gold cigar shaped object positioned over the playing field. The game was taking place at the Moor Road football field on the Hawley Estate Farnborough, Hants, but it was destined never to finish.

The boys all stopped in their tracks and looked upwards at the hovering huge cigar.

Jason, Andy's friend, cried out, "look at that", he was startled and frightened, the object was low down and very close. It must have been watching the boys and seemed to note their reaction, for it started to move sideways and then, red, green and blue lights began to flash along its side.

Mark was nearby, he was just about to jump across a ditch near the football field when he saw the object.

He described it as a "big gold cigar" and it made a humming noise as it moved.

By now all of the youngsters were watching the craft as it hovered over them.

They could distinguish two windows on the side of the "cigar" and they immediately thought of a "spaceship".

None of them had seen anything like it before, and living in the Farnborough Airfield area, they were quite used to seeing planes of all sorts. Some of them were now beginning to shake with fright, then suddenly the craft accelerated away "quite fast". The boys ran for home scared out of their wits.

The time was now about ten to eight and Andrew's mother was sitting at home with some friends watching the T.V. show "Coronation Street". Maureen Slater, gave no thought to her son Andrew playing football down the road, after all, he spent many hours down at the playing field and never came to any harm.

The sound of the television was interrupted by screams from outside and then Andrew burst into the house. His face was bright red and his eyes seemed to be coming out of his head, two other friends ran in with him, they were all shaking and obviously very frightened.

Mrs Slater wondered what on earth had happened to the boys, what had they experienced to make them tremble and appear so frightened? Gradually the boys calmed down a little and were able to blurt out their story. A "spaceship" had come down and hovered over them down at the football ground, it had coloured lights and windows.

Maureen and her friends listened and after some discussion, decided to ring the R.A.E., they might know if there were any strange aircraft flying about.

The Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough were and were told of the boy's experience over the telephone, but they were unable to confirm that any such strange craft was flying around in their air space and Mrs Slater was advised to ring West Drayton, (the main aircraft traffic control centre for the area) and then to telephone the Farnborough Police Station. West Drayton were not able to help the Slater family with any explanation of the frightening event and in turn, Mrs Slater rang the local police.

That turned out to be quite a different experience. The police had no doubt that it was just one gigantic "leg - pull" and she was advised to take the boys home and "give them a good talking to"; so much for the interest shown by the authorities in the possibility that an alien craft had been seen at low altitude in the area of the R.A.E.

There was only one thing wrong with the boy's "leg - pull' theory', the mysterious aerial object appeared yet again, later that evening at about 8.45pm; this was spotted by one of the boys in the vicinity of the Slater household.

This time the craft was higher in the sky, the whole family and friends ran outside the house and looked up at the strange craft.

Maureen Slater now had the opportunity to see what had scared the youngsters, "we saw it up in the sky; it was spinning round and around with flashing lights", she said.

"The lights were coloured, red, green and blue; "it looked oblong and round up in the sky, there were whitish sparks shooting out from it".

At this stage, the craft was still fairly low down; Mrs Slater compared the height by judging it against the football field floodlights. "It was about three times the height of the lights" she commented: "I wasn't frightened by it but I was worried at the thought of where it had come from and what it was about." "I was scared that the Russians might have sent it."

"I've been to the Air Show at Farnborough a few times, but I've never seen anything like this before."

It was shortly after 9pm that the mysterious craft flew away South East and out of sight.

Courtesy of SIGAP

## Flying Woman/Witch/Hag Over Beta Road Farnborough, Hants

Late 70's/Early 80's

Witness statement:

I felt compelled to write you to; apologise for popping up out of the blue and to respond to the mail, if I didn't before.

I also have an experience that you might find interesting.

Something I saw when I was about 12-15, (that would have been late 70's early 80's) stays with me and I can't figure a logical explanation.

I've since been fascinated by sightings and any occurrences relating to witches.

It was on the playing fields, near the dirt path that leads to Dryden Road, (back of/runs parallel to Gifford Drive). And on the opposite side where the sewage works were, just in front of some land what was to be St Bernadette school. I've heard the trees and hedgerow that are a natural barrier from the gardens of Beta road and the field, are ancient.

The bit I was at was near the driveway of a house on Beta Road, (I think then the only section where one could access Beta Road as a through pass.)



There was a goal posts and I recall playing football with a friend who went home, I don't remember much but I hung around and played with the ball. As I

recall, it was around late summer coming into autumn, at about late afternoon when it became that dusk zone on the cusp of afternoon and towards night-time.

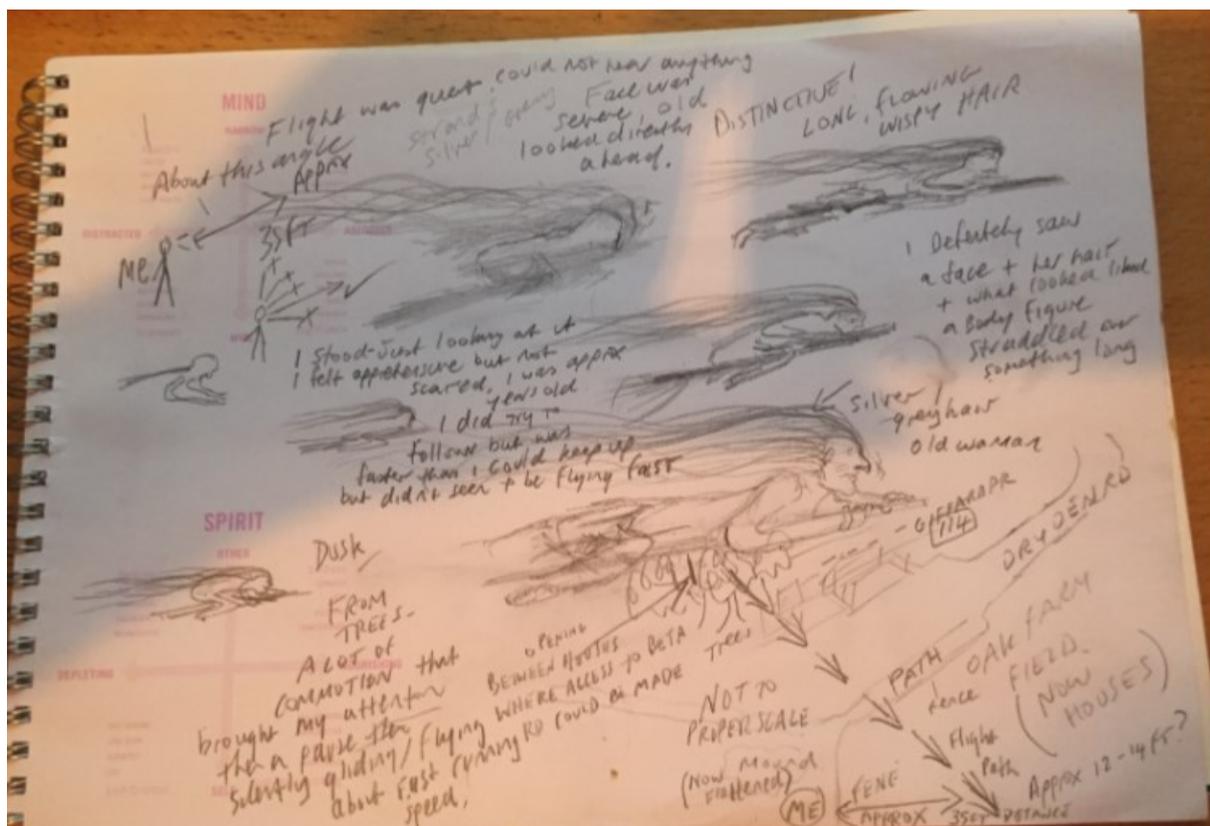
Out of the quietness I heard a sudden noise, what I thought was an almighty crash/commotion amongst bushes/trees; I think this came from one of the trees because as the noise quietened, I saw a figure leaning over what looked like a long stick flying through the air, towards the direction of the Oak Farm school/ perhaps more angled directed to the right of the school.

The thing I remember most, (and this is what baffles me) is the long flowing hair... grey/silver/white, (blend of all 3) streaming along behind the leant-over figure.

I remember the spot where I stood and the figure flying above/past me with just a hint of noise, the type I can't properly describe, a gentle quiet woosh perhaps.

Over the years I have tried to rationalize what it could have been; trying to explain it away, with the now-and-then notion that it may have been geese/some birds, but then I think it didn't match what I saw; this long flowing fine hair and a distinct figure of a form hunched over forward.

I have some drawings/sketches that I've made and will share.



Only my wife and you have been aware of this. [End]

## **Disc UFO Seen Over Guildford on April 21, 1965**

### Detailed Description:

*I was a child at home with mum, just the two of us at home that day, when we heard a loud vibration and our windows felt like they were going to shatter.*

*We looked out of the living room window across to the common opposite our house and saw a disc shaped object land.*

*The sound it made was loud and humming.*

*It had lights shining down and we were afraid so hid under the stairs, at mum's request.*

*After 5 minutes or so, we heard it take off in the same manner.*

*Years later, a mobile phone mast was put in the same place as the UFO had landed all that time ago!*

Source MUFON - Mutual UFO Network: Case 74884

## **Police See Triangular UFO Guildford - A3, Guildford Flyover**

Date/Time: October 2006, approx. 20:00h

Further Comments: Two police officers spotted a bright white light in the distance while driving along the A3.

As they drove beneath the aerial oddity at the flyover, they could make out three white lights on a hovering black object, which had a dim pulsating red glow in the centre.

It is reported that a number of other drivers had pulled over and watched the unidentified. [End]



### **Horsell**

An online University of Nottingham place name guide says that Horsell means 'Dirty shelter'. However, forms show confusion of the second element with OE hyll, 'hill' and wella, 'spring/stream'.

St Mary the Virgin's Church, Church Hill, Horsell has a series of vague, round ground markings at its rear, which, (along with the numerous scattering of broken sarsen remains to be found not far from here) lead us to suspect that this may have once been the site of a megalithic stone ring.

About this church, experienced dowser Jimmy Goddard concurs with our view and writes... *“the first church on this hilltop site was probably in the twelfth century, and parts of the wall may remain. Many additions, alterations and restorations were done in the 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, even though the area at the top of the hill is very limited, the churchyard falling steeply away at the back.*

*The site is striking, and the church seems powerful, with strong head-hum experienced.*

*At the field trip on July 21st, 2001, the strange mixture of stones comprising the south wall was noticed, and it was theorised that some could have been standing stones on an earlier site here. Faint circular indications in the ground behind the church were also noticed and there were feelings that this could have been a hilltop stone circle.” [End]*

Perhaps the most unusual feature inside this church is its iron spit, measuring 3 ½ metres long, used for roasting a hog at parish festivals; an inventory of the church contents dating 1552, records two of these listed as "brochis": "Item. I caudraon ii iron brochis..."

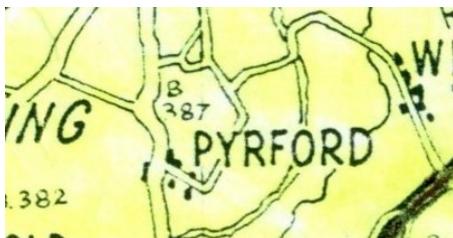
On Horsell Common there are three ancient bell barrow burial mounds that are around 3–4,000 years old. A possible explanation to these burial mounds, (as Bell Barrow Mounds are not common in Surrey) is that they were built to 'commemorate leaders who had migrated from Wessex to colonise new lands'.



Bell-barrow Woking 1, on Horsell Common. (Air photograph by G W G Allen, 10 March 1934; Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford) copyright

**Please note sympathetic positioning of the road in relation to this ancient earthwork.**

There is a reference to these burial mounds in the antiquarian John Aubrey's 1718 book 'A History of Surrey'.



**Pyrford: The Pyrford Stone**, first recorded in 1548 LRMB.

This is an apparently Christianised, (cross-incised) standing stone by the roadside, set up as a boundary marker but its original status was likely that of a standing stone.

A sarsen stone that can be found on top of Pyrford Hill, (now a grade II listed monument whose origin is impenetrable) is said to date before the Norman conquest.

Mark Coxhead has been looking into its history. He says since present-day Pyrford began early in the 1950s, when most of its woods were felled to make way for new roads and houses, many landmarks have vanished, but others remain, like the mysterious Pyrford Stone.



**The Pyrford Stone pictured in the early 1900s**

He has found that the stone does not appear on any ancient maps, while the absence of any information in the historical records has not prevented the advancement of numerous theories as to the stone's origins and purpose.

The Pyrford Stone has various aspects of folk law associated, and one legend is that either when it 'hears' the cockcrow at dawn or every night, when the clock of St Nicholas' church strikes twelve, then the stone will turn.

This is most odd since St Nicholas' church has never had a clock!



**The Pyrford Stone today**

The stone now stands at the entrance of Pyrford Court, but originally stood at the three-way junction of Upshot Lane, Pyrford Common Road and Church Hill. Moved in 1965 to Sandy Lane and 10 years later moved to the entrance of Pyrford Court as a result of a campaign led by the late Sylvia Lewin and Merlyn Blatch. The current plaque was added in December 1976.

It is a sandstone block, that measures around 33in high and 38in at the base; on its northern face, near the top, there has been carved a Latin cross 9in wide and 6in horizontal.

A sign beneath it notes:

"This boundary stone dates from before the Norman Conquest and is possibly a prehistoric standing stone. Situated on this corner since time immemorial, it was moved to its present position during road widening. This plaque was donated by local residents in 1976".

We wonder what happens now when the cock crows and dawn breaks!



**One foggy morning looking out from the Hog's Back**

Another neighbouring site of note is Newark Priory, a ruined, (and now allegedly haunted) Augustinian priory, (established between 1189-1199) on an island surrounded by the River Wey and its former leat, (the Abbey Stream) near the boundary of the village, (parish lands) of Ripley and Pyrford, Surrey.

**Nearing a Conclusion**

Question - how could the Hog have been discovered such a long time ago?

Here, based on my own personal involvement with Out of Body Experiences... a gift I was born with, is one theory.



## **The Ghost Within - My OBE Recollections and Beyond**

by Ken Parsons

It is amazing just how many 'truth cleansers' there are - debunkers, whose only goal is to twist and trivialize the truth.

Maybe this is how closed-minded thinkers make themselves feel smart; scepticism for the sake of scepticism... a method employed by those wearing mental straightjackets to make themselves sound brainy.

I know what I have seen and been through, and no person, not any claimer that what I am about to say is too far *out there* - or those who term OBE's etc as pseudoscience, will persuade me otherwise.

Huge numbers of people including myself, are fully aware that we each have a 'soul'; the 'soul' is also known by other names as well such as the 'astral', 'inner' or 'spirit' body; these are different titles that are basically attempting to describe the same thing... the subtle, ghost-like body that resides within every living person.

I am unsure whether what I am discussing applies to other lifeforms as well, (such as cats and dogs) but all the evidence suggests that there is a definite spiritual counterpart of the human flesh frame, which has a far different rate of molecular vibration to solid matter, thus making it totally invisible to normal sight.

Under certain conditions, our 'inner body' can detach or project itself from the corporeal body and move around freely: When our spirit travels 'out', it remains

partially attached to us through a kind of psychic umbilical 'cord', thus enabling the physical brain or mind, (and there is much to suggest that the mind is independent from the brain) to recollect everything encountered by this energy complement of us.

The separation of our inner self is termed as an Out-of-Body Experience, (OBE or sometimes OOB) and is a sensation that typically begins with a floating, lifting sensation, (either directly upwards or out through the top of the skull) and then perceiving one's physical body from the outside, (as it were) looking back at oneself.

For me this isn't all just hypothesis, I have personally witnessed, experienced and researched most of what I am discussing here; having had numerous OBE experiences, I can say that each time it has been the most liberating feeling imaginable!

To begin with, when I first used to have Out of Body Experiences, it sometimes felt as if my 'projected body' was just like my 'normal' physical body, complete with head, arms and legs; but after a great deal of study about this phenomenon, I came to learn that really, this 'feeling' is just signalling from the physical brain to the nervous system that I was picking up on.

When separated from the physical, our 'spirit body' is 'just' a mass of spiritual energy.

I have observed this many times, the spirit body does NOT look like the organic human 'body' at all, but is more in the way of a fuzzy, energetic mass, (which can be of various colours, a factor that I suspect is determined by our degree of spiritual development, together with our physical age and state of health) and the movement of this projected mass is either fully controlled by our brain/mind, via the psychic cord that I mentioned earlier.

Once outside of our flesh frame, the 'energy body' uses the physical brain's/mind's extra-sensory capabilities for its data processing, which even includes the ability for it to see perfectly in the dark.

These days, I can't 'project' anywhere near as much as I once could, as this ability tends to diminish as one gets older; and probably for good reason; I could imagine that the stress of undergoing an OBE could easily trigger a heart attack in the elderly, or someone with an undiagnosed health condition; but when I was young and 'active' in this manner, I enjoyed full control of my astral 'outings' and saw things unimaginable to most.

Like a phantom burglar, I could penetrate people's homes and watch them asleep in their beds... even enter and wander about closed shopping stores.

My vision was full colour, with vivid hues and quality.

As a spirit body, I could glide through the rain-swept streets at night... or be flying through the air like Superman in the daytime, high above the clouds, or even at just a few hundred feet or so, sometimes slowing down while watching people below going about their business, like little ants.

Once, I even dared to peep above earth's atmosphere into space... something I will never forget because this was **blacker** than any black, I had ever seen before, either on television, in a photo or an artist pallet.

Yes, that brief glimpse of outer space scared me so much that I shot back into my physical body and was left paralysed for hours afterwards, completely unable to move.

I can think of no reason why OBE practitioners, shamanic-types, seers and mediums of their day couldn't have achieved what I have, (maybe a whole lot more) and observed the terrain from high above – literally travelling in immaterial form, at the speed of thought.

In amongst the scant documentation released under The Freedom of Information Act, it has been revealed how, having used OBE'ers themselves as part of a \$multi-million experimental program, NASA and the CIA are now sheepishly admitting that something big is going on here; but as anticipated, things are watered down somewhat by the likes of Wikipedia, (who do have their good points at times) calling this phenomenon Remote viewing (RV), describing it as "the practice of seeking impressions about a distant or unseen target, purportedly using extrasensory perception (ESP) or "sensing" with the mind."

Pour a shot of whiskey into a pint of water, and no matter how diluted, one will still detect the underlying taste of alcohol; viz. and that's how it is on the internet with some things. As I said - 'watered down'. In today's world of nanosecond pace where everyone hits Google or Wikipedia, it seems to be quite common to find out later you've had wrong information on most subjects.

Depending on what you watch and what you read, the whole concept of Remote Viewing may come across as fiction to some, particularly to those barely conversant with the subject; but just 'Google' the correct key words and bingo – its real and verified too.

Special emphasise on the term ‘correct words’ for one’s search, otherwise the truth-seeking student may land up on some wishy-washy, cynical and/or state-sponsored site.

For me though, the RV label is just too tame... putting it mildly; rather than this just being some kind of *mind travel*, I recognise it as a fact, that what is occurring is complete out of the body journeying - the ability to visit places in an astral state; effectively, seeing from a great distance, a skill that has most likely been around since man first walked the planet.

This parapsychological phenomenon is factual and largely kept private.

Our leaders work on the assumption, there are some things the general public are not supposed to accept or believe in.

Yet, it’s a poorly guarded secret, because, if one wants to find the truth badly enough, it IS there to be discovered; hidden more or less, right under our very nose; as our governors continue to take comfort in the old adage of *the obvious always being the LEAST obvious*.

I am confident that there is a broad conspiracy of silence about a number of paranormal issues of this nature, and people are being kept in the dark.

In her time, my partner Hilary has also enjoyed a few OBE’s herself, and tends to agree that Remote Viewing, (call it what you may) is likely to be the answer to several enigmas; of which, data about our Surrey and Hampshire borders Hog shape is just one; and perhaps, this is likewise fundamental to the most puzzling mystery of all, that group of very large geoglyphs made in the soil of the Nazca Desert out in southern Peru; how else were they meant to be seen?

Regarding the UFO content of this book, quite a few LITS, (lights in the sky) type sightings have been deliberately left out; why? although fully valid, they come across as too characterless for inclusion here.

Light phenomena events are unexceptional on our Hog; every so often one crops up; and for those who witness such aerial events for the first time, they are always thrilling of course; but for seasoned hands like Hilary and myself, when it comes to this category of UFO, we can afford to be picky.

It is the larger, more *meaty*, close encounter, saucer, oval or even ball and ring-type that capture our imagination the most; and presumably, the reader’s likewise; these things really give us a buzz; and we confidently predict, our Surrey and Hampshire borders UK landscape Hog will be the scene of more such happenings again in the future.

There is no point in over-rationalising things all the time, as most professional doubters do, or wearing rose-coloured spectacles either, or even sitting on the fence for fear of ridicule.

We started out as objective researchers, but confess, the pair of us ended up being influenced, nay overwhelmed, by the plethora of unusual sites, and the high number of extra ordinary affairs per square inch of the Hog map area; far too many for all of this to be written-off as pure chance.

Inevitably, faced with such supporting indications, we have arrived home from our grand tour as absolute devotees.

What else can we say? Our deduction is that ‘the Hog’ was once considered by wise-folk, as one, enormous, blessed region for breeding and hunting pigs.

The whole Hog area was, (and still is to an extent) enriched, (though some may say ‘troubled’) by a host of magic, marvels, and miracles.

As might be envisaged, the church fought and eventually won, in their battle to stamp such beliefs out... although the prodigies continued to present themselves in these parts, and still do on occasion.

It is said that wanting something to be true doesn't make it true; but apart from just expectation, we have based our conclusions on real, (tangible) evidence... hard evidence; unavoidable facts about this region that keep cropping up.

The truth cannot be told, it has to be **realised**. It is a matter of OVERstanding what we have been attempting to get across concerning specifics like remote viewing, rather than merely UNDERstanding them.

The distinction between Overstanding and Understanding is a matter of context and awareness. To overstand is to fully comprehend a thing itself AND to have knowledge of why it is the way it is and of its place or role in the grand scheme of things.

The few who can overstand, will now see that the radical discoveries and possibilities presented here have offered up some rare insights into the special belief systems and abilities that once existed amongst certain parts of society; special orders, small sects, or even large secretive groups who thought innovatively, without obstruction; they who considered different solutions and methods for reaching their desired outcome.

There is no doubt that our ancestors possessed some great secrets; for them, nothing was impossible; only the science teachings of today tell us otherwise.

Some of the material in this book has been quite challenging to unearth; we've had to dig really deep for it, as certain types of striking information are not readily available; and there is a reason why that is so; we are pretty sure the good stuff is either being impeded, withheld, or hidden.

Science fundamentalists are bad enough, the sort that can't bear unexplainable phenomena... anything which cannot be reasoned-away, (excused-away) by orthodox methods; the ones for whom, everything must be clear-cut, demonstrable, classified, and pigeon-holed; the type who would move heaven and earth if they could to avoid any awkward confirmations.

Furthermore, it is a cast iron certainty, individuals are now clandestinely employed, whose job is to 'tidy up' uncomfortable data found on the net/in the media, any way possible; that which offends the sensibilities of some folk; shall we say, those in the *corridors of power*.

Usually, this is achieved through trolling and harassing forums with moderators and agitators, relegating, debunking, belittling, and character assassination; or, if none of those techniques work then as a last resort, by blocking or total removal of material, with internet gatekeepers using the *data protection law*, (or even 'fake news') as an argument for their deeds.

Indeed, we have had confirmation of such activities from two sources.

It's safe to speak about this now, but years ago we were visited by one such specialist, so depressed and unhappy with his task, who poured his heart out to us at our home.

At the time, he was mainly involved with 'discrediting' prime UFO material posted on YouTube, for which he operated a multitude of bogus accounts under different guises.

And that is just one arena; however, this chap told us that our other examinations regarding earth mysteries, **were "on the right lines"**.

More support for our assertions came via a television network contributor; he worked as a freelancer, creating ideas and scripts for programming, and imparted a great deal of proof to us that he was who he claimed to be.

The gist of what he said is this; certain TV channels are very shady and biased; their controllers select only **what they want us to see**; and programmes today are basically vehicles for advertising purposes.

Thus, they tend to favour **productions that are designed to be entertaining rather than informative.**

Making this public has been a first for us, and it is the absolute, sincere truth.

Quote from Ley Lines & Earth Energies - The Rediscovery of a Lost Wisdom:

Nestling near some of the more predictable farming books in the Museum collection, I came across a very interesting old journal; in one section of this it written *how those who sought to 'purify' society of its heathenish ways, completely outlawed all forms of Druid and Wiccan land ceremony.* [End]

Steadily, those who wouldn't come around to the prescribed church ideology, were forced into conducting their affairs away from prying eyes.

Groups had to be careful to avoid the attention of those in office; they who had the power to not only arrange arrest, but also grant or deny payments to poorer rural communities from parish funds.

All of this will seem an eternity from the McDonald's disposable culture we are living in presently, but back then, at a time of distress and limited life expectancy, faith in the earth goddess and her associates, great care and fertilization of the terrain, (with land husband's being practically wedded to the earth) was the norm; this acted as a kind of insurance policy... with mock sacrifices and votive offerings presented to the deities in return for healthy crops/livestock, and the protection of loved ones."

The power of total conviction has NO bounds, and some great, (seemingly unachievable) baffling accomplishments of early man have been laid bare as a testimony to that fact. How else can one explain such feats?

As we hinted earlier, it's an odd feeling one gets at the outset, viewing these sites while exploring around the Hog; seeing things from a flat plane viewpoint, after having been so heavily involved with maps and the overhead perspective; but after a while, we became accustomed to juggling between both methodologies; and so too, with a bit of practise, can other dedicated individuals.

Although disappearing at quite an alarming rate with the onslaught of progress, building developments etc, fortunately, tangible substantiation is still there to be found; while other clues survive in books, often hard to acquire reports and archive material.

It is a matter of back-engineering what we have exposed here; very probably, our distant ancestors erected their holy edifices on the ground according to where they experienced otherworldly wonders; be that natural or supernatural - who would have known the difference? in those days anything beyond common understanding would have been considered miraculous.

Hauntings, OBE's and occurrences of psychokinesis, extrasensory perception may have been sufficient, but let us stop and reflect how early man must have considered unidentified flying object phenomena - or come to that, any unusual celestial happening; without conventional air traffic cluttering their skies, no light pollution obstructing their observations and no scientific rationale to handicap their minds; witnessing a UFO hundreds of years back would have been a life-changing experience to most, if not all.

'As above, so below' is a popular modern paraphrase of a compact and cryptic Hermetic verse; yet - what better way of marking the general position from where any such aerial, (or heavenly) events were beheld, than to build hallowed places in commemoration? And in later times, maybe even disguised for public consumption as a remembrance of something else?

Logic dictates though, as the centuries passed, traditions changed and memories dimmed, more fashionable constructions would have been built over the old, often occupying the same foundations; in one way, a literal cover-up!

Buried and lost for good... or so some may hope.

Now, one or two readers may believe in our Hog figure, (and even in other such landscape figures which may also exist) - the question is, now, WHO is going to believe them?

If any anyone has relevant information or questions to ask about this book, then please feel free to email us on...

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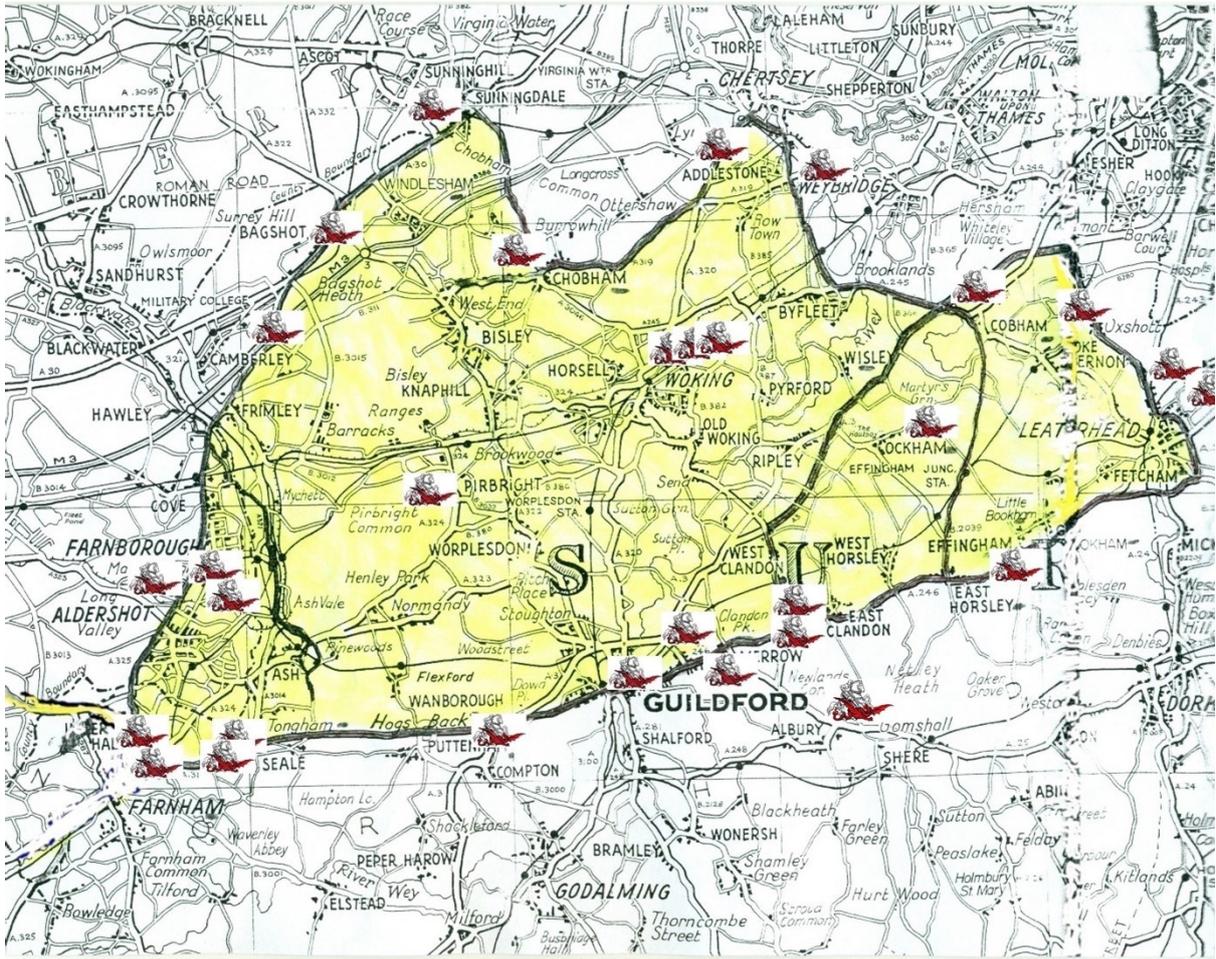
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A sound bite from the late, great musician Bob Marley '*if you don't know where you've been, you'll never know where you're going*', just about sums things up; in other words, knowing our true past is the signpost to our future... or at least, it should be.

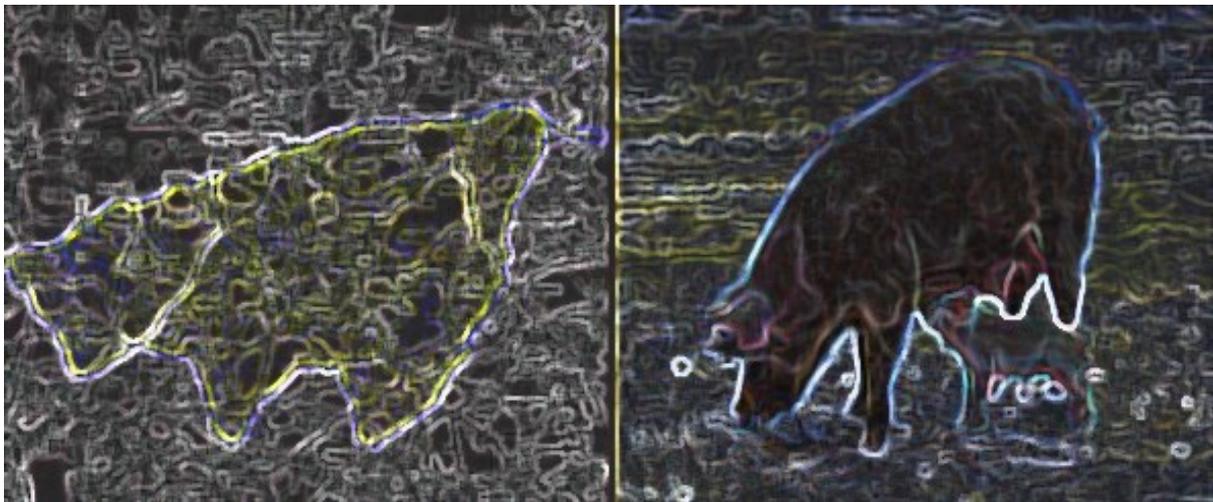


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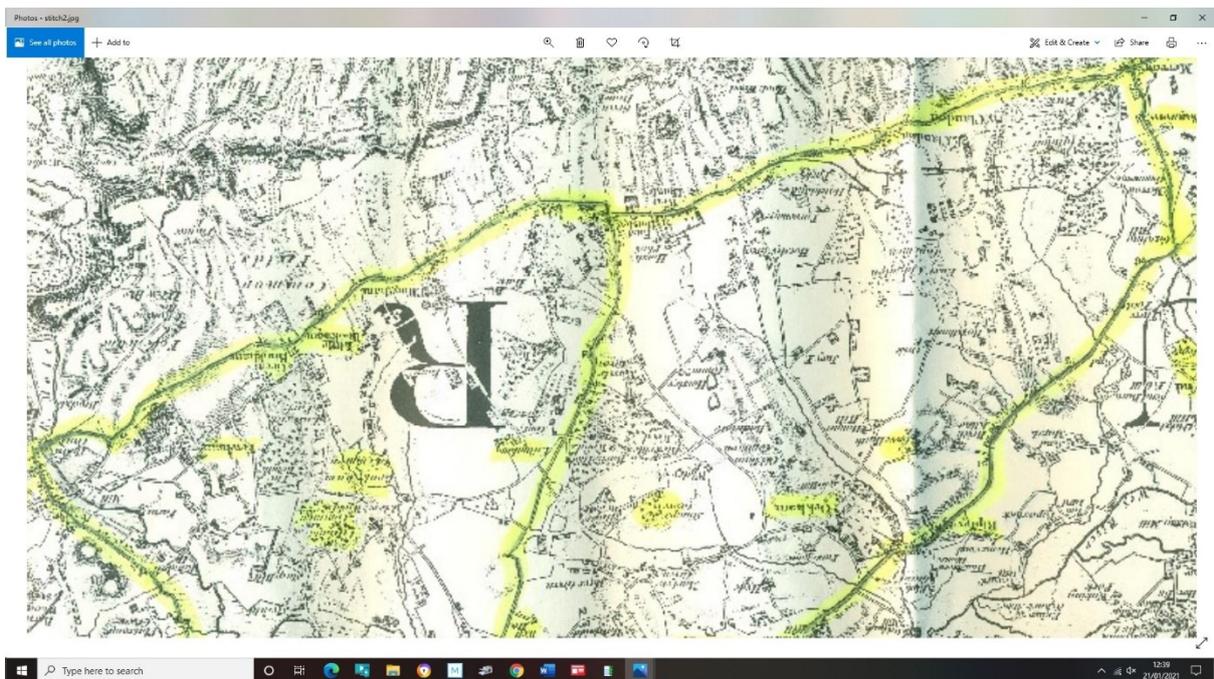


= the location of dragons/slayer associations bounding our Hog; hidden meaning/unwitting siting at work? Please note, some other church establishments on this landscape figure may have been lost, demolished/built over or had alternative names during the course of time; so, in fact, there could be even more *dragon connections* than shown here!

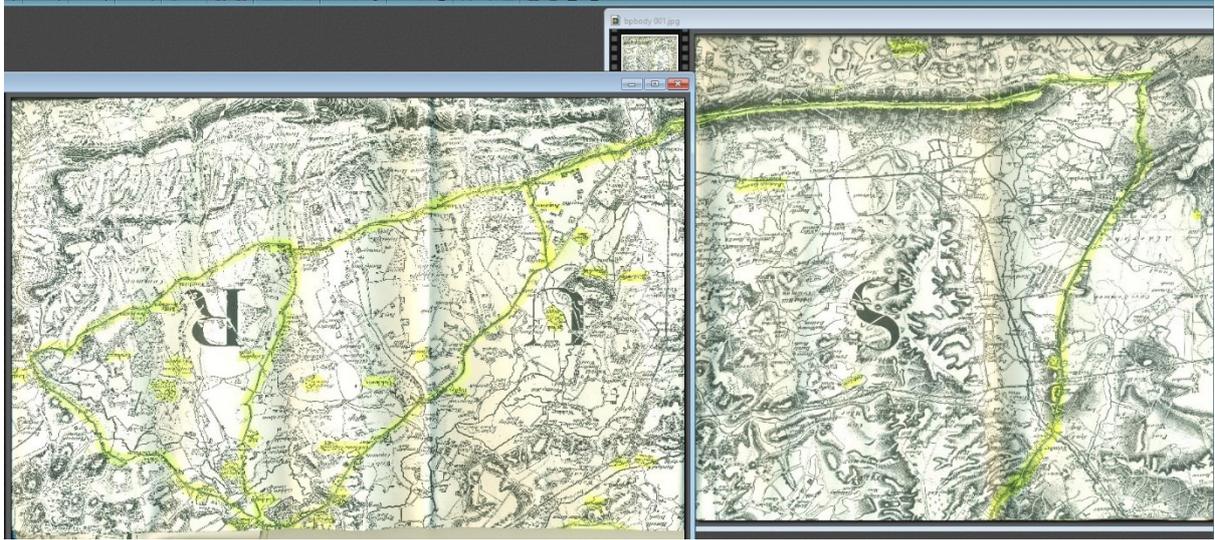




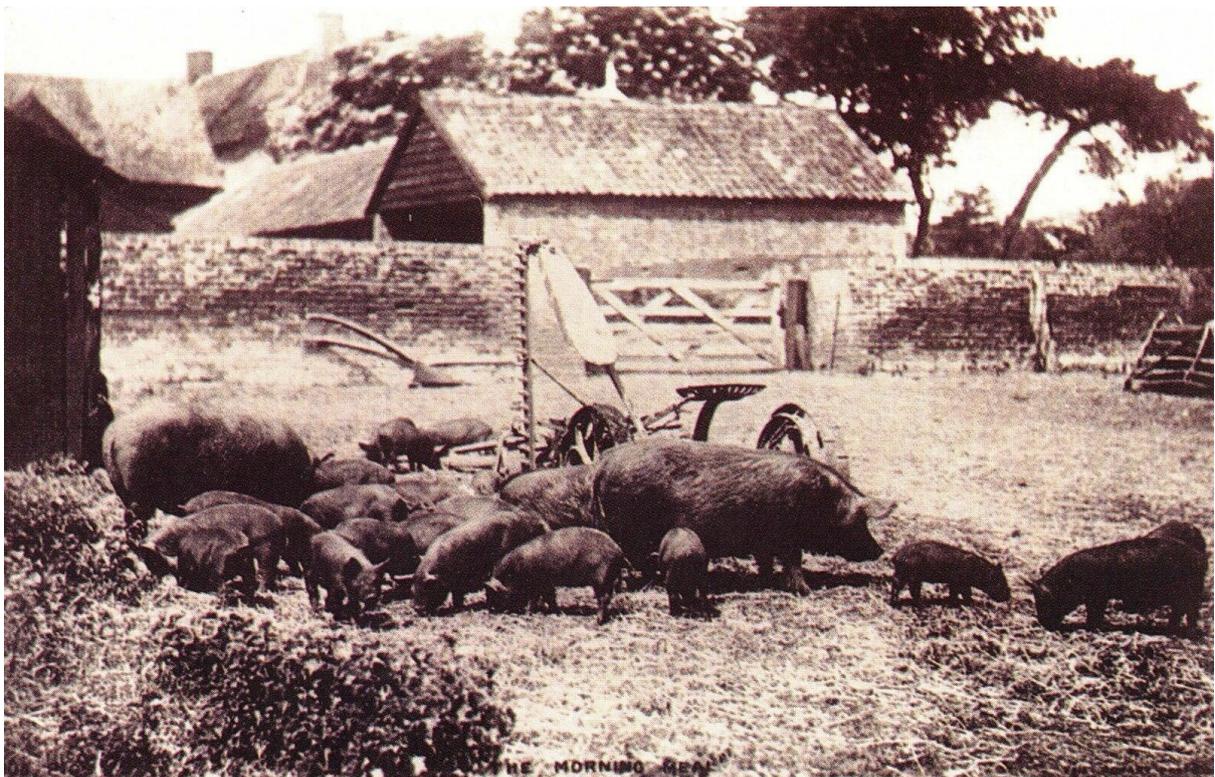
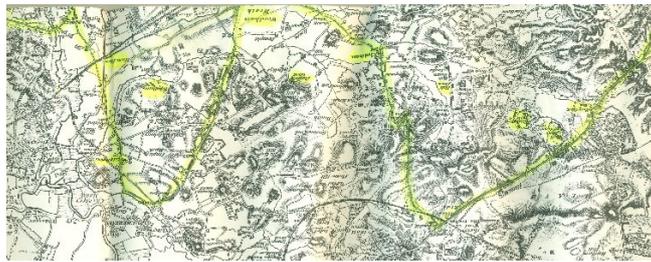
We even found the Hog figure on an 1850's OS map which is so big couldn't fit it onto our A4 scanner! pocket camera used instead. Again, we followed only recognised routes of that time.



Detail – head/ear area



**Head/spine backside/body/legs/trotter areas**



**Pig farming/keeping - old style**



**Park Farm, Hale**

*(Right) Miss Audrey Crewe, of Shamley Green, Surrey, prize-winner in the Pigs Marketing Board Competition for her essay on "Pigs."*



**Miss Audrey Crewe of Shamley Green, Guildford, Surrey, Prize-winning Pig Essay.**

**Near-ish to the Hog and an interesting news clipping of the day...**

**Source: Weekly Magazine published in 1938**

## **The Flying, (or Jumping) Pig of Whitmoor House!**

A Bizarre Folklore Tale told by Janet Dowling

Sometimes, when people say something that they don't believe will happen they say "when pigs fly!" For some reason they don't think pigs really can fly!

And yet....

Captain Salvin lived at **Whitmoor House, near Woking**, (on-hog). He had fought in the wars, and when he came home all he wanted was peace and quiet. He was very interested in hawking and fishing and became very famous. But he was very good with animals, and even had two otters that he had from babies.

They followed him everywhere, and even sat in his lap just like a cat. But he had one special pet. It was a wild pig called Lady Susan. A Maharajah had given it to him as a present, but soon afterwards the piglet had fallen sick, and Captain Salvin had looked after it until it was better.

That pig loved Captain Salvin, and thought she was a dog. He gave her a collar and a bell and everywhere Captain Salvin went, Lady Susan went with him, trotting on behind. If they were walking in the fields, he had to be careful that she didn't squash the crops she grew so big.

When strangers saw them walking together, they would stand and stare and their mouths would fall open, so that they had to be careful they didn't swallow a fly.

Then Captain Salvin decided to train Lady Susan. On their walks, if they came across a log, he would get her to jump over it. She couldn't do it at first, so he would run and jump over it himself, and then run with her. When she did it he gave her an apple for a treat. Then he trained her to jump over the streams. The first time he tried to get her to do it she just walked into the stream and followed him across.

So, he went back, and did it again and again until she got the idea. Then she had many apples. She got very good at jumping higher and higher over logs, and further and further across the streams. Soon Captain Salvin and Lady Susan could be seen running through the woods and Lady Susan almost flying through the air over tree stumps and across streams.

One day, Captain Salvin decided to show off Lady Susan to his friends. He asked a blacksmith to "come and ring a pig". In the old days they would put a ring through a pig's nose to stop it digging in the ground. The blacksmith came along and went into the pigsty to find the pig. Captain Salvin and his friends hid

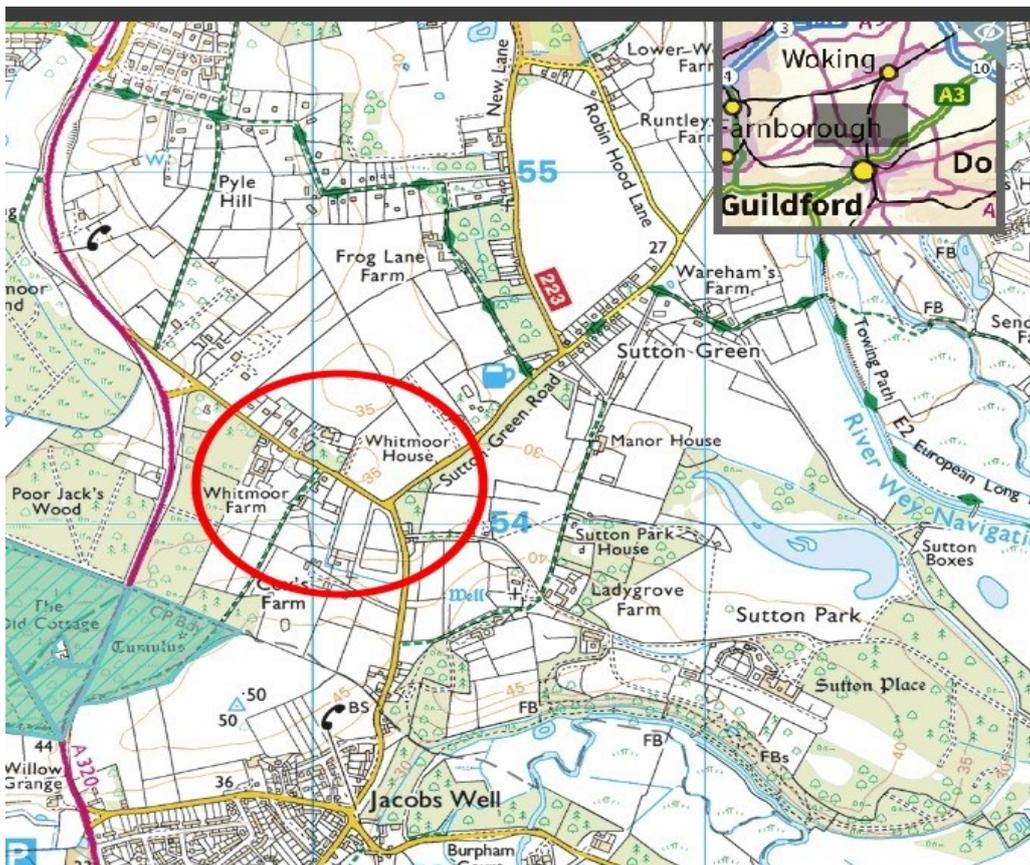
to see what would happen. When Lady Susan saw the blacksmith, she started to run towards him, and just as a dog does, she tried to jump up at him to say hello. The blacksmith was so surprised, that he turned round, and tried to get out of the pigsty.

Lady Susan chased him all around the pigsty. The blacksmith began to get a bit scared of this pig and tried to get out the fastest way he knew how. He climbed over the wall of the pigsty. Now that wall was about four feet high, and the blacksmith stood back relieved that he had got away from this very strange pig.

But Lady Susan hadn't finished with him. As the blacksmith stood there, wiping the sweat off his face, he could hear a "rum ti tum, rum ti tum" and all of a sudden, there was Lady Susan flying over the wall of the pigsty!

Captain Salvin and his friends were laughing and laughing! The poor blacksmith didn't know what to do, and Lady Susan was running backwards and forwards between the blacksmith and Captain Salvin. The captain paid the blacksmith some money, and he and his friends went to celebrate.

But after that day the blacksmith had a good story of how he truly did see a pig fly!

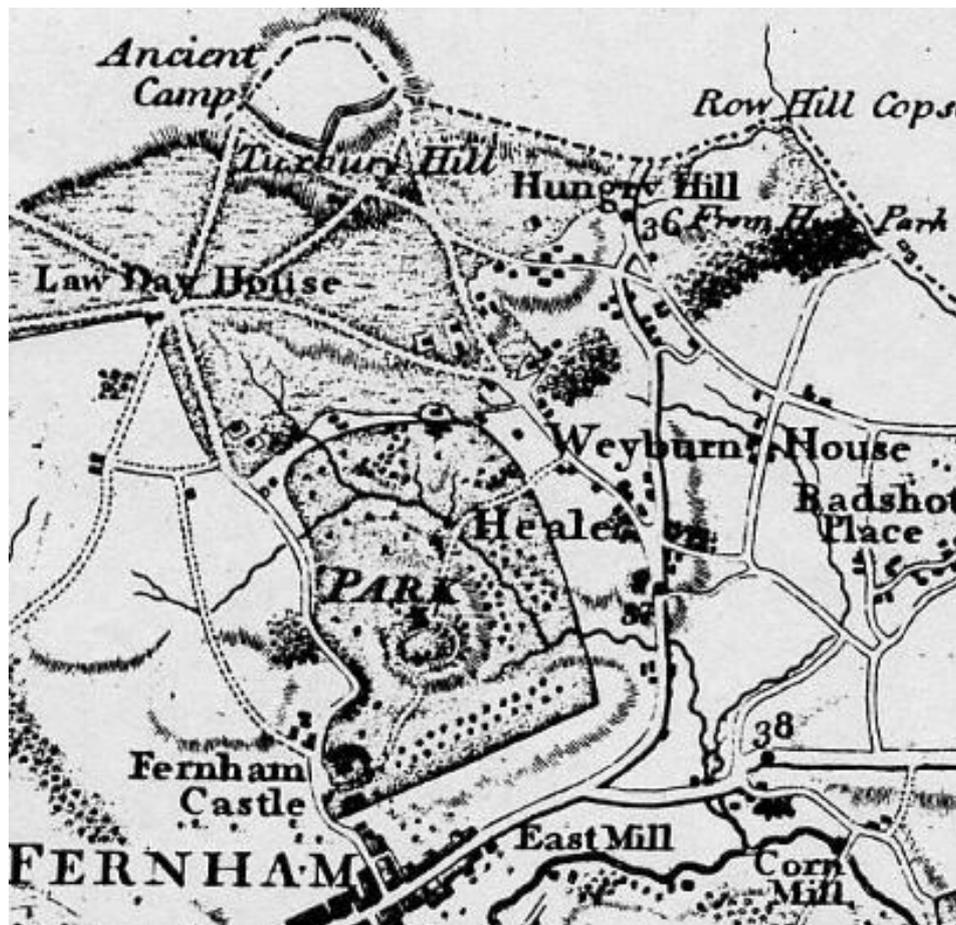


## Clearing up some misconceptions about Hale by Barbara Knight

Quote:

As far as can be ascertained, no written history of Hale exists. Oblique and often unflattering references to Hale appear in guides and histories of Farnham. Plenty of anecdotes do exist and many of these are ill-founded. Now seems to be an opportune time to correct these misconceptions.

Misconception — that Hale owes its existence to the Army and the development of a permanent camp at Aldershot. The War Office decided to build a camp at Aldershot in the early 1850s. The 1839 Tithe map of Farnham presents a picture of Hale as it existed before the arrival of the Army at Aldershot. Much of the land which the village now occupies was already settled by 1839. Around 30 homesteads were to be found in Hoghatch. Some were cottages belonging to former squatters, but both Lawday House farm and the Bishop of Winchester's farm in Hoghatch Bottom were tenanted by employees of the Bishop. Hungry Hill gave its name to all the area south of its summit and extending as far as the present-day Farnborough Road. This area was liberally dotted with homesteads and plots of cultivated land.



Lindley & Crossley map of 1759



On the Hog were/are a mind-blowing 13 Abbey's/Priorities/ Outliers and Castles!

Far more than could be found elsewhere in one area, randomly!

But for a number of reasons, not all are detailed in the main pages of our book; so, here is a brief inventory of some additional data we found... this time relying solely on Wikipedia.

***Wanborough Outlier, Wanborough, Surrey***

Those Waverley Cistercians were busy, for Wanborough was an outlier of theirs.

It was founded in 1130 and was dissolved with the abbey.

The Cistercians were noted for farming and 'granges' were created when the land was far enough away to justify a smaller, 'junior' monastery.

Wanborough is all about its Great Barn, which was restored in 1997 and looks resplendent. The barn is just under seven miles from the abbey, located on the other side of today's A31.

### ***Chertsey Abbey, Surrey***

This is where it started, with an abbey founded in 666 AD. Ravaged by the Vikings around 872, it was re-founded by Benedictines in 964, then dissolved in 1537.

Regarded as Surrey's 'senior' abbey, the first established in the county, it was also the major landowner among our abbeys. As the original burial place of King Henry VI, Chertsey Abbey also drew an honourable mention in Shakespeare's 'Richard III' (Act 1, Scene 2).

The abbey ruins lie at the back of Abbeyfields Recreation Ground, but sadly there is little to see. The best-known features are the fish ponds, although only three of seven have been traced. Part of the moat around the Abbey Precinct survives, but again, some sections have been lost. Dissolution was often followed by pillaging of stone.

### ***Brookwood Shrine, Surrey***

The Shrine (Saint Edward Orthodox) Church was founded for the sacred relics of Anglo-Saxon king St Edward the Martyr, slain at Corfe, Dorset, in 979 AD.

### ***Leatherhead Priory, Leatherhead, Surrey?***

Cistercian monks alleged monastery, founded 1263; incorporated into house called 'The Priory'; evidence lacking.

### ***Newark, Priory, Surrey***

Newark Priory's ruins sit on private land between Guildford and Byfleet.

To get the best views, you need to park in the car park on Newark Lane, cross the bridge, and take the pleasant towpath walk by the canal.

Although there has been the usual despoiling, there are still substantial remains to be glimpsed through the trees, with the south transept and east end of the church prominent.

***Woking Monastery, Woking, Surrey***

Saxon monastery purported dependency of Peterborough founded c.690 (in the time of Abbot Cuthbert) granted to Peterborough by Brordar, and ealdorman, with the consent of Offa; thought to have been destroyed in raids by the Danes 871.

***Farnham Castle, Farnham, Surrey***

Farnham Castle was originally constructed between 1129 and 1171 by Henry of Blois, the Bishop of Winchester.

***Guildford Blackfriars, Guildford, Surrey***

Dominican Friars (under the Visitation of London) founded 1275 by Queen Eleanor of Provence, widow of Henry III.

***Guildford Castle, Guildford, Surrey***

The remains of the castle is a Norman arch which sits below Castle Hill, in Quarry Street. Why have we included a castle some may wonder? The keep was most likely used as a private apartment for the King. On the first floor there was a relatively small chapel and altar... a Christian place of prayer and worship!



**Contemporary Painshill dragon statue, situated in an 18th century, 200-acre landscape estate on our Hog; this includes an antique grotto, Gothic "temple", "ruins" of a Gothic abbey, and a Gothic tower with a view of the countryside, along with some more cutting-edge attractions.**

Hilary and I conclude that there is something most superior about this Hog-shaped land area in Surrey and Hampshire; it must be smothered with criss-crossing ley lines; sacred, psychic and earth energy points; but it would be an enormous undertaking to map them all; that is a task best left to someone else - we've done our part.

Although this has taken many years of our lives, we have thoroughly enjoyed the journey in uncovering these clues.

It has been rather like a form of time travel for us, which may sound daft but as we said earlier, if one knows **how** to look, (being 'tuned-in', using visualization, conceptualization, one's *minds eye*, intuition, developing the ability to picture an area mentally through inspiration), others who may follow in our footsteps should be able to also share that same experience of wonder and discovery.

**Stop Press:** We had to squeeze more significant news: this one came through to us just as we were finishing our proof-reading for our book; synchronicity or what?

Unlike our UK find, this US zone has no full hog shape in its landscape, (same as all the other Hogbacks) just the range - hence its name, but we wonder, could there be something special about the geology of such places that allows this type of thing to manifest, including our own unique figure?

**As with this report coming our way so fortuitously like it did, just at the right time, we are shown yet again that everything happens for a reason.**

**We really do think that some things are preordained and meant to be.**

Obviously, it's not on our Hog; it's not even in the UK, but America... yet it is notable, because this aerial phenomenon was captured on a **Hogback Mountain range!**

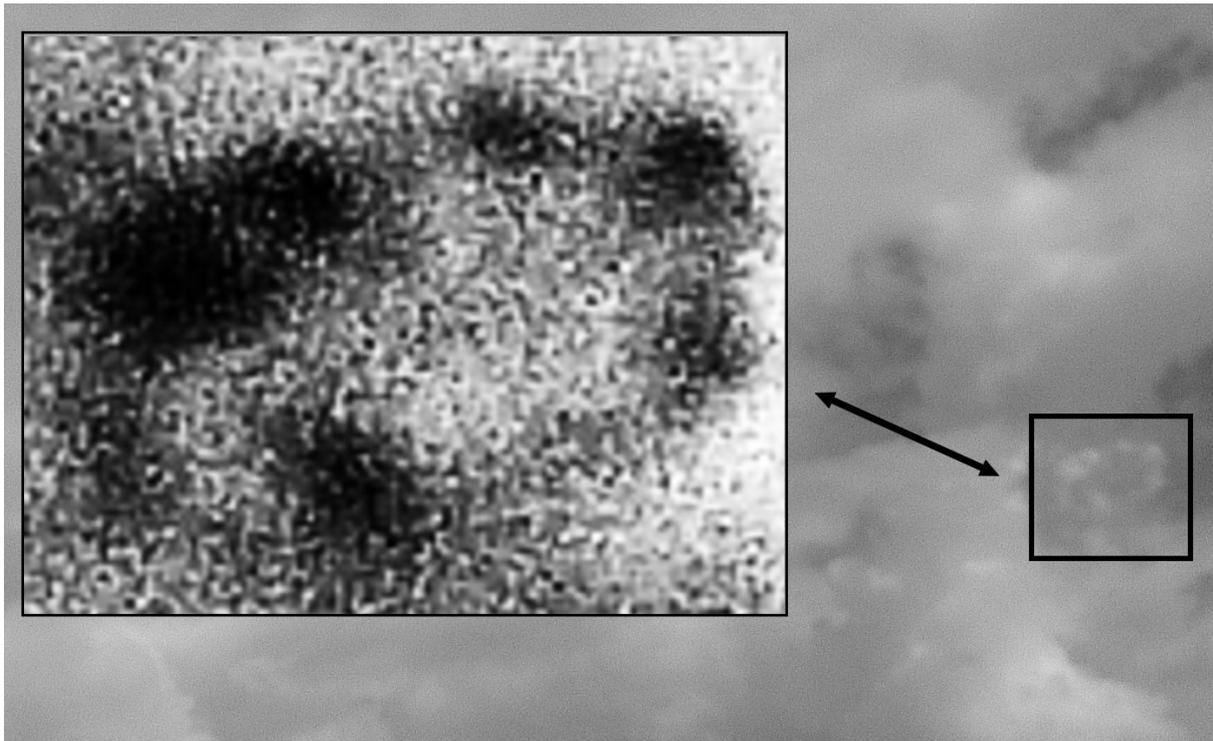


**16-05-2020 UFO Capture from TV screen - Hogback Mountain, Landrum, South Carolina, US. Shown with enlargement insert.**

**Witness Description:**

*I was watching the local, (Greenville/Spartanburg South Carolina) 7 news around 12:10pm on 16/05/2020, the shot changed to the camera set up to look out over Hogback Mountain in Spartanburg County. It was a live shot, and a red, glowing, disc shot across the screen. I rewound and took photos of what was shown. I immediately contacted the news channel, and they got back to me saying they hadn't noticed it but thought it was exciting. Source MUFON {End}*

And... here are two more latecomers from our main Hog's Back record



I put these two right at the end as they were captured a bit late for correct positioning in book  
12-09-2021 (Above) I captured this sky circle over The Hog's Back (between Tongham and  
Farnborough, UK) using an IR camera;  
then... (Below) on the following week, this aerial oddity appears!

