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## HAPPY DOWSING NEW YEAR!



Chambered Tomb at St. Lythams – Photo by Linda Griffiths

### TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR BEBBINGTON

*by Celia Cheswick*

Arthur Bebbington, who died over the weekend 8th/9th October, would have been 86 on the 21st February this year. Arthur was one of the first members of the West Wales Dowsers Society.

Back in 1993 we had two Arthurs in the Society: Arthur George (the Founder President) and Arthur Bebbington. Arthur George was short in stature, and Arthur Bebbington was tall. They quickly became known affectionately as 'Little Arthur' and 'Tall Arthur'.

When Little Arthur stepped down as President, Tall Arthur was elected to succeed him.

Tall Arthur worked tirelessly for the Society, and during the years I served as Secretary, I found

Arthur ever willing to help in any way that was needed.

In addition to his role as President, Arthur arranged many of our field trips. In another role, Arthur was a warden in the Pembrokeshire National Park, where his skills in the building trade were put to good use repairing footpaths, the coastal path and buildings.

Because of this work, Arthur had many contacts within the Park and gained access for dowsing field trips that otherwise would not have been possible.

One such visit was a trip to a private estate alongside the Eastern Cleddau and immediately adjoining Blackpool Mill. On this estate was a beautiful ruined private church, which members spent a fascinating time dowsing. On that occasion we were also accompanied by a reporter from BBC Wales: I think he was rather bemused by us!

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Other visits that Arthur arranged for us included various churches, and Carew Castle. Arthur always seemed to know who to contact, or visit, and always got permission for the Society to visit for a field trip.

One field trip that Arthur had not arranged had an interesting episode. We were dowsing next to an old church where there was a large flat-topped stone. Two of us climbed on to it. When we climbed down, Arthur stepped up on to it. Arthur was promptly thrown off it and into a bed of nettles at its base! We discovered that the stone was a 'Female Stone' (which was why the two of us who were females did not suffer the same fate as Arthur). The stone clearly did not like the male gender. Arthur was born in Shropshire and lived near Iron Bridge until he, his wife and family, came to live near Neyland. They bought a house in Cambrian Road, which gave them a wonderful aspect over the Daugleddau River and enabled them to enjoy their passion for boats.

Arthur was a softly spoken, true gentle-man, polite, courteous and thoughtful.

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*Corrections to the previous Arthur Bebbington article: The link to the BSD website should have been "<http://britishdowers.org>" not "<http://www.bsd.co.uk>" Here is a link taking straight to the BSD forum and information on the Veale Revealer. "<http://tinyurl.com/c3lx74y>"*

*I mentioned that the photo of Arthur was featured in Issue 78 of the newsletter, this was incorrect, this was actually the feature that spoke about the trip to St. Dogmael's when the photo was taken.*

*My apologies for these errors and thanks to Ian Pegler for providing me with the correct information. Ed*

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## THE WESSEX ASTRUM

*by Peter Knight*

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### Sacred Geometry in a Mystical Landscape

Peter presented a fascinating account of his discovery of over 500 miles of alignments throughout the area that used to be known as Wessex. Roughly Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

By plotting these alignments on the map he discovered that they made the shape of a hexagram or a 6 pointed star set out on the landscape. Then even more amazingly, by joining up the lines around the hexagram, he then found he had a hexagon. Following lengthy deliberations and research he decided to call this pattern the 'Astrum' which is Latin for star. These alignments included such significant sacred sites as Glastonbury, Avebury and Stonehenge. The section

between Glastonbury and Avebury and the alignment to Stonehenge was actually part of the St. Michael line. The top part of the Hexagram also included part of the Mary line (this proved even more interesting see below)

At first Peter thought this might be a coincidence he decided to make a journey following the alignments and discovered an astonishing amount of sacred sites including some hidden by undergrowth. A lot of these were discovered by dowsing or map dowsing. The sites included many sacred hills, holy springs, wells, abbeys, hill forts and ancient tombs. It also became evident that many of the sites included references to the Knight's Templar, in fact, some were built by the Templars themselves.

During his trips along the lines, Peter also discovered a symbolism which was nothing short of synchronistic with many stars or star formations being very prominent. There also seemed to be several images of the Virgin Mary, that quite clearly from her hair colour or other indications, had to be a heavily pregnant Mary Magdalene. These often were seen in sites indicating a connection to the Templars. It seems that crop formations often cropped up on the lines making up the hexagram and often featuring star symbolism.

Another point which also backed up his theories that this alignment that had been set down deliberately either following a star shape on the landscape, or, by sensing the energies had felt that sacred sites should be placed in this way. As with the Hamish Miller discoveries in the 'Sun and the Serpent', Peter discovered that the alignments including the Michael line had phallic shaped monoliths whereas those on the Mary line, included many sites with Goddess energy, including water such as sacred pools or wells, such as the Chalice well at Glastonbury. Peter had a strong feeling that the 'Astrum' had a Yin/Yang formation.

There was far more absolutely fascinating revelations of course but far too complicated to convey in mere words. In order, to follow Peter's whole journey, I can highly recommend Peter's book: 'The Wessex Astrum' published by Stoneseecker Publishing and also available from the BSD. You can also find out more on Peter's own website: [www.stoneseecker.net](http://www.stoneseecker.net)

It's also highly possible that we may see a later book which includes sites in Wales because Peter, on his journey here, decided to extend some of the alignment passing through Swansea and on to Carmarthen. Watch this space to discover what he found, or why not see if you can plot your own sacred geometrical site on your landscape!

*NB. Peter has kindly offered to act as our guide during our visit to Avebury this year.*

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## NEWS:

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Please see enclosed our A4 Poster of WWDS 2012 Events.

We would be very grateful if you could place these in local shops, libraries, notice boards etc. so if you would like copies please telephone or email Sandy (*see details on the last page*).

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## THE UNIVERSE AND ME

by *Angela Brunt*

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Another popular speaker, Angela recalled her childhood where she would love to watch the movements of the stars. Marvelling at how they didn't 'fall down' and why the sky was blue in the day and black at night. Like most children she had many questions for her parents, convinced that the stars made 'holes in the sky'.

She also provided an overview of the way that ancient peoples were also fascinated by the heavens and as a result developed a whole mythology of Gods and Goddesses around the movements of the planets. Others, perhaps after experiencing Earth movements or catastrophes, decided to plot the planets movements in order to predict weather and temperature changes.

We now know that they also had an amazing grasp of the mathematics necessary for the calculations of astronomical movements which enabled them to make predictions far ahead of the life of their own civilisations. It's taking archaeologists a while to get round to the realisation that so called 'primitive' man was anything but!

Many ancient civilisations had complex calendars which were not only concerned with movements of the stars to predict the weather etc. but also, the 'life paths' of their citizens. Mythology did not only depict a 'royal hierarchy' in the stars but also showed the rough outlines that to them, looked like animate or inanimate patterns such as scorpions or scales and so was born the Zodiac or 12 signs linked to the Solar System.

Angela, author of 'The Sky at Night', and an Adult Education tutor at Swansea University also demonstrated her vast knowledge of modern astronomy with her description of Black Holes and Dwarf Stars and calculations of how many light years away certain stars were. Surprisingly during question time she also confessed to being a 'Trekkie' (a fan of the TV programme Star Trek) and it seems we have several Trekkies in our membership!

Later questions inevitably included questions about 2012 and The Mayan Calendar and Angela, although

acknowledging the skill of the Mayan astronomers, felt that reports of a coming disaster were not what was intended to be conveyed.

Although other ancient tribes with calendars also indicated 2012 as a possible turning point, Angela felt these changes were already occurring and that it wouldn't be one single event. She like many members thought this indicated a probable rising of consciousness for mankind and that the changes could go on for some time past 2012.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS for 2012

Sunday January 22nd: Megaliths of the Gwendraeth Valley*	<i>Ros Briagha</i>
Sunday February 26th: The Sun line, and how it connects with Valle Crucis	<i>Ian Pegler</i>
Sunday March 25th	AGM
Sunday April 22nd The Goddess in the sky	<i>Jon Appleton</i>
Sunday May 27th Archaeoastronomy**	Sig Lonegren
Sunday June 24th	<i>Dowsing Practise</i>
Sunday July 22nd The Mystery of the Head cult	<i>John Billingsley</i>
Sunday September 23rd	<i>John Seward</i>
Sunday October 28th TBC	<i>Patrick Macmanaway?</i>
Sunday November 25th 101 Things to do with a Stone Circle*	<i>Geoff Holder</i>
<i>*Please note that Ros and Geoff Holder have swapped dates to speak to us. We look forward to Ros's lively presentation at our next meeting.</i>	
<i>**The sacred sites of pre-modern cultures all over the world demonstrated evidence of an interest in astronomy. At our latitudes, they were mainly oriented to the rising and setting of the Sun or the Moon on significant days of the year - the Solstices, Equinoxes and the Celtic Cross Quarter Days.</i>	
<i>Sig will present evidence of this with a digital tour 'round our planet looking at ancient sacred sites from Mexico to Sweden, and with an emphasis on sites in the British Isles.</i>	
<i>Even more importantly, he will discuss why our ancestors were interested in these alignments.</i>	



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## RAFFLE

If you could donate any books for our raffle we would be very grateful.

Topics around the Mind, Body, and Spirit genre are perfectly acceptable.

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## INDOOR MEETINGS

Due to the slight increase in the cost of hiring the hall, indoor meetings will be slightly shorter than before. As a rough guide, the structure of the meetings will be as follows:

1:45pm	Doors open
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Talk by speaker
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Tea break
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Questions for the speaker
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Practice dowsing and healing, as and when required
4:30pm – 4:45pm	Put chairs and tables away

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## OTHER GROUPS

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Stone Circle Creation, Rune & Tarot Readings, Birth Chart Interpretations, Astrology, (Carmarthen / Ammanford):

For enquiries, contact Ros Briagha on 01269 870175 or e-mail: [rosbriagha@hotmail.com](mailto:rosbriagha@hotmail.com)

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## LIBRARY

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Please, Please if you have a book from our library, check that you have not had it longer than the allotted time. We have noticed the library is looking a bit depleted and think some members may have forgotten to return the books.

The Library is for members only and if you are a new member you may not realise that we have a selection of books for you to borrow. There are a variety of titles of interest to dowzers and we always try to purchase books that our speakers bring with them. The books are usually placed on the stage at our meetings and the library is administered by Bob Pitts.