

Also, during July, although not actually in our 'official' programme, and at the suggestion of member Margaret Webb, as many members who could be contacted met at 'Hellen's', an historic mansion at Much Marcle, Herefordshire, which was rebuilt on earlier foundations in 1450, and as could be imagined has a very chequered history concerning Royal visits, murders, and of course the Civil War. Bill Lewis dowsed the course of the tunnel (now blocked), connecting with the Church, and we all spent a very interesting afternoon on a conducted tour.

Unfortunately, we shall be unable to meet at The Commandery again, as the building containing the suite of meeting rooms has now been leased to the Heart of England Tourist Board, although an alternative venue is being sought. When other arrangements have been made, members will of course be notified together with our next programme of events, which, in the meantime, will have to be held in abeyance.

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CORRESPONDENCE

(This letter was the first received by Jim Scott Elliott in response to his book "Dowsing: One Man's Way". Mrs. Edna Connolly has very kindly given her permission for it to be re-printed in the Journal and it gives an account of a practical job done by a 'young' dowser.)

Dear Mr. Scott Elliott,

I felt I had to write to you to thank you for something wonderful which happened to me as a result of reading your book "Dowsing: One Man's Way".

My husband discovered it in the local library and, because we both have an interest in archaeology, divining, E.S.P., and other related subjects, he thought we might enjoy it and may I say how delighted we were to find such a practical, no-nonsense approach to the subject. In the past, we have read a great deal of literature where too much emphasis was placed on the possible spiritual or supernatural aspects of the sciences of dowsing etc. That is not to say that we do not value very highly and respect immensely the religious and spiritual nature of mankind, but, like yourself, we believe that the mind can be used as an extension of the senses for good practical purposes.

Your book, with its enlightened views and pragmatic basis is bound to be a great help to many interested people.

To get to the other purpose of this letter, I must tell you about my wedding ring. I lost it about three years ago and searched the most likely areas. I had a habit of taking it off my finger and putting it on the side of my armchair whilst I applied hand cream. One day, I was unable to find it and thought it must have slipped down into the side or back of one of the chairs. I searched for weeks, going back several times to the chairs and settee and, finally, had to come to the conclusion that it could not possibly have remained undetected after all the thorough searching we had done. At the time, we were having structural alterations done here at our cottage and I began to feel sure that the ring had rolled into some of the debris and been swept out with the rubbish. I bought a new ring, very reluctantly, and thought sadly that I would never see my 'real' ring again. I daresay you will, by now, have guessed what I am going to tell you and you are absolutely right!

After reading your book, my husband got out a large map of Teesside. We tied a length of string to a small case key and asked several questions, which were answered in a most unequivocal and positive way. At times, the key felt as though it was being influenced by some magnetism and it seemed to be pulled into the direction it followed against the direction of our fingers, which were holding it. I had a feeling of 'pins and needles' in my hands.

We were delighted with what we considered beginners' luck, but decided to heed your words of wisdom and allowed no euphoric or emotional state to impede our progress. This was very difficult because we felt so happy. However, we must have succeeded because the following evening we decided to see if we could find out if my ring was irretrievably lost. After positive answers to some preliminary questions, my husband drew a map of our living room and asked for the exact position to be indicated where the ring was to be found. It indicated one of the armchairs and I searched the one in which I had been sitting because that seemed to be the one to which it pointed. I found nothing and my husband said, "Wait a minute, I changed these chairs over when I drew them to the fire". He held the key over the drawing of his chair and asked it to indicate the spot where the ring was, pushed his hand down to where it pinpointed an accurate position and my wedding ring was on the end of one of his fingers when he withdrew his hand!

Now to me, beginner's luck or not, that was nothing short of miraculous. I suppose my natural cynicism numbers me firmly among "Ye of little faith", but from now on I will heed more closely the still small voice of the intuitive and imaginative facet of my sensory make up. Really, I think that cynicism is a direct result of believing that the only logical conclusions we are able to arrive at come from intellectual or reasoning exercises. Plainly we must involve 'total

man', a balance of intuition and intellect. Anyway, whatever the reason, the result was astounding and we feel indebted to you. We intend daily to practise our skills and look forward to the Spring when we can venture outdoors.

Once again, many thanks for your excellent book, which we have ordered today. Forgive the length of this missive, but I felt certain you would be interested to hear our little success story. May I extend to you our very good wishes and hopes for your continued success.

Edna Connolly (Mrs.), Linden Cottage, Lartington, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham.

Dear Editor,

I read with interest 'The Effect of the Moon on Depthing' by P. V. Davis (Volume 30, No. 203), as I have suspected for some time that the phases of the moon have influenced my results and I find that there are times of the month when I get stronger reactions. In experimenting with the banding on either side of underground streams I am, I hope, developing my own system of depthing and measuring quantities and hydraulic pressures. The latter can be measured with a tape measure by dropping an end down the bore or well and taking the on ground readings. For me the difference between the third and the fourth band tell me the depth to which the water will rise above the top of the stream. Subsequent measurement has proved extra-ordinarily accurate and also, therefore, confirms the depth at which water was found when drilling. These readings vary during the differing phases of the moon and can be measured using the above techniques.

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BOOK REVIEW

LEY LINES IN QUESTION by Tom Williamson and
Liz Bellamy. Published by World's Work. £9.95.
Available from BSD Bookshop.

This book has been reviewed by several people in other journals and has evidently stirred up much controversy and anger amongst ley hunters.

Indeed, throughout most of its length the evidence for the existence of ley lines has been carefully examined and found sadly wanting. The