

Round Loaf Deciphered



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A Research Booklet

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COVER PHOTO By Mr Gary Rogers of Geograph. Showing Round Loaf.

I have modified the photo, by turning to B/W and adding shade.

The Far horizon hill length is Darwen Tower Hill. The far

horizon hill end, nr the L is where Jubilee Tower is sited. Thanks Gary.

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CHAPTER ONE

Comparing the diameters of

ROUND LOAF,

CHEETHAM CLOSE RING BANK CAIRN SITE, THE STONE RING AT BLACKHEATH and THE TWO INNER CIRCLES WITHIN AVEBURY STONE CIRCLE/HENGE, all are around 50m diameter.

The St Michel Tumulus at Carnac, NW France. Called a grave mound, built in the 5th century BC, has a width that is similar, but the length doubles. With a ht of 10m. This is the largest Grave Mound on Continental Europe. Excavated in 1862, a central vault was found with prestigious grave goods. info from

[https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Saint Michel Tumulus&oldid=764036345&contributor=Bearcatandco](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Saint_Michel_Tumulus&oldid=764036345&contributor=Bearcatandco).

The Bush Barrow in the Normanton Down cemetery, NE of Stonehenge is around 40m diameter. Info from

[https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Normanton Down Barrow cemetery&oldid=778313540](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Normanton_Down_Barrow_cemetery&oldid=778313540). The well known Gold Lozenge was found in this tomb. Normanton Down Cemetery consists of 40 or more Bronze Age Round Barrows, along the crest of a low ridge. Many of these Barrows are considered to be for high status individuals.

My aim in this research publication, is to present the reader with a possible reasons for the siting of Round Loaf, as well as a possible reason for the as yet undiscovered human remains, that probably lie within. Apparently Round Loaf has never been excavated by Archaeologists.

TERMINOLOGY

I will use the term Round Barrow, for Loaf Mound, using the definition used by Mr O.G.S. Crawford in his LONG BARROWS OF THE COTSWOLDS Book, from 1925, publ by John Bellows, Gloucestershire.

From the OE Dictionary, Barrow, in Archaeology, means an ancient grave mound or Tumulus. From Old English Beorg, from Germanic.

Tumulus has a similar definition, but derives from Latin, tumere meaning swell.

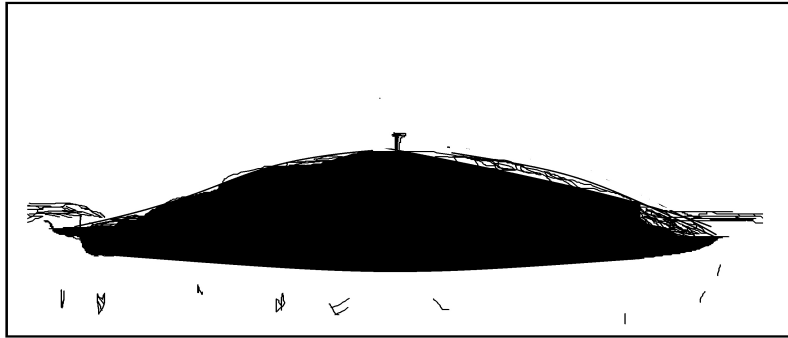
Using a comparison from Mr Crawfords Book, pg 90 - 2, Cow Common.

Which was/is a group of Round Barrows built next to each other, at Cow Common, Gloucestershire.

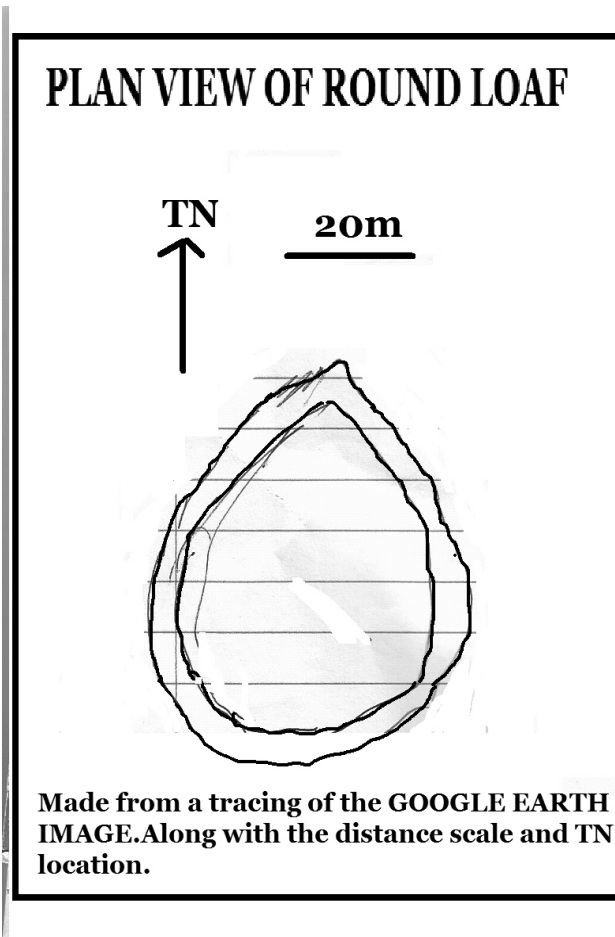
The largest Barrow is around 40 - 50 ft in diameter, and several feet high, this is the most southerly of the group shown on a plan made by Sir Henry Dryden, in Oct, 1874. This Barrow is Greenwell's 216, called Barrow No 1 by Mr Dryden, 2 urns were found buried with a bronze knife. Red soil was beneath that covered a stone covered chamber. [so approx one third smaller

than Round Loaf.]

So Round Loaf like the Long Cairn the Pilestones, are burial monuments for several people in each, but Round Loaf is younger than the Pilestones.



The above sketch was made by me of Mr Gary Rogers Photograph, featured on GEOGRAPH which is copyright Gary Rogers. Used here under the CC 2.0 license. Mr Rogers does not endorse any thing i write. The photo is from 2014 and we are looking at 45 degs, thanks Gary.
{The T shape on the summit is a human figure stood up.}

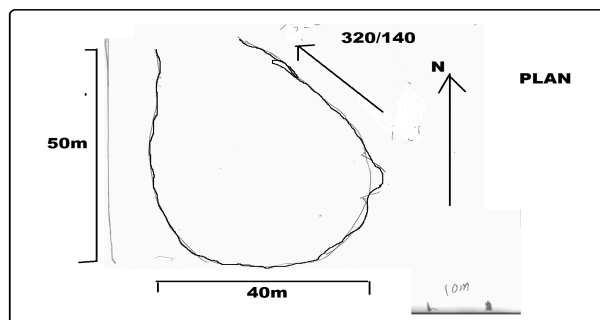
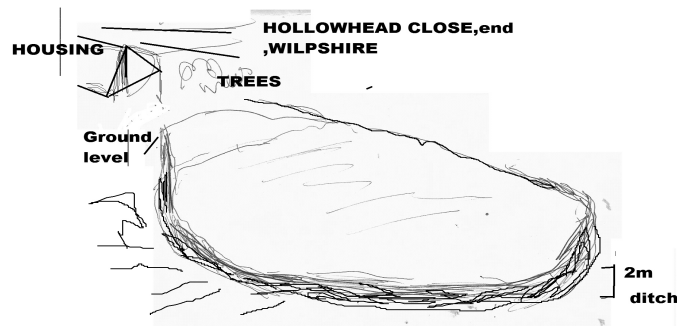


So Round Loaf is approx 60m N/S by 50m E/W. A droplet like shape. Or an Oval with approx E/W symmetry. The long central axis, aligned just of the N/S line.

Below is a similarly shaped Neolithic monument at Wilpshire, NW of Blackburn -

The CLOUGH LONG MOUND

Sited on a section of overgrown land, directly east of a cultivated field.



Tracings of the GOOGLE EARTH SATELITTE PHOTO of Wilpshire, Lancs.
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At the Clough Long Mound, the most Southerly Full Moonrise appears to be the closest target, or maybe 2 years before the most Southerly, what the mounds long axis is aligned upon. Or the 2 year warning N set Full Moonset.

The areas of the Clough and Round Loaf are roughly the same. The Clough is of Neolithic date. If we treat the Round Loaf the same and use the long axis line we get just of N/S. This would say either the N Circumpolar Region, or the nightly Moon at highest position were the target. Both the Ring Bank Cairn site and Stone Oval site on Cheetham Close, show

a strong interest in the N Circumpolar Region, in their layout. With a pronounced N/S line through the Ovals central axis.

CHAPTER TWO

The Mystery of ROUND LOAF

Obs stood by the Pikestones the most distant horizon top would be that of the hillside landform the Pikestones are on. Using an est of 1 degree ht, the area ROUND LOAF is sited marks the dec +25.7 point.

Round Loaf is around 1 km away from the Pikestones, Cheetham Close around 7 km away.

Classed as a Bowl Barrow, built in the late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age
Flakes of flint have been found on the mounds summit, but the mound remains unexcavated.

Historic England, "Round Loaf bowl barrow on Anglezark Moor (1008904)" <https://HistoricEngland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1008904>.

From https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Round_Loaf&oldid=833279515.

Whichever of these two monuments was built first, a rough alignment connects them. That of the approx area of the Mid Summer Solstice sunrise and Mid Winter Solstice sunset.

Both the Pikestones and Round Loaf held/hold more than one person.

The Pikestones is a local name given to a group of stones on Anglezark Moor, which are in fact the remains of a megalithic chambered tomb. Mr J Dixon tells us on pg 75 of his Journeys Through Brigantia vol 11, 2003. The tomb is aligned North to South, being about 150 ft long, 62 at the northern end and 45 ft at the S end. This is the remains of a badly robbed Long Cairn.

This site was surveyed in 1958 by Dr BU"LOCK.

Choosing Round Loaf being built after the Pikestones,leaves a common Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age,inter site connection.The Mid Winter Sunset,a time when the sun is above the horizon for the shortest time.Around this point of the year.

Our ancestors thought something like the Old Kingdom people in Egypt.Offerings to the sun and Pharaoh,would also have been made frequently etc.

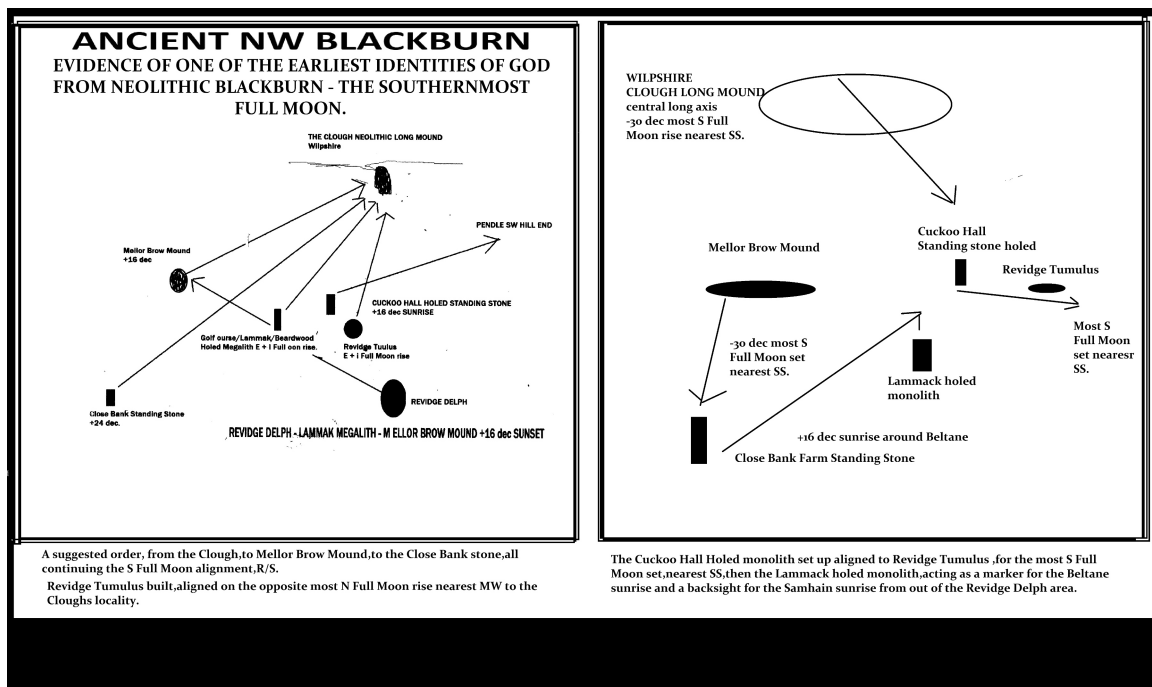
Unlike the Egyptians and more like later Latin America,i believe human beings were sacrificed,to aid the sun.

Using the diameter of Round Loaf as a guide,the internments may have been Godkings,not ordinary people.

The Pikestones in this scenario then,or the approx location [if not visible],would have acted as a foresight for the Mid Winter Sunset,obs from the Backsight, Round Loaf.

All the deceased would be joined together,from both sites,at this point.

Below is a random comparison from Blackburn,NW of Anglezark Moor.



As we can see the preferred sun lines are around the time of Beltane and Samhain. Apart from the curious +24 rise/-24 Summer/Winter Solstice line, between the Standing stone at Close Bank Farm and the Clough Long Mound. This line then is an imitation of the Round Loaf to Pikestones

line.

So we get a glimpse of two tribes from the Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age. One in Blackburn the other down on Anglezark Moor. With two SOLAR belief systems at work, connecting human burial monuments with the Sunrises/sets at certain yearly areas.

Over at Cheetham Close and the stone Oval remnants, we do have a Mid Winter Solstice sunset line built in. Stood by the large northern circle stone 2, now lying on the floor, the Backsight, we would see the sunset to far horizon hill line, [part of the Winter hill landform, extending southwards.] This line is marked in the foreground, by the foresight of Mr M. Fletchers Cairn III site, {Which I recorded as being in a different location than Mr Fletchers.}

This is a one of a kind though. The ovals and two Outlier sites main interstone alignments are concerned with

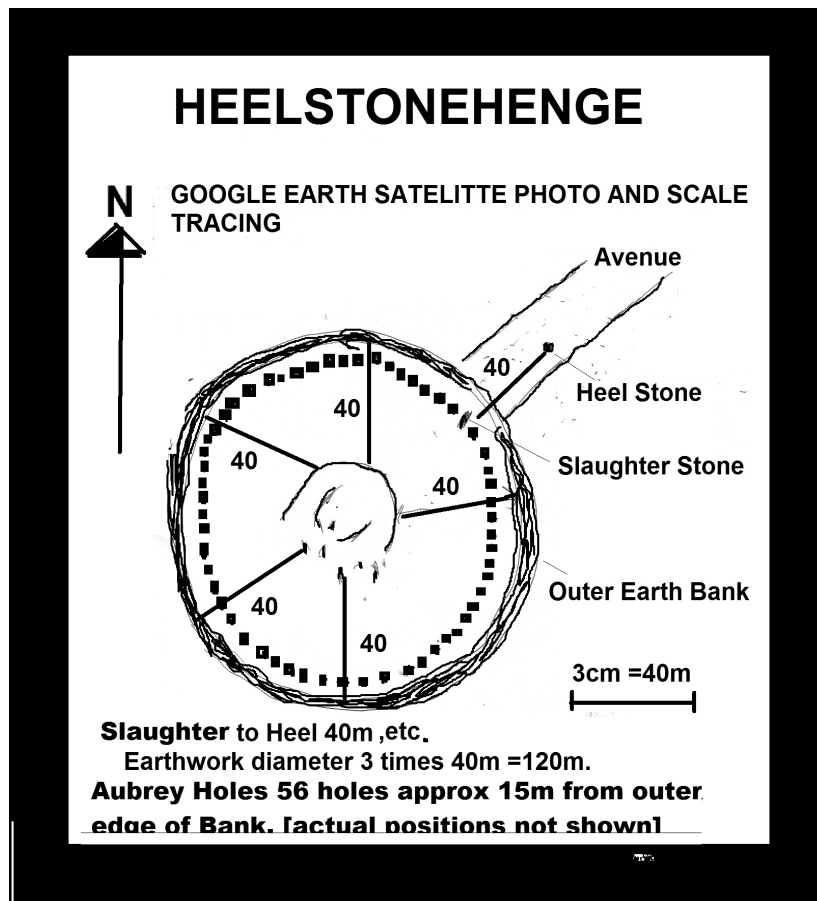
1 The Circumpolar Region

2 The sunsets/rises around the times of Samhain and Beltane

3 The most N Full Moon rise/set nearest Mid Winter Solstice

So we can see in 3 a link to the belief order used tribe hidden from view over the hill from Cheetham Close, at Anglezark, on Round Loaf.

Not forgetting the Solar axis of Stonehenge, which when viewed stood by the Heelstone, gives the sun around mid winter solstice setting into the far horizon hill line, marked in the foreground by the Henge.



At the early Stonehenge we may have a similar belief system to the tribe hundreds of KM to the north,at Round Loaf.

CONCLUSION

I have presented three identities of Neolithic Gods,perhaps,as an offshoot of using these Neolithic

Monuments structural and positional info.The identities obviously changed over time.

What about the internments at Round Loaf,/Clough Long Mound,would they still be sacrificed

godkings,if the target was the nightly Moon at highest position ?

Or the N Circumpolar Region,the area the freezing winds of Winter come from ?

See for instance

The LAROUSSE WORLD MYTHOLOGY,publ by Hamlyn and Mr Frazers "The Golden Bough",available at www.sacredtexts.com

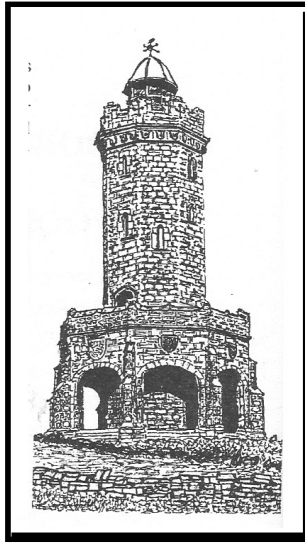
Ms I.Smith in WINDMILL HILL AND AVEBURY concludes by suggesting that the construction of the huge monuments at Avebury,might have been overseen by a priestly hierarchy and required a large amount of forethought for [for instance],ensuring there was an adequate supply of antler tools to dig with and baskets to haul the earth.Food had to be provided and work could only be done in the slack times of the agricultural year etc.[pg 253.]

So a similar, [reduced in size] pattern of behaviour would have been in operation at Loaf Mound,which from the comparisons i have made,probably is a Chief/Godking.

JUBILEE TOWER

DARWEN TOWER [as locally known]

PG 108 of Journeys Through Brigantia



The edifice stands on the summit of Beacon Hill, named after the ancient signal beacon that once stood here. The fire-beacon would be lit to commemorate an event or Saint's day and sometimes to signal approaching danger or as a rallying sign for the local militia.

On a good clear day we might be able to pick out, if we are lucky the Isle of Man out in the Irish Sea.

About a 15m diameter octagonal base, narrowing to around 6m, higher up the tower. All together about 20m high.

The entrance doorway is on the South.

From here the first two sides slope away at 300 and 60 degs, NE and NW.

Info measured from the *GOOGLE EARTH SATELLITE IMAGE*.

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Mr J.Dixon Journeys Through Brigantia, vol11, Publ by Austiegger

Ms I Smith WINDMILL HILL AND AVEBURY, 1965, Oxford at the Clarendon Press

CHAPTER THREE
ROUND LOAF AND BLACKBURN/DARWEN AREA
MONUMENTS

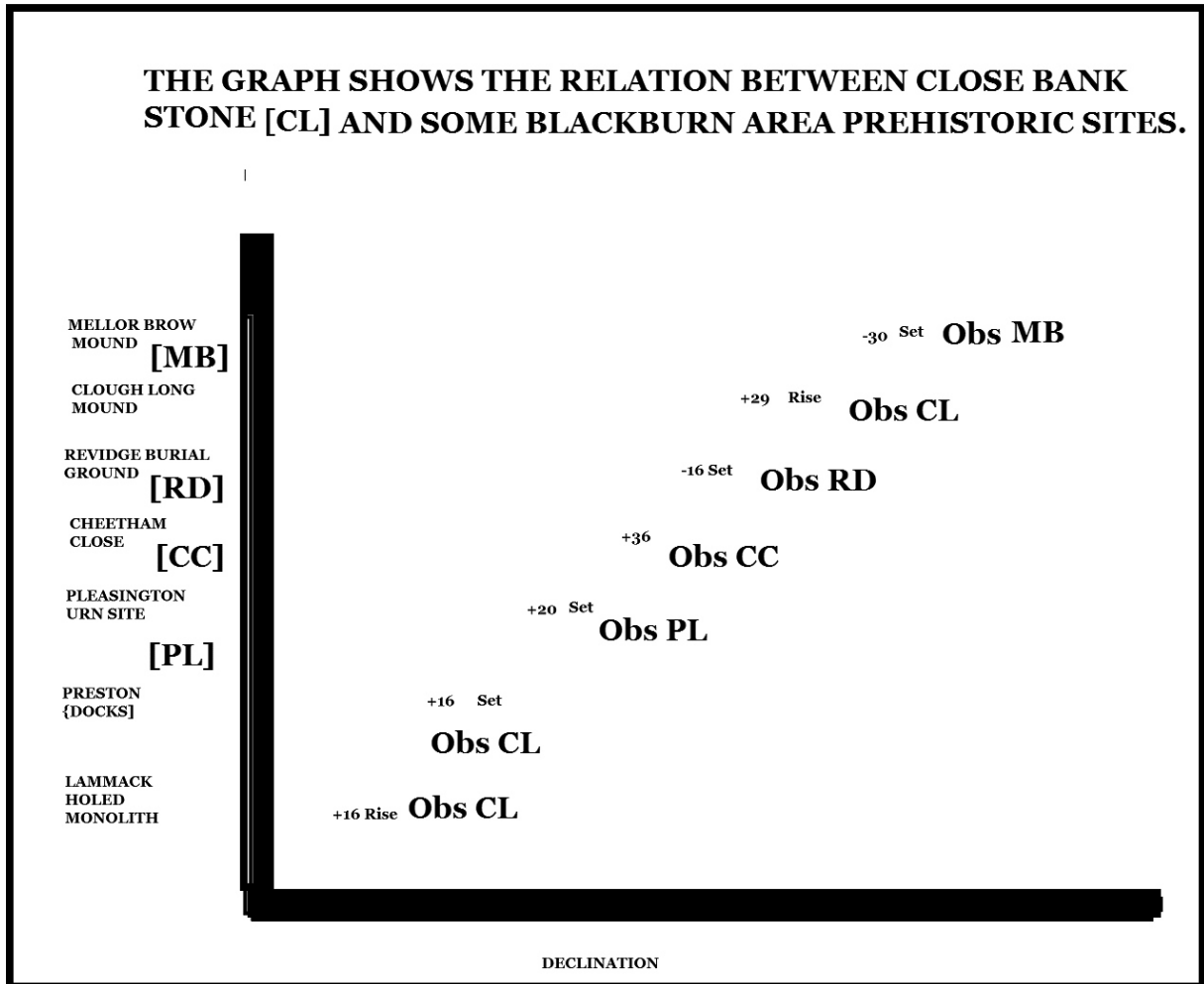


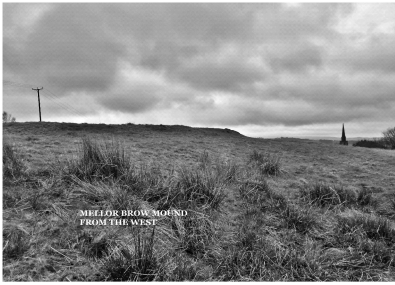
For a final thought i thought i would leave this photo i took of the Standing Stone at Close Bank Farm,[which is private property,the stone can be seen from the Bridle way that goes through the field,[iam stood on it here.] i never knew this stone existed,having lived in Blackburn all my life.lam forever gratefull to Mr John Dixon for informing me about the location of the stone,in around 2010.He could not say in which era the stone was erected.

Now in 2018,after years measuring angles,on the ground and on Google Earth,this Standing stone has left me with a large list of Sun/Full Moon rise/set observation lines that relate to some of the Blackburn areas prehistoric monuments.

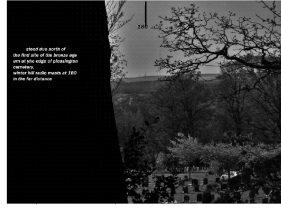
As i have sketched out,this stone may have served the same purpose ,obs from The Clough Long Mound as the Pikestones do obs from Round Loaf.They are markers for the sun setting at

the suns weakest point of the year.





The Pleasington Cemetery Bronze Age Burial site, lies at Bearing 180 degrees, observed stood in the central area of Mellor Brow Mound.



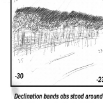
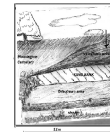
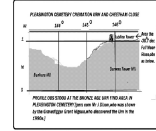
Noon Hill Chel Creations (Man, Woman, Child) are sacrifices to the Gods of Sun/Rain / Young Wheat

An Hypothesis		
Event	Noon Hill	Mexico
main sacrifice woman		for the Sun (or) THE YOUNG COON PLANT
Child		for the rain

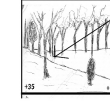
The Large Ceremonial Centre of Aztec Mexico and Mayan such as The Temple of the Sun Complex, Mexico City Pyramid or Tlacotal EL CASTILLO IN CHITZEN ITZA.

All seem to revolve around Rain God and Sun God Rituals and sacrifices. With specific requirements. If we overlay the Aztec requirements on to Noon Hill Cut we get Sun and Rain Sacrifices. The Large Ceremonial area discovered by a Dry Stone Waller a few years ago could make Noon Hill A focus point for worship from the above Stone Circle and Tarnish below NOON HILL CHIL SUN GOD BIRD MAN GOD.

Horizon Profiles from Pleasington Cemetery, SW B Burn



Direction towards obs above defined where the arrow in the sketch is



On this slope of Scotmans Woods, a Spring has its Source, the stream from this Spring flowing down the slope and meeting a second stream whose Source is somewhere higher up.

As we can see roughly, the arrow indicates the Scotmans Wood Spring Source, obs from near the Bronze Age Burial site. The burial site might have been positioned, so that the + 29 Full Moon rise, rose from above the Spring Source, obs from the Burial site.

Round Loaf location, obs stood on MELLOR BROW MOUND.



So another connection here, approx the nightly moons highest position, seen hovering above the Withnell Moor cliff end, on which Round Loaf is sited, further S, out of sight.

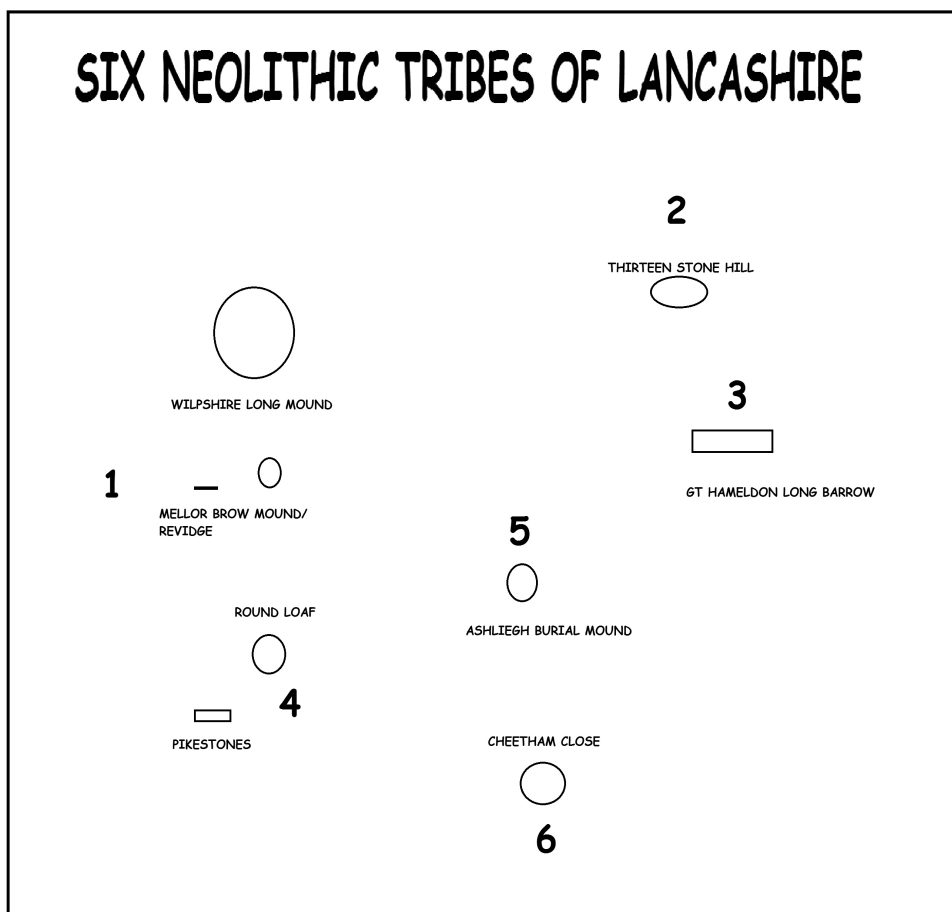
The approx 50/230 deg axial line that passes through or near to the Pikestones and Round Loaf, can be extended further to the NE. Thanks to the GOOGLE EARTH satellite images/scales and TN info.

The axial line continues to the northern hill end of Beacon Fell, Darwen. The site of the locally well known "Darwen Tower"/Jubilee Tower.

In the Neolithic/early Bronze Age there may have been a burial structure or ritual structure around the site of Jubilee Tower. We now have evidence of a possible prehistoric sightline obs from Jubilee Tower site, of the Mid Winter Sunset.

TENTATIVE NEOLITHIC/EARLY BRONZE AGE TRIBE, [6] LOCATIONS AROUND BLACKBURN LANCS.

SIX NEOLITHIC TRIBES OF LANCASHIRE



Each suggested Tribe area, has as its focus, a large earthwork/stone, wherein the Chief, King or Godking was buried, with his/ closest.

Different forms for each Tribe, slightly or greatly, like the local supermarket today.

Similar food outlets, with the same logo, but enclosed in different building structures, [forms], from one town to another. [Or in the same town]

The arrangement of cinery urns found at Blackheath, Todmorden, suggested this to me, as well as the excavators, in 1800 and something.

All the above sites are on high or highish ground.

ASHLIEGH DARWEN

RECONSTRUCTION

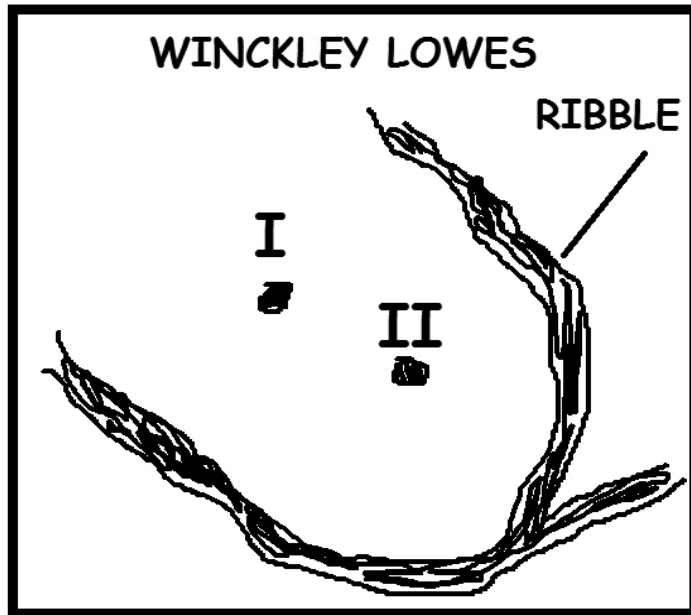


Of circular form,about 30 yds in diameter formed on a naze.The burial mound/Ring Bank Cairn was 10 -12ft at the east,2 -3 ft at the west.The centre being about 6 ft in diameter,consisting of a slight hollow.

7 urns were found within an area 21 by 14 ft,one was 40ft away,they were all with one exception,buried with the orifice upwards,each covered with a stone slab.The urns were buried at depths between 1 - 2 ft. [Pg 109,JTB,J.Dixon.]

2 Incense cups and a bronze dagger were also found.

**WINCKLEY LOWES I,
near Hurst Green,lancs.**



Plan view above made by me from the Google Earth Image, this is pictorial. Using the distance scale and TN info from Google Earth,

I to II 200m, at around 125 degs centre line.

Each Mound around 60m diameter.

Mound II has not been excavated.

Obs stood on mound I, Mound II could approx act as a mid ground marker for either the Sunrise around the time of Samhain, - the - 16 dec] or the e - i Full Moon rise. [-20 dec], approx. Or the Mid Winter Sunrise.

Mr R. Spencer tells us that Winckley Lowe I is 2.5 m high, 34 by 45m length/breadth.

Built of earth and stones and is described as a Bowl Barrow or Round Barrow.

Authors Phillip and John Dixon say the Barrow was excavated in 1894 by the Rev J.R Luck, of Stonyhurst College.

The Tumulus revealed a Cinery urn from around 1250 B.C, which contained the cremated remains of a body. Also found were a young mans skull and a flint knife, a boys skull and a child's skull.

The burial is one of an important person- probably some local chieftain. Being buried by Jumbles rocks which is an ancient natural ford, which must have been well known and used by early man and even in the Neolithic.

Source - John and Phillip Dixon Journeys Through Brigantia, vol 9, the Ribbles Valley, Aussteiger Publications, Barnoldswick 1993.

Journal of Antiquities 2017. C. Ray Spencer.

So from these two comparison sites, of a similar form and age, we can guess at what may be in Round Loaf.

We would expect to find a knife of some sort, human bones and cremation urns.

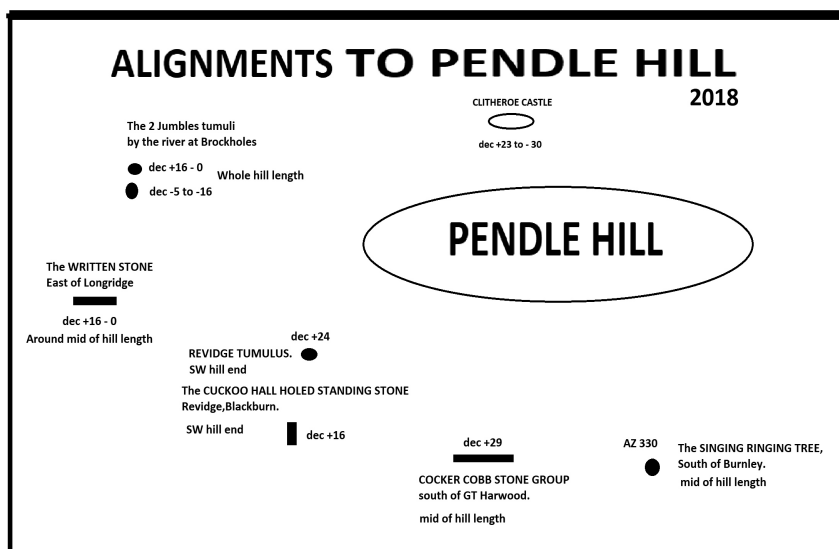
Here are some more positional details [above].

Winckley Lowe II, info from The JOURNAL OF ANTIQUITIES,

"The late John Dixon [1993] says of this site that

"The second, larger, mound is known as Loe Hill and has only recently been declared man-made.

No major excavation work has been carried out on the mound and its purpose remains uncertain".



The above fig, shows the visible parts of Pendle hill, obs from various sites. Pendle hills whole hill length, viewed from the 2 Winckley Lowe mounds is a stunning view, notice how the +16 and - 16

dec points,are approx associated with one of the hills ends,obs from both Lowes.Aswell as the times before and after.

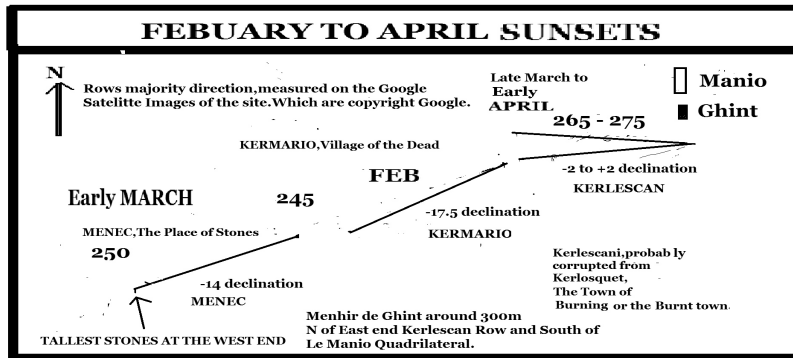
Compare the ancient Neolithic Stone Rows at Carnac,France -

THE CARNAC ROWS

A remenant of a RITE OF SPRING

Carnac
 Info from
https://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/Carnac_Stones?oldid=726887407
 contributors Bryan Derksen, Oliver and co.
 There are 3 main groups, dated to 3300 bc.
 Kerlescan 13 lines 800m long.
 Kermario 10 columns 1300m.
 Menec 11 rows 1165 m

FROM Mr Kiln, -The Kelmario Rows, 10 rows, for 2 miles, a short break then Kerlescan starts. [pg 35].



In keeping with the local Mythology, the Sunsets mold better than sunrises.

The tallest Stones at the West End of the Menec rows were primitive local god statues.

These Menec Rows orientated on the Sunset in Early MARCH

THE LE MANIO RECTANGLE
 Measured from THE HEATH BROS PLAN is
 LOWER LONG SIDE 70, UPPER LONG SIDE 60 degrees.

As we can see, reversed these are approx the same bearings of the Menec and Kermario Rows.

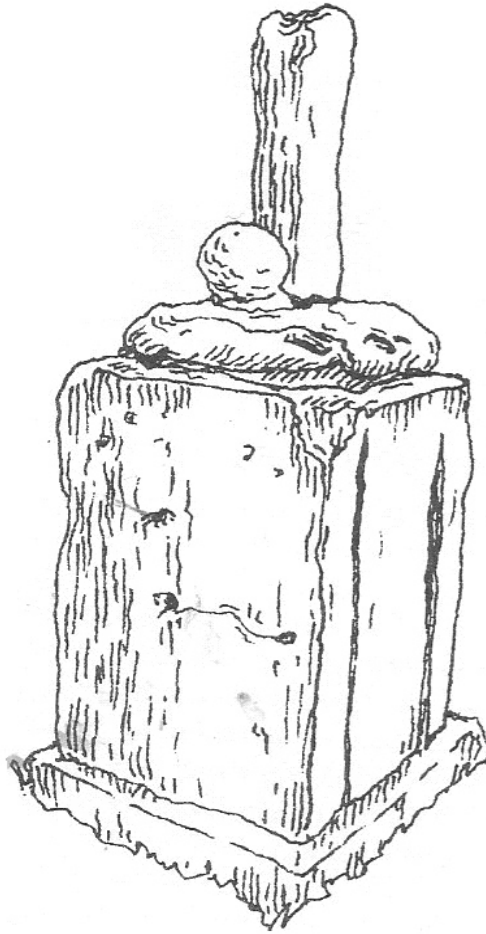
As le Manio was a Tumulus, the sides are imitated by these two rows. This is a kind of sympathetic Magic, practised all over the world by primitive peoples. See Mr A.C Haddons Magic and Fetishism.

From Mr Kiln pg 92 -the orientation of the alignments goes from E to ESE, Equinox to Solstices.

[90 to 112] or 270 to 292

The Menhir GHINT, appears to be a nightly Moon highest position alignment, obs from the Manio Quadrilateral.
 As is the approx start of the Kerlescan Row.

The TOCHES STONE and DARWEN TOWER



Drawing from John Dixon and Jaana Jarvinens

JOURNEYS THROUGH BRIGANTIA, Vol 11, pg 97.

The upper portion of this monument is supposed to be a remnant of the old parish preaching cross, probably dating from AD 684. The lower portion is probably part of the ancient Toches stone, from which the parish takes its name.

Info from "The Ancient Crosses and Holy Wells of Lancashire", 2004, a revised version, Vol III, Blackburn Hundred, by Henry Taylor.

From Welsh, the word Tockhesg, which means near to, or close in time to the time of the Reeds. Reeds may have possibly grown nearby, or the annual Reed Gathering Ritual, involved the Toches Stone, ie Reeds may have been placed beneath the stone before being taken into the Chapel to cover the floor. A Brook flows northwards, along the S to N edge of the Chapel Yard.

The Withnell Moor landform lies at around 190 degs, obs stood at the Toches stone.

The Anglezark area lies around 180 degs.

The sun around Summer Solstice sets into Houghton Tower Hill, 313 degs.

The Mid Winter Sunrise, rises from the near horizon landform of Winter Hill, [Tockholes]

This long horizon starts at around 3 degs ht, at around 60 degs and continues southwards, hidden from view today, by the houses and thick tree growth.

At the other end of this rise path area, hidden from view is Jubilee Tower.

You have to be careful around the Toches stone, there is a huge, 300 gauss D.C field anomaly, that affects all compass readings, around the front of the Chapel. All the readings above have been projected, stood outside this field anomaly, back to the Toches Stone. This field anomaly originates in the rock/soil around the Toches Stone and originates most probably from a lightning strike, to the ground, which contains a high iron ore level.

These areas are fairly common on hilltops.

We have now then, a reason for siting the original Toches Stone, presumably a monolith, something like the one at Close Bank Farm, Pleasington, or the one on the site of Cuckoo Hall, Revidge.

1 The MW sunrise

2 The Moons highest nightly location, always over the Anglezark area.

These two lines "pin" the Toches stone site firmly to the Round Loaf/Jubilee Tower group. The early Christians that came here must have been aware of this. Forming an

early Preaching Cross here, to consecrate the Toches stone and the Mid Winter Sunrise line and the nightly Moon over the Round loaf location.

The Yule Log, for example, Frazer pg 736, was originally designed to help the labouring mid winter sun, re - kindle himself. {THE GOLDEN BOUGH, www.sacredtexts.com}

Which is probably what the Toches standing stone was for. Rituals, offerings performed/given to the stone, at around the Mid Winter Sunrise from Winter Hill, [Tockholes]

The gathering of reeds taking place at harvest time, to lay on the Chapel floor over winter. RUSH BEARING.



View of the Entrance to the Chapel, stood a few metres SE of the TOCHES STONE.

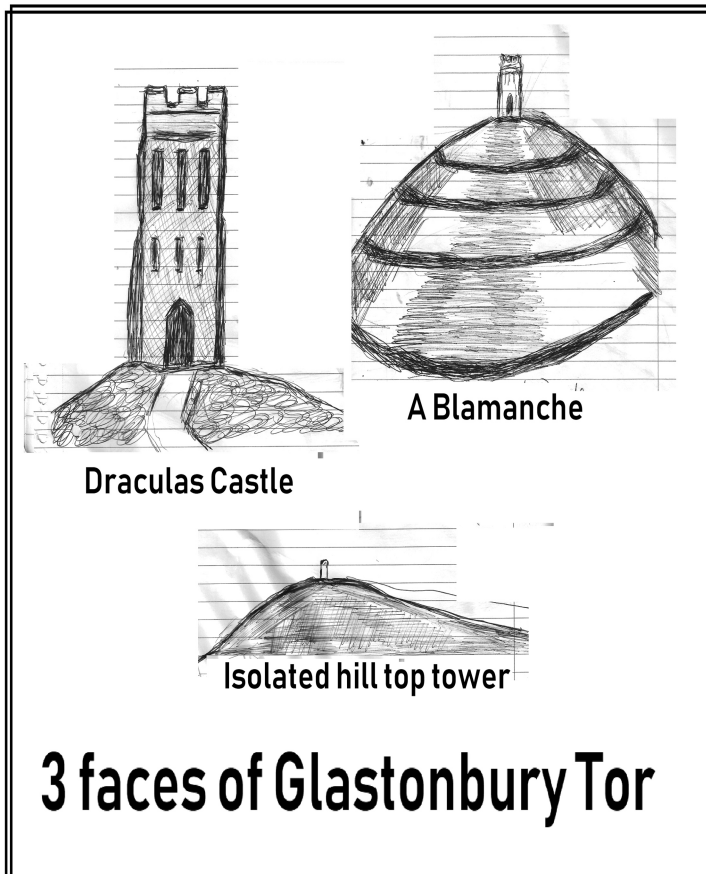
CHAPTER TWO

The overlapping of beliefs at Glastonbury

Part One

INTRODUCTION

Below is a set of "afterimages" that were left in me after a few days of researching the Glastonbury area, on the Web.

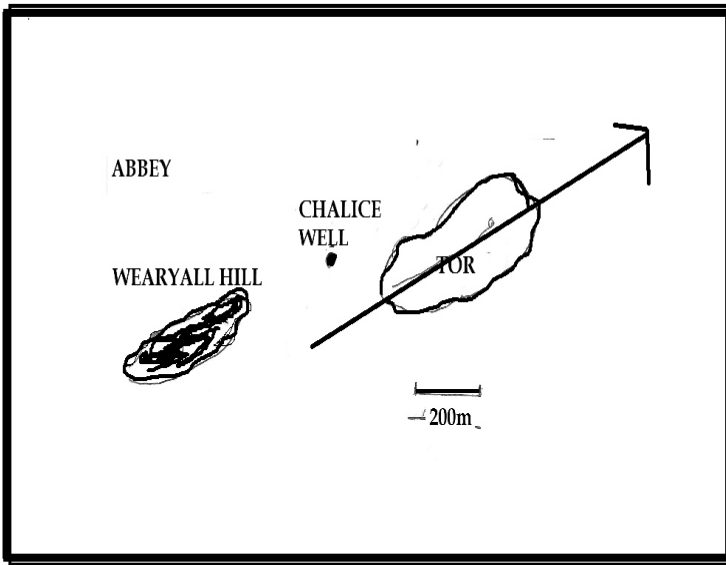


As a visitor in the 1980s, a couple of times, similar impressions were left. The Tor sticks out like a sore thumb, we said to ourselves, sat on the Bus from Bath to Glastonbury, as we [my friend] travelled along a western ridgeway, high above the Levels. Visiting the Chalice Well and Well Cover, in a [in those days] tranquil neatly kept garden/lawn area, re - enforced the novel nature of Glastonbury. Camping under the Holy Thorn, on the summit of Wearyall Hill, with a vague knowledge, [then] that this was a sacred site in antiquity. Climbing up the Tor was done on a boiling hot day, when we, got to the top the sun was so bright, nothing of the surrounding view could be seen. We took refuge in the shade, inside the tower.

On another visit i remember camping with a group of visitors at the bottom of the Tor, for a couple of nights. We were young lads enjoying ourselves in the sunshine, i for one, was unaware of the history of the Tor.

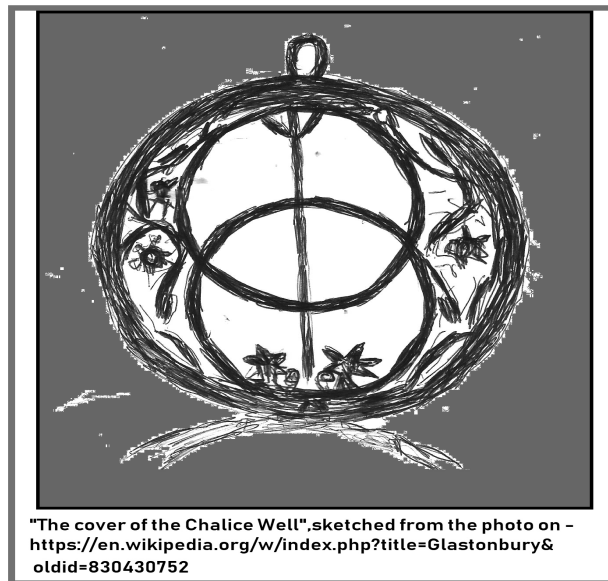
The tower on the summit of Glastonbury Tor, is the restored remains of a church built there in the 1300s. During the Saxon period there were at least 4 buildings on the summit, connected with Christianity. The early St Michaels Church is believed to have been constructed in the 11th or 12 century, this building was made of wood.

Info from https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Glastonbury_Tor&oldid=829393647



The above a tracing from the GOOGLE EARTH MAP.
 Showing the naturally formed hills of Glastonbury Tor and Wearyall hill, have their long central axis, aligned around the + 16 dec Sunrise.
 This appears to be similar to the Stone Ruins rectangle long central axis, in th Abbey grounds.

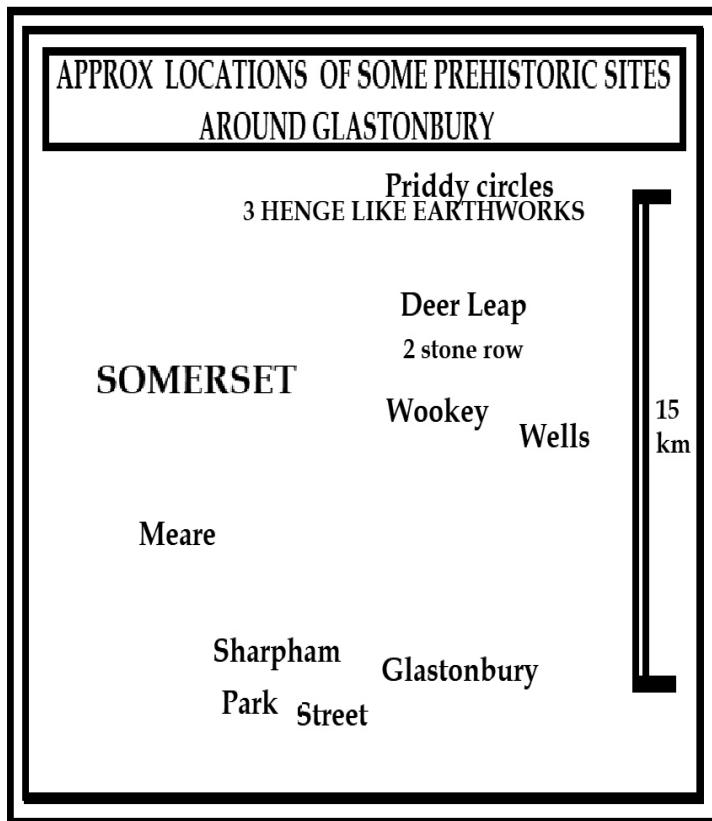
Presuming this church was entered into from the SW and the church building was running NE, then we can say the front face and the front door are facing the direction of the sunset around the time of Samhain.



Cover An impression of Mr Frederick Bligh Bonds wrought iron sculpture on the Chalice Well cover.

Mr Bond being an English Architect and Archaeologist, amongst other things. He sounds similar to Bishop D. Palmer, of Manchester, who in the 1800s designed in a Gothic style St Marys in Blackburn and a number of Chapels running SW from the centre of town. [Bishop Palmer was not an Archaeologist or had anything to do with automatic writing as far as i know.]

Chapter one



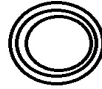
TWO PREHISTORIC SITES N OF GLASTONBURY

The Priddy Circles

All 4 banks around 6m wide, all OUTER ditches around 1m deep. Evidence of stake/post holes along each bank circumference.

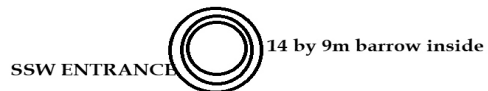
Two Round Barrow cemeteries, Ashen hill and Nine barrows are less than a km to the South. The Priddy Circles constructed around 2500 BC.

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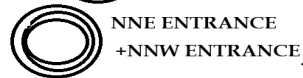


possible 4 barrows inside.

3 190m



2 185m

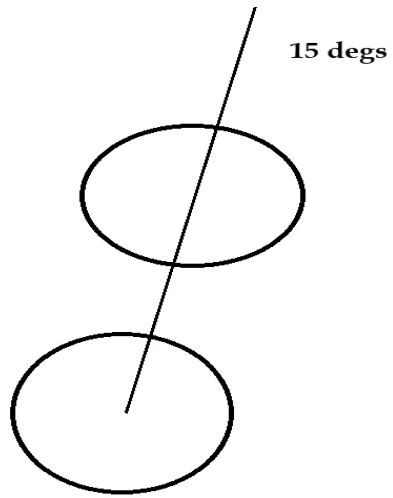


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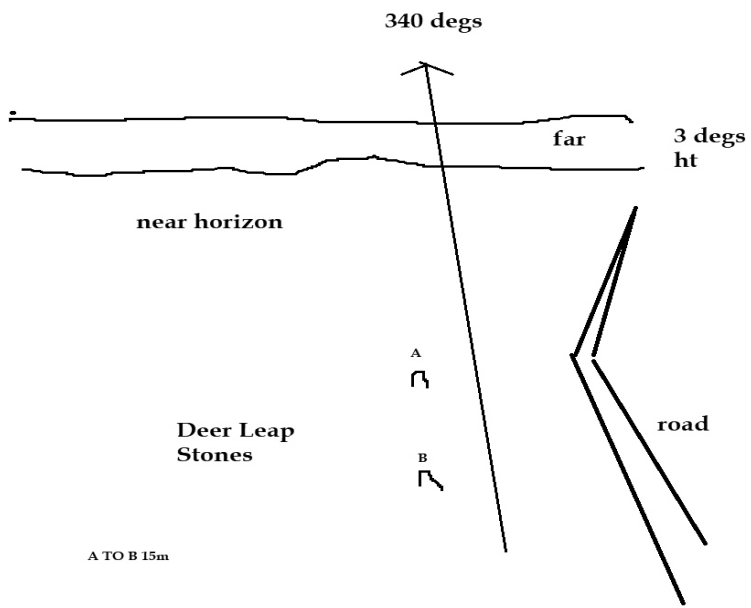
THE SOUTHERN TWO PRIDDY CIRCLES



175m approx

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Deer Leap Stones



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PREHISTORIC TOR

Neolithic flint tools have been found on the Tor summit.

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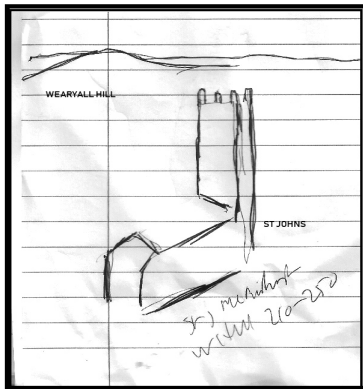
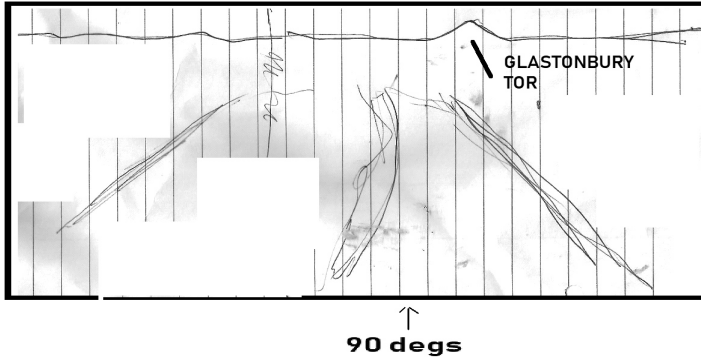
THE ABBEY

The Abbey was founded in the seventh century and enlarged in the tenth. The Abbey was suppressed under King Henry VIII.

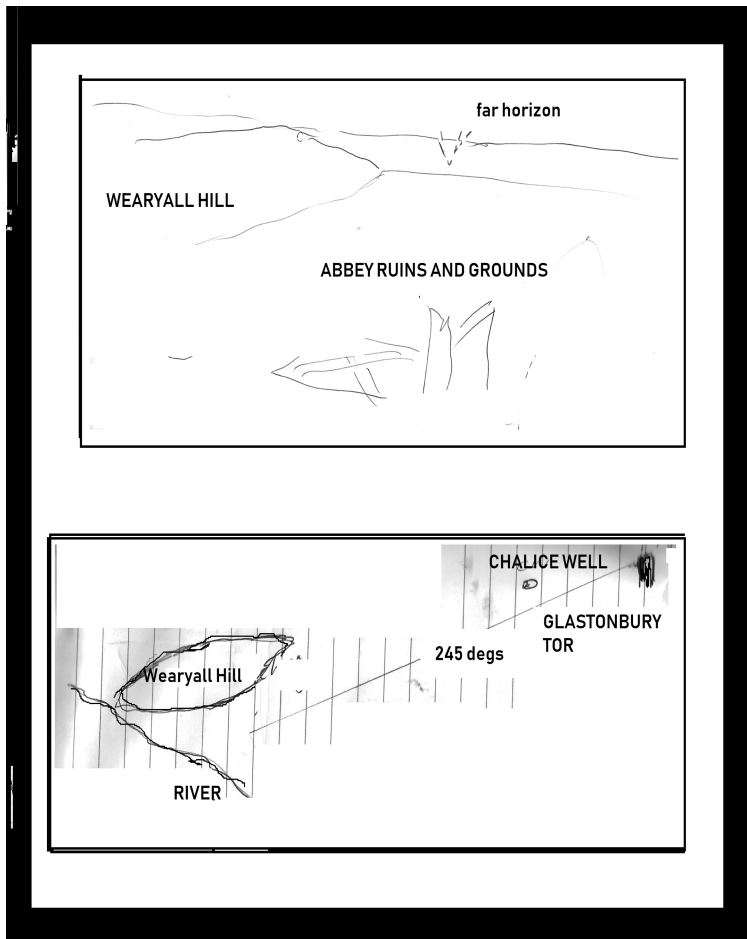
The Abbey was destroyed by fire in 1184 and was rebuilt. In the 1400s the Abbey was one of the countries most rich and powerful.

[Source Wikipedia].

Obs stood on Wearyall hill the dec - 7.6 sunrise comes out of the Tor. Measuring from the GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE, and estimating hts. Aswell as the following -



The dec band of Weary all hill, obs from St Johns around dec-30 to -7. The SAME as the Abbey. [next fig].



In the marshland of the Somerset levels, a wooden trackway was built in the winter of 3807 BCE, that connected the Polden hills with Westhay Mears, a length which ran for over a kilometre. [Pearson, 2005, ISBN 0-7134-8849-2.

info from [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Neolithic British Isles&oldid=798191729](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Neolithic_British_Isles&oldid=798191729)

The late Neolithic also saw the construction of stone circles.

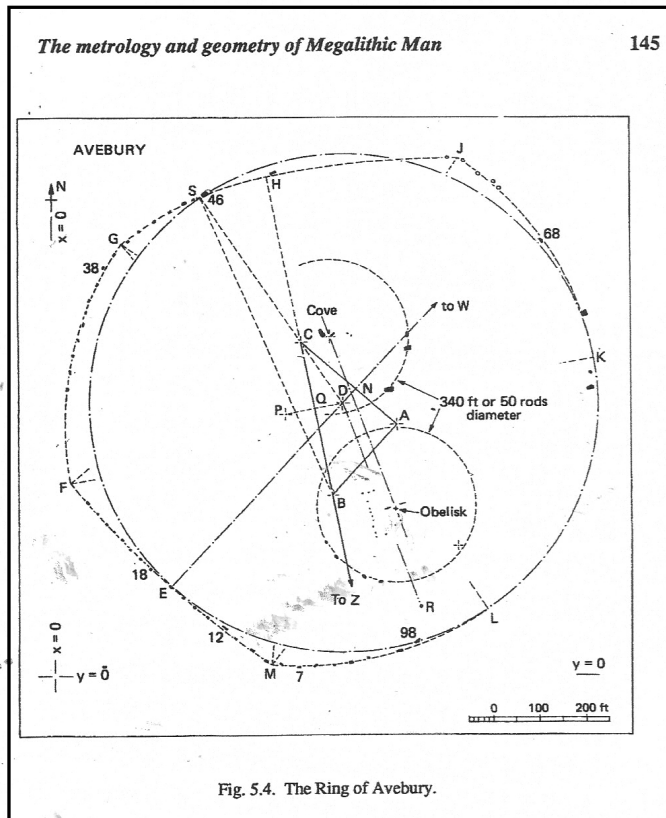


Fig. 5.4. The Ring of Avebury.

ABOVE - From Prof C.RUGGLES ed RECORDS IN STONE,CUP.

Showing a well known pair of rings,with a similar orientation,dec +36.

The long central angle of the stone building remains in the Abbey grounds,is 65 - 70 degs.This is similar to the Tors central long axis.Aswell as the Chalice line,see further on.

Why were 4,[known] earthwork circles built at Priddy ?

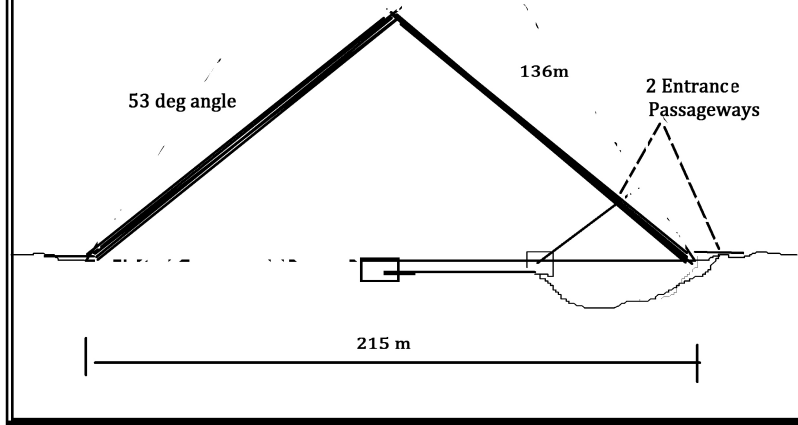
4 and 3 contained Barrows,if 1 was a village,the others would be similar structures for certain dead people.All 4 are aligned to each other on approx the same line,around dec +36.So all share together.The 4 huge circles could represent the Circumpolar Region,[each circle by itself],all aligned on the NNE border region.The Circumpolar Region containing the star patterns that never rise or set,just everlastingly revolving,overhead,every night of the year.[When clear enough].These star patterns are constant,therefore,in the minds of the prehistoric peoples.

PYRAMID OF KHAFRE

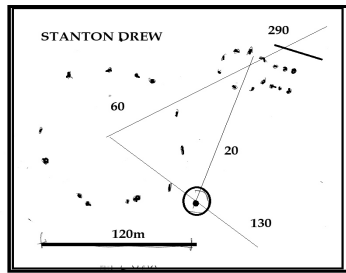
First excavated in 1818 by Mr Belzoni-

On entering the burial Chamber which was empty found an opened sarcophagus.

The Chamber had probably been robbed earlier.

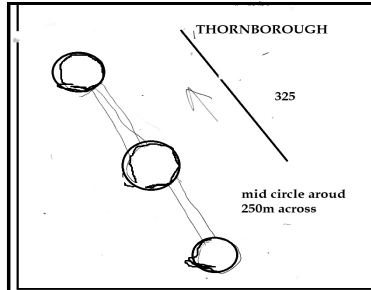


Pharoh Khafres Pyramid at Giza,Egypt,gives a good ground area covered comparison,for the Priddy circles.This Pyramid built to contain Pharoh Khafre when he died.This Pyramid built near Pharoh Khafres fathers Pyramid,of a similar size Pharoh Khufu.

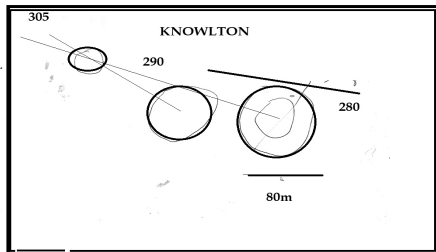


At Lat 51 with a 1deg horizon ht from sea level-
 20 = dec +39
 60 = dec+20.5
 290 = dec+ 14.5.

Glastonbury to Bath 70km
 Stanton to Bath 20km SWW
 PRIDDY TO BATH 50km



For Lat 53,325 with a 1 deg horizon gives +29 dec.



Knowlton at 51 Lat,-1 deg ht est -
 305 =+22dec
 280 = +7 dec
 290 =+14.5 dec

From the above comparisons,two are interested in the +14.5 sunset area,the most northern Full moon set,nearest mid winter solstice,up at Thornborough in Yorks and the opposite n cycle Full moon set area,approx,back in Somerset and Dorset.

The huge mid circle at Thornborough eclipses Khafres Pyramid base area.The 3 circles together are most similar to the Priddy circles.

Returning to Glastonbury,the line from the area the Chalice Well is in to the site of Glastonbury Abbey,at an est horizon ht of 1 deg is + 14.5 dec. This is as the others for the early to mid April sunsets,near the time of Beltane and Lammas in August,harvest time.The sunrise for this set,obs from the well area,will rise out of the hill landform that butts onto the Tor,Well House lane goes up this landform from the Well.

The Knowlton circles are classed as Henge monuments.The area around the henges has numerous Round Barrows[now just crop marks],non recorded inside the Henges .The great Barrow lies near to the mid circle and is the largest Barrow in Dorset.

This Barrow is 40m across,has an outer ditch which is 10m wide and is 120m in diameter.The Dorset Cursus is to the NW of the Knowlton Circles.

Info from https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Knowlton_Circles&oldid=818159562

The Knowlton Circles area about 50km southish of Glastonbury.

CONCLUSION ONE

The "prehistoric mythology" of the Knowlton Circles is more apparent around Glastonbury than the same from the Priddy Circles.

The seven terraces that circle the Tor, [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Glastonbury_Tor&oldid=829393647] may have been made by the Neolithic Earth circle builders, from Knowlton. As we have learnt from these various Neolithic structures, that vary in form around the country, it is the ENCLOSING in rings in the form of ditches and banks that is shared all over. So a Pharaoh type/Chief/leader figure was buried on Glastonbury Tor the Tor then having the 7 rings dug around at different hts, to enclose the burial.

He will have been associated with the early spring and late summer, he is a seasonal figure, unlike the eternal Circumpolar Region focused on, just up the road at Priddy, or the once every 18 odd year, strange looking most northern Full moon nearest midwinter solstice, the e + i set, focused on up at Thornborough, Yorks.

PART TWO

St Michaels tower, once part of a Church, on the summit of the Tor, survived until 1539. The church building was demolished, around the same time as Rev Whiting and 2 of his monks were hung, drawn and quartered on the Tor.

This stone building replacing an earlier timber building built in the 11th or 12th century, John Thorne and Richard James, were the names of the two monks. Info from https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Glastonbury_Tor&oldid=829393647

*What about the sunset around the time of Samhain, obs from the tor top ?

At this latitude, with a far horizon ht of 1deg, at the end of a 245 deg bearing is the -16.2 location.

On this set path line are the MUMP Barrow approx 20km away, the vicinity of the Shapam Park. The line then brushes the bottom of Wearyall Hill length, returning to the Tor top and St Michaels Tower through the vicinity of the Chalce Well. The Chapel of St Michael then was

erected here to consecrate this sunset pathway and all the "markers" in between.

Now we can look again at Glastonbury Abbey and the decband to Wearyall Hill length lying, around 210 to 250 bearing. We can now say the sunset at around the time of Samhain was the main target, probably. [As well as most southerly Full Moon rise, nearest Summer Solstice, once every 18 odd years ?]

St Johns Baptist Chapel in the town of Glastonbury, with the tall front tower, interestingly shares a similar dec band to Wearyall hill length, as the Abbey*.

*All info gathered from the magnificent GOOGLE EARTH Maps.

Although the Barrow Mump sounds prehistoric, there have been no finds this far back.

Shapwick a town about 5 km west of Glastonbury and is where the 2km length of Trackway starts, across the lowlands, called The Sweet Track.

SHARPHAM PARK is a 1.2 km squared historic park, which dates back to the Bronze Age. From <https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Glastonbury&oldid=830430752>

CONCLUSION TWO

So from the earliest times, the sunset around the time of Samhain, obs by a Neolithic person or Bronze Age, stood where St Michaels Tower stands today, was noted. As Christianity spread across England, the usual siting orders were followed. The Chapel/Abbey/Church buildings were built so that they consecrated, especially the +16/-16 Sunrises and sets. This is repeated in Blackburn, Lancs for instance. Maybe the folk stories I keep hearing of "Pixies and Elves" around the Tor, are a partial remnant of the shades of the dead ancestors of the prehistoric peoples, that are felt to be close at this time of year, the start of winter.

Wearyall hill then would have been noted also.

Comparing the steps on the Tor to -

Pharaoh Djoser's stepped Pyramid in Egypt, for an early Bronze Age date. Or

the stepped Pyramids of the Aztecs, 600 years ago in Mexico. The vertical ht of these Pyramids and the huge steps remind me of Glastonbury Tor. At these Mexican Pyramids the sacrificial victim {s} had to clamber to the top regularly to be sacrificed. At the Great Pyramid of the Sun, the victim's heart was offered to the sun [after his chest was ripped open by a priest with a flint knife], in the belief that the sun was kept in its daily motion by human blood offerings.

Reading Mr Frazer's GOLDEN BOUGH, or THE LAROUSSE WORLD MYTHOLOGY, give countless examples from all ages, worldwide of how ancient peoples interpreted and dealt with these critical points in the year.

Returning to Mr Bond's Sculpture, we can now see another meaning, the well lid circles, the lower

circle still visible,under the upper,symbolizing the overlapping of religions over time,broadly.

Wearyall Hills importance,grew from the Sunset around Samhain,setting there obs from the bottom of the Tor or the site of Glastonbury town.the legends of Joseph of thrusting his staff into the summit area of this hill,viewed given the info earlier,is another act of consecration.The Glastonbury Thorn is a symbol of one of the earliest sites of Christian consecration,in Britain.

CHAPTER THREE

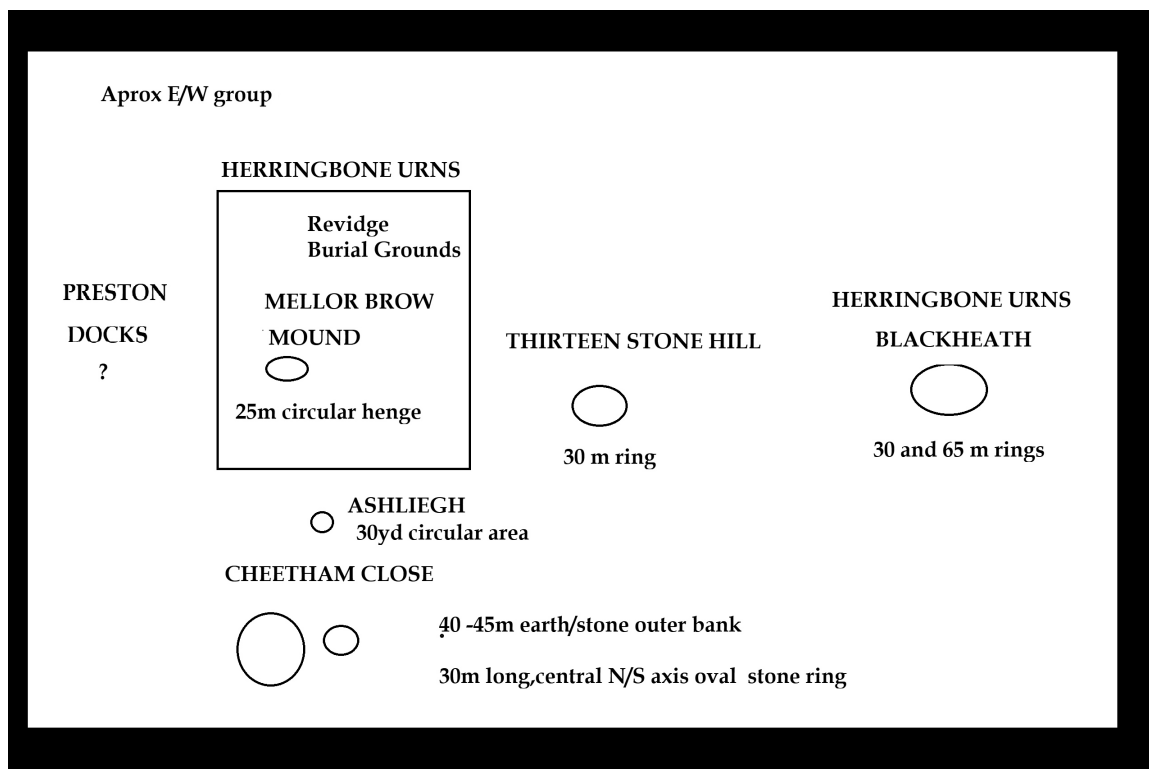
Blackheath and Cheetham Close compared

Living about 10km west of the Blackheath site,above Todmorden,over in Blackburn,for all my life,i have only recently heard of this site and decided to get some more info.Whilst researching,earlier in 2018,i also became aware of Mr Alan Godfreys WHO OR WHAT WERE THEY,which is set in Todmorden,the main event occuring in 1980,[when i was a schoolboy].

OVERVIEW

In this Chapter i shall present my discoveries made with GOOGLE EARTH at Blackheath.Then compare them with my discoveries made with GOOGLE EARTH again,at

Cheetham Close.



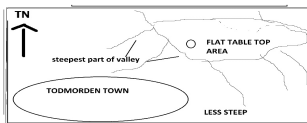
Above showing the westward group of Late Neolithic/Late Bronze Age monuments ,that are associated with Herringbone cremation Urns. Indicating that all the inhabitants were in the same tribe.

Blackheath

What was it ?

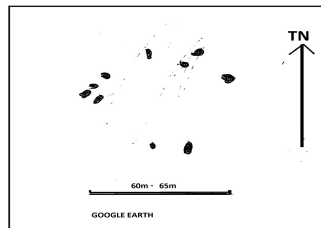
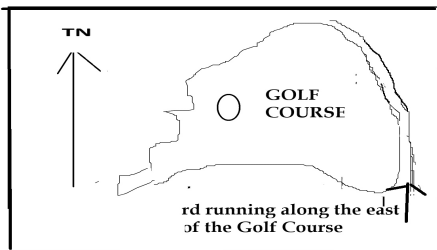
I suggest - a 30 yd,diameter RING BANK CAIRN within a 60 odd metre STONE RING,surrounding.

BLACKHEATH STONE RING,TODMORDEN,YORKS



Where is this relic ?

GOOGLE EARTH HELPS US,as we can see the site is in the SW part of Todmorden Golf Course.

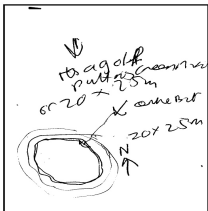


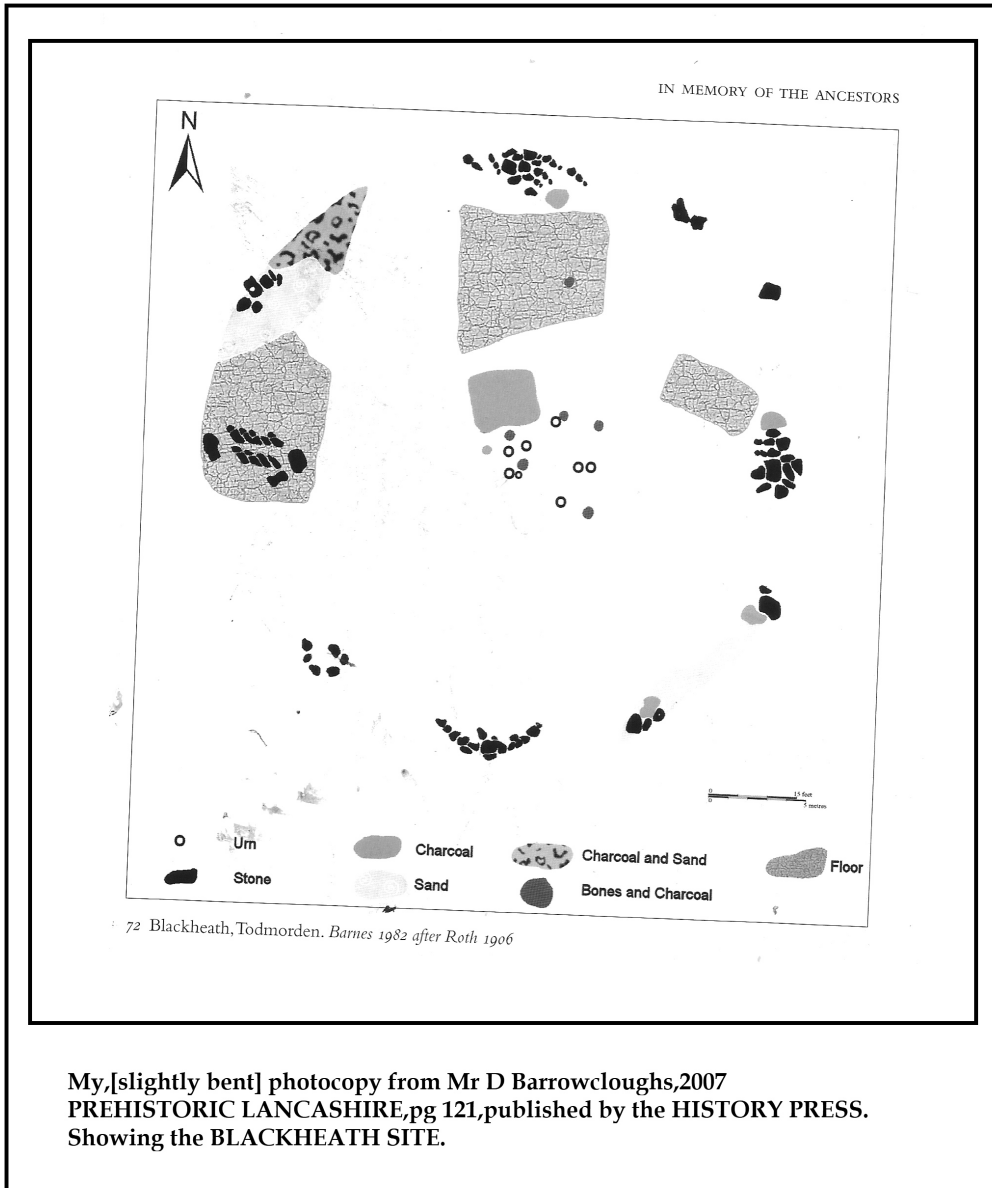
two of the circle boulders in the ring are about 5m long,measured from Google Earth.

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Liverpool University, Dept of prehistoric Archaeology, work notes 3.

The whole Golf Course is littered with boulders of all sizes .there appears to be a quarry,at the near sw of the ring.

For someone stood within the ring the far hill horizons,360 would be about 1 or 2 degs.





Measuring with a protractor from the central area, amongst the urn group, the SE ring stone marks the sunrise around Samhain.

There were 10 gaps in Mr Barnes Plan, measuring from the central area these gaps contain approx, with a horizon of 1 deg -

Dec +36 to +29 degs.

Circumpolar border area to most N Full Moon rise.

**Dec +22 to + 16 degs
 Lammas/Beltane.**

Just before S Solstice sunrise to sunrise around

Dec +16 to +5 degs

Lammas to early September.

Dec -5 to -16 degs

Oct to Nov.

Dec -16 to -29 degs

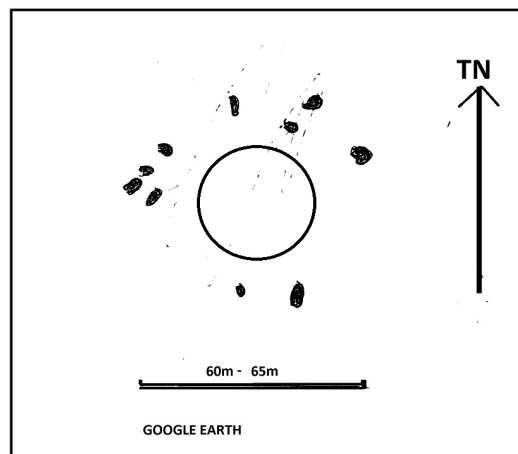
Around Samhain to most southerly Full Moon rise

Dec -33 to Dec -30

Dec -23 to 0 midwinter to end of winter

Dec 0 to +16 end of winter to start of spring

Dec +16 to +40



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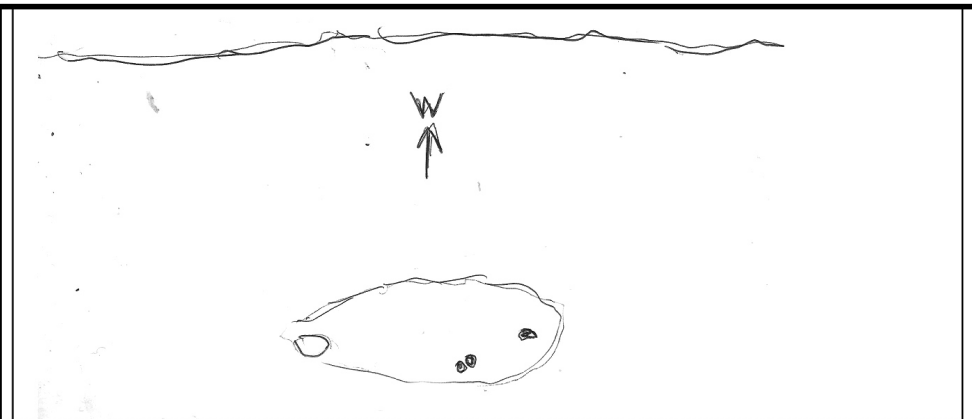
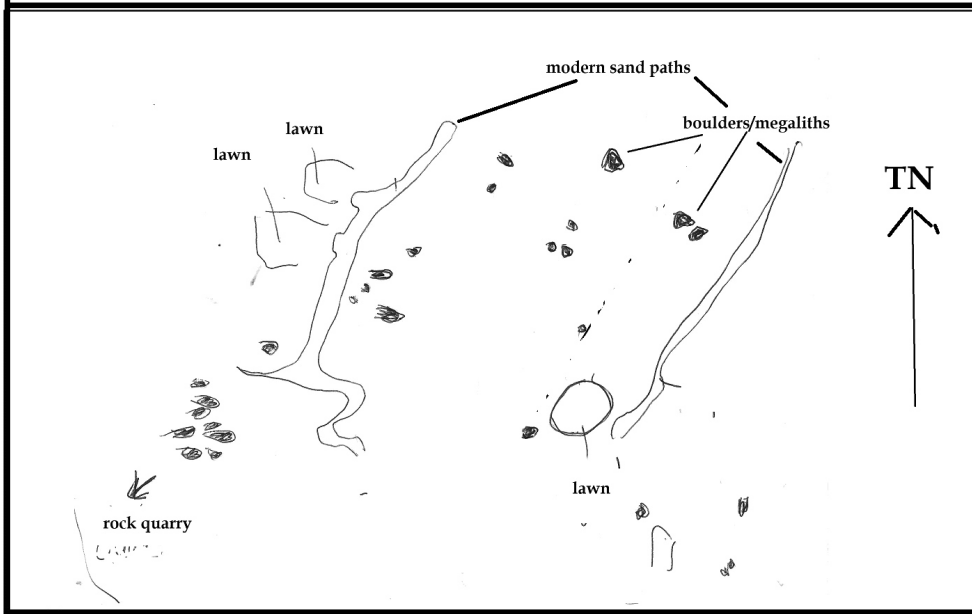
marks approx where the 30 yd earthen bank was.

By comparing the old and new plans above, we can see **they are the same monument. The SE ring stone is either covered by vegetation or in a new position. The 3 NE ring stones, the northern pair are still together in a slightly different place, the lower NE stone appears to be in the same location. The bottom SSE stone seems to be untouched.**

As we also can see the distance scales on the two plans old and new are similar, that is around 60 to 65 m diameter. The word heath coming from old English hoeth, from Germanic, OE Dictionary. Black coming from old English blaec, meaning having no colour, heath meaning an area of uncultivated land.

Which is how this site appears today on Google Earth. The ring area has been left uncultivated, a couple of bunkers skirt close to the rings edge..

PLAN VIEW FROM THE GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE,a tracing,COPYRIGHT GOOGLE EARTH.

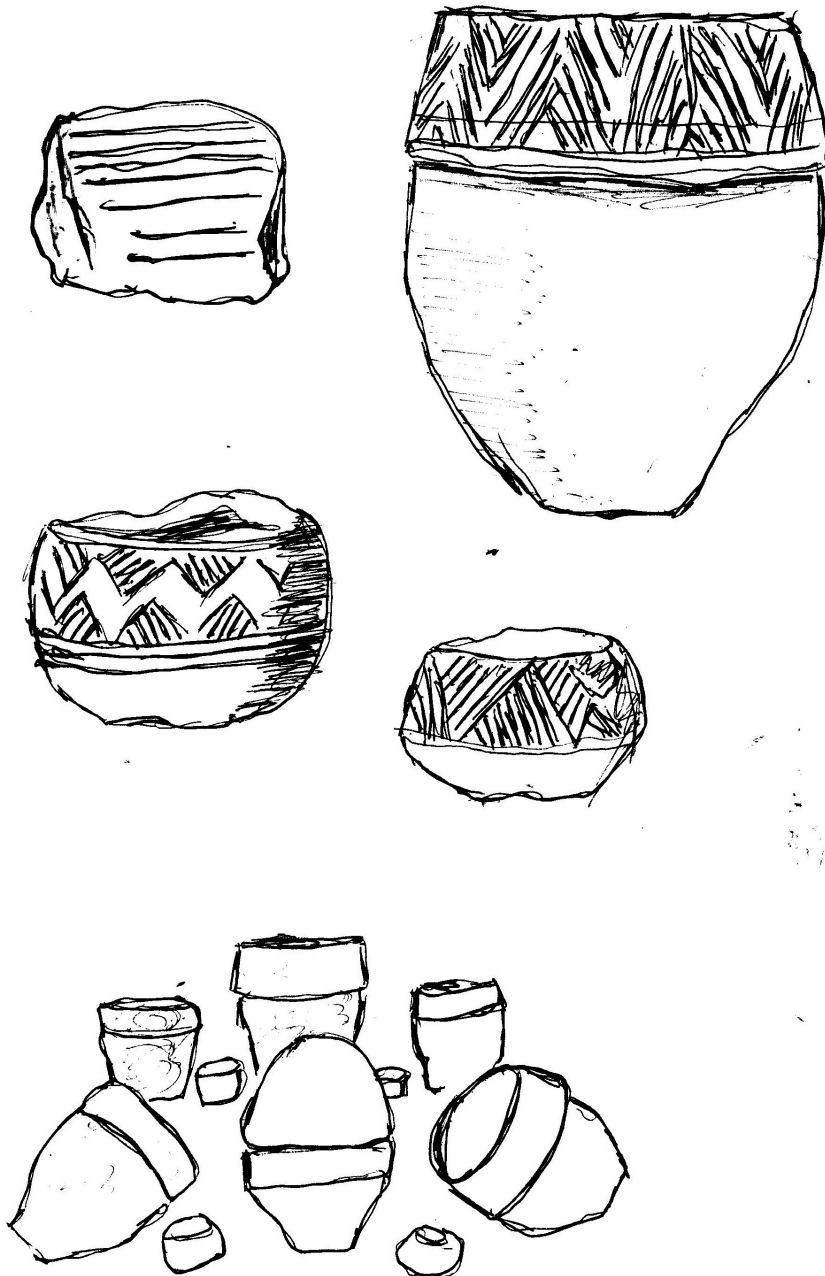


A TRACING FROM THE 3D GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE,showing the west horizon.COPYRIGHT GOOGLE EARTH.

In the bottom sketch we are looking towards the not visible Thirteen Stone Hill and beyond to Preston.

Some of the finds from the Blackheath excavations. Including Incense cups and Urns.

From GOOGLE SCHOLAR. ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOTES



Again from THE RELIQUARY and Illustrated Archaeologist, ED by J. Romilly Allen, VOL IX, BEMROSE and SONS Ltd, 1903.

From pg 325 of the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries,

In July 1898 on Higher Cross Farm estate, in a field called Black Heath, in which there was a

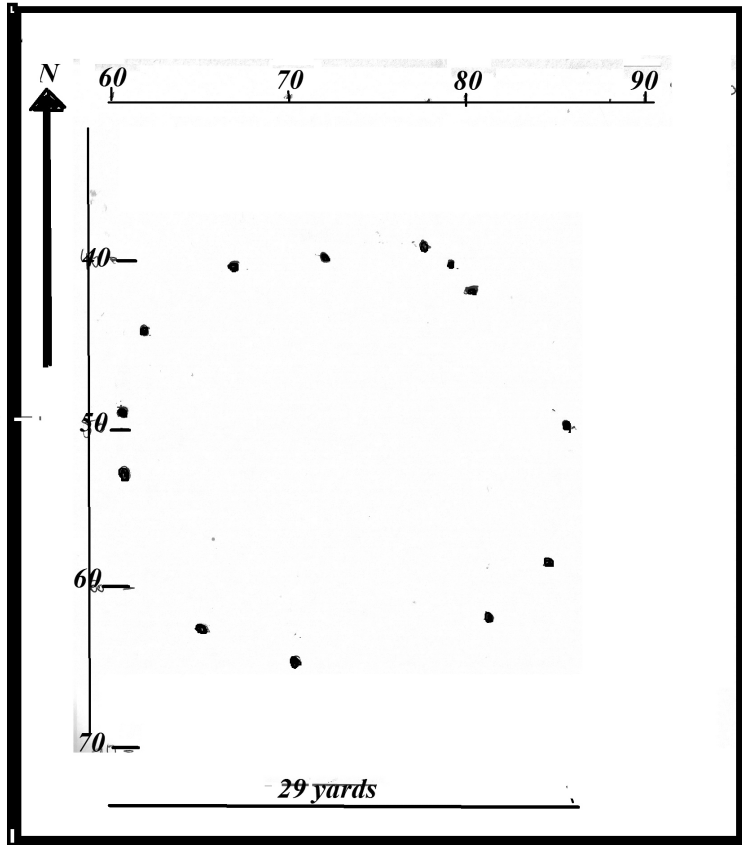
raised and fairly well defined circle of earth, locally called "the frying pan". The rim of this circle was about 3ft wide, the diameter about 30 yds. After digging for a short time in the centre of the ring, a layer of charcoal was found. The top of a well preserved cinery urn was seen buried at the centre of five or more urns. [See bottom of previous sketch] All with herring bone patterns. Human bones were scattered about the vicinity of the urns, along with a slightly burnt bronze incense cup.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

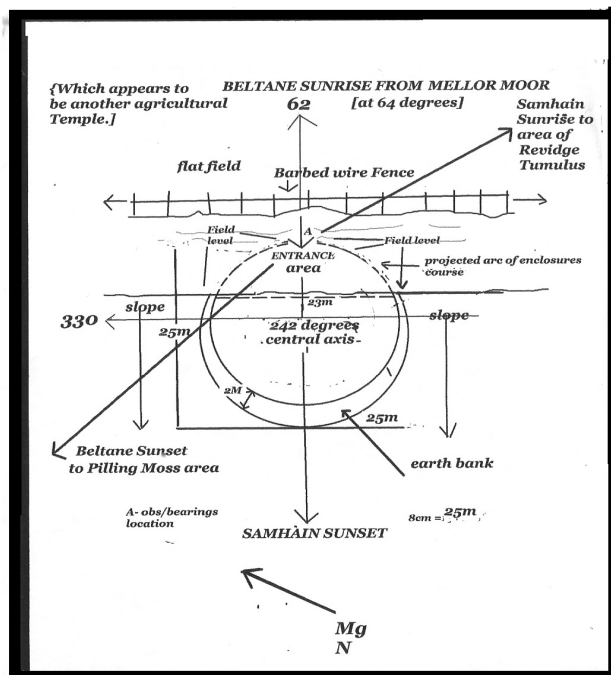
1898 Earth bank circle existed ,by 1903 had gone.

The neighbours

*Plan of 13 Stone Hill Stone Circle.
From AUSSTIEGERS Co Ordinates from
Mr Omerods 1972 Survey, published on
the Megalithic Portal Pg, on this Circle.*



Plan of Mellor Brow Mound 2016

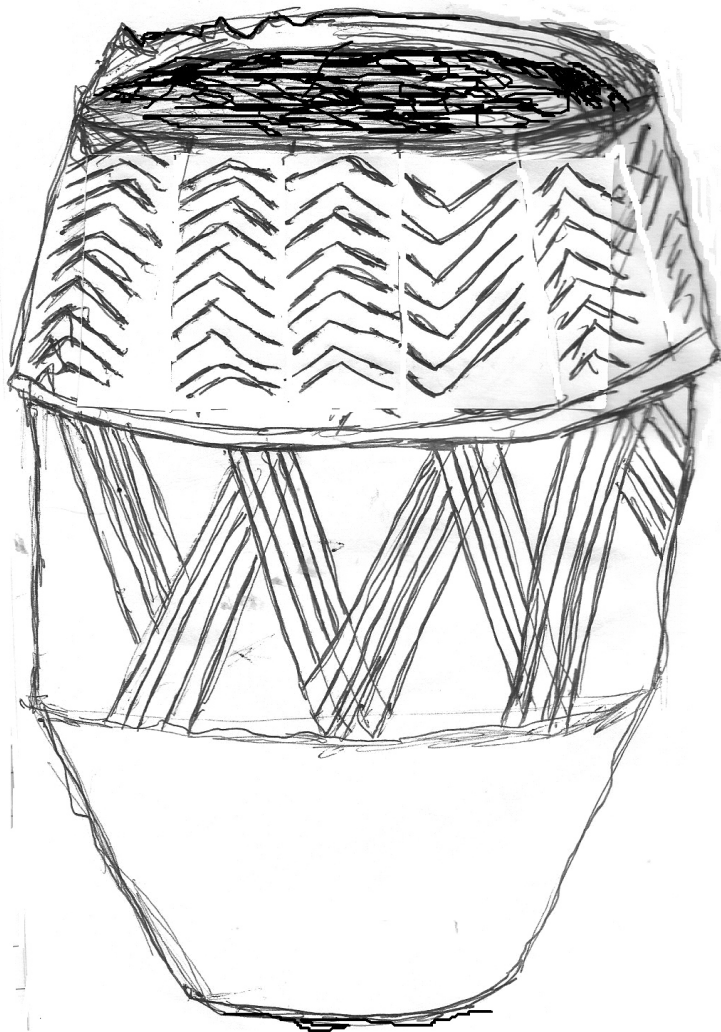


REVIDGE TUMULUS

Measuring about 15m in diameter and 3m high around the mid,top.Today a grassed mound of soil.

Info from Blackburn Museum,- A Bronze Age Urn was found in the tumulus lying amongst human bones.The excavator was the land owner,the excavated part can still be seen sometimes today,on the top mid of the tumulus.

The Urn from Revidge Tumulus



**On display at the Blackburn Museum.
ht 40 - 50 cm**

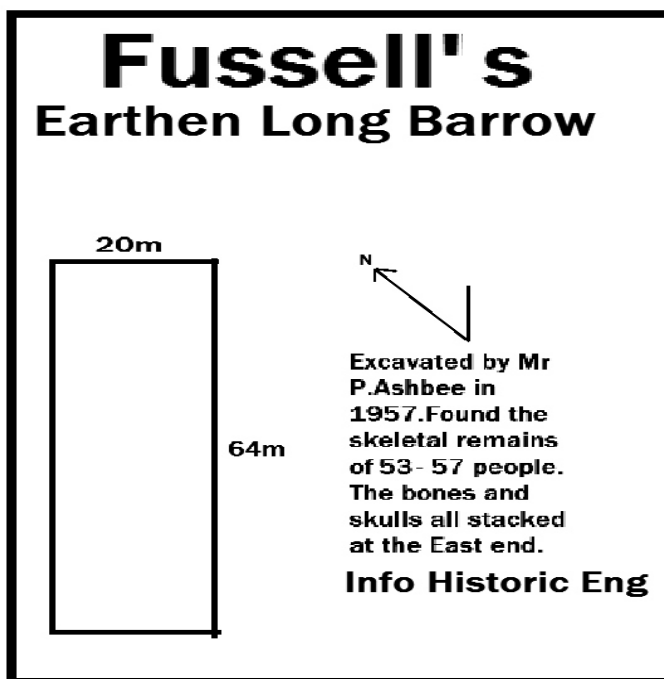
A similar Herring bone pattern is evident.

ASHLIEGH BURIAL MOUND,DARWEN,Lancs

From Mr Dixon,pg 109,

Contemporary reports from 1864, say the site was around 30 yds wide,of circular form.Ten internments found ,one a heap of burnt bones,the rest enclosed in urns,that contained ashes,fragments of burnt bone and unrecognizable pieces of bronze.Two of the urns contained incense cups.All the urns were found in an area 21ft by 14ft,but one was 40ft away.All the urns buried about 2ft deep and covered with a stone slab.

COMPARISON From the south of Britain -



Fussells Lodge and other Long Barrows built throughout the Neolithic period.Aprox sharing the same characteristics.Some like Fussells were made of Earth thrown over a wood frame,others used stone and earth etc.Comparing with Ring Bank type Cairns,the Long Barrows contained more internments.The "crypt" areas within the Long Barrows,were not in the centre.So with the change in shape of tombs from non -circular to circular also came the use of the central area for internments.This corresponds to about being under the highest point of the stone pile,Cairn that originally covered the internments.

The bones in the Long Barrows,normally were moved around,some taken out.rituals of some sought,performed by later peoples,may have used the bones.*The Tibetan Bon Pos,pre - Buddist ritual of the Chod,*is an example from much later,that can be compared,but of a far more intellectual character than we would expect from the Neolithic/Bronze ages.

*see www.2qt.co.uk

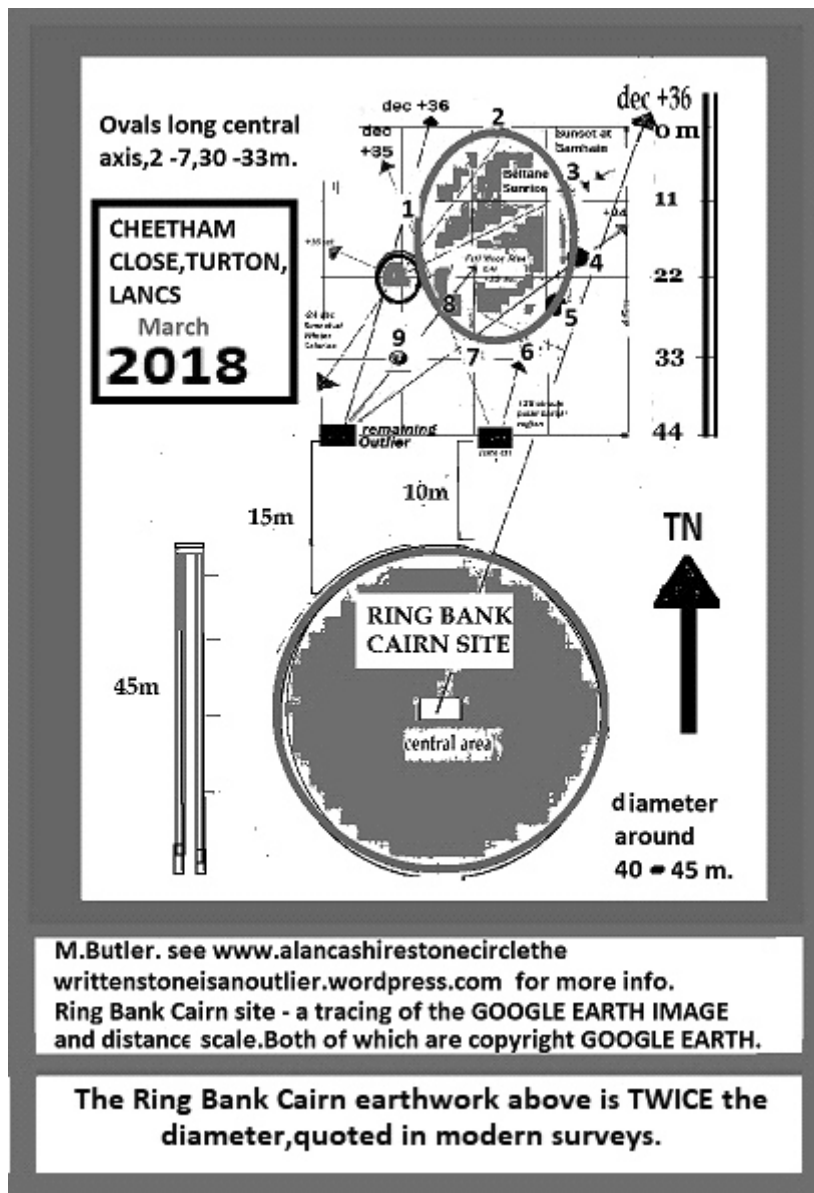
Or from Mr Alfred Haddons **MAGIC AND FETISHISM**,1921,pg 40,publ Constable and Company,London.

"Divination by means of human skulls was common in Torres Straits,in this case the spirit of the dead person was supposed to give the required advice."

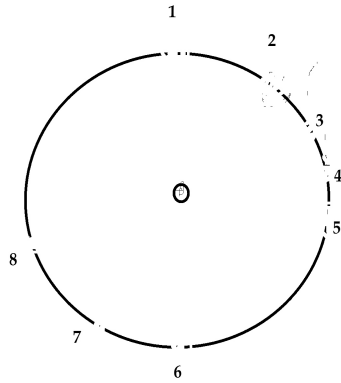
At Ashliegh,Darwen,Blackheath and Revidge in the early Bronze Age then,at around the same time maybe,the 3 different groups of people created 3 different funery monuments.All were circular of different forms,all put the internments in the central area.At Blackheath the arrangement of the urns shows what? a symetric pattern or symbolic pattern ? .The centre Urn might be the local God kings ashes,the surrounding urns- his priests.In the Long Barrows the number of God Kings may have been more etc.

Whatever,but like the Long Barrows the Ring Bank Cairns and like were prominent structures in the landscape.

CHEETHAM CLOSE RING BANK CAIRN



At Cheetham Close the outer earth bank appears to be around 45m diameter, compared to the outer stone ring at Blackheath at 60 - 65 m, we can see a variation, but basically the same form, built by similar numbers of people, probably.



There are 8 gaps in the outer ring of Mr Frenchs plan.
 Observed stood in the central area of the ring,these gaps correspond to,working clockwise -
 Most northern Full Moon rise,nearest Mid Winter Solstice,
 The Sunrise at Summer Solstice,
 The Sunrise around Beltane/Lammas,
 The Sunrises from mid September to early November
 The most Southern Full Moon set nearest Summer Solstice and
 Sunsets around the end of winter feb,March.

The two other gaps are at N and S.

The Suns rises/sets at important agricultural areas of the year and the Full
 Moons most southerly and Northerly set and rise points every 18 odd years.

Maybe the long pile of stones area Long Cairn ?

The above derived from an archaeological report coming from Mr Paul Bennetts collection.

Here we see at Cheetham Close Ring Bank Cairn site,similar dec bands for an observer stood in the central area,viewing the sky areas through the outer earth/stone ring bank gaps,of which there were 8.

AFTERWORD

NOTE ON A POSSIBLE LANCS NEOLITHIC/BRONZE AGE MEASUREMENT UNIT.

"THE MEGALITHIC 5 STRIDES"

The sites looked at from pg 1,are aprox divisible by 5m.I suggest this length was in use over the whole area covered.

5m = 5 strides,done purposefully,the count being easily recorded by extending each finger,[and thumb],in succession,until all were extended.For a roughly 30m diameter ring,this process would have been done 6 times in a row,etc. A stick or small stone being inserted in the ground,after each hand count,maybe.This is natures **PORTABLE** simple counting recorder,so to speak.

The fact that all healthy people had the same number of digits,made five and multiples of five suitable for funery related monuments.A symbolic link.

REVIDGE TUMULUS AND THE TWELVE

APOSTLES,ILKLEY,YORKS.

The Twelve Apostles, near Ilkley, Yorkshire.

At 381m

The stones were re - erected in 1971 by some unauthorized amateur enthusiasts but fell again later. They were then put up again by unknown people.

The ground around the circle is eroding.

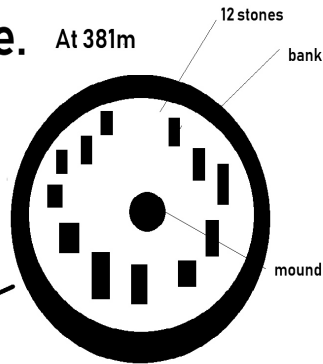


Fig is NOT A PLAN only a visulization.

diameter stone circle
15m

This circle today has 12 stones, which are sited within a bank 1.2 m wide and 0.5 m wide. This bank is hard to see today. In the centre is a small mound which may be the remains of a burial cairn.

Source https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index?phptitle=Twelve_Apostles_West_Yorkshire&oldid=788848188

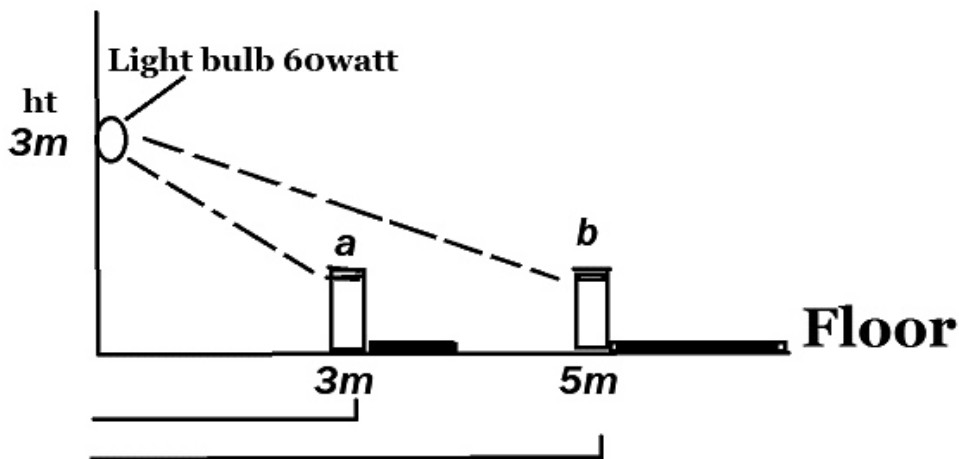
Below a photo i took a year or so ago of Revidge Tumulus, in north Blackburn, which has the same diameter as the Twelve Apostles, around 15m.



They also share the same Latitude co -ordinates,from Google Earth.

Setting Sun and Gnomon model.

A Gnomons shadow = 3 times the Gnomons ht, at Sunset.



Gnomon size 45 by 15 cm.
At a shadow = 45 cm
At b shadow = 90 cm.



The same Gnomon at 2m away from the same lightbulb on the floor = 135 cm.

The Ratio of shadow length at Sunset, to Gnomon ht = $3/1$.

