Talk by Nigel Twinn to the Devon Dowsers at Spreyton Village Hall October 2022

Scillonia and Beyond

Main points:

The Isles of Scilly are further from Lands End than Dover is from Calais. The IoS have a different feel - sharper, clearer, less trawled over. As such, the energies there feel subtly crisper and certainly different.

There are many parallels with other Celtic locations, notably in Brittany - and perhaps more so there than with the English/Cornish mainland. Many locations appear to have 'sister' sites in Brittany.

Several sites appear to have been sculpted or modified by man, even though they appear to have had he trademark energy patterns of sacred sites prior to human occupation. This blurs the human/landscape boundary - what is 'natural'?

A number of sites on the IoS have an overwhelmingly feminine sense about them - especially the stand out piece of archaeology, Porth Hellick, which dowses as having been a potential place of 'birthing'.

The IoS is littered with 'entrance graves', although we failed to find any of them on St Martins, despite clear weather, decent maps and being in good health. Piskies at work?

IoS entrance graves often have energy patterns in the form of lemniscates (infinity symbols) - and we located a number where the lemniscates rotates in the form of a propeller - and occasionally even have a double, interconnected, ying/yang arrangement.

As with locations elsewhere, there was much evidence of the sequential use of sites - across time and between generations and cultures - with more parallels with Brittany, and also with Dartmoor.