

'They have just uncovered the ancient Celtic Cochno Stone on a housing estate near Clydebank. It is covered in ancient carvings and symbols and ... 60s graffiti from when it was last uncovered

From cup and ring patterns on stone to rings on fingers

From the first wheels to stone circles,

circles must have been objects of wonder for early people and one of the first concepts they had of wielding power over the world;

Power to contain and capture the world, to see symbolic pattern, to seek mystery;

from an unfinished circle from a cup that held liquid, to a ring on a finger as a bond

to a circle of people at a meeting place talking, hearing and airing feelings and judging

To people at a pre-rational stage or just discovering cause and effect, the impulse to make circles complete or unfinished must have been just as powerful as the impulse to make weapons.

Circles now are so numerous, so taken for granted(wheels cogs cups, clocks, -have we forgotten?

is this how the old world speaks to the new world?

Apart from a few museum specimens, iron age and bronze age weapons have long disintegrated and what comes down to us and survives are circles.

Today circles still pose relevant questions

This is not magic as is normally thought of but maybe the sheer survival of stone circles is magic for what is magic really but something that is there , stone circles survive, an unsolved mystery an unresolved conundrum.

Lets not imbue the past with false mysticism as if everything was magical, lets look at it as people slowly emerging from a natural world where their mental and physical skills, and their ability to learn slowly over generations enabled them to gain control over nature and build a world,, a society; a line of development unbroken stretching from ancient times to now,that for better or worse that has led to the world now; imperfect as ever, an evolved world in which we, strive to understand and make better.

And ..I love the idea of ancient stones being rediscovered on council estate outside Glasgow with 60s graffiti on them.