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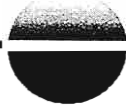
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Editorial

Welcome to a slightly revamped BUFORA Bulletin – you will be seeing gradual changes over the next few issues, and perhaps the magazine may gain a new title. Contrary to what our UK members may have seen in the national press (see elsewhere for details), UFOs are still seen and reported, and they do still exist—so we will still have plenty to discuss!

All too often of late, my editorial has covered the passing of friends and colleagues from BUFORA and the wider world of Ufology, and sadly the trend is continued in this issue- a salient reminder of just how long researchers have been studying UFOs now. **Desmond Leslie** (perhaps the person who inspired so much British interest at the dawn of the flying saucer era) passed over in France in February.

Long-time supporters, and indeed long-term officers, of BUFORA **Tim O'Brien** and **Roger Chinery** have sadly passed over. Tim was a past president of BUFORA, and certainly had a very busy time when he became Investigations Officer in 1971, as a rush of over 100 reports came in, to be followed by the major Oxfordshire flap that included the ATV film footage! Both Tim and Roger will be remembered for their enthusiasm and their work on behalf of 'the team'. Indeed Roger will also be remembered for the legacy that was left to BUFORA in his will, and council will seek to set up a fitting memorial to Roger from this legacy.

It should not be forgotten that the legacies of Arnold West, Roger Chinery and Robin Lindsey emphasise the support that they gave to BUFORA, and how much they thought of the history of BUFORA - **and of its future.**

On a much happier note, I am delighted to announce that **Steve Gamble** (my immediate predecessor as both Chairman and magazine editor) has become a Life Member of BUFORA. Steve has done a vast amount of work in many offices of the association, so life membership is

well deserved.

As you will know from Bob Digby's article in the last issue, council had been seeking some feedback from the membership on possible ways forward – for both BUFORA and study of UFOs and associated subjects. Sadly there have been few responses at this stage that will give council a mandate for change – does this mean that the majority of members are not interested in the structure of the association, as long as it delivers on its commitments to disseminate news and research via this magazine etc? If you do have any strong feelings over the items covered by Bob last time, then do send in your thoughts, either via mail or email.

As well as a revamp for the magazine, the BUFORA UFOCALL service has also been revamped, and makes use of a menu-driven system to take the caller to different sections. Edited and recorded by Jenny Randles, the menu includes:

News Updates; Forthcoming Lectures; Special Events; How To Report A Sighting; How To Join Bufora.

Do call in and listen on **09068 121886** (premium rate charges apply)

I don't know about you, but to me the recent news and weather in this country have been rather depressing. Indeed I wonder if UFO groups have seen a trend this winter of fewer reports of LITS, simply down to overcast skies making some misinterpretations of particularly Venus, Sirius and Jupiter virtually impossible? As a member of my local astronomy society, I know just how frustrating it has been seeking clear skies for an observing evening.

We should not of course be flippant about the foot & mouth crisis in the countryside – those of us who live in rural areas will appreciate just how devastating the (man made) effects have been, and at times I have wondered how we dare to claim to be a nation of animal lovers! The foot & mouth crisis seems likely to have a

knock-on effect to crop circle research this year, as serious circle researchers, and indeed 'croppies' will surely not trespass into quarantine zones just to fulfil their thirst for 'first hand' views of formations and ignore the risks of spreading infection. Of course we might hope that the 'Human Circlehoaxers' would also abide by common sense, but judge for yourself elsewhere in this magazine where we summarise the survey into the projected effects this year.

Don't forget the mini-conference on Sunday 24th June (why is that date familiar??) at Hampton, jointly hosted by TEMS and BUFORA. **Georgina Bruni** and **John Spencer** will be lecturing on their recent books – *You Can't Tell the People* and *The Encyclopedia of Ghosts and Spirits* respectively. See the advert on page 5 for more details.

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AGM – unfortunately, perhaps due to many circumstances caused the necessary change of date and venue, the 26th AGM on 28th April was inquorate. Members will be aware that the Articles of Association require 15 voting members to be either present or have submitted a proxy. In an effort to reconvene the AGM at a time when sufficient members are likely to be present, the AGM will be reconvened before the mini-conference at the Linden Hall, Hampton on **24th June**, with the AGM starting at **12.30pm**. Light lunches will be available — **if you require lunch, please contact Lionel Beer beforehand** (so he has an idea on the numbers) — **020 8979 3148**.

As Chairman I cannot overemphasise the need for the membership to conclude formal association business, so please do make the effort to attend (or authorize a proxy, contact Head Office for details) – and also enjoy an afternoon with talks by Georgina Bruni and John Spencer.

BUFORA UFOCALL—09068 121886

Sunday June 24th 2001

2.00pm to 6.00pm

A Joint TEMS / BUFORA Event
At the Linden Hall, Hampton, Middlesex
(Adjacent to Hampton railway station)

- ◆ **Margaret Thatcher commented to Georgina Bruni** about UFOs *"You Can't Tell the People"* Georgina will be talking about her book of the same title, and of the subsequent events, so come along and find out what you shouldn't know! While the events of Rendlesham lasted but a few days, and occurred now over 20 years ago, they are still billed as *'Britain's Roswell'*. More key witnesses are still coming forward, relating details of a possible CE3K, and more... Anomalous phenomena are still encountered in this same forest!
- ◆ **Nick Pope** (Author of *Open Skies, Closed Minds*) has been invited to give an opening introduction.
- ◆ **BUFORA Director of Research, well known author John Spencer**, will be giving a talk on his latest book - *'The Encyclopedia of Ghosts and Spirits'* (Published March 2001)

Planned features:

- ◆ **Photographic displays**
- ◆ **Bookstall - with book signings by the authors**
- ◆ **BUFORA and ASSAP have been invited to display their publications**
- ◆ **Light refreshments and social breaks**

Admission on the door: TEMS, BUFORA and ASSAP members £3.00; Non-members £4.00

TEMS is the South-west London Branch of ASSAP

*****Details of speakers are correct at time of going to press*****

For more details, contact Lionel Beer, on 020 8979 3148

OBITUARIES

Obituary - Roger Chinery

I was sad to hear the belated news of Roger's death in October 2000.

Roger was a long-term member and supporter of BUFORA. For a number of years, whilst I headed the Research team, Roger was a very active member of the Research Committee. He was a regular attendee at the London lecture meetings and also attended many of the conferences BUFORA organised over the years. In more recent times Roger suffered a number of bouts of ill health and this led to him having to give up active involvement in UFOlogy about four years ago.

Whilst a member of the Research Committee, Roger served as a photographic consultant. He was able to apply his wide, in-depth knowledge of UFOs and other aspects of the paranormal as well as his professional knowledge. By profession he worked as a film archivist with one of the major studios. I remember in particular one case he worked on where the 'witness' had cut Gordon Faulkner's famous picture of the Warminster Thing out of a book, stuck it on to a window, then tried to pass off the subsequent photographs as the genuine article! Also Roger came up with the suggestion for the Pilot's project on which Nabil Shaban has carried out a lot of work.

He will be sorely missed.

Steve Gamble

Obituary - C.A.E. O'Brien

I am sorry to have to report the passing of another BUFORA colleague in the guise of Christian A.E. O'Brien, or as he was more commonly known Tim. It seems almost every

month I hear of the passing of another member who has contributed much to British UFOlogy and to BUFORA in particular. In a way, I suppose that this is inevitable given the large number of good people BUFORA has attracted over its forty year history.

Tim died on the 17th February 2001 at the age of 87. He was born in 1914 in London. After attending Tiffin School in Kingston-upon-Thames, he went on to Christ's College, Cambridge. Here he studied Natural Sciences including Geology and Minerology, which led to a career in geology and the oil industry. When he retired from the oil industry in June 1970 he was able to devote his time to his interests in UFOlogy and Astro-archeology.

He was a member of the BUFORA committee for several years, including serving for a period as Investigations Officer. In the first three weeks of taking on the investigations job in September 1971 he received about 100 reports - only to be followed about a month later by a major UFO flap centred around Banbury in Oxfordshire. Certainly a baptism of fire! (This flap also included the filming by an ATV camera crew of a strange object on 26th October.) In 1972 Tim was succeeded in the investigations role by Richard Colbourne.

This gave Tim more time to pursue his other interest in astro-archeology. Together with his wife Joy he wrote several books and numerous articles on the subject. Although this is a field where recently there have been several very popular authors, the O'Briens were there nearly thirty years ago. Tim and Joy gave several lectures to BUFORA about their work frequently to packed halls. In an interview with The Saffron Walden Reporter, Mrs O'Brien said that she would continue with their work in the field.

A number of the O'Briens' books are either still in print, or in some cases are in the process of being re-issued. Their books include "The Genius of the Few", "The Shining Ones" and "The Megalithic Odyssey". Recordings of several of their BUFORA lectures exist in the tape archive.

After several years on the BUFORA committee, including running a panel of technical consultants and running a panel to evaluate reports, Tim became a vice-President. He also served as President from 1977 to 1980. Tim gave the opening address to BUFORA's First International UFO Congress, held at the Mount Royal Hotel in London in 1979.

Steve Gamble

Desmond Leslie - OBITUARY

Desmond Arthur Peter Leslie was known to ufologists as co-author with George Adamski, of *Flying Saucers Have Landed* first published in 1953 by Werner Laurie in London. But I will come back to the strange story of this book. In fact Desmond was a larger-than-life character with several claims to fame. The first thing one noticed about him was his height of about 6'4", or more when younger? He was born on 29 June 1921, so was 79 when he died on 26th(?) February this year. He was the second son Sir Shane Leslie, who was related to Sir Winston Churchill. The family seat is Castle Leslie in County Monaghan. In World War Two he was a RAF Flight Sergeant and flew Spitfires. In 1945 he married actress Agnes Bernelle, who gave him two sons and a daughter. In an article in the Weekend Mail, 28.8.54. Agnes, described as a West End stage star rehearsing for Oscar Wilde's *Salome*, said her husband had told her that the space visitors did not seek trouble. "If attacked, they would prefer to let themselves be destroyed rather than kill." Desmond, while staying with Adamski in California in 1954, said he discovered that the rumoured saucer at Muroc, California, was actually there, in Hangar 27. Quite unrelated to

this, interest in saucers was still high in 1955 when a club ran a cabaret sketch called, *The Flying Saucies...* with scantily dressed ladies.

In 1963, Desmond Leslie hit the headlines in front of eleven million television viewers, when on David Frost's programme *That Was The Week That Was*, he said "Just a minute Mr Levin this will only take a moment." He stepped from the audience, took off his glasses, and punched the BBC drama critic, Bernard Levin, who was sitting on a stool, squarely on the nose! Bernard had written a bad review of Agnes Bernelle's show *A Cabaret of Savagery and Delight*.

In 1970 he married his second wife, Helen Strong, who had two daughters, Samantha and Camilla. From the late 1980s the family lived at St.Jeannet, a few kilometres north of Nice. Samatha runs the Castle Leslie estate. He also had a daughter by Ms.Jennifer Fibbs. Prior to his death, he had been writing a novel called *Pandora*, about the women in his life!

His interests ranged from horse-riding - even building cross-country courses, investigating psychic phenomena, and I even chatted to him at a crop circle conference in Salisbury in the '90s. At this conference, he showed me a map of the Alpes-Maritimes, on which were drawn geometrical lines connecting ancient sites which was evocative of those near Rennes-Le-Chateau. His larger-than-life accomplishments have ranged over authorship, musical composition and production, and directing films. His books include *Careless Lives*, *Pardon My Return*, *Angels Weep*, *Hold Back the Night*, *The Amazing Mr.Lutterworth*, *The Jesus File*, *The Daughters of Pan*, *How Britain Won The Space Race (with Patrick Moore)*, *Susie Saucer* and *Ronnie Rocket*. He produced electronic music for Macbeth, Anthony and Cleopatra and ten other Living Shakespeare LPs. He worked on film music for *The Day The Sky Fell In*, *Dr.Stangelove*, *Yellow Submarine*, and *Death of Satan*. He directed *The Missing Princess* and *Stranger At My Door*.

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Desmond Leslie had assembled reports from old manuscripts relating to aerial phenomena

from the earliest myths up to modern times . However his manuscript was being rejected by publisher after publisher. He heard from Meade Layne about Adamski's desert contact. So he wrote to George asking if he could possibly use the photographs in his book. Adamski replied promptly and included the whole set. Further, Desmond could use them without a fee! Later , Adamski sent over his own manuscript asking meekly if Desmond might be able to find a publisher. By this time, Waveney Girvan (in my view the *Grand-Daddy* of saucer publishing in the UK - he had published the first UK saucer book in 1950: *The Riddle of the Flying Saucers* by Gerald Heard, under the Carroll & Nicholson imprint.) had accepted Desmond's manuscript on behalf of Werner Laurie. Waveney had suggested the joint publication. Adamski agreed with alacrity. The rest is history. The book ran through umpteen reprints in its first year. Neville Spearman brought out a revised edition in 1970 and Futura published this in paperback in 1977. Desmond Leslie stated that over a million copies had been published and that it had been translated into

no less than 21 languages. The reason why this work is so important in the annals of ufology, is that it influenced a whole generation as to what flying saucers ought to look like. Adamski's *Venusian Scout-Craft* photographs generated a powerful visual image! Some of Adamski's photographs and drawings had been published earlier in minor American newspapers: *The Phoenix Gazette*, 24 Nov .1952, *The Lake Shore Visitor Register*, 6 Mar .1953, *Oceanside Blade-Tribune*, 4-5-6th Feb.1953, prior to publication in the book. So Adamski had received offers for syndication rights. Despite that he stood by his offer to Desmond Leslie and so Waveney Girvan for publisher, Werner Laurie, acquired the world rights. The book was published on 30 September 1953 and was widely reviewed by both the national and local presses. It has to be said that most reviewers focussed on the controversial Adamski part of the book. Desmond remained friends with Adamski until the latter's death in 1965.

Lionel Beer

THE BUFORA SUMMER NIC MEETING

Judy Jaafar has kindly agreed to host the next NIC meeting at her home in Ealing, West London. This meeting will be a very informal one for all investigators with further discussion on case studies and the diverse nature of UFO reports. Details follow...

Date: 19th May 2001

Time: 2pm – 6pm

Venue: 41 Castlebar Road, Ealing, London W5 2DJ

Telephone: 0208 998 4936

Email: judy@gaia66.freerve.co.uk

We do hope that many of you will be able to attend this Summer meeting, which will be an opportunity for investigators to enjoy a social get-together in addition to NIC business. Light refreshments will be available. If there is anything that investigators feel would be pertinent to the Agenda for this meeting, please contact me.

For details of the location and travel to this venue, please contact Judy by telephone or email and she will give you the relevant information.

We look forward to hearing from you and would ask that you contact either Judy or myself by 15th May in order for us to confirm the number attending.

Thank you.

Gloria Heather Dixon

Book Review

TITLE: You Can't Tell The People.

AUTHOR: Georgina Bruni. P

PUBLISHER: Sidgwick & Jackson, 25
Eccleston Place, London, England, SW1W
9NF.

PRICE: £17.99 (Hbk)

ISBN: 0 283 06358 0.

The Rendlesham Incident is now known in the United Kingdom as the 'British Roswell', a UFO case of immense proportions. A case full of facts figures people and mystery. Did a UFO really crash into some woods near an American Air Base during late December 1980, or is this case the result of cover story after cover story? There is no denying that 'something' happened on 3 consecutive December nights, that much is not in doubt, but where does the truth lie? There have been many articles written about the Rendlesham case and quite a few books too and I have to say that as a book reviewer and someone, who has been sent all the previous Rendlesham titles, this book (for me) wipes the floor with the rest of them! Why? Well simply because the author has painstakingly researched, travelled, pushed, pulled and prized interviews from all the various players of the Rendlesham case (and then some). People may not want to read anymore about the Rendlesham case simply because like Roswell, they've had enough of it. But like education, you never stop learning. O.K. why is this book so different from all the others, well lets take a step inside and see shall we.

Scholars and students of the Rendlesham case know the facts only too well, but for those who do not, briefly, it is claimed by many who were there, that on three consecutive nights during late December 1980, a strange and mysterious flying craft flew through the forest at Rendlesham near Ipswich in Suffolk England and landed in a clearing in which American Military men from the nearby Woodbridge Air Base were confronted by something straight out of the Twilight Zone. There are conflicting

descriptions as to the exact shape seen, but the general consensus of opinion is that it was coned to diamond shaped with strange symbols on its structure. A curtain of secrecy was then thrown over the event for a while but in an amazing twist of events (certainly for admittance on the part of 'any' Military machine,) a statement/Memo was released (in a round about way!) to the British Press [News of The World] which brought this amazing case to light.

The author who has always been interested in the unexplained, heard about the case and decided to enquire further, she looked through all the previous written reports and felt deep down that there was more to this story that met the eye and so she set off on a crusade for the truth which brought her into a world of conflicting stories and rumours but also, brought forth some startling information which clearly showed that this was no small time UFO case, this really was the British Roswell. The main witnesses in this case were the Military, but not far behind were many civilian witnesses as well, many of whom have spoken to the author over the years. This book is absolutely littered by civilian case after case after case of people seeing strange objects in the sky near Rendlesham Forest over the years. Clearly then we are not talking about an isolated incident. There are sightings of structured 'craft', red balls of light, shafts of light, it's just simply incredible the type of things that civilians have seen throughout the years (and near the dates in question). The author eventually spoke to someone of whom other researchers never got the chance to speak to, ex P.C. Brian Creswell as it was believed that it was he who was the British policeman who was photographed examining the site just after the incident. Brian gave the author a hard time on the phone and said, "I know what I saw, and I'm not going to discuss it". Now what does

that mean!! The author clearly feels (and can show in the book) that a good number of the players from this story, more so the American Military people, were soon shipped off from the base to other climates. Was this so that no one could get to them and find out what they saw? The author clearly thinks so. Major Edward Drury told the author that a D Notice was soon slapped on this incident, (this is an instruction to the press requesting them not to publish anything as it involves National security).

Gerry Harris a Woodbridge resident decided to go in to Rendlesham Forest after his own UFO sighting to see if he could see anything. He was confronted on a logging path by two individuals, a

British policeman and an American security policeman. Mr Harris had a public right to enter the forest but was told in no uncertain terms to 'go away' and to enforce this point the American policeman cocked his rifle and pointed it in Mr Harris's direction. This was British soil and a countryman was not allowed his God free right accesses to a well-walked area.

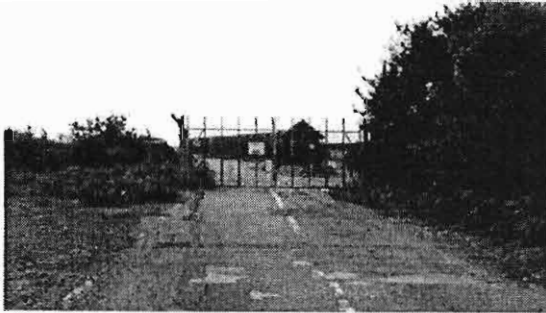
The author then goes into detail about all the 'Flash calls', which were going on that night. These are major telephone calls from various Military individuals which you rarely get unless there is a major scare something of the nature of the Russians launching their ICBM's, but on the nights in questions, lots of these flash calls were going around. What was less major than a Russian problem!! The author also tracked down some British secretaries who were

employed at the base at the time, they told her that there was indeed a major incident that occurred and that a Colonel Spring was very much involved and that there were lots of British police who visited the base and she learned that there was a lot of radiation activity and coming and going of Military and British personnel, more so than she had ever seen in her entire time at the base. Another interesting aspect to this already incredible case, came

when the author learned that a Law enforcement officer called Mark Beaucham who went out into the forest to investigate these strange lights, and disappeared! A patrol was sent out in search of him, and they too disappeared!! More personnel

were sent out and they too disappeared!!

UFOlogists the world over, know only too well that there have been a number of UFO sightings over Military establishments and bases which contain Military hardware or nuclear weapons, the author after speaking with Military men under Colonel Malcolm Zickler's command, insisted that there 'were' Nuclear Warheads on the Bentwaters base (nearby to Woodbridge) at the time of the incident, indeed, the author also found out that through the Public records office in London a once classified Government document clearly showed that USAF Installations throughout the U.K. were harbouring nuclear weapons as far back as the 1950's! Stretching the imagination here, if, as some people believe, we are indeed dealing with visiting aliens, I'm quite sure that they would be interested in seeing how we 'ape



East Gate at RAF Woodbridge, taken in 1997
Photo © B P James

men' are progressing. ! On the night of 27/28th December 1980 two RAF police dog handlers were instructed to Investigate strange lights that were seen near RAF Watton (near Woodbridge). RAF Watton picked up on radar, a large moving unknown air target. The two RAF officers were soon confronted by several figures, which they spotted in their searchlights. Their clothes were silvery and bulky and appeared to suck in the light from their flashlights. The dogs, who were with these two men, started to go crazy. The following day a high ranking British police officer questioned both men and advised them to forget what they had seen. Their note books were confiscated and the log book regarding the events of that night disappeared!! Even more strangely, soon after this incident 4 British scientists from the MoD research centre at Porton Down were driven into the forest where they changed into strange looking space type suits with tubes running into air compressors down their backs. The Watton event occurred on the same day as the Rendlesham event! Soon after the Rendlesham case, many personnel at Bentwaters reported strange visitors turning up in unmarked aircraft, something that never happened before. Jim Penniston (one of the witnesses) was told that some of these people were from the CIA's Langley Research Laboratory in the States, what was a CIA research team doing on British soil? The CIA clearly had a big role to play in this case as the author's book aptly shows.

The author also brings to light the United States Air Force Intelligence working with a Government/Alien project known as PPD (Project Preserve Destiny) Former USAF sergeant Dan Sherman claims that this project is so secretive that it was classed as 'above black' as was known in the loop as 'grey matter' or 'slant missions'. The author must be congratulated on uncovering so much more about this case, but she did admit that there were still a number of people who were very frightened to speak to her for fear of reprisals or visits from some type of Government agents. The author also looks at a previous author's belief (Peter Robbins) that what may have

caused the Rendlesham case could have been due to some kind of bizarre weather experiment. In the 1950's William Reich experimented with a device known as a 'cloud-buster'. UFOs were regularly seen around his laboratory, the atmosphere was filled with a black gluey substance and researchers saw weird gremlin type creatures in and around the area. Could a device of this nature have brought forth what happened at Rendlesham! Reich was convinced that using his orgone energy invention, he could create UFOs to appear and fade out. The author also looks at other potential 'normal' explanations and experiments that were conducted in the Suffolk area over the years and states that maybe our earthly experiments at Orfordness and Bawdsey (near the Rendlesham area) could have penetrated some kind of other time or dimension!

There is no mistaking the author's sense of varied explanations to account for what was sighted in Rendlesham Forest. She mentions that her sources confirmed to her that the secret Stealth aircraft was deployed at RAF Bentwaters during the early 1980's. The F-19 made thirty secret visits to RAF Middlehall during the 1980's, could, as the author speculates, witnesses in the Rendlesham Forest case, have mistaken the Stealth aircraft for something more exotic? This reviewer thinks that this is a possibility in other cases but I don't think that this is the case here. Fellow UFO researcher Brenda Butler told the author that she received a phone call from a woman who claimed to be a wife of a member of the ARRS at RAF Woodbridge who told her that what was reported from the forest was 'not' a UFO but was to do with the capture of a Soviet spy plane and two of it's crew!! Apparently the American's had stolen the aircraft which was hidden at the Woodbridge base. Is this the cause of all the disinformation and mismatched stories? Brenda Butler also uncovered stories from local fishermen who were instructed not to fish in the waters between Bawdsey and Orfordness during the week of the 25th to 30th December 1980. 'officials' told them that experiments were going to be taking

place that week. The fishermen were paid for any losses incurred by not fishing. Brenda was also told by a local fisherman of a strange craft with lights that was seen going into the sea near Orfordness. The author also goes into other possibilities, which may account for the Rendlesham Forest Incident, namely Electromagnetic weapons research and also experiments with holograms. The author has uncovered UFO reports from the Rendlesham area going as far back as 1947, so any one who thinks that the Rendlesham Forest Incident is a one off, better think again !! In 1974 another UFO incident occurred at the Bentwaters base which at that time stored nuclear weapons an object was spotted by over 30 individuals and two F4 fighter jets were scrambled to intercept it, needless to say the object evaded capture and the incident was covered up until the author pushed people for more info about it.

Some sceptics have suggested that the Rendlesham Forest case was the result of the spinning lights of Orfordness Lighthouse, This reviewer won't even go down this road, for this is the most stupidest explanation that I've ever heard, I've been in the forest, I've seen the lighthouse and it's searchlight, and believe you me, what utter nonsense that explanation is. Anyone who believes that the Incident was caused by this lighthouse better go and arrange to see their doctor immediately as you are clearly losing your mind!!

In closing this review, I found this book to be a new wealth of data, I thought that I would be re-reading 'old hat' some facts of course are 'old hat', but believe you me, there is a hell of a lot of new info here. Larry Warren (one of the main players in this case) has a whole chapter devoted to him, and it's not that favourable! I'll close with the words of author Georgina Bruni when she says;

"There is no doubt that something very unusual took place in Rendlesham Forest during the last week of December 1980. We may never learn the full story concerning these extraordinary events but as a result of my

research I am convinced that there is a cover up of enormous proportions to keep this and similar incidents hidden under a veil of secrecy. We cannot be sure that there was an alien crew, but the fact that a craft of unknown origin landed in Rendlesham Forest should no longer be in dispute. It 'happened' I have presented enough proof of this that even the most sceptical of sceptics cannot argue"

The above in my opinion, is definitely true. This book paints a very convincing picture and warrants your purchase to make up your own mind. You won't be disappointed!

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson, SPI (England)/BUFORA. Spi_spi@hotmail.com

DON'T FORGET...

Georgina Bruni will be speaking about *You Can't Tell The People* at the joint TEMS/BUFORA mini-conference at Hampton on Sunday 24th June (see page 5 for details).

Why not come along and here more about Georgina's research and findings into the Rendlesham Incident.

The incident is certainly not explained yet!

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UForum...

Ron Plummer responds to Bob Digby's request from last issue...

I am responding to your request in the BUFORA Bulletin No. 23 for suggestions on the future of BUFORA.

Just a few points:

1. I think that the formation of a charity for educational purposes should be seriously considered. The tax advantages and inheritance tax advantages should enable funds to be raised for specific purposes.
2. The charity could be run as a trust with a provision in the trust deed that the trustees were to be appointed by the members of a club - the successor to the present limited company. The club would carry out any activities which the charity itself could not undertake because of its charitable status.
3. My personal opinion is that we should not shy off from other areas of a paranormal if they may be related.
4. Much more use should be made of the internet - a weekly newsletter? This should be in addition to, not a substitute for, events involving social contact. I wonder if there would be sufficient support for an annual one day conference in London followed by a dinner with wives / girl friends?. This would obviously have to be a club event rather than undertaken by the charity.

Kind regards,
Ron Plummer

Thanks, Ron—your views will be considered by the council before a firm set of proposals is put to the membership—Ed

Also on the same subject, from Kevin Kell...

Feedback from BUFORA membership.

I live in Central Wales, and have limited income, so I am not really able to participate in BUFORA lectures and meetings as I would like. The BUFORA Bulletin is just about the only benefit I receive from the membership.

I get the impression of an organization rent by factional intrigue - but away from the gossip of social contact I have to rely on the information published in the Bulletin. This is sometimes almost incomprehensible to someone, like me, unfamiliar with the personalities involved, and who has to sort out the theories with which names. You could perhaps publish a brief guide for newer members.

Alternatively you could come to Knighton for a meeting. The Community Centre (seats up to 527 for a closely seated audience) is available at reasonable rates—contact the secretary (that's me!)

Yours sincerely
Kevin Kell

*Thanks, Kevin, - Bob Digby has commented that it is always a good idea to remind the council now and again that a lot of members away from the 'home counties' see the main benefit of membership in being their receipt of the publications, and the news therein. On the wider issue, as editor I am disappointed if the bulletin seems to portray the effects of 'ego tennis', but we are committed to publishing all submissions without editorial censorship, so the egos of researchers/writers may show through occasionally (Ufology does attract strong egos...)
If you are serious that the Knighton Hall would be a *viable* venue for a meeting, Kevin, then do get back*

to us. The council is aware that the meetings do give the impression of a London-centric association, but as the majority of the membership is based in the south-eastern region of the UK, then they tend to want meetings in that region. Council have mooted the idea of 'roving lectures', perhaps in association with local groups, but in recent times the feedback we've had suggests that even a meeting in Birmingham (about as central as is practical) would not be popular—Ed

And from Geoff Falla

I am writing in response to your call for some comments on the future direction Bufora may take.

Firstly, there seems to be already a good supply of other magazine material, the excellent and popular UFO Magazine, Flying Saucer Review, which I have always found to be a good source of case reports and many thought provoking articles. If there is more money available, I think that Bufora Bulletin could be improved with rather more in the way of current case reports, as there seemed to be in past years.

I feel there should be a central organisation which has a coordinating role and to enable research to be presented in a unified way. As you know, I am interested in Vehicle Interference cases, since it seems to me they may present important clues to the true nature of UFO reports. The Vehicle Interference Report published in 1979 may have helped other researchers. I would not have considered going ahead with it alone, so Bufora was very useful in this respect and in bringing in the contributions of others. I was very pleased to hear that it was intended to update the Vehicle Interference Report. I am completing the last batch of summaries, making around 240 reports in total and will be sending these to John Spencer in the next couple of weeks.

With Best Wishes,

Geoff Falla,
St.Peter Port,
Guernsey.

Bob Digby Replies :-

Thank you Geoff for a very positive contribution, I shall be working behind the scenes to facilitate your report and other publications getting to see the light of day. I remember meeting you at the Nottingham conference many years ago and am delighted that you are still contributing to the subject.

Brian Allen replies to Ernie Sears' letter in Bulletin #23...

Let me state from the outset that I have no intention of entering into a tit for tat slanging match, but in the interests of balance I would appreciate the opportunity to reply to some of the observations made by Ernie Sears in the Feb 2001 bulletin. I noticed that in Feb 2001 edition of the BUFORA Bulletin, Ernie commented on a few articles that I had written, one for the SOFOG journal, one for this hallowed publication and another for the BUFORA Website, also printed in the excellent 'Strange Daze' magazine. First, allow me to thank Ernie for addressing me as a lad and placing me alongside such luminaries as Albert Budden, Kevin McClure and Stuart Campbell...exalted company indeed. As to the length of the bulletin article, well because of the sheer scope of the subject, trying to compress a history of UFOlogy into ten or twelve thousand words is not easy, the problem here was deciding what to leave out. This leads me to wonder how Ernie views the claims of contactees George Adamski and George Leslie; as far as I am concerned, he was a charlatan and hoaxer. To read in serious works such as 'Alien Base' that a good, respected researcher like Tim Good actually gives the fictions of Adamski and Leslie any credence is worrying

to say the least.

Perhaps I should state my case clearly, I *tend* to scepticism and have indeed been called a 'sceptical believer' but am most definitely not a debunker. It is not and never has been my intention to debunk a subject about which I am passionate. Debunking is easy, people like this would not recognise the truth nor admit to it if it grew teeth and chewed goblets of flesh from their backsides. My interest lies in *all* paranormal events, not just UFOlogy and for Ernie's benefit, yes; I have been privileged to witness events that I cannot explain in rational terms. However, there are other events, that although extraordinary, are explainable, or at least can be matched by science. Albert Budden (described as '*irascible*' in the same Feb. issue) and I know one another and over a couple of years have built up a friendship based on mutual respect. While I accept much of what Albert says as proven fact, as he is well aware I do not concur 100% in the detail but since we are not likely to totally agree we are content to leave it at that.

Ernie mentions a case from 1960 involving RAF meteor fighter aircraft pursuing a cigar shaped UFO that promptly took off like a bat out of hell. Ernie, yes, this was truly an unidentified flying object, which of course does not necessarily mean that it was extraterrestrial. Was it an electromagnetic anomaly? Was it an early example of black technology? Was it extraterrestrial? I have no idea and if he will admit it neither does Ernie and it is here that we fundamentally differ. Forgive me, but I have no doubt whatsoever that Ernie is totally sincere and genuine but he comes across as a '*true believer*', and this can be a hindrance to research because it is the equivalent of wearing blinkers. Down this road lies an indiscriminate belief that anything and everything constitute the 'truth' and this is simply not so. If Ernie says he has seen a ghost animal or has a photograph of a spirit then I would not dispute it, if he has seen UFO's then once again it is not up for argument. I too have seen UFO's, I have experienced 'spirit' and the energy field of a 'ghost' and I have received messages

purportedly from the 'other side'. I have also been present at and recorded a channelling session via a medium, with an entity calling itself 'Golida'. This was a fascinating experiment and deserves further research; the information obtained displayed strong parallels with the doctrine of the '*Council of Nine*', but we won't become involved with that. It may be interesting to note that during this experiment all our camcorder batteries went flat simultaneously, spares included. It is probably fair to say that the event was a real electromagnetic anomaly; e.g. did the entity or the medium draw power from the batteries or was it just a coincidence? I don't know.

The SUFOG article presented another, more rational explanation for what was experienced by Steve Rider and Steve Gerrard during their sojourn. It was not a criticism and more importantly, it was a valid rationalisation that precisely matched some of the phenomena they encountered. The subjective experiences all had their roots in electromagnetic phenomena and how it affects perception and the human brain. As for the Scole Experiment; my alternative evaluation is fair and I stand right behind everything I wrote, neither did I '*pass scorn*' on them as Ernie suggests, I merely wondered why there was any need for prayers and hymns prior to a séance. As a matter of interest, a medium who helps SPI (Scotland) with various projects we undertake, informs me that prayers and hymns were introduced into spiritualism to counter accusations of witchcraft and dabbling in the black arts, it has nothing to do with creating the correct vibrational rate.

I contacted Robin Foy who co-ordinated the Scole Experiment and have spoken to him several times; I even sent him a copy of the article for his comments before it went into print; he voiced no objections. I also suggested that the entity the Scole group called 'Blue' is identical to a Grey, interestingly the Scole group were informed by their 'spirit team' that the entity was not a spirit but was

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INVESTIGATIONS DIARY

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STRANGE PLACES...

In this issue of the Bulletin, the investigations diary presents an in-depth look at a case study relating to some extraordinary events that occurred to Kate Walker (pseudonym) and her family in September of 1977 at Windwhistle Hill, near Chard in Somerset.

A synopsis of this case was documented in the December 1997 issue of *UFO Times*. However, research into this case has been on-going for several years and therefore a complete case-study of these events follow. As is often the case during investigation and research into strange encounters and experiences, they can be immensely difficult to follow up in a way that provides definitive explanations for the people, who undergo these mysterious incidents and there are many paths for investigators to follow, which can often result in several possible explanations, and sometimes no explanation at all...

IN THE SHADOW OF WINDWHISTLE HILL...

'It is the destiny of man to stand always between the certainly of his scientific achievements and the annoying evidence that they do not account for all there is. Other forces manifest. We are quick to give them convenient names and familiar roles. We call them ghost, spirits, extraterrestrials. When all else fails we abjectly turn them into gods, the better to worship what we fail to grasp, the better to idolize what we are too lazy to analyze.

....the only thing that counts in this life is to question

the mystery of it, with all the means at our disposal, with every moment of awareness, with every breath.'

....Dr. Jacques Vallee (Forbidden Science)

In this issue of the BUFORA Bulletin, we would like to take our readers through one of those mysterious and strange places that some of us journey through from time to time. We will do this in the company of *Kate Walker and her family, who underwent two extraordinary events in September of 1977, whilst travelling from Yeovil to Chard. Let us begin this voyage and look at their remarkable experiences and what they may show us in terms of the human consciousness and our perceptions and understanding of inexplicable events.

In order to create an overview of these events you will need to be aware of the background to this area, which stretches back hundreds of years creating the mythology and folklore surrounding the area, specifically Windwhistle Hill.

However, before I do I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to several past BUFORA investigators, who contributed to this case. They are Robert Moore, who lives in Somerset and worked on researching the area from library archives and books. John Heptonstall, who conducted investigations and research into this case and interviewed Kate and her eldest son in the North of England where they now live. Last, but not least, I would like to extend my thanks to Jason Eastwood who provided photographs and information about area around Windwhistle Hill.

In his book *Ten Somerset Mysteries* Charles Whyne-Hammond tells us about the

geographical features of this area. It lies at the southern tip of Somerset and stands over 700 feet above sea level where two coastlines can be seen from the summit.... The Bristol Channel and the English Channel. Made of sandstone, limestone and green sand it is covered by woodlands of tall beech trees. Cricket St. lies below with the market town of Ilminster and they are surrounded by countryside and small villages. It is a sparsely populated very lonely and remote area especially on dark nights.

Whyne Hammond goes on to tell us about the more mysterious side of Windwhistle named very aptly because of the winds whistling through the tall treetops. He tells the reader about strange lights, sounds, figures and shapes, unusual and eerie phenomena in this area, and motorists who hear a tap-tap on their car window

A book published in the late Seventeenth Century referred to a number of mystical reports made during the year 1662 by the people of Chard and Crewkerne. These towns are situated at either end of Windwhistle Hill. Whyne Hammond also points out that although UFO observations were made by individuals and small groups, other strange phenomena were seen universally by people living in South Somerset.

Strange Visions

Reports of strange visions and incidents have continued to date and according to the literature during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Windwhistle had a history of highwaymen and smugglers in this area. The A30 used to be a coaching route from London to the West Country and highwaymen could hide in the beech trees waiting for the carriages with their cargoes of valuables. It has been suggested that the Windwhistle Inn near the summit was the central point for these highwaymen, who would use the wells and caves all around the area to hide their treasures and also the bodies of those they had robbed. The story goes that some skeletons have been discovered in these hideouts.

Alan Holt, in his book on East Somerset comments that it appears that Windwhistle Hill itself is haunted by a witch, who allegedly was knocked down by a stage coach many decades ago. The devil is said to be buried beneath Windwhistle Hill and it appears that many travellers in this area have experienced strange incidents at night and stories of ghosts and witches abound building up the mythology surrounding this area.

In *The Folklore of Somerset*, Kingsley Palmer mentions the stories of smugglers on Windwhistle Hill and how these narratives have remained as a powerful image within the minds of local people. One of these accounts chronicles a bloody incident, which involved excise men and smugglers ending in bloodshed and murder. These tales impart descriptions of ghostly encounters with the spirits of this chase encompassing sounds of horses and riders.

And with this brief history, I hope to have given you a flavour of the scene and atmosphere of this locality together with the folklore that has become attached to this region

In September 1977, Kate Walker her husband and two young sons, aged seven and six years old were returning home to Chard from visiting relatives in Yeovil. They left Yeovil at 9.30pm and were driving on the A30 approaching Windwhistle Hill, a couple of miles outside of Chard and a very isolated area.

As they came to the top of the hill Kate and her family all observed a huge orange light diffused by cloud, to their left-hand side and at the far end of Windwhistle Hill. It seemed to be right beside the road, not very high up, and was partially obscured by cloud, but they did not feel any alarm as there was a power station and pylons further along. However, as they drove nearer to the light, it was easier to observe and Kate states it was massive and totally static and very low and bright. She describes it as being cigar shaped and vast in size, maybe 200-300 feet, and she estimates the light to be approximately 800-1000 feet above them. As they got closer she noticed that the pub on the

right hand side of the road, The Windwhistle Inn , was almost in total darkness, except for a light in a small upstairs window

Kate looked at her watch to check the time as she felt it was strange that the Inn was in darkness so early as it was very popular and she remembers wondering why it had closed so early.

The time was 10.10pm, and Kate looked up again at the light, which was almost on top of them by now right beside the road. She felt very uneasy and told her husband to 'put his foot down'

The next thing she was clearly aware of was seeing a cyclist's headlamp coming the other way, which seemed to appear from nowhere, and continued on the road to Crewkerne.

Missing Time?

Upon arriving home Kate discovered, curiously, that it was now 10.50pm. Their journey from Windwhistle Hill should have taken them only ten to fifteen minutes maximum, therefore she felt there were twenty-five to thirty minutes that appeared to be unaccounted for. As her husband did not remark on this possible time discrepancy, Kate just forgot about it, but on reflection finds this odd due to the fact that their journey from Windwhistle Hill should have only taken a maximum of fifteen to twenty minutes.

A few days after this puzzling incident, Kate and her family were once again making the journey back to Chard after visiting relatives, and as they were coming over the brow of the same hill, and about 200-300 yards from the first incident, they saw in front of them on the



left hand verge, two people, one who appeared to be lying down, and the other standing. Their initial thoughts were that someone had been injured and went to slow down, when to their astonishment, the person standing took one step out in front of them..one foot remained on the grass verge at the roadside and other foot was right over the centre of the road!. Kate describes the figure as being 'abnormally tall with legs that were horrendously long and thin' Her husband swerved to the far side of the road, and around the figure, and they kept on driving and did not look back. They all agreed

that there was no one who could possibly have legs that long. Kate fully expected to hear something about this in the local paper, maybe someone being injured or taken ill on Windwhistle Hill, but she never heard anything about an incident there at all. She has commented to me that it seems very odd in retrospect that they all took these events so calmly and just got on with their lives, and never discussed it at all.

This story becomes more significant eighteen years later, when Kate, now remarried and her sons now aged 25 and 26 years, were intriguingly finally discussing the events of that night. The three of them were together talking about family holidays and the places they use to go together when Kate ask them both whether they recalled the orange light they had seen beside Windwhistle Hill. This generated a conversation on their personal recollections of this night. Her eldest son, Jeff's recollections refute the fact that they had driven under the object. He can recall Kate telling his father to 'put his foot down', but says that as he did so 'the engine died, and the headlights went out'. His father started to panic and tried to restart the car, but nothing happened. He goes on to say that at this point things became very strange and everything was in slow motion. He recalls his father lunging across the front of the car to the passenger seat and at the same time there was a very deep, humming vibration, slow and rhythmic. The passenger door was open, but he comments that he couldn't understand why his Dad lunged across the passenger seat as he had no recollection of his mother being in the passenger seat and all memory of her had gone. He then remembers his father punching the dashboard repeatedly, but everything was still in slow motion with no sound. He felt frightened and turned to ensure his younger brother was okay but Tony was looking out of the side window and seemed excited, but Jeff didn't know why, and his father was pointing and obviously shouting, but Jeff could not hear any sound and somehow things were different. He then realised his father was looking past him out of the back window and was terrified. Tony was kneeling

on the back seat looking out of the rear window and pointing at something saying "Look Jeff, look Jeff" and although Jeff could now hear him speak... his lips and movements were again in slow motion.

Entities?

Jeff then realised that there was something behind the car and felt almost paralysed by terror. He put his head down and covered his face and then for some reason said he had no memory of Tony either in the same way as he had no memory of his mother, Kate. He felt there was only himself and his father in the car. He could then see a white light through his fingers so he looked up and the light was everywhere, inside and outside of the car. It was a very bright white light and he describes it as ... like being inside lightning,... but it didn't hurt his eyes.

His last memory is of seeing a dark shape outside the car, beside the window. He describes it as being very tall and bending toward the window looking in, and having the impression that the shape was human, although he knew it wasn't, which was the reason he was so afraid. Jeff's next memory is of looking back at the orange light and seeing the 'headlamp' coming towards them only a few yards away and he remembers saying 'where's he come from'. He then looked back and the orange light had gone. He explains that initially he only remembered seeing the orange light, the cigar shape, and hearing and feeling the hum and vibration. Through the years fragmented memories of that night have returned, but as no one talked about it he felt he shouldn't mention it. He also recalls just after the incident that boys at his school were talking about strange sightings at Windwhistle Hill. Geoff's vague recollections of the incident are that he did lock the car door when his mother told him to and that he never looked behind, but can recollect knowing there were five black figures. He also feels... in his own words....that all four of us were taken and that when something looked in at him through his window, it was his turn to 'go'. This, Kate, emphasises is not just a feeling, but a conviction.



The Windwhistle Hill Location in 2000
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responsible for this family's perceptions of these extraordinary experiences?

John Heptonstall interviewed Kate and her son Jeff in 1997 and in his report he writes:

complex and less efficient process. Bartlett showed that biographical memory is essentially a re-constructive process in which only some elements of past experience are stored and are retrievable. Far from being recovered

This explanation cannot be ruled out if the transmitters were there in 1977. It could certainly explain other strange experiences people have had locally. For example Witness C's lorry being taken over and the very subtle effects an EMF event could have on his brain activity as well as an effect on the motor and some types of ignition systems being more susceptible to EMF events than others.

John goes on:

I do not believe that EMF effects will explain most of the unusual events witnesses have recorded. For example, the Walker case would be more difficult to explain as EMF hallucination although not impossible.

We then of course come to the important issue of memory retrieval and the problems with eliciting an objective truth about a strange event.

An extract from the British Journal of Psychiatry on the psychology of memory states.

It is popularly believed that memory operates as a video recorder with events being recorded and stored, awaiting recovery essentially as they were laid down. Memory is, however, a much more

unchanged, he demonstrated that memories may be reconstructed and elaborated by all kinds of subsequent influences.

It is obviously becoming more and more apparent that we need to understand the functions of memory and memory retrieval in a much more comprehensive way in order to realise the fallibility of accurate memory retrieval specifically in relation to an understanding of these inexplicable experiences



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This is of course, significant and it is interesting that eighteen years later aspects of the incident were specifically remembered in this way by Kate's eldest son, Geoff. At the time of the incident Kate remembered only some odd things, such as the pub being in darkness except for a light in an upstairs room. Geoff remembers this as being the same colour as the orange light on the hill. Kate also remembers feeling something was wrong and asking her husband to put his foot down. Furthermore, she feels that there was something strange about the time involved in driving from Windwhistle to their home in Chard. Kate's sister recalls vividly that Kate specifically commented to their Mother about this incident remarking on the unusual orange light and the time discrepancy. The younger brother, now in his twenties, did not wish to participate in the interview with John Heptonstall as he only really remembered seeing the huge orange



light. Furthermore, he did not experience the same sensations about this incident as Kate and Jeff.

Recollections...

Kate's vague recollections were discussed eighteen years on when they finally talked about this incident. Her recollections were not evident for her immediately afterwards, but during their conversation Kate found she had vague memories and a dreamlike recollection of

- ♦ *The engine cutting out*
- ♦ *Screaming at the boys to lock their car doors*
- ♦ *Something looking through her side window*
- ♦ *Five black figures walking up to the car from behind*
- ♦ *Her husband lunging to grab her and to pull her back...and then...nothing*

With regard to the second incident, all four people in the car remembered this. I spoke with Kate again recently and asked why they did not stop in a remote area like this when it appeared someone was hurt and the figure appeared to be flagging them down to stop. Kate tells me that she did not feel guilty at all about not stopping because 'she knew something was wrong and the figure did not look like a normal human being.' Her husband made the decision not to stop and had to actually swerve around the figure right over to the other side of the road.

Two to three months after their discussion and with these recollections on her mind Kate contacted BUFORA and telephoned me in the summer of 1996.

So, again I ask what did happen that night? That of course is the million-dollar question! It is interesting is it not that there were two perceived unusual events within a few days of each other. I have spoken with Kate on the telephone several times since she reported these experiences as well as communicating by mail in

recording this case.

John Heptonstall conducted his interview with Kate and her eldest son in 1997 and documented this interview in a subsequent report to BUFORA. It is unfortunate that Kate and her family have had no contact with her husband at that time so he certainly is not aware that Kate has contacted BUFORA. Furthermore, this is a sensitive family matter and therefore it is unlikely that a BUFORA investigator could talk with him at any future date in order to obtain corroboration and his version of events. However, Kate hopes that at some stage she may be able to talk with her ex-husband about the events that night, which would possibly add some vital information and create some further understanding of the Walker family's experiences during both nights. John comments too that something happened which caused both fear and concern for the family.

It appears that there is a history of odd occurrences in this area and certainly Windwhistle Hill is steeped in the traditional folklore of strange lights, visions and figures



The Windwhistle Hill Public House in 2000
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with ghostly highwaymen and galloping horses. Tantalising stuff, but is there any substance to all of this? Well, none that can be evaluated in order to give any definitive answers.

Kate is a lady, who appears to have a lot of common sense as well being a sensitive and caring mother within a loving family. She has also had more than her fair share of tragedies in the years since these experiences and wants to know if there are any answers as to what happened on those two occasions. She has tried to conduct her own research into this and hopes to return to Somerset permanently this year, which will enable her to carry out her own research. She is not prone to fantasy nor has she been specifically interested in the subject of anomalous and unexplained events. In her own pragmatic way she is chasing elusive answers to questions about what may or may not have occurred during those two nights and is open minded about taking on board the varying theories of possibilities. However it is essential that we understand the crucial issue here, which is that both Kate and her son Jeff feel absolutely that something occurred on those two nights that defies a rational explanation.

Possible Explanations?

This case is still under investigation, but it is noteworthy that there was a second incident on this hill a few days later. There are far more questions than answers here and many problems with this report, not least of which are the twenty-three years that have lapsed since it occurred and the major problems connected with objective and accurate memories from that night.

It is remotely possible that Kate and her family saw something that could have been explained if followed up at the time and the perceived anomalies of the pub being closed, the time discrepancy and other apprehensions were due to the trigger of the huge orange light being perceived as a UFO. The added effects of this remote and isolated area at night time, may have further induced some kind of fear and unease for the family. Even the second

incident of the two figures by the roadside may have been some kind of misperception due the possible unconscious effects of the previous incident. These are possibilities but many years on would be difficult to prove as a possible cause.

What of the memories so many years later, a pattern that has certainly been evident when looking at these type of experiences, where people claim they can remember more detail and clarity about a long forgotten incident. Is this because of the imagery that has been absorbed into our consciousness creating perceived and subjective models to explain what happened... and let us not forget the other influences of EM fields that may have contributed here.

Jason Eastwood, gives more information about the area after taking photographs last year. He states that the area around the Inn is deserted and surrounded by fields and woodland on all sides. The weather can move in on the area very quickly and soon cover the area with dense fog. Power cables run along the main road and past the pub. Next door to the Inn there is a building full of electronic equipment. Across the next field is a transmitter and another building with electronic equipment with a sign stating the site is owned by Vodaphone. On the opposite side of the road is an underground water exchange, which looks like a WWII bunker and is not visible from the road. Obviously some of this will not have been there in 1977.

These are, as I say possibilities, but one has to then understand that Kate and her sons feel strongly that they have curious memories of very unusual and disturbing events that night.... fragmented though they may be. In my contacts with Kate, I have always found her to be someone who very badly wants some answers to two incidents that she cannot understand, even all these years on. We cannot and should not force our own interpretations upon this family's experiences without fully understanding the wider picture of these bewildering human journeys and thereby we

have enormous difficulties, as there are a vast sea of theories out there which try to explain what may or may not have happened that night. Questions about the Walker family's experiences and the melting pot of others like them are becoming more defined and visible as people describe an ever increasing number of extraordinary human experiences. These encounters encompass all manner of amazing tales such as out of body experiences, near death experiences, after-death communication, alien encounters, missing time, visions, time warps and so on.

It is my belief that we should recognise that these curious reports remain very much human issues. Whether or not they are connections to other worlds outside our view of reality, or whether these experiences are psychological in nature, or whether they are created by natural phenomena and earth energies that we have yet to understand and harness, OR whether they are powerful electromagnetic fields interacting with the brain, OR other functions of consciousness, OR some of these things OR all of these things, OR none of these things, it is crucial that we try to grasp a small concept of the essence of what may be happening and as Roger Penrose asserts ...the ultimate mystery of existence is the human consciousness.

To conclude I leave you all with these questions,. What is consciousness? Is it only a function of the brain/mind interface? Was an external source responsible for the experiences of the Walker family? Did this source create an altered state of consciousness leading to this family's personal understanding of these peculiar events. Or was there something else happening, which for some reason on these particular nights, in this specific area, accessed doorways to those other worlds, which appear to be real and yet which are not real in the physical sense and therefore are not occurring in our perception of the physical world? Does this make them any less real to the experiencer and do we have any way to explain these experiences within the limited capacity of our language and the powerful imagery and culturally visual models that we access in trying to comprehend these mystical events. What

are the true nature of these strange human experiences and do they have a real value for us in terms of our spiritual journeys and encounters?

I would like to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Kate Walker, Jeff and Tony for allowing BUFORA to document their experiences on Windwhistle Hill in 1977.

Should any reader feel that they have any further information that may relate to these incidents, could you please feel free to contact me by letter, fax or email. Both Kate and Jeff would appreciate any information regarding these events that could shed some light on what may have happened during those two nights.

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**Kate Walker is a pseudonym*

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Mysterious Tales from Cumbria

There are some unusual reports that reached BUFORA in the early to mid-nineties from areas in Cumbria particularly around the Alston region.

The first case involves a ball of light and vehicle interference, which took place on New Year's Eve in a remote area called Hethersgill, near Carlisle in Cumbria

EM Effects?

Liz, a taxi driver was driving her father's taxi. It was 1.30am on New Years Eve 1993 and she had dropped off some passengers at their home near Hethersgill village. Liz turned the taxi around and was heading back towards the main road to Brampton, when the CB in her car was become difficult to hear and she was unable to understand what her sister 'Helena' was saying. The lights went out and the taxi just came to a standstill. Liz was extremely annoyed that on the busiest night of the year her car had broken down. She got out to start and walk back to the house where she had dropped off her customers in order to ask to use their telephone, when she became aware of a brilliant ball of white light that appeared to pop up from the rear of the taxi and just hovered about six feet in the air. It then moved to just above the roof of the taxi and hovered there. Liz told me she was not frightened by this, but fascinated and drawn to look at this ball of light. Suddenly it shot away so fast she describes it as looking like a shooting star. It moved towards Longtown near the Scottish Border. Amazed by all this, Liz got back in the car and tried the ignition, but the car suddenly jumped forward and the lights came back on. She then received a shock as the CB radio boomed out to her very loudly. She had turned the volume up fully prior to the car losing power, the car was still in gear causing it to jump forward and this is when she became scared. Her sister was shouting her name on the CB and asked where Liz had been for the last half an hour. This came as a shock to Liz as she felt she had only been out of the car for

about 5-10 minutes. She informed her sister that she had just seen a shooting star, which had hovered over her car. This was the only frame of reference that Liz could think of for what she had observed. The following day Helena told Liz that there had been a report of a UFO sighting on the radio that morning. It was observed near Dumfries.

A colleague and myself investigated this case as far as possible in February 1997, four years after the incident. We talked with Liz and her sister Helena, who confirmed that she had lost all contact with Liz on that New Year's Eve. She also confirmed that it was half an hour before she was able to contact Liz on the CB.

The trigger that led to Liz initially contacting BUFORA was due to an unusual incident which occurred in November 1996. We visited the area where this incident occurred. It is quite an isolated location on a long hill with several bends and surrounded by fields and farmland. Liz's father David, who is also a taxi driver had been ferrying passengers from the 'Talkin Village pub to the Hallbankgate area which lies to the south east of Hethersgill when he and two passengers had noticed a ball of light that appeared to be hovering in some trees at nearby farmhouse.

After dropping these passengers off he picked up two other passengers from the pub. By this time it was 1.40am and driving up the hill and past the farmhouse again and on their right hand side they observed a strange figure appearing to come through the gate from the field to their right onto the road. They describe the figure as appearing to have some kind of hat or helmet and also in front of the figure there appeared to be a 'white sheet' or something that appeared to be stuck to his outstretched hands. David swerved to avoid this figure and cannot understand what he would be doing out here on a bitterly cold night at 1.40am in this remote area. He also cannot understand why he did not stop the car and ask if he needed help. We spoke with David at length at the location where they had observed this figure. It appears that there has been

anomalous activity around this area particularly around the farmhouse with unusual light activity being reported. Unfortunately, the people who own the farmhouse and also run a bed and breakfast did not wish to be interviewed as they were concerned it would affect their business, so we were not able to receive any corroboration for the claims of other unusual activity that apparently had been occurring in this area.

Significant Factors?

However, a significant footnote here that may be relevant is the location of Spadeadam close to this area. It is/was an Electronic Warfare Training Range and used to teach NATO pilots how to avoid/engage/classify potential enemy electronic threats they might come up against in time of war. It is also a test site for British Gas, to test their pipes to see how much pressure they will take before exploding. These tests were sometimes conducted at night and could reach 200 feet into the area causing explosions that could be seen for miles

This whole area is interesting and in 1994 BUFORA received some interesting reports from near Alston, Cumbria detailing unusual balls of light that seemed to appear from nowhere observed by a family camping in a remote area a couple of miles from Alston.

Out Of Place Aircraft..

From Cross Fell, Cumbria comes a report from a shepherd who experienced some kind of very unusual events whilst looking for lost sheep on the summit of Cross Fell in 1988. She tells the following story in a letter to BUFORA and talks about ramblers in the area, who have reported unusual anomalies, which makes uncomfortable and glad to return home after dark.. The shepherd concerned had been out with her partner searching for some sheep that had gone astray. It was winter and there was a great deal of snow. They agreed to separate and go in different directions to search for the sheep. She tells the following story.

The dogs and I sat on the summit rocks to eat sandwiches and have a well earned rest when suddenly there was violent swishing rumbling sound. Looking back over the summit ridge itself towards the Dunfell Radar Beacon was a peculiar cloud or disc, which hovered for a second then disappeared down Eden Valley. I decided to retrace my steps down off the summit and continue looking for the sheep at a lower level, when the second weird event occurred. Not only were there my tracks and those of my two collies, but two more alongside them of a much larger size and deeper tread. No one could possibly have made them in the short time that I turned to observe the strange cloud. My way up was at all other times ...in my view ..from where I had been sitting. Also one of my collies started to sniff at the strange tracks, her hair bristling on her back, and then she bolted down into the valley yelping. I decided to beat a hasty retreat after her. However on reaching the lower slopes and safety, I bravely looked around up the slopes and actually saw five black clad figures approximately eight feet tall judging by the rocks they were standing by. They stood motionless for about a minute then melted away.

At a later date and again as I walked on the aforementioned lower fell slopes in search of yet more sheep, I saw what looked to be a four engined Halifax bomber banking badly between Cross Fell and Dun Fell.

Again it was a very calm day and it made no sound. My first thought was 'Oh no it's going to crash', but the horrible crunch sound never came, nor was there any sign of the aircraft either climbing out or gliding away down the valleys in the distance.

Further research has revealed that in August, several months after this shepherd's experiences, two tornado jets collided in mid-air above the nearby village of Blencarn. Four airman died.

A further irony is that Cross Fell has witnessed killing all its crew...
at least four plane crashes. Among them was a
Halifax bomber, which went down in 1943

AGM NOTICE

Notice Of The Reconvened Annual General Meeting Of BUFORA Ltd

Sunday 24th June, 2001 at 12.30pm

The 26th Annual General Meeting of BUFORA Ltd will be held at

The Linden Hall, Hampton

At 12.30pm on Sunday 24th June.

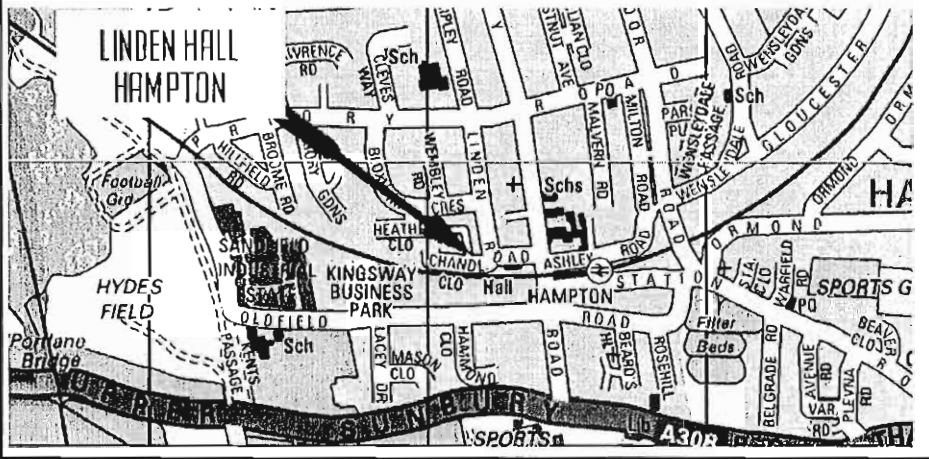
The AGM will receive the Chairman's Report, the Report of the Council of Management, the Accounts of the Treasurer, and to appoint an Auditor according to the Articles of the Association.

Signed on behalf of the Council of Management
Brian P James, Chairman 12th November, 2000

Note: Please note that any member entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy (who need not be a member of the Company) to attend and vote in his or her stead. Instruments of proxy must be lodged at the Company's registered address: 70 High Street, Wingham, Canterbury, CT3 1BJ, not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for the meeting.

Members wishing to nominate persons for election to the Council of Management, shall give to the Secretary such nominations in writing at the registered address, signed by the person proposed, stating their willingness to be elected, not less than four, nor more than twenty-eight clear days before the time appointed for the meeting, in accordance with Section 52 of the Articles of the Association. Nominations must show clearly the name of both the proposer and seconder. Whilst visitors are welcome to attend the following lecture, only members of the Association in good standing, and accredited proxies may attend and vote at the AGM. Only members in good standing may nominate, or be nominated as members of the Council of Management; or propose resolutions.

Please bring membership cards, as this will speed checking against the current membership list.



Are There Really No More UFOs?

No more UFOs...

Well, this is what sections of the British Press would have the public believe, according to stories and features during the early part of the week of 23rd April. This assertion over the fate of UFOs stemmed from a leading article (perhaps in more ways than one!) written by Simon de Bruxelles in *The Times* on 23rd April. The story was also featured by the *Daily Express* on 24th April. The story also made the BBC's youngster's news programme *Newsround* on 23rd April.

Simon de Bruxelles is not unknown amongst researchers as a debunker, but quite why *The Times* (supposedly the bastion of hard news) chose to run the story as a newsworthy item is itself worthy of investigation – though I may be going down the route of conspiracy theory in making this suggestion. Perhaps de Bruxelles is a paid up member of CSICOP! Or, more seriously, are we being diverted away from something else?

The whole leading article in *The Times* was derived from the news that the British Flying Saucer Bureau (BFSB) was being disbanded after nearly 50 years, and its founder – Dennis Plunkett, gave the reason for the group's demise as the decline in UFO reports. While it is of course sad that one of the founder groups in this country should fall by the wayside, it must be said that the BFSB hardly reflected the national picture now. When I got to know Dennis Plunkett in 1997, it was clear that the BFSB had already reduced its research, and no longer published data – in reality the group wasn't really an ongoing concern even then,

and I mean nothing detrimental to Dennis and the rest of the group in saying this. So what has happened in the past 4 years? Dennis himself indicates that the group suffered a dearth of reports, and blames the Internet – but what this actually seems to indicate is that the BFSB hadn't evolved to encompass the electronic age, and so was bypassed by the new reporting mediums of email and websites.

Dennis Plunkett, who founded the bureau in 1953 with his late father, Edgar, said:

"I am just as enthusiastic about flying saucers as I always was but the problem is that we are in the middle of a long, long trough.

"There's only so many times you can pick over old bones. There just aren't enough new sightings. It is not like being a philatelist — there is always something new to say about stamps."

"The first atomic explosions all took place on the right side of the Earth to be visible from Mars," he said.

Mr Plunkett dates the start of the decline to the end of the Cold War. "The number of sightings always rises at times of international tension and declines in times of peace," he said. "There was also a lot more secrecy about new weapons like the Stealth bombers which accounted for a lot of the sightings."

While it is true that the number of direct reports to national groups (BUFORA included) is far less than in the 1970s, it is also obvious that local groups receive a steady flow of reports, and not always from obvious sources. My local group APRA was conceived to act as a local interest group in the Thames Valley area of the UK, but via its website it receives reports from countries as far afield as the USA, Australia,

Japan and China! If this sort of trend is reflected across all local groups, then the task of establishing the full picture of UFO sightings in any one year is not so easy. In fact trying to gain snapshot of the full picture of UK sightings is a project that BUFORA is undertaking with other groups. It is quite obvious to anyone who chooses to consider the situation, that the assertion in *The Times*, and picked up by other sections of the media, is quite false!

As you may imagine, the statements by the press and media got more than a few groups and researchers annoyed! BUFORA Council were swift in sending press releases to the newsdesks of the major British national papers, as well as the BBC – and we wait for feedback. Other groups and researchers were also swift to issue press releases and send letters to the press

and media to counter the 'anti-UFO spin' that had been delivered.

In many ways the 'sudden' anti-UFO spin was strange, as in recent months and years, it has been difficult not to read articles stating that the possibilities of ET life were increasing all the time with the discoveries about conditions on planets and moons in our own solar system, to say nothing of the discovery of more and more extrasolar planets. There has also been something akin to a drip feed of articles in the popular press revolving around ancient and modern mysteries, increasing the public's perception, and even expectation, that 'The Big News' was imminent. Somehow the revelation started off by *The Times* was definitely not The Big News...

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transdimensional. I went on to draw comparisons between quantum physics and 'superstring theory', which posits the existence of extra dimensions and the possibility that 'Blue' inhabited one of these realms. These concepts and ideas are hardly the views of a confirmed sceptic.

For the record, I have just completed work on my latest project; a book entitled '*Angels of Heaven, Angels of Hell*'. This examines the foundations of mysticism and religious belief and the phenomena associated with it, from angelic entities and how they are now interchangeable with aliens, to the Nephilim and alleged reptilian entities. I also examine the reality or otherwise of religious ecstasy and stigmata, including claims of levitation, incorruptibility, bodily illumination, incredible body temperatures, speaking in tongues etc etc. This has made it abundantly clear that many saints were probably clinically insane and almost certainly suffered from multiple personality disorder. The book concludes with an evaluation of the mystical aspects of ritual magic and spiritualism. The outcome of the

work and the research has clearly shown me that all belief systems for achieving transcendence from Shamanism through asceticism to the Kabala and Sufism are valid; one is of no greater value than another.

Finally Ernie, I do not duck the difficult questions and I assume nothing. I do the digging and the research; I knock on doors and ask questions. For you information, the '*Livingston Case*' investigated by Malcolm Robinson and SPI, featuring now retired forestry worker Bob Taylor may have been an encounter with an exotic variety of anti-tank weapon, this is new information based on recently released MOD documentation. Oh, before I forget, the world famous *A70 Abduction* case, which was also investigated by Malcolm Robinson and SPI in 1992 and re-investigated by me in 2000, was in my opinion a genuine encounter, not with extraterrestrials but with extra dimensional intelligences.

Sceptic...who me?

Bufora investigates UFOs and Related Anomalies

MYTHS, MAGNETS & MAGICIANS

by Brian Allen

For millennia there have been certain areas of the Earth held sacred, revered as places of power and healing. What marked these places as being so different, so unique that cairns, temples and eventually churches were built there? The answer is obscured, layered in myth magic and legend, protected by the true believers who prefer to attribute the inherent, unique properties to supernatural agencies rather than natural forces. The entire planet is criss-crossed by a network of lines of power, geo-magnetic energies generated in the hellish inferno of the Earth's rotating molten iron core. These lines sometimes referred to as 'Ley Lines', or 'Leys', spread out like the filaments of a spider's web, carrying this natural magnetic energy all over the face of the planet.

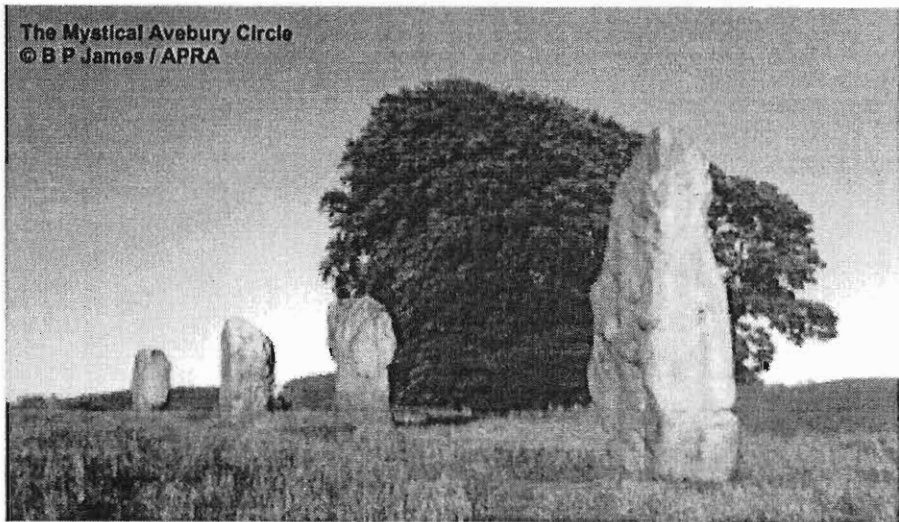
Modern research into the subject, indeed the term 'Ley lines' itself, can be attributed to one man, Alfred Watkins (1855-1935). Specifically, on the 30th June 1921 Ley lines were discovered, or perhaps re-discovered would be more apt. Watkins was studying a map identifying places of interest, when he noticed that many of the points were on a straight line, running across hilltops and skewering ancient sites like an arrow. As far as Watkins was concerned, it was '*A flash of light*' and it quickly became clear to him that this was not an isolated case, once he knew what to look for the straight alignments were obvious, forming a definite pattern across the map. This chance discovery resulted in a flurry of research, culminating four years later in his seminal work, '*The Old Straight Track*'.

The Ley Hunters

In Watkins opinion, these arrow-straight lines were remnants of ancient trade routes "*Imagine*

a fairy chain stretched from mountain peak to mountain peak, as far as the eye could reach, and paid out until it reaches the 'high places' of the Earth, at a number of ridges, mounds and knolls. Then visualise a mound, circular earthwork or clump of trees, planted on these high points, and in low points in the valley, other mounds ringed about with water to be seen from a distance. Then great standing stones brought to mark the way at intervals, and on a bank leading up to a mountain ridge or down to a ford the track cut deep so as to form a guiding notch on the skyline as you come up...Here and there, at two ends of the way, a beacon fire used to lay out the track. With ponds dug on the line, or streams backed up into 'flashes' to form reflecting points on the beacon track so that it might be checked at least once a year when the beacon was fired on the traditional day. All these works exactly on the sighting line" [Watkins, 'The Old Straight Line' 1925]

Although Watkins had noticed the anomalous layouts, he did not attribute them anything other than prehistoric trading routes, at least not in public. In his estimation, the 'ley lines' as he christened them, were associated with the Greek god Hermes (or Mercury according to Roman mythology) the winged messenger who would guide travellers on the paths. If he had any other thoughts he did not share them, justifying his position by stating, "*A Celtic God, Tout, or in its Romanised form Toutates, is supposed to be what Caesar referred to, and his name has been found on a Romano-British altar. It is a fact that the sighting mounds called Tot, Toot, Tout, Tute and Twt, about all over the kingdom, and the root is probably Celtic.... The fact that such mounds are mark-points on trackways strengthens this claim*". [Watkins, 'The Old Straight Line' 1925] Despite the fact that many of the paths led up impossibly steep hillsides, no one offered an alternative explanation until, according to the findings of researcher Paul



Deveraux, the occultist Dion Fortune in a 1936 novel claimed that Ley Lines were 'lines of energy', that followed other lines of earthly 'cosmic energy' linking prehistoric sites. The remarkable insight whether due entirely to imagination, a flash of intuition or an example of synchronicity proved astonishingly accurate. Although it was known by then that Ley Lines could be detected by dowsing and other techniques, they later became associated with UFO sightings and other paranormal events. This is not too surprising, given, as we shall see, there was an apparent plan behind the various structures erected on, or adjacent to, the leys. Whether the design was deliberate or the result of an unconscious, primitive, almost cellular knowledge is difficult to say, nevertheless the layouts and patterns are there. Strange as it may appear, the standing stones either singly, in lines or circles performed the function of items that are nowadays orders of magnitude smaller.

It is here, depending on your point of view, that the subject becomes mired in a sub-culture of superstition and myth. Apart from *bona fide* researchers dowsers and healers, there has been no shortage of groups and individuals who

either accidentally, or, as is more likely wilfully, dismiss bio and geo-magnetism as a natural, usable, functioning energy, choosing instead to create a mystique around its properties, usually as part of money making scheme. In particular, the cult of 'Scientology' adopted one complementary use of Electromagnetic (EM) energy to create a device which they call an 'E-meter'. This battery operated device, which consists of two metal contacts held by the subject and an indicator that is observed by a questioner, appears to rely on little more than galvanometric skin response to evaluate the reaction of prospective members (referred to as 'pre clears'), to certain questions. Presumably the greater the response to any given question, the more in need of help is the client.

A Deeper Understanding?

Watkins, although he noticed the co-relation between straight lines and ancient sites, could see no further. It is a fact that there exist lines of geo-magnetic energy that are now referred to as leys, practitioners of alternative medicine have harnessed them - or perhaps hijacked them would be a better word - for their own

ends. Bear in mind that the energy creating Leys is the self same energy supporting all life, in other words, 'Electromagnetism'. Apart from the legitimate use of EM in mainstream medical diagnostic procedures, for example, ECG's (*Electro cardiograms*), or EEG's (*Electro encephalograms*) etc. The alternative therapies apparently using EM effects in their application include, *Acupuncture, Biofeedback, Bach Healing, Homeopathy, Hydrotherapy, Kirilian Photography, Orgone Therapy, Osteopathy and Pyramid healing*. This list while representative is by no means complete. We will look at how the natural forces of EM are alleged to be beneficial in some of these therapies.

Perhaps the best known and most widely used of these complimentary treatments is acupuncture, it is certainly given grudging acceptance by the mainstream medical profession to the point where some doctors are also Acupuncture practitioners. The origins of Acupuncture can be traced back to China around 3000 BC. Legend tells us that soldiers wounded in battle discovered that pain relief from injuries was achieved by applying pressure to areas of the body remote from the site of the injury. Over time, this led to the discovery that there was a precise relationship between the internal organs and specific areas of the body's skin surface. In classical Chinese teaching, there are 1000 of these connecting lines of 'energy' termed '*meridians*', however, modern variants on the traditional treatments using '*electro-acupuncture*' are finding even more meridians. The philosophy and practise of acupuncture involves rather more than sticking needles into patients and is more a system of checks and balances aimed at restoring the energy or '*Chi*' levels in the body to an equilibrium. This life force or chi circulates through the body 25 times in 24 hours in a circadian rhythm.

As far as Western science is concerned, the '*Art and philosophy of acupuncture cannot be understood*' [Electromagnetic Man pp105, Cyril Smith and Simon Best pub. Dent 1989] this does not however prevent attempts to discover the science behind it; they know the therapy

works, but why? Electrical measurements show that there is a reduction in the electrical resistance of the skin within a few millimetres of a meridian point that is used to indicate its location. Neither is it necessary to draw blood to achieve a reaction, the application of pressure or a mild electrical current to the meridian is normally sufficient to achieve a response. In laboratory conditions, the use of low power lasers has produced the same results. This has, however, still not explained why this relationship between the external '*meridians*' and internal organs should be present. Recent experiments conducted by French researchers Dr. Jean-Claude Darras and Professor De Vernejoul who injected radio active tracers at an acupuncture point, found, using a gamma ray camera '*That the radioactivity travelled along the acupuncture meridian with a velocity of 3-5 cm/min. this is of the right order of magnitude to give 25 circulations per 24 hours*'. [Electromagnetic Man, p106, Cyril Smith and Simon Best, pub, Dent 1989] They also discovered that, '*The rate of diffusion along the meridian was increased when the acupuncture point was stimulated, whether by needle, electrically or using a helium-neon laser*, [Electromagnetic Man, p106 Cyril Smith and Simon Best pub, Dent 1989]

Colour Therapy, on the other hand uses a different aspect of EM, since the colour of a person's environment can cause different emotional responses; it is reasonable to wonder why. Colours, as perceived by human beings, '*Are a selection of particular frequencies of electromagnetic radiation in the visible part of the spectrum*'. [Electromagnetic Man, pp109, Cyril Smith and Simon Best, pub. Dent 1989] Therefore, we as bioelectrical machines can and do react with various frequencies within the EM frequency spectrum. In this instance colours affect us directly, physically and mentally, both beneficially and otherwise.

Healing and EM

Healing is of course another commonly used application of using EM interaction between the 'healer' and their patient. The 'gift' of healing has traditionally been the domain of a

priest or shaman who used their unique talent to benefit the group or tribe to whom they belonged. The judicious dispensation of healing 'magic' would of course serve to enhance the position of this individual in the hierarchy of the group, rendering them more or less indispensable. The difference in this case must involve different levels of interaction both psychological and physical between the healer and the patient. One or other of the people, almost certainly the healer would possess a marked degree of EM sensitivity and be able to recognise an imbalance in another. It is also likely that the 'readjustment' or 're-alignment' of a particular bio-magnetic field is carried out at an unconscious level, probably as a function of biofeedback.

extremely high frequencies. Interestingly, this was a branch of physics first explored by pioneering electrical genius Nikola Tesla, who, due to his experiments with high voltage, high frequency electricity, suffered from *Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity*, or 'EH'. Aside from human and animal subjects, the Kirilian's applied the technique to plants and trees, particularly leaves. There is one fascinating photograph showing a leaf which had a section missing, The photograph however, although showing the leaf with the missing section, but also shows, in the surrounding luminous outline, the complete leaf. Is this some form of primitive 'cellular memory', activated by electro magnetically induced resonance?

The Michael Line runs through Blewburton Hill, in Oxfordshire
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Perhaps the most spectacular use of EM in a healing scenario is Kirilian Photography. This process that was discovered in the mid to late 1890's in Russia by electrical researcher Yakov Narkevitch-Todko, who exhibited 'electrographic photographs obtained with the help of quiet electrical discharges'. This interesting development was perfected by the husband and wife team of Drs. Semyon D and Valentina K. Kirilian, who were eventually honoured by having the process named after them. The technique involves photographing the pattern of luminous discharges surrounding an object, usually fingers and toes, when the subject is subjected to high voltage combined with low current measured in mA (*milliamps*) at

There is yet another application of EM related phenomena that rely on nothing more than shape alone to produce a desired effect. Dr Lyall Watson in his groundbreaking book 'Supernature' brought this method to the attention of the public in the West during the 1970's although at the time, the claims were greeted with considerable scepticism. Dr. Watson explained that in Eastern Europe, pyramid shaped devices that would allegedly sharpen razor blades were on sale, providing the device was aligned on a precise N-S axis. It is easy to see why this unusual concept met with disbelief, although if this device does work, as it appears to do, then it must function in a similar manner to acoustic and electric

resonators and react directly with the 'memory' of the metal.

Before we examine dowsing, there is one last 'medical' use of EM worth looking at and that is 'Orgone Energy'. This was a healing therapy devised by Dr. Wilhelm Reich (1897-1957) who was, perhaps significantly, originally a pupil of pioneering psychiatrist Sigmund Freud. He claimed that his Orgone Energy was distinct from EM energy as he understood it. His therapy consisted of devices called 'Orgone Accumulators' which were constructed from alternate layers of wood and metal. The recipient of this allegedly beneficial energy would sit in a cabinet made of this laminate, and have the energy directed on them through a tube. Again, in some instances, the treatment appeared to work, although whether this was psychosomatic remains to be seen. It is also likely that some of the subjects were sensitive to EM fields, and since any structure fabricated from conductors and insulators will resonate at some EM frequency, it is possible that the 'Orgone Accumulators' functioned in a similar manner to the resonance of a human 'Healer'.

Dowsers and EM

These then, are a few of the more common practises using the EM spectrum as the driving force behind their operation, no matter how the process is dressed up, irrespective of the rituals or pseudo scientific trappings involved, there is nothing 'supernatural' *per se* about it. On an acceptable credible level, there is one remaining use of conventional interaction with geomagnetic energy that is perhaps the best known of all, the skill of the dowser. Perhaps this aspect is the most elusive yet common practical use of 'earth magic' known to man, and each one of us can be taught the skill. The ability was probably present in our pre-historic ancestors and is recorded in ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. It first appears in European writings around AD 1240, and again in the writings of Agricola, *De Re Metallica* in 1556. It again appears in the writings of Mgr. Fr. Le Lorrain SJ, a Jesuit priest who was Professor of Physics at the College of Louis Le Grand.

He writes that: "*The rod moves*" when he brought a piece of lodestone (a magnetic oxide) and placed it beside a dowser. It would appear that the action of the rod, be it a hazel fork, or thin, right angled metal rod, is due to involuntary reflexive motor movement in the muscles in the dowsers forearms and wrists, as his own magnetic field reacts with that of the lodestone. On the other hand, when a dowser walks through a natural increase of the earth's magnetic field with the rods held in the dowsing position, the action of his movement again reacts with the ambient field, to produce involuntary motor action in the forearms and wrists. The normal function of the dowser is to locate water; this is done in a similar manner. The water creates an ionising stream as it moves through the rock strata, which in turn produces an increase in local field strength. The dowser, who, through experience, recognises it as a reaction to the presence of water, detects this. Although primarily interested in locating water, it is far from uncommon for oil companies to employ the services of dowsers to locate oil, in many instances this is done, not in the field, but from a map. Just how this is achieved is not clear nor is there much evidence to indicate just how successful this technique is, nevertheless, the method is still employed.

A Modern Interpretation?

Lastly, let us consider what is surely the most bizarre proposition regarding these lines of energy yet suggested. If we consider the network of Leys as analogous to a gigantic printed circuit board and the standing stones, stone circles and ancient buildings as coils and oscillators, then we are forced to an incredible but inescapable conclusion. The lines of energy were in effect directed, tuned and amplified by the introduction of components with a modifying EM field. Because of this, our forefathers may have created a gigantic communications device with inherent therapeutic properties using the natural energy of the earth. Is it possible that the stone circles were a focal point for resonant frequencies and

the injured or sick were placed within the circles at a pre-ordained spot, allowing the healing fields to act upon them. Or were they in some way used to communicate over the length of the country. The sender, probably a priest or shaman, after a ceremony designed to alter his conscious state would stand within the circle, allowing his own electrical field to meld with the natural energy. The altered state would facilitate separation and transcendence, allowing thoughts emotions and images to become one with and modify the energy within the stones. This added energy, his input, would interweave with the existing signal like the harmonic of a carrier wave, travelling to the next junction, indeed, perhaps all of them, to be received and interpreted by the recipient, also probably a priest or shaman. If the purpose was indeed communication, it is likely that the circles were permanently manned, rather than only at specific times or holy days, if true, then worldwide, instantaneous communication is nothing new. If the purpose were medical, then, since it is now known than placing a broken limb within an electromagnetic field can speed up healing, the effects would have been similar.

If this is a workable hypothesis, then it is not inconceivable that this means of communication and/or healing didn't stop at the British coast. Given that Ley lines traverse the planet then it is possible that the rows of menhirs, (the standing stones in certain areas of France), were part of this same international network. Perhaps the odd layout of geographical points detected in the Rennes Valley is a reminder from our past, not a coded message, but the remnants of a lost technology. A primitive yet effective means of contact where language would not matter, an 'Esperanto' based on images and pictures requiring no barrier of translation. This then may be our heritage, our reintroduction to a world with no artificial barriers, back to the lost skill of telepathy, to a world where lies and deceit no longer have any provenance, back to a true brotherhood of nations.

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Will Foot & Mouth Stop The Circlemakers?

In late March, researcher Dave Haith posted an email questionnaire seeking views from various parties, asking the question above - Will Foot & Mouth Stop The Circlemakers? Dave posted six specific questions:

1. Will the disease outbreak prevent you visiting 'croppie' country this year? (The roads will be open but not the footpaths and fields)
2. As high legal fines will presumably curtail the activities of the hoaxers entering the fields, do you think the 'genuine' formations will appear?
3. If they do appear, do you consider they will have a greater validity because of the ban on humans entering fields?
4. One researcher says he has proof that 80 per cent of recent formations have been hoaxes - what percentage do you think are hoaxes? (Admittedly this question is not totally pertinent to the Foot & Mouth situation)
5. Do you think that foot and mouth will literally sort the wheat from the chaff - hoaxers or 'whatever' - when it comes to solving the circle mystery?
6. Will those who fly over the formations - our only source of news in this crisis - kindly inform the rest of us on which websites the pictures and information will be posted.

Perhaps it should come as now surprise that most serious and responsible 'croppies' responded to Question 1 with a "yes" even to the point of cancelling all attempts at 'ground research' this year, although some indicated that they would still travel the roads of Wiltshire etc, in the hope of viewing formations from roadsides.

Question 2 proved interesting, as while most researchers think that 'genuine' formations will appear, we cannot predict what effect the 'Cosmic Joker' might throw into the arena this year. Some people even thought that the £5000 fine may even act as an **incentive** to circlehoaxers - as they like the challenge and danger of skulking about in the dead of night. As Colin Andrews observes:

"If people continue to make crop circles and put the suffering farmers and animals in further jeopardy, it will show the foolhardy nature of those involved." Also, "Which ever way this goes, out of a desperately sad and I think unnecessary case of mass animal slaughter, we will learn something about my recent conclusions and man made crop circles"

Question 3 evoked mixed responses, but generally there was a feeling that 'genuine' (but how to define genuine if ground analysis is impossible this year, and even overflights of infected areas may be restricted??) formations would be more likely to indicate a paranormal factor, but not an explanation.

While Question 5 posed a direct question, many thought that 'proof' of a genuine phenomena would still be elusive. The big question still remains on '**proving the paranormal**', and the possible inability to conduct adequate ground analysis may make this year's data very questionable. Though it must be said my own **personal** challenge to the true Circlemakers still stands - *If the true Circlemakers are able to manipulate energies (subtle or otherwise) to create the patterns via an energy flow, then why not 'reverse' the flow effect. Why not cause an entire field of crop to be flattened, but leave a standing formation?*

Question 6 did elicit some interesting responses, in suggesting that this year will see far too much of 'armchair research', based on at times poor quality photographs, and don't forget that low-level overflights of certain areas may be prohibited, because of the risk of spreading the airborne virus - if the likes of RAF Lyneham (A major transport airbase) have to abandon all flights for a number of days because of possible outbreaks, then charter pilots will be subject to similar restrictions!

Unfortunately the original questionnaire didn't appear to be directed at many 'known hoaxers', so perhaps the survey results were biased. Of the hoaxers who did respond, it should be said that while they didn't state they would continue hoaxing, it was heavily inferred that they would. This simply shows them in a very bad light, and they should not expect any

sympathy from the research fraternity if they are caught and prosecuted, even if they do plead they were acting on the grounds of research.

I would hope that it should not require stating, but we of course implore all interested people to be responsible and adhere to any restrictions on access. Farmers are generally very unhappy with 'croppies' at the best of times, but if any croppie is convicted of trespass in an infected area, then it will ruin the already strained and **fragile relationship** between farmer and researchers. However tempted you may be to enter a field - if signs tell you to keep out, then **keep out** - don't antagonize a fragile situation - **be sensible!**

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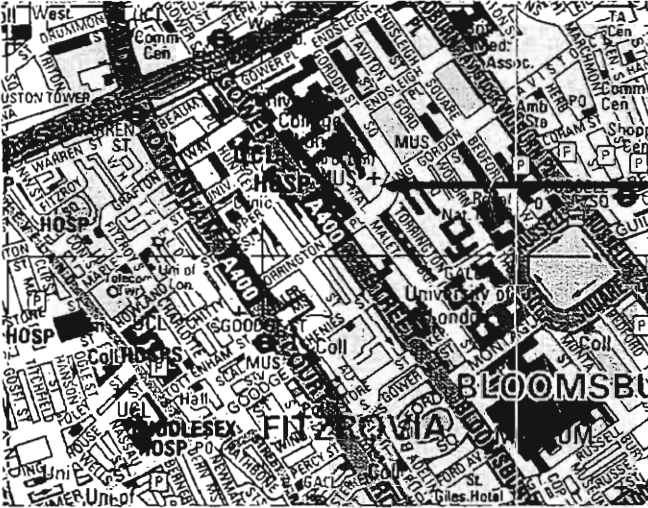
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