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Editorial

Firstly, I must apologise for the amount of spelling and typographical errors that were in the last Bulletin. You will be pleased to know that I have bought a new dictionary and Albert Budden has kindly offered to proof read for me!

On to more serious matters. Many of you will be aware, all too painfully, of the Cracoe Fell saga where the Yorkshire UFO Society and the West Yorkshire UFO Research Group have been at logger heads over the evaluation of the case.

To briefly recap, YUFOS concluded that the six photographs taken by off duty police officers on 16th March 1981 were of genuine UFOs of unknown origin. WYUFORG, after re-evaluating the case, concluded that the photographs depict light reflections off of the wet rock face of the Fell.

The result of this difference of opinion was a totally unbelievable, and unnecessary catalogue of events which has brought British Ufology into disrepute. Personally, I was sickened by the whole affair and offered to mediate between the two groups so that sensible dialogue could replace the slanging match. During this mediatory period, I gained an understanding of the case and the people involved in the controversy.

From all the evidence I have seen from both YUFOS and WYUFORG, I am of the opinion that the Cracoe Fell photographs do depict light reflections and are not UFOs. After careful analysis, BUFORA are also of this opinion, an opinion that is without bias towards any individual or

group.

Despite the evaluation of the case, one important lesson should have been learned from this whole affair; emotion plays too much of a part within Ufology, we should be able to view evaluations and hypotheses with a critical eye, with unemotive judgement and promote healthy debate, disembarking from gutter personal attacks.

May should be a big month for UFOs. No, I am not going to predict that we are going to be inundated by sightings. A whole host of new books are being published this month, which is to some degree a response to an amazing upsurge of interest in UFOs in the United States. This is solely due to the publication of the book titled *Communion* by Whitley Streiber, where he reveals his own CE4 experience (see review in this issue). Jenny Randles and Timothy Good are also publishing books this month. In a time when UFO book sales are at rock bottom, this upsurge is going some.

It is no exaggeration to say that if you have a UFO story in the United States at the moment, you can name your price for it. This is a stark contrast to the situation in this country. I was approached by a Time Life Books researcher last week and apparently they are publishing a set of books concerning unexplained phenomena including UFOs. The researcher wanted me to send her computer printouts, the latest case material I had and the last two years editions of *The Bulletin* and *J-TAP*; she was prepared to pay for the

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SCIENCE AND UFOLOGY: WHO NEEDS WHO?

Hilary Evens

Hilary is a very well respected researcher both in this country and abroad. He is a founder member of ASSAP and a BUFORA Council member. In this article, Hilary discusses whether Ufology can be classified as a scientific discipline in itself and if not, does it have a place in the scientific fraternity.

This paper was the opening address for the Forth Annual Anglo-French UFO Colloquium, held in March of last year.

In 1969, you will remember, there was a book published entitled *The Scientific Study of UFOs*. Evidently at that time, there was somebody around who felt there was at least a case for thinking UFOs deserve scientific study.

However, as you will remember, the conclusion of that book - or, at any rate, of the eminent scientist who headed the team which carried out the project which gathered the material which comprised the book - was that, taking everything into account, there was no case for believing that UFOs deserve scientific study.

Briefly: scientists did not need ufologists.

As a result, any scientist who might hitherto have been wondering about UFOs now stopped wondering about them, and went back to the more urgent job of pursuing his or her career.

However, the effect on the ufologists was different. They disputed the referee's decision; they claimed foul play; they began lobbying for a return match. Some of them even started talking about ufology as though it was a science in its own right.

At this point in the discussion, it is customary for those taking part to

produce axioms of Kuhn, Truzzi, Popper and suchlike and to bat them around the room like shuttlecocks. However, we can cut short any tendency to get lost wondering in philosophical circles by acknowledging one certainty: if there's one thing that Kuhn and Truzzi and Popper and all would agree on, it is that, as things stand, ufology does not qualify as a science in its own right.

SCIENTIFIC MERIT

However, even if UFOs do not constitute a science in their own right, it remains true that some aspects of ufology may still merit scientific study.

It can reasonably be argued that anything to which the scientific method can be applied can - to that extent - be termed a science. And clearly there are some aspects of ufology to which scientific method can be applied. Balls of light, for one; and witness misperception for another.

However, it seems likely that these aspects of ufology are precisely those which fall within the hunting rights of one or another science which already exists. Balls of light, for one, could reasonably be claimed by meteorologists, and witness misperception, for another, has already been tagged by the psychologists. So

even if we were to succeed in getting a Professor of Ufology installed at Cambridge University, chances are he would spend most of his time disputing property which arguably belongs to others of his colleagues on the faculty.

Ah, but note the plural 'others'!

Ok, we accept the interfaces with meteorology and with psychology. But what makes a UFO event so special is that it can contain elements which may well pertain to meteorology - that the ball of light - but also the psychology: because the witness who reported that ball of light, a seemingly sincere and sensible character, reported it as displaying 'signs of intelligence'.

Consequently, UFOs should be of the greatest interest to: 1) any meteorologist who is exploring the psychological boundaries of his or her subject; and/or 2) any psychologist who is investigating meteorological influences on human behaviour.

Fine; now all we have to do is find one or the other.

FENCE HOPPING

Today, we live in a world of specialist sciences. A hundred years ago there lived a race of beings who called themselves 'men of science' and occasionally 'women of science'. But the massive growth of science meant that the sheer burden of carrying around such a weight of knowledge became too much for them, so to spread the load they separated into physicists and chemists and so on. Today, even those categories are too

wide; when your hostess leads you up to a scientist at a cocktail party, it's not to Dr This the chemist, but Dr This the enzyme chemist, Professor That the physicist, but the particle physicist. Give Messrs This and That half a chance, they will go into minute detail to fill you in on their speciality...

And if you were to take a look at their careers, you would find that each of them, having marked out a little field around himself, and set up a neat little fence to go around it, is far too busy to look over the fence to see what his neighbour is doing on the other side; nor does he welcome curiosity from others until he has consolidated his claim by publishing a learned paper in a learned journal...

Well now, ask yourself, what has ufology got that would tempt a meteorologist or a psychologist to look up from his on-going project? Nothing! Nothing that will enable him to write the paper which will win him security of tenure at Cambridge University.

Quite the contrary indeed, For him to put his name to such a paper would be to condemn himself to remain in Outer Darkness throughout the rest of his career.

Well, Outer Darkness is a region we ufologists know well. It's where we have been working all our ufological lives, without security of tenure, without research funding, without cash or credit, fame and fortune. And yet it is here, if anywhere that we shall find our meteo-psychologists and our psycho-meteorologists.

NEED FOR SCIENTISTS?

It goes without saying, Ufology would gain from science's research facilities, from the opportunities it provides for full time involvement instead of evenings and weekends which are all that most of us have to spare. We could make good use of its research funds, its sophisticated equipment, its technical skills. And we could make good use of its authority; it would make our job a lot easier if we could overawe a hesitant witness by reminding him or her that we hold a doctorate at Oxbridge University...

But apart from these trappings, do we need the scientists themselves? If we were free range scientists like in the old days, yes indeed; but not today's fenced in and glad of it variety. Of course, we have the occasional Persinger or Rutledge who are willing to take a wider view; but they are out numbered by thousands to one by those who sneer that finding connections between meteorology and psychology is crazy enough, without dragging in UFOs as evidence.

I do not suppose there is one of us who has not at one time considered the possibility that he or she may be deluded. But, the fact that I am writing this article and you are reading it suggests that, having considered that possibility, we have rejected it.

But how, then, do we answer the question raised by my title? If the scientists can find nothing of value in what we have to offer them, and if they cannot be of any help to us in our work, then what is to be done?

We have two alternatives. We can sit back and wait for the scientists to think again - But then, think how long the parapsychologists have been waiting for the same thing!

Or we can create the scientists ourselves. Which is the same as saying, we must ourselves become the new kind of scientists which the new kind of data demands.

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for the magazines but little else.

If you consider the amount of information that we have collected, evaluated and collated and the expenses we have incurred in pursuit of this information we should thus get some return for this effort. Outside agencies such as Time Life Books, who will make a fortune out of this new series should be prepared to pay for the information as they have to pay for the printing of the material.

With more money injected into the subject would give us the capital to tackle the tasks that need to be accomplished to give the public some real answers, not the popularised pulp that humourises ufology beyond redemption.

One last word. Can anyone translate German? I should be receiving an article from CENAP, based in Germany and it will need to be translated into English. So if anyone fancies the challenge then write to me at the editorial address below and GET ACTIVE!!

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VEHICLE INTERFERENCE: ANCIENT AND MODERN

Manfred Cassirer

Manfred, a long standing writer for the Bulletin and J-TAP discusses the possible links with cart and car stops. Read on, all will be revealed.

According to the traditional witchcraft scenario there is a 'logical' sequence of malum minatum (the threatened act of malice), damnum secutum (malice in action). Witches were widely credited with deeds of evil intent (maleficia), and no one knows for certain how many were executed in the 16th and 17th centuries for having uttered a threat or curse previous to an occurrence of some misfortune to man, property or beast. It did not seem to worry anyone that a mere 2% of curses were crowned with success (1), or that the sorcerers themselves were often unsure of their target effect (2).

Vehicle Interference is the subject of monographs relating to ufology (3). The supposition is that cars are inexplicably stalled coincident with UFO sightings.

In the pre-mechanicle age, carts were unaccountably incapacitated, but this phenomenon was related to popular notions of witchcraft. The reason then given was that some poor old hag had been refused whatever she happend to be asking for, or because she had been crossed in some other way.

The Elizabethan, Alice Manfield of St Osyth, bore a grudge against a thatcher who was reluctant to undertake work - which, at any rate, shows that builders are a constant invariable! Passing by her in his three quarter

full cart, the latter suddenly stopped just outside her front door, where it could not be moved for over an hour (4). In 1664, two women were hanged at Bury St Edmonds, the famous Sir Mathew Hale presided over the trial. One of the indictments was that when a cart was driven against the cottage of one of the accused, she had lost her temper. The vehicle thereupon, "Stuck fast in the gate, where its wheels touched neither of its posts, and yet was moved easily forward on one of the posts (by which it was not impeded) being cut down" (5).

At the Lamb Inn, inconvenience of a not dissimilar nature was indicated when the landlord started a fast service to London. His "Flying Waggons" were beset with technical troubles and all manner of mishap spoiled the project, such as chains breaking and the horses suffering from trembling fits. This was laid at the door of an (unnamed) suspected witch, rather than a combination of bad luck and/or mismanagement. And yet was he right after all, for his house was plagued by the most severe infestation of Poltergeist haunting? (6)

This was toward the end of the 18th century, with witchcraft on its way out. At the beginning of our own, a poor Scottish woman, denied a small quantity of corn for her chickens, put a curse on the unobliging farmer. Driving his cart across a ford, a wheel came off and his sack of corn

was appropriately spoiled. Witchcraft had ceased to be a crime, yet the woman herself firmly believed in her maleficium and would have fared ill indeed in a less progressive age (7).

But universal enlightenment was not the end of the road for anomalies, though some 16th century writers (eg, Reginald Scot) had prematurely written them off. There was to be only a slight shift to topical new technology of which there are now so many high priests. Mark Rodeghier estimates the total number of cases of vehicle interference in America and Europe are in the region of 500. A few typical ones follow.

1. A Cheshire farmer is forced to discontinue his journey by car when his battery fails. Presumably no witchcraft was involved, and yet the UFO held responsible for it also stopped his cows from giving milk: a classical case of maleficium.

2. A driver in Yorkshire sees a "large domed disc" and cannot start his engine until after its departure (there was also a "landing trace").

3. In Lancashire a cyclist finds his engine suddenly seized up while an enormous object hovers nearby. The motor-bike functions perfectly when the UFO takes its leave after a quarter of an hour.

This is nowadays known as the EM effect, an up to date version of magic. Rodeghier thinks in terms of causation by a physical, mechanical device rather than, eg a natural phenomenon.

It is often thought that people accidentally come across experiments carried out by the military in unexpected (and rather unlikely) places. If so, they never seem to come to any palpable fruition. Even less suitable is the attribution to activities by extra-terrestrial alien visitors, except for perhaps science fiction. There only remains the possibility of a super PK effect, but instigated by whom, what or why?

The evidence for this paranormal hypothesis is weak as applied to UFO cases, but fits our earlier ones, provided of course that a more prosaic, normal, explanation must be ruled out as inapplicable.



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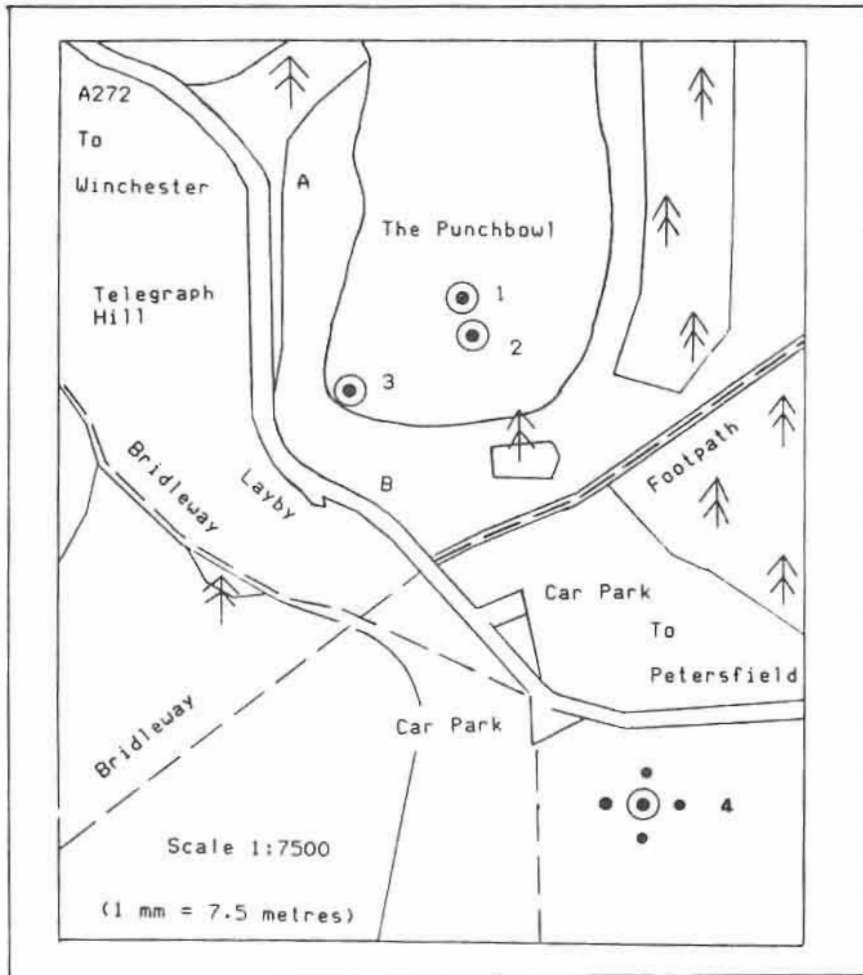
THE MYSTERY OF THE CIRCLES Part 2

Paul Fuller

Paul continues his detailed chronology of the circles saga.

On Monday, I phoned Chris Wood to tell him about the second circle, the one that I had discovered. Unfortunately, it later transpired that a reporter from the Solent Press Agency David Thurlow, had visited the site as late as

6.56 pm when there was only one circle, but another sightseer noticed and photographed the second circle at 7.45 pm. This means that the circle appeared in a 49 minute gap in daylight, whilst all the circles up to 1985 had appeared over night.



Was the hoaxer becoming more daring?

As it turned out, a Mr Grey of Horndean later contacted me to tell me that he and a friend was at the layby at the top of Cheesefoot Head between 6.30 and 6.45 pm. At the time not only was there the single, larger circle set in the centre of the field; but there was also a car, a red or maroon Vauxhall Victor he thought, parked at the northern edge of the field. No one appeared to be in the car or the field, but it still seemed suspicious to say the least that a car should be so close to the site of a new circle less than an hour before its appearance, and at one point where the hillside was very rugged and unsuitable for vehicles. Who could be parked there at this time? What could they be doing?

Next on the phone was David Thurlow himself. What do you know about the second circle? (Did he suspect me) Could UFOs have caused them? I don't think he liked my answer to the last question as nothing ever appeared in any newspaper. However, the Solent Press Agency tipped off Alison Becket of the 'Daily Telegraph' and having flown over the circles that morning, Alison was clearly astonished by their appearance. What could I tell her about them? Well, Don't believe all that you read in the papers.....

A British UFO Research Association investigator, Mr Paul Fuller said: "The weather seems to be the most plausible explanation, though there are a lot of unanswered questions. But we're sure there is no connection with UFOs. Most UFO reports have very ordinary explanations."

Fortunately, the article on page 6 of Wednesday's edition, did provide BUFORA with some superb aerial photographs of the circles, obtained from the Daily telegraph by Mike Wootten for the public meeting, even if it did dampen media interest in the circles. The photos clearly showed the egg shape of the second circle - the whole formation was only 46 feet across compared with 86 feet for the first circle.

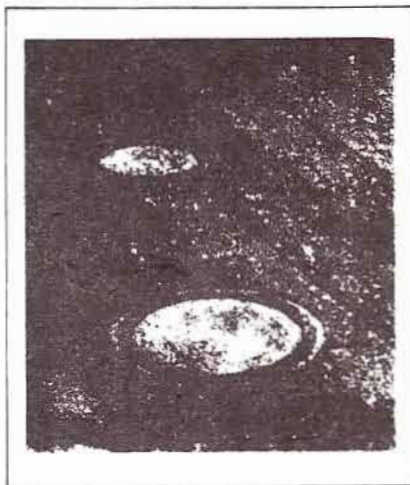
"Mystery of the Circles" was still awaiting its circulation to the media, as BUFORA had agreed to wait a week for Chris Wood to publish his story in the 'Express'. However, after the press releases were sent out, both Radio Solent and BBC TV South contacted me to find out more. Dennis Scillicorn of Solent interviewed me at Cheesefoot Head on Saturday, trying to entice me to tell him everything we knew about the circles with promises of nationwide publicity on Radio 4 for the lecture on Monday. Meanwhile, Jenny Randles was being quizzed by Derek Jameson on Radio 2 (at 7am!), an experience not to be missed by anyone! Then came my one and only television interview, arranged very conveniently for 9am on a Monday morning (I'm supposed to be at work!). Carolyn Hall, of 'South Today', interviewed me by the layby at the top of the punchbowl, with the two circles in the background, despite the driving rain and a succession of lorries trundling noisily up the hill next to the layby. That evening, just as the public lecture was beginning at the London Business School, they broadcast my description of the 1983 'Daily Mirror' hoaxed circle, but edited out my references to the work of Terence Meaden and the fact

that there were no such thing as alien spacecraft!

That evening was BUFORA's public meeting, designed to launch "Mystery of the Circles", demonstrate BUFORA's objective investigation of the circles and once and for all to lay the media myth that giant spacecraft had created the circles without being seen. Jenny Randles began the meeting by introducing the pressmen and audience to the circles phenomenon, the increasing complexity and frequency of their appearance, and the unjustifiable speculation of the media. This was followed by a poll in which only a handful of the audience felt sufficiently confident to express any preference at all for the 'cause' of the circles. Next it was my turn, describing the established features of the circles - their precise definition, the characteristic 'swirl' pattern, varying shapes and sizes, a lack of damage in the adjacent crop - and then the theories that had been proposed at that fateful meeting last October, ranging from helicopter downwash to remotely piloted vehicles and teams of hoaxers smuggling 30 foot chains into the field at night.

Pat Delgado was then invited to describe his experiments in attempting to replicate circle features, and how difficult it would be to force the crop down without damaging it at night. Pat revealed some interesting features in the second Cheesefoot Head circle - the existence of two swirl patterns, the odd shape, and the twisting together of wheat stems at the centre of the circle.

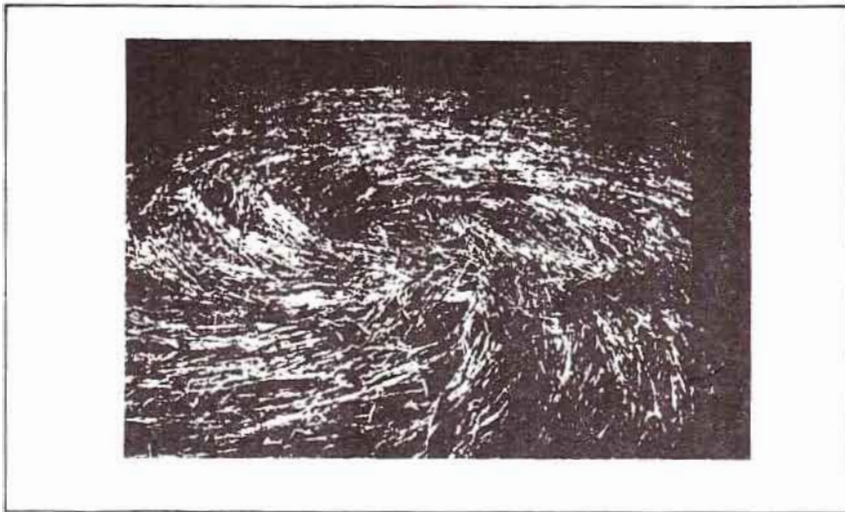
Chris Wood described some of the circles he had measured in previous years, how no two sets were ever the same size, and how no two circles in any formation appeared to be identical. This was followed by Dr Meaden, describing his extensive research into the circles since 1981, how his research was continually producing reports of circles that had never made the newspapers, and how a 'natural' theory might well account for all the circles.



It was all to the speakers' credit that the meeting took place in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding rather than an ignominious slanging match. BUFORA's status can only have been enhanced by this meeting as it demonstrated an ability to work closely with all parties involved, regardless of of their respective viewpoints, whilst maintaining a detached and objective approach to the circles mystery. At no point in BUFORA's involvement with the publicity surrounding the circles has speculation or unsubstantiated opinion been voiced by

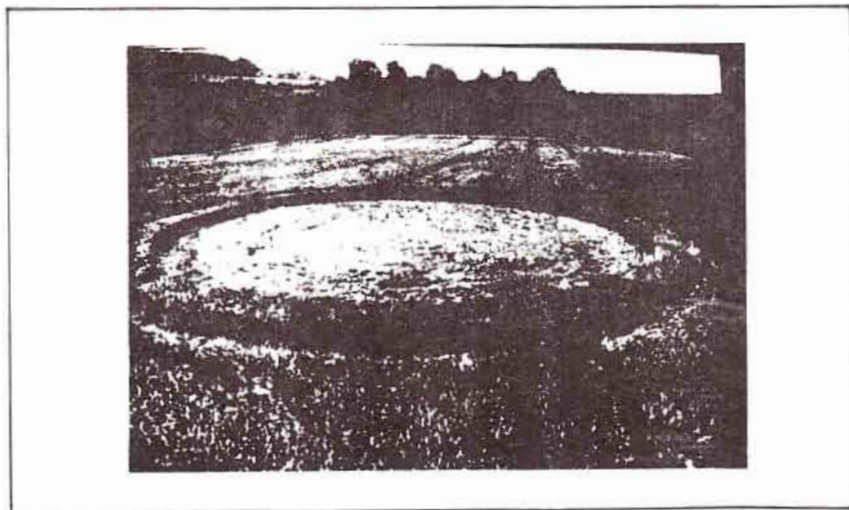
BUFORA's investigators , we've simply wanted to investigate and publicise our findings when asked to do so.

of any surprise to seasoned investigators that no particular speaker had succeeded in winning all the



The meeting ended with yet another poll to see who, if anybody, had won the debate with a convincing explanation for the circles. It cannot be

votes. Dr Meaden's theory polled about 33% of the vote whilst various hoax theories accounted for a further 33%. Significantly, only three people



were still willing to blame UFOs for the circles even though it was pointed out that no unexplained UFO report had been made at any circle site on the day that a circle had appeared, and that even if there was an unexplained report it would still be wrong to account for one inexplicable phenomenon with another. Despite all the work and effort put in over the years by circles researchers, some people still seemed willing to venture esoteric theories - as they had done at the October meeting when I was first introduced to the circles.

Only the "Guardian" seemed prepared to accept our version of events in an article published the following Friday; all other media sources continued to promote the extra-terrestrial explanation. Somebody even went to the trouble of carving out the message "WEARENOTALONE" in the field at Cheesefoot Head during August. This, if it proves anything at all, proves that somebody somewhere believes they can make money out of the UFO explanation.

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BUFORA PRESENTS TWO PUBLICATIONS

MYSTERY OF THE CIRCLES

After previously selling out of this publication, BUFORA, due to public demand, has reprinted this excellent report.

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Feature

TERROR IN THE HOUSE OF DOLLS

Albert Budden

Albert Budden is a London Accredited Investigator who is particularly interested in high strangeness cases. He has recently re-investigated the Rowley Regis case. In this article, he discusses another equally bizarre case.

This extremely bizarre case began in August 1979, in the Gateshead area of the north east of England. The witnesses involved have asked for complete anonymity because of the high strangeness of the events that unfolded over a period of months. They feared that they would be regarded as insane, and if it were not for the tactful and discrete handling of the witnesses involved by investigator John Watson, this case may never have come to light. I am indebted to John for providing such a detailed and full report, and it is his first hand description that forms the basis of the account given here.

The story begins in the early hours of Sunday, August 12th, 1979. Carol, aged 22 and her husband Steve, aged 24 were in bed. At about 1.30 am they heard a strange noise outside the house. Steve described it as being like a lawn-mower going full blast with a 'bleeping' sound mixed in. It only lasted a few minutes and was soon forgotten. Since then it has become apparent that other people heard and saw things that night. This isolated event was not spectacular in itself, but it heralded a series of events which were to terrify an entire family.

On Thursday, August 16th, Steve was at work on night shift, and Carol went to bed

as normal. In their next room their three year old daughter, Nicola was asleep. Carol however, had difficulty in sleeping as she was troubled with tooth-ache. At 2am on the morning of Friday, 17th, she went downstairs to make a cup of coffee. She had returned to bed and was drinking her coffee when she saw a red light shining through the curtains. Puzzled by this she went to the window and drew one of the curtains aside. Outside the weather was misty and damp (in August?). About one hundred yards away on the opposite side of the field were a terrace of houses, and above these she could see an object apparently hovering above them. It consisted of a group of orange, red and white lights, with a faintly lit dome just visible above them. After a couple of minutes all the lights but one went out. Carol could now see a dark shape like a flattened bell. The remaining light was red and positioned in the middle of the object's underside.

It appeared to be about the width of one of the houses (angular diameter estimated at 1-1.5 degrees of arc, J.W.). After a further couple of minutes, the object began a spiral movement upwards and disappeared.

At a loss to explain this phenomenon, Carol returned to bed and lay awake. After a matter of minutes she was

startled by a low rumbling noise just outside the bedroom window. She looked up and was astonished to see, hovering at the top of the curtains, a small flattened bell-shape just like the one she had seen outside. This one however, was only eighteen inches in diameter and appeared to be lit from within with a pale grey light. Behind the object was what Carol could only describe as a 'swarm' of tiny glittering objects. The disc followed by the swarm moved to the light shade in the middle of the ceiling and hovered there. Then the 'swarm' descended on Carol. She described the sensation she then felt as a tingling one accompanied by a heavy feeling as if she was being pushed down. She felt subdued and her senses were dulled. Also she could hear a loud buzzing and droning noise. After a few moments the 'swarm' slowly returned to the disc. As it left her, she could feel herself slowly returning to normal. The disc then moved towards the open bedroom door, paused, went out, then came back in, and left altogether.

Fearing some harm would come to her daughter, Carol dashed into Nicola's room. The object was nowhere to be seen. Carol then brought Nicola into her own room and they shared the bed for the rest of the night. During this time however, Carol could hear the strange 'lawn-mower' noise which went on all night.

At about 5.30 in the morning she was beginning to doze off when she felt the tingling sensation come over her again. She gave a start and this seemed to shrug it off. At 7.00am, Steve came in from

work and found her crying and in a state of shock. After the incident, Carol said she felt hot and flushed and that the wax was running out of her ears. Also, during the next few days she felt a pain in her left cheek and jaw and developed a slight rash on her neck.

For the next thirteen days nothing strange happened except that Nicola would often run into their room at night; something she had never done before. Often she would seem frightened or apprehensive at these times.

The next incident occurred on Thursday, 30th August. At 4.00 in the morning, Nicola woke Carol up, and she had to go into her room to settle her down again. After doing this she was just about to leave the room when she was overcome by the tingling sensation. She glanced at the floor of the room, and there beside her daughter's bed was a small bell-shaped object just like the one she had seen in her own room a fortnight previously. This time however, it was on its side and was much more brightly lit than before. Abruptly it disappeared. Carol was just about to scream when it suddenly reappeared and she was subdued by the same sensation as before. It then appeared near the ceiling light and was upright again. It slowly moved to the window, and then appeared to pass through it (it is not clear here if the window was open or shut) to the outside. Carol now found that she was free from the sensation and screamed. This brought Steve running in from their own room. He was just in time to see a flash of light just outside Nicola's bedroom window.

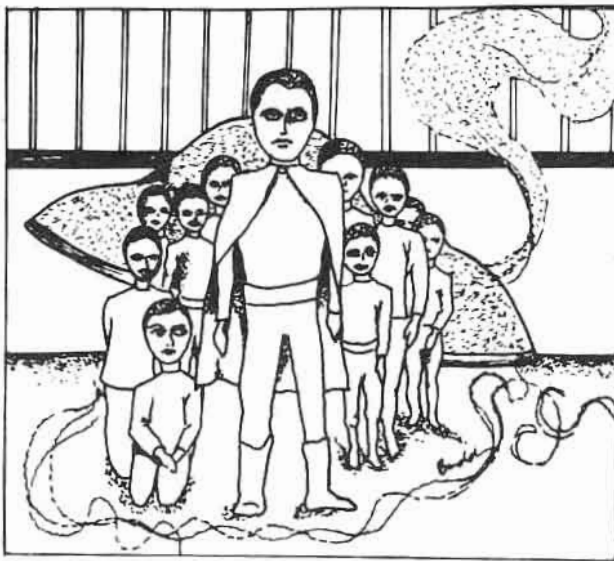
The next morning at breakfast, Nicola wanted to go upstairs to the toilet. Instead of going up by herself, she wanted someone to go with her. Steve asked her why, and she said that 'hulk' was up there and that he had pushed her down. Apparently, anything that Nicola found strange or frightening she would call 'hulk'. After this incident Carol went to her family G.P. who told her that she was suffering from hallucinations and prescribed her the following drugs: Parahypon, Librium and Normison at night. The former are sedatives and the latter sleeping pills.

On Sunday, September 2nd, Steve heard the mower noise at night, all through the night. He said it seemed as if 'it was circling the house in all directions at once'. The next event was the most startling of all. Monday, September 3rd, Steve was on night - shift again. Carol was too frightened to stay in their own house, so she spent the night at her mother's house, which was approximately 100 yards away. She slept on her own in the spare room, Nicola sleeping with her grandmother. Just after midnight, she felt "the sensation" for a moment but it passed away rapidly. John Watson, investigator of this case writes: What happened next, Carol would only tell me after great persuasion. She would not have told anyone anything about it if her brother Walter had not actually asked her if there had been any further developments. He did this because he too had felt the sensation at mid-night and had heard the mowing noise seemingly right inside his room, in the same house. Also,

at about 4.00am, he saw a light in the passage which seemed to go towards Carol's room. Carol related the following after her brother had asked her directly if anything further had happened: At 4.00am she had again felt the "sensation", but stronger than ever before. She was in fact almost completely paralysed and could only move her head with extreme difficulty. She managed to turn sufficiently to see that the disc-like object had appeared in the room. It was hovering about five feet from the floor in the corner of the room. It appeared dull grey and was not shining. This time however, it had a narrow tube like projection coming from its upper surface, near the edge and at an angle. The sensation then left her, but before she could scream it was replaced by a relaxing and floating feeling. She was still paralysed however.

Again, she still managed to turn her head, and this time she saw, right behind her bed, a group of small beings. Some were standing and some were kneeling. More were beside the door, and they all approached the bed by where Carol was, until the entire group of about a dozen were close by her. Her glasses were on the floor so she could not see them clearly. The following description is aided by a later incident when Carol was wearing her glasses.

They were approximately thirty inches in height, and their heads seemed rather large for their bodies. They all had tall foreheads, large pale eyes and full lips. Their faces were strangely beautiful and feminine, and she could not determine their gender. Their skin was pale in colour and



they wore white clothing. One individual was wearing a white cloak. Carol described their hair as being close cropped and artificial, 'like a doll's hair'. She referred specifically to the sort of hair used on 'Action Man' dolls. The cloaked being reached over to her and touched her eyes. Carol did not feel this. It seemed interested in her eyes and her glasses on the floor. In fact, it seemed to be examining them, though she could not say for sure as they were out of her line of vision. The same cloaked individual then communicated with Carol. John Watson uses 'spoke', and explains his use of inverted

commas by relating that there were no facial movements, and puts "telepathy"?). The words 'spoken' were, "She's just like any other Earthling". Carol was not sure then if she heard the words audibly or 'in her head'. She also heard the beings making frequent clicking noises. She then turned her head away and felt the floating sensation leave her. Looking back, the beings and object had vanished. Outside however, she could hear the mowing noise. Totally bemused, she went to the window. Outside the street lights were flickering.

The second part of this article will appear in the July edition of the Bulletin. Ed.

Booklook..... Reviews

UFO-RIA AND UFO HYPE

Jenny Randles

Jenny Randles reviews the amazing upsurge of media interest in UFOs over in the United States, a hype that is poised to leap-frog over the Atlantic to Britain. But with what consequences?

In 1985, when I published a book entitled "Science and the UFOs" (Blackwell, with Peter Warrington) I never expected it to earn someone a million dollars and help create the storyline for the TV soap 'The Colbys'. But it did! Sadly none of that million dollars is heading my way, or else I would be writing this from sun drenched Hawaii instead of rain sodden Cheshire. Still-its about as close as I will get!

In the book I wrote a long chapter about CE4 cases; where witnesses lose a period of time and under hypnosis retrieve memories of a supposed kidnap aboard a UFO. I described an 'archetypal experience and related the work of New York artist, Budd Hopkins. In 1981, he published "Missing Time" (Marek), undoubtedly the best book on the topic, but sadly never published in the United Kingdom.

Hopkins had worked with psychiatrist Dr Aphrodite Clamar on a group of abductees he had found. He records the early attempts to unravel their memory and the similarities which emerged. In Britain, I have been involved with work such as this, carried out by the team of lawyer Harry Harris. My book "The Pennine UFO Mystery" (Grafton, 1983) records some of this, concerning police officer Alan Godfrey and his 1980 abduction in Todmorden,

West Yorkshire. Regular attendees at BUFORA lectures will have heard about other cases. The parallels between them and the comparisons in both American and British data are staggering.

In November 1983, I met Hopkins in the USA whilst working on "Science and the UFOs". We found even more correspondences. Witnesses in both sets of data were being hit by light beams, entering a room, being examined on a table or bed, having telepathic contact and being fed with a cover story which often concerned cuddly animals in place of the aliens. There were many other features that related also. Could this possibly be due to a psychological phenomenon? I began to doubt that. It was one of the first times I came to seriously question my scepticism about alien reality. Abduction cases do that to you!

Someone read my comments about Hopkins and CE4 cases. It was Whitley Streiber. Whitley who? Yes, I asked too. But he is a well-known American novelist who has written horror fiction which has been turned into movies. 'The Hunger' and 'The Wolfen' are two of them. His brother bought him my book for Christmas. We do not know why, as he claimed not to be interested in the subject. By quite a coincidence Streiber had just undergone an abduction days earlier. He had not recognised it as such. But

reading my words soon changed all of that.

If you find any of this just a bit suspicious, well you will not feel an awful lot happier when you read on. Streiber placed together some vague images of faces at windows, bright lights, odd sounds and puzzling childhood dreams. Two key events had occurred in his country home in New York State in October and December 1985. Early in 1986 he contacted Budd Hopkins, via the telephone directory and my direction in the book. Hypnosis was arranged by way of a Dr Klein and some pretty confusing memories emerged. Rather than spend months or years probing into the matter, as is usual, Streiber had persuaded his publishers to give him a million dollars for the tale within weeks.

The book appeared in the US stores in February, not much over a year after he had picked up "Science and the UFOs" and had been so shocked by the words his blood ran cold. (I guess it is some consolation that I shocked a famous horror writer with the truth!) To be fair to Streiber he tries to persuade us of his sincerity. He takes a lie detector test and brain scans, detailed in the text. He also has endorsements from famous scientists, ufologists and even an astronaut.

"Communion" is the title. It shot to the top of the non-fiction best seller charts and created a sensation. he was on chat shows, magazine covers, the lot! Ufology was in full prominence again. Budd Hopkins, who had a new book coming anyway, will hopefully share in some credit for

releasing the Streiber story, but how much of the money I wonder?

It was this hype and euphoria which led to the flagging TV series 'The Colbys' to decide to have the character Fallon Carrington/Colby abducted in the final episode of the 1987 season. It will be seen in the UK later this year. Half a million dollars were spent on the scenes shot by the special effects man from 'Star Wars' fame.

Now the fuss is about to start over here! "Communion" is published by Century on 21st May and the Author is being flown over for a tour that seems destined to take in chat shows like "Wogan" and all points east.

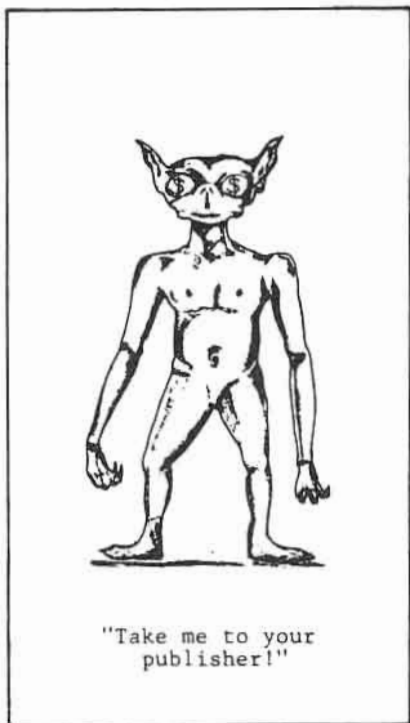
You must make up your own mind about the sincerity of this fairly standard CE4 tale. The book is interesting, but confusing. Quite what it will do to ufology in the UK remains to be seen. But there are already indications that it will stir up increasing excitement and we might all be kept very busy.

By fortune I have a new book out in the same week - "The UFO Conspiracy: The First Forty Years" (Blandford). I am not sure if it will gain from that, or whether Streiber will walk off with all the publicity. Of course, the interest cannot harm the forthcoming Congress '87, can it?

Hopkins new book is now out in the USA, called "Intruders" (Random House). I hope it makes it to Britain. Having seen an advance copy, this is a devastating review of abduction research, which goes some way towards proving alien

intervention as a reality. Hopkins has found evidence for genetic experimentation on humans which is so disturbing and yet well documented, that it is the stuff that prepares you for nightmares.

It is perhaps the ultimate irony that whilst 'The Colbys' trivialises the whole thing, these two books have forever altered ufology. A horror writer has written fact and produced a tepid tale. A ufologist has done likewise and produced sheer horror!



Vehicle Interference. Continued

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Circles Continued

So what does BUFORA believe about the circles? What are our findings about these fascinating but elusive formations now that nine (yes nine!) sets have appeared across Southern England? In my next article I will describe some of the publicity and developments that have happened after BUFORA's meeting, and the hypotheses the most likely to explain the "Mystery of the Circles".

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Feature

THE WARMINSTER PHENOMENON: A RE-EVALUATION Part 2.

A.R Terthis and Robert Moore.

LIES, DAMN LIES, AND WARMINSTER UFO HOAXES

Warminster not only attracted the curious and the faithful, it also attracted UFO hoaxes as well. Although the number of such incidents were few, they generated much negative publicity. Some of these pranks were unnoticed by the media. However, they did get to hear of other such events, like the infamous Battlesbury hoax, which was staged in March 1970. This event involved a purple filtered light attached to the top of a car, which was paraded in front of a group of unaware skywatchers. This incident did considerable damage to serious ufology, and is used as anti-UFO propaganda to this day. Such incidents may be good psychological experiments, which prove that people see what they want to see, but the Battlesbury hoax turned serious ufology against any possible genuine phenomenon in Warminster. One wonders how many undetected hoax sightings ended up in Shuttlewoods books as genuine UFOs?

ORGANISATIONS AND FESTIVALS

Where you have a hungry queue at a taxi rank you have a hot-dog seller. Where you have lots of skywatchers, you get UFO centres and UFO festivals. The popularity of Warminster as a UFO Mecca attracted not only visitors to the town, but also those who wanted to live where it was (supposedly) "all at". Some wanted to be there

for that reason alone. Others wanted to set up Flying Saucer centres, with books, magazines, bed a breakfast facilities, and all the other paraphernalia that has become associated with such endeavours. One such venture was the Fountain Centre, created by the author of a couple of sensationalistic books, and his wife. This was situated at Star House on the Portway, Warminster; a large cottage just off the road, with a lane for access. A magazine called the Fountain Journal, was produced and ran for eleven issues before the principles vanished under questionable circumstances. Just before they left, in a storm of controversy, graffiti appeared on the Cradle Hill Barn, exemplifying the feelings of the skywatching fraternity at that time, with verses such as: "Go back to venus, we don't want your lies any more!". This typified the anger and disillusionment of those who were seriously attempting to find out facts, whilst being fed stories that the people in question were visitors from Venus, who had come to Earth in a flying saucer! Whether or not these people originated and spread the stories themselves in unknown, but they did little to restore any sense to this issue.

The Fountain Centre moved to London and a Christmas issue of their magazine published in place of the Fountain Journal, but after that nothing more was heard. It is not known how many people took up the offer of a

ten year or life subscription, but one must feel sympathy for them if they did not receive refunds.

The UFO Info Exchange Library was next on the scene, with branches in Trowbridge, Weston - Super - Mare, Southampton and of course Warminster. The Warminster branch was doomed to failure, due to the influences of a religious-occult movement which gradually dominated the branch's activities. Visitors to Cradle Hill were handed leaflets, not on UFOs, but explaining how the above movement originated on Pluto (or something of this nature). Inevitably, visitors curtailed their stay, never to return. Thus, the Warminster branch collapsed, shortly followed by the rest of the organisation. In fairness, it must be said that in its better moments the group did some good work before becoming infected with the complaint that infected so much of the Warminster scene: Terminal Cultism!

Since then, hotel owners and businessmen, realising the possible profits from flying saucers, set up publicity drives and became involved in another concern, The Warminster UFO Club, which vanished from sight, unnoticed, leaving Mr Ken Rogers and his British UFO Society as the only ufological representatives resident at Warminster. In time, even they shut down their skywatch cottage.

It seems that the "UFO recession" has hit Warminster hard, and now only publicity stunts (such as proclaiming the return of "The Thing") aroused any interest from the media. When the Westbury

Circles (probably of meteorological and/or man-made origin) appeared one summer, speculation ran wild in certain quarters, their feelings being that they were the prelude to important events. Even Now! magazine quoted Mr Rogers as saying that he was awaiting an imminent extra-terrestrial invasion. When the findings of the circles investigation were sent to Now! (and the local media), they, and most of the other newspapers chose to ignore it. However, the Wiltshire Times and News, gave front page, verbatim coverage to the release, to their credit. It is fitting justice that Now! has now gone to the great media morgue in the sky!

So it was obvious, that by and large, that the press were only concerned with "interesting" and "startling material" and were not really interested in contradicting themselves a few weeks later, even in the name of truth.

Things had been quiet on the UFO front in this area lately, and the rumour was that this was the calm before the storm..

Suddenly, television, radio and the newspapers were so full of the latest Warminster "happenings" that it appeared that insanity was taking control of ufology. This was the result of one of the biggest publicity drives in ufology for years, master-minded by that master of the press release, Mr Ken Rogers. August 27th, 1981 was to mark the return of The Thing! (plus crowds of yore!). It succeeded only to a limited extent in the latter. The prospect of witnessing the "second coming" (according to the Sun) and to see Mr Rogers attempting to contact the alien

visitors, by sitting in a triangle of lights, attracted about fifty people to Cradle Hill and a further 250 people to Cley Hill. Unfortunately, the space brothers failed to materialise and the crowd (mostly reporters) became more and more disgruntled as the evening wore on. The emissaries of The Guardian, Radio Oxford plus many freelance agents exhibited amazing patience as they anxiously awaited the arrival of Mr Rogers and his illuminated triangle. As it later transpired, following the example of the space brothers, he to declined to put in an appearance. The odd satellite was more than enough to elicit a few whoops and yells from the younger seekers of the sensational; an aircraft seen at about 9.00pm looming over the Cope, to some heralded the beginning of an extra-terrestrial onslaught causing some of the faithful to scramble for their binoculars. The festival was a total farce and was summed up quite adequately by the Wiltshire Times and News the following week.

Never fear, however, a UFO was sighted, like a white rugby ball in the sky, according to the Guardian (29th August 1981). An alleged witness, an army corporal, was so impressed that he applied to join the British UFO Society on the spot. This was confirmed by Ken Rogers, but subsequent enquiries produced somewhat less satisfactory results. So besides giving Ken Rogers and BUFOS a severe knock, the whole stupid episode lost much of the respect ufology was trying to gain and also gave people a chance to laugh at Warminster and anything that might

emanate therefrom. The Sun newspaper took great delight in reviewing the situation in a cynical manner and went to town by digging out silly comments made by locals involved in the festival, such as the story that one of the participants was the reincarnation of Moses, who claimed that he saw the pyramids being built! Reporter Colin Dunne went on to talk of the second coming and of a local woman who claimed to have seen amongst other things, a column of Roman soldiers. Later Rogers claimed that the whole thing had been a misrepresentation, but when one takes into account his considerable experience with the media, this claim seems somewhat dubious. The only result was that ufology, and BUFOS in particular, suffered. Therefore, the question one has to ask: what was the intended purpose of the festival and how could it have possibly helped serious ufology? Assuming that there was a purpose.

CONCLUSIONS

It is quite possible that something strange occurred in and around Warminster at the time when "The Thing" was given its birth. The true nature of th noises and lights will probably never be known. Because of the time lapse, little can be done in the way of re-investigation. The noises remain the single most inexplicable. The lights could be put down to aircraft, astronomical bodies and military flares. The daylight cigar and disc sightings may well be attributable to balloons, birds or aircraft. The Thing phenomena could well have been due to it being "fashionable" (for a time) to see things in the sky, just as

in the fable, "The kings New Cloths", where the king in question was sold an "invisible" suit which, supposedly, only the wise could see. Despite there being no suit, the subjects were thrilled by its fit and colours! Judgement may well have been clouded due to the publicity given to the reports. Other not-so-strange tales were distorted so badly, that, by the time they saw print, they bore little relation to the original account. All this, plus the "celestial" telephone callers, Caellsan, Selorik and Traellison (Warminster Mystery) as well as a visitor, Karne (Warnings from Flying Friends), deemed that it had to end in an extra-terrestrial solution. The UFOs were proclaimed to be spaceships, or more quaintly, Sky Chariots. The Space Brothers were born and out of the window went any semblance of scientific objectivity.

To some, the conclusions were obvious. Adamski - type messages were put about and Warminster was accorded with the status of a "UFO Mecca", or the "Gateway to Venus". Furthermore, according to a slogan on a tee-shirt, Warminster would be the right place to be, should the world decide to blow itself up. There, awaiting the faithful, would be the spaceships ready to carry the seekers of truth to another world! No one can be blamed for their beliefs, and everyone is entitled to express their opinions in a free society.

Mr Shuttlewood is by no means the only author to write about Warminster's UFOs. Others have written in much the same vain, because they

believed in the same answers. They interpreted the stories and each others writings in a similar manner to the Berlitz quotes Winer quotes Berlitz effect, other the "Burmuda Triangle".

Warminster is still an embarrassment to ufology, even Shuttlewood in his latest book is more diverse and does not seem to rely on "homegrown" UFO material, as there was little to write about from that area. Stated bluntly, there is NOTHING at Warminster now, save from the few observations which comply with National UFO sighting statistics.

So, what it comes down to is that there was probably some unusual occurrences, which were capitalised on by opportunists, for less than noble reasons. Perhaps, motivated by the fomular: UFOs + The gullible = Money, aided (unwittingly) by true believers and genuine enthusiasts alike. In other words an unholy mixture of cupidity, stupidity and gullibility was at work, which has done British ufology no good at all.

Let us hope that the ghost is laid at last. Perhaps some who read this, may be moved to strong feelings, to them, we would say, imagine the feelings of genuine ufologists who were caught up in this unedifying episode and found themselves deceived and used. Many were young people, who cherished a vision of scientific ufology and who originally believed that they were participating in an important development in the advancement of that cause - eventually to learn the truth.

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AN EXCLUSIVE LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES AT WHAT TO EXPECT.

Robert Digby, Congress Director.

At time of writing there is still a lot to be finalised in respect of the forthcoming Congress. On the other hand there is much to look forward to in the way of items already confirmed. If everything planned comes about, then we shall have one of the best international meetings yet staged.

I have tried to stage a happy balance between 'old' and 'new' faces, by which I mean that we will inevitably be hearing from some well known people on several 'hot topics'. There is clearly also a need to hear from those people and places not so well known.

The following preview is not exhaustive, but serves to highlight some of the 'building blocks' already in place.

The Extra-terrestrial Hypothesis is the subject of a couple of papers.

Roy Dutton, an Aeronautical Engineer, who works within British Aerospace industry, will be talking about his proposal for the creation of an integrated network of UFO observatories on a global basis.

The outcome of twenty years of research, Dutton's Orbital Theory links close encounter activity with the behaviour of extremely artificial Earth-satellites which, for short periods of only a few hours, circulate around the planet with orbital periods of 65 minutes in a retrograde

motion.

The lecture begins with a summary of the main features of the orbital theory and an explanation of its practical consequences, emphasising that the theory can be tested both by synthesis of reports data and by direct observations.

It is proposed that the creation of an integrated network of dedicated observatories will be necessary to test the indications of the theory adequately. After an explanation of this proposal, the foreseen operational duties and minimum staffing levels for each observatory are put forward for consideration.

Professor Allen Tough is a futurist with a particularly strong interest in the place of the extra-terrestrials in our future. In his paper:

The Extra-terrestrial Hypothesis: Current status and next steps.

Professor Tough will examine the current status of the extra-terrestrial hypothesis. Have advanced ET beings visited our planet during the last forty years? What sort of evidence and scientific beliefs support a 'yes' answer to this question?

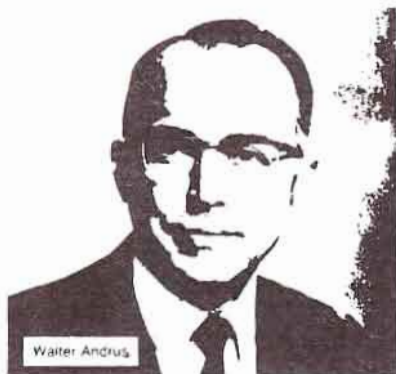
What sorts of evidence and alternative explanations suggest the answer is 'no'?

This paper will organise and very briefly mention the major facts and evidence for each of the two answers.

The concluding section of the paper will suggest about five projects and strategies as our next steps in studying the extra-terrestrial hypothesis. What do we need to do now, in order to settle this question one way or the other? Some fresh approaches within the UFO field will be suggested.

Professor Tough is the MUFON consultant for future studies and he includes UFOs in his graduate course on potential futures. He is a professor at the Ontario Institute for studies in education and the University of Toronto. Although he is a Canadian, his PhD (in social sciences) is from the University of Chicago.

Interest in UFOs has gone into high gear in the USA during 1987, so reports Walt Andrus, Director of MUFON. Walt will be presenting a paper on the important 'Cash-Landrum' case that occurred near Huffman, Texas on December 29th 1980. It received exposure in England via the magazine 'The Unexplained' in a series of articles by John F. Schuessler.



In addition, separate from the Congress, MUFON will be holding their own special one day conference on th 13th Jull, also at the same venue.

The reason for some of the present excitement in the USA is because of two new books dealing with the subject of Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind (Abduction/Regression). These books will be available in the UK soon I believe but, because of th interest in this subject anyway, arrangements have been made with Harry Harris to screen some selective video material showing hypnotic regression.

Harry Harris, a Manchester solicitor and his colleague, Mike Sacks will be presenting first hand information on the 'Rendlesham Forest' case. This case wa the subject of a book 'Skycrash' by Brenda Butler, Dot Street and Jenny Randles.



Jenny Randles, Director of Investigations for BUFORA, will be presenting a paper and will also be involved in the group s discussion about the code of

practice for investigators. This is one of a number of possible topics that it is hoped to use as the focus for some participative events. Another topic is 'Mediascene' and deals with the relationships between the press, public, witnesses and investigators. There is a clear overlap with the code of practice and the two topics may well be run together in a special 'workshop' forum.

The International Committee for UFO Research (ICUR) will be meeting just before the Congress, but it is expected that there will be a presentation on their deliberations to Congress.

Dr Willy Smith will be talking about Project Unicat, a computerised database with comprehensive details of some 600 cases. Some 300 of the cases have been revised over the last year with updated or new information. A tentative co-efficient of strangeness has been obtained for all the cases in the database. Profiles for over 130 of the cases have been completed.

We will be receiving an update on Project Hessdalen from Mr Odd-gunnar Roed of Norway and the chance to see a video on work done there. Another Colleague from Norway, Erling Strand will be talking about the use of instrumentation during the running of the project.

Another subject for an update is that of 'Earthlights' and we shall be pleased to hear from Paul Devereaux on this. His last presentation to Congress in 1983 was hailed by the press as one of the most original pieces of research to emerge

from the realm of UFOs for years.

From Yorkshire, we shall be hearing from Phillip Mantle, know by many for his role as Overseas Liason Officer to the Yorkshire UFO Society. Phillip will be presenting a paper entitled: 'UFOs a Yorkshire Viewpoint'.

From West Germany, Werner Walter, of the group CENAP Mannheim will present a paper: 'UFOs in Germany'. This is the first time we have had a German presentation.

Other papers are still being solicited from various contributors.

It is hoped to be able to show the film 'UFOs are Real' which Stanton Friedman was involved in making. This is not confirmed, but in any event on the Saturday night there will be a video film to be screened.

The Gala Dinner also merits a mention and I would stress that the calibre of cuisine is to an extremely high standard. The Menu is being finalised, but besides the food it is also a social occasion and the chance to get to know people.

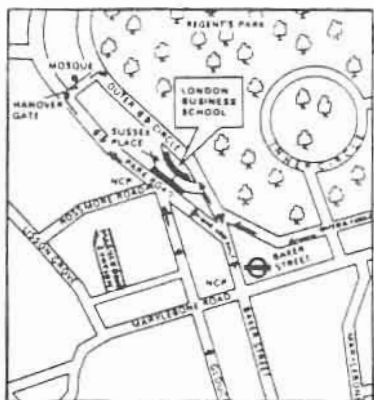
Apart from tea and coffee during breaks, there is no arrangement on site for food. There will be a bar at lunch time and in the evening. The Gala Dinner is the only formal meal arrangement (by ticket only). The part of London that we are in is well served by pubs and restaurants to suit every pocket.

There will be an on site bookshop for the sale of publications. This is by special arrangement with Lionel Beer, specialist bookseller.

Whilst not wishing to commercialise the proceedings it is clearly desirable to offer a service, particularly to our overseas colleagues in the field of publishing material. Several important new works are due out just prior to the congress.

The venue, The London Business School is situated in the Outer Circle of Regents Park, Overlooking the Park itself.

The lecture theatres are fully air conditioned with comfortable spacious seating. The main lecture theatre seats 130 people. There will be full audio visual support with most of the presentations illustrated with slides or video.



Venue: The London Business School, Sussex Place, Outer Circle, Regents Park, London, NW1 4SA.

Please note that all enquiries concerning the Congress should be addressed to the congress Organisers and not the LBS.

Offers of papers are still invited, particularly where we have not had representation before. Those interested in attending as delegates are urged to make early bookings (see booking form on next page). The itinerary is not complete as yet and this behind the scenes preview is subject to change, but outlines a guide as to what to expect.

The general flavour of the congress is that it is an industry event mainly designed for those already participating in the interest of UFOs rather than those who know nothing about the subject. Congress '87 is a strictly ticket only event (prebooking) open to all who are interested.

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Congress '87

THE DELEGATE: A story of the dilemmas of a congress organiser.

John Spencer

"But you are the organiser of the Eighth International UFO Conference, are you not?"

"Well, yes I am."

"A conference which will discuss the origins and existance of UFOs? Flying Saucers."

"Ah, well. You see we don't call UFOs flying saucers. It presupposes an extra-terrestrial hypothesis."

"But in my case thats very reasonable, isn't it?"

"Well, I suppose it is."

"Since I am what you call an alien. An extra-terrestrial being?"

"Well, we only have your words for that."

"You know someone who looks like this?"

"With special effects and the like. People do try to hoax us you know."

"Why would I lie?"

"Well, you asked at the onset of this meeting if you could present a paper, I think...."

"Myself."

"Pardon."

"If I could present myself."

"Ah yes. Quite so. If you present yourself at the conference. Without wishing to seem to superior, we have many requests from contributors. We have to vet and choose. We have to select the presentation we think would be of overall interest to our delegates."

"An alien being, with a flying saucer in your garden, prepared to present himself to your conference and take all questions is not of interest?"

"It's not quite that you understand."

"I dont understand. For decades we have monitored your radio and television broadcasts. We have watched your struggle for civilisation. And we have waited for the moment to make contact. Our scientists concluded that your organisation was the best to contact to make. Non-political, non-profit making. And here I am. What's wrong with my presentation that you don't want it at

the conference? Don't you realise this would be the most important moment in your planet's history?"

"We have to consider more practical implications."

"Like what, for instance?"

"Well, your appearance for one thing."

"Ah, I see. You mean in your eyes my appearance is so hideous and deformed that the shock may kill some of your earthings?"

"No. I mean, well.... your appearance doesn't make you very credible. No one is going to believe it."

"Not believe it! Not believe it! You mean I do not look alien enough. A bright green hairless skin, pointed ears and the obligatory slit mouth and barely visible nostrils for a nose. How much more alien could I look?"

"Well, thats the point, you see. Your exactly what everyone would expect you to look like. With all due respect your both a bug-eyed monster and a little green man. No one is going to believe it."

"But what about the flying saucer?"

"Yes, I was going to come to that. Circular. Very much like a flying saucer if I may say so."

"Of course. It's a designer saucer. I had it custom built."

"It looks exactly like what we call a classic 'Adamski' saucer."

"George Adamski. Right!"

"Yes, yes. Oh, wait a minute. If you can prove what George Adamski said was true, then maybe we've got something for the conference. We would have a deal. You knew George Adamski?"

"Who? No. I don't know if all that was true or not. I just had my saucer modelled on a picture I found in a book about him. I thought it would make me more credible."

"Ah...."

"Too credible, huh?"

"I'm afraid so. But, there is something I must ask. Your command of the English language?"

"I thought it was pretty good. You don't think they will understand me?"

"Oh, they would understand you. But well.. how can I put this. You might have talked in squeaky blips and grunts, or used some weird 'translate-o-disc' on your chest, full of flashing lights

to make yourself understood. Or you might have used telepathy. They'd believe telepathy."

"But you speak perfect idiomatic, colloquial English."

"I've liked here all my life."

"How old are you?"

"Thirty-two."

"Well, I've studied your language for the past two and a half thousand years; followed its development. I majored in it at the Arcturus College of Further Education. Why shouldn't I speak it as well, if not better, than you?"

"It isn't that you shouldn't. It's just that you won't have the right feel to our delegates. It won't be plausible."

"I can't believe what I am hearing. A bona fide bug-eyed monster wants to talk to the people of the earth and no one is going to believe it. I could sell the story to the press for a fortune."

"Ah now. The press. That's another problem I was going to come to. The press will be covering the conference. They would have a field day with you. Or on us, rather. They'd accuse of sensationalism."

But this is sensational!"

No, no. The press either take us seriously, in which case they will follow the lead given in our recent research papers and report that UFOs are actually natural plasma and lightning effects or the product of hallucinatory imaginings. The quality press doesn't believe in little green men. Or the gutter press when they cover us, like to talk to people who are in communication with beings in Pluto or some such. Occasionally they get really lucky and they meet up with a person who claims they've been for a trip on a flying saucer. Then they can make a big splash for the day by writing the person off as a looney."

"But I could take them for a ride in my flying saucer."

"There wouldn't be any point. No one would believe it when they wrote it up. People would write them off as loonies. No. I'm afraid the press would not accept you at all."

"I wish I had stayed in bed this morning."

"Ah your home. We might be able to get an angle there. Are you transdimensional, or from a parallel universe. Or from a future earth? Or from a world so weird as to be beyond human comprehension?"

"No. I'm from Mars."

Somehow I was beginning to expect that. They won't believe that

either."

"No?"

"Ah.. Well.. you see it's a matter of conditioning. I'm sorry. Anyway, surely Mars is just a red desert. We've sent viking probes there."

"Yes. One landed on wasteland just to the back of my semi detached bubble. An easy mistake on your part. We did just the same thing when we sent one of our gold humanoid robot probes to earth. It landed in the Tunisian desert are reported at first that there was no life on earth."

"Wait. That is it. This is what we need for the conference. You could lead us to a gold humanoid robot in the tunisian desert. Proof! This could be the proof!"

"Oh dear, You're really not going to like this. I'm afraid a very prominent film maker just happend to be shooting his major space epic in Tunisia at the time and found the probe. I gather our robot now lives in Hollywood, makes a fortune from every movie he makes and everyone thinks he's an Earthling in make up. No, don't say anything, I know, I know. Even I find it hard to believe."

There is an even more knotty problem to overcome. Several of our delegates are presenting papers which will conclusively prove that UFO reports are a product of natural phenomenon. Or mistakes. One leading astronomer is presenting his proof that there is no life anywhere else in the universe. If we put you up on the stand, well they might feel a bit put out, you understand?"

"Well, I don't want to go to your ever bickering politicians. You say the press won't trust me. You dont want me. How do I get to meet with your people? Do I have to stand up on a soap box in Hyde Park Corner?"

"I wouldn't reccomend that. You find some very curious types here nowadays. No, I tell you what I'll do. We have another conference due in two years. If we can acclimatise the delegates to expect you, then we could present you to that conference. Do you think you could see fit to make your way back then?"

"And how would you acclimatise the world to expect me?"

"We'll stary right away. There is an edition of our in house magazine due out just before the conference which will publicise the event. I'll write up the notes of this meeting for that publication.....

..... and we'll take it from there."

THE END

PAM KENNEDY MBE

It is my sad duty to report that Pam Kennedy passed away, peacefully at home on Monday, 16th February 1987. She had in fact been suffering from cancer for a year, and if it had not been for her reticence to seek advice, treatment may have been possible before the disease affected her lungs with fatal results. Coincidentally several of her friends, including Betty Wood also died of cancer. Pam was a remarkable person and never complained about her illness. Her funeral took place at Beckenham Crematorium on 24th February 1987.

Pam was born in Muswell Hill, north London in 1919 and moved with her family, including her sister Elaine, to Eastbourne when they were young girls.

For some forty years, Pam worked for the Admiralty in Whitehall, seeing its incorporation into the Ministry of Defence after the Second World War. She served three Permanent Secretaries to the Navy, and latterly a Permanent Secretary to the Army. After her retirement in March 1980, her dedicated service was recognised by a visit to Buckingham Palace to receive an MBE in November of the same year.

My records show that her BUFORA membership was approved on 3rd June 1967, and that she was appointed to National Executive Committee on 4th October 1969. In those days she was famed for the excellent rock cakes which she passed round in the break during the gruelling committee meetings. Together with her

friend, Betty Wood and other ladies, she regularly helped out behind the scenes at the Kensington meetings, and also assisted at most of the BUFORA conferences. Pam also helped at the SPACELINK Symposium at the Kensington Central Library in July 1970. She was also Membership Secretary for seven years and remained active as Information Officer until shortly before her death.

Pam was by common consent a very private lady, perhaps due to her professional background, but she had many friends. Pam enjoyed travelling in the UK, mountains, classical music, cooking, flowers, needlework and scrabble. Unknown to many of us, she was a long time blood donor, life member of Shoreline, the RNLI lifeboat charity, and a member of the atlanteans, sometimes travelling with Betty Wood to their Headquarters at Cheltenham and latterly South Wales for weekend meetings.

Like the late Betty Wood and Anne Harcourt, Pam Kennedy will be sadly missed by her friends and colleagues in BUFORA.

Our sincere condolences go to her sister Elaine Kennedy.

Lionel Beer, February 1987

The logo for BUFORA, consisting of the word 'bufora' in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letters are thick and closely spaced, with a slightly irregular, hand-drawn appearance.

BUFORA News

Mike Wootten

A joint National Investigations Committee and research Department meeting was held at the London Business School on March 7th with many of the respective departments active personnel in attendance.

The Code of Practice was discussed and Arnold West reiterated that a working party will be debating on all points of the Code at Congress 87. Arnold would be pleased to receive any comments concerning the code as soon as possible so they in turn can be referred to the working party.

Paul Fuller reported on his latest mystery circles research.

Paul, has co-ordinated a Joint research project with BUFORA and the Storm and Tornado Research Organisation, where 365 cereal farmers were sent questionnaires concerning the phenomena. The material returned by the farmers is being processed at the moment and Paul will be chronicling the results in a future Bulletin.

In an earlier Bulletin (1), Jenny Randles proposed the idea of using photographs of mainly explicable objects taken at deceptive angles, to test the witness' ability to recognise the object in the photograph. These photographs (fifteen in all) would be arranged in an order of increasing difficulty and the response times of the witness identifying the object would be recorded.

To date, the first sets of photographs have been produced

with an accompanying questionnaire. The IFO Sensitivity Project will be undergoing trials as soon as possible and if found to be successful will be adopted by the NIC to be included in all future investigations. Nigel Smith has co-ordinated the production of the photographs with the much appreciated help of Martin Shough. Paul Fuller designed and produced the questionnaire. Thanks go to all concerned.

Ken Phillips provided an update of the anamnesis project. A control experiment involving non ESP and UFO experience percipients was nearing an end, with only a handful of subjects left to be interviewed.

The Cracoe Fell case was discussed in depth. Mike Wootten presented slides of photo analysis that was carried out, comparing the YUFOS photos with photos taken by WYUFORG during their re-investigation of the case. The analysis showed that the two sets of photos were of the same source, ie, a light reflection. A letter of support was drafted and sent to WYUFORG. BUFORA Council had also discussed the case in depth and agreed to support WYUFORG financially for their intensive and detailed research into the case.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gaynor Sunderland for her invaluable help with reorganising the BUFORA case report archives. x

Next NIC meeting will be during Congress '87 a firm time will be announced.

(1) Bulletin, No 14 pp 30.

STARS OVER HESSDALEN?

Dear Sir,

Some photographs of the Hessdalen Phenomenon show it is in front of nearby hills. It is not easy to see how S. Campbell's astronomical explanation can accommodate this.

Yours

Hilary Evens,
London.

FELL REFLECTIONS

Dear Sir,

I have read with interest the reports of 'strange lights' on Cracoe Fell, and the continuing acrimonious interchange of opinions and ideas between the various individuals and investigatory bodies involved in the affair. I have no comment to make on the conduct of the investigation, or on the conduct of the investigators, as I have insufficient knowledge of the events or personalities involved.

The only point I will make is that I have seen this effect many times in the past. For a period of 12 years, in the days when I was younger, fitter and a little more active than I am now, I was heavily involved, to the exclusion of more trivial pursuits, in Mountain Rescue. This involved my participation in the organisation of Outward Bound activities, orienteering, survival activities, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the like, as well as the more mundane activity of mountain rescue. All this activity

meant that I spent a considerable amount of time on the fells of the Northern Pennines and the Lake District in all weathers and at any time of day or night, including times when all sensible mountain men would be parked in front of the fire of the local watering-hole drying out their boots and topping up their energy levels with the local beverage. In short I have spent a lot of time on the fells. And whilst spending the said amount of time on the fells, I've seen many a 'Cracoe UFO'. Except that they weren't UFOs (or low flying Venus for that matter) but wet rocks.

Areas of exposed rock occur quite frequently in most mountainous areas of the country, and more often than not that rock is wet, either because of rainwater or the outflow of ground water. Occasionally, the sun manages to force its way through the clag and when it does, lo and behold! It reflects off the wet rock, giving rise to the odd 'Cracoe UFO.'

Although I do not aver that the Cracoe sighting was such an occurrence, I do say that it is an explanation to consider seriously. I have also spent some time crawling around the local potholes, but of course the sun doesn't shine down there. Nor have I seen any subterranean 'Cracoe UFOs.'

Yours,

Jim Danby,
Preston.

Thanks Jim for your comments and I hope that the investigators involved with this case take note of the very important point that you have made. (Ed).

Dear Sir,

I should just like to clarify one or two points about the Cracoe Fell saga (Bulletin, 24 pp 3-4 and 6).

Firstly, the case did, of course, occur in March 1981 - as stated in the Stop Press item on the back page. March 1982 is incorrect.

I should also add that there is an implication in my piece that the photographs were taken by a YUFOS member who was a police officer and believed in UFO bases. This was in fact information conveyed to BUFORA before YUFOS offered more data on the case. It maybe strictly incorrect. Several police officers were present during, or soon after, the photography. One of these seems to have been a YUFOS member. However, it is not known whether he was actually involved in the photography and, as current evidence suggests, it may be unwise to leave the implication that this man was the primary witness.

I must make clear that, although the commentary did not reach BUFORA members until March 1987 it was compiled at the very start of the affair, during late November 1986, and before YUFOS published anymore information. their Withholding of evidence and somewhat peculiar statements about the case and the people involved has made it very hard to comment from an external viewpoint. A very great deal has occurred in the months since that piece was written by me - not least the (in my view) absolute confirmation by

WYUFORG that this case is resolved.

I believe WYUFORG are to be congratulated for their tenacity and objectivity. Resolving UFO cases is, after all, precisely what we are supposed to be doing. Nobody should be too proud to accept that any case can potentially have an explanation, or to except that explanation once it has been proven beyond reasonable doubt. In this instance there is no question in my mind that the Cracoe Fell photographs depict IFOs.

I would call on YUFOS to demonstrate that they are a responsible and honest team of ufologists, publicly admit their errors and apologise to the individuals and groups they have maligned in print for simply attempting to get to the truth about this much-vaunted case.

In return I would call upon all those who were attacked in print by YUFOS to accept such apologies, if sincerely proffered. I, for one, am happy to do so. There are too many important things in ufology that we should be doing. Too many real cases to be investigated. Too many real adversaries to tackle. The last thing we need is a damaging, divisive and endless squabble over this case. It has taught us all important lessons. The truth and integrity of UFO researchers have both triumphed. And no sceptic resolved this case - even though it was in the public domain since the press and TV publicity of August 1983. We can all be proud of that. It shows once again how responsible the UFO community can be. Now it is time to call a halt and get on with the job.

Yours,

Jenny Randles,
Director of Investigations,
Warrington.

YUFOS have a lot of hard work in front of them to claw back some credibility within British ufology, making apologies and admitting their mistakes will go some way in achieving this. And I do hope that these will be the final words printed about the affair. (Ed.)



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