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EDITORIAL**IT'S GETTING LONELY OUT THERE!**

The early months of 2009 have not been kind to Ufology and related subjects with an unprecedented number of deaths of friends and colleagues. We won't make a conspiracy out of this as all but one of the parted had reached a mature age and had been ill. None the less the drive and contributions made by these outstanding people are difficult to replace when most of the effort these days seems to be computer controlled from anonymous parties resting in armchairs! A short appreciation of each of our lost friends follows:

DAVID KINGSTON, founder of the annual Dorset UFO conference at Dorchester died of February 18th, 2009, from terminal cancer. He had been a UFO researcher since 1976 basing his interest on sightings he had while serving in the RAF in the UK, America, the Pacific, and the Far East. In the late '80s he began to investigate crop circles particularly the phenomenon of spheres of light seen hovering over fields prior to circles appearing. He went on to run CPI (Crop Phenomena Investigations) and was recently producing a website relating to current activities.

PAUL VIGAY, aged only 44, was found in the sea off Southsea beach on February 20th, 2009, after being reported missing on Feb. 18th. No suspicious circumstances have been reported. Nobody seems to have any idea what was passing through his mind to terminate his life in this way. Paul was a creative genius in computer technology and was present as an exhibitor at many conferences. His website www.cropcirclesearch.com was always essential reading during the crop circle season. To quote from the deeply philosophical introduction to his website: "I created this website with the aim of sharing information and creating a forum by which people of like-minded souls around the planet can communicate with each other in order to spread love, light and positivity to the planet."

TONY DODD, the long time UFO investigator, who worked for many years with Graham Birdsall at UFO Magazine, died on March 24th, 2009, at the age of 73 as a result of terminal brain cancer. The retired police sergeant was upfront and involved with many cases culminating in the publication of his book "*ALIEN INVESTIGATOR - The Case Files of Britain's leading UFO Detective*" released in 1999. Tony's great interest in UFOs began back in 1978 when patrolling near Skipton, Yorks on December 12th at 4.30 am with his colleague constable Dale. They witnessed a dome shaped object with multi-blinking lights about 100ft in diameter and totally silent. This mind shattering experience set Tony on a path of discovery for the next 25 years like so many others who have experienced the "real thing". Latterly, Tony had kept out of the headlines possibly because of military/government interference in his work, it has been rumoured.

JOHN MICHELL, one of the greatest "Fortean" writers and investigators of the late 20th century died from lung cancer on April 24th, 2009, aged 76. From his first book: "*The Flying Saucer Vision*" in 1967 he wrote over 40 titles including "*View Over Atlantis*" considered one of the most radical and original approaches to the study of ancient phenomena, loved by the hippie underground movement and is credited with placing the Somerset town of Glastonbury as the capital of "New Age" thinking. Though educated at Eton and Cambridge, John failed even to get even a third class degree perhaps, it has been suggested, because he couldn't rise early enough to sit his exams! A life of anti-establishment activity followed including the discovery of the St Michael leyline and the

inauguration of the first crop circle magazine, "The Cerealogist" in 1990, which he edited. Latterly, John wrote for the "Oldie" and "Fortean Times".

PAT DELGADO, the former crop circle doyen died on May 23rd, 2009, at the grand old age of 90. Pat was evacuated from Dunkirk in WWII and later was contracted to NASA working at the Woomera deep space centre in Australia. Pat came to the fore in the 1980s investigating crop circles in the Winchester area mainly in the now quiet zone around Cheesefoot Head. His partnership with Colin Andrews eventually gave birth to the first illustrated book on the subject: "Circular Evidence", 1989, a best seller said to have been read by the Royal Family, and with Andrews he organised mass surveillance operations on the fields such as "White Crow" in 1989 and "Blackbird" in 1990 to endeavour to capture the birth of a crop circle on film. When the "Doug and Dave" revelations were brought out in a low grade tabloid newspaper in 1991, Pat was led into a hoax trap by the press and thereafter dropped out of the spotlight - no doubt being bitterly embarrassed by the incident.

JOHN KEEL, a key pioneer in Ufology from the States, died on July 3rd 2009, at the age of 79. He had been in failing health for about 3 years. Of the many books he penned, "Operation Trojan Horse" (1970) is probably best known for his concept that many modern UFO reports and humanoid encounters paralleled ancient folklore and religious visions and directly linked UFOs with elemental phenomena. Keel is quoted to have abandoned the extraterrestrial hypothesis in 1967 stating "--- my own field investigations disclosed an astonishing overlap between psychic phenomena and UFOs. The objects and apparitions do not necessarily originate on another planet and may not even exist as permanent constructions of matter. It is more likely that we see what we want to see and interpret such visions according to our contemporary beliefs." "The Mothman Prophecies" (1976) investigated the fleeting glimpses of a huge winged creature in West Virginia - a phenomenon so scary that it was made into a film in 2002 starring Richard Gere with Alan Bates playing a cameo role of John Keel (Mr Leek). Keel is also thought to be the originator of the "Men in Black" concept.

DAVID



PAUL



TONY



PAT



JOHN M



JOHN K



Not only did we lose these 6 great minds, but it was also announced that the "UFO Data" magazine edited by the late Graham Birdsall's son-in-law, Russel Callaghan, had called it a day. The old catch 22 of increasing costs versus dwindling circulation appears to have been the catalyst which sunk the magazine. We reproduce Russel's farewell letter overleaf which was circulated on the Internet. It is ironic that magazines full of pap, t--s and celeb' gossip easily surpass 100,000 circulation after only a few editions, indicating the level of investigative

interest (or lack of it) in the population as a whole.

Our magazine is produced by the cheapest possible format and has survived 40 years. We're not too proud of the product, but at least we continue to have one!

THE EDITOR

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LATEST NEWS STORIES

"UFO DATA" SAYS GOODBYE: The difficulties of producing a full colour, glossy magazine without a 5-figure circulation are starkly apparent when you read editor, Russel Callaghan's farewell letter below:

4th March 2009

Dear Readers, Subscribers and Friends,

After months of negotiations and promises I have now accepted that we can no longer publish UFO DATA as a printed magazine.

The credit crunch has been blamed for everything over the last six months, but along with the financial climate and banks having wobbly knees at the thought of helping businesses carry on in these times, it also seems the interest in this classic subject is at a life-time low.

Much information is available on the Internet and all recent efforts to publish a magazine have failed at large personal costs to those involved, myself personally included. It has cost me around £10,000 over the last 18 months to produce the magazine and present some of the best conferences this country has seen. Don't get me wrong, I have enjoyed every minute of it. However the time has come to make a decision. Without bankrupting myself to keep the 300 or so loyal subscribers in print, I have no option but to go no further with the printed magazine.

The magazine costs around £3000 per issue to publish and we had a thousand subscribers two years ago. That dropped last year, hence the personal cost, but this year it is down to the 300 mentioned above. You can see for yourself that the maths don't work.

Philip Mantle has informed me today that he has to walk away feeling he has done everything possible to keep the project alive. I thank him for his efforts and he played a big part in trying to move forward, but delays from an interested party has just slowed things down for months, leaving us with no choice but to draw a line under UFO DATA Magazine.

My heartmost thanks go to one individual who has been there for me and the magazine and without him we simply would not have been able to operate. He is Steve Johnson. Research, webmaster and public relations, he has done everything in a professional and friendly way. Thankyou Steve for everything -----

IS THERE A "HUM" NEAR YOU? It has recently come to notice that citizens in various parts of the country experience almost continuous buzzing, throbbing or humming sounds in their own homes. What is known as the "Bristol Hum" has apparently been present for 30 years in that city and no explanation has been forthcoming. A recent survey by a Cambridge professor could find no definitive explanation and puts it down to enhanced personal sensitivities. A retired head teacher from Leeds described it as: "It's a kind of torture, sometimes you want to scream." However visitors to her home mostly hear nothing at all.

CIUFOR member, Denise Arnold, from New Milton, Hants, has reported a "signal" she picks up on a regular basis, day and night, although again this appears to be a personal experience. Most reports emanate from cities where the mass of electronic inputs, heavy road traffic and general clattering might produce an overpowering combined noise which effects sensitive people. Suggestions of covert terrorist activity from the likes of Al Qaeda have been raised and/or the possibility of extraterrestrials being responsible. If you think CIUFOR should be studying this subject, please write in.

SUN GOES "QUIET": Around mid-April it was reported that the Sun was recording a 100 year low for sunspots, 50 years for solar wind activity and 55 years for radio emissions. Based on the normal 11 year cycle for high and low activity, it was expected that the Sun would start to reactivate in 2008, but instead reached these record lows. Natural variations in solar activity directly affect our climate and might have caused a minor Ice Age between 1645 and 1710 for instance.

Predictions of the next maximum point to 2012, a year being touted as the "endpoint" predicted by the Mayan calendar to occur on December 21st and whose culture is being heavily depicted in recent crop circles. Should the Sun suddenly erupt violently, a massive solar flare could wipe the satellite controlled infrastructure of the world's advanced economies in a very short time. Anything needing electricity to run it could be blacked out for an indefinite period. Only primitive tribes living in the forests of Africa and South America would notice no difference in their life style.

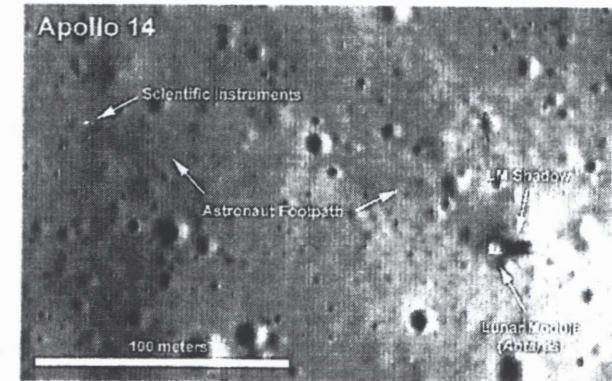
It is believed such an event occurred in 1859 when a bright flash of light appeared to emerge from the Sun, which was an enormous plume of charged plasma hitting the Earth's atmosphere 48 hours later. Brilliant displays of Aurorae flooded the night skies right down to the tropics and it was possible to read a newspaper at midnight. Telegraph operators received severe electric shocks as solar induced currents surged through their networks. That system was one of the few electricity run operations available at the time and easily repaired - not so today.

A mini version of a giant solar flare occurred 20 years ago knocking out power stations in eastern Canada and leaving 9 million people without electricity. The date was March 13th 1989. Several other power failures in recent years have been put down to UFO activity.
(Report Daily Mail, 20/4/09)

NASA PICTURES REVEAL APOLLO LANDING SITES: The reason that conspiracy theorists have been able to advance their case concerning anomalies found on Apollo mission photographs - and imply the Moon landings were faked - is that there was no close up pictures of any hardware left on the lunar surface from any of the 6 missions which actually landed. Half of the landers and a selection of scientific instruments should remain

on the surface.

Now the latest orbiting probe sent by NASA, launched June 18th 2009, the "Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter" has been able to photograph areas of old landing sites only a few hundred metres wide which clearly show possible artifacts although the details are still small enough on released pictures to be a source of doubt. The clearest site is that of Apollo 14 which is shown below with NASA titles appended.



No doubt it is easy to say that NASA with all its high technology could arrange for a few white blobs to appear on the cratered surface of the Moon (and even show the astronaut's footpaths), but do you believe arguably the world's greatest scientific, technical and engineering organisation's pronouncements above the claims of backroom conspiracy theorists playing with NASA photographs in any case?

The stated aim of the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter is to map the lunar surface very clearly in preparation for a resumption of landings in 2020. The probe is as close as 18 miles from the surface on some approaches. Other claims that alien cities exist amongst all the craters will certainly be verified or not during this mission as the closeness of the cameras are unlikely to miss buildings on the surface. The only problem might be - would NASA tell us if any such discovery were made?

It is fairly clear that the new orbiter has been sent up to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the first Moon landing on July 20th 1969, and the original crew of Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins have been received by President Obama.

(It was mentioned in previous issues that the instruments placed on the Moon by Apollo astronauts, to measure the daily distance from Earth were still operating 35-40 years on as confirmed by astronomical laboratories).

GARY MCKINNON - RESCUE BID: Believe it or not, the man who hacked into the US top secret computers at the Pentagon in search of evidence for UFO involvement, has still not been extradited from Britain to the States after 7 years. With appeals to British and European courts virtually exhausted it seemed only a matter of weeks before Mr McKinnon was hustled off to the USA where he could face a 60 year jail sentence. Now the Daily Mail

has launched an appeal to save Gary from this fate. In a massive 6 page spread on July 3rd, 2009, the Mail described "the betrayal of a naive hacker" and invites readers to forward a coupon which reads:

"Dear Home Secretary,

I believe the extradition of Gary McKinnon to the US is unjust and inhumane because as an Asbergers sufferer a long prison sentence would be catastrophic for mental health.

I urge you to use your discretion to allow him to be tried by an English Court."

It has only just been revealed Asbergers syndrome a form of means he has difficulties in relating to others but may have such as the ability to hack into off limits computers. If faced methods of cross-examination stand up for himself and become suicidal.



that Gary suffers from autism. The condition social situations and intensely focused skills highly protected and with American courts he would be unable to

The US defense authorities claim that Mr McKinnon hacked into 97 of their computers causing £500,000 worth of damage. He also left provocative messages after viewing the data so it is claimed - which, at the time, 2002, would incense the Americans only just recovering from the "9/11" disaster. If extradited he would face charges as a "terrorist" and could expect 10 year prison sentences on each of 6 charges. Officials claim he installed software that enabled him to control and alter data without detection remotely and at any time. He is alleged to have deleted critical operating files and logs, and copied information held on 22 of the computers.

An impressive array of celebrities have already voiced support for the Daily Mail campaign. Norman Baker, the investigative Lib-Dem M.P for Lewes, who exposed the Dr Kelly cover-ups states: "The whole thing is wrong. I don't see any reason for him to be extradited to the US." It has been established that the current extradition arrangements between the countries entitle the US to far more claims from Britain than the other way around.

After all the hype surrounding this case - did Gary McKinnon in fact discover anything of UFO significance in the files he hacked into? That has not been mentioned.

AGONY CORNER: (Anti-establishment comment on latest scares cover-ups and conspiracies).

SWINE FLU - PANDEMIC OR CONSPIRACY? At the time of writing the latest viral scare story is hitting the headlines. The number of reported cases of "Swine Flu" in Britain is rising sharply with a death toll of 29 by mid-July. It is somewhat vague if victims were taken directly by the virus or had severe health problems in any case. Any notion that fighting fit citizens have been cut down in their prime would spread massive panics amongst the population with rampaging queues to get vaccinated. Our ever watchful press would ensure that! The very sight of Mexican citizens wearing facemasks on TV newsreels back in the Spring was a good prelude to the build up of a panic, and over-the-top precautions in China likewise.

The previous flu scare known as "Bird Flu" fizzled out within a year or so with virtually no cases reported in Britain, although for a while every dead wild bird found on a lakeside or shoreline across the country grabbed major headlines. Most of the fatalities were in the Far

East and only people keeping poultry or handling them were infected.

What we know this time is that the first cases of the outbreak started in Mexico (*an area of high UFO activity - any link?*) and spread to the USA rapidly and then everywhere else. GB appears to have acquired more cases than you might expect based on population. Giant dung heaps associated with nearby pig-breeding farms in Mexico are considered to be a likely source of infection and spread by flies. The unusual molecular structure of the new virus - stated to be made up of 4 elements, two of flu found in pigs, one of bird flu and the fourth of human flu leads to speculation this could be man made. Should the strain become potentially lethal as seen in 1918-19, then a massive cull of the world's human population - already stretched to capacity at over 6 billion - could be on the cards. Perhaps our ruling masters have decreed this. However, so far, 95% of reported cases have been considered "mild".

The main profiteers already will be the drug companies who are likely to get astronomical sized orders for vaccines. Stockpiles of something called "Tamiflu" numbering of the order of 20 million packs are known to be in reserve or in preparation. This concoction is not a specific cure for the Swine Flu and a targeted vaccine is shortly to be made available which could amount to between 20 - 50 million doses being needed - huge business. The British government (or at least Gordon Brown) announced every household in the land would receive a leaflet warning about the Swine Flu hazard. It is not clear how many of these have been delivered, but the printer must have been pleased with the order!

However the disease develops after you have read this - we are only a wrongly worded newspaper article away from a mass panic!

TORTURE CLAIMS TRUE: In the last Awareness (vol 30 no 1, pp 5-6) the concept of "Extraordinary Rendition" was examined. Terrorist suspects were trussed up and subjected to "persuasion" at "black sites" in third party countries by courtesy of the Central Intelligence Agency. Previously all the evidence for such activities was only obtained via released suspects who might wish to pile on the agony, but new US President, Obama, has now released papers which reveal the CIA had a special secret department designed for these renditions and endorsed by the Bush Administration.

Obama will absolve most of the CIA operatives from prosecution except those who did not operate within the Justice Department's guidelines. Back before the Iraq invasion of 2003, suspect Abu Zubaydah was "water boarded" (simulated drowning) 83 times until he confessed to an operational link between Al Qaeda and Iraq, which was then used by the war mongering Bush/Cheney/Rumsfeld axis as part of the excuses for an all out invasion of Iraq. In fact, Saddam Hussein, the Iraq dictator was a secular ruler who kept ultra religious fanatics at bay. By knocking his government from power by force we saw a vast infiltration by extremists over the next 5 years leading to a state of anarchy in many parts of Iraq. There is still no guarantee of safety even as American and British forces pull out this year and next.

Possible prosecutions in the USA will probably end up with government lawyers who cleared the CIAs dubious interrogation methods being charged. The ring leaders were more likely to have been the right wing Defense Secretary, Donald Rumsfeld, and CIA director, George Tenet, with the president and Vice-President of the USA not far behind! The disaster of "9/11" in 2001 clearly acted as a catalyst for extremist behaviour in a land where "freedom" is

paramount. Perverted interpretations of words and ideas were what lead to the Nazi nightmare in Germany from 1936 onwards having saved Germany from economic collapse in the first 3 years of the Hitler state. Unfortunately for Germans there was no prospect of changing the leader by democratic methods until his suicide in 1945!

DR KELLY - EVIDENCE STACKS UP: Just 6 years after Dr David Kelly's body was found in an Oxfordshire woodland near his home on July 17th 2003, further revelations are to be exposed in a book and film to indicate his death was not suicide. The man who released contrary evidence to the BBC on the Blair government's claim that Iraq was about to use "weapons of mass destruction" which could be activated in 45 minutes was obviously a target for elimination by the secret services back in Spring 2003.

The supposed suicide whereby Dr Kelly slashed a wrist with a blunt garden knife and took a large cocktail of painkillers has been rejected by a panel of 13 respected doctors who claim it was not possible to die from this because the blood loss was minimal. They are mounting a legal battle to overturn the suicide verdict.



Alleged suicider: Dr David Kelly

The film *"Anthrax War"* directed by New York based maker of documentary films, Bob Coen, states that Dr Kelly, head of Biological Defence at the Porton Down establishment on Salisbury Plain, (a notorious hell-hole which we have discussed many times before) was the brain behind the West's germ warfare programme and had possible links to the apartheid South African government and Israel. Coen implies that Kelly was writing a sensational book which was to reveal that Tony Blair had lied about his reasons for going to war with Iraq. This information would of course infringe the Official Secrets Act which all government employees must sign up to.

The author Gordon Thomas confirms the existence of a draft of Kelly's book having spoken to him while researching his own work. He warned him that such material could never be published in Great Britain. After the alleged suicide, all of Dr Kelly's records and computers were removed from his home by MI5, so there is nothing to prove the existence of any book. Thomas has just published *"Inside British Intelligence"* (JR Books, £20) which traces a strange catalogue of unusual and premature deaths among 12 top micro-biologists linked with germ warfare in the past 10 years. All these people including Kelly were involved in top secret work such as the use of anthrax as a biological weapon. Five Russian scientists investigating claims that Israel was working on viruses to target Arabs were mysteriously hit by a "rogue missile" while flying from Tel-Aviv to Siberia in October 2001. Dr Kelly asked MI6 to investigate, but they drew a blank.

The nature of the work carried out by these experts meant they were all incredibly vulnerable to secret agents from unscrupulous governments and Kelly himself was supposed to have told a caller that he wouldn't be surprised "If my body were found in the woods". It is claimed that David Kelly had received a number of phone calls from the MOD about his indiscreet behaviour and a letter (unopened) was on his desk at the time of his death. Of course if he was removed by top specialists at MI5 or MI6 they could no doubt devise a method to ensure that it looked like suicide. Whatever investigation you read there is still no detailed alternative as to the cause of death and exactly who or what was involved, and

no inquest on the body was made by orders of the Oxfordshire coroner. The autopsy report has never been made public.

(Report: Daily Mail 16/7/09 by Sue Reid).

JACKO - PLEASE NO CONSPIRACY! The death of Michael Jackson at the young age of 50 on June 25th, 2009, has already lead to a mountain of conspiracy theories no doubt created by tens of thousands of reporters following the case and losing objectivity via chinese whispers. "Wacko Jacko", arguably the world's weirdest man and an icon of popular music was a "boy-man", drug addict, plastic surgery addict, and had a strange interest in young children which resulted in him facing criminal proceedings for sexual abuse of minors. Perhaps his ultimate weirdness was to change colour from black to white over a period of 30 years! This man will be chewed over in much the same way as Elvis Presley was back in 1977 so, if you don't mind, this will be the only reference to him in these columns.

LOW ENERGY LIGHT BULBS POISON WORKERS: We have already warned against the use of these bulbs in a previous Awareness, Vol 29 No 4, pp 6-7. The light given off is less warm and takes minutes to get to full strength. There may be buzzing sounds from the bulb and ultra violet radiation is given off which can damage eyesight when placed in close proximity to a person such as with a table lamp. This catalogue of woe is further enhanced when we learn that Chinese workers making the low energy bulbs in poorly regulated factories are going down with severe illness due to mercury poisoning. We already know that the toxic element, mercury, is needed to jump start the mechanism which produces light inside the bulb. This means that redundant and dangerous mercury mines are being reopened in China to meet demand from EU countries ordered by law to ditch tried and tested tungsten bulbs by 2011 in order to appease the "green" and "global warming" brigades - great!

Even the British government guide-lines state that if a compact fluorescent light bulb is broken in the house, the room should be cleared for 15 minutes because of inhaling the mercury vapour. The packaging of a recent bulb states no danger from mercury anywhere on the screed - all one gets is the 11 watt bulb is equivalent to 60 watt in tungsten and will last 6 years saving money and energy. In small print there is qualification that the 6 year pledge is only if the bulb is on for 2.7 hours a day - is that exactly or up to that time? Also it cannot be used with a dimmer switch, timers, photo-cell circuits, enclosed or recessed fittings.

Meanwhile in China, which is stated to produce 67% of all British bulb requirements, tests on hundreds of employees have found dangerously high levels of mercury in their bodies with many requiring hospital treatment in the cities of Foshan and Guangzhou. However, Osram, one of the biggest light bulb manufacturers states that recent tests on its staff at Foshan found nobody with elevated mercury levels. A specialist medical journal produced by the Health Ministry describes a factory at Jinzhou in central China where 121 out of 123 employees had excessive mercury levels. One man's level was 150 times the accepted standard. From the evidence above we can expect cover-ups galore with poverty stricken Chinese workers being the fall guys for the great greening crusade in the West!

(Report: Sunday Times 3/5/09)

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PERSONAL UFO EXPERIENCES

by Roy Rowlands (Hemel Hempstead)

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD UFO SIGHTING

On the evening of Saturday 7th June, 2003, my Wife and I were watching a film on television. At approximately 11pm, we both heard a very loud bang, and we agreed that it was too loud to have been a firework. In fact it was more of a 'boom' sound, like when an aircraft breaks the sound barrier. It caused our windows to rattle.

I quickly went to the front door of the house and looked outside to see if I could see anything that might explain the noise we had heard. In view of the current political situation, I was worried in case it might have been a car bomb or something of that kind. As I stepped outside, to my surprise, I noticed a very bright object just above the houses, on the road to our left. It is not easy to describe the object, but it was a large and very intense red to orange light, the shape of a full moon, roughly round in shape, and slightly defused, and appeared to be tumbling or rotating on its vertical axis. The colours were continually changing between bright red and orange. I estimated the angle from the road to have been approximately 50 degrees, and to look at it from our front door (looking to the left) one would be looking north, as the front of our house faces east. I would estimate the height of the object to have been approximately 1000 feet. I called my wife to come and see what she thought of it. She didn't come to the door as fast as I wanted her to, but at least she did see the object clearly, even though, by the time she saw it, it had receded or reduced in size considerably, from how it had appeared to me when I first saw it. My wife asked me if it could have been a helicopter. Well I am quite sure it was not a helicopter because I was standing outside in the night air, and it was very quiet outside at that time, and there was no helicopter noise, in fact there was no noise at all. I was tempted to rush upstairs and grab my camera, but the object was already starting to move away rapidly (recede) towards the north, and I was worried in case it would be out of sight, by the time I managed to get my camera, and in any case, I felt that I needed to continue to observe the behaviour of the object. One might wonder why I didn't ask my wife to get the camera and film the object, but although my wife knows how to use a camera, she is not too familiar with the technique of setting it up. This has taught me a lesson to always have a camera or a camcorder standing by and ready for action.

The object soon receded very rapidly towards the north, and it appeared to get smaller as it moved away from this area, obviously because of the receding perspective. It soon became just a pin-point of light, like a distant star, and at that moment my neighbour came out of his house, followed by his wife. I asked them if they had heard the bang, and they said that they had. They asked me if I had any idea what had caused it. I told them about the object we had seen and pointed to what was by this time only a pin-point of light, which even I was having difficulty keeping in sight, but they told me that they could not see it, and the object had vanished completely within a few more seconds, so I would judge by this that it was moving very rapidly. I can therefore confirm that it was definitely not a balloon or an aircraft or a helicopter. It seems that, contrary to what I thought, my neighbour and his wife had not come out of their house because of the bang they heard, but for a totally different reason, which had nothing to do with my/our sighting. I think they were expecting visitors.

I cannot explain what it was that my wife and I saw that night, but I would definitely say that, having eliminated all other possibilities, it would certainly fall into the category of an Unidentified Flying Object. There has been a spate of UFO sightings reported in the local Hemel Hempstead Gazette, from time to time, and the objects described by the witnesses on those occasions, seemed to have been similar in many ways to what I saw on June 7, 2003, particularly with regard to the shape, the amber colour and the behaviour of the objects. I could not make out any structure or craft associated with the light that I saw, only the very bright intense red to orange light, which was continually changing between these two colours, in a rhythmic fashion, and at the same time, the object appeared to rotate about its vertical axis. We get a lot of helicopters over this area, and I am used to seeing these during the day and often at night. I have actually flown in a helicopter myself and I know a little about their behaviour and the navigation lights that they normally display. I have also seen helicopters in exactly the same position as the mysterious object, but on all of those occasions I could clearly hear the helicopter engine noise. We are near to the flight path in and out of Luton Airport, and I am very familiar with the appearance of aircraft going to and from Luton, by day and by night. I have to emphasize that this was definitely NOT the behaviour of an aircraft.

There were no other lights visible on or around the object, i.e. there were no strobe or navigation lights of any kind. A 10 pence piece held at arms length would just about obscure the object when it was at its closest distance to our home. I would estimate the total time of my sighting to have been from approximately 4 to 5 minutes. It was a very warm night and the sky was clear. I am familiar with the Planet Venus, which we often see in the early hours of the morning (usually between 4 and 5am) from our bedroom window, which faces towards the east. We see other stars and planets including the Planet Mars, which has a reddish orange colour, but due to the brightness of the street- lights around this area, which are on throughout the night, we are only able to see the brightest stars and planets.

I have been a member of BUFORA (The British UFO Research Association) for a number of years, and I was one of their investigators for a short time. I am aware that some witnesses can easily be fooled by natural phenomena, or by certain man-made objects, when these are seen at unusual angles, and under certain atmospheric conditions, especially on cold winter nights. I know that sometimes under such conditions, when an aircraft displaying a very bright headlight is approaching, it can make a witness think they are seeing a UFO, especially when the noise of the jets cannot always be heard right away, due to the fact that light travels faster than sound. Many people have been fooled by this, and have thought that they were having a UFO sighting. Our sighting on June 7 was not like that at all.

I would like to think that there may be a rational explanation for what my wife and I saw at 11pm on June 7, 2003 but I have not been able to think of one. I would welcome any reasonable suggestions as to what the object might have been, but I will NOT accept that it could have been the Moon, the Planet Venus, or Mars, or a balloon, or a helicopter, or a flare, or a firework, or a Chinese lantern, or any known type of aircraft. I cannot be

certain that the boom we heard was associated with this object in some way, but I think that it is highly likely that it was.

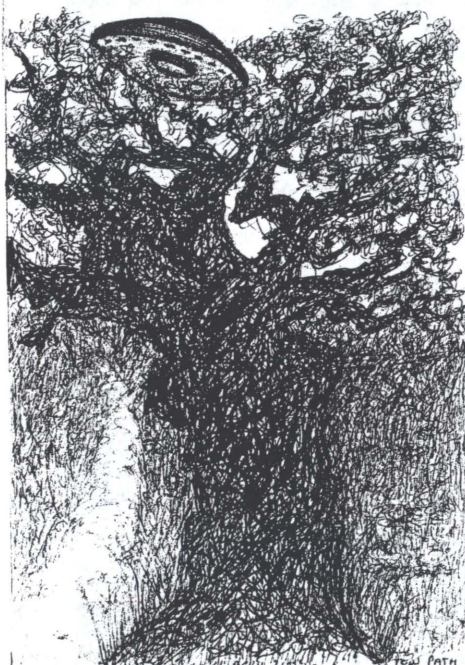
SUMMARY OF FEATURES WHICH I BELIEVE WOULD PUT THIS SIGHTING INTO THE CATEGORY OF A UFO:

01. LARGE AMBER DISC SHAPED LIGHT (LIKE LOOKING AT A FULL MOON AT VERY LOW LEVEL)
02. CHANGING COLOUR FROM RED TO AMBER AND BACK AGAIN AT A
03. FREQUENCY OF APPROXIMATELY ONCE PER SECOND.
04. NO VISIBLE CRAFT ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIGHT
05. NO SOUND WHATSOEVER
06. APPEARING TO HOVVER AND THEN ZOOM OFF AT AN INCREDIBLE SPEED
07. NO VISIBLE NAVIGATION LIGHTS
08. APPEARED TO BE UNDER INTELLIGENT CONTROL (i.e. NOT BALL LIGHTNING).

Witnesses: Roy Rowlands.

Ana Rowlands (short duration sighting)

Drawings by Denise Arnold



My wife and I had a strange experience while spending a weekend with Mr. Roy Dutton and his wife Marion in Torquay, Devon. Mr. & Mrs. Dutton live in a large bungalow on the side of a hill, overlooking the bay of Torbay. We were sleeping in a bedroom at the rear of the bungalow, which has a large window, providing a panoramic view of the Bay. It is fascinating to see all the lights around the Bay at night, and to see the reflection of the moon on the water, on a clear night.

We had all retired to our beds at around 11.30pm on Sunday 13th August, 2006, and we were quite tired, after a busy but interesting day. Something woke me up during the early hours of the morning, and I observed the time on my watch to be approximately 2am. I was not sure why I had woken up from such a sound sleep, but I had a strong compulsion to get out of bed and look out of the window. At first, all I could see were the lights around the bay, and some cloud, and then suddenly to my surprise, I saw a very large bright orange/amber light rise up, as if from the water, from the direction of Plymouth or Brixham. It rose quite quickly and smoothly at an angle of about 45 degrees, followed, almost immediately by another bright object of the same size and colour, and within about 4 seconds, a third identical object of the same size, colour and brightness, 'took off' from the same area, and as it reached the cloud base, another bright amber light seemed to detach itself from the third light, and fall to the ground or to the water. At this stage I woke my wife, and got her to quickly come to the window. By that time the three orange/amber lights had reached a normal level flight, and were heading together in a certain direction, away from us. As I pointed out those three lights to my wife, which she saw very clearly, two more lights of the same description, suddenly climbed steeply from either the ground or the water, from a slightly different position than the other three had appeared from, and were soon heading in the same direction as the others. I have to admit that the behaviour of the objects was similar to that of jet aircraft, and they were obviously under intelligent control. Their speed was comparable with jet aircraft, so they were definitely not Chinese lanterns. I had opened the windows fully, wondering if we would be able to hear any sound, but there was no sound at all. That was what made the sighting seem unusual, and to coin a well-known phrase of Dame Edna, it was "Spooky!" All the lights were of similar brightness and size. All of them were orange/amber, and they each had a kind of fuzzy halo around the edges. We did not see any craft or structure associated with the lights, or any type of navigation lights. We stood watching all 5 of them until they faded out of sight. Although my wife was quite shocked and baffled at what she had seen, she decided to get back into bed and try and get some sleep. I stayed by the window for almost another hour, in case there was likely to be any further activity, but I didn't see anything else. I got back into bed and continued to watch the sky in case any or all of the objects returned, but they did not. Eventually I fell asleep. We decided not to disturb Roy and his wife, but the next morning, I told Roy exactly what we had seen and mentioned the times. Roy Dutton used to work for the same company that I worked for in the 60's, A.V.Roe and Co., commonly known as AVRO. Roy worked in the aircraft development section and was involved with wind tunnel tests and so on. I worked in the WRD department (Weapons Research Division) on the Autopilot of the Blue Steel missile, which was Britain's only nuclear deterrent at that time. The famous Avro Vulcan V-Bombers were constructed and tested at that site, as were the Avro Lancasters of World War 2 fame.

Roy became interested in the many reports of UFO sightings around that time, and having accumulated a very large database of sighting reports, locations and dates, over a period of several years, which are continually being up-dated, he produced a computer program that enabled him to look for and categorise any commonalities. To his surprise a pattern began to emerge, and as a result of his analysis, he eventually came to the conclusion that our Planet is under surveillance by craft and occupants of unknown origin. Having been retired for several years now, since his career in the aircraft industry with AVRO, Hawker Siddeley and British Aerospace, he has been able to devote his full time to the study of the UFO Phenomenon, and claims that given any location, his system can predict a date, time and co-ordinates, for a possible sighting. When Roy checked his graphs, having been given the date, time and location of our sighting, and knowing the co-ordinates, of his area, he confirmed that our sighting coincided exactly with the points on the curve of his prediction graphs.

Roy also checked with the Coast Guard and the Police, to see if they had noticed anything that night, but needless to say, they said they had noticed nothing out of the ordinary. After our return home to Hemel Hempstead, Roy phoned to let us know that a man and his wife had also witnessed what we saw, and that they had contacted the local paper about it. They also came to visit Roy and his wife, and discussed their sighting with him. Roy told the newspaper about our sighting, and we got a brief mention in the article, which the newspaper published. We were not mentioned by name, but were mentioned as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dutton.

Witnesses: Roy Rowlands
Ana Rowlands

TORQUAY UFO SIGHTING – AUGUST 2006 – EXTRA INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF FEATURES THAT I BELIEVE WOULD PUT THE OBJECTS INTO THE CATEGORY OF UFO'S:

- 01 AMBER LIGHTS THE SHAPE OF A FULL MOON
 - 02 RISING UP RAPIDLY FROM GROUND OR SEA LEVEL AT 45 DEGREE.ANGLE.
 - 03 NO AUDIBLE SOUND HEARD, EVEN WITH WINDOWS FULLY OPEN
 - 04 NO VISIBLE NAVIGATION LIGHTS
 - 06 NO VISIBLE STRUCTURE ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIGHTS
 - 07 APPEARED TO BE UNDER INTELIGENT CONTROL
 - 08 DEFINITELY NOT BALL LIGHTNING, FLARES, FIREWORKS, BALLOONS, CHINESE LANTERNS OR AIRCRAFT
 - 09 ADMITTEDLY, THE BEHAVIOUR PATTERN OF THESE LIGHTS WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF JET AIRCRAFT
 - 10 THE THIRD LIGHT WHICH 'TOOK OFF' FROM THE GROUND OR THE WATER, DETACHED A LIGHT OF SIMILAR SIZE, WHICH APPEARED TO FALL TO THE GROUND/SEA.
 - 11 JOINING UP WITH EACH OTHER – JUST A FEW SECONDS APART - THEN FLYING AWAY AT CLOUD LEVEL, IN A FORMATION OF 5, LIKE THE RED ARROWS! NO, THESE WERE DEFINITELY NOT THE RED ARROWS!
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CHINESE LANTERNS - MENACE TO UFOLOGY?

by Geoff Ambler

It is apparent that more than half the UFOs being reported this year are likely to be "Chinese Lanterns" or a good chance of being so. These miniature hot air balloons are now a prized add-on to any party or wedding reception. Apparently such devices are not new and have been used in China and neighbouring states for hundreds of years, but have only just started appearing in the UK and other European nations thanks to widespread use of the Internet.

By using a search engine, I was able to locate at least 6 suppliers of lanterns on the 'net and ordered a pack of 12 for £40 which arrived within 3 days of a telephoned order. Thus the unit cost was just over £3 each - around the cost of a good firework. This particular variety known as "Sky Lanterns" were neatly packed in cellophane and described thus: "Khood Fay" (Sky Lanterns) are an old Chinese tradition and were first invented during "The Three Kingdom Period". They were used by the locals to let each other know when armies were approaching. It has evolved in a way of conveying personal wishes to the heavens as people write their personal messages prior to their release. Sky lanterns are now used at Festivals, Weddings, Birthdays and other celebrations. When released in their hundreds they are a truly awe-inspiring experience."

The lanterns are recommended for use with wind speeds of less than 5 miles per hour with no trees or overhead cables close by. On a still warm night, we found the balloon rose swiftly into the sky after about 30 seconds from igniting the wick held on a metal frame. The ascent appeared smooth and no manoeuvres could be detected. At a height of around 1000ft just a glow from the burning wick could be seen and this disappeared 5 minutes from launch. It is not clear what height the lantern had reached by this time. A release on another evening in windier, cloudy conditions was quite different with the lantern reluctant to lift off, eventually bobbing and weaving and departing at a much shallower angle.

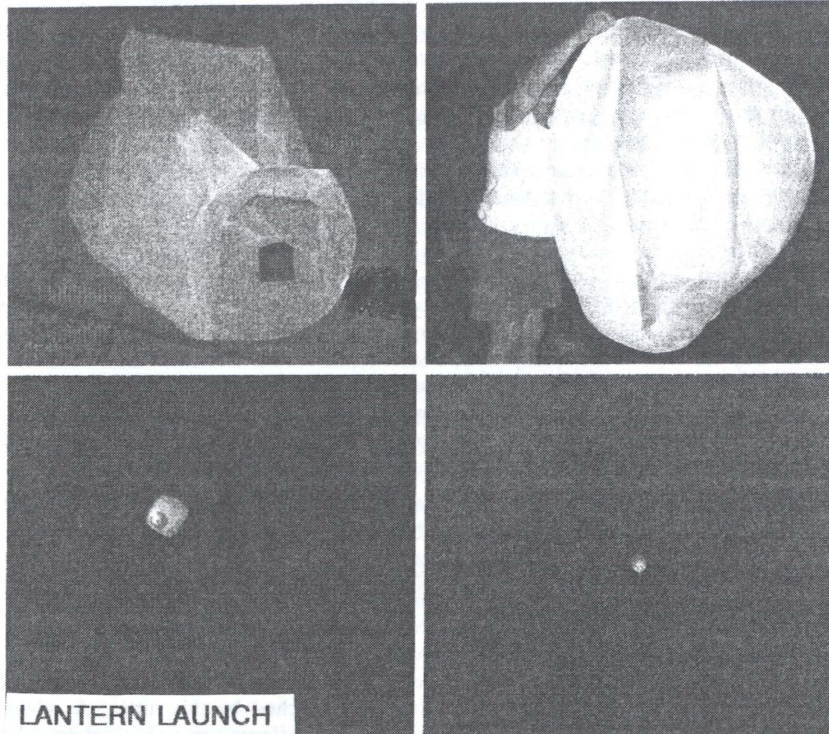
Varying conditions in the upper atmosphere could well cause the trajectory of the lantern to change and bob about. Of course if the party or wedding reception is in full swing users are hardly likely to refrain from releasing their expensive sideshow even if the wind is above the recommended 5m.p.h.

An examination of many reported "UFOs" with photographs often shows glowing elongated shapes against a dark sky background with a distinctive brighter patch at the lower end where the wick is burning. It is likely that the objects are moving at a relatively slow speed for several minutes and easy to get photographs of the whole group. Other reports of glowing UFOs in horizontal flight which pass from horizon to horizon within 5 seconds at great speed are clearly not chinese lanterns, nor are they meteors.

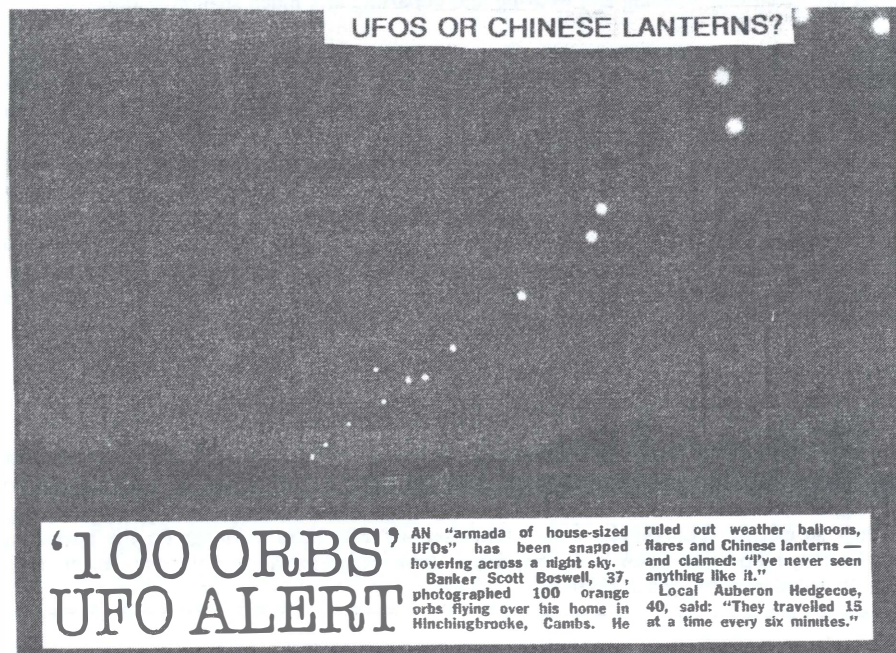
With increased use of lanterns to the level of firework displays there will hopefully come a time when the public is so familiarised with them they will no longer report "UFOs".

The paper skin of the lantern is fully biodegradable, but the metal crosspiece supporting the wick is not. When the device comes to land probably on open pasture where cattle are grazing, there is a chance that animals may ingest part of the wire and cause serious damage to their stomachs. The suppliers state that they will add extra warnings on the packaging, but this may be pointless as nobody can judge where a lantern will come down - maybe more than 20 miles from its launch point.

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LANTERN LAUNCH



UFOS OR CHINESE LANTERNS?

'100 ORBS' UFO ALERT

AN "armada of house-sized UFOs" has been snapped hovering across a night sky. Banker Scott Boswell, 37, photographed 100 orange orbs flying over his home in Hinchingbrooke, Cambs. He

ruled out weather balloons, flares and Chinese lanterns — and claimed: "I've never seen anything like it." Local Auberon Hedgecoe, 40, said: "They travelled 15 at a time every six minutes."

by Geoff Ambler

The phenomenon is now entering its 30th year and we did not have to wait long for the first arrival on April 14th in rapeseed, close to the Ridgeway at Avebury. The shock development at the end of 2008 was several sophisticated formations in maize or sweet corn crops - which means the "force" is now able to flatten 6-8ft tall plants with inch thick stems, thus making patterns in rape at its flowering stage, in comparison, should be easy. In previous years only 1-4 rape formations have been found, but at least 10 arrived this year up to mid-May, and of a standard that would only be seen in the easily flattened wheat crop 5 years ago. Giant formations up to 900ft long - the biggest seen in rapeseed - are illustrated overleaf.

Up to the end of June, 2009, the main website, www.cropcircleconnector.com recorded 37 formations in all crops in southern England (eliminating a couple that looked like hoaxes). This certainly is a record for the UK total in the first 2 months of activity. However it was noted that the concentration of formations around Avebury, Wilts, spreading out close to the Ridgeway path to the Oxfordshire border seemed to be about the only place where crop circles could be found in 2009. This narrow "showground" is carrying on from 2008 when an estimated 80% of all British formations were found here. Reports from abroad are also thin on the ground.

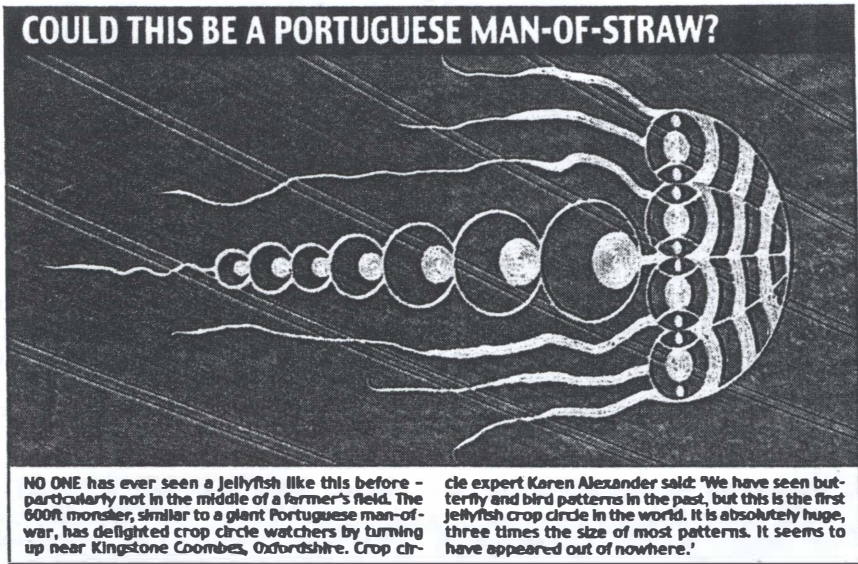
There seems to be some logic in targeting one area as all spotters will tend to concentrate their searches in this 30 mile corridor so nothing is missed. Randomly spread formations from Cornwall to Norfolk might be overlooked and aerial photographs not available due to the cost of flying to these out of the way places. Is there something special about the Ridgeway ancient path as nearly all crop circles are found within 5 miles of it? A sketch map showing positions of formations to the end of June, 2009, opposite, illustrates this fact. In the past it has not been so obvious and no circles were found in the Avebury area before 1988. For the past 19 years visitors from all over the world have travelled to this mecca of circle delights. The Ridgeway does in fact run right across the downs into Buckinghamshire ending at Ivinghoe Beacon. There are no circles on the eastern side at all, so less than half its length is "visited". Like most solutions to this mystery you only get half the answer!

Many outstanding designs have already appeared in rapeseed, barley, wheat and even flax. A 250 metre long "jellyfish" design at the Wayland Smithy longbarrow on May 29th made the national press. This is another example of key prototypes in this area close to the Uffington White Horse, Oxon. In 2005, two highly sophisticated designs illustrating "Mayan" culture appeared in fields north of Wayland Smithy in August. In 2006 the original 3-D "skyscrapers" appeared to the south in early July, and in 2007 a unique "butterfly" glyph was found a mile away close to the B4000 road. Last year, 2008, the south field was host to a huge formation of 241 circles in late July.

Links to the distant past could be related to what we are seeing today. Wayland Smithy an ancient neolithic chambered longbarrow dating from 2500-2000 BC is found in a thick copse of trees directly off the Ridgeway and a mile west of the oldest "White Horse" at Uffington. Similarly crop circles cluster around the West Kennet longbarrow, again dating from 2500-2000 BC, but situated in wide open terrain close to Silbury Hill and Avebury stone circles.

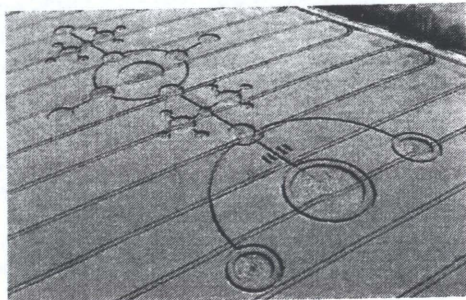
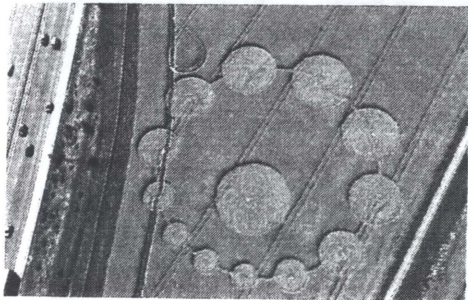
A complete analysis of the 2009 season follows next time. Stop press information at the time of writing indicates some farmers in Wiltshire have "lost it" and cut out designs in their fields within hours of discovery meaning there are no aerial photographs. The ultimate disaster occurred when a hooded vigilante stood in one circle near Devizes and fired on a group of Norwegian researchers approaching. He was arrested and led away. (See photo). On the other hand civilised farmers have opened up their fields and placed honesty boxes on site to which croppie visitors are only too willing to contribute. If you are going to the "hot area" - be careful!

"JELLYFISH" AT WAYLAND SMITHY, BARLEY, 29/5/09



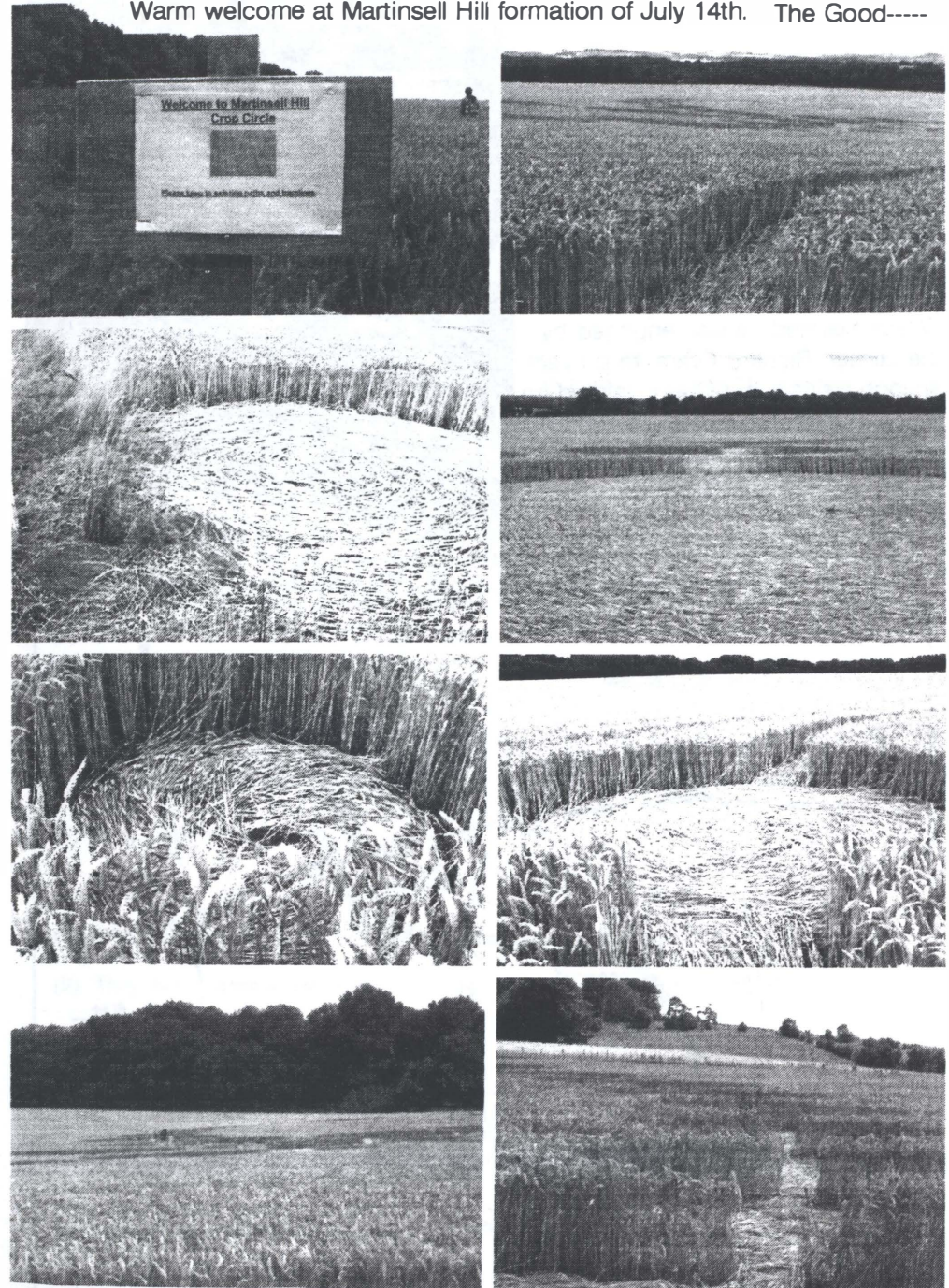
Formation in rape at Peaks Down Nr Swindon, next to M4, May 9th

Huge c900 ft long formation in rape at Clatford, Wilts, May 4th



(Photographs National Press)

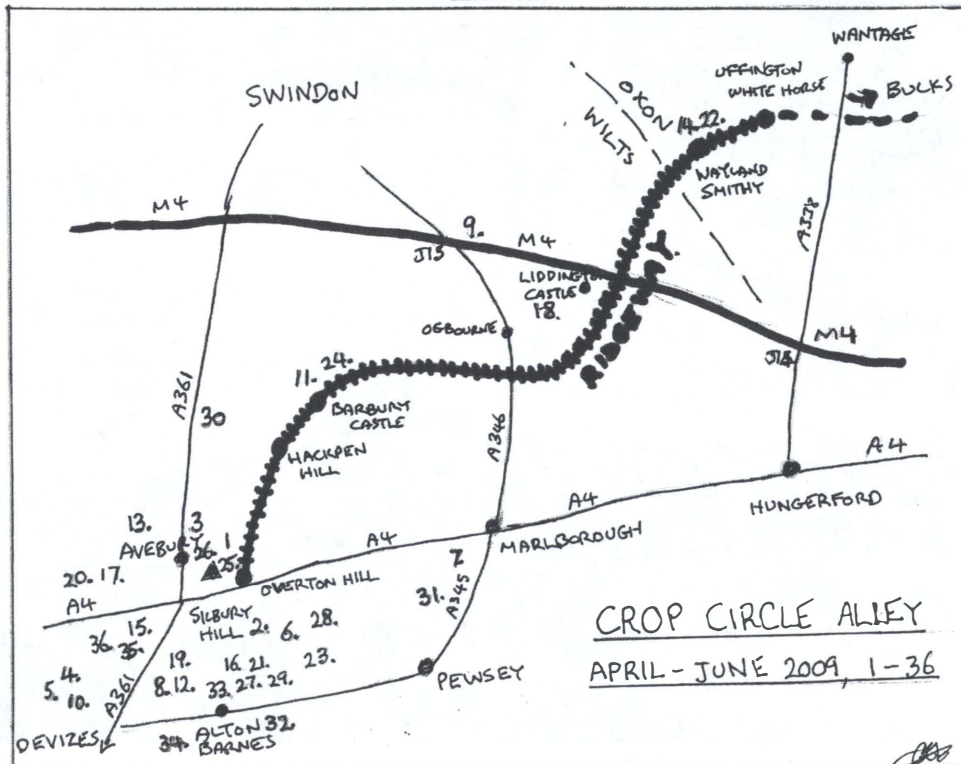
Warm welcome at Martinsell Hill formation of July 14th. The Good-----



Ground shots by Geoff Ambler

---the Bad and the Ugly!

Kenneth Wilson is arrested by police after firing shots at "trespassers" on July 14th. The Norwegian crop circle group were approaching the design at Cannings Cross near Devizes. Wilson claimed he was engaged by the farmer, Richard Oram, to prevent anyone visiting, but Oram claimed he was shooting at pigeons.



FROM THE ARCHIVES - "UNIDENTIFIED SOUNDS"

by Philip Rodgers

Editor: The recent interest in "sounds" from possible extraterrestrial sources (but more likely from our environmental nightmare) has occasionally risen to the fore in the past. Here is an account from 1958 of one researcher convinced he has alien contact via tape recordings and the sighting of "flying saucers" around about the time he picked up voices.

As with most of these manifestations described so vividly, nothing developed to prove or disprove aliens were involved. There is one possibility that fits all the 1950s activity with many sightings of "saucers" - that our visitors from outer space are "tourists" who like to visit as many planets as possible in a short time before moving on. Over time sightings change from saucers to globes to black triangles, but this is, in itself, maybe due to cultural changes in the humans observing them.

As a result of intensive research and observation, including the study of numerous tape recordings made from my home in Grindleford, Derbyshire, I am able to make the following assertions:

- (1) There is a group of people belonging to a race or nation unknown on this planet.
- (2) They speak a language unknown to us. They use many diphthongs and triphthongs and very few consonants. Its inflections are exceedingly musical and at times the words seem to be sung rather than spoken.
- (3) The voices of these people are indistinguishable from ours. From this I conclude they are anatomically identical with ordinary men, though I have no idea of their stature, features or colour.
- (4) They are highly civilised.
- (5) They appear very happy on the whole, also to possess a keen sense of humour.
- (6) They are friendly, at least towards me.
- (7) They seem anxious to communicate with me.
- (8) Some of them can speak English, a few perfectly.
- (9) They do not seem to use names.
- (10) They have a means of telling precisely what I am doing or saying at any particular moment.
- (11) They have electronic, acoustic, or mechanical devices unknown to us. Some of these are capable of simulating the human voice to an extent far beyond our ability. These machines can "speak" English as well as their own language.
- (12) They have a means of projecting their own transmissions (which are sound, not radio) to a given point, I.E my microphone which is usually placed on the outside sill of my

bedroom window. Many sounds have been registered on my tapes which were inaudible to me at the time of the recording.

(13) I do not know from whence these people hail, or of their mode of transport, I only know that they transit at comparatively close range.

(14) On playing back the tapes, I can tell when the transmitter was warming up. This is usually indicated by a gradual crescendo of sounds resembling Morse signals and faint tremoli.

(15) Transmissions appear dependent on atmospheric and other conditions, for there are times when only an odd note or whistle is heard, whereas at other times reception is perfect.

(16) The people have musical instruments of a type unknown to me. Some are obviously wind instruments; others appear to be electronic.

(17) Their music is thoroughly diatonic but unrhythmic. Some phrases heard have a distinctly modernistic flavour, resembling pieces by Walton and other contemporary English composers.

(18) They appear to be religious, for their music comprises a fair amount of intoning, also chanting in fifths, analogous to Plainsong with Organus.

(19) They appear capable of listening to our music when they wish and seem to appreciate it.

EVIDENCE OF UFO ACTIVITY:

My hypothesis that the recordings I have been making recently are from outer space has been challenged by a few people, most of them spiritualists, who try to claim them as the work of spooks and poltergeists. Since these attacks began, however evidence in favour of my theory has piled up to such an extent that it is now almost certain that some at least of these sounds are connected with interplanetary spaceships:

(1) The Testimony of Dr George Hunt Williamson.

This eminent explorer and anthropologist was greatly excited by the few recordings he heard, declaring them to be the "real thing". He recognised the actual voice in the well known "Time Check" which he had actually heard only speaking Italian. He told me that four Italian professors have been picking up radio signals from space men who had invented a machine capable of translating the sender's words or even his thoughts into any language required. This machine produces the voice very well, though it lends a distinctly nasal timbre to the quality. Dr Williamson also explained that the machine has keys which click when it is in operation and was therefore impressed with the faint typewriter-like sound in the "ship is real; people" (sic) recording. He also considered the loud screaming noise (recorded in Sheffield) to be of great significance.

(2) Sightings of Flying Saucers Apparently Connected with my Recordings.

On 10th of July 1958, Mr Michael Lines and Mr Ronald Lindsey came to hear my recordings. A fortnight later several people came to hear them during the afternoon and evening. One of these was Mr J. Dale, leader of the Manchester Flying Saucer Group. While these friends were with me - at 18.00 hours - Mr Lindsey happened to be driving

some people from Sheffield towards Fox House. As they rounded the bend on the brow of the hill, Mr Lindsey saw two metallic discs travel rapidly from the left, hover for a few seconds directly overhead, then shoot upwards into the clouds, after which they reappeared for an instant. The objects were also seen by 80 year old Miss Birkenshaw who, without any prompting from Mr Lindsey declared it to be a flying saucer. Though we did not see the objects from our house, it appears from the description that they hovered directly overhead although nothing of interest appeared on the tape at that time, a good recording was made a couple of hours later.

(3) On Friday, May 16th, 1958, Mr George Arthur Wild (who at the time knew nothing of me or my recordings) saw what appeared to be a brilliant star almost directly overhead at 23 hours from his home in Wincobank, Sheffield. Suddenly the object shot southwards at about 7,000 m.p.h. A couple of hours before this I had made one of my best series of recordings.

(4) On 2nd August, 1958, a Mr and Mrs Cadwallender saw a bright spinning object in the sky while driving near to Strines Reservoir, Sheffield at about 20.40 hours. this sighting occurred a couple of hours after I had made some good recordings from the house of Mrs Fitton at Norton, Sheffield.

(5) On August 10th, 1958, Mr and Mrs Stanley Thompson paid me a visit and heard some of the recordings. I then made a recording while they were with me. On playing back we distinctly heard the word "Giggleswick" three times in succession. The following Sunday, (17th), my sister drove mother and myself to Giggleswick, as I felt sure that something would happen. The day was uneventful except in the evening, when I heard a singing note in the sky. I followed the sound and noted that it paced me along the road for a time, then circled over a field. My sister scanned the sky in the region of the sound, but saw nothing definite. We set off homewards at about 20.00 hours, driving through Barnsley. It was not until a few days later that Mrs Thompson told me that a female typist who works for her at Newton Chambers said she had seen a flying saucer over Barnsley at about 20.00 hours about half an hour before we arrived there. I have not yet obtained the name and detailed story of the witness. Then later on November 6th, 1958, Mrs Thompson swore she saw one at about 18.40 hours. It was a red light which sped across the sky.

(6) On November 18th, 1958, I gave a lecture to the Meersbrook Spiritualist Church group about my recordings. During the discussion which followed, several people tried to argue that I had been recording spirit voices. After the lecture I was driven home by Mr Anderton, the chairman. Mr William Osguthorpe, the secretary, came with us. As we approached the Clarion Corner, Mr Osguthorpe and I both saw a red light flash across the road from right to left. Owing to my bad sight, I could not see where we were and took it to be the rear light of a car on a road passing to our left. But Mr Osguthorpe drew attention to the light pointing out there is no road to the left. He also noticed there were no other lights as would have been the case with a car. The object must have been flying very low across the road and exceedingly fast. Mr Anderton did not see it, but Mr Osguthorpe remarked that the light was quite objective. After this encounter, we stopped the car and looked around but saw nothing. The sighting occurred at 21.57 hrs.

CONCLUSIONS

(1) The above evidence points to a definite connection between flying saucers and my recordings.

(2) Though there have been no instances of a sighting taking place at the precise time of recording, it has often happened that only a couple of hours separated them - in other words there seems to be a connection.

(3) Only small ships have been sighted in connection with these recordings.

(4) As the small ships cannot reach our planet alone, but have to be carried on a Mother Ship, I guess that in these cases the Mother Ship keeps out of sight, but is busily engaged in transmitting sounds to me. The small ships, on the other hand, are not used for transmission but for reconnaissance.

SOME DIVERSE ANGLES ON THE CURRENT AND PAST UFO

SCENE

by Michael Soper

A report came in on April 17th, 2009, aired on Radio Cornwall at mid-day concerning the scrambling of two Meteor NF14s jet fighters in May 1955 at a secret UK reconnaissance base in response to a sighting by groundstaff of three different coloured lights hovering directly above the base in a triangular shape. As soon as the Meteors scrambled in this cold-war scenario, the three lights dispersed. There are very many cases like this in the official files and the eyewitness phoning into the BBC made one realise that, though, for many, the UFO scene is conjectural for some it is a matter of daily practice.

In those days the enemy had the nature of being remote and characatured. Now the enemy is in some respects blinkered and doctrinaire officialdom - that can recommend SODIUM HEXACYANOFERRATE also known as sodium ferrocyanide, a smelting byproduct, as an anti-caking agent in everyday table salt, which I recently discovered by a chance look at a dispenser of the product. These supermarket chains have the ferrocyanide caking agent in their own label table salt:

CO-OP, MORRISONS, SAINSBURYS, ASDA, TESCO, BUDGEN.

Of all the anti-coking agents available how can they choose a smelting product, with a potentially fatal cyanide linkage that may have been checked on monkeys (lab life 20 years tops) though not on humans (up to 140 years longevity). Note that many are opposed to another smelting byproduct, FLUORIDE, in their tapwater, but in certain countries such as Russia, England, Ireland, USA, they are forced to accept fluoride additives in their supply. Are the population the prey of their governments - that would seem definitely to be the case.

Note this makes the UFO disclosure side of things yet more intriguing. That a government system can in various forms allow cyanide products in table salt, fluoride in the water supply, lie about dangerous vaccines, help Porton Down biological warfare centre in their prion research and hide very many iniquities is suddenly keen to release possible UFO secrets via the National Archive is slightly odd, even though many of these things are being done via quangos and other odd institutional bodies they have set up.

Note that the possibilities in relation to UFO disclosures are:

a) They have decided there is not any threat or relevance.

b) They are keeping back the most informative cases.

c) They are researching how the UFO phenomenon functions. Those subscribers who read the journal, "Nexus", or tune into satellite channels, "Edge Medea" or "Controversial" television are very fully clued in concerning the duplicity of government actions. However there are other, much more hopeful trends away from the grey fearfulness of the past ---

Looking into what the cinema has to offer recently, Steven Spielberg's film "*Race to Witch Mountain*" is a superb remake of the original Walt Disney version and has two very believable young aliens. Afficionados may like to check how many UFO stills from the actual UFO photo book feature at the beginning. I counted about 20, and from then on the film does not let one down. The action steadily and naturally builds up to the phrenetic last scenes that feature the two escaping in their craft. The sceptical and believable taxi driver, Dwayne Johnson, and the aliens, Ciaran Hinds and Anna Sophia Robb supported by Carla Bugino all act superbly. The film is not overburdened by special effects that are omnipresent but do not intrude. I would say this presentation is as good as "*Close Encounters of the Third Kind*" and hopefully will be seen for many years.

Another recent film involving UFOs, "*Knowing*", is less conventional and has the energising method actor, Nicholas Cage as the lead. Here the burden is far more serious and genuinely thought provoking. Though sold as a fairly lightweight offering this film is in implication definitely not so. Rose Byrne and Chandler Canterbury co-star in a film that erases many concepts and replaces them - though how - see for yourself.

FORUM AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I read with great interest your editorial in the March 2009 issue. It's reasoning is extremely sound even to there being little likelihood of anything new emerging from Barack Obama's tenure in the White House.

One might ask why - and there could be many answers to that question, not the least of which is the fact that the US military, FBI and CIA are still in the hands of the conservatives, all hell bent on blurring the edges, because this is the norm for them. On the other hand, I fancy that any material of real interest dating back to the '40s and '50s would be very deeply buried by now and who is there anyway who will know where to find it. They are all of them dead now.

However let us look at 1954 when "Ike" supposedly went missing for a while and let us also suppose that there was a meeting with our space or cross-dimensional visitors - what then could have transpired?

All of this codswallop about atomic power was certainly not on the agenda, except perhaps as just one item on a list of problems which we were creating for ourselves. Global warming is a natural process and it has been going on for many thousands of years and all we have done is to have speeded up the process by a few centuries so that too would have formed part of their discussions.

But the sticking point would I think have been, that it was pointed out that this planet belonged to all the species living on it and not just to the hairless primates we call humans. Also that human systems of waste and greed were all wrong, as were our political systems. Furthermore, the division of humans into categories by colour class and creed had to go. And above all, they had to teach the Earth's peoples what they had learnt of the nature of the universe and it's evolution over many millions of years of study.

Can you imagine the effect of that? Good grief - NO! It would destroy our religions, our politics and our control over people! Many would not believe you anyway and would fight to preserve their zones of comfort etc.

As I said, this is pure speculation, but, if something of the sort had taken place then it would have indeed been a case of: "Bury this deep, throw away the key and say no more - deny the UFOs like mad." It could have happened like that, and, if it did, the UFO boys weren't so darned smart anyway - why I ask you did they choose the Americans of all people?

Just one more thought to ponder over - will we ever know the truth? One thing is certain however - they are out there.

Ray Martin, Modder River, RSA

Dear Editor,

Thankyou for sending the March issue of "Awareness". I just received it in the mail the other day. As like always, I found it very interesting especially the article about the UFO at President Obama's inauguration. You just never know where or when you'll see those things.

Vera L. Perry, Norwalk, Ohio, USA.

Dear Editor,

As an active independent Ufologist, I read with interest the article by S.I. Felton in Awareness Vol 29 No 4 pages 25-29. I do not descibe to Awareness, but a friend of mine passes the magazine to me. It's a great read - better than some of the crap that's out there at the moment. By the way what has happened to BUFORA the so-called saviours of the world, I hear they have gone surfing the net and got lost in the matrix, to be honest, no loss. I have been reading with great interest the good work Contact International has been doing to promote the UFO phenomena, while other groups have come and gone - fallen by the wayside like the discs of the 40s and 50s (excuse the pun) I like a joker. Talking of jokers, I must admit it was great to read how the self proclaimed God of Ufology, Andy Roberts, appears to be drowning in his own bullshit - hopefully dragging down his two sidekicks Clarke and Randles.

I'll just jump on the bandwagon trio, oops another government failure. To be honest get rid of the three stooges and hopefully British Ufology may get a foothold in the door of secrecy. If we keep pushing that door until it eventually it swings wide open, the secrecy will fall and we will all know the truth that's out there.

Good work Scott - watch your back and don't let the bastard drag you down!

A. Strider (No address given)

(Editor: Apologies for the insults to all concerned - just about printable. I think any more chat about the Berwyn Mountains incident from 1974 can be placed elsewhere, as it seems to generate the most awful vitriol and, in any case is well passed it's sell by date. Looking from afar I am still confused about what happened before, during and after the incident, and whether any UFOs were present or not. Presumably our writer will be publishing his agenda for the new order in Ufology and will be able to stand up to similar criticisms he has placed on others.)

From Steve Gerrard, Founder Southampton UFO Group, Editor of UFONews UK

June 2010 -- I close the doors for the final time.

This for me has been something coming, but I have kept hold of the dream, until now. I have decided to retire from the Ufological race and slip into obscurity. I will keep in touch with those I have known many a year and subscribe to a couple of UFO magazines as a thankyou for their support over the many years. I have also decided to try and sell the copies of SUFOG magazines I have, going back to the first edition along with my DVD collection. All of this will be completed with the final issue of UFONews UK in June 2010. Why?---

* Part of the Ufological dream died with me when the Southampton UFO Group closed its doors in January 2008 and the so called friends that I thought I had, dropped me like a stone.

* The other part of my Ufological dream of a great magazine, building more contact with groups around the country also has hit a brick wall. So many British groups have promised but not delivered and I am fed up with wasting my time on UFO groups that seem to think they are above the rest.

* I am finding it very difficult editing and publishing the magazine on my own, but I had to do it for my own peace of mind. Membership has not grown as I thought it had and I am finding it very difficult to find material without using the internet, and to be honest, the internet is killing the magazine.

* Things in my own life have also effected my decision and this is not the place to go into this, but to say that my direction in life has changed and this has also effected my decision.

So, this is it I am afraid. June 2010 will see me and the magazine slip into obscurity, but I will contact 3 magazines and subscribe to them and support Ufology in some way, and my friends I have stayed with over the years, I will still contact.

REVIEWS

GARSTON MANOR UFO CONFERENCE, 31/5/09, "INTO THE UNKNOWN"

A new venue for a UFO conference is always worth looking at considering the loss of Cornwall, Dorchester and Pontefract in the last year to name but a few. CIUFOR got direct invites from the organiser, Catrine O' Neill so we could hardly refuse to be represented especially as the venue was less than 50 miles from Oxford.

After the usual political shenanigans beforehand, it transpired that your editor and data research member, Roger Davies, were the parties to head for Watford on a bright sunny morning, May 31st, 2009. Garston Manor, stated to be in Watford, looked to be more like Abbots Langley from a look at the map. Of course this area of Hertfordshire is one big sprawl. By not going on the motorway and A405 we succeeded in getting lost for 20 minutes. Eventually we spotted the entrance to Garston Manor along a narrow country lane. A small notice on the gate which was upside down - presumably for the benefit of alien attenders - announced the UFO conference!

Nearly half-an-hour late, but we hadn't missed anything as other delegates and speakers were also delayed. This was the olde worlde stately home venue I love - pity we had to sit and swelter inside for most of the day and miss the enjoyment of exploring the lush grounds.

I counted about 60 people (including aliens) in the audience, gathered in one of the larger rooms which looked to be just about full. The usual bad news preceded the conference - two of the main speakers were no shows due to illness, but at least a substitute, full scale abductee, was in place. We kicked off with Kevin Goodman who surprised me at least, devoting a full lecture to events at Warminster - a subject I thought to be as dead as a dodo! A group he was part of had experienced some astonishing alien contact in the mid 1970s and a book was on sale at conference: "*UFO Warminster - Cradle of Contact*" written by Kevin in 2007.



After our first interval in which we were reintroduced to Lionel Beer's book stall and had a chat with Flying Saucer Review people, it was time for the almost permanent conference presence of Nick Pope. It must have been 5 years at least since I last heard him and the delivery now seems sharper, but the contents much the same. Reviewing what the MOD is doing in releasing UFO files is common knowledge and I was looking for something a bit different considering Nick is supposedly a full time researcher now. He mentioned the wind farm case in Lincolnshire from back in January - ears pricked up - was the definitive explanation coming through, but no such luck! At least I learnt something new, that the MOD has moved the UFO response desk from Whitehall to High Wycombe.

Lunch time - and I enjoyed the £3 veggie chilli on offer on the terrace outside - while a bevy of attractive ladies attempted a meditation further out on the grass. Is that part of the UFO scene nowadays? It looked like only one male was in their circle - the heavily tattooed brigade were no doubt elsewhere sinking pints! Back to the action, and once again it was conference favourite, Malcolm Robinson, who imparted some Scottish wisdom in his usual humorous style. As a mass communicator, Malc has no peers but needed some focus on one

or two themes rather than the pot-pourri we got, although he did say he was asked by the organisers to review his lifetime experiences in chasing ghosts, UFOs and Nessie amongst others.

The next speaker was an abductee who stood in at the last minute, Steve Jones, who delivered a phrenetic and highly emotionally charged talk on what appeared to be his almost permanent state of abduction as far as I could gather. Unfortunately my usual mid-afternoon stupor on these occasions came on fairly early in the stifling conditions and I was unable to concentrate. (*The reason I never go to many conferences.*) Not really my interest either, but I'm sure the organisers and audience were highly appreciative of Steve's effort.

The final session was devoted to crop circles and the speaker, Alan Foster, gave a focused and well prepared lecture with oodles of photographs. Of course its much easier when the evidence can be presented in an endless display on the screen, whereas the previous speaker relied on "faith" alone. Mr Foster had obviously been round many formations in the last few years, but I can't say I had ever met him before.

There was to have been a workshop in remote viewing at the end, which we were looking forward to, but practitioner, Duncan Campbell, was one of the absentees. We elected to miss the Q and A session, but overall thought the conference a pleasant and enjoyable day out, and congratulate Nadine O'Neill on her first attempt. Will there be another one at Garston Manor?

Geoff Ambler

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