

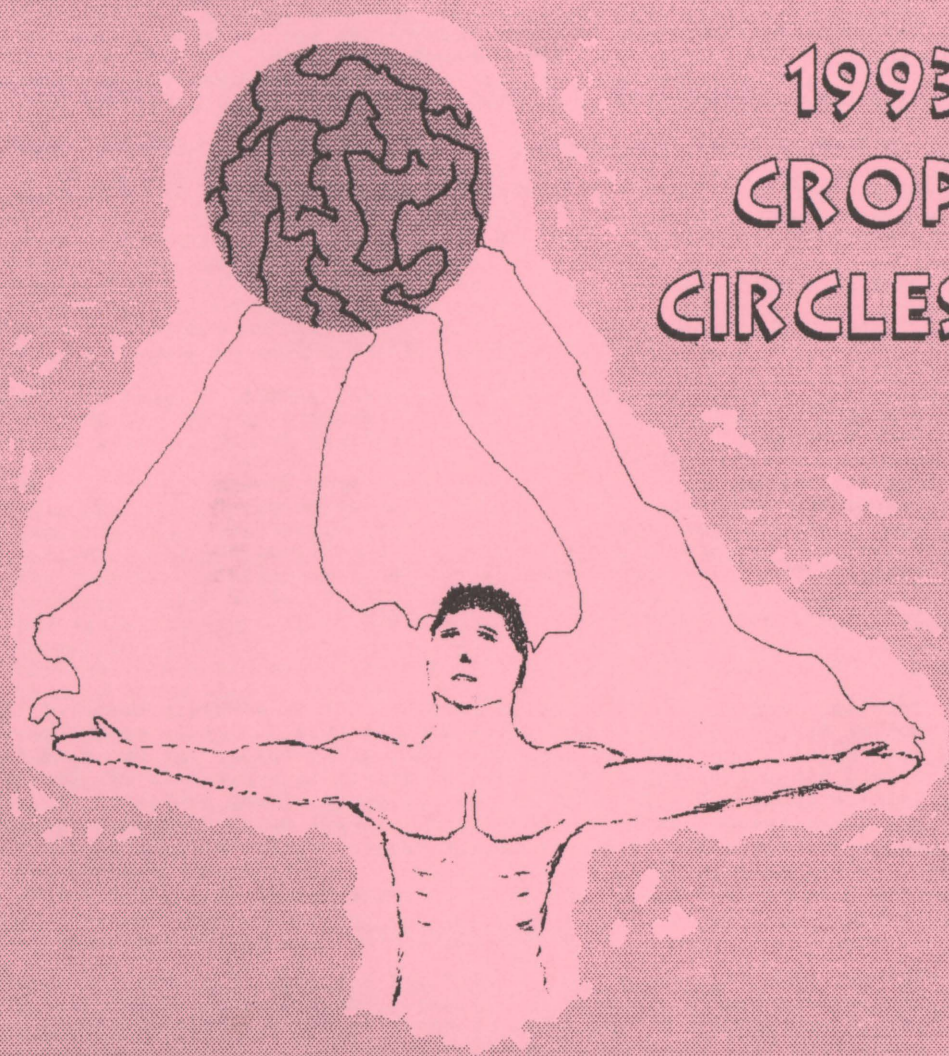
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The year 1993 is proving a major period in British Ufology. Some highly significant UFO sightings were reported on March 30-31st night as mentioned in our last edition. We have now seen final reports and everything indicated that genuine UFOs were witnessed such is the replication quality of the eyewitness reports. Something or things were seen over the far Western counties of England, parts of Wales, Southern Ireland and even near Lyons, France. During the Summer months the sightings were widely dismissed as a rocket re-entry, even given the code number of the vehicle concerned. However as the brilliant lights seen were moving in horizontal formations and in view for several seconds it seems most unlikely this could be a re-entry. Our analysis is set out on the next pages. The important point to remember is that the same experience had been reported by hundreds of separate witnesses including many police, thus reducing the odds of fake testimony or mis-identification to a very low probability.

Most activity has been over the far South West counties of England so we may designate it a "West Country Flap". Over Dorset many anomalous glowing light spheres were reported in May and June. On June the 28th and several subsequent nights a cluster of pulsating, colour changing UFOs were seen over the city of Bristol. These created tremendous interest and whole streets of people were driven to a high level of excitement. The same type of UFO may have been seen again on August 23rd over various parts of Devon and Cornwall. The Radio 1 late music show was inundated with calls reporting these. Something similar may have also been spotted in other counties.

At this stage I want to point out that none of the above events could definitely be described as spaceships containing physical occupants. It is easy to jump to the wrong conclusions.

While all this was going on the crop circles returned as usual penetrating as far afield as Northern Ireland and in a number of overseas countries. A truly remarkable creation appeared at a place called Bythorn on the border of Northants and Cambridgeshire. This 173 foot circle contains no less than 40 sections of raised crop patterns with associated pathways. The final design is based on the pentagram and the symmetry is exquisite. It is uncertain when the formation appeared but August 30th is reckoned to be the day. There were multi witness UFO sightings at Kettering and Higham Ferrers, less than 15 miles away on August 24th & 25th - so is there a connection?

You will no doubt have heard the bad news that the Mars mission has aborted as the probe failed to activate its cameras on the final approach to the Red Planet. Well that's what NASA reported to the World. Once again we ask ourselves - is this another cover-up? Are they carrying on photographing in secret particularly the area round Cydonia, which we have all been anxiously waiting to update following the possibilities of intelligent sculpting there, as seen on the 1976 pictures. I personally don't rate conspiracies or cover-ups, in particular, concerning our subject, but if any reader knows something sinister about this business please report it to us in confidence.

There seems to be points in time when technology races ahead as seen in the last few years of the 1939-45 war, and again in the US-Russian space race of 1955-75. The galvanizing forces of warfare or cold war focus concentration and great achievements result. Once the stimulus is removed things start going wrong. For the past ten years the US space programme has under achieved from the time of the ill fated Shuttle explosion to the latest camera flop on the Mars mission. Maybe it's coincidence, but a point to reflect on.

The Editor.

WEST COUNTRY EVENTS 1993
by Data Research.

MARCH 30-31st EXPERIENCE

Arguably the most powerful UFO manifestation seen over Britain for many years was experienced on the night of March 30-31st. Reports came in from counties of Devon and Cornwall and parts of Wales. It was also seen over much of the Irish Republic at a slightly earlier time. Whether there was a fleet of objects or just one grouping we cannot be certain of. Later information reaching us indicates one witness in Cornwall had seen a very similar pair of lights stationary and then moving, at 10pm, a full 3 hours before the principle activity was reported at 01:15 on March 31st. We have also learnt that more activity was reported over Lyons, France at a similar time.

For most of the Summer the events were fobbed off as a rocket re-entry Russian Cosmos satellite Sat. No. 2238 or even the secret American Aurora spy-plane which was regarded as the prime cause of the August 16th 1992 sightings over Wales. However, individual witness testimony received directly by colleagues at Plymouth UFO Research Group (PUFORG) gives the strongest indication that the March 31st events were, most definitely, UFOs, such is the replication of the reports received from a wide area. Below are quotes from first hand witness accounts. Hundreds more observers reported the events including at least 20 police officers.

Witness 1: Derek L. Johnson, Pityme. Report in North Cornwall Advertiser May 7 1993. Time 22:00 30/3

"Unlike so many during the month of March, the night sky at 10pm on the 30th was almost cloud free, and whilst taking my dog for his final outing, my attention was drawn towards two bright lights, quite close together, some considerable distance away in the Western sky in the direction of Padstow.

At first they were motionless, one slightly higher than the other and larger than any planets or stars in sight. Then then commenced to move, travelling from West to East maintaining a uniform distance between them, suggesting they were from the same unit.

Any theory I may have had connecting them with the landing lights of an aircraft were soon dispelled as there were no signs of recognised aircraft port, starboard and underbelly flashing identification lights visible at any time.

As I watched, I strained my hearing for any engine noise, and whereas I thought I could discern a faint hum, the object had disappeared eastwards at considerable speed, before I could be absolutely sure. Before being lost to sight heading in the Camelford direction, I estimated I had been observing the lights for some 6 or 7 minutes.

Although I have had considerable night flying experience in the past that included many hours of astral navigation. I can honestly say I have never before seen anything quite like the spectacle I have have described.

Witness 2: Judith Kirk. Penzance, Cornwall. Time 01:03, 31/3

"I'd been visiting friends and I arrived home as the 1.00am news was starting on the radio. I got out of the car and went towards the house which is on a dirt track; there are no lights about. I stopped at a gate to look over the landscape which was moonlit. I was thinking how

nice and tranquil it was, when out of the corner of my right eye, I saw a couple of objects travelling N - S, not quite overhead. I momentarily thought they were a couple of meteorites, but instead of vanishing quickly, they kept on coming.

"They were travelling parallel to each other, travelling very precisely. They were like very big stars. They were as bright as Sirius and about 4 times as large. They were about 1"-1 1/4" apart as seen by the naked eye and were giving off a vapour trail.

"The lights were white like stars and the trails were white like fog. The trails came from directly behind the objects, and were a single thick trail, not like those given off by large airliners, which are split into two.

"My first thought was 'My God, what's that ?!'. They were obviously some kind of controlled craft, but not like anything I'd seen before. There were no flashing navigational lights, just two extraordinary bright lights, which were unusually large and/or powerful, travelling fast.

"As they proceeded N - S, I noticed that there were two other objects accompanying (or following) the larger two. These were not visible in themselves, but were giving off vapour trails, although these were barely visible.

"As I watched their progress across the sky, I tried to relate what I was seeing to something I was already familiar with. The closest comparison I can make is that the two smaller vapour trails looked like those seen during the day coming from high flying smaller jet aircraft - a single jet stream.

"There's nothing I can compare the the larger two objects with, because they're not like anything I've seen before, but side by side with the 2 objects/trails, they were very large indeed.

"Since I saw the objects, I've been watching and listening for aircraft at night and have seen nothing that compares to them in any way at all.

"The objects flew very precisely. In my opinion, there were definitely 4 separate objects and these were definitely controlled craft. The 2 large lights were flying exactly parallel to each and (I believe) a little way behind and below them the 2 smaller ones also flew exactly parallel to each other. All 4 flew exactly the same speed and course.

"The 4 vapour trails were very 'precise'. They looked as if someone someone had taken a ruler and drawn 4 dead straight lines across the sky, parallel to the ground.

"I couldn't hear any noise coming from the objects. I was waiting to hear some noise, but the fact that they passed overhead silently added another dimension to the puzzle. There was neither direct aircraft sound or delayed sound from high flying jets.

"The only sound I heard which I do connect with them, was a low, barely audible, displaced, muffled, rumbling sound coming from somewhere off to the West. I was looking to the East and the noise was definitely coming from the West. It sounded like a distant, very remote body of traffic, not like any sound I would normally connect with aircraft, even delayed sound from high flying jets. It was

different in location, sound and volume. Four 'ordinary' aircraft would have made more noise.

"When the noise started, dogs living in that direction started barking. It wasn't just one dog, it was several and this carried on until the sound subsided.

"As already stated, I have listened to & watched aircraft at night since I saw the objects, and there is nothing that compares with them in any way. In particular, ordinary aircraft do not make dogs bark.

"I watched the 4 objects fly Southwards, where they flew into some cloud. The clouds lit up brilliantly, as they flew through it. I thought 'That is weird'. They then went out of sight.

"I wouldn't have followed this up if I hadn't heard a report on Radio 4's 'P.M.' (31/3/93) programme about UFOs seen over the West coast of Ireland shortly before my sighting".

Judith watched the objects for about one 1½ minutes. They were a ¼" across (at arms length) and were at an angle of 80 degrees when passing 'nearly overhead'. She contacted 'Westcountry' TV, the day of her sighting. They briefly gave her report and that of Phillip Young. However these were broadcast the following day, which was April the 1st. The presenter wasn't sure if it was an April Fool joke, possibly because of Judith's surname.

Witness 3: Phillip Young, Truro, Cornwall. Time 01:09 31/3

"I had just turned off the TV and lights and felt like going outside. I went out on my patio watching the stars. It was very clear even though there was a quarter moon. A couple of minutes later, that is about 01:09, my attention was caught by a movement coming over my roof from the North.

"I saw two very bright points of light flying SSE direction. Their path was from the area of Ursa Minor and went parallel to the pointers (to Arcturus) in Ursa Major. Their colour was a blue white and they left a ropery trail, like a vortex from a plane wing, though I am sure it was not a plane because it had no navigation lights and was completely silent. And if it was a secret American spy plane (as someone on TV suggested) then it wouldn't carry floodlights on its wingtips."

The objects were at 45 degrees and to the East of his position. He saw only two objects and two vapour trails.

"The objects were the size of a pinhead AAL. They travelled at 2" apart AAL, and the speed was about 1½" AAL per second. the trails appeared 1" behind the lights and faded in 4-5 seconds.

"The trails, which were as wide as a normal jet trail at 30,000 ft, were unusual. It was like when you're looking at an ultra-violet light, your eyes can't quite focus on it. It was the same with the trails. The lights were a bright white/blue and the trails were very bright blue, almost violet. They were very bright but I couldn't say if they were self luminous or reflecting the moon which was at 90 degrees to them."

Phillip, an "astronomer for some years", was "stunned" by what he saw. He watched the objects for 30-40 seconds, then rushed indoors to get his camera. When he came out the objects and trails had gone.

Witness 4,5: Mike Hopkins, Lesley Hopkins, Torquay, Devon. 01:15 31/3

"On Tuesday 30th March, I had a tooth taken out. I went to bed about 11:30 that night. At 1.00am (31/3) I woke up in some pain and decided to go downstairs and take some Anadin. Returning upstairs, I got almost to the top landing, when I saw 2 bright lights out of the landing window (the landing curtains are never closed).

"I pulled aside the net curtains to see 2 bright amber lights coming at an angle but straight overhead. They were spaced apart, moved in unison and were leaving a heavy trail as they went overhead. I could see a shape behind each light, a sort of dark mass that I felt was short and cylindrical, like a bean tin.

"Between and above the lights was a sort of streamer or beam, that seemed to ripple. It ran along the same path as the objects, but stretched ahead and behind them and seemed to keep 'catching up'. I find this very hard to describe.

"As they passed over the roof, I ran into our bedroom at the front of the house. I woke my wife Lesley and opened the curtains and together we watched them fly out of sight.

"Lesley's first reaction was 'Oh, my God' and we both felt we had seen something exceptional."

Lesley: "I was in bed trying to get to sleep but feeling restless. It was 1.15am 31st March. Mike, my husband had just been downstairs to get some painkillers, having had a tooth out the previous day. I heard him arrive at the top of the stairs, hesitate for a couple of seconds, then ran into the bedroom and shouted 'Look at this, Les'.

"I jumped out of bed and went to the window which Mike was looking out of. We both stood speechless as we watched and then said 'What is it ?!'

"There were 2 bright shining orange lights, moving at great speed. They had flown over the roof top and were heading in the direction of the sea. There were 2 vapour trails left by the 2 main lights and as they went into the distance, I noticed another small light in between them, but quite a bit behind and with a smaller vapour-like trail.

"There was complete silence and the speed was faster than a plane, shooting star or any other object I've seen.

"Against the night sky they were quite bright and the vapour trails were very clear. The lights looked like a cigarette end in the dark and travelling at great speed."

Both witnesses noted the time on the bedside clock was 01:15. Mike saw the objects for 15 seconds and Lesley for 10. The objects were travelling from N to S. The vapour trails were the same colour as the lights. They were brilliantly lit along their length and stretched from horizon to horizon. They had "no idea" how far away the objects were.

Mike phoned us on the evening of the 31st and even over the phone it was obvious he was still excited by what he had seen. he said it was a fantastic sight because the objects lit up a large part of the sky,

"Anyone who was out at that time could not have failed to see them. They were awesome".

Mike thought the small objects were between the 2 main lights, was the most unusual aspect of the sighting, though he found it hard to explain why. He said it kept falling behind and then catching up with the lights and then falling behind again before going forward and catching them up again. This was happening during all of the sighting.

Witness 6: Mike Friend, Strete, Dartmouth, Devon. 01:15 31/3

Mike friend lives at Strete, near Dartmouth, Devon, 12 miles from the previous witnesses.

Mike had just been to the bathroom and on returning to bed looked out of his bedroom window, and saw,

"Two very bright lights in the sky with vapour trails behind them. They seemed to be at an altitude of several thousand feet and on exactly the same flight path as passenger jets take.

"The lights were heading South out over the sea. I turned from the window to alert my wife. When I turned back they had completely disappeared. The whole sighting lasted only lasted a few seconds. I know the time was right because I had just looked at the clock.

"I can't be sure, because it was over so quick, but I think the colour was amber or orangey. The trail was very long and very bright and was the same colour as the lights". The lights were pea sized AAL and a pea size apart. Length of sighting 5 seconds.

Mike said "the hairs on the back of my neck stood on end", and the sighting was "so weird, so unusual." They flew "on a definite flight path, heading to a certain point on a flat course, lights parallel with each other and the ground. They were definite objects on a definite direction and using their own power".

Witness 7,8: Paul Hoult and Rebecca Wadge, St Mellion, Cornwall. 01:25 31/3

Paul Hoult and Rebecca Wadge are friends and neighbours, who live in the village of St. Mellion, Cornwall near the border of Devon and Cornwall and some 10 miles from Plymouth. They had visited a mutual friend in the village and were returning to their homes.

Paul: "What I saw were three objects flying very high and very fast. The left hand object being slightly ahead of the right one and was followed by a smaller one some distance behind.

"All three seemed to be of a gold to orange colour and left a trail which was visible over about three-quarters of the sky. The objects came from behind which was NNW, and the trails could be seen for approx. half of the available sky behind and obviously to the objects in front. The trails were the same colour as the lights but paler and got dimmer and dimmer further back along the trail.

"Nothing appeared to connect the objects together and stars were visible at all times behind them. No sound whatsoever was heard. Both front objects were the same size i.e. a 5mm pea AAL. The small one would be very slightly larger than a pinhead. The main lights were 5-6" apart, and the small light was 6-7" behind the main ones.

The smaller obj. on the inside of the left trail appeared to be bouncing in and out of the trail, i.e. as if being hit by debris,

making it fly in a wobbly/waving was as it kept bouncing off the trail. I felt it was like watching a kiddie trying to keep up with its parents, saying 'wait for me, wait for me'. The small obj. stayed the same distance behind the main lights all of the time. I could see a short trail from it but it wasn't distinct because it was so close to the large trail.

"All three continued in a dead straight line in the position shown in the diagram. They did not stop at all and disappeared in a SSE direction. (Direction of travel is accurate as the objects flew directly in a line with our road and I have checked the road direction with a compass.) Objects seen for about 5 seconds.

"I was about 50yds from my house. I went straight home and it was almost 01:30 on the clock."

What Rebecca saw was quite dissimilar to Paul.

Rebecca: I saw what I thought was two RAF jets flying above me. I then realised that the speed they were doing was too fast and also the fact that there was no sound and there should have been because they were quite low.

"In the jet smoke behind the planes, I noticed something sparkling, like little red stars, but they were moving at the same speed as the jets."

Rebecca did not see any bright lights. The "arrowhead" shaped objects were each the size of 2p AAL. They had no navigation lights and were "hazy" and "dark" but the trails behind them were bright. Within the trails were 'twinkling red stars'.

Witness 9,10,11: Tim Heywood, Alex Wren, Cheryl Carter. Block House, Plymouth. 01:25 31/3

The Blockhouse is the highest point in Plymouth, at 221ft., and has an excellent 360 degree view. To the west is the Tamar Bridge, Saltash and 5 miles NW of Saltash is St Mellion, 8 miles from the Blockhouse. At 01:25 on 31/3, 4 young men and 2 young women were at the Blockhouse on their way home. One of them suddenly noticed a pair of very bright lights low in the sky over Saltash, and at eye-level from their position.

Tim Hayward:

"We were standing at the Blockhouse when we saw appearing from the NNW, 2 white balls of light. They looked as if they were travelling upwards (vertically) but I soon realised they were travelling to the SE, about 1/2 - 1 mile up in the air. As they flew overhead, I saw between the two lights, two smaller yellow lights travelling in a figure of eight pattern. Whilst they were overhead, the two smaller lights tailored off to the NE, maintaining a constant distance between themselves. No sound was heard at any time - more like a deadly silence. This was the most noticeable characteristic of the lights as they got closer. Trails possibly light trails were seen behind the objects."

Tim was "stunned" by what he saw. As he watched the objects he was very excited.

Alex Wren:

"Two large, bright lights appeared on the horizon from the direction of Tamar Bridge. They travelled straight over my head making absolutely no sound. As they came up from the horizon, two smaller lights were visible between the larger ones. They were travelling in

a figure of eight pattern. As the collection of lights reached a point over me the smaller lights shot off at right angles (horizontally) towards Central Park (NE). The other two disappeared over the horizon."

Alex felt "disbelief, excitement" as he watched the objects.

Cheryl Carter:

"Myself and 5 mates were up at the Blockhouse, when someone said 'look up there', and when I did I saw two lights in the sky. We followed them across from Saltash and over our heads. The lights were white\creamy and were different sizes. The two front ones were largest. One was the size of $\frac{1}{2}$ at arms length the others slightly smaller. The little light behind them was the size of a split pea AAL."

"I thought at first there were only two lights. It was only when they were almost directly above me that I saw there were 3. The little one looked as if it was trying to catch up with the big ones. It was quite sweet really! Because of the angle they came towards us, it was only when they were almost above me that I first noticed the trails of smoke behind them. As the trails came off the lights they were as bright but dimmed quickly and got dimmer and dimmer as they stretched back. The trails were about half a metre or more long AAL."

"I was shocked and amazed at what we saw. I knew it wasn't a plane because the lights were the wrong colour and there was total silence. Also the sky was so clear above me, I would have been able to see a plane."

It took the lights between 45 seconds and 1 minute to fly from horizon to horizon. Three of the witnesses saw the small lights depart at high speed from the large lights. Two others said they were just watching the main lights, and Cheryl said she watched all 3 lights fly into the distance.

The intensity of the above descriptions gives the strongest impression that the UFOs were "awesome" as several quoted. An overall impression of what was seen is illustrated over, being a hybrid of the drawings and descriptions. The location map shows the direction of travel, time, and duration of sighting. The following table is a summary of what was reported by witnesses 1-11:

WITNESS	NAME	TIME	LOCATION	DURATION	DIRECTION	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
1	Johnson	2200	Pityme	6-7 min	W-E	2 Bright lights
2	Kirk	0103	Penzance	1.5 min	N-S	2 Bright, 2 dim lights, trails.
3	Young	0109	Truro	30-40sec	NNW-SSE	2 Br' l'ts, trails.
4	M.Hopkins	0115	Torquay	15 sec	N-S	2 Br' lights, 1 dim light, trails
5	L.Hopkins	0115	Torquay	10 sec	N-S	2 Br' lights, 1 dim light, trails
6	Friend	0115	Strete	5 sec	N-S	2 Br' lights, trails.
7	Hoult	0125	St Mell'	5 sec	NNW-SSE	2 large lights, 1 small, trails.
8	Wedge	0125	St Mell'			2 Planes, stars sparkling behind.
9	Hayward	0125	Plymouth	1 min	NNW-SSE	2 large Br' l'ts, 2 small, Trails.
10	Wren	0125	Plymouth	1 min	NNW-SSE	2 large lights, 2 small, divided.
11	Carter	0125	Plymouth	1 min	NNW-SSE	2 large lights, 1 small, de'listed.

Only witnesses (1) and (2) reported any sound associated with the phenomenon. All others stated there was no sound whatsoever. The duration of sighting seems to vary greatly between 5 seconds and 1.5 minutes. The multi-witnesses on high ground at Plymouth would have the most accurate estimate 45 secs-1min. The presence of the vapour trail was noted by nearly all the witnesses. If the Plymouth estimate is assumed correct - it took one minute from horizon to horizon, say 20 miles visible flight, that would put the speed at 1200 mph - far below an expected re-entry velocity. However it could be an aircraft at that speed but then we might expect some considerable noise. Any estimate of speed would depend on the actual height of the objects which is very hard to judge in the reports. The directions of flight when placed on the map do not tally with the same objects passing over the various locations within the time span unless there was abrupt changes in direction. The easiest explanation is that there were many objects on separate flight paths during the period 01:00 to 01:30. This would clearly rule out the popular explanations unless the witnesses were really hazy with their time estimates. The investigators reported that RAF had no aircraft flying as late as 01:00 that night.

Ireland: We await final reports from colleagues in Irish groups, but the following is a quoted account from a radio broadcast, Radio 4 P.M. 31/3/93.

Ms McMahon, near Ennis in Co. Clare. At about 00:30/00:45.

"We were coming home and I was just looking out of the side window of the car, when I saw these two bright lights and I was thinking to myself they were very bright to be stars. The next thing I saw was this trail of fog or white light behind them, so I opened the window just to see more clearly. I said to mum and dad, I wonder what those lights are? I suppose they were about 10' apart, directly opposite one another with this trail of fog was trailing behind them. So we stopped the car and got out, and we could see it travelling kind of from N to S dir. travelling just fairly steady like and we saw these 4 or 5 small, little like stars following the white lights as well. It just disappeared over the hill then, but when we came up home the trail of fog was still in the sky, very bright but the lights had travelled through."

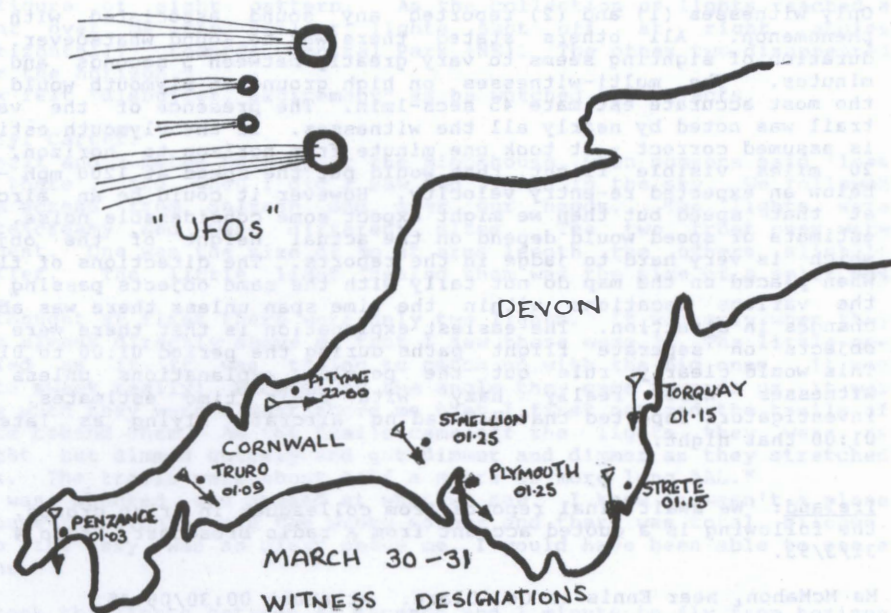
Again the description strongly matches the Devon/Cornwall witnesses and the time difference would correlate with objects reaching Devon/Cornwall half an hour later.

Comparison To August 16th 1992: There is a striking resemblance to some of the descriptions reported in Awareness Vol 18 No 4. for the multi-events on the above date.

SHORT QUOTES: "It was a blue ball flying at aeroplane height with a tail about half-a-mile long"

"It seemed to come from behind the house, and then I saw this huge ball of fire with a tail - it looked like a bullet. The blue-green light from it must have been very powerful as it lit up the sky"

"....the low-flying blue ball which had 25 feet long tail."



Conclusions: The data available from the March 31st event is obviously quite considerable. The analysis will be updated in our next edition, but the presence of UFOs on that night seems incontrovertible.

THE BRISTOL LIGHTS

The night of June 27th/28th 1993 turned a whole street of Bristol residents into UFO buffs. Eight glowing objects appeared over the city around midnight and displayed for several hours. The same objects reappeared for several nights afterwards. They were originally seen at midnight by Paul and Ann Hudson of Pavey Close, Hartcliffe and confirmed by many of their neighbours.

Mrs Hudson's Description: "It all started with flashes of light that came closer and closer. There were about 8 objects above us dotted all over the place. They were spinning and changing colour from orange to blue and then to red. At about 3am a larger glowing white object appeared. We put binoculars on them and they definitely weren't stars or aeroplanes or helicopters."

Jayne Parfitt's Description: "I counted 8 objects moving very slowly across the sky. They were there for hours in 4 different groups. The main object glowed brilliantly white and then suddenly took off at fantastic speed."

When interviewed by us 4 weeks later Mr Hudson claimed the objects were still visible and he went to Dundry Head, the highest point around Bristol to view them. He stated that the colour changing UFOs lasted till 3 am each night and then were replaced by one large white object which appeared to descend and then rose up again. This was actually visible long after dawn broke. Unfortunately the latter sounded rather like Venus rising as a morning star, but there can be

no explanation for the other 8 UFOs.

He had seen the mysterious lights on nights of low cloud and no stars so they were below cloud level, and compared unfavourably with beacon lights and aircraft leaving or landing at Bristol airport. They were seen to depart shooting across the sky in singles or formations of 3 over 4-5 seconds.

The demeanour of Mr Hudson and co-witnesses gave the strongest indication they had seen something extraordinary.

DORSET LIGHTS

Strange lights have been reported from the Maiden Castle hill fort area near Dorchester. These have been seen on several occasions during the Summer of 1993.

A celtic cross crop circle formation near Weymouth was attended by a large light sphere observed by several independent witnesses from different vantage points. One eye witness saw small spheres leave the larger light sphere and "dance" on the hill, in the very spot where this particular formation was later discovered. Another witness observed an orange glow on a cloud.

Strange mechanical chirping noises were picked up in crop formations and at Maiden Castle hill fort. Red and yellow light spheres reported on many occasions emanating from Maiden Castle.

Fungus like deposits were found on roads and pavements in Weymouth town. No explanation of these has been forthcoming and it is uncertain whether they can be linked with the other activities.

FURTHER LIGHT DISPLAY AUGUST 23rd 1993

A large number of people claimed to be witnessing fluctuating light spheres across Devon and Cornwall on August 23rd. The Radio 1 late evening music show received many calls between 10 and 11 pm.

Analysis has put this sighting down to the bright star Capella displaying odd colours through cloud and mist. Our own witness in the area at the time claimed to see lateral movement of objects in the sky and absolutely clear conditions.

The very fact that many observers reported those 'UFOs' from different locations may negate the possibility of object(s) merely being heavenly bodies, although linked by radio, a bandwagon effect may have resulted.

Further evidence needs to be collected to advance this particular case.

We understand from Plymouth UFO Research Group that UFO activity in the SW has increased markedly during 1993 and there are many other cases other than the above being investigated. It may be premature to say, but it looks as if another UFO "flap" may be building up.

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PUFORG Report on March 30/31st UFOs
Stewart Langdown. Dorset lights.

ANECDOTAL CASES: OXON STORIES THAT COULD BE CLOSE ENCOUNTERS.

by M.C. Soper

Some of the tales from the obsessive literature known as "ghost" stories could easily be misconstrued humanoid or UFO events which have been interpreted with the traditional British psychological 'set' or 'Spirit' rather than 'humanoid' or 'craft'. These accounts are taken from J. Richardson's pamphlet of Oxon tales available from libraries:

1) The Port Meadow humanoids: In 1964, Mr 'Perry' (pseudonym) and his son were walking their dogs on Port Meadow (NorthWest of the county city of Oxon). They crossed the bridge above the railway tracks, and observed over a meadow a dull yellowish glow, and a sound like a tractor engine. They walked over to the glow to see what the cause was. However on entering the field they could no longer find the light; instead they could see two figures who appeared to wear boiler suits and balaclavas who were moving. When they were 50 yards away, the two figures just disappeared. Looking back after recovering from the shock, they realised that the dogs had stopped (instinctively) some way behind them. There was no easy explanation obviously.

Now this case would reward investigation, since the following features are in common with some UFO accounts - the sound of the engine, the boiler suited figures, the disappearance and the frightened animals. These features have all occurred in connection with UFO CEIII's. Could this account be a mis-recognised CEIII?

2) The eerie glowing hump in the road: On the main road from Newbury to the North Mr and Mrs Hall were driving one very rainy night trying to find a turn off to a friend's house. The turn they made was too narrow, yet they drove on down the constricted track looking for a place to turn. They both then saw a huge glowing shape one hundred yards down the road, which reminded them of a huge white cow sitting with its back in their direction. The object was surrounded by a bright shimmering light. They panicked, and violently turning the car, fled fast.

Could this (undated) account be a CEII datum?

At Contact we have had several cases on record where a craft makes a very loud clanging noise, a very irritating sound to the ear. This following case from Didcot also had this feature:

3) The clanging noise and the humanoid: In the early 1950's, Mr Crossley lived on the outskirts of Didcot and was dozing though not asleep one night when he heard a regular very loud clanging noise. He looked out the window and saw a humanoid form by the front door which appeared to him as a small boy wearing old-fashioned clothes. He hurried downstairs; however when he opened the door the small figure was nowhere around. Note that some UFOs under some conditions do make this noise, and the formal old-fashioned clothes or old-fashioned vehicles have also been seen before (in one sighting a small Austin 7 type buggy was seen being drawn into a UFO in a beam by three children on a farm (Connersville City Event 1966 August)). He went back to bed and at 3 o'clock in the morning when he was asleep, the whole process repeated and he rushed downstairs. On this occasion when he opened the door he caught sight of the strange boy looking in his direction. The face was weirdly transparent. The humanoid went down the road to the level crossing gates which were open for some reason. Then a very old-fashioned steam train appeared and the boy walked straight in front of it before Mr Crossley could utter a warning; however at that instant both the boy and the train vanished. When he walked to the

level crossing he found that the gates were in fact surprisingly shut to trains.

Note that heavy craft have been known to set themselves down on railway lines, perhaps during temporary breakdowns, because with an estimated weight of 30 tons, only a railway line can take the weight (One case like this is described in the United 3 by Frank Taylor in Star (W.H. Allen) ISBN 0 352 316691) as for example was the case of 10/2/83 in Buckinghamshire: could the Didcot case have involved a landing and a plea for help?

4) The disappearing craft: Towards the end of 1963 Mr Thompson was cycling home under the starlight and crossed the lock at Sandford-on-Thames. He was cycling North when he saw the faint shape of a boat similar to a cabin cruiser that seemed to have no power and was drifting in mid stream. He distinctly saw a person moving on the deck, and there were lights in the windows with someone looking out. Judging the boat was in difficulty he decided to cycle for help. However when he looked up, the craft had completely vanished. Now notice that this ghostly boat vanished when likely to become viewed by a wider audience than the single person. However, how would a dome with flange UFO appear on a night lit by stars hovering very low over a lake or river by a person expecting a boat perhaps? So many sudden disappearances are also associated with the UFO phenomenon that linking these two kinds of account seems a very natural process. There are at least two accounts of craft vanishing after reaching a given height and also accounts of craft disappearing with a bang (Loch Raven Dam, the Dr X case) that we may consider some of these cases filed under the paranormal to also be UFO cases.

Remember that Monsieur Masse, a close contactee 1964 France, had a very strong impression that what he was seeing were small boys playing near a tilted Renault car; and this at 6 in the morning. Is this a likely expectation? Or perhaps what he was seeing did appear that way, just as when we consider the Knock (1897) UFO case in Eire the holy vision of the crucified lamb seen by eighteen devout people was somehow less miraculous when one devout lady crawled on her knees right through the figure of St. Joseph and out the other side. Earlier she had seen in this field men working on machinery. Whilst the miracle occurred, a bright golden light was seen overhead unusually.

5) Stone 'X': Another tale from J. Richardson involves the 'X' force stone (same source as before) which Contact is currently tracking down. In the early 1960's George and Linda Kent were flying in a light aircraft to visit friends in Oxon. The flight went as usual until they were close to landing, then all the instruments went haywire. They tried to reach the tower and could not even do that, the effect was so bad. Mrs Kent noticed an 'iridescent?' glow around the instrument board; though the electrical functioning of the engine seemed unaffected (in marked contrast to the effect of UFOs on nearby tractors which use spark plugs). After a struggle they managed to land safely. On talking to ground personnel they found that this kind of thing had happened before at the airport. There the story would have rested except for another discovery. Contractors working on a new runway found a strange stone lying out on the airfield. They called this 'stone X', and some say, a strange force did seem to emanate from it. The stone was removed, and the electromagnetic effects have not recurred subsequently.

This stone would be very interesting to check with modern equipment (supposing the object still exists). For example modern sensitive

instruments might easily detect anomalies which in the early sixties were not physically obvious. The searching of ghost and paranormal stories does seem worthwhile on the basis of these accounts that have appeared anomalously. The stories that relate to internal environments like Inns, Hotels or Colleges are less worthy of our attention, though this does not mean that there cannot be a connection with the UFO phenomenon at all.

6) The disappearing humanoid: Mrs and Mr Holiday were returning from the Ideal Homes exhibition in 1967, and driving to Abingdon from London. In the evening with headlights on they neared Nettlebed on the road from Henley at 40 mph, when they saw a female figure walking slowly from the central reservation to the left side of the road. She was not young, though was slim, wearing an ankle-length grey top-coat and a large floppy wide brimmed hat. She seemed deep in thought, and oblivious to the highly hazardous environment. Mr Holiday did not dip his lights, although he did toot the horn hard.

The figure walked into the verge and high grass without disturbing the edge of the road in the least; and they could see the grass through her. Mrs Holiday remarked how cold the air suddenly seemed (a very common observation with UFO events) and the figure, having gone two feet past the grass verge suddenly vanished.

On the Jacques Vallee 'social control' theory of UFOs, could these grey caped figures be some alternative method for when the appearance of a craft would not be convenient? Possible.

There is plenty of material here for an extensive search of local lore of this type, and any readers who could find similar cases in their local libraries would quite possibly find Close Encounters of the past which have been mis-classified. Even when this does not happen, there are many humanoid cases (grey-caped non-historical ghosts).

We can tentively split the cases into two types; humanoids who disappear and anachronistic vehicles and other artefacts which suddenly disappear, surprisingly.

CROP CIRCLE REPORT 1993

By G.E. Ambler

Introduction: Crop Circles have reappeared for the 14th successive year in Great Britain. Estimates of how many separate formations there are in 1993 may be difficult to realise as they have appeared in many new areas and not been so prolific in Wiltshire, the county which usually "hosts" 75% of them. Somewhere in the region of 200 formations may be the best guess. This figure is for complete circles and/or pictograms which were formed at a single occasion together. Some of these may contain a dozen or more circles, but the whole is recorded as one formation.

After 14 years of development there has been a succession of attempts to prove that the phenomena has been a hitherto unrecognised natural effect which, like the weather, has been present for aeons. This may hold true for random single circles but cannot explain multiple formations with elaborate pathways, spirals and perfect symmetry. In a desperate attempt to rationalise everything, the last 2 seasons have seen groups or individuals making claims that they hoaxed this formation or that, but not one solid piece of evidence has been forthcoming such as a prosecution by a farmer or an exact replication of a complex formation in hours of darkness. Paranoia continues to

reign in 1993 although not as intense as in 1992 which followed the aftermath of the "Doug and Dave" revelations of September 1991. Further experiments and watches have been carried out this year to attempt communication with the "circle-makers", but no decisive breakthrough has been reported to date.

The question must be asked - if hoaxers are responsible for all the elaborate formations, there must come a time when they tire of the whole business and the numbers drop away to almost zero. In 1993 there has scarcely been any mention in the media yet at least 30 multiple systems have appeared from all parts of the country. The debunkers will have time to come up with something a bit more original to explain the sheer longevity of what we are seeing. If you have taken the trouble to record all the evidence and examined at least a dozen formations a year you will know what a load of bunk is being generated to divert attention away from this enduring mystery. The human mind is being put to the test. Some are reacting in very strange ways.....

Regional Reports:

AVEBURY-ALTON BARNES, WILTS: This area has been the major performer for 3 years, although 1993 has been less well reported. Most of what has come down has been out of view, but a large pictogram arrived at Lurkeley Hill near East Kennett in mid-July. This was accompanied by a large 6ft wide ring about 100 yards away and running across 3 fields by a road junction. This amusing subtlety is illustrated overleaf. A very fine pictogram arrived cAug 10th at Cherhill just below the White Horse and close to the A4 road. The "show fields" at Alton Barnes missed out this year. A drive past the Aug 20th revealed one small insignificant circle although the wheat remained to be harvested.

WINCHESTER - CHEESEFOOT HEAD: The "high-flyer" for many years, it failed to deliver in 1992, but around Aug 5th this year a number of quite advanced pictograms began to appear. Eyewitnesses have reported that these were really good with lots of special features.

BURFORD, OXON: This area produced 3 fairly small circles in 1992. In 1993, 6 formations/circles have been spotted including 2 large pictograms with 120 ft diameter circles. The best of these is illustrated. The overall total for Oxfordshire stands at 9 in 1993. A county record as far as I am aware.

CHILTERN HILLS, BUCKS: This area probably missed in 1992 after developing over the previous 3 years. One or two formations have been noted this time including the notorious "pornogram" which was widely reported in the tabloids as a symbol of Mr Major's c***-ups in government. I can confirm that a dumb-bell formation was in the same field at Butlers Cross, right behind the P.M.'s Chequers Estate, as a celtic cross with arrow-head turned up in 1991. The formation looked a bit like a giant penis, as there were two intersecting circles at one end resembling the testicles. However it was so far back from the road that nobody would notice unless they were looking intently in that direction - unlike what the tabloids reported. Perhaps more significantly, a tiny ring was noticed a few yards away from the main formation and isolated from the tram lines in the field.

GUILDFORD, SURREY: News has reached us of 4 large formations in this area - hitherto not known as a crop circle mecca. One of these is a 250 ft ring with triangular features inside.

DORSET: Seven formations reported this year to mid August, ranging

from singles, dumb-bells and a circle with an annular ring. A triplet appeared in barley near to Wimborne. A power failure occurred at about the time the formation was laid. Red light UFOs have been seen near Maiden Castle, Dorchester and strange "blobs" found in the Weymouth area. These were fungus like deposits attached to the roads and pavements.

MOTORWAYS: A significant number of formations appeared adjacent to motorways or large dual carriageways. The first showed in May along the M40, then in June along the M4 and M25. Two fine pictograms were seen between Newbury and Swindon M4, and another close by along the busy A34. A single was also noted alongside the M1 just South of Sheffield in August. This does not imply hoaxing - it is very difficult to leave a car alongside a motorway without attracting police interest, and working round back roads to reach the appropriate field is a very tedious business as we found. The other conclusion is that the "circle-makers" wish more people to see what is happening.

EAST MIDLANDS: Three singles reported from the Kettering area by early August. A large pictogram appeared at Shepshed near Loughborough, and the grand climax to the season: A MAGNIFICENT GEOMETRICAL MASTERPIECE OF OVER 40 COMPONENTS at Bythorn, Cambs. See separate heading.

NORTHERN IRELAND: A pair of singles arrived at a location near Newcastle, Co. Down in early August, followed by a small dumb-bell at Broughshane in the Antrim Hills in mid-August. The latter caused great excitement and many spectators came to view. Where the phenomenon makes new inroads media and public alike take great interest. However, within 3 days, reports indicate the farmer, Alex Patterson, had been accused of faking his own circles! This is one of the standard reactions alongside mutual accusations of students, pranksters, young farmers or new age travellers! The local press stated that the above formations were the first to appear in the province.

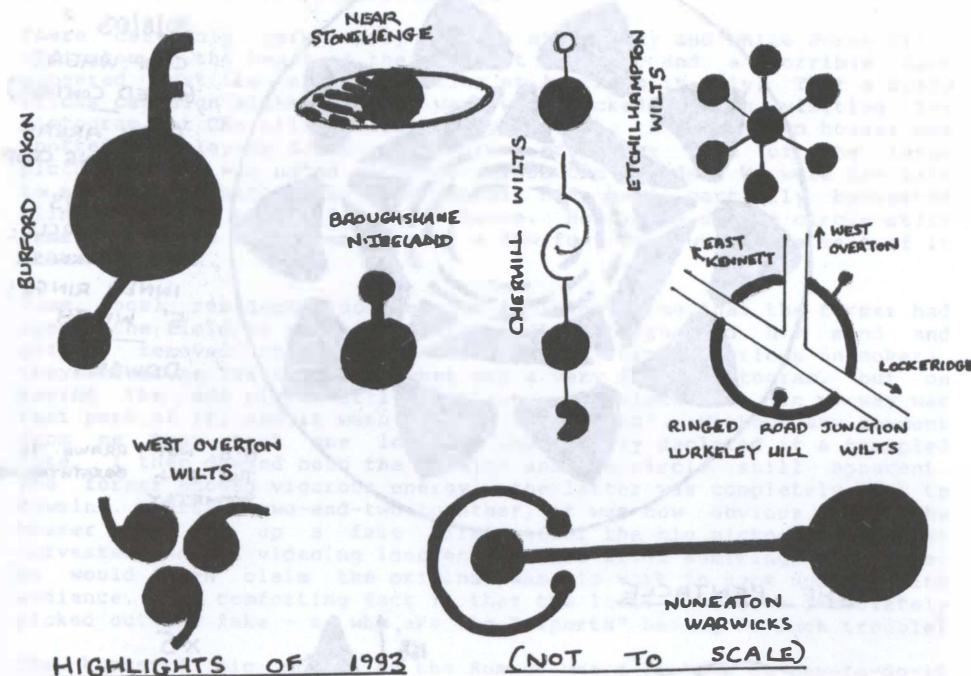
SWEDEN: News has arrived of 6 formations appearing there in mid-August. Wide media coverage was recorded.

SPAIN: A gigantic mile across formation is supposed to have been spotted from the air in September 1992. It consisted of 5 concentric rings 20-30 feet in width in the Samera region. As yet there has been no photographic evidence presented and it remains a mystery.

USA: A pictogram was reported from Washington state in May although the photograph looks rather suspect. A further paths and circles design was reported from Herkimer County NY in July. The crop was oats.

The Great Pentagonagram at Bythorn

For the past three years an exceptional formation has appeared right at the end of the crop circle season. In 1991 it was the "Mandelbrot" near Cambridge; in 1992 the "Dharmic Wheel" or "Charm Bracelet" at Silbury Hill. This year we were at the point of debriefing the whole season when a message was received of an amazing pictogram at a site on the Northamptonshire - Cambridge border still intact in mid-September. The formation was situated about half a mile East and South of the village of Bythorn and was visible from the A604/A14 new dual carriageway. From the road the detail of what was there was unclear, but on entering, an amazing linkage of paths and strange shapes made up a perfectly symmetrical system contained in a 173 ft ringed circle. The illustration overleaf shows the detail. There are no less than 40 raised portions of crop making up the figure all in



perfect balance. It is based on the PENTAGRAM or extended pentagon. You may see some mystical meaning there, but that is not my province. From a mathematics viewpoint, it is perfect geometry.

It is understood that the formation appeared around August 30th in one of the few fields available. This is borne out by the fact that the crop was rather poor quality wheat with considerable weed contamination. A large section of thistle covered part of the formation and this was flattened in the same manner as the wheat. Normally big pictograms turn up in well cared for fields.

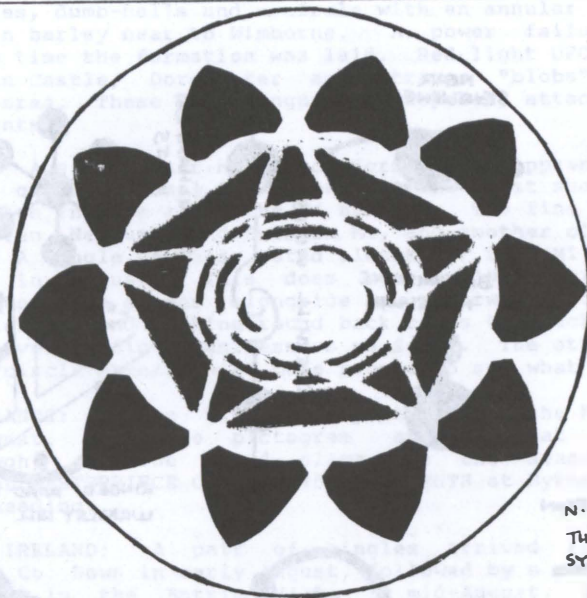
A separate set of reports of UFOs over Kettering and Higham Ferrers - less than 15 miles away - on August 24th and 25th is now with Contact Int and may be related to the big manifestation.

It is not clear why the field in question and its neighbour had still not been harvested by the end of September. The farmer was known to be very interested in what had happened and maybe sensed something very important was there.

The work involved in producing this figure is, in my opinion, beyond the skills of any hoaxter, but you can be sure that somebody down here will have claimed to have created it by the end of the year!

The Hoaxing Scene: At the end of the 1993 season the news reaching us is that "the majority were hoaxes, proof will be forthcoming". Exactly the message applied to 1992 so what's new! Fortunately the

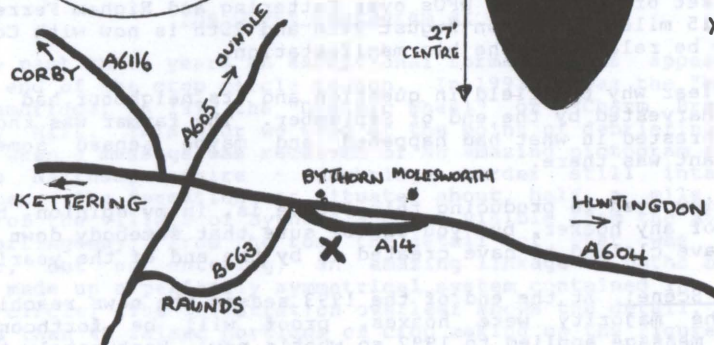
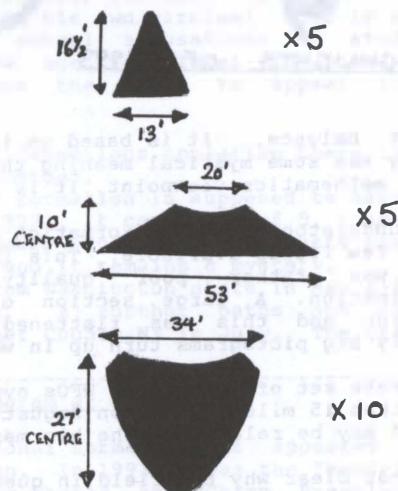
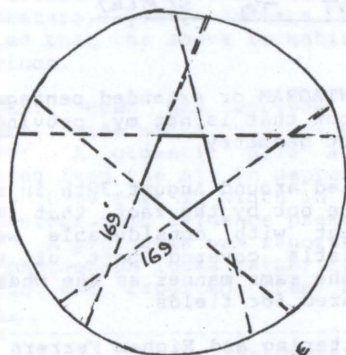
COMPLEX PENTAGRAM AT BYTHORN, CAMBS



30/8/93 ?
CROP: WHEAT
(WEED CONTAM)
DARK AREAS
STANDING CROP
DIAM: 173'
INNER CIRCLE:
34', CLOCKWISE.
INNER RINGS:
5' WIDTH
DOWSES

N.B NOT DRAWN TO
THE FULL BREATHTAKING
SYMMETRY.

THE PENTACLE



phenomenon spread out over many more counties outside the usual hot-spots of Avebury, Alton Barnes and Cheesefoot Head, lengthening the odds outside "trickster territory".

There certainly were early hoaxes at Avebury and White Horse Hill, Uffington in the heart of the tourist trail, and a horrible face appeared next to a road junction at Amersham in July. That a dirty tricks campaign might be under way was picked up on visiting the pictogram at Cherhill, Wilts on August 20th. A well known hoaxer was spotted in a lay-by about 400 yards from the site of the large pictogram. He was noted videoing across the fields. We were too late to see the formation as the wheat had been partially harvested eliminating all traces from a distance. However a single circle still remained in the un-harvested part a few feet from where the rest of it must have been.

Some local residents down on the A4 informed me that the farmer had opened the field to visitors charging £1, but changed his mind and quickly removed the evidence to prevent further curious onlookers. They showed me the traces of what was a very fine pictogram, but on seeing the odd circle still remaining, exclaimed that "in no way was that part of it, and it wasn't there last night". Without any comment from me they took one look and immediately declared it a trampled fake. I then dowsed both the remains and the circle still apparent. The former showed vigorous energy - the latter was completely dead to dowsing. Putting two-and-two together, it was now obvious that the hoaxer had set up a fake circle after the big pictogram had been harvested and was videoing innocent punters still admiring the site. He would then claim the original was his work to some unsuspecting audience. The comforting fact is that the local residents immediately picked out the fake - so why are the "experts" having so much trouble?

The hoaxers' big moment of the Summer was a lecture on how-to-do-it given by Doug Bower of "Doug and Dave" fame before an invited and paying audience at Marlborough. Where was his trusty partner Dave Chorley? Dave unfortunately suffered from memory loss and couldn't go on a public platform and besides he was only the lesser partner. So now you know! The many reasons why "Doug and Dave" are not the "circlemakers" were placed in this magazine two years ago; and they distinctly stated that they were retiring from the scene in September 1991 - the result, 200 more circles or formations in each of 1992 and 1993!

Conclusions: The crop circle mystery remains unsolved. Do not believe too much of what you read in the various publications. This show has a long time to run!

CATALYST CIRCLES....

We appear every Summer in the golden
mature fields.
How do we appear there?
Well, that's a secret that we yield.

We silent patterns listen
to every spoken word.
Are we a hoax, a UFO, and is that sound
a tiny bird?

Our job is very simple, tis to join
all man as one.
And not so far off in the distance
our job is nearly done.

We watch man come together
even if only for a while.
Your soul is receiving our message to you,
and CATALYST circles smile.

Kerry Blower.

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A PHENOMENA LINK?

by Brian P. James Blewbury, Didcot, OXON

I would like to bring to your attention some possible connections of the mysterious 'Nocturnal Boom' phenomenon of Southern England of the winter of 1976-1977, and sightings of UFOs by myself, as well as events surrounding the more famous 'ATV Film Case'.

Mystery noise may be Concorde echo

Strange nocturnal rumblings which cause windows to rattle and curtains to shake in South Oxfordshire may be distant echoes from supersonic Concorde aircraft.

Mr Richard Clayton and his wife, who live at Mill Farm, West Hendred, have been hearing the noises, sometimes three times a week, since December. And they always occur at the same time - about 9.30 pm.

They were so intrigued that they inquired at Wantage Police Station to see if anyone else in the area had been hearing things.

The police had had one similar report. On January 8 a householder in Lark

by David Horne

down, Wantage, said there had been a 'rumbling noise', but enquiries led nowhere.

But several people from the Wantage and Abingdon areas have since come forward and said that they, too, have heard the mysterious noise.

And to Mr Derek Smith, of London Road, Blewbury, there is no mystery at all - he is quite sure that Concorde is responsible.

"It is either the French Concorde going along the English Channel or the English Concorde going through the Bristol Channel. I would think you would get the reports from where there is a clear night and a westerly or south-westerly wind," adds Mr Smith.

He bases his explanation on the fact that the same noises can be heard very frequently at his daughter's home in Exeter. They occur around the same time, between 9 to 9.30 pm.

Mr Smith, an ex-RAF navigator, says other RAF friends identify the rumbling as the 'shock' wave caused by an aircraft going faster than sound.

A spokesman for the British Aircraft Corporation at Bristol said on Monday that there were Concorde flights around that time of the evening, but the evidence was not conclusive.

The Concorde theory had been advanced for mystery bangs in the South West, and this possibility was still being studied, but he was not aware of the latest reports from South Oxfordshire.

MYSTERY BANG SETS OFF POLICE SEARCH

A BANG loud enough to rattle doors at RAF Benson and arouse suspicion of IRA activity during the weekend remains a mystery.

Police searched the airfield shortly after midnight on Sunday after two NCOs on duty at different points on the station had been startled by what they thought was the sound of an explosion in the direction of Didcot and Wallingford.

But not only did the police find nothing, they also had no other reports of explosions in the area.

The 'NBs' also had a peculiar characteristic, in that they had a small area in which they could be heard, and the effects in that small area were remarkable. Friends in the nearby villages and towns rarely heard a boom at the same time as us, and even within this village their was a considerable difference in observation, whereby we heard it as a boom, yet only 500 m away the windows and the contents of a home would be rattling. Indeed, if you study the article from the Didcot Herald, it is evident that people in West Hendred were hearing the 'NBs' at a different frequency, though the same time as us in Blewbury.

I became so intrigued at the 'NBs', that I attempted to record them, making a parabolic dish to collect sound to a microphone, but this turned out to be a failure, as the 'NBs' stopped!, but this was after 8 consecutive weeks.

The phenomenon was by no means limited to just this area, as I well remember News at Ten carried at least one item on them from other parts of Southern England, but no explanation was offered.

The 'NBs' then became more irregular, in both frequency and time, only on one occasion did they occur twice in one evening before finally ending in April 1977.

The next time I heard a 'boom', it was not nocturnal, but accompanied a daylight sighting of a UFO, while I was on holiday at Weymouth, Dorset.

On June 1st, 1977, I was returning to the caravan park where I was staying. I heard a boom above me, and when I looked up a UFO was leaving a strange bluish cloud, and the UFO itself was leaving a white 'vapour' trail as it headed out across over the sea. The UFO was an arrowhead shape, but it was clearly silvery/white metal, and was reflecting the sunlight. The object was not accelerating, but had 'instant' velocity. I would estimate its velocity at over Mach 2, yet to get there it didn't apparently emit a true sonic boom, so was somehow unaffected by 'our' laws of physics and aeronautics.

An interesting point to note was that when I returned to the caravan, less than 500m away, my parents were totally unaware of the boom, a very similar characteristic to the phenomenon at home a month earlier.

If, and I stress if, there was any connection to the object I had seen and the 'NBs' back home, then the fact that the UFO was reflecting sunlight may have been significant, as it would have been virtually invisible at night.

This was not the first time I had seen a UFO emitting a trail at Weymouth.

The date is uncertain, but it was either 29 or 31 July, 1971 between 1300 and 1600 BST. I was on the beach at Bowleaze Cove, and while looking out to sea, a motionless UFO, again reflecting sunlight was seen, after some seconds it began to move off, emitting a white vapour trail, again with instant velocity. It went behind a column of smoke drifting up from Portland, but never emerged.

I have heard a boom on a few occasions since 1977, but it was never quite the same as the 'NBs', and were not obviously connected to a nearby UFO.

At this time it was suggested that Concorde was responsible for the

The local press gave coverage to the events, the Didcot Herald of 29, Jan, 1977 as shown. As you can see from the piece in the Oxford Mail, it wasn't just the general public who were confused by 'NBs' over South Oxfordshire at the time, personnel at RAF Benson clearly did not think they had heard a normal 'sonic boom'.

The 'NBs' started here on 12, Dec, 1976 and occurred each Monday evening, and always within a few seconds of 21:20 hrs. They became so regular and predictable that my parents and myself used to go outside to listen, and it was quite evident that the boom was coming from a specific part of the sky rather than it being in a general area, though nothing could be seen in the relevant part of the sky, and the boom was not influenced by the weather.

booms, as it went supersonic over the Bristol channel en route to America, but this ignored the fact that the 'NB' was not the double sonic boom, but was a single boom - more post explosion. This difference between a sonic boom and the 'NB' would also tend to rule out any possible link with high performance Air Force craft, such as the SR-71 Blackbird.

During 1978 I purchased a book on UFOs, entitled Close Encounters- The Strange Truth about UFOs, by Alan West and David Jefferies.

On reading the book I became aware of the details of the 'ATV Film Case', and other sightings in the area that same day.

The actual sighting at Enstone at 1150 hrs- filmed by the ATV cameramen is well known, but the object suddenly emitted vapour before moving off at high speed.

In Banbury, at the same time, an orange UFO was seen travelling West to East, emitting vapour. Also in Banbury at the same time, Mrs Blaise-Smith heard a roaring and crackling from outside her house, and saw an orange UFO to the North. The UFO stopped twice and each time it started off again it left a puff of white vapour, and the second time there was an audible explosion.

At Stonehill between 1220 and 1205, Mr Blaise-Smith and three colleagues saw 'A sharply defined white UFO dispersing a vapour trail flying from East to West, the trail stopped on numerous occasions and a huge orange flame was seen at the back'.

At Evenly around noon, Trevor Tyneham, 16, and three older men saw 'A sharply defined aircraft of unconventional design leaving a trail of white vapour, and on one occasion a flame'. It travelled East and suddenly vanished.

At Wolverton, at 1205, five schoolboys looked into the western sky and saw 'A clearly defined, white missile shape emitting an orange flame and smoke; the flame was only visible when the smoke ceased'. Four of the boys heard a rumbling noise and the ground shook.

In Towcester at 1210, Mr and Mrs Peachey saw 'A clearly defined white rocket shaped object, which had a pointed nose cone slightly off centre, with a blue diagonal stripe across it. It made a noise like distant thunder.

[My italics, to emphasise similarities with my own sightings.]

Various aspects of the ATV case and others relating to the event show similarities to the two sightings of my own, and they would all suggest a solid aerial vehicle of some design, but the possibility that they were experimental military vehicles cannot be discounted. In recent years there have been increasing experimental propulsions that emit strange vapour trails, and it is certain that they will be a newer generation than the Aurora that is operational from USAF bases in this country now. However, against that I note from my own two sightings that the UFOs did not accelerate from hover to flight velocity- they had virtual instant velocity, very unlike any conventional aircraft such as a helicopter or even the Harrier series of jump jets.

I would also point out that one explanation of the ATV case was F-111 aircraft from Upper Heyford dumping and possibly torching fuel, I have seen this both from a distance, and close up at Air Shows, and it was nothing like my two sightings.

Obviously Concorde is still flying to this day, as are military aircraft capable of supersonic speed - possibly causing atmospheric shock waves, yet the Nocturnal Booms lasted for a mere 5 months in the Winter of 1976-1977. I have never heard a conclusive explanation, so do we have another mystery...?

ARTICLES FROM FIRST "AWARENESS" 1968

SCIENCE AND THE UFO

by Colin McCarthy

At long last, the UFO has become respectable, and is now the subject of serious scientific research. The transition from music hall joke, to serious study, has taken over 20 years. For two decades, the subject has annoyed Governments, produced Messianic cults and end of the World predictions, given many unscrupulous people fortunes, and generally raised havoc and speculation amongst the Earth's millions.

After sifting through thousands of reports, eliminating the obvious hoaxes, and disregarding natural and man-made phenomena; just how much do we know about the subject? Let us now examine the physical aspects of the average UFO.

Firstly, in order of size, we have the large cigar shaped craft, which are usually devoid of wings or protrusions, and can reach over 1,000 ft in length. Occasionally, a very large craft has been reported. An American tracking network reported sighting the "Daddy" of them all. It was simultaneously tracked on radar, and was approximately three miles long, and travelling at 18,000 mph.

Secondly, the most commonly seen UFO is the celebrated "flying saucer", a circular disc-shaped object, which averages 30 to 50 feet in diameter. These craft are usually carried in the giant mother ships, discussed above.

Lastly, and perhaps, most interesting of all, are the small, remotely-controlled discs, which are un-manned, and average one to two feet in diameter. These have full sensory perception of the whole electromagnetic and visual spectrum. On a command from a scout or mother craft, the observation disc will send full stereo, colour TV and audio pictures, plus information on atmospheric temperature, pressure, humidity etc. Apart from physical information, the disc can also radio back amplified thought patterns of persons within range, and also colour readings on the aura.

Very rarely do mother ships enter the Earth's atmosphere, as the secondary magnetic effects from the force field, can cause extreme ionization of the air and disrupt radio communication over a large area. The high flux fields might also create temporary stable plasmas, which could float to Earth as potentially dangerous fire balls.

The circular scout craft, on the other hand, are relatively safe, because their mild force fields, are incapable of generating dangerous plasmas. However, the scout's magnetic field is still quite strong, and may create ionised fields intense enough to disturb radio and TV reception. Of course, the fields from the observation discs are quite negligible and it is possible for them to fly quite close to people and installations without betraying their presence.

A few years ago, at the Australian Antarctic Base, the ground radar

picked up and unidentified stationary blip at a range of 50 miles. Scientists went outside to try, with the aid of binoculars, for a visual contact. Fortunately, it was a fine Summer day and the visibility was unlimited. After scanning the horizon for a few seconds the observers found a UFO. Later triangulation put the craft, positively, at a range of 50 miles and a length of over 600 feet. To all intents and purposes, it was classically cigar-shaped, and probably a mother ship. As the scientists watched, they noticed that every few seconds, a burst of colour from highly excited ionised air, shone brilliantly around the craft. As this colour built up, the proton precision magnetometers in the research station were flung off scale, showing the presence of a very large, pulsating magnetic field.

By desensitising their instruments, they found, to their amazement that the field strength near the UFO was over 1,000,000 gauss. Only in a large cyclotron, and even then, across a very small gap, can our scientists sustain such a large field. To have a magnetic flux density of these fantastic proportions, radiating from a craft 600 ft long, was literally "out of this World". And this was the only explanation the scientists could give to explain the sighting. Nothing manufactured on this planet could have produced such improbable readings on their instruments.

Perhaps the mother ship came down low to give the research station a free knowing that, in the frozen waters of the Antarctic no damage to life or property would result.

Many UFOs have been tracked on radar, or seen, moving at speeds of 20,000 mph or more, within our atmosphere. Not only have they been travelling in close formation at this speed, but, have executed right angle turns and then stopping dead in a fraction of a second, and reversing direction, have quickly accelerated back to 2,000 mph plus.

When an earth-made capsule re-enters the atmosphere, it must have very efficient heat shields, lest it burn up with friction. Even in the upper atmosphere are re-entry speeds of around 18,000 mph the temperature on the space capsule's "skin" can reach over 1,000 centigrade. Imagine, the heat produced in the lower denser atmosphere, of a capsule travelling at about 30,000 mph. No craft made on Earth, could survive the terrific heat produced.

By whirling astronauts and pilots around in a centrifuge, doctors have discovered that the human body can only survive forces of about 15 times the force of gravity, for a short period, and up to 30 "Gs" in very short bursts. The G forces produced in a craft doing 20,000 mph and then suddenly executing a right-angled turn, defy our imagination. Any human on board would be instantly crushed to pulp.

How, then, do the occupants of UFOs manage to protect themselves against heat, from friction and very large "G" forces?

The answer is very simple. They don't have to.

In a normal jet plane, the engine supplies thrust by sucking in air, heating it, and then forcing this super-heated air at great speed from the rear of the engine. This terrific expulsion of air moving backwards produces an equal and opposite thrust, and the plane is propelled forward. However, this thrusting force acts only on the inside of the jet engine. The rest of the aircraft is subject to inertia. We all know what happens if we are standing in a bus and the driver suddenly accelerates.

Our feet (being attached to the floor) move forward, but, our bodies are at rest relative to the Earth, so, we fall backwards. This thrust is the "G" force I have been discussing. Of course, in a bus it is very small, but in jet aircraft doing a rapid turn it can be many times the force of gravity.

In a UFO the driving energy acts on every atom simultaneously. Thus, if the pilot turns left, the craft turns with no "G" force, because every atom is being turned at the same instant. The same principle applies in an up or down, or, in fact, in any direction.

This accounts for the zero "G" effect, but what about the extreme heat due to friction?

The anti-gravity thrust not only acts on all atoms in the craft, but also in the air surrounding it. In fact, the layer of air in immediate contact with the UFO's surface, is accelerated at the same rate as the craft. The next layer is accelerated at a slightly-slower rate, and so on, until, some distance from the craft, the force field is so diminished, that the air is practically at rest. So the resultant frictional ration of surface to air is very small, and dangerous heating is avoided.

Another peculiarity of the UFO is its ability to instantaneously disappear, not only from sight, but also from the radar screens.

Invisibility may be created by changing the phase of its force field, so that light or radar waves will be refracted or bent around the outer hull. Of course, this explanation is merely speculation. Maybe by changing their basic frequency rate, they translate to another space time continuum, and disappear from our universe quite literally.

Serious investigators are rapidly coming to the conclusion, that a physical explanation of the UFOs is entirely inadequate.

Unless a major spiritual awakening takes place in mankind, the greatest enigma of our age will remain insoluble.

CONFERENCE CONTACTS

by Frances Copeland.

The nice part of UFO conferences is the companionship with fellow ufologists as well as listening to speakers on the programme.

An interesting side-line is to talk to other members of the audience and find out their interests. This usually results in an admission of a sighting or some form of contact.

I recently interviewed a lady Mrs G, at the BUFORA Seventh International UFO Conference, and she had a most extraordinary story to tell which she had never repeated before as it had been dismissed by her mother after the incident occurred, and was presumed to be nothing. Her curiosity was aroused when Whitley Streiber's book was widely advertised in W.H. Smith and she then started to recollect little pieces when she saw the Alien face on the front cover of the book.

She said at the time of her seeing the cover she stood in amazement as for some years she always doodled when on the telephone - the doodle always came out the same (see diagram) and she was unable to account for it. It is now quite clear to her that she must have had some form



of Alien contact and she was very nervous about the whole episode.

I managed to re-assure her as she was quite upset and she had come along to the conference to see if she was unique or whether she could obtain some help or at least discuss it with other contactees. I am sure Ken Phillips' Witness Support Group would have been invaluable to her and I hope she made contact.

Her story was as follows:

She was travelling towards her parents home in Goring, Reading, Berks about twenty years ago. They were not expecting her at any specific time as she was travelling by train and had to walk some way from the station. She said it was a lovely afternoon and it was a quiet country road she had to walk along. Suddenly she saw this huge object shimmering and hovering in the field. Her main recollection of it was that she remembered it seemed to turn bright red and then disappeared. (It is quite common after a sighting or a contact that the glow is usually red before the UFO departs.)

She recalled when arriving home she was unusually distressed and her mother talked a little while about it. Then they concluded that what she had seen was unexplainable and not to think about it any more. This seemed to pacify her at the time and it was never mentioned again.

Now, of course, she is remembering different things. She did say that the experience was that of giving birth - it was so complete - she says she can recall words being spoken but not actually hearing them properly, - like words in a comic being suspended in a bubble - you knew what was being said, without actually being told.

She said the recall is very scant at the moment, but little things seem to spark off a memory and she has tried on many occasions to bring it to mind. In my opinion she was a classic case for hypnotic regression and I hope that she followed this up with BUFORA - I did pass on Contacts' name and address and gave her my own name and address if it would have been of help. Unfortunately we have not heard from her, but possibly BUFORA have more details.

The second conference I attended this year was IUNs 1993 International UFO Conference at Hallam University, Sheffield, and of course as usual with the IUN a superb conference and wonderful people to talk to. I was able to interview a gentlemen from Doncaster who had a clear sighting of a UFO hovering over the race-course in the early hours of Sunday morning, November 1990.

He claimed he was driving home to Bessacar having attended a family wedding in Doncaster when he saw this strange craft hovering. He pulled over in his car and watched with total fascination the UFO, just almost sitting, or hanging in the air. It was quite clear to see, with a series of bright, glowing lights all around; saucer shaped with a large turret or dome shaped top. As he was studying it the UFO suddenly gave off a bright fluorescent glow and simply disappeared.

He said: "I stood in amazement, there was nobody in the vicinity to confirm what had just happened and I knew if I told the family they would would accuse me of having "one too many" after the wedding."

He says that up until then he had never been interested in UFOs and never read any books on the subject, but just suddenly realised that there is more to this space fantasy after all. He was amazed at the conference just how big the UFO scene was, and had been educated into now being an avid follower and subscriber to UFO material.

The conferences do help in putting faces to the names of UFO magazines. Certainly IUN made me feel very welcome as I attended on my own and by the second day spoke to two very kindly gentlemen namely Ron Howarth and his companion with the beard whose name I didn't get sadly, and they chatted quite happily and made you feel very welcome. A great PR exercise which is so important.

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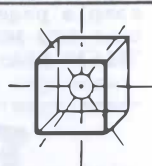
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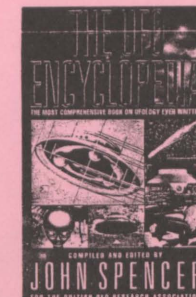
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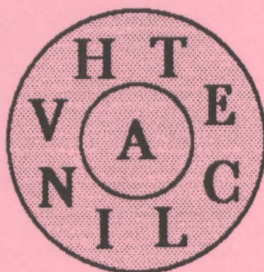
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