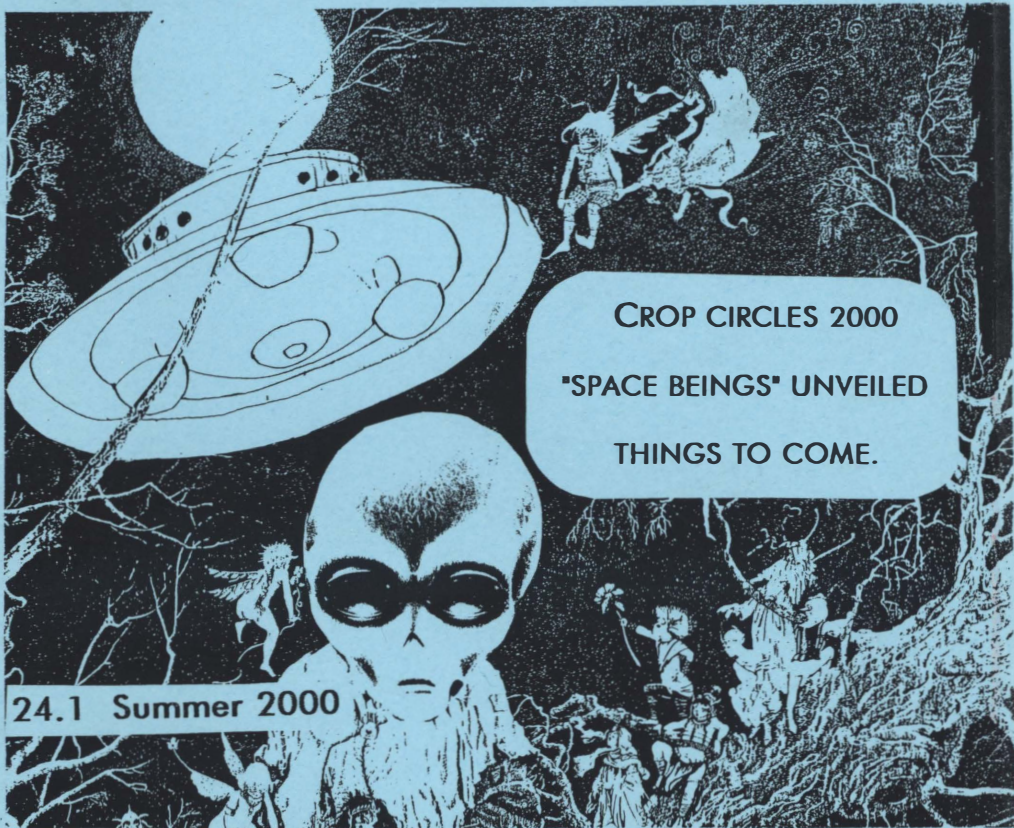


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## EDITORIAL

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In view of the media's paranoid ideas about the "Millennium Dome", perhaps the views of your editor might help to gain a more balanced perspective. Every person in the country, if averaged out, has contributed approximately £15 towards the £750 million bill paid through public funds to erect this strange looking creation on a reclaimed rubbish tip in North Greenwich, London. A sheer waste of money - well maybe - but if all the money had been spent on more schools and hospitals what a drab outlook it would be with more and more depressives filling up the extra hospitals! Britain has built few exceptional art or recreational centres post 1945 with most of them looking like concrete boxes e.g the National Theatre or aircraft hangars, e.g the NEC, Birmingham!

What is there for the Ufologist? You can take a trip to an unknown planet on a simulated space vehicle and see and feel the chill of giant glaciers and smell the sulphur from a volcano (but no aliens on view). It turns out after all the hype that the mystery planet is your own Mother Earth (like the revelation at the end of "Planet of the Apes" you may recall). In the "Mind" section there is a computerised starfish hologram which curls up if you touch it, responding to human thought processes - very creepy. You can also change your features to something more desirable on a simulator if you have the patience to wait for an hour or more; or see yourself on infra red cameras. Feeling tired? Then enter the "Rest" zone and lay on the floor of a simulated lunar landscape whilst mystic sounds emerge and lights change colour and shape giving the appearance of UFOs passing overhead.

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I want to mention we had an open meeting on June 29th at which a new video was presented. This was also the date of the AGM. In the event two members of the press turned up and took some photos and notes. Having not held many public meetings in the last three years, council members were not on their guard when the reporter from the staid Oxford Times asked for very detailed interviews with several of us. In fact, so detailed were these, that he rang back at least 3 times for clarification and began to drive everyone to distraction. Without so much as an offer of a donation or an explanation of what he was about, a huge full page article appeared in the broadsheet Oxford Times of July 28th under the caption "Our World" totally humiliating and patronising CIUFOR officers and our presenter Ellis Taylor visiting from Australia. In fact everyone at this meeting was beLITTLEd in some way. To say some names involved were "incandescent" might be an understatement. Please find further comments in the letters section.

Once again it shows you can never trust the press even if they come from a "stiff upper lip" county newspaper. I suppose we should be grateful that the paper considered CIUFOR important enough to fill a full page article, but will the exercise ultimately result in greater membership of the group - hardly.

THE EDITOR



## NEWS IN BRIEF

**HYPNOTIC ABDUCTIONS?** We have been fortunate enough to interview Ms V who reported a missing time experience shortly after leaving a party in Headington, Oxford on June 3rd (Saturday night). Ms V was sure she got to her car with the intention of calling on a friend before midnight. However she was then aware of a flash of light and found herself driving on a dark road miles from her intended route. At the first sign-post she discovered that she was near the village of Penn, east of High Wycombe, Bucks. Although her car was running well and the dog she had in the back showed no signs of panic, she was totally unable to account for being at this location. She rang back to her friend in Oxford and immediately turned back in full control. By the time she got home, 58 miles had been covered and it was 01.25.

Having no satisfactory answers to her plight from colleagues and her doctor who all suggested a "spiked" drink, she rang CIUFOR and was interviewed at a neutral address. The witness was particularly sensitive about the whole business and gave no clues as to what could possibly have happened. At the party she had consumed a few light punch drinks over a long period; had not been approached by lusting males and had certainly not left with anyone. There were no body marks or signs of interference, and she had no recollection of anything. No signs of residual radiation were found on her car.

After an hour of interviewing, no progress had been made until a chance discussion on crop circles revealed that V regularly took walks around the lanes to the east of Oxford, where 5 crop circles had been reported between Garsington and Toot Baldon in 1999. Could there have been a connection? In the role of "cosmic joker", a discarnate force might have taken the moment in question to play some tricks with HYPNOTISM having "connected" with the individual during her walks, at some time in the past.

We have recently been informed of another case in Ireland where a driver reported 6 hours of missing time driving home from work in Belfast and finding himself subsequently on the main road to Dublin. (See reports section).

**OXFORD CROP CIRCLE STUDY GROUP AMALGAMATION:** The Oxford Centre For Crop Circle Studies, OCCCS, (founded 1991) has reluctantly decided to cease open meetings and crop watches due to poor support in the last 2 years. As several members of the OCCCS group are also involved with Contact International UFO Research, it has been agreed that from 25/7/2000, that the records, books and videos of OCCCS should be handed over to CIUFOR for future research, and the active study of crop circles in the Oxfordshire area be continued via this group. Hopefully this will entail partial or full membership of CIUFOR for those members still paid up to OCCCS and the holding of a couple of public meetings a year jointly involving UFOs and crop circles.

It is appreciated that the amalgamation has been caused by job moves, family matters, changes of address etc, but certainly not due to a diminution in interest in crop circles.

**MOBILE PHONES WARNING (3):** Dowsing techniques on a booster mast between Burford and Chipping Norton indicates that radiation is detectable at a distance of around 100ft or 30 metres from the mast. This particular one is a tower structure, about 30ft high and safely situated a long way from houses. However the many masts attached to roofs in built up areas must be less than 100ft distance from bedrooms and should give cause for

concern. Apparently no planning permission is required to place a mast on a roof or pole presumably without the tower structure needed in the remote country areas.

As usual recent announcements from scientists have declared radiation from masts completely within "guidelines" and of no risk to health. Who devised the guidelines in the first place is a moot point. Meanwhile the government health advisors recommend that young children do not use mobiles as they have thinner skulls and may be more susceptible to radiation - hardly a statement of confidence in the system! The astronomical sums of money paid to the government for the next generation mobile phone licences will unfortunately point to a cover up of health risks as we have sadly seen with the tobacco industry. One of our West Country investigators on a hospital visit was warned off using mobile phones by a consultant who stated that over half the brain tumour cases currently being treated at this hospital were attributable to overuse of mobiles!

**SILBURY HILL SUBSIDENCE:** An apparently bottomless hole was found on the summit of Silbury Hill, on May 29th. The giant man-made mound alongside the A4 in Wiltshire - a favourite location for UFO and crop circle events - was subject to several excavations over long periods of time and the hole in question may have been created by the Duke of Northumberland's probes in 1776. The Duke, a bounty hunter, having found nothing of value down the shaft he dug, may have only plugged the top instead of carefully filling in the whole dig. Heavy rains in the early part of 2000 are suggested to have caused the subsidence. The ancient monument has in recent years been the scene of many UFO and crop watches, and in the Summer months there is always somebody on the top overnight.

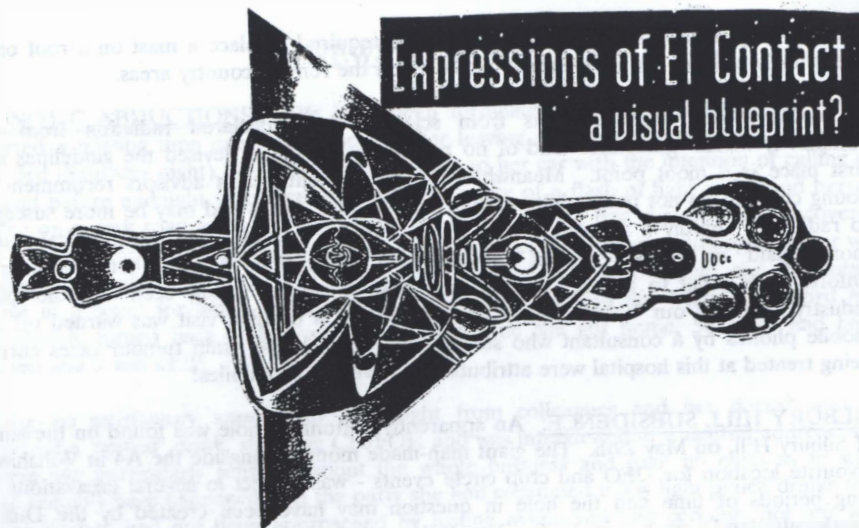
We now observe that the fencing around the base has been reinforced and security guards are patrolling - certainly until late evening. (Of course climbing the monument has always been illegal for many years, but the lure is irresistible!) Earlier in the year coloured lights were seen over Silbury on March 25th and again on May 5/6 th so there is some paranormal activity to possibly explain the subsidence.

**UFO PUBLISHING COLLAPSE:** Britain's most prolific author of UFO and paranormal related subjects, Jenny Randles, reports her latest book intended for publication, "Supernatural Causes" has been shelved barely 6 weeks from its publication date. Her publisher pulled the plug on all its new non-fiction titles and her last UFO work: "The UFOs That Never Were" got into print by the skin of its teeth! The latter will be a hard to find book with just a single print run.

It is still not clear whether Joe Public remains interested in UFOs or paranormal subjects, but is sated by use of the Internet. A major event hitting national newspapers could start the ball rolling following the "Alien Body" video and "X-Files" c1995. Unfortunately natural curiosity is not enough, the subject has to be marketed! For the few writers attempting to make a full time living from the subject, these are very difficult times and we extend our sympathy to Jenny Randles and her co-authors.

**"EXPRESSIONS OF ET CONTACT":** A new video from the Australian Close Encounter Resource Network based in Perth, WA, was shown to members of CIUFOR and visitors at the Inner Book Shop, Oxford, on June 29th. Presented by our regular visitor from Perth, WA, Ellis Taylor, the video shows art forms expressing ET contact by a number of contactees - the most amazing being highly symmetrical, spontaneous creations in stunning colours by young artist, Tracey Taylor, believed to be under ET influence. (See accompanying illustration.)





**"HOLES IN THE POLES" NO MORE!** That age old red herring of descending into the interior of the Earth as one approaches the North Pole seems to have been put to rest as reports indicate that during the summer of 2000, the ice-cap on which the North Pole "rests" has melted leaving free flowing water at the zero point. Any alien bases tucked away there must have been severely flooded!

Of course high performance submarines are known to have sub-navigated the North Pole so it is a well established fact the area sits on water, unlike the South Pole which is on solid ground. The problem arising here is possibly another indication of "global warming".

**LIFE ON EUROPA?** One of the 4 major moons of Jupiter, Europa, has a frozen icy look. New probes indicate that there is maybe free flowing water beneath the surface which could sustain life. Although life on Earth is generally believed to have evolved in water at the dawn of time, there may have been additional unknown factors to have made this possible.

To the scientific community "life" might indicate microscopic sized bacteria which would be rather disappointing to Ufologists who look to super-intelligent forms at least large enough to be seen! There is the suspicion that comets passing relatively close to Earth may carry viruses that could eventually spread disease to the world population. A pandemic as powerful as the 1918-19 "Spanish Flu" has never been explained although some of the victims who were buried in the frozen wastes of Spitzbergen have recently been unearthed in an attempt to find remains of the deadly virus.

**INCREASE IN UFO REPORTS:** CIUFOR are receiving about one new UFO report telephoned in every week at present. Some of these are retrospective going back 20 years or more. There is no particular area of the country more active than another with regard to these. The problem arises from the small percentage of report forms returned to us from the witnesses, where no local investigators are available. The urge to communicate soon fades once the flow of adrenalin ceases!

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### SIGHTINGS BY DATA RESEARCH

compiled by Fran Copeland

**Place:** Ludlow/Clee Hill, Shropshire  
**Date:** circa August 1991

**Time:** 17.30hrs

Mr. S.P. was driving his vehicle through a rural area making his way home when he came adjacent to a Public House at Hopton Wafers. He caught sight of an orange light which also seemed to turn yellow to red and was very bright perhaps, he says to mag.-8 travelling in a southerly direction. It was moving quite slowly and was shaped like an elongated ellipse which appeared flat at the ends and seemed to flicker

It's true size was about the same as an aircraft seemingly 3-4 miles away and he estimated its height at 1000ft approx.

It did not move in front of or behind anything and did not pass overhead. The general weather conditions at the time was a clear blue sky and sunshine with no wind.

His first sighting which he did not report at the time was in 1977 when he saw an orange ball descending rapidly over Ketley Bank, in Shropshire.

He was unable to produce any evidence although after a "Central News Report" persons unknown had sent in amateur video footage showing exactly the same sighting that he had witnessed.

**Place:** Towcester, Northants  
**Date:** 1977 - (Sunday) month unknown.

**Time:** 1.15am

A Housewife, Mrs AMW was driving home from Milton Keynes to Syresham along the Wittlebury Road, when her attention was caught in her driving mirror by a red ball seemingly following her vehicle. The object appeared solid and was this strange bright red colour. It was the size of a Basket Ball.

The ball caught up with the car and was alongside the car directly level with her head and was only 1 foot away. She noticed it went behind the hedge at one point.

She heard a buzzing noise and she became physically absolutely freezing. It followed her until she turned onto the A43. She did report this sighting at the time and was very scared by it. She stated "It took me hours to warm myself afterwards".

**Place:** Syresham, **Time:** 9.15-9.30am  
**Date:** circa. July 1998

A Market Trader was returning after walking with his dog around a local field. He reached the entrance/exit gate to the High Street in Syresham and saw in the sky directly in front of him at an altitude of no more than 200 feet an object that looked like he could only describe as "the Empire State Building on its side". He states it was enormous at least 200 metres in length. It was moving slowly at first and then accelerated at a speed he had never seen before. It flew over the top of his house and disappeared in a way that he could only describe as going through a pinprick in a stretched piece of rubber.

There was no noise and it gave out no light. It had a silver/blue/white colour and he could clearly see defined lines. He was very confused and shocked by the sighting.

He states he has seen unidentified objects before but has never bothered to report them as there weren't significant to warrant a report.

**Place:** Westgate- Morcambe **Time:** unknown - but Day time  
**Date:** 1st March 2000

Mr. JS was in his kitchen washing up when he noticed a bright, grey, metallic silver object moving quite slowly - slower than a conventional aeroplane.

He gazed at it for about 30 seconds and then ran outside for a proper look because it looked and moved very strangely. He stood and watched for about 5-6 minutes looking at the object then decided to get his girlfriend to take a look, when they both returned outside the object had gone and his girlfriend laughed at him stating he was seeing things and to return to his chore.

Mr. JS could see it clearly with the naked eye. He stated it was cigar shaped - and elongated and appeared bright and shiny as if it was metallic. He did not hear any noise it was very quiet and the general weather conditions at the time were clear blue sky and a bright sunny day.

He states he has not seen an unidentified flying object before and is convinced now that UFO's exist after what he had seen as he knew it was not a plane or weather balloon or anything he could describe that would fit into the conventional flying objects.

He said he was dazed by the sighting and seemingly froze whilst seeing the object and did not think to attract attention until after some time of watching.

A copy of an interesting newspaper report from the Leamington Spa Courier sent in by Kevin Owen is worthy of note and a "Thank You" Kevin for sending it to us.

**Date:** circa October 1996

Residents had more encounters with an unidentified flying object for the second time in a month this week.

A grey disc shaped object was spotted in the skies above Leamington, Warwick and Lighthorne Heath on Tuesday night between 10.30pm and midnight.

Startled eyewitnesses claimed the UFO glowed with a ray of light and hovered over them before quickly disappearing.

A Sixteen year old girl on going to bed noticed flashing lights outside her home near midnight. "There was this awful humming noise really loud," and looking out of her window she saw this strange object hovering in the air.

It was crescent shaped and had sets of lights flashing onto the nearby road.

Another female spotted the object after leaving work at about 10.30pm. "My friend and I followed it in our car, it looked just like a spaceship. It was a grey disc with a glowing dome on the top. We followed it for quite sometime across Leamington and into Warwick. They claimed it seemed to stop when they stopped the car and after several times of stopping and starting they became scared and drove off. The Police explanation was it was an "Airship" as two Police vehicles were in the area at the time.

The previous month stunned motorists on the A46 pulled onto the hard shoulder after spotting a grey cylinder-shaped object hovering 200 metres above the ground.

(Ed. Note It appears Leamington/Warwick has some ufo activity and whilst reports are thin on the ground for that area according to our records it is interesting to note that reports are not accredited to any UFO group.)

**Place:** Burnley, Lancs., **Time:** 1.30am  
**Date:** 11th June 2000

A Housewife was sat on her doorstep when she saw a round object with a straight base moving very fast across the sky. She claimed it looked like a solid object and she watched it as it became obscured by a neighbour's chimney, she stayed watching and waiting for 10 minutes to see if it would appear from behind the obstacle.

It then moved further on across the sky but slower than before. It seemed to go into a few clouds stop, flash a light and come back out. It was brilliant white and as it moved away she could clearly see a small flashing light. It appeared to sway from side to side and up and down travelling north east. The evening was very mild and warm with just a few clouds and no wind.

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**Information:-** Credit - Kevin Owen.

**UFO - related Airmiss report** numbers 75/91 7/94 and 2/95 can be obtained on request from The Dept of Transport. Zone2/26 Gt. Minster House, 76 Marsham St., London SW1P 4DR



Place: Syresham, Northants  
Date: 5th June, 2000

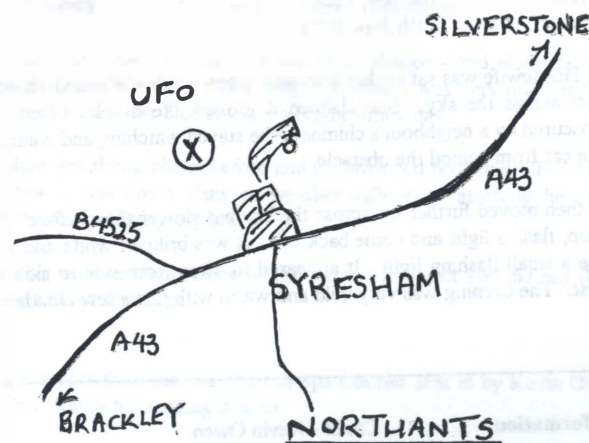
Time: Midnight

CIUFOR managed to get an investigation team (Mike Soper and Geoff Ambler) to this location by 6pm on 6th June, thus only 18 hours had elapsed since the experience - something we aim to achieve but seldom realise. Just talking to the witnesses produced 2 more reports from earlier years. (See elsewhere under Syresham).

The main witness, Mrs W, took her dog out for a late walk just before midnight on June 5th. The route was over a level playing field at the back of houses and where she had been many times before. Suddenly, looking over open country towards the NE, she saw a display of bright orange illumination in 3 parts - the shape of a thin rectangle, a square and a "curved dagger". The combination joined together, broke up and vanished 3 times in total silence. She estimated the displays were about 2 fields away (c 400 yards) and at a height of 2000 ft. The O.S co-ordinates were estimated as SP 625 418, Sheet 152, (near A43 Brackley - Northampton road) and looking NE from Syresham towards Banbury. On this trajectory there appears to be no buildings or other sources of light for several miles.

Rushing back home, Mrs W managed to alert her husband who saw the last remnants of the shape before it faded. The details were flashed to radio stations by CIUFOR, but no other witnesses came forward to verify this weird sighting, although one person reported being awoken by strange noises in nearby Middleton Cheney.

Once again we appear to have an "astrogram" type sighting, although the shape and movements described seem to have no logic to them. (Reports of "astrograms" have come from Horspath and Marcham, Oxon over the past 3 years).



# Missing Time Report:

Place: Belfast NI  
Date: March 23rd 2000

Time: 20.30 - 02.30

Courtesy IUOPRA, Dublin, Eire. In mentioning our "hypnotic abduction" case of June 3rd-4th (See p 2), our affiliate IUOPRA has discovered another similar incident starting in Belfast N.I. Details as follows:

On Thursday March 23rd an Ulsterman claimed that a UFO lifted his car off the ground, and that he experienced six hours of "missing time" consequently. The witness worked in a factory in West Belfast, in Co Antrim, Northern Ireland and was on his way home from work after a long and tiring shift which had lasted 24 hours. So as you can imagine, all he wanted to do was to go home to his wife and children for a few hours.

But, while he was on his way home, he pulled into a petrol station to fill up his tank and noticed to his right a large light in the sky. At first he thought it was maybe the moon, but on looking again, it didn't seem to take the shape of the moon, but it took on the shape of an egg instead. The witness was amazed at what he was looking at and his first thought was to go and get someone to look at the object, but as the thought crossed his mind - something told him to get in the car and drive away from the filling station without paying for the petrol!

He got in the car and drove away with the object following him. He lives in the Falls Rd in West Belfast but he found himself on the road leading to Dublin. He did not want to go to Dublin, rather to go home to his wife and babies and he cannot understand why he drove down this road.

While he was driving, he noticed the object again and it was beginning to scare him very much indeed - so much so that he started to scream. Without knowing why, he stopped the car on a hillside road that leads to a farming area northbound on the (motorway) M3. The car it seems was lifting and he felt it, but for some reason he was not sure that it was. he described it as though someone was messing with his brain and controlling his thoughts and telling him what to think.

After this all he can remember was driving on the Whiterock/Donagall Rd and back to his house on the Falls Rd. The strange thing was that it normally takes the witness only 5 minutes to get home from the filling station yet it was 2.30 am when he finally got back. He says that 6 hours of his life are missing and cannot be accounted for, and he would like to know what really happened to him.

This case is currently being investigated by the Belfast UFO Society and we are trying to get more details on this ourselves. To our knowledge this is the first "missing time" case we have come across in Ireland, and it is interesting to compare with the Oxford incident of June 3rd.

( Note in the Oxford case, the witness could recall not one detail of how she got to be 25 miles from her run home which like in the Belfast incident should have been a mere 5 minutes driving time).

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## SIGNS IN THE FIELDS - 21st YEAR

by Geoff Ambler

The millennium year, 2000, was no different from any of the previous 20 in that the crop circle phenomenon returned by late April and was still firing away by the end of August. At the last check of the Connector website, around 120 British formations had been logged, slightly down on 1999 mainly due to a slow start to the season. A figure of 100-150 recorded is now consistent over the past 5 years and refers to one design created overnight which can consist of 200 or more circles and other features. If all these components were added together the result would show a vastly increased total since 1990 when one system counted the number of single circles found whether they were in formation or not. During the period 1980-5 we were looking at barely a dozen events a year with not more than 5 components in each one. Thus a vast increase in "intelligence" has been achieved akin to the development of a human brain from birth to 21 years.

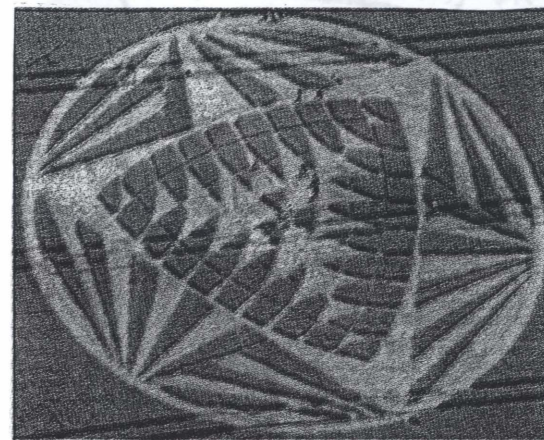
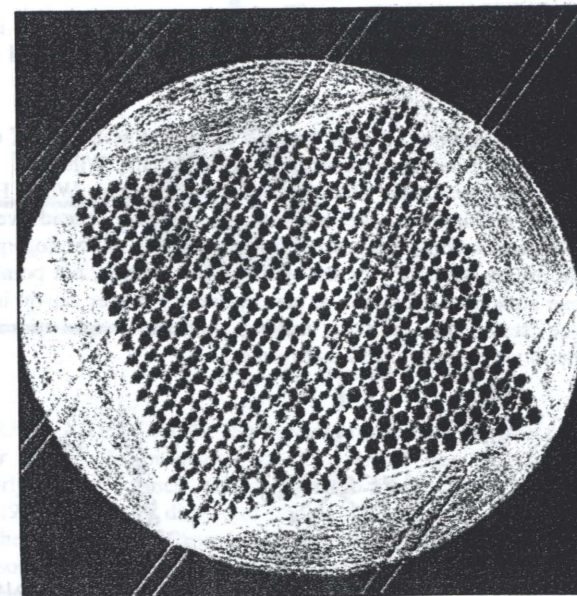
**THE SEASON:** Early designs in the rapeseed crop were limited to a few designs mainly in Kent and north Wiltshire. These displayed a tendency for triangular shapes, but none were as complex as those seen in 1998-9. A really good design in late April or early May would be almost impossible to achieve by hoaxers as they could be gummed up by mud and unable to control the movements of the 4-5ft tall ragged plants once attempts were made to flatten them. Also the odour of the flowers becomes almost unbearable after a few minutes inside a field. Even walking or driving near these fields when the crop is in full flower is very unpleasant and the source of many nasal complaints. (Circles only appear in rape when the crop is in flower and the first seed pods are formed).

As the season progressed on to May and early June it was established once again that the main area of activity was to be close to Avebury in Wiltshire. By mid-June there were 4 formations right next to Silbury Hill in barley. Each of these covered 2-3 tram-lines and were "theme" inside 200 foot circle established strongly in 1999. Up near the West Kennett long barrow, (visible from the main A4 road ) one formation developed over 2 nights - first appearing quite messy with a large standing triangle at its centre. This was then reformed with the large triangle breaking down into a nest of 3 flattened and 3 unflattened smaller triangles, with a remarkable improvement in the lays. Once again the East Field at Alton Barnes was on the score sheet early with an array of triangular shapes inside a large circle, although this was not one of the best designs of 2000.

Moving on towards the end of June, the first of several complex designs arrived at Windmill Hill near Avebury consisting of many varying sized rectangles inside a square producing a remarkable 3-D effect when viewed from above. A few days later over at East Kennett on July 2nd, an incredible "chess board" matrix of 1600 squares inside a large square arrived giving reverse 3-D effects to the one at Windmill Hill. This was described in the Daily Mail as "shredded wheat". (See illus). Two further examples of hundreds of small components in a unique design were to arrive - on July 22nd possibly the most incredible design ever consisting of 500 "diamonds" at Avebury Trusloe resembling the effect of iron filings around a bar magnet, and on August 13th a design like a vast spirograph pattern at Woodborough Hill, Alton Barnes. The latter appeared to consist of hundreds of flattened triangles, and remarkably resembled a formation that had appeared in the same spot 2 years previously.

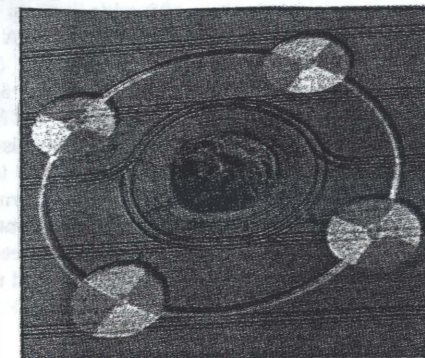
From mid-July to mid-August formations arrived almost nightly in this area. Of course hoax claims began to emerge, but as yet none have been proven apart from the obvious

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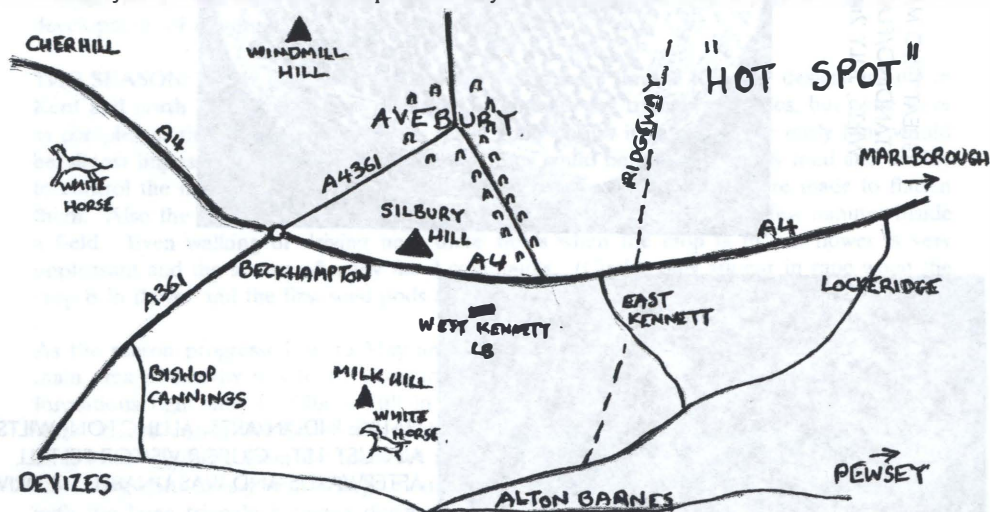
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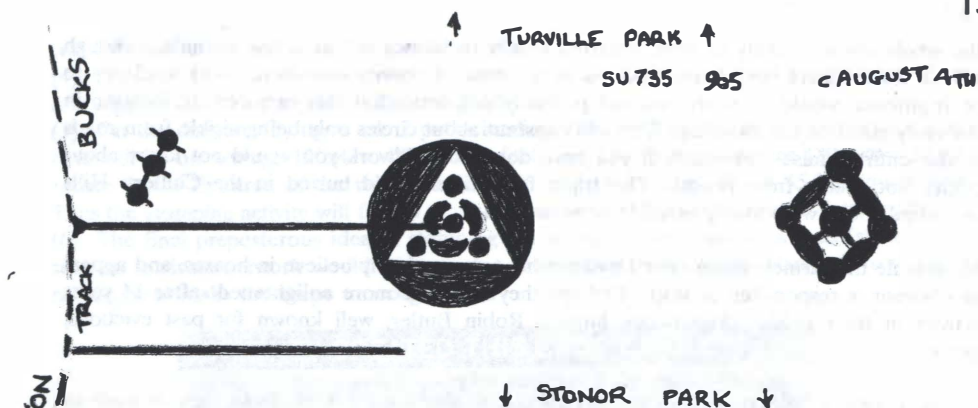


commercial commission that the phenomenon generates. In spite of all the irate farmers and watchers in the "hot-spot" area, we still await the first prosecution of "field vandals" after 14 years of activity there.

Looking at all the reports arriving, it now appears clear that at least half of the year 2000 formations were in a tight 5 mile zone centred on Silbury Hill, Wiltshire. Even other well frequented areas like Barbury Castle, Hackpen Hill and Westbury White Horse only a few miles further away had nothing, and the remainder were thinly spread over other counties with Hampshire and Kent looking the best. Of course having all the top quality formations focused in one tight area is excellent for the spotters and tourists, but points suspiciously to hoaxers who need an audience. However, as stated, nobody is ever caught in the act and the circumallegors may be "testing the faith" by making alternative explanations possible in the "cosmic joker" scenario we have reported many times.



To show that the phenomenon is not all a very public demonstration around Avebury, there was a late discovery c August 4th of 3 formations in one field right on the Oxford-Bucks border north of Stonor. Reported from the air by one of our contact pilots, the field lies hidden in the Chiltern Hills nearly a mile from the nearest public road (O.S SU 735 905) and had to be accessed on foot from the Oxfordshire Way. The main formation in the centre of the field was a large 200ft diameter "mandala" type with a 170ft standing equilateral triangle enclosing 4 smaller circles and 3 crescent shapes. From the very centre of this feature, a long 500ft path, 10ft wide lead to the track at the bottom of the field where it widened out as if inviting visitors to enter! A similar track started out a few yards along the field, but abruptly stopped after c300 feet (a mistake?). Nearest the path marking the county border was a double dumb-bell with 3, 30 feet diam circles joined by straight paths. Each circle had 2 spurs leading off. On the far side, hidden in a dip, was a strange looking formation consisting of 4 circles and 4 ovals all linked together in a square surrounding a central circle. The whole structure was c150 ft across. Signs of human activity were present (some of the ears of wheat in the large formation had been sprayed with paint!), but the formations had not been reported and did not appear to be hoaxes from the detection of energy present. Not a sign of activity was recorded on 2 visits to the site, and one wonders how many other locations remain hidden and undiscovered every year.



**PRESS AND PUBLIC REACTION:** Somewhat surprisingly the press has been fairly kind during the year 2000. In particular the Daily Mail has reported and discussed the phenomenon fairly at least 4 times. (Having tried to humiliate researchers by commissioning a large hoax in 1999). A grand display of photographs on their centre pages for September 2nd concluded the season. The Express has also been fairly positive. Having kept quiet for most of the season, "Team Satan", Dickinson, Lundberg and Russell - the only hoax team we can put names to - claimed "We are the Aliens" in a spread in the Mail on Sunday, September 3rd, with the implication they had made many of the top quality formations with their prehistoric "stompers". Conversing on how they did it to some rookie reporter, the text is full of half truths, coincidences and wise after the event faction designed to impress the gullible. The nonsense they spouted about the great "diamond" formation at Avebury Trusloe is exposed overleaf.

Looking through the local press reports it still appears we have a long way to go before the public at large accepts we have a phenomenon. After a magnificent "scorpion" formation appeared at White Horse Hill, Uffington, Oxon in mid-July, the writer ensured the local press were informed. Public reaction was noted for some weeks after. In the Oxford Times, Mrs Cox from the nearby farm who keeps horses in the field next to the circles, stated:

*"These circles could only be the clever work of several human beings with an artistic bent and a good sense of humour. I am afraid anybody taken in by the mystery is really rather sad. We have nine horses grazing adjacent to the field where the circle appeared, and they were still grazing quite calmly the following morning. If anything had arrived they would have been burnt or frightened to death."*

*She added: "These circles are always in a wheat field, never in barley - which is too itchy, oats - which are too flimsy, maize - which is too tall and hard, or grass - which would not produce such a good visual effect."*

*They only occur at this time of year when the crop is golden and ready for the combine. No other time of year would draw so much attention. They are always visible from a nearby viewpoint and always near a road. Beings from another dimension would not be so selective."*

Here we have the usual sounding off by someone who has obviously done no fieldwork on the subject! Of course circles appear when the crop is green going back to May, and barley is a well frequented medium. The few fields of oats planted nowadays certainly have had circles. The point about the horses not being disturbed is in fact a good indication of how



the whole event is likely to have occurred totally in silence within a few seconds, although animal disturbances have been reported at the time of activity elsewhere. Any tendency to be frightened would be shortlived and probably not noticed at this very remote location in the early hours of the morning. That old chestnut about circles only being visible from roads is also entirely false - obviously if you have done no fieldwork you would not know about circles not visible from roads! The triple formations found buried in the Chiltern Hills described above were totally invisible from any roads.

Meanwhile the farmers down near Devizes who, to a man, only believe in hoaxes, and appeal to whoever is responsible to stop. Perhaps they might be more enlightened after 14 years activity in their fields! Super-irate farmer, Robin Butler, well known for past evictions, quotes:

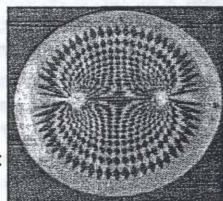
*"These people who make the crop patterns think they have a God-given right to walk in your fields. We are dealing with some very clever people who make them and who probably spend all winter producing the design on computers."*

*I personally think it is linked with the crop circle organisations and I think they use aircraft earlier in the year to choose exactly where they will put them."* (Marlborough Gazette and Herald 20/7/00).

**NEW ANDREWS THEORY:** Having arrived late this year from his base in America, veteran circle researcher, Colin Andrews, suddenly pronounced in August that he had cracked the riddle (again) and that crop circles were formed by shifting magnetic fields of the Earth. Although it made a great splash in the media, we are still not clear on the details of this theory which is not yet published. The relevant point is that all the sophisticated shapes do not qualify and are rejected as hoaxes which Andrews reckons are about 80% of the total (more like 90% from this years batch). Only simple circles can be considered valid which places Andrew's ideas back with the Dr Meaden weather/plasma vortex theory of c1990. However backed by the Rockefeller Foundation funding, and purported "men in black", ex CIA agents on the loose following hoaxers around, the results of this research should be taken seriously. Meanwhile Andrews continues to photograph those hoaxes he has defined!

**FLAWED DIAMONDS?** Arguably the most sophisticated formation of 2000 and any year, the Avebury Trusloe "diamonds" seems to have attracted a great deal of attention from persons showing how it was made on the Internet and even claiming ownership! The technical information supplied to the Mail on Sunday by Dickinson/Lundberg et al (presumably) shows how a few impressive drawings can deceive. In the sketches below the hoaxers press out the outer edge of the large circle, radius 140ft, flatten the crop and then mark the edge of the complex area at a radius of 120ft. The following geometrical errors have been calculated:

- (1) Marking out 60, 4ft spaces is the first error. This gives a distance of 240ft to go round the whole circumference, which is actually  $2\pi r = 2 \times 3.14 \times 120 \text{ ft} = 754 \text{ ft}$  - thus less than a third of the distance will be covered.
- (2) Actually marking out 4ft lengths on a curved surface with a straight tape is also technically difficult - trigonometry calculations would be needed to adjust for the curvature.
- (3) Having been told that the team use only 4ft wide stomping planks they then claim to flatten pathways across the inner area, which we presume will also be 4ft wide. The actual formation shows that the side tips of the first row of diamonds are almost touching -



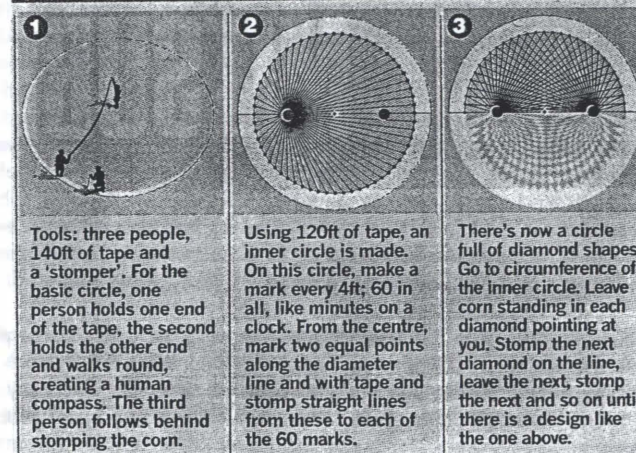
certainly not more than a foot of space between them.

(4) Several of the lines show distinct curvature towards the central focal points from where it is suggested they were stomped in straight lines.

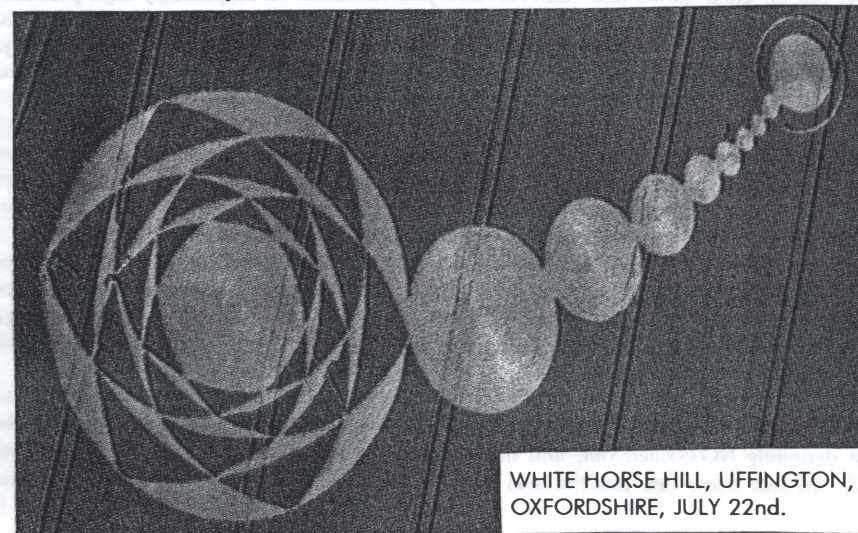
(5) On the diagram (3) there are 2 paths leading from each of the 60 marked points; each path will be on average  $120 \times 4 = 480$  square feet, and 120 flattened makes  $120 \times 480 = 57,600$  square feet. The area of the raised circle is  $\pi r^2 = 3.14 \times 120 \times 120 = 45,245$  square feet. Thus the stomping activity will flatten more area than there is available to be flattened!!

(6) The final preposterous idea of stomping out triangular or diamond shapes (sketch 3) in such an intricate network would make such a mess given these clumsy planks were the only means, as to make the shape unrecognisable!

### HOW THEY CREATED THIS CROP CIRCLE



**CONCLUSIONS:** When all the information is gathered for the season 2000, these will be assessed, but be sure the phenomenon will return in 2001.





## A PICTURE OF LIFE IN SPACE SEEN IN NASA FOOTAGE

by Michael Soper

In the early days of space travel, Astronauts reported golden fireflies in space during the orbit, but not during the descent, and a recent video of "fireflies" surrounding a discarded object in space is most interesting in this connection. During the sunrises of his three orbits of the Earth, John Glenn saw greenish gold, "space fireflies" which were six to ten feet apart and moving with a relative speed of about 3 miles an hour. The same was reported by Adamski in "Inside the Space Ships" (1955): 'Firkon motioned to me to come to one of his portholes and said': "Perhaps you might like to see what space really looks like".

'I soon forgot my disappointment as I looked out. I was amazed to see the background in space is totally dark; yet there were manifestations taking place all around us -- (seeming) as though billions of billions of fireflies were flickering everywhere, moving in all directions as fireflies do---'.

Clearly the comment was printed at least 5 years before the reports from the project Mercury astronauts concerning the space fireflies they discerned. Now given every medium we have so far encountered has life - for example at the deepest depths of the ocean near subthermal vents; in all depths of the sea; in underground caves; in the atmosphere; on the fuel rods of nuclear reactors; and in the heavy water of nuclear reactors - even possibly on Mars. (Even mutated frogs from the heavy water, have been shown to have been affected by parasites which lay eggs in their developing joints).

Given that knowledge of where life has been found, plus what we know about physics extra to 3 dimensions, is the notion of life in outer space itself so incredible? Such inhabitants should of course be extremely diffuse like huge invisible jellyfish with practically no strength -- yet a source of nourishment like the metals from satellites put into space orbit, especially the forgotten bits, is possibly a tasty treat, like the metal on a satellite which returned to Earth mysteriously "nibbled" (and not by micrometeorites). There is also the odd fact that many of the "forgotten bits" put into Earth orbit like nosecones, fairings, separation rings, urine, faeces, gum, gloves and cameras have just vanished - a surprisingly high percentage are just not there at all - something like 25%. Yet note that the "conventional explanation" of this which did not apply to the actual conditions of John Glenn's orbit, and the timing of the seeing of the "space fireflies" within the orbit rather than at the descent stage was produced:

1. Before life was known to have existed on Mars. (Still not proven - Ed).
2. Before life was known to survive inside working nuclear reactors.
3. Before life was known to exist near sub-oceanic hydrothermal vents with a form of thermosynthesis utilising sulphur rather than oxygen and photosynthesis. How many times have we read in the opinion of popularisers of science - that of course at these stygian depths no life can exist. And of course there was no knowledge of life under the arctic ice, in deep caves, and at the poles also.

In the absence of these relatively recent facts which are very surprising, life on Mars now is most definitely NOT ruled out, and neither is life on the Moon or actually, life in space itself. In fact when one satellite was returned to Earth for maintenance and inspection,

some of the silver lycra layer on the surface was found to have a feature similar to a biological fungoid growth on a patch of the lycra.

Now naturally received opinion by the present (and ageing) establishment sounds like "disgusted" of Leighton Buzzard. Yet blowing a raspberry is not actually an argument - and naturally I want to claim first that this could actually be the case, especially in the light of the NASA footage retrieved by Martyn Stubbs and put out on the UFOMAG.CO.UK website. This film, space shuttle footage STS 48, showing the space tether and an object which coalesced nearby taken by a CCD camera have been "explained away" as Airy discs (those blotches on film taken with flash that out of focus water droplets become). Yet since one clearly passes BEHIND the in-focus space tether on the NASA footage, this specific explanation falls along way short, as also is the widely publicised claim that the images are from cosmic rays, which has been denied by a source close to the camera manufacturers. One of the images associated with the tether shots has been enhanced here (see illustration), and note specifically that the "blobs" can best be joined by a spiral organisation of arms. In the event that this is a spiral galaxy (the angular size does seem too large and the centre appears to be missing) why does the relationship to the tether appear almost tactical? With the two eye-like stalks rounding on the tether during the approach, these features are like blunt cylinders equispaced from the middle "orifice".

Now here we have the odd fact that a spiral structure or minimally, a long set of circular arcs fit the description of light, yet the CCD array is rectilinear not spiral. Thus the spirality is a function of the object being viewed which is also recorded.

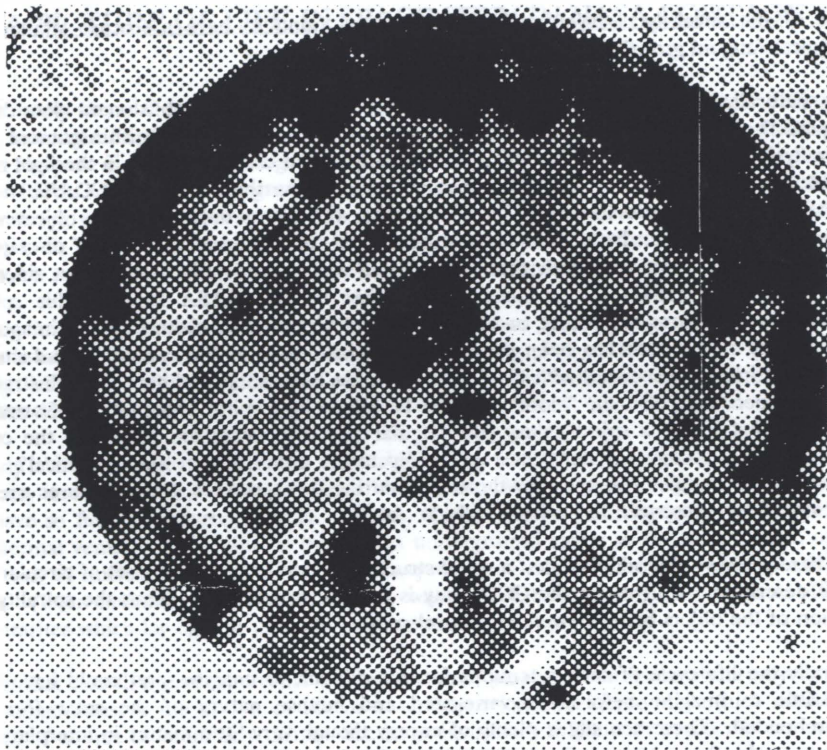
Naturally the life cycle of such a tenuous form is difficult to imagine, and could have been impossible to imagine before the variegated and intense nature of the solar flux was comprehended. There actually is plenty of energy though very little matter in interplanetary space near the Sun. Yet on Earth there is gravity, less solar energy and abundant matter. and hence matter rich creatures strive in competition for energy, trees growing tall and leafy to shade the others; animals become organised into groupings of simple animals, fish, herbivores and carnivores. Hence we have a natural system on Earth where constructional matter is not fiercely competed for, whereas energy is, often in the form of energetic foods.

Consider the opposite where energy AND CHARGE and the option of charge separation is available among colonies. Thus a shoal can co-operate to emit one representative on a food orbit near the rich matter of planets and satellites, though more likely a free for all for each forgotten nose cone and glove or stage separation ring - all forgotten pieces available for the "space wombles". For whilst in a gravitational planetary environment like Earth, other's forgotten cast offs are more safely ignored. In space, the enormous matter paucity even swooping past the brilliant Venus with useful sulphuric acid clouds must render competition for constructional material incredibly ferocious, and hence the consequent failures of various "delicacies" like the unmanned Mars and Phobos missions and other space hardware become somewhat more explicable! (In fact the "space wombles" may be surprised that whilst most of the time we feed quite richly, some "food" items are sent into the dark cold with incredible speed).

The question of the degree of organisation of the "space molluscs" is worth considering since in freefall and vacuum astonishingly tenuous conglomerations of solid rather than liquid organs are possible, and the reason why these have not hitherto been seen is that:

- (a) They are almost invisible being very diffuse.

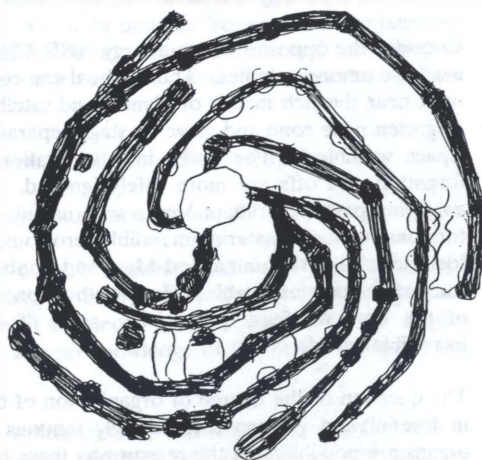




MAGNIFIED IMAGE OF "SPACE BEING" NEAR THE SPACE TETHER.



POSSIBLE SPIRAL STRUCTURE



STRUCTURE OF "SPACE SARGASSO".

(b) They are too big to recognise as creatures, given human psychology.

(c) They are shy. The shyness is almost comprehensible, since compared to their nature, solid space matter is enormously dense and when given uncontrolled momentum, very destructive of their energy rich forms.

Now what will be said here is that any lifecycle is "impossible" just as life at the bottom of the world's deepest oceans was once considered impossible - yet with more information the conclusion is reversed, and critics cannot so assuredly hide behind the phrase "no evidence for" since there is now SOME evidence for. A completely different scenario might have existed before the space race began - just where could these denizens of space existed then? The answer to that is energy linked solid matter beings used to vacuum are not too effected by cold, just lack of flux, and near Jupiter there is plenty of constructional matter in the fine ring system, and also in the intense radio and magnetic fields in the Jovian system.

Note that if within thunderstorms, plasma balls (ball lightning) can persist for large fractions of a minute within the atmosphere and near metal structures. Then a much less energetic form of persistent energy tangling in vacuum free fall is also possible, and can be very much more persistent in free space. Some, if only a little matter must be present, yet in the event the electric and magnetic fields can coil up like this regularly in the atmosphere for what is relative to the high energy phenomenon, an extraordinary long time. Then, evidently, by reducing the energy, turbulence, and frequency, and increasing the size, smoothness and "timescale", very persistent mostly energy forms can exist.

Yet comprehending these intuitively is extraordinarily difficult and is JUST THE ALWAYS CLAIMED CLASSICALLY SUGGESTED FEATURE OF NON TERRESTRIAL LIFE. Why SHOULD totally alien life be easy to model. In fact quite the reverse is to be expected except a concept based on the panspermia (alien cross breeding) model.

Since matter and energy have existed much longer than planetary ecologies, we have in the interplanetary environment a set of surroundings in which variable changing life forms (protean) formed from the start, is actually more feasible than the odd disjointed record of solid (DNA) based life on planets which is, despite the huge amount of evidence, still unconvincing for some as any explanation of the DIVERGENCE of species, rather than small adaptations within species. Those that believe in conscious panspermia by another race as the explanation for DNA based life on two planets are slowly gaining strength at the expense of the form evolving from the protean origins hypothesis. After all, within a space environment the localisation of inheritance data is not as necessary, and the "genetics" can be holographic in character. Note this means by transfer of data rather than matter. Given that any such energy bursts in a huge creature be massive, we have the slight possibility tht the Martian probes apart from being a nourishing delicacy, could also have been disrupted by the mating of creatures nearby, or possibly by threat displays or attacks in the environment. However these comments are mere fancies, since the genetic or organised nature of space-going lifeforms has not been determined. Continuing here the concept, the complexity and beauty of such mating or generational coalescences in space (in the event this could be seen) is unimaginable in intricacy.

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## 2000 - PAST, PRESENT AND "THINGS TO COME"

by Geoff Ambler

The original "Things to Come" was the 1936 film masterpiece directed by Korda and based on H.G Wells book "The Shape of Things to Come". Correct predictions of war in 1940 and the first rocket to the Moon were part of the multi-faceted presentation. H.G Wells was a foremost writer of science fiction with an uncanny knack of prediction in the first half of the 20th century. Tales like "War of the Worlds" converted to film in 1953 indicated fears of invasion from Mars in particular were in everyone's mind at the time. A string of cheap and nasty "flying saucer" films emerged round about this time, some better than others. Always aliens appeared as humanoids with American accents and the flying capability of saucers was taken for granted! Earlier the Orson Welles radio broadcast of 1938 was so realistic that thousands of Americans purportedly took to the streets in blind panic as the great actor indulged their fantasies in his verbal rendering of "War of the Worlds", but the extent of the panic has recently been downgraded.

Fifty years on no Martians have landed, but man has managed to land space probes on the surface of Mars and is busy making a massive survey of the topography. Every few years an exciting development emerges which might indicate past or even present life on the surface of the Red Planet. The so called "face" emerged from the Cydonia region and was the result of enhanced footage extracted from the 1976 Viking mission photographs, in spite of NASA's insistence that it was a natural feature. By the 1990s some writers and lecturers had developed an alternative "religion" producing 500 page volumes on the "face" and how it related to the ancient Egyptian Sphinx, and how the Cydonia region somehow matched the layout of the great prehistoric stone circles of Avebury. Sadly the new state-of-the-art pictures from the late '90s Mars probe show the "face" as a projecting and very large high plateau with very steep escarpments on at least two of its edges. With sunlight at the right angle of elevation, as taken from 1976 footage, the balance of light and shadow can sometimes result in a distorted "smirk" appearing. At other angles it will look nothing more than barren rocks and craters. Gradually the number of "face" enthusiasts appears to be dwindling.

The question arises - were the purveyors of the "Martian Canals" which set off the imaginations of H.G. Wells and other writers 100 years ago just as deluded as present day "Martian Face" fanatics. "Canals" appeared on the surface as seen through limited telescopes of the time. Modern telescopes and of course the probes reveal that "canals" are just surface scarring possibly caused by larva flows millions of years ago. Similarly from 1976 to 2000, the big step-up in technology changes the story again, although some would have it that the "face" has already been nobbled by NASA to prevent the truth from emerging!

How could we (humans) possibly generate a culture based on objects that can only be seen in reality with optical aids, at their closest, 35 million miles away? We still do not understand the full significance of Stonehenge and the Pyramids of Egypt which we can see, feel, and examine at zero distance. Sadly the concept of "human frailty" is only too real!

At the year 2000, the forecasting business seems to be in trouble. The Nostradamus year of doom, 1999, has passed without the suggested alien invasion or mass destruction from other sources. Admittedly the poor denizens of Turkey suffered a double dose of earthquakes and impoverished Mozambique was flooded over a wide area. However such events are guaranteed to cause loss of life every year - such is the present size of the human population

(c 6 billion) something like 4 times greater than at the end of the 19th century - that every earthquake, tornado, flood or hurricane over land is liable to cause havoc particularly in tropical areas where the majority of the population is impoverished. Many of these disasters would never have been reported to 1900 as there was no worldwide communications network, so the apparent increase in their frequency now blamed regularly on "global warming" is more likely due to 100% detection methods.

A good example of complete detection is the annual coding of hurricanes generated in the Caribbean and Florida areas. The first one of the season is designated by a name beginning with "A" e.g Andrew - a particularly nasty one which tore into Florida in 1998 flattening 85,000 homes and leaving 3 million Americans homeless. The next one is given a "B" name and so on. Out of 15-20 designated each year maybe one or two of these hits the land masses and causes mayhem. The others accurately tracked by satellites, harmlessly blow themselves out over the ocean. Thus any areas likely to fall in the path of a potent hurricane can be warned well in advance to batten down their homes and/or evacuate. Sometimes a rogue hurricane may suddenly change direction giving little time to take avoiding action - such as "Mitch" which devastated large areas of Central America recently. Unfortunately the statistical odds of any one hurricane reaching a land area that is not populated is now quite low - so sadly -----

Similarly, lemming or death-wish behaviour pervades the population who pack in round earthquake prone zones such as Mexico City, California and Tokyo. Economic conditions no doubt dictate the choices available to the very poor, but any future earthquakes in these areas will mean greater deaths as the poor cannot afford to live in high quality, quake resistant, housing.

During the second half of the 20th century, we created a new breed of "hunter-gatherers", who, utilising the benefits of global air travel, were able to search round artifacts in many countries to establish evidence of alien arrivals in the past. Authors like Erich Von Daniken found "space men" carved on ancient reliefs and shapes like "flying saucers" on paintings, murals etc. Based on the imagery developed a few years earlier, these shapes were considered evidence of visitations when, of course, there was a general consensus that aliens looked like humanoids in diving suits and used saucer shaped craft to get around! The trouble with looking at thousands of ancient artifacts is that you are bound to find something in the shape you desire to see sooner or later. Nowadays actual reports reaching CIUFOR rarely refer to "saucers" or humanoid figures in diving suits. Black triangles and fiery blue balls seem far removed from what we were originally told was evidence of alien activity.

What then of the future from 2000 - if there is a future? Social and technological change in the past 50 years has been immense. In that short time span all the knowledge we now have equals what was accumulated by man in all the years preceding back to the stone-age. In fact with super powered computers now to hand, knowledge is reported to be doubling in 3-4 years.

Is man able to cope with this? With instant communications and mobile phones buzzing day and night, life is far removed from what it was originally designed to be. As our bodies and minds are not changing at the same rate as the technology, more and more people will freak out with stress and mental illness. Cancer seems to be attacking without consideration of age, rank or sex. Everywhere we are blasted with radiation from power lines, computers, television screens and mobile phones. All perfectly safe you are told, but the big business involved here means that a few odd deaths can easily be covered up or blamed on other



When ancient man spent his evenings observing the stars, he was in perfect harmony with his surroundings - the subconscious and conscious minds well balanced. Over 10,000 years man did this and worshipped his gods, but in just 100 years he barely has time to look skywards. (In any case, in all but remote areas, it is blacked out by pollution and street lighting). He stares at screens both at work and at leisure and is a virtual slave to technology. There are now so many universities doing research that their conclusions are often at odds with each other. For instance, whether tea, coffee, or butter is good or bad for you is reported by the press about every 6 months - each new study making opposite conclusions to the previous one. The "global warming" situation is being monitored by hundreds of faculties, as is "ozone layer depletion". Dire warnings hit the headlines every other week, and the chances of making it to 2050 look slimmer by the day. Since all this concentrated research has been running for less than 30 years it is not clear how the situation varied over the previous 2000 years when it was incapable of being monitored. Some prominent weather forecasters insist there is no "global warming".

In the past 5 years a massive technological breakthrough called the INTERNET has devoured much of our social lives. Almost everything from shopping, communicating, having sex, doing business etc can be carried out on a worldwide basis without seeing another real person. In fact the most basic activities like banking and ordering up air/bus/rail tickets can be done on the NET. Soon the large conglomerates who control most of industry and communications will close down more and more banks and offices so you will be forced into the high-tech whether you like it or not. Village dwellers find their banks, shops and pubs all closed so the only place they can visit is the church to find solace and hope to see another real person occasionally!

From a peak of interest in 1995, UFO groups and publications have dropped into decline with the obvious inference that the Internet has all the business. Most people who join in UFO activities are keen on self-expression, but may not be able to put it over in a group of people. Starting a website, all views however subjective, are up and running. The trouble will arise when the web is so cluttered that valuable and genuine UFO reports will never be found because they are buried in heaps of garbage! By 2010 there will be so much material on the Internet concerning UFOs (and other emotive subjects) that extracting anything of use will be almost impossible.

The whole world is now open to massive frauds designed on the Net. Old men pose as teenagers to seduce young girls. Unhappy wives run off with an Internet lover without having met the person. Journalists find a good but fanciful story to fill up their paper during a quiet period. Rumours that spread round the world over several years are known within minutes - shades of the 1938 Orson Welles broadcast! One wonders if the "Millennium Bug" was an Internet rumour creating vast expenditure to companies and huge profits to the trouble shooters. It appears limited breakdowns did occur, but these were no more than the almost daily troubles with computer networks which can completely paralyse rail networks and airports etc. Long gone are the days when one could easily revert to manual control, and there is a constant shortage of skilled technicians who can tackle these highly complex problems. New state-of-the art networks are so complex that the technology runs ahead of the installers. For instance the designated National Air Traffic Control Centre in Hampshire is two years behind schedule as the programmes cannot be set up. During 1999 a new system for the Passport Office failed to work and left desperate travellers queueing for hours

to obtain their documents.

What if an alien visitation occurred within the next 50 years? The chances are that it would go unrecognised as any indications of a presence possibly requiring lateral thinking would not be accepted by computers! The natural intuition that humans once possessed will be complete obliterated by computer logic - everything becoming robotic and programmed. Instant communications will mean that only products accompanied by massive hype and marketing are likely to succeed.

Going forward to 2050 - for those likely to see it - society will be unrecognisable from even 2000 that is clear. Only primitive aboriginal tribes, if any remain, will retain some dignity. We shall probably have landed on Mars and found it lifeless, but most worrying will be the human condition in advanced societies - massive infertility, strange undiagnosable diseases, and increasing mental breakdown, with a social structure so weird and different from any in previous history.

In the fields of study undertaken by CIUFOR - by 2050 what shall we find?

- (a) UFOs will continue to be seen and reported. Clearly the phenomenon has existed for hundreds of years, but if any of them should be spaceships with living occupants - there will still be no answer by 2050.
- (b) Concepts of alien identity will change again from blonde humanoids or robotic space men in the 1950s; converting to the "greys" flat features of 1980/90s to whatever the collective consciousness comes up with next. The big question is - do all these exist only in the mind?
- (c) "Abductions" will still occur but be reinterpreted in other ways. Forms of possession have occurred throughout history and been blamed on witches, devils etc according to religious beliefs at the time. As the present phenomenon only seems to effect the "anglo-saxon" communities mainly in the USA and Britain, there is a suspicion that it exists because of the mindset of this grouping. Do we have Chinese or Japanese abductees?
- (d) The "Roswell Incident" of 1947 will remain unanswered. If secret alien remains/craft had been hidden away, the importance of these artifacts would be too "hot" to keep secret more than 20-30 years. Those who claim to have witnessed the ultimate have never produced anything other than anecdotal evidence.
- (e) Alien "implants" came into the UFO lore during the 1990s, but as they still seem only to be the provenance of two American researchers who don't like answering letters, the subject will have faded from view by 2050.
- (f) Animal mutilations - as it almost impossible for UFO groups to investigate the truth behind the subject, we can only assume it will continue. Again it should be continuing on a worldwide basis to suggest alien activity is involved.
- (g) Life on Mars/Moon/Other Planets: So desperate are we humans to find life on other planets that the slightest odd shaped rock or unusual markings will immediately be pounced upon as an alien artifact. The "Face on Mars" is a good example of this. No doubt with hundreds of hopefuls pouring over millions of photographs released from NASA, many more red herrings will be generated to 2050.
- (h) Crop Circles will continue to appear every year - the only subject where actual "evidence" is provided on the spot and cannot be readily covered up by governments or institutions of fundamentalists. It will remain unsolved by 2050.
- (i) Government "cover-ups" will remain as long as there are frustrated people and governments!!

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## A DEFINITION OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS OF TODAY

by J.F Rayner\*

There has been no evidence of a submitted statement by the air force that some sightings of unidentified objects have any technological developments or principles of flight beyond the scientific range of today. So a sighting of such a craft is considered totally unidentified when a sighting has been reported in, and apparently does contain a good amount of information about the whole event that it is required to give an explanation of the sighting by the people involved in tracking it. But the description of the object or its motion cannot for some reason give vent to a correlated report, due to the fact that the air force says it is unable to identify these craft as we do not have the scientific know how at the present time.

The point of this is that the air force statements on these sightings admit that the unidentified objects cannot be correlated with any known aerial phenomena at all. This statement mentions that a sighting categorised as unidentified and contains all the relevant information pertinent to the necessity of a valid hypothesis - is not valid at all. It also says that of the object or the phenomena. Does it not seem strange that the basis of what you have just read is that as we have a UFO and can they say that those sightings which are categorised as unidentified do not represent a technological development and there are principles involved beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge? It would seem that the air force is saying, in effect, that even if the UFO does not exhibit any features that are unknown, they will not investigate further - a most difficult exercise in logic I must say. Also, it is obvious that the air force do not accept the many reports of ultra- high speeds of these craft and the right angled turns they perform.

We find in the official statements some thing in the line of technological developments and talk of principles. Would not the developments out of sightings of these craft become quite apparent? One could quite easily suggest that the use of the word "PRINCIPLE" has been included to enable semantic escape from futuristic events. The reason for this is a suggestion that it is a claim by those believers in the UFO PHENOMENA THAT THEY EXIST. They are guided by their beliefs as they think that the craft are guided by certain principles of magnetism. It is true that modern science is aware of the existence of this means of propulsion. However, to date it appears that man has not been able to apply these principles of propulsion as is hinted in the flight patterns of the craft and shown up very well by the colours reported. So it is proposed therefore that craft known as UFOs/objects, do not exhibit any unknown propulsion principles, and could be partially true in nature, but have not yet been fully developed to the full, so we have not, as yet, got the know how of these craft.

It is said that there is no - get this - no identified object reported, investigated and evaluated by the air force that has ever given any indication of any threat at all to our National Security. So since the air force can control the outcome of any investigation - that is if they say that a UFO sighting can be explained as a weather balloon, then they also say the weather balloon has no hostile intent. The problem here is that of credibility. Also one wonders why there is even the need to make a statement about intent since the air force has, for a long time maintained that UFOs do not exist. One might also ask why a scrambled aircraft would shoot at a UFO if there was no threat or has there ever been a threat, but just curiosity.

However confidence is apparently running very high in the revelation of some of the crop

circles that have appeared all over the world, and they say the UFOs are here to stay. With this there is a continued interest in the ongoing possibility in establishing the construction and propulsion of a vehicle that can be used for all when we have once and for all solved the way of using discs with a magnetic drive wave propulsion system, which may I suggest have more to it than meets the eye since the air force can control the outcome of any of these investigations. Most likely the air force would say that a sighting of an unidentified flying object could be explained as a weather balloon, say, with no hostile intent. This promotes a problem in the credibility of this sighting. Also one wonders why there is even the need to make such a suggestion of hostile intent by the intruding craft, since the air force has for a long time given notice that this subject is non-existent.

By now it would seem quite obvious that there is no outward involvement within this Earth society. If this approach by the air force is maintained - and I know it will do just that in the years to come - and as UFOs continue to be reported, the society that we have will remain as it has done over the last years. For me that is from the 1940s to now - the year 2000, in which case the scientists stand a good chance of being the supremes of the day.

There seems to be two very significant problems with the subject of UFOs. It is that we have the knowhow of the day, and we are assuming that we have some sort of threat from these craft. It is found that we humans, inspite of all our knowledge, do have a problem with the subject, as we find the military potential which we possess today is demonstrably inadequate to cope with a threat of this kind - were a threat there at all. The inadequacy is reflected in both the passive role of detection and tracking and also the active role of the offensive intent here.

The tracking and detection by radar is questionable, as a combination of some small type radar cross-section and high speed radar are used for tracking these objects on the flight path. Now assuming that the reflective surface was sufficient to give a good return, high speeds and very erratic flight paths would make it virtually impossible to effectively pass the track through the radar network or the individual radar systems stations. Any radar stations working on the ballistic trajectory system "which we still have" or equipped with moving target indicators (M.T.I) circuitry would be confounded by the erratic flight and the ability of the space vehicles to come to a full stop in their flight path. In the case of the M.T.I, the craft would have appeared to have disappeared from the scope when it comes to an abrupt stop. Even assuming that a craft could be detected and tracked, we have nothing in the inventory, aircraft or missile that is capable of reaching these levels of performance. The very speeds; the angular manoeuvres and the unlimited climbing rate acceleration etc, in itself does assure that the craft in question has the ability to get out of the way of anything we can put into the sky at the present moment. They do have the ability of eluding everything we can send up, so the craft must have detection abilities to avoid all our aerial technology. Thus we have a situation where no evidence has been submitted or has been discovered by any air force in the world.

A sighting is considered unidentified when a report does apparently contain all the pertinent facts necessary to suggest a valid hypothesis concerning the cause or explanation of the report, but the description of the object or its motion cannot be correlated with any known object or phenomena meteorological, astronomical or natural.

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## OXFORD'S ET ENCOUNTER

by Fran Copeland

Who says a little publicity can do you no harm! It certainly does not always enhance publicity especially when it comes to UFO related stories. We at Contact suffer the same as most groups when it comes to credible write ups! In future we should be well advised to produce an introduction of our aims as a group, in advance and make sure this is part of the printed matter that is released to the public and not the rubbish that is so often the case these so called reporters confine themselves to.

We had a visitor from Australia whose initials were ironically ET but Geoff Ambler our Editor was quick witted to joke in his introductory speech that he hoped we weren't too disappointed to find he was human! That was the true part of the story the rest is mostly fiction made up for the general public to once again push the phenomena to one side as a nonsense science.

Our speaker Ellis Taylor who kindly showed us the Video from Australia which was pretty amazing and was himself the subject of an abduction a few years ago has made a strong protest to the newspaper as even he felt it was outrageous that the general reporting of the event was "insensitive, offensive, ill-informed and misleading".

It's almost impossible to push the truth down somebody's throat when they really don't want to know and protestation does not help either even though strong conviction is entirely on your side.

The newspaper story consisted of a general round up of an adhoc group whose meeting "In a shabby Inner Bookshop room was a bit of a luxury" as we usually "have to meet at one another's homes" which indicated as being even shabbier! This is purely for financial reasons as Contact Members will understand - paying out for meeting rooms can be extremely costly and we put all our funds into producing this magazine for our Members and some of us also pay for many extras which is necessary to keep us going.

It can be disheartening when in the wake of Internet Reports, we try to strive to give you reports unobtainable on the Internet and some "Little" Reporter (Reg Little was the Reporter) can demean everything by one scrap report which he has done no research on - my interview was held in my car on my mobile phone for 25 minutes whilst I was on my way to work. I hasten to say I had pulled off the road by the way! How can a few questions culminate in "World Ufology may be taking off as never before, it just seems that meetings above bookshops on wet Thursday nights are rather closer to the age of HG Wells than to the cyberspace revolution" - Perhaps it would have been better if the sun had shone! and "She has never managed to convince her husband, who remains a total UFO sceptic - a pity, given that the size of membership has slipped significantly from a high point of 800 - 20 years ago!" Twenty years ago the material on Ufology was so limited the only access was to join a group such as ourselves to find out more, now we have a wealth of documentation to research thankfully and it is available to all.

I certainly don't intend to spend any more time on this piece than to say to other groups be warned that you certainly must be on your guard. I thought being co-operative on showing reports from our last years work and handing out magazines which is a true study of what we are about would at least make our credibility stronger - not so, therefore don't fall into the trap as we are easy targets for ridicule.

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## Educator's Guide to Spotting Satellites

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## The Basics

Anyone who takes the time to go out after sunset or before dawn and observe the sky from a dark sky location away from city lights will be rewarded with some moving stars! These are actually Earth orbiting artificial satellites. There are over 7,000 objects in space for which orbital information is kept by military and civilian space organizations. Most of these objects are small but quite a few are large enough to be seen with the unaided eye. And some, like the Space Shuttle and the Russian Mir space station, are very large and appear very bright.

Since satellites do not give off light of their own, they can only be seen when there is sunlight reflecting off of their surface. But the daytime sky is too bright to see their reflected light. So only during a comparatively brief period after sunset and before dawn, when the sun is below the horizon for Earth based observers but is still illuminating space overhead, are they reflecting light in a dark sky. For that hour to hour-and-a-half it is easy, if you are patient, to see artificial satellites. The darker the sky, of course, the more (and fainter) you can see.

The best technique is to lie on the ground or in a reclining lounge chair and look at a group of stars overhead. Keep an eye out for a star-like object that is moving through the fixed stars. It may look like an airplane but will not change course, will not have flashing or colored lights and will, as you follow it, fade away before it reaches the horizon. You might be able to see more than one in the sky at the same time.

Satellites will orbit from west to east or from nearly pole to pole. If you learn the names of some of the constellations and stars in the sky you can direct others to your sighting. Saying that the satellite is, "over by that star," is not particularly helpful but saying, "it is moving through Cygnus the Swan," is much more instructive (if your fellow viewers know where to find Cygnus).

## Space Shuttle, Mir and "Iridium" Observing

On some Space Shuttle missions, there are opportunities for many observers in the continental United States and Hawaii to see the orbiter fly overhead. Observers south of 28.5 degrees north latitude lie within the band overflown by all Shuttle flights. Shuttles are launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida which is at a latitude of 28.5 degrees north. That means that for most missions the orbiter's path is a circle around Earth that is inclined (tilted) 28.5 degrees relative to Earth's equator. Observers more than a little bit farther north than 28.5 degrees will not be able to see the orbiter. It will never rise above their local horizon.

But for some missions the "orbital inclination" will be as high as 57 degrees. That means that everyone in the band between 57 degrees north and south of the equator has a potential Shuttle over-flight. Because of the height of the Shuttle's orbit, just about every spot in this band, and for several degrees to the north and south, will be within the field of view of the orbiter and above the horizon for ground based observers. Hopefully, at some point during its mission, the Shuttle Orbiter will pass overhead during a dawn or dusk period when it can be viewed from your location. The Russian Mir space station orbits at an inclination of 51.6 degrees. It is very large, quite bright,



in space all the time and impressive to view. The International Space Station will be in 51.6 degree orbit as well. Another set of excellent viewing targets are the satellites of the "Iridium" commercial satellite network. They produce "flares" of several seconds in length that occur, often, several times a day and some are very bright. There are now several WWW pages that ask for your geographic location and automatically generate predictions for you. Some of those sites can be found near the bottom of this Guide.

### Correct a Misconception!

Most illustrations of the Space Shuttle and low Earth orbiting spacecraft flight paths greatly exaggerate the altitude of the orbiter. To give students a true sense of the orbiter's relationship to Earth use a pair of calipers or a paper ruler to measure approximately 200 miles on the surface of a globe. Distances between local landmarks will make the best impression on children. Then turn the calipers perpendicular to the globe so that they show altitude. You will see that Shuttle orbits just graze the globe. Also note that our atmosphere is less than 1/4 as high!

### Orbit Tracking Programs

Generally it is going to be difficult to determine what satellite you are viewing. But you can usually figure it out if you have an orbit tracking program and current spacecraft orbital elements. Even more exciting, when there is a current space shuttle mission underway or if you want to see the Mir space station you can determine when they will actually be visible and plan to go out and observe at the right time. With bright objects like the shuttle and Mir you can view from even light polluted city skies.

There are orbit tracking programs for Macintosh and IBM compatible computers. They are either free or shareware (where the user can get the program for free but is obligated to send the (generally low) shareware fee to the developer if they decide to keep the program) and can be obtained from public access sites via a modem or Internet connection. They require updated orbital elements which can also be easily obtained.

### Getting the Programs

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has public access site called NASA Spacelink with a tremendous amount of material for students, teachers and the public. Follow these directions to get the right program(s) and data.

Connect to NASA Spacelink via the World Wide Web at <http://spacelink.nasa.gov/>.

Move through the directories Instructional Materials, Multimedia, and Satellite Tracking to "Satellite Tracking."

(Several of these programs, and others, are available on the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's World Wide Web page at <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/>).

### Getting the Orbital Elements

EDITOR: Please refer to the Website to extract the technical details following if you wish to locate named satellites. The above overview should enable skywatchers to obtain an idea of what to look out for.

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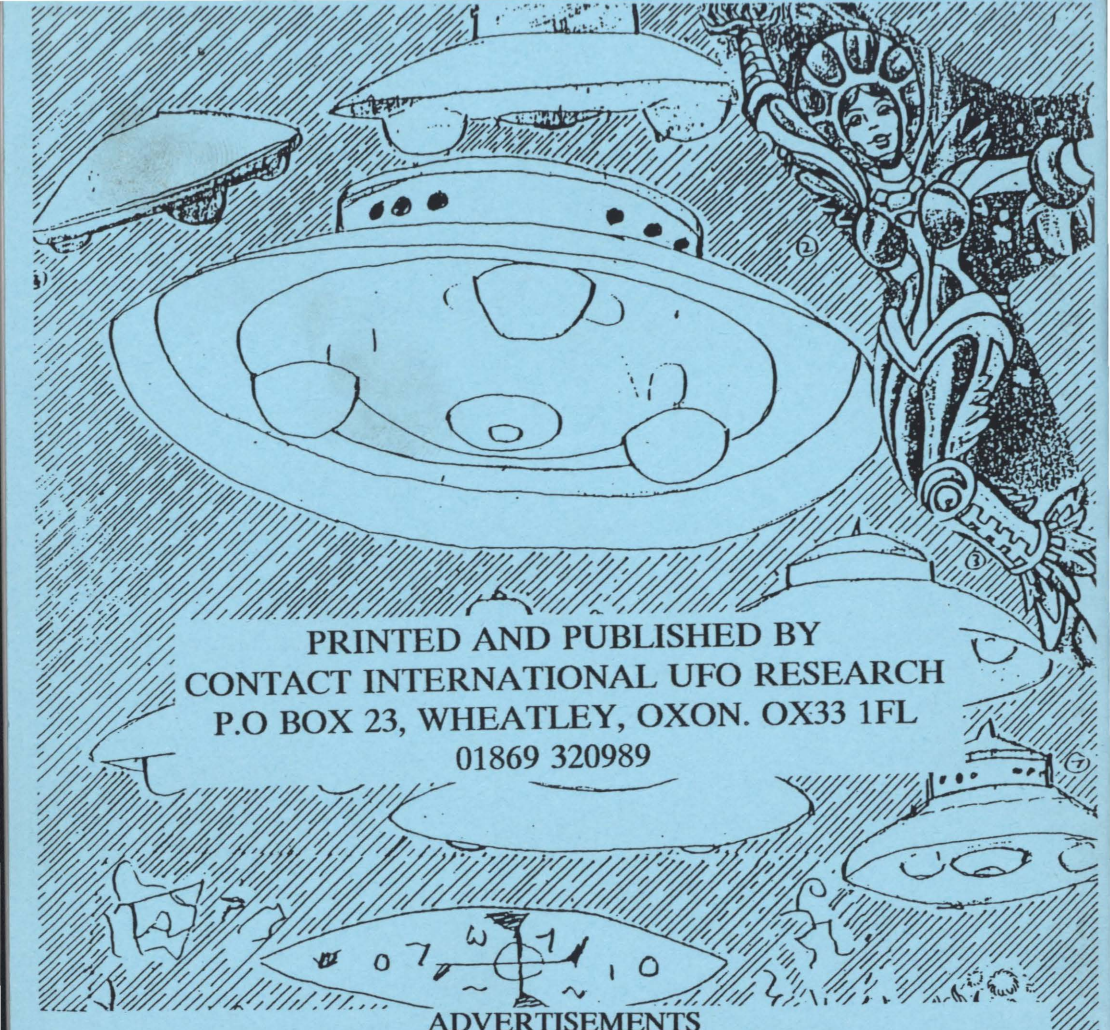
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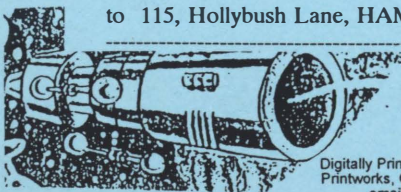
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