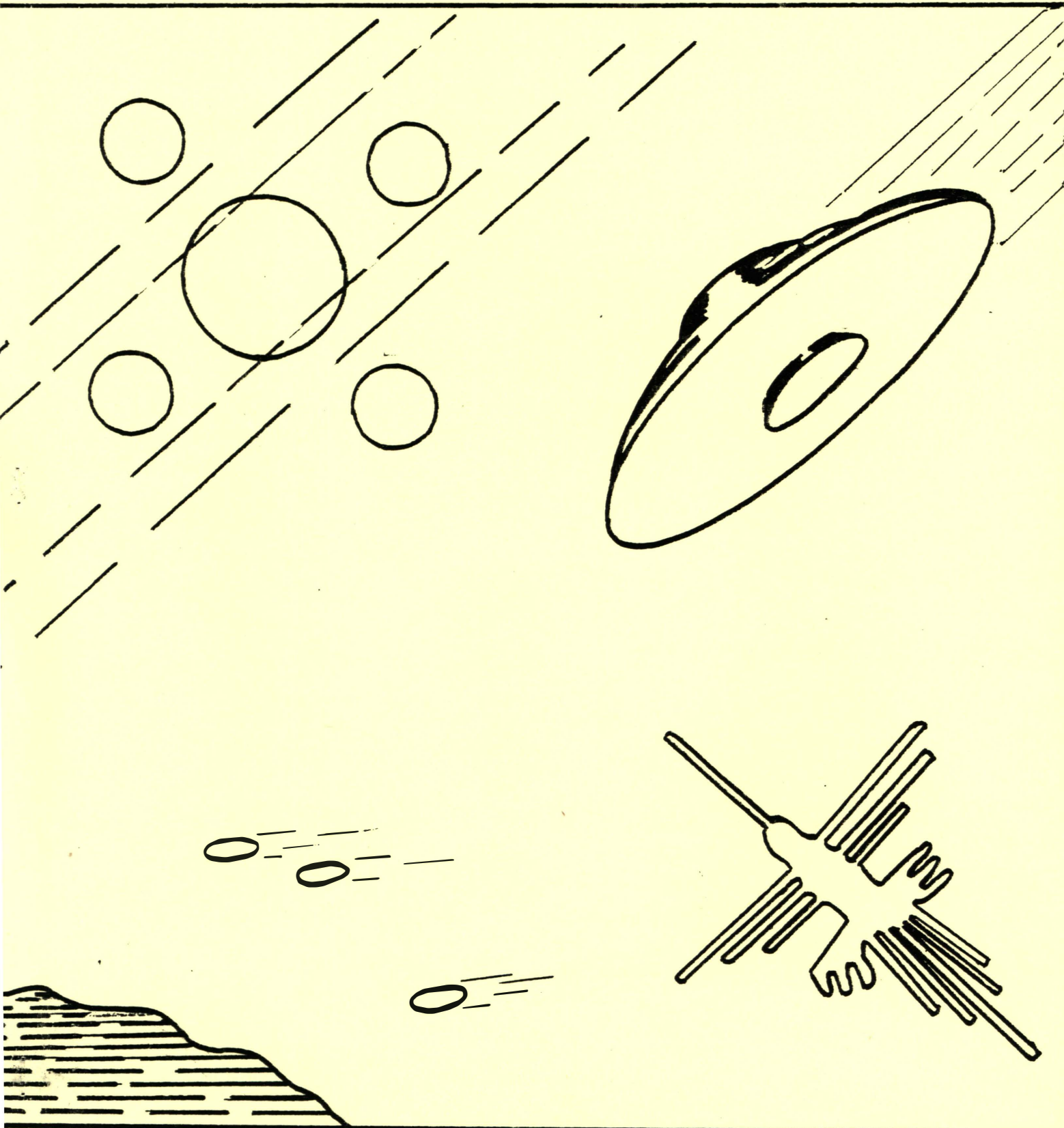


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## NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 1991

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### CCCS AMERICAN LECTURE TOUR

We heard of news further afield than the borders of the Midlands, when "Busty" Taylor recently arrived locally for a two day visit to the area.

Busty had just completed a 12,000 miles lecture tour of the USA, together with fellow CCCS (Centre for Crop Circle Studies) member Richard Andrews. The tour which took place from the 26th September - 8th November, had been arranged some weeks previously. It had been planned to enlighten the scientific fraternity and the general public about the true nature of the crop circle phenomenon, after the adverse publicity caused by the two hoaxers "Doug" and "Dave".

The audiences ranged from 20 to 250, apart from which there were numerous radio and TV interviews about the subject. Richard Andrews, a renowned "dowser", has the ability to sense Ley Lines and other mystical powers. He is able to show off his talent by holding a single bent "dowsing" wire, which will spin in a spectacular way at high speed when he nears a "source". The tour took in twelve major cities and ranged from Seattle to Phoenix, San Francisco and Washington DC.

The damage done by "Doug & Dave" to the subject was widespread. Many people commented that they thought all of the circles were hoaxes, but Busty Taylor and Richard Andrews soon convinced them otherwise. As we have mentioned before, if you deduct the total claimed by the two hoaxers, you are left with a total of unexplained circles, in excess of 1,600!

Omar Fowler had given Busty' details of our latest Microwave theory before he set out on his travels and this was to have a surprising result. It was while on his lecture tour in Minnesota, that Busty met an American researcher John Servicki. John took Busty to see a field of maize, where a circle had appeared. The circle which was not complete, was more of a "U" shape and the crop had been separated in an angled "V". It seems that the top and bottom of the crop stems were still lying around, but the middle 18" had disappeared! Busty Taylor was given a piece of maize stem to examine. While doing so, he slid the outer cover away from the maize stem and there revealed before a watching audience, were several examples of "burnt" nodes (see OVNI Nov. picture 4 - burnt Barley node). The American researchers had not detected this phenomenon and in a way, it's a small 'feather in our cap' for being ahead of the field!

Busty Taylor's colour photographs (ground & aerial) are featured in "Circular Evidence" and currently in "The Crop Circle Enigma" (I have a few autographed copies at £9.95 - an ideal Xmas present). I also have a few sets (8 off) of coloured crop circle postcards available at £2.00 a set. If you would like a book or set of cards, please ring me on 0602-302773.

Omar Fowler





"Busty" Taylor on tour.



"Busty" Taylor and Richard Andrews of CCCS.



## "SCENE AROUND"

Witnesses of past events have continued to come forward and relate their experiences. Not all of them wish to be identified, but we are indebted to PRA member Alan Hitchcock for following up the sighting detailed below and completing the investigation.

The incident occurred at 2am during a day in October 1989 (the witness, an ex-employee, cannot recollect the exact day). Mr X was on shift duty at a water works situated in the local area and belonging to the Severn Trent Water Co. As the witness set off on his hourly inspection of the premises, his attention was attracted by a brightly lit object hovering near the works (point "A" on sketch).

The light appeared to be very close to the works and Mr X described it as being a bright white, round shape. Although the light seemed to have a sharp outline, it was not possible to see any other details. Mr X heard no sound and described the brightness of the object as about the same as a fluorescent light tube. According to the sketch, Mr X was within 75yards of the object, which he described as being 34" at arms length!

The weather conditions at the time were ideal, there was a clear starlit sky, no breeze and the night was cool.

The witness watched the light for several minutes, before it began to move off slowly towards the West. Mr X ran along the road to point "B" on the sketch, where he observed the object gathering speed and moving in a curving path. It was finally seen disappearing behind some houses in the distance.

It was then that the strangest incident took place. The water works has a security network of infra-red detectors surrounding key area's. These are designed to sound an alarm if the infra-red beam is broken by an intruder.

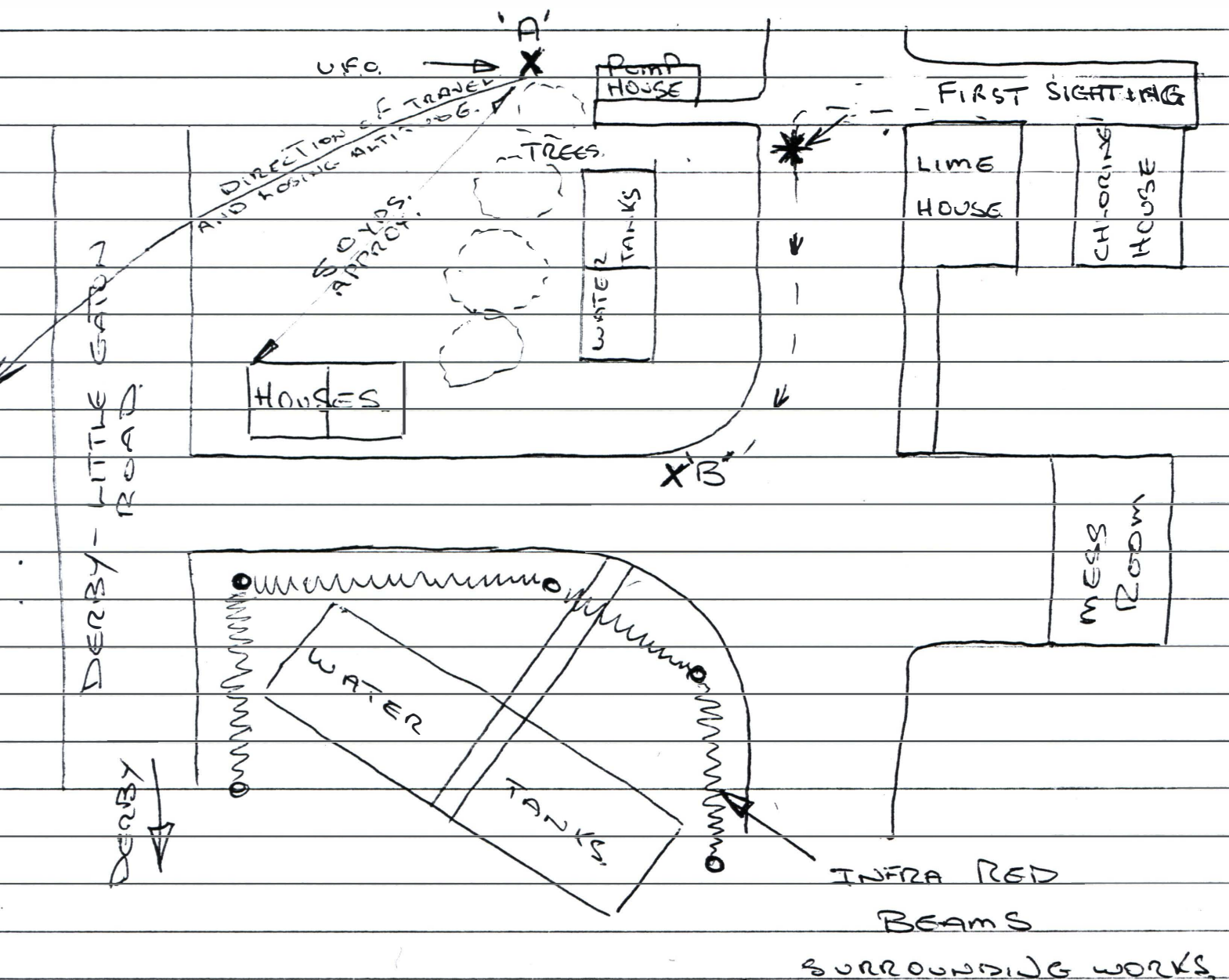
As Mr X ran along the road to point "B", he was suddenly aware that the intruder alarms were sounding. Whatever it was, the UFO had produced a source of power that had "bent" the infra-red beams, interrupting the circuit and setting off the intruder alarms.

The witness Mr X commented that there were reports on the local radio the following day, about unusual lights seen North of Derby in the Heanor-Ripley area.

Editor's Note: I am not an expert on infra-red beams, but I have had personal experience of setting up an infra-red security system. They appear to be satisfactory for an indoor environment, or for use outside during the hours of darkness. During daylight however, the beams are bent/warped by rays from the sun and the alarm system will be triggered.

If any member has any theories or would like to add their views, please drop me a line and I will include their comments in a future issue of the OVNI.

SKETCH OF THE SEVERN-TRENT WATER WORKS INCIDENT: OCTOBER 1989



The above sketch was made by the witness Mr "X". He was positioned at top right, outside the Lime House when he first saw the object.

He watched it for several minutes, noting the shape and colour etc., before the UFO light moved off from point "A" in an arc towards the West.

Mr "X" then ran down the road to point "B" and it was at that moment that the Infra-Red alarm system was triggered.

## TALE ENDERS

There was wide interest shown by members, in the "Mc Murray Case" which was the main theme of the last meeting at the "Stanley Club". Apart from the featured talk and slide show, the meetings have proved to be a valuable forum for exchanging points of view and general discussion.

We have now started a small library of fifty paperback books, which are available at meetings under the auspices of Mrs Claire Upton who has assisted with organising this project. Thanks also go to Mr K.Potts of Mansfield for his continued work in keeping the group up to date with U.K. and overseas Circle/UFO magazines and video films..

MICROWAVE NEWS, is that Professor Y.H.Ohtsuki of the Physics Department, Waseda University, Tokyo, recently wrote to us thanking us for the photographs and diagrams sent to him. He commented that he found the information "very interesting" and that the "creases" and "burn" marks found by us, are very important to his work. He is currently studying the action of Electro-magnetic waves in nature. He also revealed that a new circle has been found in a fenced off field, where a radio transmitting mast is situated. Full details are being sent to Terence Meaden's organisation for inclusion in the "Journal of Meteorology".

Our technical advances have also attracted the attention of "Circlevision" Television. Their Producer has asked to be kept informed of developments, he has also expressed interest in our current project of developing a Microwave detector for on site fieldwork in the future.

Omar Fowler gave a talk to the Derby Round Table (Merlin Branch) on "Crop Circles" at the "Vineyard on the Park" last Thursday 5th December. Wide interest was shown in the subject and many of the audience commented that they were unaware of the complex shapes that have formed in recent years.

The Derby Young Farmers Club, is the next venue for a Crop Circle talk, on Friday 13th December! That should be interesting and could be of great benefit to the PRA next year....

Welcome to new members Gary Stapleton from Sandiacre and Mrs Karen Douglas of Mansfield. We also had several new interested visitors to the last meeting at Stanley. This included a bus driver, who's bus was followed by a glowing white light while out in a lonely part of the Derbyshire countryside recently....more later!

There will be no meeting this month, but weather conditions permitting, meetings will take place again next year, commencing in late January. Details will be given in the next issue of OVNI.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY XMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

