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Object lesson

EMMERDALE FARM'S Amos Brierley might have got a less mocking response to his recent discovery of "alien" circles in the corn fields had he left the sleepy environs of Beckindale this weekend and headed for Ossett.

There — packed into Ossett Town Hall — were some 500 enthusiasts keenly interested in establishing the truth behind unidentified flying objects.

The event was organised by the Yorkshire UFO society, which was established in 1981 and which now has a membership of more than 500.

A selection of six of Britain's most eminent experts on the subject of UFOs — and the promise of exclusive revelations — brought guests flocking from all over the country.

The star attraction was a presentation by Mr Anthony Dodd and Dr Henry Azadehdel, who have

spent the last three months investigating the shooting down of a "manned" UFO over South Africa.

Mr Dodd, a retired police officer, and Dr Azadehdel, a scientist, for whom research into UFOs is a full-time occupation, claim to have conclusive evidence that alien beings travelling in the craft were captured.

Mr Dodd explained their initial information came from a cast-iron source within South African military intelligence.

The UFO was shot down using a top-secret advanced experimental weapon and crash landed in the Kalahari desert. The whole operation was carried out jointly by South African personnel and experts drafted in from the United States.

One alien inside the "craft" was injured on impact but the other survived unscathed and may still be captive at the Wright Patterson air base in Ohio, where the UFO was taken.

The secrecy of sources within South African and American intelligence had to be closely guarded as governments are anxious the public should know nothing about the existence of unidentified beings within their air space.

The information outlined by Mr Dodd and Dr Azadehdel is backed up by written documents secretly leaked to them and taped telephone conversations gathered through systematic research which has already cost them well over £2,000.

Both argue the purpose of their dedication is to smash through the wall of governmental silence which leaves the majority of the population doubting the very existence of UFOs.

Their aim is shared by fellow speakers who included Mr George Wingfield, a scientist who has conducted lengthy studies into the phenomenon of crop circles in the South of England; Mr Ralph Noyes, the former head of the Ministry of Defence department which studied UFO reports in the 1970s; Mr Norman Oliver, a former editor of *Bufores Bulletin*, the British UFO research magazine, who has just returned from a fact-finding mission into UFOs in Florida and lecturer Mr Timothy Good, who is the author of the best-selling book *Above Top Secret — The Worldwide Cover Up*.

Mr Mark Birdsall, spokesman for the Yorkshire UFO Society, said that although many people still viewed the UFO phenomenon with scepticism, the subject was now being taken more seriously as a result of increased media and scientific interest.

Since the society was formed eight years ago, members had investigated more than 12,000 reported sightings.

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Every picture tells a story, above, for artist Robert Cherry and two of his UFO works. Right, investigators Anthony Dodd and Dr Henry Azadehdel.

