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Editorial

Welcome to Issue 4 of the APRA Bulletin - one year old already, and three weeks late!

Thankfully there has been some UFO activity these summer months, and for once we had a 'result' on a skywatch, at the inaugural joint SUFOG/APRA Lammas night skywatch at Avebury in Wiltshire. The full details are on page 4 of this bulletin. Hopefully we will join forces again on skywatches in the very near future. Oh, yes, and there have been a few crop formations for us to look at - see page 10 for a photo gallery.

A small delegation of us attended the two excellent *UFO Magazine* conferences in July, at London and Cheltenham. We can thoroughly recommend the events, so keep an eye out for next year's dates in *UFO Magazine*.

As a follow-up to the reports on the alleged 'UFO' crash at Bicester in 1967, we have sourced some potential new evidence - see page 3 for details.

Another piece of important news is that we now have a jointly operated UFO/Report hotline for the Thames Valley, kindly hosted by Kate Taylor [on 01865 726533]. Any reports on this hotline will be jointly investigated on behalf of both APRA and BUFORA - investigation reports will also be shared with any credible research group. Both Kate and myself are now on the council of BUFORA, and regional speaker meetings are being planned.

I also want to extend a welcome to Steve Maggs, our correspondent in Scotland. Steve's main area of research is the English Civil War, but during this research, he has covered account of 'battlefield ghosts'.

Any of you who have visited the APRA website lately will have noticed a (hopeful) improvement. We plan to extend and update this site on a regular basis. Any details of new meetings or events will be posted on the website first, simply due to its ease and convenience, so keep browsing...

Keep watching the skies...



1967 Bicester 'Crash' Update

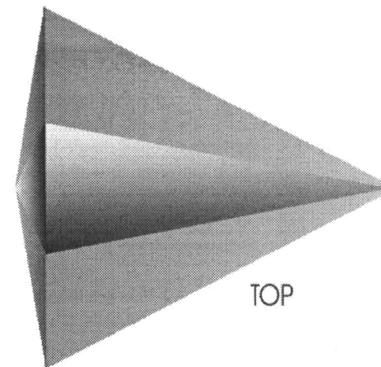
In the last APRA Bulletin, we looked at the circumstances surrounding the alleged UFO crash near Bicester in 1967. James Hill has been told by acquaintances that the crash site is still fenced off even today. A field trip tried to establish the fenced-off site, but as we did not have precise details, end the ground area is fairly large and difficult to see from the road, then we were unable to make progress.

Recently, one source has come forward, claiming to have seen the 'downed' delta, before it was found by the RAF recovery team! This 'witness' has prepared some drawings of what he saw of the downed vehicle, and his descriptions suggest a natural-metal-coloured delta, about 4m long, with a 3m wingspan. There was no cockpit, nor engine intakes or exhausts. The significant part of this claim is that the rear up-

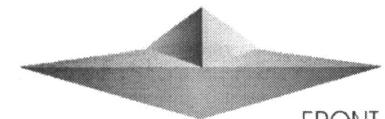
per surfaces were not the same as the underside, and was 'shaped' with more of a dorsal spine, that gave the impression of a slight wing and fin arrangement - although the surface was contoured. The site was supposed to be between Middleton Stoney and Bucknell, and trains could be heard on the nearby railway line. It should be noted that this type of 'craft' has been described in two excellent recent British books, such as *UFO Revelation* by Tim Matthews, and *Cosmic Crashes* by Nick Redfern.

[NB: The graphics program depicts this to be more angled than the witness's sketches.]

Also look again at the representation of the UFO seen at Weymouth by Brian James in the last Bulletin - it was again, not dissimilar to this supposed aeroform.



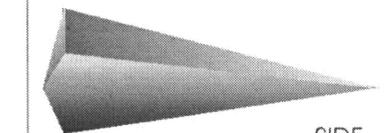
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Graphics based on a witness
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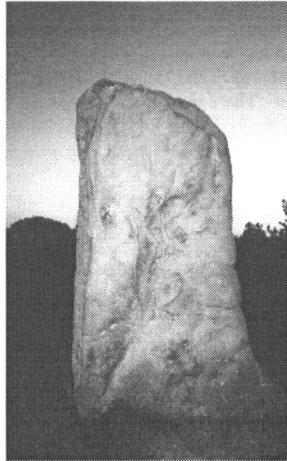


THE LAMMAS-NIGHT SKYWATCH AT AVEBURY

By James Hill And Brian P James

As most of us will know, the Avebury area, already steeped in mystery, has had something of a recent history of unusual happenings on the Lammas night of 31st July - 1st August. Crop circles usually abound around Avebury, Silbury Hill, and West Kennet Long Barrow. Also UFO sightings are frequent, all the way from BOLs to CE2K's (If anyone knows of CE3K's we'd be delighted to know the details)

The Lammas night of 1999 fell nicely over a Saturday night / Sunday morning, and marked APRA's first joint skywatch with SUFOG. Steve Gerrard, of SUFOG had proposed a field trip for some of his group to Avebury on the night. Members of APRA also decided to make the trip, and people from other groups were hopeful of making it on the night. In the event, five from SUFOG made the trip - Steve Gerrard himself, Ernie Sears, Bill Smith, Steve Rider, and Andy (sorry, Andy - didn't get your surname). The APRA contingent was down to just James Hill and Brian James on the day.



Twilight at Avebury

The APRA contingent had spent the afternoon out and about looking at crop formations, taking the opportunity to stop off at The Barge Inn, at Honeystreet, for refreshment and to look at the various photographs in what is now The Barge's crop circle display room. Later we stopped off at The Wagon & Horses, where we saw a UFO in the car park ('UFO' was the alphabetic part of the registration of a car!), and had a good meal.

We arrived at Avebury around 7.15pm. BrianJ suggested that as we were early-ish, that we

should walk off our dinner before meeting the others [In the event I had to walk further, as I had to go back to the car to check it had been locked - JamesH] We had a wander to look at the 'new' crop formation on Waden Hill a sort of "Matrix", and we were as disappointed by it as others were - it had looked so good from aerial shots, but looked truly awful on the ground, and it was later confirmed that it was a man-made publicity stunt.

The two groups finally met at around 8.00pm, for a well-deserved cool drink, as the day had been one of the hottest of the year, and certainly one of the most humid! We were then able to have a very pleasant discussion on Ufology and 'the paranormal' in general, and basically chat and swap stories and experiences until the twilight arrived. Perhaps that the opportunity to meet like-minded, and indeed open-minded people is the most enjoyable part of any skywatch - even if the sky is cloudy, one can still swap experiences.

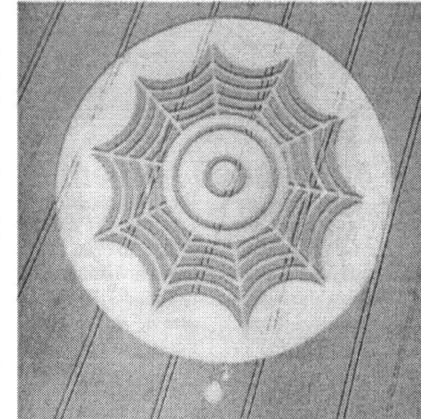
We decided to leave the comfort of Red Lion, and all then made our way to the northeastern section of the henge, and made our 'skywatch camp' on the embankment overlooking the well-known 1994 "Spider's Web" field (and the 1998 "Big Ring") Other groups of various Pagans, Wiccan's and 'new-agers' were having their own celebrations, chanting and other rituals around the henge, but we were well out of range of their 'wacky baccy' fumes!

What would the night bring? During channeling sessions, BrianJ had been 'promised' some

sort of display by 'visitors' who wished to show themselves. Ernie is also very psychically aware, and was sensing, and inviting 'other beings' to show themselves.

Oddly enough, we didn't have to wait long for our first 'mystery of the night'. A blue strip of light appeared across the "Spiders Web" field, and we could see no light source! It was very bright at one end and fanned out at the other. It was probably about 100m in length, about 3m wide at its narrowest end, and perhaps 50m wide at its far end. It was probably about 100m away from the field boundary in front of us. Steve R had a good look through his image intensifying night sights, but could see no crop pranksters at work.

This was beginning to seem very similar to the lights seen at Hackpen Hill on the night that this year's spiral formation had appeared there (This may itself have been filming of 'man-making' a circle, since it has now appeared in TV commercials!) It took about 15 minutes of puzzling before Andy and BrianJ set out to 'solve' the mystery. They walked up the track leading towards Manor Farm and the Downs, and eventually found that



The 1994 Spider's Web

the strip of light (unfortunately) had a mundane explanation. A security light was shining through a narrow gap in the fairly dense trees and hedgerow, and a shadow was being cast from it as it shone over the hedge on the other side of the road - this is how the strip of light was appearing part way out into the field. The two of us took the disappointing news back to our colleague at the skywatch site, and joked that we'd asked for the light to be turned off - curiously it did go out, and didn't come back on (The Force was strong in these two!)

The night sky was quite clear, but there were some clouds, that were moving fairly fast. We were able to watch the usual satellites

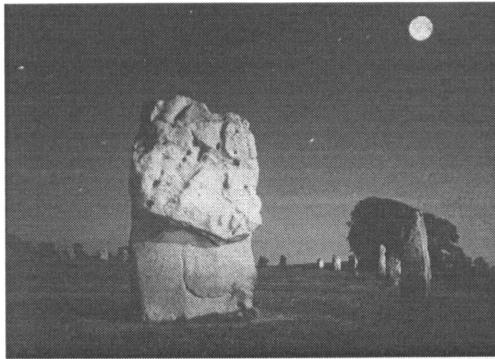
(Although a fault with the GSOC website prevented us having a datalist of visible satellites for the night) At around 11.20pm, two very bright orange/amber lights were seen low to our north, and they seemed to be descending. We all had binoculars trained on them, but they dimmed quickly, and we then noticed red and green lights that looked like an aircraft's navigation lights. In the end we deduced that this had simply been a probable C-130 Hercules heading back to nearby RAF Lyneham, and that its landing lights were being discoloured by the general dust and haze in the direction of Swindon. We are still waiting for confirmation from Lyneham that an aircraft was inbound at the time.

In the (very) early hours of the Sunday morning, the Moon rose over the downs - already starting its inexorable final wane towards the rendezvous with the Sun for the eclipse ten days later. During various times, beams of light were seen playing into the sky along the downs towards Hackpen Hill - we speculated that it might have been crop circle hoaxers, although rabbit hunters in their

usual pickup trucks might be more likely. We were also treated to a noisy firework display from somewhere by Silbury. While these lights were known, events later were to have a different meaning.

At around 3.30am, a series of bright pulsing flashes were seen over the back of Waden Hill. These were not the 'skyflashes' that have been seen so often during recent skywatches. Neither were they the muzzle flashes of artillery down on the Larkhill ranges - there were no sounds of heavy gunfire, nor indeed any sound to indicate further fireworks. They were certainly not camera flashes. It wasn't until about 5.15am, when two young Dutch (or possibly

Belgian) guys came round the henge, asking if anyone else had seen anything strange, that we got confirmation of the true position of the flashes. The two young men had spent the night at the 'other' end of the Kennett Avenue from Avebury, and they had seen the pulsing lights coming from behind Waden Hill from their perspective, so by simple triangulation, the source for these pulses was very close to Silbury. We still do not know what caused them, and the hopes that they might be related to new crop circle activity proved foundless.



Avebury Circle

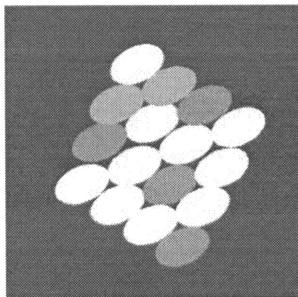
Soon after the pulsing lights had finished, at 3.50am, James and Bill almost together spotted something new, and urged the rest of us to look. By the time we had all followed James and Bill's gaze, high to the north, we noticed a cluster of blue and white lights. Now, at this stage, you would think that the six of us (Steve R having retired back to SUFOG's hired MPV, feeling ill), all keen observers, would have immediately got our binoculars on this oBrianJect? Unfortunately no - we all stood watching it, no different to any ordinary witness, taken aback by the appearance of a UFO. The UFO itself was moving at aircraft speed, and was heading towards the edge of a smallish cloud.

JamesH: "I saw a bright white light that was as big as a pea held at arm's length. As it veered its course, it changed to an even brighter white/blue, and it also changed to elliptical. As it continued to turn, a triangular shape could be seen, and other blue and white lights."

BrianJ: "I think that Steve G was facing the other way, and I was lying down, facing the wrong way (typical!). I certainly was 'late' in seeing the UFO, but I saw it a more of a diamond-shape cluster of blue and white lights, some of a different intensity. I estimated the cluster to be like an aircraft in size, although I cannot be sure of its height. However, the clouds were somewhere in the region of 4 - 5km up, so gives us some idea."

At this point we were starting to get to our senses together, and were thinking about using binoculars, cameras etc.

We now experienced something of a 'Mexico Effect' or 'Q Factor', since the UFO veered in its course, to head to the thickest part of the cloud. It went behind the cloud, and never re-appeared! By now we were all sweeping the area of sky for any sign of the UFO or other lights, but nothing was apparent. Either it had



The UFO, as perceived by Brian J

'gone dark', otherwise vanished or simply tracked behind the cloud back the way it came, we just don't know. Even discussing it at the time, it was clear that we had all perceived the UFO in a different way, and subsequent comparisons show that between us, we can report the classic collective witness description, of a "round, circular, disk-like triangular diamond" - though we all concur the UFO had blue and white lights. Needless to say we were by now well and truly invigorated for the remaining

night-time hours!

Ernie was trying to communicate with his 'contacts', and I was attempting likewise, and

had some sightings of the 'shadow-manta' dark figures that seem to be with me on a frequent basis, but which I don't think were perceived by others, although some did see other shadowy figures. While on a solo 'meditation' within the Obelisk Circle, I did perceive one of the 'angelic' forms that have been around recently, but it didn't fully materialise into this reality. Despite our best efforts, we were not able to positively bring further UFOs or other occurrences into our immediate realm.

We stayed to watch a wonderful sunrise just before 6.00am on the Sunday morning, before returning to our vehicles. The two groups said their farewells, and went their separate ways again, and to get some sleep (This had been my second all-night watch in a week, I'm getting too old for this - BrianJ)

JamesH: It has to be said that this is the first time I have been out with a group and actually had a night of strange occurrences like these, as you usually get the satellites, aeroplanes, and the odd flash of light. It was also good to meet a group who enjoyed a good laugh as well - some of the jokes cannot be printed here! One day I hope to do another skywatch with SUFOG, perhaps closer to their home area.

BrianJ: This was also my first all-night skywatch within a group of people, and it was thoroughly enjoyable for all the reasons that James has said. It was also the first time I have witnessed a true UFO on such a watch, and given that it occurred after nearly six hours, perhaps it pays to have patience? I think there is little doubt that the early hours seem to be more favourable sighting-wise.

BUFORA hold their London lectures, between 2.00 and 5.30pm on the first Saturday in most months.

Currently the meetings are held at the University of Westminster, Marylebone Rd, London

(opposite Madame Tussauds and the Planetarium)

Nearest tube station is Baker Street

Admission: £4.50 for adults, and £2.50 for BUFORA members

The forthcoming programme:

- ♦ **4th September 1999: Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince will lecture on the "The Stargate Conspiracy" - what lies behind the modern-day cults that claim contact with 'space gods'?**
- ♦ **2nd October 1999: Jon Downes on "The Devonshire Triangle" - a whole host of mysterious sightings and occurrences.**
 - ♦ **6th November 1999: Len Farra with a new viewpoint on "Ancient Astronauts" - why do so many ancient traditions suggest ET visits?**
- ♦ **4th December 1999: Arthur Tomlinson will be presenting his work on many cases, including the "Ilkley Moore Entity Case".**
- ♦ **5th February 2000: Prof Arthur J Ellison lectures on "Altered States of Consciousness", based on his personal experiences.**



UFO Update

June 1999 - Reading, Berks

A brief summary of recent sightings from an APRA member - Mark Barton.

- High flying 'aircraft' leaving odd vapour trails.
- One fast 'aircraft' that appeared to have a 'missile' fired at it.
- Four giant cylinders emerging from odd clouds on the same evening - these were the classic cigar-shape 'motherships', complete with 'windows' in the fuselage.
- Bright blue or white lights chasing over Tilehurst.

A bright blue light has also been shone through bedroom windows during the night. While this might have been thought of as being from a police helicopter, none could be heard at the time. The witness has also experienced occasional strange phone calls since becoming involved with UFO group! Mark's home looks out over the area of Aldermaston and Burghfield, which have very stringent no-overfly areas for civilian aircraft.

25 July 1999; 0230 - Oxford, Oxon

The witness was out in garden, helping with his children to 'camp out' at night.

The whole family were to witness a star-like object almost overhead. Mr JP went inside to get his recently purchased camcorder, and attempted to get some footage. The object was seen moving S-N quite slowly, and was videoed for some 5 minutes. The case made the *Oxford Mail*, who exaggerated the video footage, with mention of a UFO "pulsing like a firework". On phoning Mr JP, another local UFO group had already viewed the footage, and were said to be "stumped", as were two reporters from NewsQuest Oxford.

After a couple of minutes chat with Mr JP, it became clear that the 'pulsing firework effect' was only seen in the video footage. He did not know if he was using auto, or manual focus (so it was very likely autofocus), and the camcorder was set to its maximum digital zoom of 32x. It is clear that the 'pulsing' effect is simply down

to the camcorder's autofocus trying to lock focus on a small object, and consequently hunting across its focus range (A very common UFO 'mis-videofication') It is true that we still need to establish just what Mr JP pointed the camera at.

1 Aug 99; 2300-2330 - Crawley, Sussex

3 witnesses were in their kitchen at around 11.00pm, preparing drinks - the back door was open due to the excessively humid evening. Mr HC was standing at the door, and was looking at the very clear night sky, he noticed the pattern of stars that he recognised as 'the Big Dipper' - ie part of Ursa Major. A small bright satellite-like object was seen moving thru the sky to the north. The object stopped momentarily, then shot off a tremendous speed, darting erratically in a zig-zag motion, occasionally stopping, but making a general arc-shaped course in the sky, now going back from north to south, before it vanished. No lights or engine noise could be heard to suggest a conventional aircraft.

The witness is a former member of the armed services, and was in the ROC, so would have been well able to recognise aspects of aircraft or other conventional objects.

Mr HC's brother, who lived 10 miles away, visited the family the next morning, and during the normal chit-chat the sighting was mentioned. The brother, without being told what had been seen, then also described the same object that he'd watched from his home.

Object described similar movements to those seen by B James twice in the mid- 1970s. Patrick Moore also once recounted a similar sighting on The Sky at Night - which he explained as a piece of pollen reflecting streetlights!

12 August 1999; 2025 BST- Weymouth, Dorset

During a 'stunt driving' display at Weymouth stadium, B James overheard two people comment on "Look, a microlight."

BJ followed their gaze, to see a very odd 'microlight'. The object was being viewed against the light of the setting sun, but was dense dark coloured all over. It was basically oblong, but with rounded ends, and something was seen to be 'dangling' underneath. It was at an approx height of 1000m, and perhaps 3km to the south, almost following the line of the Chesil Beach in the Bridport direction. The object was not descending. It remained at a constant height as it was lost to sight to the west after about 5 minutes.

BJ was able to video the object, but was unable to get a clear sharp image at maximum zoom, due to the available light. The video is a bit inconclusive, even when viewed on a TV, as the image does not come sharp enough for clear identification. The object most resembles a parachutist, but no a/c were seen that 'it' could have come from, and the lack of descent is most unusual! No 'fuselage' or motor of a normal microlight can be seen, and no sound was heard, but a PA system was playing music loud at the stadium, which could have masked a quite engine noise. Canopy was wrong shape for a normal paraglider, and there was no obvious high ground for 'it' to have launched from, other than the (risky) rocky outcrops of Portland. We are currently liaising with David Kingston on a follow-up.

On viewing the footage on a TV screen, the most obvious explanation is that it was a powered parachute, with the small motor/propeller (Which resemble a large desk-fan), mounted on what is little more than a backpack carried by the 'pilot'.

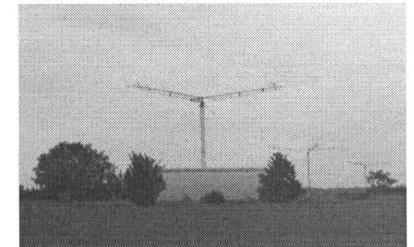
May 1999 - Banbury, Oxon

A case brought to the attention of Kate Taylor (BUFORA & APRA Investigator) The witness (s) were a family in the northwestern part of Banbury. They reported seeing numerous lights (which they were adamant did not behave like aircraft), seen in various formations to the south of the town of Banbury. The witnesses, for some reason, chose to associate the lights with RAF Barford St John, about 7km to the south,

and they set off by car to see what was happening. Although they could find no obvious signs of flying, they noted that the base was involved in "Project Alpha", as this was on the signs at the base gate.

Kate and Brian James made a trip to the area to check out some of the details. Barford St John is indeed an 'RAF' station, but its runways are now disused. It is actually a USAF base (as denoted by the American flags flying alongside the RAF flag inside), and it is a satellite station of RAF (USAF) Croughton. Both are officially a satellite of RAF (USAF) Mildenhall. RAF Barford St John is designated as Croughton's 'Operation Location Alpha'. Both are so-called 'C4' station (standing for Command, Control, Communications & Computers), and C4 is sometimes referred to as the "fifth dimension of warfare". What relevance was the base to the sightings? In our estimation none, other than coincidental.

In this past week the family have reported that the UFOs "were back". Kate was able to confirm that the various training flights from CSE Aviation at Oxford (Kidlington) airport had resumed after a summer's night-flying embargo. There seems little doubt that the witnesses were simply watching the training aircraft flying round in their circuits, at Kidlington, some 15km south of their vantage point. Unfortunately the witnesses do not seem ready to accept the logical explanation to their sighting(s), which is of course their prerogative.



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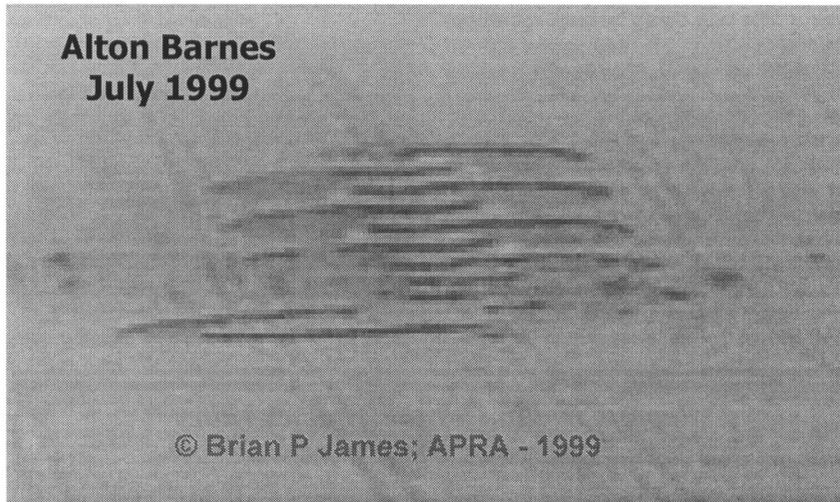
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Crop Circles 1999 Gallery



Hackpen Hill, Wilts
July 1999



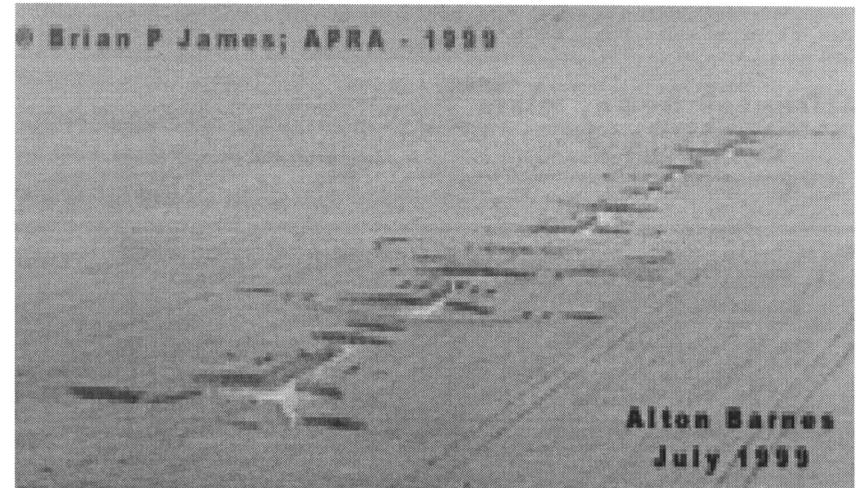
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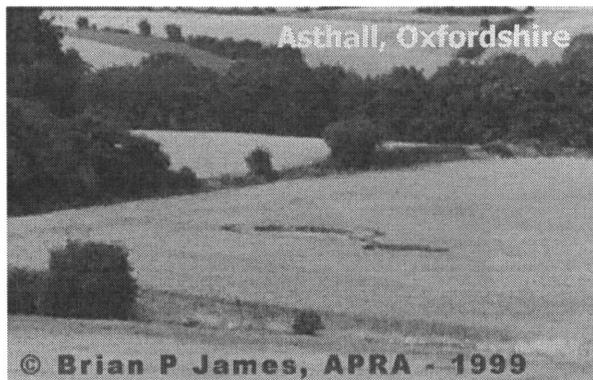
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**Allington Down, Wilts
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Crop Circles 1999 A Review...

Well, another year gone, and how did the phenomena progress? In a way it was a confusing year circlewise, with many formations copying or echoing past elements. One aspect that has worried me this year is the reliance on the tractor tramlines for a central alignment of formations - why should these be needed. It is true that due to the nature of cereal fields, pictogram formations will tend to be aligned with tramlines, but do they need to be aligned on them? Surely the true Circlemakers would need a lined medium as much as Da Vinci or Michaelangelo needed a ruled canvas?

A quick overview of the formations seen in the photos.

Page 10 - Hackpen Hill, Wilts - Confusing stories abound on this one, with reports of beams of light in the field the night it 'arrived'. The formation 'grew' a thin circumferential ring after a few days. Perhaps the most significant aspect is that the formation is being used in a TV advertising campaign for cars - not for the first time have the 'circles' been used for this purpose.

Page 10 - Alton Barnes, Wilts - One of a pair in the famous East Field. This one has a complex serpentine nature, but the photo demonstrates the reliance on the tramlines for its geometry.

Page 11 - Barbury Castle, Swindon, Wilts - Often listed as 'Barbury 2', but geographically technically Barbury 1, (The one credited as the first was on Burdrop Down, which is why

many people failed to find it in the expected place!) This one was very photogenic and evoked strong feelings, and indeed some people suffered physical effects such as headaches and nausea inside the formation.

Page 11 - Alton Barnes, Wilts - The second formation in East Field. This one is almost entirely comprised of repeats of old features, even those acknowledged to have been made by hoaxers -so what does this mean for this formation?

Page 12 - Cherhill, Wilts - Another very impressive formation, in the natural amphitheatre below the Cherhill White Horse and Oldbury Castle. However, it did scan as being created by the same force as the one at Barbury (described above), and had the same characteristic imperfections in its design.

Page 12 - Asthall, Oxon - Originally reported to Robin Cole at Circular Forum. The formation was very rough, but it is true that we do not know how old it was before being reported. On the way to view this formation, another very crude 'effort' was found near the Asthall roundabout on the A40. Curiously, the Oxford papers ran a feature on this as a 'new formation' in late August - obviously with their finger on the pulse...

Page 12 - Allington Down, Wilts - Just one of many formations all across the Vale of Pewsey. Again, it was another to rely on the tramline for its central alignment...

For more information of crop circles, join the
Centre for Crop Circle Studies

The CCCS has studied the whole circles phenomenon for many years, and its present reports of its scientific and technical research in its magazine - *The Circular*

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The Eclipse By Brian James

I hope that you had a reasonable view of the eclipse, wherever you were on 11th August? "Good holiday, but not much sign of the sun!" as I saw on one postcard.

If you were in Cornwall, perhaps you tried remote viewing through the clouds? I confess I did try RV or astral viewing, but obviously didn't concentrate on my co-ordinates - so first of all saw an eclipse of two stars of a binary system - if anyone was 'there' do you know where it was? I finally saw 'our' eclipse, from a viewpoint somewhere over an ocean, so I think I was off over the Atlantic. Finally, back in the physical realm, I saw a 99.9% eclipse from Dorset - which was fairly spooky under the cloudy skies.



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However, the clouds were not as thick as down in Cornwall, so I saw from 'first contact' at 10.01am, right through to about 5 minutes short of 'fourth contact' at 12.30pm. The photo shows the eclipsed Sun about 10 minutes before our 'maximum umbra'. What impressed me was the drop in temperature at our 'totality', along with the gusting winds, and the darkness - streetlights were on, and the horizon on Portland was just a mass of camera flashes.

At least the many and varied predictions of the end of the world for that day didn't come to fruition...

A Look To The Future - Lets Get On With It By Jim Rayner

I wonder why this type of thought has to continue, this defranchising of thought patterns. Have you wondered why you have been put off by so many outside influences - No you must do this, and not that, and you have done the opposite than you wanted to. Just to suit others and today's concepts, and please the others, and not stick to your original conclusions - trust your own thoughts in all of these things.

Where this is found in the conventional concepts of the working man that are cut short. Of higher thought patterns, if one has an idea to enhance a certain point, it is as I mentioned disenfranchised by the heads of departments, employers act as to make a person's idea of enhancement of a certain point in getting things done to benefit all concerned. Quite meaningful, and his positive point of view is nullified to a point of 'could not be bothered any more' - so he stays where he is, in a circle of not getting anywhere at all.

So why is this so? You may well ask - the 'nolens volens' idiom perhaps? However, this is not noted due to what is called (diademic noise)

which is brought about by a mental strive for a staid domination against the change they very much want themselves. It's a self delusion, this is endemic in human sociology, it is very essential for this sickness to continue, it is a polcalarimused directive to a point of subjective continuum, that has not point in getting to an ultimate truth in a subject, so it makes a negative collective to bring a sensory dullness to one's own thought patterns, its just do this and do that.

I say this - think to make for yourself a better world for the race to follow in our footsteps, with the others help we shall do this. The situation is inter-relative and does exist, and this will have to run with a mutual and commodious involvement with each "race" for survival is a priority, that has to be faced, and a full comprehension of the problems that we are now seeing are dealt with a positive way. Reality - and all aspects of the human and other life-forms are taken into account in this forthcoming change of things...

Keep an eye out at newsagents for a new magazine

Beyond

Edited by Tim Matthews, and produced by Roy Bird
(From the same producers as *Quest* magazine)

Issue 1 is out now, and issue 2 will be out at the end of September

- ◆ *Issue 1 contains an article on 18th Century Aliens by Kate Taylor*
- ◆ *Issue 2 will have an article on Crop Circle Research by Brian P James*

Ask your local newsagent to get copies...

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Its out there – in the WWW...

Here is the first of a hopefully regular series, in which we take a look at some of the vast number of websites around the whole world wide web (WWW).

If you aren't a web regular, we can certainly recommend the vast resource of information that literally flows to your fingertips. Obviously there is a significant amount of rubbish, but it doesn't take you long to find your way to the reputable sites.

We start off with a major site dedicated to Remote Viewing...

<http://www.farsight.org>

The Farsight Institute - Remote Viewing, by Courtney Brown

The Farsight Institute are embarking on a new RV initiative:

"In a few weeks, The Farsight Institute will begin a new public demonstration of remote viewing. Initially, we will briefly use our own people to write the remote viewing targets in order to establish the proper format. (The viewers will always be blind to the targets when viewing, and there will be no monitors.) After this initial start-up period, we will transfer the target-writing process to volunteers external to The Farsight Institute. Academics working in college or university settings are ideal candidates for this role. As we continue our demonstration, the external "target writers" will rotate or change as conditions and availability allow.

If you are interested in watching this public demonstration of remote viewing, you will want to return to this web site regularly. To allow everyone to participate in some fashion, we will be establishing a bulletin board for people to post their comments regarding the demonstration. We have developed new methods of presenting and evaluating remote viewing sessions that will enhance everyone's ability to follow our results.

Ultimately, this public demonstration of remote viewing will be an experiment for us, and we will treat it much like our other experiments. The main difference between this and our other experiments is that we will collect and analyze our results publicly so everyone can watch us "in the laboratory," so to speak. We continue to conduct other experiments privately of course, and we will publish reports of all our activities when each project in turn is completed. But this public demonstration is for everyone, and it should be both educational as well as fun. We encourage all who are interested to join us in the adventure."

Looks like it could be very interesting!

We here a lot about HAARP, but what is the project's purpose? Why not take a look at the official HAARP site?

<http://w3.nrl.navy.mil/projects/haarp>

Program Purpose

HAARP is a scientific endeavor aimed at studying the properties and behavior of the ionosphere, with particular emphasis on being able to understand and use it to enhance communications and surveillance systems for both civilian and defense purposes.

The HAARP program is committed to developing a world class ionospheric research facility consisting of:

♦ The ionospheric research instrument (IRI), a high power transmitter facility operating in the HF frequency range. The IRI will be used to temporarily excite a limited area of the ionosphere for scientific study. Diagnostic instruments that will be used to observe the physical processes that occur in the excited region.

♦ Observation of the processes resulting

from the use of the IRI in a controlled manner will allow scientists to better understand processes that occur continuously under the natural stimulation of the sun.

♦ In addition, diagnostics installed at the HAARP facility will be useful for a variety of other research purposes including the study of global warming and ozone depletion.

It all sounds very scientific, but are the rumormongers founded in their concerns? Judge for yourself, but I am beginning to wonder about some of the high-altitude 'skyflashes' that seen so frequently during skywatches...

For those of you who are interested in all manner of 'anomalous phenomena', why not try UFOMind?

<http://www.ufomind.com>

This is an American site with a vast range (and quality) of material ranging from UFOs and ETs, Area 51, Animal mutilations; The Loch Ness creature to name just a few! Expect a

heavily oriented American 'slant' on a good many subjects

Don't forget UK sites dedicated to UFOs and other phenomena.

<http://www.bufora.org.uk>

The recently re-worked website of BUFORA. Details on the Research and Investigation projects will be just one aspect of the site. Also visit the site for details of news and sightings, as well as a meetings and other events, such as skywatches.

<http://freespace.virgin.net/david.kingston/index.htm>

David Kingston's award-winning website dedicated to all manner of phenomena and research, and not just centred on David's local area of Dorset.

I also must mention the website of the Abingdon Astronomical Society for you stargazers in Oxfordshire

<http://www.homeusers.prestel.co.uk/holtnet/aas>

BUFORA British UFO Research Association

- Britain's largest UFO research organization, founded in 1964.
- BUFORA's Research and Investigations departments are now engaged in a significant series of research projects, including:
PILOT'S PROJECT ; BOLIDE PROJECT ; CASE INDEX ; HISTORIC UFOS ; CRASHED SAUCERS ; TRACKING UK WITNESSES OF ALLEGED SAUCER CRASHES ; ALLEGED ROSWELL FILMS ; MEN IN BLACK and MEN IN WHITE ; WITNESS STUDIES ; VEHICLE INTERFERENCE ; SKYWATCHING ; INSTRUMENTED DETECTION ; ASTRONAUT CASES ; HYPNOSIS STUDY ; PROJECT WARMINSTER ; PSI/UFO INTERFACE ; ELECTROMAGNETIC ANOMALY UFO REPORTS

For more details of BUFORA, check their website

<http://www.bufora.org.uk>

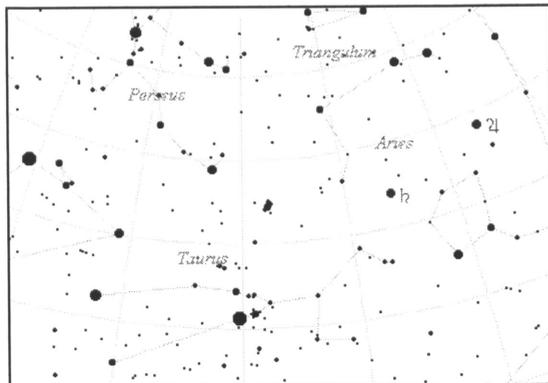
Or write to:

BUFORA

16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex, RH15 9ST



Astronomy Notes



The Night Sky this Quarter

The evenings are certainly drawing in now, so out with your binoculars and telescopes...

The map above shows the eastern sky at mid-night on the 15th of September. Jupiter and Saturn are now convenient for observation.

Jupiter is in Aries, and is now at -2.1 mag, with an apparent diameter of 47.25" of arc. By the end of the month it will have brightened to -2.9mag.

Saturn, also in Aries, is at 0.8mag, with an apparent diameter of 19.25" of arc. It brightens to 0.7mag by the months end.

These two planets will be easily visible during the autumn nights, but a quick glance with binoculars should resolve the 'stars' as a slight disk rather than a point of light. Jupiter will also display its main four 'Galilean' moons. Saturn should be recognisable with its

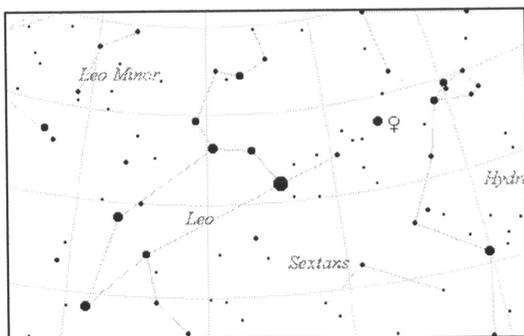
ring system. Both of these planets may give cause for false UFO reports!

Early risers among us (or all-night watchers) will be able to see the obvious **Venus** in the eastern sky in the mornings (below). Its is in Cancer, and now at -4.5mag, and at 45.15" of arc, but it is only at 17.6% of full phase. It moves into the constellation of Leo on the 19th. By the end of September it will still be at -4.5mag, but will then be at 33.6% phase, and 33.84" of arc.

Meteor Showers:

Unfortunately the waxing Moon will rather interfere with the second pass of the Piscids meteors, when they should be at their most favourable. The two dates for the Piscids being the 9th and 21st. They normally produce about 8 meteors per hour. The Alpha Aurigids should produce about 10 per hour, and will be at their maximum on the 15th.

Speaking of meteors, don't forget the forthcoming Leonid shower, and possible storm, on



Conference Diary

SOUTHAMPTON UFO CONFERENCE **24TH OCTOBER 1999 - 10.00am to 5.00pm**

At the
Solent Conference Centre, Southampton

Speakers include:
Graham Birdsall & Russell Callaghan
(UFO Magazine);
Malcolm Robinson (SPI and BUFORA)

Tickets £12.00 in advance, details from:
SUFOG, on 01703 448194

PROBE GROUP UFO CONFERENCE **9th and 10th OCTOBER 1999 ; start 10.45pm each day**

At the
Wainright Club, Blackpool

Speakers include:
♦ **Tony Dodd (Long time researcher and author)**
♦ **Marcus Allen (UK CEO of Nexus Magazine)**
♦ **Matthew Williams**
♦ **Gary Wroe**
♦ **Andrew Strom**

Details from Sam or Jean on 01253 691301

Meetings and Events Diary

APRA Meetings

APRA hold regular meetings, at various locations. One regular venue is the meeting room at the Fleur de Lys, Main St, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Oxfordshire - we will be there on the last Wednesday of the month, from 8.00pm - 10.30pm - why not drop in?

As a quick reminder for 1999, the dates are :

September, 27th October, 24th November

Meetings at other venues, such as The Inner Bookshop in Oxford, will be arranged, details to follow.

Also note there is a meeting at the Inner Bookshop, Magdalen Rd, Oxford, on Wednesday 20th October, from 8.00pm - 10.30pm

Skywatches

Skywatches will be held regularly, usually in association with other groups.

Most skywatches will be on a Saturday night, though the location may vary - contact us for details.

**Saturday 18th December - Bury Down, Chilton, Oxon
(Bufora skywatch)**

To keep up to date with events, then check out these websites:

<http://www2.prestel.co.uk/apranet>

<http://www.bufora.org.uk>

