

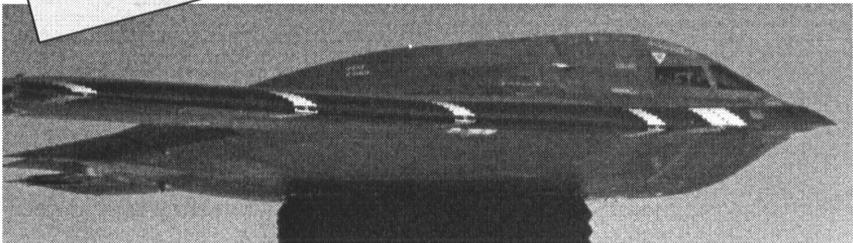


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Editorial

Welcome to issue 3 of the APRA Bulletin – a slight change in style as we move to 'proper' DTP. Thanks to all of you who have commented on the first two issues, and so far comments have been positive.

In this issue we look again at the possible link between the black FT type of UFO, and stealth aircraft 'IFOs' - and perhaps the link has never been stronger – see page 4. Our UFO Update on page 8 also looks at a 'boomerang' case from 1996, and a possible Oxfordshire FT crash from 1967!

The APRA website featured in the Oxfordshire papers, and certainly has raised the profile of the group – see more details on page 3.

Brian James, one of APRA's co-ordinators was invited to present a lecture on the subject of crop circles to the BUFORA lecture meeting on 1st May (Beltane, after a full moon on Beltane eve!) - a report can be found on page 12.

This year's crop circle season is now well under way, perhaps about 2-3 weeks in advance of last year. Some fields are barley now seem ready to receive formations, so barley formations in May are quite probable. We have already seen formations apparently depicting this year's eclipse of the Sun on 11th August, and we can surely expect more – though will the 'cosmic joker' come up with a 'cloudy' formation?

In this Bulletin we also look again at the Michael and Mary energy lines through the Thames Valley – go out into the country and get to feel 'the force'. How about celebrating the forthcoming Millennium at a sacred site, feeling the energy?

Those of you who are interested in skywatches should make a note in your diaries for 31st July, when we will be going to Avebury, for a joint skywatch with SUFOG. Avebury has a reputation for UFO events of Lammass eve!

Till next time...

Brian P James



The APRA Website in the News

Those of you in the Oxfordshire region will hopefully have noticed the APRA Website featured in the NewsQuest Oxford's inaugural *OxNet* supplement over the weekend of 24th April.

Andy Chatfield of NewsQuest Oxford, (The new title for Oxford & County Newspapers) contacted Brian James via the APRA website, to see if we would be interested in being featured as one of the local-interest websites? Naturally we were very interested. Brian set about answering the email questionnaire ready for the article, and also had his photo taken by NQO photographer John Gaisford – though the photo's were not subsequently used.

The APRA website was one of the four to be featured in the first *OxNet* supplement, which went out with the *Oxford Times* on 23rd April, and the *Oxford Mail* on 26th April – these have a combined readership of over 80,000 – although not all those readers will have looked closely at the internet supplement. The selection of the APRA website must be taken as quite a compliment for our aims and objectives.

The supplement featured the Ipsden 'Thought Bubble' crop formation of 1994 as its front cover, and another photo of that formation accompanied the feature on the centre pages of the supple-

ment, along with the screengrab of the homepage (see right).

The actual website was given a bit of a revamp before the supplement was published, and while it is not by any means a professional site, has been complimented on its layout and content. The site is usually updated on a weekly basis, so keep an eye on the pages if you can.

This very welcome publicity certainly raised the profile of APRA within the Oxford area, and resulted in an increase of visitors to the site – some of you will be reading this bulletin, having asked for details of the group.

Don't forget the URL:

Http://www2.prestel.co.uk/apranet



FT's or Stealth – More Evidence

In Issue 2 of the APRA Bulletin, we had more speculation on the possible true nature of the FT type of UFO. Are they really ET technology, or is the technology from closer to home? We now present more evidence that the FT's could be nothing more than American stealth aircraft. APRA Co-ordinator James Hill was able to source a most interesting sighting...

The witness lives near Swindon, and RAF Fairford is quite close by, which was already host to 'Havoc' flight of USAF B-52 bombers. The flightpath of the B-52's frequently takes them over where the witness lives.

Witness's description:

"On Tuesday 9th March 1999, I was watching TV, the time was 6.00pm.

I was disturbed by the (familiar) sound of a B-52 bomber of the USAF. I got up and

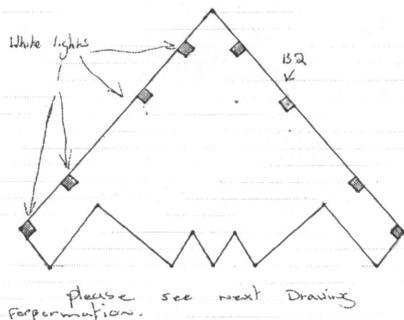


Fig 2 – The witness' drawing

back for some unknown reason as they come over, then open up again. It was heading northeast, before abruptly turning to an east heading. Having watched the B-52 depart, I went back to the TV.

At about 6.45pm I could hear the distinctive whine of the engines again, but this time they seemed to be louder. I ran to the back door, and although the twilight was fading fast, you could still make out the planes. What made me do a double-take was that the planes were flying in formation, one ahead, and others out to the side. But, in between were B-2 stealth bombers. I watched these planes for 30 – 50 sec. They all took the same route as the one seen at 6.00pm (with the abrupt turn)

After having time to think about what I had seen, I can only assume that the (B-52) bombers were escorting the B-2 bombers, but to where I do now know. I can only assume that they were on exercises, as one of

rushed to the back door. I knew this was a B-52 before I saw it, as they have a distinctive engine noise, and also they throttle

the B-2's did land at Fairford the day after."

Investigations by J Hill:

- The lighting configuration of the B-2's was curious, showing 4 lights on each



Fig 3 – Artist's impression of the illuminated B-2

- The Swindon Evening Advertiser gave a brief quote from a USAF officer, regarding the landing of a B-2, the "Spirit of Arizona" (aka Fire & Ice) at Fairford on

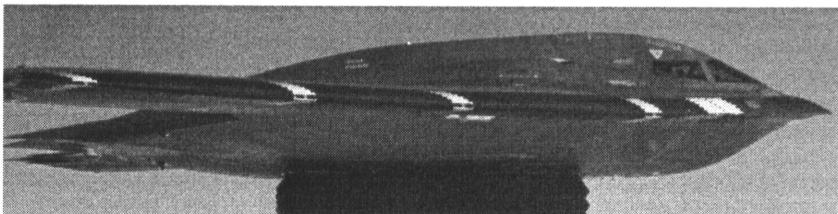


Fig 4 – Northrop Grumman official photo, clearly showing the panel details

- Wednesday, 10th March. A fuller report in an earlier edition is being sourced.
- Inquiries were made with neighbours of the witness. While they obviously heard the aircraft, none bothered to go and look.
- I have visited the village of Fairford, just to 'quiz' locals about any flying that night – none recalled any flights, which is odd considering the noise the B-52's make when taking off! This makes the evening take on a sort of UFO-type feel, since such an obvious aerial spectacle was unseen/ignored/forgotten by so many people.

Observations by APRA Researchers:

- On examining several photos of B-2's, it is clear that there is some considerable variance in RAM panel detail, and apparent lights. Some photos show five white panels wrapped round the wing leading edges, and some sort of red lens behind a clear panel. Curiously, some photos show this arrangement on the right wing only. It might be speculated that the red lenses could be part of some infra-red illuminator. These photos also show a red light on the mid-lower leading edge.
- It is clear from the description by the witness, that the lights he was able to see quite clearly, match those of the white panels/lights, but perhaps with the second inboard set off.
- Why should the B-2's be in the UK at all, let alone flying in what was quite a massed formation with B-52's? The

then worsening situation on Kosovo is one possibility, and of course the continuing threat over Iraq. But the tight formation being flown was more suggestive of a display. It may be a matter of considerable concern that exercises, with such tight formations and necessary precision flying, was being carried out over Swindon and the Thames Valley.

- Now that we have positive identification of a B-2, with a lighting configuration resembling that of a 'boomerang', we may have to re-evaluate many FT UFO cases. There are at least two on the APRA database which will have to be

looked at again. Also, given that the B-2's may well change their lights for various reasons, it is not impossible that they could be configured to show various apparent delta shapes – the 'truncated' nose FT is a good example.

- Of course we still cannot be sure how many years that the B-2's, and other stealth aircraft, have been 'operational' over the UK. However, APRA have pointed out that a friend of one of the co-ordinators reported seeing large "black delta-shaped aircraft" at RAF Fairford at the time of Operation Desert Shield in 1990. This witness later commented that he would now recognise them as B-2's!

Aircraft Updates:

- As the Kosovo air-war intensified, further flights of B-52's arrived at Fairford on forward detachment. B-1B Lancers bombers arrived in April, at it was then that general security at Fairford was increased. Police began to enforce traffic restrictions to prevent 'sight-seers' from using local roads around the south of the airbase.
- Security was further enhanced when official confirmation of a flight of B-2 Spirit bombers was made public in mid-April – national media claimed that 'plain-clothes' SAS regularly patrolled the area, as the threat of terrorist attacks increased.

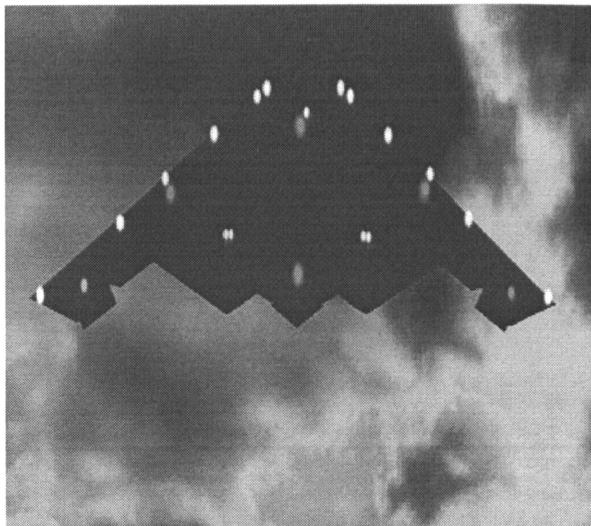


Fig 5 – Artists impression of possible full lighting configuration of a B-2

Speculation?

Given the known lighting, and possible lighting based on available photos, what might a fully 'illuminated' B-2 look like? Perhaps the photo above might be an educated guess?

IF, and it must be stressed it is an if, these B-2's could have variable lighting configurations, so we have to look at the other side of the coin, and consider whether stealth aircraft are being deliberately made to look like "Ufos", for disinformation purposes?

If you have seen any UFO, or other strange object in the sky, why not tell us about it? Confidentiality is assured on all sightings reported to us.

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Book Reviews

UFO REVELATION – THE SECRET TECHNOLOGY EXPOSED BY TIM MATTHEWS

After reading the first two chapters of this book, it soon became obvious that this book is not about Extraterrestrial technology. It is about military black projects from all over the world, starting from the World War II to the present day.

Matthews goes on to reveal that the technology is there to build and also fly 'flying saucers' and 'flying triangles'. He explains that at the end of WWII, both the Americans and Russians 'invited' the German rocket scientists to carry on their research in their new countries. The book is very well researched, with input from various aviation researchers, such as Rose, Sweetman and Goodall, to name a few. Matthews also ties in a good many UFO sightings involving flying triangles and flying saucers, as being nothing more than military black projects...

Aviation enthusiasts will find much of interest in this book, as well as UFO researchers. Personally, I would have liked to see Matthews try and explain the Rendlesham Forest incident – after all that involved a triangular craft. I'm glad that I read the book, but think that Matthews could have been kinder in his comments to established UFO researchers.

Reviewed by James A Hill

ALIEN INVESTIGATOR BY ANTHONY DODD

I have to say from the outset that this book really is good.. It has a bit of everything – from a crash retrieval in South Africa (The Kalahari incident) to an alien base beneath the North Sea..

A lot of the book is based on Dodd's own investigations over the years, plus some of his own personal experiences with abductees. Some of his descriptions rang very true.

Dodd describes clandestine meetings at a location in London, plus a car chase. He also describes animal mutilations in this country, which are on a far larger scale than many of us think. There are also possible human mutilations, which make you think twice about going out late at night, even on sky-watches.

There is also a section that covers an elite security force, set up especially for alien crash retrievals. It must be said that for a few, what Dodd has written may seem fanciful, but I have seen this man lecture at conferences. He comes across as a very 'down to earth' and honest person, and I can quite believe most of what he has written.

I started reading this book at 2.00pm on a Sunday, and didn't put it down until I'd finished it at midnight – it was that captivating, and I can thoroughly recommend it.

Reviewed by James A Hill



Those of you who visited the crop formation at Silbury Hill last year might see similarities to these two North American Indian traditional designs....





U F O U p d a t e

CAR PAIR IN BALL OF LIGHT ENCOUNTER

Independent investigator Jim Rayner sent us a clipping from the Loughborough *Echo* of 28th February 1999.

Another strange light in the sky has been spotted by *Echo* readers stated the article – it went on to describe how Adam Greaves and Jane Harms of Loughborough saw a ball of light shoot past their car in the early hours of one January morning.

The couple had been driving along the A46 when Mr Greaves spotted a bright white light fly past the car in a field next to the road. According to the witness "The light went past the car up towards the roundabout and then disappeared. "It was very strange, but it was not a shooting star, aircraft or a comet. "At the time I said to my girlfriend, 'what the hell was that?', and neither of us knew. "The light shot past the car in the field. It was travelling very fast. We were driving at about 60mph, but it was a lot faster than us". In the car with him was his girlfriend, Jane, she said "I noticed it because it was in front of the car. I got a good look at it for a few seconds, and I have not seen anything like it before.

"We were both quite shocked at the time but we thought that strange things do happen. It could have been a UFO but we just don't know. It was very strange."

The sighting report came after what was thought to be an alien encounter in the Loughborough area on 8th February.

Local investigations continue..

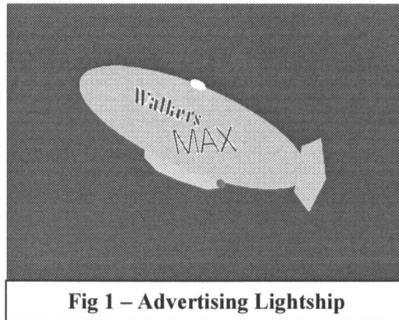


Fig 1 – Advertising Lightship

AIRSHIP IFO

On Tuesday 23rd February, an advertising airship was over the Oxford area. Almost dayglo orange in colour, with logos for 'Walkers Max' crisps. It then flew over the area again in the evening, fully illuminated, so was still bright orange. It flew from Oxford to Abingdon, then passed over my house at 1950Z (When I got some reference video footage), and was heading for Reading when it was lost to sight from where I was. I speculate it would then have been going to its likely base at Farnborough. We immediately faxed The Lightship Company, to inquire as to exact flightpaths/plans, and are awaiting a response.

- Brian James

BLACK BATWING IFOS?

As you will have seen in the local and national media, a detachment of USAF B-52 bombers flew into RAF Fairford, in Gloucs over the weekend of the 20th/21st February 1999. APRA co-ordinator, James Hill, has been told that local aviation enthusiasts also saw two 'bat-like' aircraft fly in in the early hours of the 21st. They had no navigation lights, or landing lights, and no runway

lights were used. It seems very likely that B-2 Spirit bombers, or perhaps even the even-more secret TR-3A's were also at the base. Some of us went for 'a look round' the following weekend*, not that we realistically expected to see B-2's in public view! This is not the first time that apparent stealth bombers have been stationed there during a period of international tension. At least one FT was also seen in the area during the previous Kosovo crisis in October 1998. We have also been given a preliminary report of an FT near Wallingford, Oxon during this February 1999 - RAF Benson was very close, though it is the base for No 33 Sqdn, with its HC-1 Pumas, not fixed wing aircraft.

* A good 'quirk' occurred with photos attempted on the day. James Hill's camera refused to function as the battery gave up. Brian James took 5 or 6 photos of the B-52's that could be seen from the public roads. These photos were 'missing' from the pictures returned from the processors, and were not in the negative strips!

HIGH ALTITUDE LIGHTS

11 January 1999 – Swindon

APRA Co-ordinator James A Hill was waiting for his lift to work. It was a clear morning, and James was gazing at the starry sky, making note of the so-called 'Summer Triangle' of the stars Vega, Deneb and Altair. His attention was grabbed by three bright lights coming from the north, and travelling in a southerly direction. They were high in the sky, and were moving relatively slowly in line astern. They were in sight for about two minutes, and were still apparently climbing until they seemed to disappear. Although they were in sight for about two minutes, their altitude made it difficult to accurately determine whether they were spherical or disk-like. Curiously, James felt quite 'spooked' by this sighting, as the hair on the back of his neck stood up – this is de-

spite seeing other UFOs at much closer range than in this sighting.

BOOMERANG OVER SOUTH WALES

January 1996 – Llanryavon, Gwent

The witness is a keen astronomer, and was

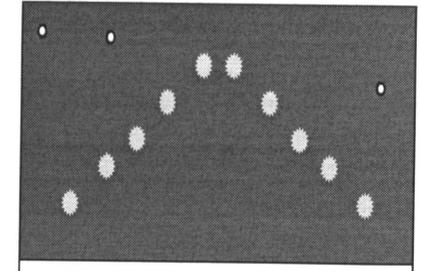


Fig 2 – Llanryavon Boomerang

outside with his telescope, which was trained on the constellation of Taurus. While viewing through the eyepiece, the witness saw some bright orange lights flash through his field of view. These were quite impossible to track with the telescope, although he was able to use his binoculars. There were ten orange points of light, in the shape of a boomerang, and the formation didn't alter. The lights, or the darkened object on which they were positioned seemed high up (The witness speculates that it may have been orbital), and there was no sound at all. As the object flew across the sky, it was seen to blot out the stars it passed, so was clearly a solid object. Its speed was similar to a high-flying aircraft. No shape could be determined, other than the apparent boomerang defined by the lights, which had an apparent size equal to that of a full moon. The object and lights were finally lost in the glare from a nearby streetlight. The witness resumed his stargazing, but about ten minutes later heard two distinct sonic-boom sounds, although no aircraft were seen.

We received this report at the same time that the illuminated B-2's were seen flying out of RAF Fairford [See page 4 of this Bul-

letin], and the witness's drawing for the Llanryavon case took on a possible new significance. The sweep of the lights on the apparent boomerang is very suggestive of the wing shape of the B-2 Spirit. The subsequent sonic-boom sounds may well indicate an association of this 'boomerang' and some high-performance escort aircraft. Did the witness see a test flight of a B-2, or other stealth aircraft over this country in 1996? Don't forget that American stealth planes were certainly being flown in this country long-before the recent 'official' admissions – remember the stealth aircraft crash, and recovery operation at Boscombe Down in 1994?

AN EARLY STEALTH CRASH? Did Oxfordshire have a UFO crash in 1967?

Those of you who read *Fortean Times* magazine will have noted a curious reference last year in a report on a UFO conference, by Andy Roberts. It referred to an alleged UFO crash between Bicester and Upper Heyford during 1967. The report came from a former RAF engineer, who had been based at RAF Bicester as part of No 71 Maintenance Unit (71 MU). The original report confused many, by claiming that the engineer had recovered Vulcans and Tornados, and of course the Panavia Tornado was not even flying in 1967. However the 'Tornado' in question was an RB-45 Tornado, originally a 'spyplane' for the Strategic Air Command (SAC). The RB-45 Tornado was used by the RAF.

However, to the main claim. The airman claims that on an unspecified date in 1967, 71MU were called out to deal with the recovery of a crashed 'aircraft', midway between Bicester and Upper Heyford, which was itself a major USAF base. On arrival at the site, the aircraft was not conventional. It was delta-shaped, looking like dull alumin-

ium, having no cockpit or visible engine intakes or exhausts. It was not a large vehicle. The vehicle has apparently hit the ground hard, scraping across the ground, leaving an obvious trail, although no aircraft debris was reported. The unusual aircraft was lifted onto a low-loader, and transported back to RAF Bicester, where unusually it was not placed into hangar for the normal salvage/repair operations, but immediately taken to bomb a disposal shed, the doors of which were welded shut.

It is intimated that there were USAF personnel overseeing the recovery operation. It seems strange that while there was an American presence at the recovery, no attempt was made to transport the vehicle to RAF Upper Heyford. Does this suggest that the aircraft was of British origin?

No more was heard of this until last year when the airman came forward to make his claims. The claims have been investigated by various UFO and aviation researchers, such as Tim Matthews and Chris Gibson. Tim Matthews features the case in his recent

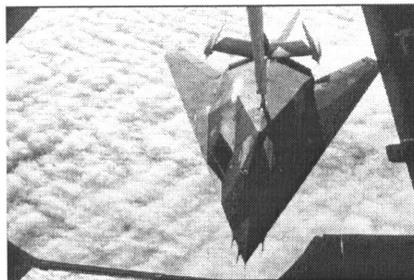


Fig 3 – Lockheed F-117 being refuelled

book *UFO Revelations – The Secret Technology Exposed*. The case also featured in the local press at the end of March this year, although unfortunately a large photo of an F-117 Nighthawk was used to indicate the possible stealth connection.

From the original description of a small delta, with no cockpit or obvious engines

quite clearly indicate that this was not a manned aircraft, and may have been more of a lifting-body type of design. Perhaps similar to those used by NASA in the early days of research into re-usable space vehicles, and which ultimately led to the Rockwell design for the current space shuttle OSV. Chris Gibson believes that the aircraft was an English Electric prototype, the P42, designed as a Mach 5 aircraft – it was one of several hypersonic designs in Britain at the time. Also remember that in its short-lived space programme, Britain was working on possible 'mini-shuttle' vehicles, using lifting body designs – Project Mustard by Bristol Aerospace was well-advanced in its design, even to the point of launch platforms being built at Filton aerodrome.

Perhaps we might also look again at one of Oxfordshire's most famous UFO cases – the ATV film case?

On 26th October 1971, at 11.50am, while filming a shepherd at Enstone, the film crew were able to capture footage of a UFO. It was a stationary object, which suddenly moved off at high speed, leaving a vapour trail. While other reports at the same time were of an orange object, possibly an orange flame, there were other reports of a white delta-like craft, notably:

- At Stonehill, four men saw a sharply defined white delta-shape.
- At Evenly four men saw a white aircraft of "unconventional design".
- At Deanshanger four schoolboys saw a white, well-defined missile shaped object, emitting flame and a trail.
- At Towcester, a sharply-defined white rocket-shaped object was seen.

We still do not have a credible explanation for the ATV Film event, nor others on that day, but the observations of white or metallic 'missiles', or even delta craft, strongly suggest terrestrial technology. Was the craft that crashed near Upper Heyford in 1967 an early part of the same project?

Even as late as 1980, Brian James witnessed a very fast delta-shaped vehicle while on holiday at Weymouth. It was clearly metallic, glinting in the sun. It was slightly arrowhead shaped, and was leaving a trail af-

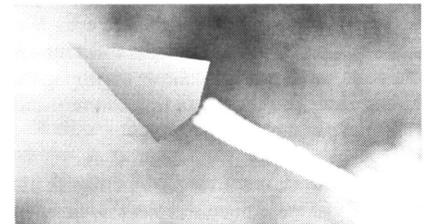


Fig 4 – Delta seen over Weymouth in 1980

ter emitting a loud single boom and a strange cloud – as if had 'fired up' a propulsion system.

James Hill has been told by acquaintances that the crash site is still fenced off even today. A field trip is planned! APRA co-ordinators are still working with other researchers into the background of the 1967 crash.

Special thanks to Chris Gibson and David Windle for their input into this research.

ERRATA IN ISSUE #2

In an early print-run for issue #2 of the Bulletin, there was an error on page 4, while describing aircraft at RAF Fairford. Reference was made to "TR-3" spyplanes – this was a typo, it should have been "TR-1" - a type regularly stationed at the base. It is speculated that TR-3A's may have been recent visitors, but this is not (yet) official!

Invisible UFOs? A Photo Gallery

Perhaps 'Invisible UFO' might be slightly misleading – but none of the apparent lights in these photos were seen by the naked eye! It is recognised that the human eye is rather limited in terms of the range of light it can see – some animals have much better vision. In recent years, an increasing number of people, from various avenues of research, have been recording more and more odd lights in nocturnal photos – equally dark objects are captured on film in daylight.

Those of you who recall work by the likes of Ivan Sanderson and Trevor Constable, might conclude that these photos depict the 'Invisible Residents'. They may be manifestations of the 'Orgone' discovered by Willhelm Reich. Some of the photos may well be nothing more than quirks of the camera or film, but we must ask ourselves – how would we describe these lights and objects had we actually seen them with our own eyes at the time?

So far I have only been able to 'capture' these odd lights and lightforms on photographic film, rarely slides. Now as we move into the age of digital photography, who knows what other surprises are waiting to be found?

- Brian P James

- These three photos were taken over a 30 second period in February 1995, in what was my old back garden!
- The photo right appears to show a solid, circular, possibly domed object – it was not seen at the time.
- The two photos below seem to show a pair of objects rising up from the ground – these are suggestive of the 'invisible resident' described by others.



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The photo left was taken during a skywatch at Great Milton, Oxfordshire, after a week of UFO activity. Perhaps needless to say that despite seven consecutive nights of multiple UFOs being seen, the skywatch team saw nothing, and the UFOs didn't return – not so much a skywatch as a UFO-exorcism!

The light top right is not the moon or an aircraft light – it was not seen at the time. It is very common of a type of object seen over crop fields, and is associated with crop formations. Given that crop fields in summer are dusty places, we cannot rule out the possibility that this is nothing more than a speck of dust caught in the camera flash.

The two photos below and right may have a different cause. If you recognised the place, then you have done well from night-time photos – it is Rendlesham Forest!

These shots were taken during a joint skywatch on 31st March 1998. The actual location is the clearing, just across the road from the infamous 'East Gate' of Woodbridge base, and which many of the witnesses claim was the site of the first night's landing/encounter – not Capel Green. Forget the lighthouse theory – Orford Ness lighthouse isn't visible from here now, and never was! Even now, nearly 20 years after the Rendlesham Incident, this clearing is devoid of normal vegetation. Various odd lightforms and even entities have been seen in the clearing and surrounding trees. These two shots may be of one forming, as wispy 'mist' can be seen in the photo bottom left. By the second photo, it has nearly obliterated the trees behind.



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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS...

Some details of another 'experiencer' that is known to APRA researchers.

'VF', a 40 year-old, has also had some very odd paranormal experiences for much of his lifetime, including apparent life saving 'interventions' by guardian beings.

His major UFO encounter occurred in 1992, when he was walking home, at Swindon, Wilts. He became aware of bright beams of green light coming down from the sky, which were playing across the rooftops nearby. VF could make out the shape of a dark object, which seemed to be the source of these lights. After watching these beams for a while, his 'memory' changed to one of being in a craft, possibly in a control room, and he was with two Greys. Interestingly, VF was not restrained in any sense – as is so often reported by 'abductees'. In fact he was able to start a 'conversation' with the greys, mainly on spiritual and religious matters, such as the existence of God - though he got little in the way of answers. That experience came to an end, but it was not the end of his paranormal experiences.

On a later occasion, again while travelling home on foot, he was aware of a 'presence' with him at times, and it was very overbearing, almost to the point of being physical, and seemed almost malevolent. He became very physically ill, almost to the point that he felt he was going to die. As he collapsed to the ground, three small bright 'disks' appeared, which VF took to be a message of some kind. He was then violently sick, and brought up a 'live' slug-like creature, which rapidly slithered off into the undergrowth. It was after this very strange occurrence that VF found that his artistic talents had increased several-fold – this is a common thread in the abductee folklore.

In recent times, VF has had recurring dreams of looking out over views of the village place he lives, and across the town of Swindon, but always he sees the scenes in shades of green, never colour. Remember that the controversial claims of Phillip Corso indicated that current night-vision equipment was based on the eye shields of the beings captured at Roswell. Just think, today's night-vision gear shows images in shades of green - is there a connection to a Grey's vision? This could also mean that Corso's claims may have some elements of truth!

VF is certainly still having his strange experiences, and possibly it involves other members of his family – we hope to be able to reveal more details in the coming months.

In the last issue of the Bulletin, we revealed some of the experiences of 'CK' - here are some more of his recollections...

In recent years, CK has had increasing apparent experiences in astral realms, and these have included encounters with ET visitors. CK is keen to emphasise that his accounts should not be taken as those of publicised 'abductees' or 'contactees', but then where is the line to be drawn between a true contactee, and the abductee? It is becoming increasingly clear that 'alien abductions' do occur, but a significant number of occurrences will not be of the physical body.

Before we try to cover areas of CK's experiences, we must first provide some background thoughts.

CK was brought up with the normal religious 'indoctrination' that was part of the education system in this country, but never accepted the ideas of Christian teachings, so was not, in the conventional sense, a religious person. That is not to say that he was an atheist, but more of an agnostic, and explored his own path(s). Therefore, when he became consciously aware of aspects of his astral encounters, he did not find it easy to come to terms with the deep spiritual implications. It was not until he started to become aware of his past, and future incarnations, that the whole picture slowly began to emerge?

It might be worth considering the concepts of astral realms. To most people, these conjure up images of spiritual realms, with higher beings. However, current science is already working with concepts of other dimensions, and even now speculates on at least ten other dimensions to our own - could these be the same as astral realms? Since 'we' are able to travel to other astral realms in time and space, then we must accept that other beings will have mastered this technique, and could be travelling here with just as much regularity. Perhaps they have simply taken a different route of technological evolution, or perhaps they just didn't take the 'nuts and bolts' technological approach at all, and mastered full psychic and telekinetic abilities?

Having briefly looked at backgrounds to experiences, where to start with accounts? CK was aware of certain experiences with other beings at an early age, and openly talked about them to his parents, but they were dismissed as 'dreams' or 'nightmares' that children have - how many of you have had similar experiences that were dismissed in the same way?

During his childhood years, CK had frequent 'dreams' of what he would now term as alien beings - many of these were before the advent of the modern sci-fi type of TV show, which really began in this country

with *Dr Who*. No-one else in CK's family had any interest in space or sci-fi, so where did these images come from? CK even now can recall quite clearly looking out of his bedroom windows at night, and seeing various lights and 'flying saucers'. It should be emphasised that CK's 'dreams' of this type when a child are not uncommon, especially today, but back in the early 1960s, sci-fi images didn't exist in such numbers in all sorts of mediums.

On a visit to Avebury in December 1997, CK was with a friend, who we'll call John. Both were aware of strange lights and sounds, even to the point of of a distinct "Hello" twice being spoken, apparently coming from one of the stones. A further occurrence happened later that night, when [CK] astrally travelled back to Avebury, as if drawn back for some reason, and even more curiously, yet another close friend was there in her astral self. [CK] recalls very clearly standing within the main ring of stones in the night, looking towards the Avenue, with the banks of the henge silhouetted against the sky, the clump of trees on the bank adjacent to the West Kennett road seemed to be standing guard. A bright red ball of light appeared above the Avenue, and it moved slowly around in the sky, sometimes pulsing, occasionally flashing. After about a minute, it flashed brightly and then vanished. Is a sighting like this while in the astral self classifiable as a UFO sighting? How does one investigate it - we know the place, and an apparent time, as long as the astral self didn't have a temporal shift. It is hard enough to check out sighting details for this 'reality continuum'.

More of the recollections of 'CK' in future issues...

Event Report

BUFORA LECTURE 1st MAY CROP CIRCLES, by Brian P James

Brian was able to start his lecture on a light-hearted note, referring to the BBC's latest attempt to debunk crop circles as being nothing more than whirlwinds and hoaxing, during an episode of the Supernature programme, dealing with 'the paranormal'.

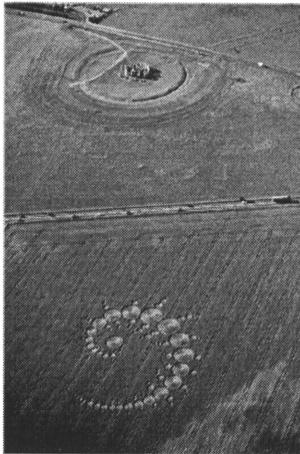
Brian then reverted to his planned opening to his lecture, titled *Still Going Round in Circles*, in which he speculated on the 'beginning' of the crop circle phenomenon. He pointed out the analogy to Ufology, which began much earlier than the perceived 1947 with Kenneth Arnold and Roswell. Brian referred to Terry Wilson's admirable research, in searching archive material to find references to circles, though not in crops, dating back to at least 815AD, and the descriptions of Bishop Agobard of Lyon. He looked at cases, including the infamous 'Mowing Devil', coming through the start of the 'modern era' in the 1970s. He also referred to an early 'theory', by Erasmus Darwin in 1789 to explain 'Faery Rings' – and related by Jaques Vallee, in his book *Dimensions*. Darwin seems to have visited the 'Plasma Vortex Theory' about 200 years before it was postulated by Terence Meaden!

Brian emphasised that the 'circles phenomena' (Yes, phenomena, not phenomenon) has been evolving and changing. In the early part of this century circles were found in cereal fields. But by the 1950s and 1960s circles were found all over the world in grass and reeds, including the famous Tully

'saucer nests'. In this period structured metallic 'craft' were much more associated with circle forming than they are now. In the 1970s the phenomena evolved again back to the cereal fields, and also evolved in complexity. By now other macabre events, such as animal mutilations were being found in association with the circles. The real public prominence of the circles came in the 1980s, with the arrival of books and serious attempts at research. Though this does raise the question – at what point did the phenomena, or human awareness change to the point that 'free thinkers' saw them as a mystery? In earlier times they were regarded as nothing unusual! The evolution continued throughout the 1980s and 1990s, with the apparently intelligent messages of the pictograms, then the acknowledgement of human science with the "Fractal" formations.

Brian also looked at 'connections' to other anomalous phenomena. The at times eerie 'trilling noises' were examined – which Brian has encountered firsthand. Also anomalous lights, both visible and invisible to the naked eye were examined – again Brian has had very first-hand experience of very unusual 'invisible lights'. Cases of 'psychic compulsion' were also looked at. The interest and involvement of the military, notably the army, was covered, along with the often misinterpreted 'black helicopters'.

Brian also pointed out the very strange events concerning the 'Cosmic Joker' – any-



one who has spent time studying and researching any anomalous phenomena will know that there is an intelligence behind many events that seems determined to confuse and baffle us, and seems to be having fun at our expense! While some refer to the Cosmic Joker, Brian has come to refer to this intelligence as 'Q', after the race and individual in *Star Trek*. The Q Continuum are a highly developed species, essentially benevolent, and wish to oversee the evolution of species, including mankind, towards higher levels – though Q can never do this overtly, everything is done by at times life-threatening puzzles and riddles, which gives Q great amusement – at times an almost child-like humour at the expense of lower beings – sound familiar?

How relevant is the term 'crop circle' – not really? In the early days they were found in – reeds, grass, spinach, potatoes, and brussels.

Later events have been in popular cereal crops – barley, wheat, oats, canola/rape, linseed, and maize. Tree circles have been rumoured or reported for many years, though photos have never come into wide circulation. Circles have been seen in ice and snow – probably natural? Circles in the atmosphere and clouds are now being reported - a few photos are being published in magazines of circular-ish holes in cloud-banks. Some satellite radar images show huge circles and rings within weather fronts – blamed on software glitches. Are circles global? Most definitely yes! From the 1950s onwards we have had reports from: Central & South America – Brazil, Peru, Mexico; North America – USA & Canada; Europe – UK, France, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Czech, Poland, Switzerland; Middle East & Africa – Israel, South Africa; Asia – India, Japan,; Australia

– Australia & New Zealand.

Brian asked if the circles have any message? Are we being conceited to think that any message in the crop glyphs is meant for us? It may be nothing more than graffiti between higher beings. They may be intended for other inhabitants of this planet! The evolution of the complexity of the formations does strongly suggest an intelligence, and one that has knowledge of our science, hence the DNA-type formations, and the fractals. Perhaps, just as we humans make no effort to communicate in the language of animals – we try to condition them to understand 'us', is a higher intelligence doing the same with us?



Do crop circles represent a phenomenon worthy of further research? The associations with other phenomena suggest yes. Notwithstanding any possible connection to a higher intelligence,

if natural, but as yet not understood phenomena are capable of producing complex formations in crops, and other media, and can perhaps produce light phenomena, then we need to know if they can also be the cause of UFO-related events. Energy fields could have effects on the human brain and/or psyche – could these result in UFO sightings or abduction experiences? Brian concluded that crop circles do represent an as yet unexplained mystery, and a mystery that needs to be solved in the same manner as the mysteries of UFOs, abductions, ghosts, or any other paranormal event. All of these represent a challenge to our collective intelligence, and are parts of a puzzle that we are expected to solve.

Earth Energies in Oxfordshire The Michael and Mary Lines

In the last issue of the Bulletin, we looked at the Michael and Mary energy currents, that flow across southern England. This time we will look a little closer some of the places where they flow through the Thames Valley area.

The Michael line is the 'male' or positive line, while Mary is the 'female' or negative line, which equate with the Yin and Yang of Eastern beliefs. The energy lines can also be equated with the dragon lines of Chinese folklore. The dragon and serpent are also terms used to relate to these lines of Earth energy.

through the churches in all of these villages – some are dedicated to St Mary, or had once been dedicated to St Michael – so all of these sites pre-date Christian worship. Michael arrives into the Thames Valley across the downs, running through Aldbourne and continues on the high ground as it runs towards Blewburton Hillfort. Before it reaches there, it passes exactly through another site of Christian pilgrimage – St Birinus' Knob, south of Blewbury. It is actually more of a tumulus, but it exactly straddles the line. It is interesting to note that the hawthorn bushes around the mound bend in the direction of the energy flow al-



Fig 1 – Blewburton Hillfort. The Michael Line runs almost across the middle of the picture from right to left. The trilling 'entities' were in the field in front of the fort.

As we said last time, surprisingly neither of the lines run through the Uffington White Horse, as it stands overlooking the south-western approach to the Thames Valley, although both the White Horse, and Wayland's Smithy are encompassed by the two lines.

Mary actually runs through the village of Uffington, before running across the valley floor to the villages of East Lockinge and East Hendred and Harwell. Mary runs

though it must be said that the prevailing wind direction would also be from that direction. Michael then borders Blewbury itself before running diagonally across a crop field (Will it produce crop circles?), and then up and across Blewburton. It was on this line in 1996 that Brian James heard trilling noises from unseen 'entities', and this sort of trilling is often heard in crop circles themselves. Michael then heads towards North Moreton, but before heading through the church, veers of to the side to

run through a tumulus.

The two lines converge on Castle Hill, part of Wittenham Clumps, where they cross and form a 'nodal point' – similar points are at Glastonbury, Olivers Castle, Avebury (two nodes), and The Sanctuary. Castle Hill does have some local folklore, and has numerous connections to witchcraft, with light and dark forces in ebb and flow – rather like the positive and negative polarities of the energies themselves!

During one vigil by believers in 'light', several people heard the voices of 'angels' joining in singing. It has been the scene of some odd aerial lights, although was never a

successful venue for organised skywatches.

From Wittenham, Michael then heads to the church of St Michael at Clifton Hampden, and in doing so flows through the River Thames itself. It then runs on to Baldon, Garsington, and then out of Oxfordshire. Mary takes a different route from Wittenham, and goes straight through the Abbey at Dorchester on Thames. Dorchester itself was once a very important settlement, and was the site of one of

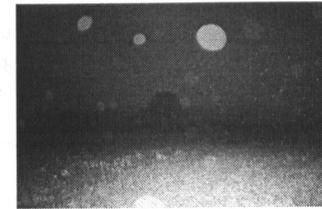


Fig 2 – Apparent UFOs at Wittenham? Actually rain during a typically inclement skywatch!

the biggest henge monuments in England, though sadly this is now lost to gravel extraction!

HANDY TIPS FOR SKYWATCHERS

For any would-be skywatchers reading this, James A Hill would like to offer some advice, so you can prepare for all eventualities...

- 1) Do listen to the weather forecast before setting out for the skywatch site.
- 2) Do take a map and directions to the skywatch site.
- 3) Do take waterproof clothing, and thermal underwear if it is cold.
- 4) Do take cameras, with spare films and batteries.
- 5) Do take something hot to drink for those long cold nights...
- 6) Do try to stay awake – you might miss a UFO flying over.
- 7) Don't turn up at the wrong location, and sit there wondering where everyone else is.
- 8) Don't, if in a group, stand around waving torches about – another group a few

- miles away may report it as a sighting.
- 9) Do be careful of where you walk or stand while out in the dark countryside – animal 'do-do' can be slippery, and suddenly lying on your back can be painful, and you will smell for the rest of the night.
- 10) Don't let one of the group wander off alone. They may find some lengths of plastic pipe, which they fit across the end of their torch to make it look like a lightsaber. They might then creep up behind someone else's car, severely frightening the occupants!
- 11) Do take spare thermal underwear (See item 10)

These hints are all based on experience of recent skywatches, and have all happened. Only the names have been omitted to protect the guilty...

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 : 28th April, 26th May, 30th June, 28th July, 25th August, 29th September, 27th October, 24th November
Meetings at other venues, such as The Inner Bookshop in Oxford, will be arranged, details to follow.

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.

Dates arranged so far (and provisional venues):

- Saturday 20th March - Compton, Berks (Bufora skywatch)
- Saturday 19th June - Bury Down, Chilton, Oxon (Bufora skywatch)
 - Saturday 31st July - APRA skywatch at Avebury,
 - (in association with SUFOG)
- Saturday 18th September - Bury Down, Chilton, Oxon (Bufora skywatch)
- Saturday 18th December - Bury Down, Chilton, Oxon (Bufora skywatch)

If information from a recent channelling session comes to fruition, then one of these skywatches could become very interesting indeed. Perhaps the Lammas Eve skywatch at Avebury could prove to be the one we've been waiting for?

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

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

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

