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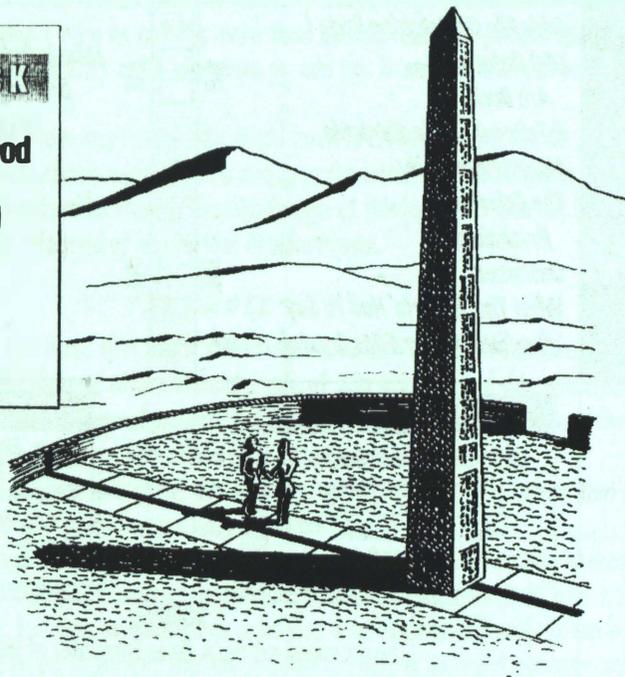
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The promised article, 'A Close Encounter of 1584,' has been unavoidably postponed until a future issue.

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ED'S MOUTH...

A STRANGE COMMUNICATION

I am not in the habit of printing unsigned letters, so consequently one such communication received early in April is not being published verbatim.

The writer purports to having been involved in supposedly "secret" government communications research - a by-product of which is the creation of crop circles no less! Mention is made of the *Official Secrets Act*, along with a potted 40-year history of the alleged project development. Mysterious codewords like "D7" are quoted and the author manages to provide answers of a sort as to why cornfields in particular are chosen. It seems it all comes down to the initials of the project which, coincidentally (?), form the word CORN.

Pictograms are totally unconnected, so the letter continues, and the 'warbling' or 'trilling' noises occasionally heard at some circle locations stem from a high-frequency sound source, claims the writer.

I and others have studied this letter and its contents carefully and at length. Personally, I smell a rat. It is written couched in what I view as nothing more than pseudo-technical, pseudo-scientific terminology which, all-in-all, just doesn't quite ring true or add up. It smacks of rose-coloured herrings!

I would very much like to hear from any reader who might have first-hand knowledge of similar letters or information, as I wish to compare details. The envelope the letter was contained in bore a south coast postmark, dated shortly after April 1. The significance of this last point was not lost on me, I might add. I shall keep you informed of any further developments.

ET TAKE NOTE

I think it is worth a mention, for those who might still be unaware, that all British Telecom 0898 telephone numbers are normally charged at the standard rate of 33p offpeak and 44p peak, per minute. I mention this in view of the two complimentary ads which ran in the last issue of *Enquiring*; listing BUFORA's *UfoCall* and also *Ufo-line*, operated by the Independent UFO Network.

Both the above information services are great for keeping up-to-date with the latest that's happening in the U.K., but do watch that clock - especially if you are not footing the bill.

Quest's 24 hour *UFO Hotline* is a different matter altogether, for the 0756 (North Yorkshire) area number is charged depending on your exchange location and the time of day. It is also not necessarily an information line, but was established as a service whereby sighting reports can be logged and assistance or advice given. In view of this, don't abuse it. There is no taped message and you get a personal response, so take this into account should you require their services.

ELECTRONIC TELEGRAPH OF THE ANCIENTS

by Martin Steele

Were ancient South American races using the principle of the electronic telegraph, long before Columbus discovered America?

DID THE AMAZON Indians of South America use an electronic jungle telegraph before Columbus discovered America? There are strong indications that they did, and that even today the *Cambaryú* is still being used in the mysterious Amazon hinterlands.

Scientists have discovered indications that the amazing jungle telegraph system employed by the primitive tribesmen apparently was operated on electronic principles using a magnetic beam similar to some of the most modern scientific precision instruments.

That, at least, is one theory advanced to explain the mysterious *Cambaryú* telegraph. Seemingly utilizing the electro-magnetic field which envelopes the earth from pole to pole, the savage *Cotaguinari* Indians of the upper Amazon headquarters apparently learned how to transmit inaudible messages over a distance of two miles.

These messages could travel only due north or south of the transmitting station. Other stations that were *en rapport* with

the sending station could pick up and amplify the messages as far away as one mile due north or south of the sending station. While persons only a few feet away from the instruments could hear nothing.

Thus it appears that these jungle savages anticipated by centuries such modern communication techniques as the wireless telegraph and even the magnetic compass.

Living close to nature, the Amazon Indians observed that birds and other animals apparently found their way over vast distances through what some persons believe to be their sensitivity to terrestrial magnetism. And even though these Indians did not work in iron, apparently they were aware of the electronic properties of amber and resins, and of the magnetic properties of lodestone, or magnetic iron ore (magnetite); they even had a word for this metal - "*Ita-Currundi*."

The jungle telegraph instrument is made by digging a round hole about two feet deep in the ground and about two feet in diameter. In the bottom of the hole is placed a layer of 10 inches of coarse sand well tamped down.

Above this compressed coarse sand base, and up to the level of the ground, is built an insulating "doughnut" of wood fragments, rawhide chips, electronic amber and resinous particles, twigs, and dried sticks. At ground level this is sealed in under a hard rubber cap poured into place while the rubber is hot. Within the "hole" of this insulating "doughnut" is built a round wall of hard palm wood projecting above the ground level. Down into this smaller hole are packed alternate layers of fine sand, wood and bone fragments, plus powdered mica containing iron sandgrains collected on the beach or river deposits.

A hollow space or partial vacuum, above this layer, leads up to a layer of hide, wood, and a hard rubber diaphragm which is struck with a specially constructed instrument for transmitting

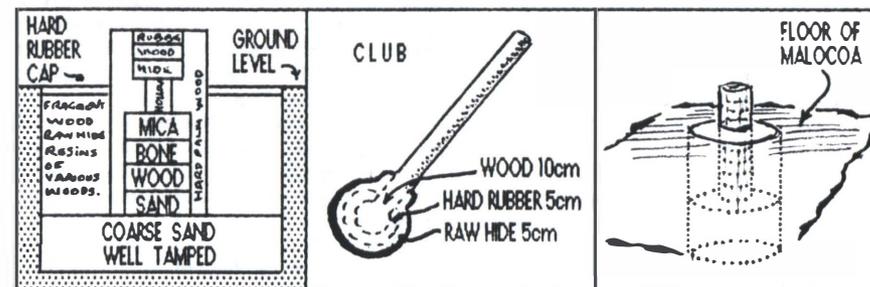
messages. When the rubber is struck a layer of wood fragments and a rawhide layer transmits the impulse through the hollow passage to the materials below.

As early as 1897, Dr. Jose Bach of La Plata, Argentina, reported the use of the *Cambaryú* telegraph during a visit he made to the *Cotaguinari*s of the Bolivia-Peru frontier lands between the Embyra and Embyrasu rivers.

Col. George Earl Church also described the *Cambaryú* jungle telegraph in the Journal of the Royal Geographic Society, London, (Vol. XII, p.63, et seq., 1898). Colonel Church said:

"I have for years thought that the telephone of the future must be two unconnected instruments so thoroughly *en rapport* with each other that, even if separated by the Atlantic Ocean, a word spoken into one would be echoed by the other."

But, he concluded, "here, in the *Cambaryú* invention described, we have some semi-savage treading close upon the heels of the highest civilization."

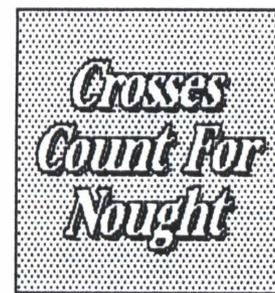


CHARLES POOLEY, in his book "*Old Crosses of Somerset*", published in 1877, recalls over 200 crosses having been erected in the county from Saxon remains to those of the 15th and 16th century.

Alas, many were to be demolished during the period 1790 to 1860, when wheeled carriages appeared throughout the land and demand for greater access on the roads of that day took precedent.

Pooley dutifully recorded not only the location but the style of cross that he encountered on his travels. Apart from churchyard crosses, others were known as *Preaching* (Preachers?) *Cross*, *Village Cross*, *Wayside Cross* and those which were sited near a (? Holy) spring were referred to as *Water Crosses*.

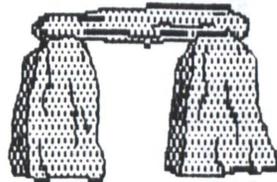
The early type of stone cross was simply a headed shaft set into the ground and later became a head set on to a shaft, which itself was set into (and fixed with lead) a socket.



BY STUART BENSON

Eastern Influence On

By *Stuart Benson*



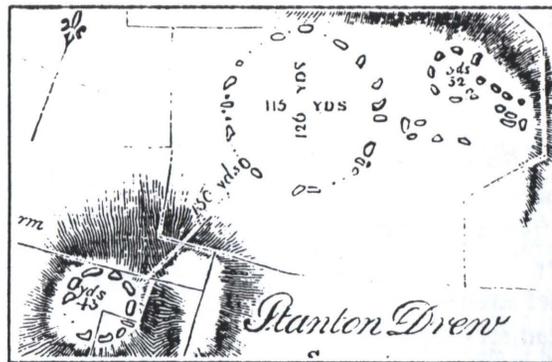
It has been suggested that the standard measurement in the erection of the stone circles at Stanton Drew was a foot of 12.158". This appears to be sufficiently near to the Oriental standard of 12.16" to justify the conclusion that the standard of measure of the stone circles was derived from an Eastern source. The following are the results of further investigations :

An examination of the sketch map in Dymond's "Guide to Stanton Drew and its Ancient Stones," leads one to see that the stones were erected on a definite plan; in fact, it is possible to reconstruct the design as it was originally conceived. The design is perfectly symmetrical and comprises two circles; the circumference of the larger being indicated by the Quoit, the Cove and the stones at Middle Ham. That of the smaller being indicated by the centres of three smaller stone circles. These two great circles touch one another at the centre of the great stone circle. The centre of this stone circle lies at the SE point of the larger one and therefore at the NW point of the smaller circle. In the larger circle there is a stone circle at W, and another at NNW.

The original number of stones in each circle is ascertained by comparing the respective diameters of the circles. The W circle has 12, the NW; 30 and the NNW; 8. The mathematical nature of the design is sufficient proof that the construction is a case of applied mathematics and in the ancient world the only known branch of applied mathematics was astronomy. Moreover, the numbers 30 and 12 are intimately associated with astronomy and the calendar. The month was calculated by the period between each new moon, which was roughly 30 days; hence the Moon-God of Babylonia

was symbolised by the number 30. The year was calculated by the time the Sun took in returning to the same point on the horizon; at the Winter and Summer solistice, this was roughly 12 lunar months.

This enables us to assign the 30-stone circle to the Sun. Further, the ancients considered that there were three chief heavenly bodies; the Sun, Moon and Venus; and if two of the stone circles referred to the Sun and the Moon respectively, then the third circle of 8 stones should refer to Venus. Now, although there is no other instance of Venus being



employed in settling the calendar among the ancients, if we accept the Mexicans, its employment can be shown to be perfectly feasible. Venus is characterised by its brilliancy and the time of its greatest brilliancy is every 8 years, hence the 8 stones in the circle. Again, 360 days is 5.25 days short of the true year, and the difference will amount to 42 days in 8 years; if then we add 42 days at the end of the 8th years, we shall be able to rectify the discrepancy. Since 42 is equal to 30 + 12, we have all the requisite data at hand for correction in the sum total of the stones in the other two circles.

Next, with regard to the relative positions of the stone circles. If we start with the Sun circle at West as the first point, then the Moon circle will be the seventh point. Now, the most ancient order of the seven heavenly bodies recognised by the Babylonians was : Moon, Mars, Mercury, Venus, Sun, Jupiter and Saturn. This was found represented on a Babylonian clay tablet by a circle divided into seven parts and the name of the planet assigned to each of the seven points of the circle round the circumference in the above order. Whatever planet we reckon from, we come back to the same again.

Stone Circles

Stone Circles Are An
Astronomical Link With The
Ancient Babylonian Empire

If then we begin with the Sun we get the following position of the planets at the different points, viz., (1) Sun, (2) Mars, (3) Jupiter, (4) Saturn, (5) Moon, (6) Mercury, (7) Venus. This again shows that the eight-stone circle is the Venus circle. The results may be tabulated as follows :

CIRCLE	POINTS	PLANETS	STONES
W	1	SUN	12
NW	5	MOON	30
NNW	7	VENUS	8

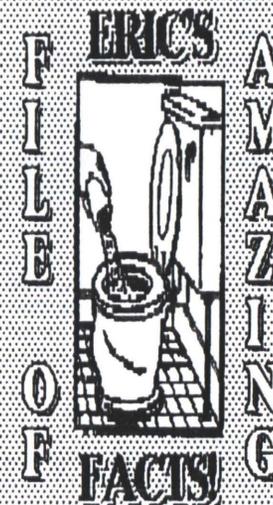
What the avenues signify it is hard to say, but the axis of these will be found to pass through certain definite points in the circumference of the smaller circle. The outlying stones refer to the following planets; the Quoit to the Sun; the Cove to Venus and Middle Ham stones to the Moon. Lastly, the fact that the seven points of the circle are assigned to the planets and that these planets were used in the designation of the days of the week seem to indicate some justification of and connection with the old Celtic eight day week, when dividing the quarter circle into eight parts.

Neutrinos, unbelievably tiny particles created following the Big Bang, travel at the speed of light and millions will pass through this page and through you, in the time it takes to read it.

In 1254, monks at St. Albans reported seeing what looked like a coloured ship in the skies above their monastery.

The Vikings were able to sail north from Scandinavia to Greenland, and west to North America, because from AD1000-1200 the world's weather had become warmer.

A hailstone the size of a melon fell in Coffeyville, Kansas, on Sept. 3 1970. It weighed 750g and was 44.5cm round.



This is the first in a proposed series of trivia facts from that amazingly trivial person himself, Eric Glass. Give him your support, or give him the elbow, it's all the same to me!

UFO DETECTORS ARE BACK BY IRON BRICE

Whatever our thoughts might be as to the true nature of Ufo's many, it seems, exhibit all kinds of unusual and often recordable effects. The Ufo Detector of the 70's often consisted of not much more than a compass needle, sandwiched between two contacts. Any change in the surrounding magnetic field would cause the needle to deflect, thereby completing a circuit and triggering an alarm.

I have attempted here to explore a number of viable alternatives, as I think this is an area that in recent years has tended to be overlooked and should have been developed further. Electromagnetic, magnetostatic and even Atomic particle detectors - all could and should have a role to play in serious investigation.

One form of detector, which will even register the Earth's magnetic field, can be assembled by employing a sensitive AC amp meter, a high impedance coil with a soft iron core and a rotating or vibrating soft iron membrane. This design can be turned into an alternating field detector by simply stopping the membrane. A DC amplifier can be added, making detection much more reliable, or the coil could be connected directly to a pack amplifier. Output then can be taken directly to an audible buzzing tone or some such similar alarm. I may add at this point that magnetism is still something of a mystery, as nothing is really known about it. When Einstein found an explanation for gravitation within relativity, he also tried to explain magnetism - and failed to do so.

Detection of a subtle change in gravitation is also quite easily achieved by utilising a pendulum. We define the latter's period as T which then equals $2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$, equaling to 'g', we then get the relation of $g = \frac{4\pi^2}{T^2}$. We know the value of 'r' and find for those hair-splitting mathematicians among you $\pi = 3.1415926535$.

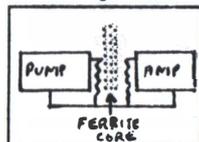
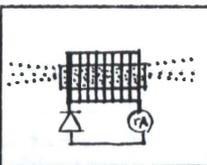
It should be possible, with accurate time measurement and a well measured piece of cord to get an accuracy to at least three figures, or if you do not want to go to such lengths, you can just take the normal period and allow for differences when detecting. It matters little what weight the pendulum may be, but for improved results it is best to make it the heaviest the cord can take, thus maximising the number of oscillations. This will then allow you to utilise the principle of active mass as opposed to dynamic mass so that, then, the following relationship holds: $\frac{4\pi^2}{T^2} = \frac{GM}{r^2} = mg$.

Calibration can be determined by adding or subtracting weight. Upon looking at the equation, $G = mg$, we see that if we change m from one to two grams, we obtain $G(1)$. If we change m back to one gram and raise g to obtain the G which we obtained at (1), we then have calibration to two grams; but such a high calibration will not be necessary in this instance.

Atomic particle detectors could be extremely effective, although expensive on account of the GM heads that would need to be employed. And crystals and transistors being only suitable as detector heads at radiation levels which are dangerous. Something, then, still for the future.

My own thoughts in particular have settled around VLF (Very Low Frequency) radio. This can take the form of a well isolated audio amplifier, connected by an RF coil to a wire. The coil is necessary to eliminate unnecessary interference from LW and MW and should ideally be set up in a rural location, thus eliminating as far as possible any interference of an electrostatic nature and mains 'hum.' As well as any possible Ufo interference, there will be picked up a whole new range of phenomena, some of which has yet to be explained. Like, for instance, tweaks, whistles, electrical discharges etc. For the sake of mobility, one could again employ a suitable battery pack and long wire aerial. But I must stress again, this type of detector would be totally unsuitable in towns and cities.

I would like to conclude by giving mention to a further type of Ufo detector I came to consider while studying computer circuits. It would use the principles employed by ferrite core storage and consists of a pump oscillator to place the core into the ON position. If there were to be a magnetic field in opposition to this, then the oscillator would immediately flip the core to the OFF position. A simple pulse output could record this fact. Such a method, I believe, would detect both AC and DC fields - its principle being paramagnetic. Good detecting!



IT TAKES A LOT TO SHOCK ME

Could I Become Part Of The National Grid? - Maybe Toast Bread Under My Arm?

An incident occurred the other week that caused me to think back on similar events that should have had a shocking effect on my life, and yet didn't.

After moving house and suffering the accompanying trauma, I was idly fixing a plug to the power cord of a metal lamp base. Attaching a light bulb I plugged the unit in and switched on - nothing. Checking that the bulb was okay but neglecting to isolate the power supply to the lamp, I discovered the twin cable inside the lamp stem until the bare wires appeared at the base. Before I could react and still with my hand about the lamp, there was a flash, followed by an almighty bang.

The metal base was blackened and a small molten hole appeared where the wires had made contact. As for myself, I didn't feel a thing in spite of the fact that 240 volts had somehow earthed themselves via my body. The 5 amp plug fuse was later found to be still intact! Strange, but not unusual, as I then recalled.

My first brush with electricity was as a very young boy. In those days light switches were often round and with a bakelite cover. I must have been about three or four as it was a stretch to turn them on or off. Inquisitive as much then as I am now, I remember one night carefully unscrewing one such cover and with little or no understanding of the frightening and potentially lethal power involved, can remember running my fingers over the bare brass contacts. I wasn't pitched across the room by an enormous jolt of electricity, for I did not

even receive a shock; just a gentle vibration from the metal on the pads of my fingers.

On the second occasion, a few years later, brat that I must have been I was alone in the house and found a metal hair dip of my mothers on the floor. A bright idea formed in my mind and parting the dip I proceeded to stick both its ends into the nearest power socket on the wall. It was live, of course, and an enormous flash and bang accompanied my experimentation. Once more I was to escape unscathed.

Following this latest incident, I am beginning to wonder - do I have the power?Naah, just lucky I guess! Now, if only I could find my electric chair.... **GT**

Monster Hunt Of The Century

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THE CELESTIAL PSYCHOLOGIST

By Anthony North

IS GOD A SHRINK ?

Now there's a question to tantalize the intellectual taste buds. But in answering the question, I'm not necessarily talking of the God as identified strictly in the Bible, but more of a universal principle both within and outside us. But then again, looking at the established religions a moment, doesn't praying make you feel better? Isn't that the same thing as consultation with a good old shrink?

ASTROLOGY

One universal principle that is older than all the established religions is astrology. A form of analysis, astrology works on the premise that, seeing the planets follow exact and regulated courses which can be predicted exactly, then their progress could give indications as to how our lives will unfold. This principle is immortalised in the phrase 'as above, so below,' believed to have been devised by the mystic Hermes Trismegistos.

The idea is well entrenched in the human psyche that the astral bodies can affect us. Consider the term *lunatic*, derived from the word for moon; luna. One materialist attempt to explain such a connection between the planets and man concerned the moon's effect on tidal influences. We know that tides are caused by the gravitational pull of the moon and the sun. So, goes the theory, seeing that WE are made up of vast amounts of water, perhaps this gravitational pull also affects us. Of course, this idea of our bodily waters sloshing about within us, stimulating various chemicals and hormones, fails to take into account the fact that the gravitational pull of the nearest building far outweighs the pull of the moon. Nice try - but zero out of ten.

A JUNG APPROACH

One of the most courageous attempts to fathom astrology came about through Carl Jung, when he devised the term *synchronicity*; a non-causal series of events that can only be explained as coincidence. Personally, I believe this theory is quite close to the mark regarding the fundamental principle at work in astrology,

but this paper is not so much designed to explain this principle, but a spin-off idea within astrology.

MUMBO - JUMBO

It is becoming increasingly popular for 'astrologers' to predict personal events on a day-to-day basis. Practically every newspaper and magazine now has its 'stars' column, predicting what is likely to happen in the near future. Of course, it is easy to see that this is mumbo-jumbo, as many true astrologers would be the first to admit. The main problem with the idea is that only twelve options are offered - one for each house of the Zodiac. Considering that there are millions of people who read them, it is ridiculous to assume that the 'stars' could be right for everyone. But if this is the case, why do we hear from thousands of people that the 'stars' DO correctly indicate their lives?

The sceptic would turn around and say that the 'stars' are so cleverly written that anyone could find something 'encouraging' in every one of the house analyses. And they could well be right, especially when you consider that you can dupe a person into accepting the house analysis of the wrong Zodiac sign. However, the sceptic fails to take into account the psychology of the believer.

THE RIGHT QUESTION

A true believer believes that what the astrologer writes is correct. This assumption is no different from the Christian Fundamentalist, who accepts the Bible as a literal truth. He knows the Bible is a truth because he believes and that is all that counts. What we should all be asking - including the sceptic - is WHY the believer believes?

If we look back at history, we don't have to search for very long before an apparent truth presents itself. Throughout man's past, he has lived by the *Guardian Angel Syndrome*. The main driving force of man's communal endeavour has been to build belief structures. The central impulse has been the devising of gods. However, with the decline of the supernatural, similar structures were created,

such as the scientific and political. All these trains of thought share a common factor; the need to devise something bigger than us - our gods, our accumulating of knowledge of the cosmos, our great political leaders and ideologies. All these things make us feel safe. We need this feeling of safety due to our 'smallness' compared to the universe. The universe frightens us to hell, and we need the comfort of belief to guard against it. This principle can even be observed in such things as infatuation; the social trend to bring us together into something bigger through fashion, or how about the fan club, hyping up the pop star to godly status? They protect us - make us feel safe. And this principle also explains why people believe in astrology.

With astrology we can be as one with the heavenly bodies. But whilst this gives an indication as to WHY we believe, we are far from an understanding as to HOW it maps out our lives.

The sceptic would say we only see what we want to see. I would say, so does he. Perhaps we should look at the absurdity of the 'stars' ruling our daily lives within the patterns of other phenomena.

THE DARK SIDE

There are other belief systems that seem to defy logic. A perfect example is *Voodoo*. A mixture of tribal African principles and Christianity, Voodoo has a darker side - far less prevalent than is popularly believed - which apparently gives people the power to curse others, often bringing about their deaths. Known as hexing or malediction, the cursor slowly works on the victim until he dies. Although believed by many to be primitive and un-godly in Christian eyes, let us not forget that the Christian God has struck down many sinners in his career. However, rationalism is beginning to creep into the study of such things as curses.

There is a term known as *vegal inhibition*.

Without going into a deep medical analysis, the crux of vegal inhibition is a sense of hopelessness. It is a bodily reaction to a situation that the subject cannot escape, prompted by a psychological acceptance of this fact. Following initial panic, the sufferer begins an alternative response characterised by the slowing down of his bodily mechanisms. At the ultimate point of the process, the body stops - and the sufferer dies. Dying of a broken heart, or simply being frightened to death, is now an accepted ill.

BELIEF CONQUERS

Death through hopelessness has even been replicated in the laboratory with rats. And what is the main principle involving Voodoo death? The victim must KNOW that a curse is upon him. If he truly believes the curse will work, IT WILL; in the same manner that a Christian Fundamentalist can survive the greatest of traumas; or the will to live can have profound effects on the longevity of the cancer sufferer.

If we look at the more commercial end of astrology in this way, then we have an indication as to how the believer sees truths in the 'stars.' His beliefs dictate the odds. The 'suggestions' of how his life is planned become the guiding principles of the life he leads.

This is only my own personal belief, of course. There is no absolute proof to back up my thoughts on the subject; only patterns within life suggestive of the fact. But there IS one other pattern that leads me to suspect the truth in my assumption. This comes from the sceptic himself. What would he say of the daily prediction in the newspaper?

"*Huh, bunkum! In no way do any of these predictions come true in my life.*"

DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE

Of course they don't, mate. But why not? Perhaps because they rule your life too - by directing you to live your own life, but in an opposite fashion. © A. North

What The "Experts" Had To Say

"There is no plea which will justify the use of high-tension and alternating currents, either in a scientific or a commercial sense."

---Thomas A. Edison, *Inventor*, 1889.

"I confess that in 1901, I said to my brother Orville that man would not fly for 50 years...Ever since, I have distrusted myself and avoided all predictions..."

---Wilbur Wright, *aviation pioneer*, 1908.

VIBRATIONS, POWER SITES AND QUARTZ CRYSTAL (CONC.)

More than two hundred of these stones are sited in the North-South alignment and are named after Arthur. But Arthur does not signify a known Celtic name, points out Mr. Williams. In Welsh, the name means *Great Bear* and he suggests that this may be indicative of the power system being based on polar magnetism.

Moreover, he reckons that the roofing, lintel or cap stones were placed there as rocking stones, in order to operate the power system as and when necessary. This knowledge, if true in essence, is instrumental in unfolding a great deal of information wholly relevant to alien spacecraft manifestations around Stonehenge, Avebury Rings and masses of ancient burial barrows and tumuli around the Warminster area.

Could it be that Arthur was the famous King Arthur of the adventuring Round Table band of knights - those goodly men of honour and virtue who fought long and nobly for human rights and upholding of the Christian faith? And that the Great Bear star constellation is aligned to King Arthur and his illustrious father?

It can readily be appreciated that this would produce a stratum of fact from the slurry of legend. If there is a bond of unity in the suppositions, it would partly explain

why so many Ufo's threading their bright light through aerial lanes over Warminster seem to originate - or initially become noticed in that particular stretch of the Northern sky.

If the Arthurian legends are not entirely mythical, his identity - obscured so far by fanciful fictional embroidery and heavily embellished trivia - may be synonymous with that of enlightened space beings from that distant galaxy. Is that where our Outer Space entities hail from?

According to thinkers who are not shallow in their visionary concepts today, who refuse to follow either the pseudo-religious or pseudo-scientific blind alleys in investigation, appreciating that there is far more to Ufo sightings and recorded landings than visibly meets the eye, these ancient power sites were centres used by knowledgeable crews and passengers so that alien spaceships could recharge magnetic power units to minimise gravity pull and leave Earth easily after landing.

Already, scientists and chronologists have constructed revolutionary atomic timepieces, that involve crystal and quartz principles, which regulate and alter dimensions according to alternating current flowing through the crystals - expanding or contracting in correspondence to the strength and weakness of electronic current output.

Frequency oscillations are set up, energy flows stabilised so that perfect time is kept, thanks to humble crystals. It is much more a complicated technical process than these lay terms outline, but gives some notion of the value of quartz crystal, more widely recognised than formerly and

yielding new discoveries in a constant stream.

Experiments conducted with quartz crystal and incorporating electrical fields of high vibratory impact and intensity, might bring worthwhile results in the formulation of revelatory propulsion methods. Ultrasonic waves, tremendous sound forces directed or angled at crystals then deflected from them, may produce surprises also in the way of harnessable laser beams, the crystals sparkling and transformed by dynamic light energy.

It could well be that some of these cosmic secrets are being delved into nowadays, in a peaceful sense as well as for warlike aims. We are aghast at the shocking discovery that ultrasonic waves can kill in a gruesome manner from large distances, entering the victim's ear and dissolving the brain en route to exit the hearing organ.

Almost all solid matter is basically crystalline in nature and scientists have correctly gauged how to exploit the properties of various sorts of crystal in order to develop lasers, televisions, computer chips, photography and many more inventions of the modern age.

Clocks and watches, entirely electrical in action except for the timekeeping element of a quartz crystal maintained in visibly imperceptible vibrations of current, are the most consistent and accurate known in the world today. And there are vast masses of unquarried crystals lying beneath the surface of the Earth.

Crystals have a regularity of formation, an inward strength and outward beauty that make a perpetual challenge in an

inspiring field of scientific enquiry. There may be confirmatory relevance in the fact that Brasil - where reported landings of Ufo's have been most frequent - teams with rock and quartz crystal compared with other countries and their supplies.

A term often referred to by economic and political journalists, especially, is the studied art of 'crystal gazing.' What future fortune or disaster does the crystal ball reveal? Mystics claim that knowledge radiates from a polished ball of rock crystal, enabling them to see the shape and course of coming events. Fortune-tellers gaze deeply into the glowing hearts of quartz spheres to divulge more personal data to clients.

It is immaterial whether we choose to credit or deny such claims. What is acceptable is that quartz, in addition to constituting the most common crystalline substances of all in the scientific study known as crystallography, has a unique range of interesting properties by no means yet exhausted.

The loveliness of crystalline forms is comparable to the sheer artistry and delicate mould of those miniature poems of Nature: flowers. Although they appear in more utilitarian settings - such as asbestos or pottery, ice cream or human teeth, even. The range and scope of their potential is enormous.

Yes - there could be a definite link between crystals and Ufo power.....

by PRILIP SURESHWAR

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The "Witch of Wall Street"

Mother To The World's Wildest Family

In 1865, at the age of thirty, American Henrietta ("Hetty") Howland Robinson Green inherited about \$10-million from her father, a devout Quaker and went on to become one of the richest, meanest and wierdest women of her generation.

Fortified by several other large inheritances, Hetty determined to enter the world of high finance, specializing in gold, railroads, bonds, real estate and private loans to businesses. It wasn't long before her obvious talent in these dealings transformed her into the wealthiest woman in America and most likely the world. In one bank alone, she maintained a balance of well over \$31-million.

Hetty's business philosophy was a simple one: be persistent, be shrewd, be thrifty, buy at low prices and sell at high prices. In no time at all her shrewdness had earned her the nickname, "Witch of Wall Street." But in view of her immense wealth, it was her obsession with thrift that astounded all who knew her.

She reportedly lived in the cheapest cold water tenement she could find in Hoboken, NJ, just across the river from New York City. At home she would eat nothing but cold oatmeal in order to save on cooking costs. When out, Hetty always carried with her a purse full of broken biscuits bought cheaply from a bakery and these allowed her to avoid eating at restaurants.

Her wardrobe consisted mostly of tattered rags which were seldom washed - not that she was prone to washing herself, either. Every shopkeeper with whom she dealt hated her because she would invariably haggle with them over pennies. She would even bring her own empty bottles to the pharmacy when medicine was needed, so as to save a few cents on the cost.

Despite her strange habits, Hetty married a millionaire named Edward H. Green. She and Green abruptly fled to London for a time when it appeared that she was on the verge of being taken to court by her cousins in connection with a forgery matter. While in London, she gave birth to her two children Edward H. ("Ned") and Sylvia.

Returning to the United States, she eventually split with her husband and, with the children, resumed her bizarre lifestyle. This time in a seedy furnished room in a rundown area of Brooklyn. Each day, after Hetty was finished reading her newspaper, she would send young Ned down to the street to sell it and recoup her investment.

Hetty's daughter, Sylvia, grew into a meek and drab young lady who wore out-of-date styles and was constantly reminded by her mother that any suitors she might have would be interested only in the family fortune.

Ned, at age fourteen, had a sledding accident that severely damaged his knee. Rather than pay for medical attention, Hetty tried to treat the wound herself, despite the fact that it had become badly infected. The knee finally caused Ned so much pain that there was no choice but to seek medical attention. Dressing Ned in his

most ragged clothing, they showed up at the charity clinic of Bellevue Hospital. Hetty had become so well known by then, that it wasn't long before she was recognized. Told she would have to pay for Ned's treatment, Hetty refused and took the lad home, continuing to tend the knee herself. Years later, Ned's leg had to be amputated, simply because it hadn't been looked after properly in the first place.

When Hetty died in 1916, she left an estimated fortune of some \$100-million (other reports estimate \$200-million.) She had never parted with a single cent to charity, or hospital, or a library, or college, nor had she made any provisions in her last will and testament. The huge fortune was split between Ned and Sylvia.



After her ex-husband died in 1902, Hetty dressed only in black, a factor that contributed to her nickname of "The Witch of Wall Street." She wore the same ragged and unwashed black dress for so long that it eventually turned a strange shade of green.

Following a childhood under the miserly influence of Hetty, Ned was let loose and systematically worked his way through his inheritance at the rate of \$3-million a year. By

today's standards it amounts to an opulent lifestyle, but seventy years ago it was beyond imagination.

Nicknamed "Colonel Green," Ned quickly became famous for his lavish and often lurid excesses and purchases. He spent enormous amounts on homes, luxury yachts, young girls and even diamond-studded chamberpots! Ned ended his life an eccentric spendthrift playboy, thanks to his miserly mother. **GL**

Further Reading on Hetty Green & Family

The Day They Shook the Plum Tree, by Arthur H. Lewis.

The People's Almanac #3, David Wallechinsky and Irving Wallace, Bantam Books, 1981, New York, NY.

The World's Greatest Cranks & Crackpots, Margaret Nicholas, Brookthrift/Simon & Schuster, 1984, New York, NY.



According to a report in the *Hull Packet* of 12-07-1845, "During the heavy thunderstorm last week a shower of frogs fell from one of the supercharged clouds of the Humber. Several dropped on the decks of vessels navigating the river and a portion of the coasts near Kingholme Lights was, for a time, covered by myriads of the strange arrivals." The *Sheffield Independent* recorded "hundreds of thousands of small frogs," following a heavy thunderstorm in August, 1850. The road between Parkgate and Marboro' was covered for at least 3/4 mile with what turned out to be tadpoles.

CHARLES FORT SPEAK

"Witchcraft always has a hard time until it becomes established and changes its name."

"...if it's plausible, accept it at least temporarily..."

"...nothing is of itself complete but is part of a continuous operation..."

"Science has done its utmost to prevent whatever science has done."

Rosicrucians Run Like Clockwork

CHRISTIAN ROSENCREUTZ, a 15th Century German philosopher, while travelling in the Holy Land fell dangerously ill at a place called Damcar. He was visited by some learned Arabs, who claimed him as their brother in science and they reportedly unfolded to him by inspiration all the secrets of his past life, both of thought and of action.

On restoring him to health, by means of the philosopher's stone, they afterwards instructed him in all their mysteries. He returned to Europe in 1401, at the age of 23, and is said to have lived for a further 83 years - dying in 1484.

Many years later, a man digging the ground near where the philosopher lay interred met with a small door, having a wall on each side of it. His curiosity, coupled with greed at the thought of buried treasure, soon prompted him to force open the door.

He was immediately surprised by a sudden

blaze of light and discovered a fair sized vault illuminated from within. At the upper end of it was a statue of a man in armour, sitting by a table and leaning on his left arm. He held a truncheon in his right hand and had a lamp burning before him.

The man had no sooner set one foot within the vault than the statue, erecting itself from its leaning posture, stood bolt upright. Another step and the statue lifted the truncheon in its right hand. Venturing still further, the statue responded to the man's approach by breaking the lamp with a furious blow which shattered it into hundreds of pieces.

It wasn't long before the discoverer of Rosencrutz's sepulchre returned accompanied by a crowd of country people, who came armed with lights. They duly examined the statue and found it to have been manufactured of brass. The mechanism inside it was clockwork. The floor of the vault was all loose and underlaid with several springs which, upon any man's entering, naturally triggered that which had happened.

Rosicrucians, say his disciples, made use of this method to show the world that he had re-invented the ever-burning lamps of the ancients - though he resolved that no one except *British Gas* should reap any advantage from the discovery.

ANIMAL ODDITIES have always held a special fascination for me, and mice that have quite literally sung for their supper are no exception.

No squeaky rodents these, as one correspondent related in his letter published by the *Dumfries Standard* in February, 1849. The writer recorded hearing odd sounds, resembling the notes of a canary or linnnet, resounding in his kitchen over many weeks. Only after keeping a careful watch one night did he identify the culprit as none other than a common house mouse.

A bird fancier in Davenport was listening to what he imagined to be a little warbler, from some mysterious corner of his room during November, 1852. A newspaper report at the time stated, "the creature would regularly pour forth at intervals its music upon the man's astonished ear." His curiosity now thoroughly aroused, the householder set about making good his capture of the whiskered culprit.

A dozen or so mice were to fall into a trap, before perseverance was rewarded by the acquisition of the little songster. So impressed was the man by the throaty renditions from his captive mouse, he duly transferred it to a cage where it continued to provide entertainment and "delight the ears of those who heard it," for quite some time.

In the 1960's, *Popular Science Monthly* also gave mention of a similar incident involving American Philip Ryal, who was continually disturbed during the night by the warbling of a female wood mouse tucked away in his chimney.

Biologist John Farr later reported in *Zoologist* magazine on the results of his experimentation with musical mice. He suspected that their sound was created by the grinding of the animals' mini gnashers, but observations carried out while the mice were eating revealed that this never hindered mouse melodies.

Strangely, mice even sing when chased from their nests, which would seem to dispel the notion that it is an expression of joy or contentment. Well, I can hear the approach of Tom, so

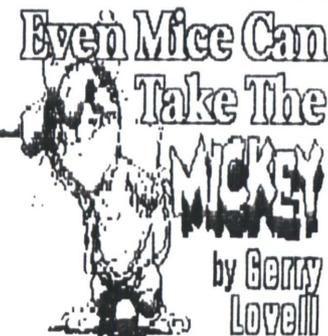
AT LAST - ORDER IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE OF COMMONS officials recently opened a locked door in the office of the Speaker, and discovered a suite of 25 altics that no-one currently working in the Palace of Westminster was aware of.

According to a report in *The Daily Telegraph* of 23.04.91, the rooms were formerly used to house servants who staffed the Speaker's quarters, and were last inhabited in 1945.

The newspaper account chided the seven Speakers who had held the post since 1945, for their lack of curiosity and failure to inquire what went on behind a locked door in their office.

With tongue in cheek, the article concluded: "They might have looked to see if Victor Grayson, the former labour MP whose mysterious disappearance has never been explained, had accidentally locked himself inside."



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A Voyage Of The
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Dwarfed By A Whopper Of A Tale

Congratulations to the editorial team at The Visitor ; a monthly journal based in Castle Cary, Somerset. Their 'exclusive' story in the April issue gave details on the discovery of a chalk carving cut into a hillside, and located just a short distance from the celebrated Cerne Abbas Giant.

It seems that aerial photographs, taken during circle spotting flights over the Dorset countryside in 1990, led to the uncovering of the 65 ft high figure, dubbed 'The Cerne Abbas Dwarf.' Ufologists, Celtic deities and even Germanic mythology all got a mention in the article, compiled with the co-operation of the *Society of Celtic Archaeological Metaphysics*.

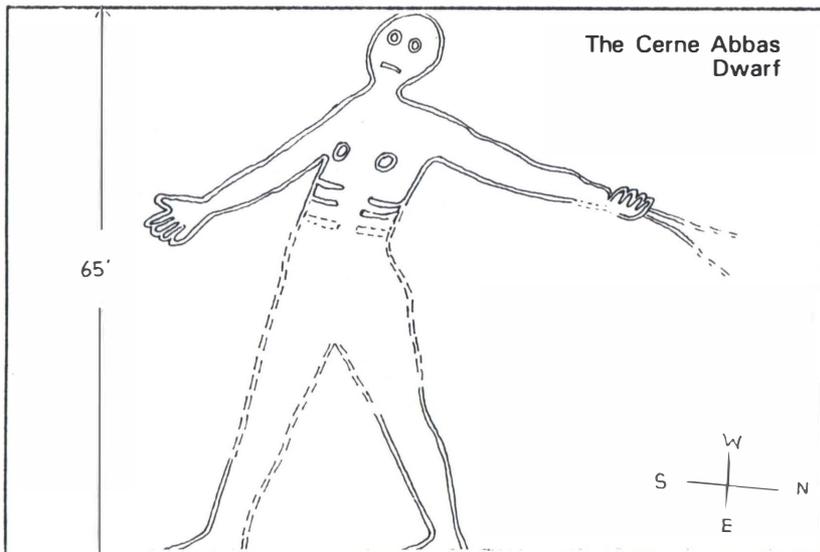
I'll be honest, for a while I was almost fooled - so well written was the text, although certain elements of it rang alarm bells. A quick call, followed by a charge of 'April Fool' to the Visitor's editorial office, soon brought an acknowledgment of this fact. **GI**

For your enjoyment, printed below are the concluding paragraphs to that article:

"The newly discovered figure is much smaller, 65ft from head to toe, and by its pose cannot be carrying a club. A spear, perhaps, or a sling. Speculation on the identity of this figure will intensify now that its existence is made public, and three theories have already surfaced.

"First, he is King Diomedes, who specialised in feeding strangers to his mares and who fought (with a spear?) Hercules in round 9 of the latter's 12 heroic 'labours.' Second, the Giant is the Biblical Goliath and the smaller figure is David in the act of launching his slingshot. Third, he is a dwarf, a supernatural being in Germanic mythology and regarded as a powerful healer by the Celts. Dwarf and giant are connected in English literary history, as in 'As a dwarf syltyn on a geant's nekke' (1387), leading to the proverb 'A dwarf on a giant's shoulders sees the furthest of the two.'

"If the figure is a dwarf, the 'look-out' of the proverb, an historical connection can be made with the monks of Cerne Abbey. In the Middle Ages the monks owned Brownsea Island and its sole inhabitant was a hermit who rightly lit a beacon to guide ships into safe haven"



JUST WHO IS OUT THERE

THE WILD PLACES
Kevin McClure, 20
Trenbear Street, St Austell,
Cornwall PL25 5NY

Pub: Paranormal Journal
(see above)

STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATIONS
14 McKinlay Crescent, Alloa,
Clackmannanshire, Scotland,
FK10 3RX

Pub: 'Enigmas'

CSICOP(UK)
P.O. Box 475, Manchester,
M60 2TH

Pub: 'The Skeptic'

LONDON EARTH MYSTERIES CIRCLE
3 Bucknalls Drive, Bricket
Wood, Herts, AL2 3XJ

Pub: 'LEMC Journal'

QUEST INTERNATIONAL
The Cottage, Greenway,
Carlton-in-Lindrick, Worksop,
Notts, S81 9ES

Pub: 'Quest'

...AND WHAT IS GOING ON

Abduction talk

Abductee Elsie Oatensen speaks at the BUFORA lecture on May 4, held at the London Business School, Sussex Place, Outer Circle, Regents Park, London NW1.

An account of her own personal experience, entitled "Abduction and Afterwards," commences at 6.30pm.

Lyon Conference

A two-day Ufo Conference, organised by *SOS-OVNI*, is taking place at Lyon in France, on May 18-20. Cost is around £100 and includes accommodation, meals etc. Details from: BP 324, 13611 Aix-en-Provence, France.

DRAWING INFORMATION FROM MAPS

JOHN SPEED, a well respected English 17th century map maker, was renowned for both the accuracy and detail of his work. Much of it, fortunately, has survived the passing of time and now forms part of a greater collection at the British Museum.

His map of Herefordshire (1611) documents, in the form of a drawing and accompanying narrative, an interesting solar phenomenon and historical event; both of which occurred on the same fateful day (that of the Virgin Mary's Purification) in 1461.

In a field located between Ludlow and Hereford, a great battle was fought between Jasper, Earl of Pembroke; James Bucke, Earl of Ormond and Wiltshire and their opponent, Edward, Earl of March. Upwards of 3800 men were slain and the two Earls were forced to flee for their lives.

Speed further records: "Where in before the battle was struck, appeared visibly in the firmament three Sunnes, which after a while joyned all together and became as before, for which cause (as some have thought) Edward afterward gave the Sunne in his full brightness for his badge and cognizance"

GI



John Speed at work.

Spirited Children Of The Alps

By
Gerry
Lovell

it away, leaving her cut and bruised.

Several accounts of eagles attacking children appear in *Animal Life In The Alps*, published in the mid 19th century. Often, not even the bodies of victims were ever recovered - seemingly having been spirited away in the talons of those powerful birds.

In the Bernese Oberland, Ann Zurbuchen, a three-year old child, accompanied her parents during haymaking and was placed by them on the ground near a stable. The child soon fell asleep and the father covered her face with his straw hat, before returning to work.

On returning shortly with a bundle of hay, he found his daughter no longer there and looked for her in vain. In the meanwhile, peasant Heinrich Michael passed near to a wild path and was astonished to hear a child crying. On approaching, he saw an eagle rise and hang poised above a precipice. Ann was retrieved having suffered only minor injuries.

Sadly that was not the case when an eagle seized a herdsman's child seated on a rock in the Silver Alps. Before the man could drive the bird away, it began to tear the youngster to pieces and afterwards dropped him into an abyss.

Likewise in Murra, above the Lenterbacher Valley, an eagle carried off a child from the village to an inaccessible rock across the valley. After landing on the ridge it too devoured its human prey.

On June 8, 1838, two children named Josephine Doles and Mary Lombard were playing together on a smooth rock at the foot of Majori l' Alesk, in Wallis. Suddenly Mary appeared crying at the door of a neighboring hut and breathlessly related that her companion had suddenly disappeared in the thicket.

It was not until August of that year before the body of Mary Lombard was finally recovered - from a remote and dangerous part of the rock, much higher up the mountain.

ABDUCTIONS OF CHILDREN by eagles are nowadays something of a rarity. We may all share a sense of relief at this, but it is partly due to the fact that the eagle is a declining species. The hunter has become the hunted.

In its issue # 55, the *Fortean Times* recorded an incident involving a luckless Iranian couple; whose two-year old child was snatched by an eagle during a family picnic near Isfahan, in March, 1990.

An Italian mother was somewhat more fortunate in 1974, when an eagle swooped on her young child as the pair were out walking in an alpine region of that country. She battled the bird of prey as it struck ferociously at them and finally succeeded in driving

Cheddar Gorge, a well known tourist spot just a few miles from where I live, has gone all high-tech. It seems that this season's visitors to the famous prehistoric caves will be able to participate in an interactive 'myth and magic' adventure deep underground. *Green*

As if that wasn't bad enough, entrepreneurs were only just halted from building a plastic Camelot this summer, near Yeovil, in Somerset. I'm sure King Arthur was about to revolve around his table.

Spotted on a board outside a local hostelry was an ad for *Stonehenge* ale no less. Something to get stoned on, I'll bet!

That doyen of the sci-fi fraternity, and a Somerset man at that, Arthur C. Clark has recently ended his repeat program of strange worlds on Sky TV. Incidentally, if you have satellite television, watch out for the latest documentary series of *Unsolved Mysteries*. 8pm Saturdays on Sky One. The US production re-opens and examines unsolved cases involving monsters, UFO's, ghosts, witchcraft etc.

Tickets to this year's UK 'biggy' - the *6th International UFO Congress* - are only available from: Congress 91, 84 Elland Road, Brighouse, West Yorkshire, HD6 2QR. The conference takes place over the weekend of August 16-18 at the Library Theatre, Sheffield, S. Yorkshire.

Yet another 'occasional' new feature in the magazine. File 13 will contain mostly information that relates in some way to the county of Somerset, where a high proportion of our membership lives. It will also include any late news of general interest. **GL**



UNDER Review

An occasional look at some of the publications received in exchange and available to the reader.

- ♦ **EARTH** - As the title of this A5 format magazine suggests, the content is very much grounded in earth mysteries and energy, as well as leylines, rune magic and fortean events. Issue #17 includes illustrated reports on forays to the Isle of Arran, Isle of Man and Bradford. The latter very much close to home as this publication is also a "Literary Manifestation" of the *Yorkshire Earth Mysteries Group*. Well produced and informative, if I had a gripe it would be about the Book Review section. While concise and of a high standard, it does seem a little weighty in taking up 25% of the magazine. The issue reviewed also contained an exceptional in-depth commentary on the alleged "Oz Factor."

28pp - 6 issues pa - £1 ea / £5 yr - Editor: Paul Bennet, 20 Stonegate Road, Thorpe Edge, Bradford BD10 0HF, West Yorkshire.

- ♦ **THE UFO DEBATE** - You possess an appetite for all things Ufological? Well, in this magazine there exists a veritable cornucopia of related subject matter to delight the cupid! Yes, it seems the issue I reviewed (*Vol.2 #1*) is a departure from the norm for a editorial team that decided to drop illustrations, as found in most magazines. Their reasoning is to be applauded, "..... we think that readers want to read about ufology - not just look at pictures." Consequently, we are left with a lot of reading and some good stuff too, with articles and features predominating. Now into its second year, 'The UFO Debate' (a publishing arm of the *British Earth Mysteries Society*), intends widening its parameters to include both fortean and ghost "stories" - not so diverse from the Ufo topic, perhaps, as some would have us believe. How about just the odd pic or two guys?

32pp - 6 issues pa - £1.40 ea / £8 yr - Editor: David Barclay, 40 Stubbing Way, Shipley, West Yorkshire, BD18 2EZ.

- ♦ **NORTHERN UFO NEWS** - The often down-to-earth no nonsense approach of its editor, Jenny Randles, is reflected in the pages of this A5 magazine. You want Ufo news, views, reports accompanied by updates and case histories? Then you will find them here and not just of a local nature either. It's also nice to see evidence of 'investigation' and if a mundane explanation of strange events is uncovered, then it doesn't get glossed over. NUFON represents input from some 15 regional groups, which in turn are affiliated to BUFORA.

16pp - 6 issues pa - £1 ea / £6 yr - NUFON, 37 Heathbank Road, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, Cheshire, SK3 0UP.

MR. LONG'S COLUMN

An 88-year-old Canadian man did not know he had shot himself in the head until doctors found a bullet hole in his skull 18 days later.

Police report the man had been walking upstairs at his home in New Hamburg, Ontario, when a gun he was carrying went off. - AP

POLICE IN WESTERN China have arrested a poor farmer who killed his 78-year-old mother by burying her alive. He claimed a dream directed him to do it to achieve good fortune. - *Reuters*

SCIENTISTS CLAIM THE true date of the Crucifixion was Friday, April 3, AD33 and coincided with a lunar eclipse, in which the moon "turned to blood."

Dr.'s Humphries and Waddington, of Oxbridge, came up with the date after several years of analysis using astronomical records, an ancient manuscript, a Biblical reference to an eclipse, and taking into account changes in day length over 2,000 years.

The Stars Of India

IT SEEMS MANY of India's politicians and civil servants conduct much of their decision making following consultations with astrologers, palmists, numerologists and occultists. Rahul Bedi, in a special report for *The Sunday Times* of 24.03.91, highlighted just how much his country's decisions are governed by the stars.

For example, Chandra Shekhar, the outgoing prime minister, spent many of his days in office conducting his affairs according to the most propitious astrological timings. He is one of the few Indian politicians who publicly defends astrology as an ancient Indian science. It is something that all Indians grow up with.

Most have horoscopes - an elaborate grouping of Sanskrit symbols and diagrams prepared on the basis of date, place and exact time of birth aided by ancient logarithm tables which detail all star movements.

CROP CIRCLE CONFLAGRATION

I have to agree with you in your article rubbishing the crop circle hysteric (*Vol.2 #2*). It seems to me that people are too quick to jump on any new bandwagon that happens along. I suppose it sells books, and glossy pictures with well photographed circles in a field of crops look undeniably soul inspiring.

It's an old story but with a new name. For example, the 'pictograms' (which are obvious fakes) were treated as a significant development and various parts ascribed names, such as: spurs, keys, claws, grapeshot etc. It almost lends an air of scientific respectability to it. What piffle!

Why do these people dismiss the obvious hoaxes and yet cling to an idea that some percentage of crop circles defy rational explanation? It's obvious that their lack of knowledge or facts in such cases will always allow this viewpoint. It's based on pure supposition only. I know a lot of people agree with me on this, but it seems the 'publishers' pets' are almost encouraged to trot out their beliefs on a gullible UFO public.

Wake up everybody, we are being conned, and not just by the circle creators either!

Raymond Shearn, Newbury, Berks.

Ed comment: Hmmm, well Ray first things first. I was on the point of disagreeing with your comment that my article "rubbished" crop circles, but perhaps it read more like that than I intended. I certainly think the media hype has prompted some persons to comment and act in such a way as to add fuel to the fires of enthusiasm and speculation.

As to all circles being attributed to the handwork of mankind - I don't necessarily agree on that point. Some, certainly, in spite of all the facts, defy a rational explanation. Many of the crop circle sites I have visited were of a dubious nature, but these have been reported on at length and photographed, while ignoring numerous obvious signs of attributable cause.



A DUBIOUS COMPLIMENT

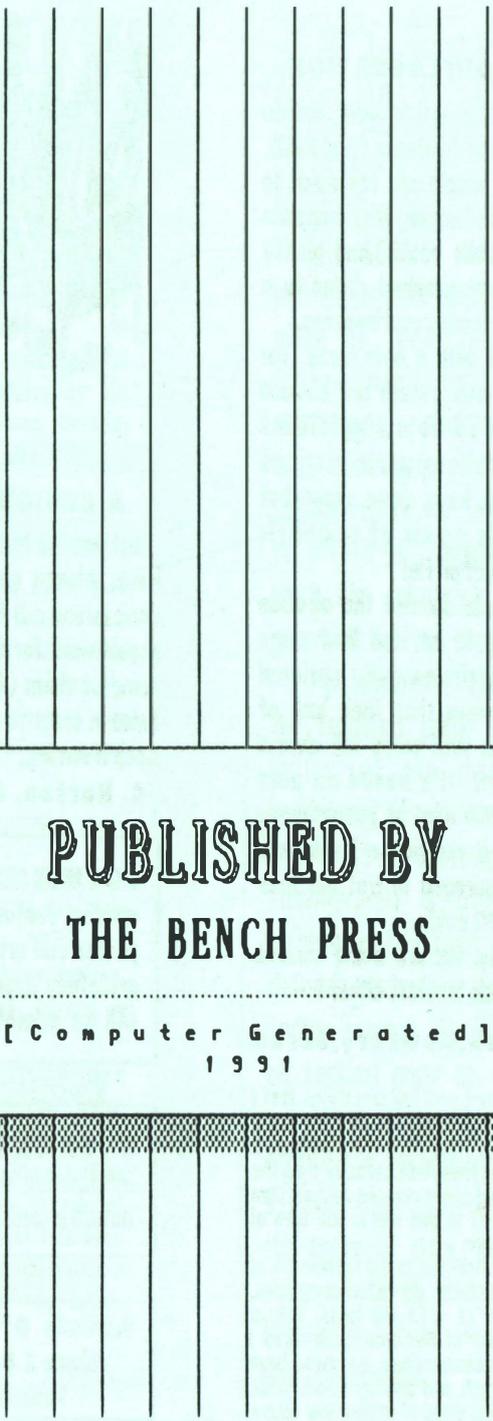
Just wanted to say thanks for the latest issue. Always get a chuckle (even if you don't intend it!) from your headlines. You should work for the 'Sun' or the 'Sport,' as some of them (*headlines*) I have to read twice in order to get the double meaning. Keep it coming.

C. Horton, Cardiff, S. Wales.

SUBMISSIONS in the form of articles, features, letters, clippings, photos and artwork etc., are always gratefully appreciated and if used, will be acknowledged accordingly.

EXCHANGE of publications and information with those of a similar nature is welcomed.

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