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LISTEN UP!

Firstly - if you were initially uncertain as to whether or not you had received your regular issue of *Enquiring*, let me reassure you that the magazine you have come to know and love lies within. It's just undergoing some adjustments.

Lancashire County Council got itself into a huff in June over the inclusion of two boys in a Mexican circus; booked to appear at Blackpool Tower for five months.

They have threatened legal action only because Danni Rasmos-Gomez, nine, and his brother Larri, 14, have hypertrichosis - a full covering of body and facial hair.

What's the problem? TV interviews at the time showed them both to be happy and apparently well-adjusted. They also have a valid act and the shock horror attitude, coupled with cries of exploitation by local officials and others seems, thank goodness, confined only to this country.

Go back to Mexico boys where you are taken for what you are. If you stay in the UK they will hide you away, and you really will end up with psychological disorders.

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THE INCIDENT I am about to relate was experienced by myself approximately 15 years ago, and has served to leave me puzzled ever since. I have no explanation for the strange set of events which unfolded that remarkable evening, and the occurrence will remain fresh in my memory for the rest of my life.

It was a cool and foggy late November evening when I returned to my flat at about 11pm. I lived alone then in a large Victorian house located in Bristol, which had previously suffered an unsympathetic conversion into various bedsits and flats. Much of the ornate plastering remained untouched, however, including ceiling moulding and a decorative picture rail.

After settling with a welcome cup of coffee and a book, I became aware of what I can only describe as a "presence" in the room. I quickly ignored such feelings and resolved to continue with my reading. Suddenly I realised that the mantle clock was silent - something that was unheard of, for it kept excellent time and had never failed me before.

Just at that moment a small blue glow appeared high up in a corner of my room. It quickly grew from a tiny spot of maybe one or two inches, until it had formed itself into a

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

BY JULIE ROBERTS

globe of light about five inches in diameter. I remember thinking my heart had stopped as well, for I was faced with something totally beyond my understanding.

I watched in disbelief, for perhaps 15 seconds or more, as the ball just hung there and

then it moved slowly and deliberately down the wall until coming to rest again near the picture rail. All this while I must have held my breath. I know I was transfixed by what was taking place and remember thinking that perhaps I had fallen asleep and was dreaming. But this certainly was no dream that night.

The light then very slowly and deliberately followed the course of the rail around my room. All the while my attention was focused upon it I became aware of a great feeling of peace and relaxation as the events gradually unfolded. When it had completed its circuit of my room, the light travelled at the same measured pace to the exact point of its original appearance, and seemed as if to rest a few minutes more.

Its departure was swift and sudden. I found myself gazing at the spot still, after it had vanished noiselessly a few seconds earlier. The ticking of my mantle clock was the only sound I could hear. Later I was to check its time with that of my watch, and found to my amazement that both registered exactly the same.

I have no answers for what transpired that night, but I do know that other people too have experienced similar happenings. I just wish I knew why and for what purpose. I believe that blue glowing globe was either intelligent or intelligently controlled. What do other readers think?

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TRAVELLERS TO INDIA and China had for centuries returned with amazing tales of impossible feats of magic, incredible tales of levitation and miraculous resurrections. With the occupation of India by the British Army, these accounts soon filtered their way back to England and a ever curious Victorian public.

The classic Indian rope trick, conducted by fakirs, was to become the most famous and intriguing of all. For in spite of later attempts to explain these incidents away as clever illusions, and indeed some were, photographs and even early cine film exists to deny the debunkers total victory. First

performed as long ago as the 14th century and maybe earlier, the rope suspension trick was always a closely guarded secret, with the details passing only from father to son within the family.

Traditionally the fakir would first cast a limp hemp rope heavenward a few times, until it would suddenly appear taut and stay aloft. Usually a young lad would then be ordered to climb up it, often under threat. In some instances a squabble between the two ensued and would end with the enraged fakir climbing up after the boy, before dismembering him and casting the body parts to the ground. On climbing down himself, the fakir would incredibly kick the mutilated body, only to find that the child would rise up completely whole.

The Indian rope trick in its purest form is now only a fading memory. It is said that no fakirs - an Arabic word meaning 'the humble ones' - exist who know how to perform it. Certainly no one living remembers having seen it performed, for by the mid 1940s all the old-time performers were far too ancient to contemplate carrying out the trick. One false slip and it could have meant a broken neck, as some ropes were reportedly cast as much as 2 or 300 feet in the air.

These Indian magicians could manage other staggering feats as well. Often before the very gaze of western witnesses, who would return to Europe and America with tales that were to astound an audience that had an appetite for mystery.

The mango was a favourite prop and featured in one account of 1847 in which an Indian juggler asked his attendant to bring a branch broken off the tree. He then held it at arm's length, all the while muttering incantations. The branch, which was green and without blossoms, suddenly began to sprout them one by one. When it was all but covered in them the man, still with his arm extended, muttered further incantations and his astonished audience watched while the blossoms fell in turn. Then, even more amazing, in their place appeared mangos which continued to swell in size to that of the ripened fruit.

In another incident, a fakir planted the seed of a mango, watered it and covered it with a cloth. While the man and his assistants continued their act the cloth was removed from time to time, revealing a steadily growing mango tree. The climax was reached when it finally bore fruit.

Sleight of hand? Mass hypnosis? Were these simple stage tricks after all? If so, why doesn't anyone perform these 'illusions' now I wonder?

Strange Tales of Indian Fakirs

ANDY CAPEL

Chuck Fort Chuckles!

At Middlesbrough-on-Tees a baby boy has been born with a tail about four to five inches in length. Upon examination at the age of four months, it was found to possess the properties of a limb; having bone, muscle, feeling and can be moved at the will of the child. (WSM Gazette 11.08.1855)

F O R T E A N A

BIBLICAL

BY D. WALMSLEY

AIMED NOT DIRECTLY at the atheists among the readership in particular, students of *Fortean* events have a rich source of abundant material to consider within the covers of The Holy Bible.

An example is the manna that supposedly fell from heaven as sustenance for the starving Israelites, during their Exodus from out of Egypt. Also the seven plagues which were predicted and which fell upon the Egyptians have Fortean connotations too. Numerous accounts in the New Testament, and Ezekiel in particular, refer consistently to fiery wheels, cylindrical airborne objects, strange clouds and non-earthly creatures.

Sennacherib, King of Assyria (704-681 BC), fought many campaigns from his capital at Nineveh. The Bible records a strange incident that took place during his second campaign, when his armies laid siege to *Hezekiah*, King of Judah. Defeat seemed certain at the hands of the Assyrian, when a mysterious catastrophe struck his troops.

A biblical account records: 'And it came to pass that night that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred four-score and five thousand. And when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.'

A startling explanation has been offered by the Greek historian *Herodotus*. He reports that an Egyptian priest told him that as the Assyrians approached the Egyptian frontier 'An army of field mice swarmed over their opponents in the night ... gnawed through their quivers and their bows, and the handles of their shields, so that on the following day they fled without their arms and a great number of them fell.'

We know the power that can be produced by soundwaves and just how devastating the effects can be. Was it really this that caused the walls of Jericho to fall, when Joshua ordered his troops to march round the city blowing rams' horn trumpets for six days? This followed another remarkable event - the crossing by the Israelites of the nearby River Jordan.

When the priests, carrying the Ark, stepped out off the banks of the river, the waters, say the Bible, 'stood and rose up upon an heap' upstream, so that Joshua's people were able to cross the emptied bed of Jordan.

If we feel inclined to discount miracles, it leaves only two questions about the taking of Jericho unanswered: what really made the walls of Jericho fall flat, and why did the waters of the River Jordan pile up to allow the Israelites to cross over so conveniently? More Fortean mysteries? - let's see.

First, let us take the drying up of part of the river. The Jordan could have been blocked by a sudden landslide. On the night of December 7 1267 AD, for instance, a huge mound on the western bank collapsed into the river and dammed it so that the Jordan ceased to flow along its normal course for sixteen hours.

And the fall of the walls? Quite probably the result of an earthquake. Jericho lies in an earthquake zone that runs across Asia. But could an earthquake and landslide have happened in roughly the same week? It is quite possible. But could both have occurred exactly at the times chosen by the Israelites to cross the Jordan and attack the first city in the Promised Land? So many questions, so few answers!

Annals Of The ...

Flight 19 was comprised of fourteen men, and five Avenger Torpedo Bombers. All were destined to become a part of the Bermuda Triangle mystery on that fateful day in December 1945. For it was to be their final flight. One which took them into the unknown and made them a part of The Lost Patrol. The reasons for their disappearance have remained as inexplicable as countless other incidents, which have been recorded in the area for centuries.

His discovery of the New World, during the 15th century, found Christopher Columbus on a voyage through the Triangle in the late 1400's. He reported inexplicable disturbances of the ship's compass, and both he and his men were terrified on seeing "a remarkable ball of fire" fall into the sea.

Most of you, I am sure, are quite familiar with the scores of published accounts relating to disappearances of ships, submarines, aircraft and people, all within or near that mysterious zone encompassing Florida, Puerto Rico and of course Bermuda.

Almost always, mostly due to a lack of facts or evidence, these incidents remain a puzzle and join the growing log of unsolved cases which is the enigma of the Triangle.

Now, at least some of that mystery may about to be revealed. According to news reports in mid-May, explorers have found what they believe to be The Lost Squadron, or at least a part of it.

The search team, operating some 10 miles off the coast of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, have located several aircraft in 750 foot of water. Film of the wreckage, taken by underwater cameras, has led to the planes being identified as US Navy TBM's of a type which went missing in 1945.

It looks as though the members of Flight 19 - who were on a training mission at the time - may have experienced similar compass problems to that of Columbus; lost their way and ran out of fuel before crashing into the sea.

If that proves to be the case, I suppose we are still left with another mystery. But such is life! **GT**

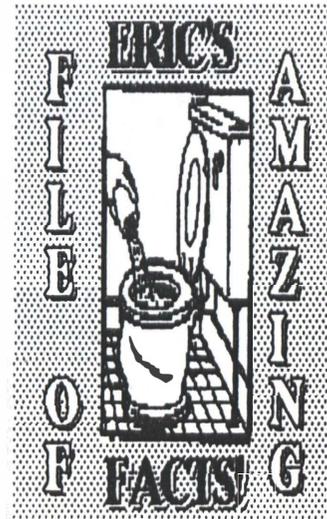
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A psychic prophet named Criswell claims that a black rainbow (a magnetic disturbance) will suck the oxygen off the earth in 1999.

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The Germans used to keep frogs as live barometers because they croak when the pressure drops.

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Did language have one source? Some have named the original language Indo-European. Many words in many languages sound similar. For example, the word for King in Latin is Rex, in Indian Raj, in Italian Re, in French Roi and in Spanish Rey.

Lost Patrol Mystery

SOME ANSWERS FROM THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE



Get Lost And Be Amazed !

YES, 1991 IS the *Year of the Maze*. This most ancient of manmade relics can be traced back over many thousands of years, to the time when mazes and labyrinths had a greater significance than simple enjoyment. Britain now has more mazes than any other country in Europe, with over a hundred now operating and others on the drawing board.

Among those newly opened is a Saxon beech maze at Sonning Common, Oxford, complete with 8th century sea creatures, and even a computer-designed plastic tiles trail at Flambarbs theme park in Cornwall.

Dedicated to those among you who knew that this article was scheduled to be published.

Classic Case Of Telepathy

PROFESSOR GILBERT MURRAY, the classical Greek Scholar, carried out many experiments in telepathy and obtained some remarkable results. One of his most amazing experiments was made with Arnold Tonybee, the famous historian, acting as the sender.

It was arranged that Tonybee should dictate a statement to a recorder while Professor Murray, the receiver, was safely out of hearing in another room, a point which was tested. Professor Murray then was to dictate to the

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recorder whatever he had received of Tonybee's message.

While Professor Murray was in the other room Tonybee dictated the following to the recorder:

"Isle of Capri, and on it is the old Master of Balliol (Strachan Davidson) and my uncle (Arnold Tonybee), and they are reading the Bible, and my uncle says what a good book it is, and Strachan Davidson is chuckling."

The recorder quoted Professor Murray as having received the following:

"I get someone on the Riviera being very funny about the book of Samuel. He had never read it. It's Italy, I am sure, and it's somebody being impressed by the Bible or talking about it as though he had never read it before. I get the name of Strachan Davidson. I should say it was at Naples, or some place with the blue sea all about. Should say it was Capri. Oh, your uncle Arnold Tonybee."

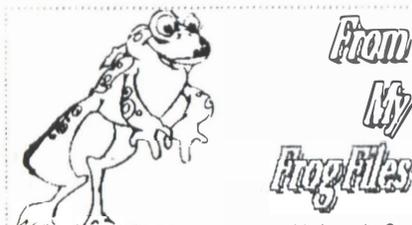
What The "Experts" Had To Say

"Jupiter's moons are invisible to the naked eye and therefore can have no influence on the earth ... and therefore do not exist."

— Group of *Aristotelian professors*, c.1610.

"The construction of an aerial vehicle which could carry even a single man from place to place ... requires the discovery of some new metal or some new force."

— Simon Newcomb *U.S. astronomer*, 1903.



What better than to commence this issue's *Frog File* with a story about a toad!

In January, 1856, a Mr. Hooper, of St. Catherines, near Bath, Somerset, cut down a pollard ash tree and discovered at its heart a very large toad. The tree was checked thoroughly for any possible signs of entry, but there was no hole. As for the toad, it was alive and, after a few minutes recovery, managed to crawl away.

An even stranger incident was reported by the sawyers of Her Majesty's dockyard Portsmouth, in May 1849.

They were sitting down a huge elm tree when they encountered a perfect bees nest, with four cavities, at the very centre. It measured 14 inches in length, and contained both the living bees in their cells and the queen bee.

The timber was perfectly sound, with no hole present to the outside and on removal of the nest, the men were surprised to further discover a small white frog also present.

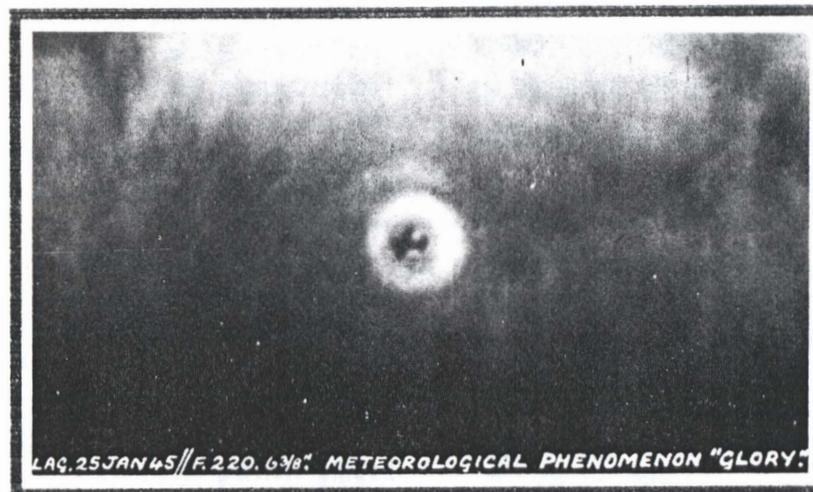
The connection between fairy rings and crop circles is obvious. They are both circular in outline and often appear as if by magic overnight in a field.

In Somerset, where legend runs deep and mysteries abound, the fairy ring was historically referred to as an *emerald ring*, or *sunring*. They were regarded as entrances to the Edge of Beyond, where the passing of time was much slower than in our world.

One regular site of such an event was on the side of a hill, named Black Down, between the villages of Pittminster and Chestonford - just a few miles from Taunton. At least once every summer, an emerald ring would appear among the grass, confounding the superstitious rustics of the area.

Black Down was the scene of a seven-foot diameter crop circle attributed to hoaxers, when it appeared among a farmer's crop in August, 1989.

Is this the evidence of a knowledgeable prankster, or perhaps the continuation of a legend?



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The photograph reproduced above is taken from *The Meteorological Magazine* of April, 1947, No. 898, Vol. 76. It shows a "glory," or rings of reddish orange light, which were observed to surround the shadow of a RAF Liberator aircraft flying near the Azores, on January 25, 1945.

The aircraft was at 5,000 ft. and the height of the top of the stratocumulus cloud, on which the glow was observed, was 3,000 ft. A member of the crew recorded the phenomenon.



He's nicknamed the 'Count,' and garbage collector David Wimp, of Riverton, Wyoming, is certainly living up to that title.

According to a report on *CBS Evening News* (15.05.91), Wimp spends all his spare time, evenings and weekends, adding by ones on his calculator. While filmed he had already passed the 3 million mark, after burning out some one dozen calculators and chomping through an estimated 40 miles of paper rolls.

Wimp regards it as a hobby, and has set himself the task of recording one billion on his machines. He estimates it will take him a further 30 years to achieve.

This Man Can Afford To Smile About Piles!



HE DECIDED NOT TO CONTINUE SITTING ON THEM. HE GOT OFF HIS BACKSIDE AND CONTRIBUTED. HE SENT IN PILES OF CLIPPINGS, ARTICLES, EVEN FEATURES AS WELL NOW HE FEELS BETTER!

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
WAS 46 years old when the Authorised Version of the Bible was published.
 In examining the translation of Psalm 46 the 46th word from the beginning is *shake* and the 46th from the end *spear*.

Prehistoric Zoo?

HOW COULD THE 100,000-year-old remains of a woolly rhino and a hippo be found together in a gravel pit outside Peterborough? It's got geologists puzzled, according to *The Daily Telegraph* of 13.04.91., because the two could not have lived in the same climate.

Gordon Chancellor, deputy curator of the city's museum, said *"The hippo would not have lived with other animals because it liked a warm climate, while the others needed cold."*

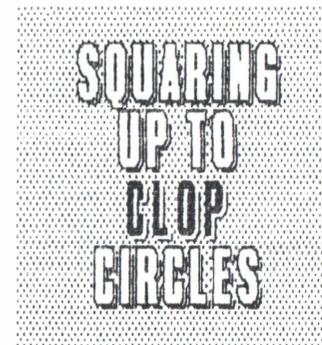
The remains were found along with those of a mammoth, horse and reindeer. It is like comparing animals of the Siberian tundra with one from the African subtropics.

Museum services curator Martin Howe is hoping visiting members of the Quaternary Research Association will be able to shed some light on the puzzle. Of the circumstances, Howe concluded, *"Something peculiar happened."*

A 20-STRONG TEAM of Japanese scientists spent three weeks in the UK, during late June and early July, conducting their own investigations into the crop circle mystery.

Led by Professor Yoshi-Hiko Ohtsuki, the team worked with Dr Terence Meaden, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, a meteorologist and author of several books on the phenomenon.

Prof Ohtsuki, of Waseda University, Tokyo, is a world expert on ball lightning and claims to have reproduced crop circles in the laboratory using electrical forces. His experiments back the theory of Dr Meaden, who maintains that the symmetrical patterns are created by electrically-charged columns of air known as "plasma



CORN-MOTHER IS SOMETHING OF A DUMBELL

SO FAR THIS year crop circles aren't getting much press although they have appeared in Wiltshire, Berkshire and several other southern counties. I myself spotted a circle in a field of rapeseed, while driving near Warminster, Wiltshire, in early June.

Just south of Reading, Berkshire, a farmer's field was studded with rectangular impressions and there have been reports of triangles and dumbbell-shaped outlines. The latter has been investigated by Dr Meaden and fellow members of Cres (Circle Effect Research), who examined the latest sites in mid-June at Avebury Trusloe and Beckhampton, near Marlborough.

Dr Meaden, whose current book suggests ancient Britons were inspired by the formations in crops to create stone circles like the one at Avebury, said: *"There has to be a good physical reason to make these dumbbells such a favoured occurrence."*

The Cres group members are currently conducting a 24-hour vigil at sites where circles have appeared in recent years. They are using radar and an automatic weather station, along with thermal imaging equipment. **GT**

vortexes."

In a report of his visit, carried by *The Daily Telegraph*, 22.06.91., Prof Ohtsuki was quoted as saying: *"We want to make clear that circle creation is by a natural physical power and not by UFOs."*

"We have ricefield circles in Japan, of which there have been 35 so far this year. It is a natural phenomenon, although perhaps 10 per cent are hoaxes."

As well as conducting research using sophisticated monitoring equipment from a secret site in Wiltshire, the Japanese also hoped to examine London Underground tunnels for evidence of dust circles, similar to the thousands of small circles they have found in Tokyo's Metro when electricity had been shut down at night.

Investigating Crop Circles

Lectures, debates, an exhibition, mystical and crop circle tours etc., are scheduled to take place in Glastonbury, Som the weekend of Friday 26 July. Among the researchers scheduled to attend are George Hingsfield, Richard Andrews, Buster Taylor, Isabel Kingson, Hamish Miller, Roland Furze and Stanley Messenger.

It's not cheap: £80 for a weekend ticket, plus meals and accommodation; although day tickets are available. Details from: Investigating Crop-Circles, Brigid Studio, 2-4 High St, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9DU. Tel: 0458-32533.

Mystery Aircraft Of The Bristol Channel

By Howard Hunter

THE BRISTOL CHANNEL experiences one of the most spectacular tidal fluctuations of any coastal region in the entire world. Approximately every twelve hours or so the muddied waters sweep up the narrowing mouth between England and South Wales at an alarming rate; with such power and force that the British Government is now actively pursuing plans to instal a tidal barrage from coast to coast just south of Bristol.

Historically the region has always attracted visitors of other shores. From the Romans, who traded in lead near Bridgewater almost two thousand years ago, to Viking plunderers. As recent as a century ago, motley crews of pirates operated from small islands such as Lundy and Steep Holm.

Now evidence exists of another form of visitor. Just who, and from where, I do not know. But the signs are there if we would care to look for them.

Peter Paget, in his book entitled "*The Welsh Triangle*," places the southernmost tip of this area at a point just west of the island of Lundy. Paget pursues many ideas, one of which is that extra-terrestrial life is conducting clandestine tunneling operations under the Atlantic Ocean.

Reports of Ufo's have been received from all parts of the globe. What makes the Bristol Channel unique in this respect, I think, is the inordinate amount of sightings linked to mysterious aircraft observed to crash into the waters. In every incident, officialdom has denied the loss of such equipment and, presumably, any life.

Yet what was it that Reginald Eaves and his wife witnessed disappear into the Bristol Channel off Minehead, one February afternoon in 1965? The couple were driving down a hill from Exford to Minehead when they both saw what appeared to be a grey fighter aircraft suddenly shoot by. It was travelling in the same direction as they were and no more than 50 yards from them.

Mr Eaves, a retired radio officer, brought the car to a hurried halt after his wife shouted that the plane was heading for the sea. He grabbed his binoculars and watched in horror as it continued its descent. "It landed then there was a puff of black smoke and nothing more was seen of it," he said later.

In spite of a check for any missing or overdue aircraft by an RAF Rescue Unit based at Plymouth, every plane had been satisfactorily accounted for and no wreckage ever recovered from the scene.

Two years earlier, a family were picknicking one summer Sunday on a clifftop overlooking Portishead when a greyish object, shaped like a plane, passed silently overhead at about two or three thousand feet. It was heading out to sea in the general direction of the Welsh coast when it suddenly veered sharply south and without warning plunged into the channel.

The startled watchers reported the incident to police and coastguard, but intense searches carried out later that day produced no trace of any crashed or wrecked craft. Authorities again were unable to explain what might have been involved.

Harold I Wilkins, in his book entitled "*Flying Saucers On The Moon*," gives an interesting account by two patrolling Porthcawl policemen, who saw what at first they took to be a ship on fire in the Bristol

Wingless "Aircraft" Buzzes World War 2 Soldiers On Secret Military Test Range

On the evening of Sunday, September 1, 1957, the officers observed the bright red glow grow larger than a harvest moon. It had a black zig-zag streak across its centre and suddenly rose up out of the water and took off at an alarming rate, heading for the Atlantic in the company of two smaller objects.

Fred Harptree of Gloucester, a veteran of World War 2, remembers vividly a night in 1943 when he and a dozen other men were "buzzed" by a mysterious aircraft at a secret testing range in a bay located a little north of Weston-super-Mare. The area was off limits not only to locals, but fishermen and pilots as well. The facility was a government testing range and various weaponry and munitions were tested by firing offshore and into the Bristol Channel.

The night in question was quite cloudy and the city of Bristol, some 15 miles away, had already been the target of German bombers hours earlier. A lull in the test shelling was interrupted by a "wooshing noise," according to Mr Harptree, and the sudden appearance of what at first the men took to be an aircraft.

It had travelled at low altitude in from the sea and proceeded to "buzz" the range for approximately 15 minutes. During this time, no attempt was made to respond by firing upon the craft, but what puzzled Mr Harptree and his fellow soldiers was that the dull looking tubular body appeared to lack wings. If there were any at all, he recalled, they were small and located at the rear of the object.

Most of the witnesses either passed the whole thing off as a joke, or that what visited them that night was, somehow, a rocket of some description. An official report of the incident was made but nothing transpired or, if it did, Mr Harptree and his comrades were not told of any outcome or findings.

Particularly renowned for its soluble limestone, the West Country coastline is a 'karst' region and has numerous hidden caverns, canyons, caves, pot holes, sinks and a huge collection of underground lakes. Many of these lie under the Mendip Hills and subterranean passages extend out deep under the Bristol Channel.

It is a matter of record that between Brean Down and Steep Holm island, there is a large area of fresh water which often appears in the middle of the surrounding sea salt. Add to this the fact that a major ley line is recorded crossing at this point, with numerous sightings having occurred frequently along its length, and we have the beginnings of an interesting mystery.

The unexplained aerial explosions and rumblings both felt and heard in the Bristol area, have likewise been recorded a few miles away at Portishead and other coastal communities. Strange, bright flashes of light with no seemingly determinate source have also been observed in the sky above the Bristol Channel. These have continued for decades and are unusual due to the nature of their extreme regularity, almost pulse-like. All defy rational explanation and investigation by qualified members of the scientific community.

Peter Paget's book undeservedly placed the Bristol Channel at the edge of his Welsh Triangle. I think the evidence points the other way and that the massive volumes of water pushed into and then drained from the channel each day are possibly hiding a secret that only more detailed investigation will reveal.

The ENQUIRER Has Landed

It was on June 18 when America's (in)famous tabloid, the *National Enquirer* hit newsstands in the UK. If you haven't read it yet, buy it at least once, for it will be an experience.

Among all the Hollywood hype and Tinseltown trash there is always the occasional story about things that interest us. UFO's, bigfoot, ghosts etc, are given the Enquirer treatment. But often it is a useful source of interesting information.

I suppose I have a soft spot for this tab of excess, as I occasionally worked as a stringer for the Enquirer while a news reporter in Canada. Apart from the fact that the paper does pay very well, you might be surprised to learn that they don't just print anything that's handed to them and go to great lengths to establish the validity of any claims.

Based in Lantana, Florida, you also won't be surprised to learn that a lot of ex Fleet Street hacks have ended up on the Enquirer payroll.

In the first issue to be distributed in the UK you will find stories on Karzi, a 10-year old monkey with an understanding of the English language equal to that of a two-year old child; Ken McCarroll, shot at point blank range but saved by his pocket calculator, and tips on how to handle the supernatural. **CE**

A Source Of Reference

A great source of secondhand/used and out of print books is Catalogue One 1991, published by A.P.R.A. Books.

Split into topics and incorporating illustrations taken from the books themselves, APRA's catalogue goes to great lengths in describing any defects that may exist.

Archaeology And Ancient History; Cryptozoology; Folklore, Customs, Country Matters, Earth Mysteries; Psychological Research, Occult, Strange Phenomena; Healing Wells; Spiritualism; UFO's - just a few of the subjects.

For your catalogue contact: APRA Books, 43 Eugene Gardens, Nottingham NG2 3LF.



Well, that strange letter claiming to have answers for crop circles has encouraged some correspondence from readers. There have been two instances of similar letters having circulated - all unsigned, but all bearing a Southampton postmark.

The one I received, early in April, most definitely provided the greater detail of the supposed government research project involving worldwide communications. I shall collate all materials gathered and let you have a full report next issue. Don't hold your breath as I think it's a windup! **CE**



An original copy of the American Declaration of Independence was auctioned June 13 for \$2.4 million. It had been found in the back of a painting bought for \$4 at a flea market in the United States.

UNSTICKING GHOSTS

Once a month on average the Rev Chris Tookey leaves his St Thomas' vicarage at Wells and goes to help someone who complains of being haunted. He is the Bath and Wells diocesan expert on such matters.

"Things present themselves in different ways to different people. A lot would depend on whether people were sensitive or not. Some people are bothered by it, some people are not," remarked Mr Tookey in a local newspaper interview.

"I believe these things exist. They cover a whole range of things, including someone who has died and for some reason is stuck in a place - that is what we call a ghost," he added.

NOSTRADAMUS, that great Seer and Prognosticator of the 16th century, not only predicted World War III, but when, where, and who will be fighting it. For good measure, he also added how long it will last and who will survive.

In one quatrain, he tells us that the war will begin when the Sun, Mars and Mercury conjunct in the sign of Aquarius. This conjuncture is an infrequent one and it happens again in 1994. So this could be the year when the Third World War begins.

In another quatrain, he gives us the actual date when the war will be well underway:

*"In the year nineteen hundred and ninety nine and seven months,
From the sky will come the great King of Terror.
He will bring back to life the King of the Mongols;
Before and after war reigns."*

Accompanying this are the words :-

*"Out of the country of Greater Arabia shall be borne a strong
master of Mohammedan law.
This king will enter Europe wearing a blue turban, to cause the
internal gods of Hannibal to live again
He will be the terror of mankind
Never more horror."*

This warlord, Nostradamus says, will wage war against the West. When? Starting between 1994 and 1999. Where? From the middle east, an invasion of Europe will spread across the world. This third Antichrist - after Napoleon and Hitler - will bring the nations of Earth face to face with annihilation.

Nostradamus clearly suggests that the middle east will play a central role in the trouble to come. Is it coincidence that world attention is now focused so directly upon that part of the world?

Why should we believe a man born nearly 500 years ago? That is up to us as individuals. But, his predictions have been coming true in the centuries following his death, and these are a matter of historic record.

Nostradamus wrote his visions of the future in personal letters and, mainly in quatrains (four lines of verse). These quatrains were first published on March 1, 1556, in groups of 100 or more, called Centuries. In all, with the 100 known Centuries, his pressages, sixains and prophecies in letters, Nostradamus committed himself more than 1,000 times.

He is particularly accurate at predicting dates. As an example, in Century II, Quatrain 51, he foretold the great fire of London. It would be, he wrote, "burned by fire in three times 20 and six." The fire did take place in 1666, as we all know, and caused unheard of devastation and loss of life in the city.

So, what odds on 1994 anyone ?

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UNDER Review

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

- ◆ **ENIGMAS** - Edited and produced in Scotland, this magazine is really *The Journal of Strange Phenomena Investigations (SPI)*. Edited enthusiastically by Malcolm Robinson, it is heavily slanted towards UFO's and that all-embracing subject - the paranormal.

Newsclippings from the Scottish press often sprinkle the pages, which are usually well-illustrated anyway. With lots of articles, including the always interesting "Forensic Tales," this is a publication that you can open at any page and always find something informative and entertaining to read.

36pp - 5 issues pa - £1.50 ea / £7.50 yr - Editor: Malcolm Robinson, 14 McKinlay Crescent, Alloa, Clackmannanshire, Scotland, FK10 3RX

- ◆ **UFO BRIGANTIA** - *Journal of The Independent UFO Network*, it could be likened to a 'Bovver Boy' among similar publications. In reviewing the May issue, I found it written with a certain amount of 'pace.' Editor Andy Roberts managing to shoot from the lip along the way.

Ufologist American gets a lot of space and is its usual entertaining, although dubiously enlightening, read. Found the previously unpublished Ralph Noyes inclusion interesting. Especially his comments dispelling ideas of covert government UFO investigation. How right he must be. Let's sweep away this paranoia that's around.

UFO Brigantia manages to do its *Green* bit as well; printing on A4 size recycled paper. Why does all that stuff look like its manufactured from Aunt Aggie's reconstituted woollen watsits? Yes, this is one magazine I would not overlook in the future.

28pp - 4 issues pa - Joint subscription with NUN - Editor: Andy Roberts, 84 Elland Road, Brighouse, W. Yorkshire, HD6 2QR

- ◆ **UFO QUEST** - A glossy wrapped magazine with intriguing cover photos that sometimes aren't what they seem. It's big time; it's worldwide; it's organized and it's got Mastercard! On the scene for about nine years, it really does present a global view with reports from investigators around the world.

Tony Dadd, who heads Investigations & Research, is a one-time PC Plod who himself had a UFO encounter several years back. My, what it must be like to be threatened by foreign nationals and tracked across Europe by one of Britain's under-funded government security agencies! Now Tony has been slandered in some obscure German newspaper.

30-38pp - 6 issues pa - £1.25 ea / £12 yr inc M'ship - Secretary, 18 Hardy Meadows, Grassington, Skipton, N Yorks, BD23 5DL

AS A SCIENTIST who worked on highly classified government sponsored research and development programs for 14 years and who has spent hundreds of hours at 14 different government document archives, I am absolutely convinced that the US government has been withholding data about UFO's since at least 1947. That was the year when at least two crashed flying saucers were recovered in New Mexico. This does NOT mean everybody in the government knows all about saucers and nobody has talked. Security works on a need-to-know basis with compartmentalization of very highly classified matters. Of course some people have talked, but without having any confirmatory classified documents to release.

There are many trails leading to exactly the same conclusion. One deals with the role of the National Security Agency (NSA) whose annual "Black" budget (not under congressional control) is at least \$10 BILLION, according to both the Washington Post and the outstanding expose book "Blank Check" by Pulitzer prize winning author Tim Weiner.

More than a decade ago a Freedom of Information (FOI) request by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) to the CIA elicited the response that the CIA had NO UFO information. An appeal was denied, but a federal court action forced the CIA to do a document search. Eventually they released about 900 pages of mildly interesting UFO items. Clearly this was the tip of the iceberg since none were classified above SECRET and since there were internal references to many documents that were NOT released. The CIA has a history of doling out dribs and drabs in the hopes that the requestor will give up. Of greater importance was the release of a list of 57 UFO documents found in the CIA files but originating with a host of other agencies. These could not be released by the CIA. Of particular interest were 18 UFO documents originating with the NSA.

An FOI request to the NSA for these 18 UFO documents was turned down cold on the grounds of National Security. An appeal was denied and Federal Court action followed. The NSA kept citing the need for protecting SOURCES and METHODS data protected by law. CAUS kept saying it wanted only the UFO info, NOT the sources and methods data. Federal Court Judge Gerhardt Gesell, (Oliver North's judge) finally requested that the NSA do a search of their files. The NSA found 239 UFO documents with 79 originating with other agencies including 23 from the CIA which has supposedly already done a search. The NSA refused to release 156 of their UFO documents and also refused to allow the judge to review them to determine whether or not National Security was being properly invoked. Instead the NSA provided Judge Gesell with a 21-page TOP SECRET .. in camera affidavit justifying their withholding of the 156 UFO documents. He had a special security clearance to review the document which could not be viewed by the CAUSE lawyer.

Judge Gesell was so impressed by the affidavit that he stated "The in camera affidavit presents factual considerations which aided the court in determining that the public interest in disclosure is far outweighed by the sensitive nature of the materials and the obvious effect on national security their release may well entail." The Federal Court of Appeals agreed with Judge Gesell after being shown the 21 page affidavit obtained under FOI is itself 75% blacked out!

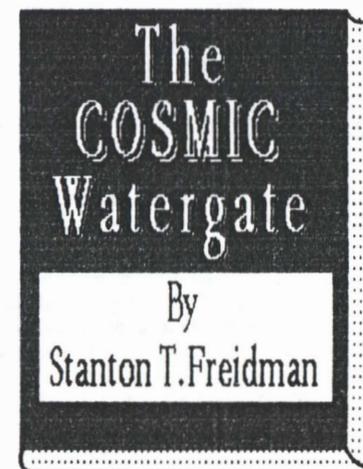
I filed an FOI request for the 23 CIA documents noted by the NSA. After 35 months the CIA released 9 which were all, believe it or not, press abstracts of Eastern European newspaper articles about UFO's! It refused to release its own 14 UFO documents on that list. I appealed and, two years later, received tiny portions of three documents with the rest being withheld. On one page everything was blacked out, including the security markings, except for eight words.

Since the primary role of the more than 160,000 employees of the NSA is supposed to be interception and decoding of foreign military communications, it seems clear that the intercepts (all predating 1980) are of communications about foreign military UFO sightings. For example, a former NSA employee quietly described to me the monitoring of a daylight encounter between two Cuban Air Force MIG-21 jets and a UFO resulting in the destruction of the lead plane which had intended to shoot down the intruding UFO.

I have, of course, frequently challenged debunker Philip Klass, who maintains there cannot be any US government secrecy about UFO's, to provide copies of any of the TOP SECRET.. NSA UFO documents or of the CIA documents or even of a less expurgated version of the Affidavit. - Nothing yet in eight years.

There are many other instances of agencies withholding UFO documents though more than 6000 pages have been released. The USAF Office of Special Investigations (OSI) even instructed its 100+ units NOT to follow official USAF regulations when responding to an FOI request from me. No rational person can claim that there is no government cover-up.

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To suggest, as Klass has repeatedly, that because Nixon couldn't cover up the Political Watergate, the US couldn't cover up as vital a security matter as the intrusion of US air space by advanced alien spacecraft, at least two of which crashed and were recovered in New Mexico, is absurd.

My colleagues and I have now talked to more than 200 persons concerned with the 1947 crashes. A book by Don Berliner and I about these events (Paragon Press) will be out this year. Not surprisingly, Klass made more than 20 factual mistakes in a three page treatment of the crashes in a debunking book. He had not been to Roswell nor talked to any of the witnesses. The theme song of debunkers is "Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up." Yes, Virginia, there really is a Cosmic Watergate.

Readers wanting more information should send a SASE to Friedman at POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730, USA, or can call his UFO LINE: 1-900-446-UFO5 (446-8367)

WHEN THE CROP CIRCLED ABOVE!

An interesting account of hay on the wing can be found in the July 5, 1856 issue of *Neston-super-Mare Gazette and Clevedon Journal*.

According to the report it was a "singular and droll occurrence" when, "on Tuesday last about 2pm a gentleman was jogging along the road in his slow four-wheeler, under the west side of Brent Knoll, when he was startled at seeing about 100 yards before him a considerable quantity of hay circling about in the air, not unlike a dense flock of small and great birds mingled together."

The newspaper added that the very next moment "the dust of the road was gathered up and whirled high aloft, ascending in the form of a great spiral pillar. Wreaths of hay soared to a very great height, floating away to the west (offshore - ed), as if borne by some powerful current of air, till the sight of them was lost in the distance."

Regarding the scene for a moment, the farmer whose crop it was reckoned on having lost a half ton of hay. Shouting to the haymakers he said, "Why did you not keep it down?" and was met with the quaint reply, "Why sure we did sit on it, but we could not keep it down." In droll fashion the farmer replied: "Where be I to take my team to fetch it back, I should like to know?"

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PARAPSYCHOLOGY - THE GERMAN APPROACH

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY for the Advancement of Parapsychology was founded in Germany in 1981, and is a private organization of German scientists from differing backgrounds. The goals of the Society are the advancement of serious parapsychological research and the dissemination of knowledge on parapsychology to the public. One of the Society's major activities is the organization of annual workshops at its facilities in Freiburg.

Since 1989, it has had a parapsychological counseling centre, directed by Walter von Lucadou, formerly assistant at Mischo's university chair and Visiting Research Fellow at the Utrecht Parapsychology Laboratory. The Centre offers information and counselling services, especially regarding "occult practices" among young people.

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...AND WHAT IS GOING ON

◀ On The Slide

Concluding their summer program, *London Earth Mysteries Circle* is treated to a illustrated tour of *Yorkshire Prehistoric Sites* at its July 23 meeting. Paul Bennett, editor of *Earth* magazine, conducts the talk, which will especially concentrate on those sites with paranormal associations.

Further details from: Rob Stephenson ☎ 081-459-0652.

◀ Belge Congress

Another UFO Congress - this time at the *Cultureel Centrum* in Hasselt, Belgium, on September 22. Organised by *UFO-Belgium*, it is the fourth such event to be staged in that country and will include updates and photos of the infamous flying triangle.

For further details I suggest you contact ☎ Broux Marc, Koning Albertstraat 40, 3500 HASSELT, Belgium.

◀ Cased History

Well, *The National UFO Museum*, located in Reno, Nevada, is probably well underway by now. Don't expect UFO's under glass, for "exhibits will be but a small part of the museum's 'mission,'" it's reported. Organisers plan for it to become an archive and repository of UFO data, among other, more 'financial,' missions.

I suppose it's only a matter of time before there is a mysterious break in, arson attack, or their records are stolen. Let's wait and see! In the meantime, if you want to become one of the "Friends of the Museum," you can start by sending off \$2, to ☎ National UFO Museum, P.O. Box 20593, Sun Valley, Nevada 89433, USA.

◀ Mail abducted

Sort of following on from the above, I hear that the editor of *UFO Brigantia* was contacted by his local police a few months ago. It seems that a large amount of mail destined for the IUN had been the target of thieves. Apart from the obvious temptation, in the form of cheques and other monies, it hasn't helped if other materials have also been abducted. Is this a singular occurrence I wonder?

◀ Final Call

Well, if you haven't got your tickets by now - get 'em! Billed as the 'largest and best ever UFO conference in the UK,' The 6th International UFO Congress takes place over the weekend of August 16-18, at the Library Theatre, Sheffield, South Yorks. Phone BUFORA'S UFOCALL; 0898-121886, for a Congress update [44p min peak/33p min off peak]. Tickets: £6 daily / £15 weekend.

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