

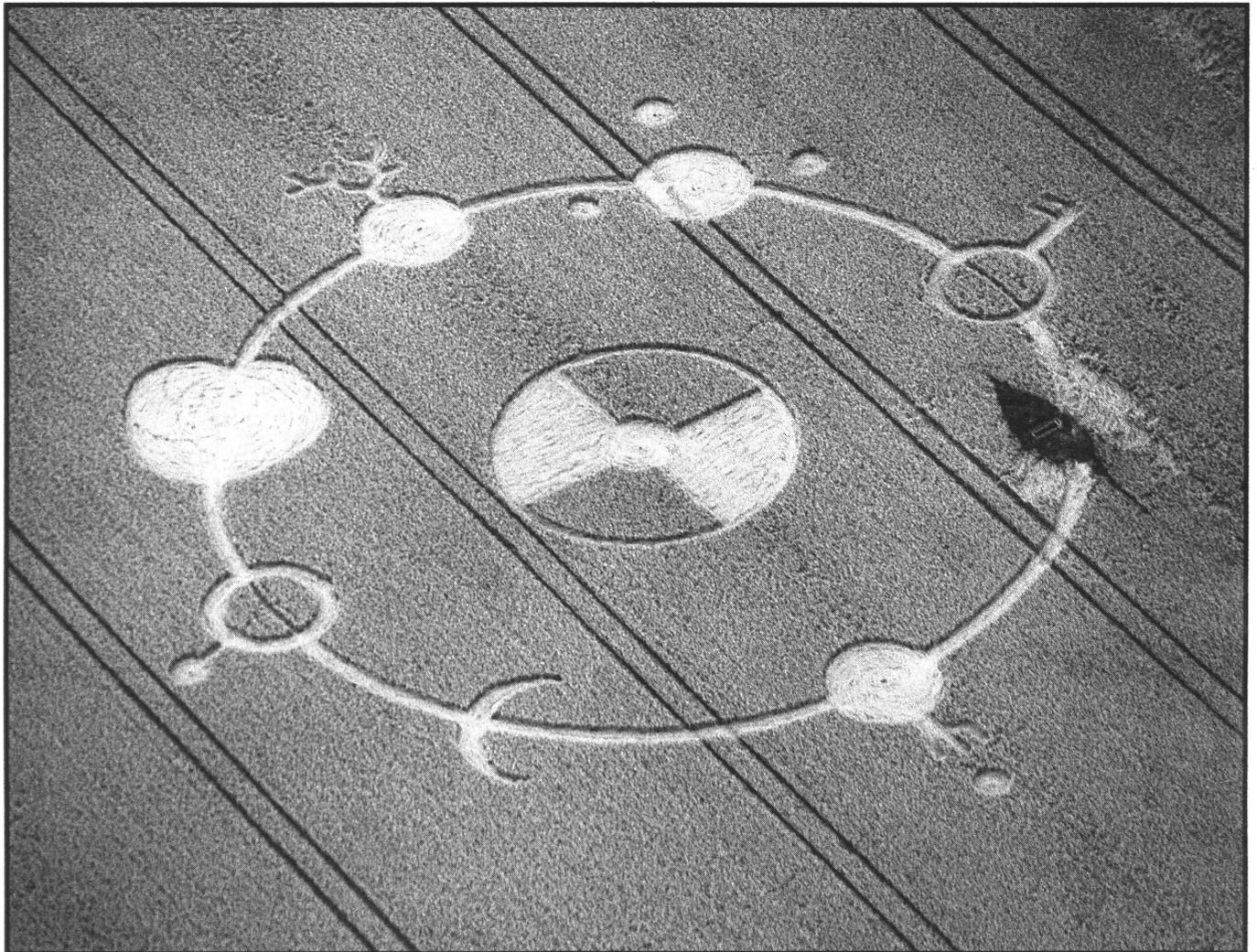


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INTRODUCTION

by

**Michael Green,
Chairman, CCCS.**

As George Wingfield remarked in reply to letters about information sharing in the last edition of *The Circular*, we are all volunteers in CCCS, with limited resources as well as time (apart from SKS, who are an invaluable professional help with routine administration). Expectations of a mission-control-type centre with a magisterial council of experts in permanent session seem to haunt the minds of some of our correspondents! In reality, as yet, we are a collection of individuals, geographically spread around from Norfolk to Cornwall to Scotland, trying in our own time to make sense of an erratic and increasingly complex phenomenon, and to keep up with a great variety of correspondence with other enthusiasts. In these circumstances, getting together a database is, to say the least, a challenge! A few years ago, when most of the crop-circles were in Wiltshire and Hampshire, a small group of researchers could keep track of them; now outside Wessex, we need to draw increasingly on the skills, awareness and generosity of local branches and researchers to record the phenomenon. It may be frustrating in some ways not to have a quick-response team ready to fly to Dublin airport when a circle is reported at the end of the runway, but personally I am delighted that CCCS is becoming an increasingly participatory organisation; hearty thanks to those who have sent photographs, drawings, news-cuttings and information. Quite a few hitherto-unknown circles from previous years are coming to light this way, and certainly some which we might otherwise have missed this year. The database is coming together – but please, never assume we already know all there is to know about a formation. As someone has said: we may even find the colour of the farmer's eyes is relevant!

The 1992 crop circle season is over and those who have been actively involved in CCCS are getting back to coping with all the things they are putting off during the summer! Some are disappointed that the phenomenon has not been as dramatic in their perception this season as in the two previous years, and that there has not been the quantum shift in development which some had been hoping for. There is also widespread anger that this enormously important phenomenon should be consistently trivialised and rubbished in the press and media. Each autumn the jackals who hang around the crop circle

scene get their articles attacking the subject and those studying it into the national papers, whereas more reasoned and open-minded contributions are consistently denied publication. Why is the media coverage so downright bad and the unsubstantiated allegations of hoax so shrill?

At a public meeting of Quest International (a UFO organisation) at Leeds (UK) on September 26th this year tapes were played of conversations with government officials and other people, backing a case for an alleged disinformation campaign being carried out by various international agencies to discredit the crop circle phenomenon. I have examined carefully the evidence put forward to substantiate these claims, and I have to admit that I am not satisfied that a case has been made in this particular instance. That said however, there is widespread circumstantial evidence for a real disinformation campaign over the last three years with the apparent intention of destroying the crop circle subject in public perception as a genuine phenomenon. We continue to take these activities seriously.

Has it then been such a bad year? Certainly not, either in terms of the development of the phenomenon or indeed in the CCCS response to the scientific and research challenge. Over 240 formations occurred in England this summer and were reported on the CCCS hotline. The hotline arrangements run by Barbara Davies and the monthly news sheets run by Patrick Palgrave-Moore were extremely successful. Our computer database is being impressively organised by George Wingfield and John Martineau, who has also carried out and published surveys of the formations. Further surveys and research were undertaken by Stanley Morcom and your chairman. All members of the various research panels were active in the field, as was of course Argus, the international scientific team headed by Michael Chorost and Montague Keen, with the able assistance of Ralph Noyes (see separate report). Arrangements for aerial surveillance and air photography were less well coordinated, but there appears to have been a generally good coverage of formations by Busty Taylor, even the most short-lived ones.

The first CCCS international conference at Winchester in July was an outstanding success and Beth Davis fully deserves the warmest thanks of CCCS for masterminding the arrangements. The proceedings of the conference will be published shortly. George Wingfield has ably gripped the problems and challenges of our own magazine, *The Circular*. One of the organisation's works which has been extremely successful is that of the local county groups organised by Patrick

Palgrave-Moore. There has been evidence of considerable activity by the various organisers and members which has undoubtedly been a major factor in the effectiveness of the organisation as a whole this year. None of these activities could have succeeded without the firm infrastructure provided by the work of Lucy Pringle and Hugh Pincott.

The brilliant analytical work by Stanley Morcom of the physical structure of the formations this year has shown conclusively that certain features cannot be hoaxed. These criteria, which were made public at the Winchester conference, were endorsed by observing the human limitations of man-made formations at the West Wycombe competition this summer. As a result we have been able to define accurately which formations were hoaxed and pick out man-made features added to genuine ones. Of those examined in Hampshire and Wiltshire only a tiny percentage could be regarded as hoaxes.

It is perhaps inappropriate here to state my own perceptions of the game-plan of the crop circle makers, who at the end of the season produced a series of spectacular formations culminating in a great mandala with symbols on the points of the eight directions. However, I believe that the work of the crop circle makers and the CCCS is well on course.

Furthermore there has been an interesting development in one particular field. The 1992 season was marked by a major increase of "earth light" occurrences and UFO experiences. Important photographic and audio material has been referred to Ralph Noyes with a view to publication shortly.

The organisation is not a secretive cult gripped by paranoia, and in our search for the truth we must be open and responsible in our dealings with everyone, including those who, for whatever motivation, are attacking our work. I believe that one of our main duties is to make every effort individually and through the many local groups, to see that the news of the phenomenon spreads as widely as possible both here and abroad.

In practically every field of the organisation's work I feel we are making notable progress thanks to the dedication of everyone involved. I look forward to working with you all next year.

THE UFO CONNECTION

IS THE UFO PHENOMENON LINKED WITH CROP CIRCLES ? by George Wingfield

The connection between UFOs and the crop circles has been the subject of considerable controversy since the circles first intruded upon public awareness during the 1970s and the 1980s. The problem, of course, has always been our almost total inability to understand UFOs and, so, in accepting any connection we attribute the cause of one mystery to another equally bewildering one.

The first convincing reports of mysterious markings in the corn which can be taken as the precursors of the our current agriglyphs are found in the writings of Arthur Shuttlewood who described the extraordinary UFO infestation of the Warminster area during the late 1960s and the 1970s. During that time crowds of skywatchers gathered on the hills around the town night after night to watch for the not infrequent displays of strange aerial phenomena.

In Shuttlewood's book *The Flying Saucers* he describes an occasion in 1972 when he and other watchers observed a series of luminous objects, including a triangle with coloured lights rotating, and moving low over the wheatfields. Shortly afterwards his companion, Bryce Bond, heard a noise like something crushing down the wheat and saw the corn being flattened in a triangular shape about 20 ft long and also in a 30 ft circle; the flattening agency was something invisible. These were not isolated incidents.

Twenty years later similar events are still occurring in Wiltshire, though we have few eye witness accounts of circles forming, and once more during the summer months there are groups of watchers (now usually calling themselves cropwatchers) standing at vantage points near Silbury Hill and Alton Barnes hoping to see the

strange luminosities sometimes reported or even see a crop circle being formed.

1992 has seen a remarkable increase in these aerial phenomena which we naturally associate with the circles in the corn. In general the most commonly reported variety of UFO is the luminous orange sphere seen low over the fields at night. These, whatever they are, sometimes appear several at a time, move about in a seemingly purposeful manner and often blink out in situ.

And sometimes, though rarely, one receives reports of "structured craft" which have all the appearance of a metallic spaceship, disk or cigar shaped, and most often with lighted "portholes". These "craft", too, often seem capable of disappearing in situ. The following article in this issue describes just such a sighting.

One only has to turn to Andrews' and Delgado's book *Circular Evidence* to find details of UFO sightings connected with the circles. Most significant of these early events was perhaps the appearance of a huge luminous object at Avebury immediately prior to the formation of the first big quincunx at Silbury Hill in July 1988.

At 11.15 pm on July 13th Mary Freeman from Marlborough was driving home through Avebury when she noticed a huge luminous object shaped like an ellipsoid stationary over Waden Hill. There was no moon that night, but the UFO appeared larger and brighter than a full moon. Mary drove on towards West Kennett as she watched the object.

She then observed a long narrow pencil of white light shining obliquely downward from the object in the direction of Silbury Hill and had the immediate impression that it was an "energy beam" or that it was channeling energy. She did not know why she had had this thought. Another strange occurrence at this time was that several small items from the front shelf of the car rose up and flew into her lap. "It was as if a surge of energy had passed through the car."

She drove slowly towards Silbury turning right onto the A4 road, determined to find where the beam of light met the ground. But in getting there she briefly lost sight of the shining UFO and, when she next looked up for it, it had vanished. This

experience had a deep emotional effect on Mary and she felt awed or honoured by this silent spectacle as she later told me.

It was not until several days later that she heard of the enormous quincunx of circles, which had appeared opposite Silbury Hill, and had been found early on July 15th. Although at least 24 hours must have elapsed between Mary's sighting and the advent of the circles it was hard not to infer a connection between the two.

On occasions when circles have appeared in completely new locations they have often been preceded by sightings of unidentified luminous objects close to or above the fields in question. It is as if whatever this was had seeded the site with something unseen or non-material which later gives rise to the circles phenomenon. After initial visitation by the aerial component of the circle-making agency a new site often continues to exhibit circles in successive seasons but nothing further is seen in the sky.

This is not always the case at very active sites such as Silbury Hill or Alton Barnes. In those places there have been many reports of luminous orange spheres over the cornfields in recent years. In June 1989 just such a luminous sphere was observed by a resident of West Kennett descending into that very same field opposite Silbury Hill and here an imperfect quincunx formation and some smaller circles were found the next morning. This object appeared to be about 30 ft in diameter. It "bounced" and then hovered over the ground before blinking out.

Near Milk Hill on June 22nd 1991 John Holman saw and video-recorded another such object, perhaps 70-80 ft across, moving silently across the sky. It then blinked out or vanished behind the hill.

In addition to various video films which have been made of these nocturnal luminosities, there are two well known video sequences which appear to show small daylight objects moving in seemingly purposeful fashion over the wheatfields. One of these was made last year at Manton near Marlborough by two German visitors, Constantin and Mucki von Durkheim. The small luminous object which does not seem to be solid, and possibly shrinks in size as it moves to-



Tawsmead Copse and the "Cheshire Cat" Crescent . (6/8/1992)

Photo by Jurgen Kronig

wards the camera, travels above a large pictogram known as the "Manton Ant". It disappears into the crop more than once and reappears again. Whatever this is, is hardly a "nuts and bolts" mini-UFO, but it is equally unlikely to be back-lit dandelion seed or thistle-down as suggested by the sceptics.

Perhaps more interesting is the small disk-shaped object video-recorded flying over a field near Milk Hill by Steven Alexander in July 1990. This object flies low over a tractor which is being driven across the field at the time and the driver is seen to look up at it. The tractor driver, Leon Besant, later described what he had seen as a disk; indeed, he speaks in terms of a small UFO, and it is inconceivable that he should fail to recognise thistle-down! The sceptics are mute about this.

I do have a report of one such object, about a foot across, which a friend saw at close quarters moving in the great 1990 pictogram at Alton Barnes. Hopefully we may get a full written report of this sometime. It does seem that, just as with more traditional UFOs, some people are more likely (or, perhaps, able) to see these things than others. So what are these luminous objects, seemingly of variable size, most often invisible, which move silently in or above our cornfields during the summer and even after the harvest? Are these in fact the actual circle-makers?

This was a question which I put to American colleagues and in particular I requested that remote viewing of the crop circles might be undertaken to help find what produces the phenomenon. "Remote

Viewing" is a modern psychic technique which has frequently been used by the U.S. military in recent years to locate hidden weapons, such as nuclear submarines or atomic missiles. Edward Dames, who spent time developing these techniques while in the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency and now, as a civilian, is the president of Psi Tech, a company whose specific business is remote viewing. Psi Tech was recently commissioned to help in a project to locate possible nuclear and chemical weapons concealed by Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

Their initial results using certain crop circles locations as target--whatever one may think as regards this being a valid technique-- were as follows: Luminous spheres, about a foot in diameter, with a bluish-white tinge, were viewed "rolling" through the wheat about one foot above the ground and below the level of the ears. The wheat bent and fell in neat swaths as these spheres passed through it.

During part of this exercise it was stated that two or more such spheres were sensed as "acting in concert", presumably tracing out different parts of a crop formation. This is certainly consistent with the interleaved and multiple lays which CCCS has often observed in many pictograms.

When in Atlanta last April I asked Edward Dames where these luminous spheres came from and who or what controlled them. This was harder to answer but the clear implication was that some form of extra-terrestrial intelligence (whether physical or non-physical) was at work. The remote viewing process did not show this aspect

of the enigma but they did have an answer as to where the spheres returned. This was seen as an "airless environment" where perhaps 30 - 40 such spheres were held on some sort of disc used as a collecting area.

This may all be rather hard to swallow for those unfamiliar with the concept or validity of remote viewing. Nevertheless the description does correspond in some measure to the small luminous spheres which have been reported so frequently from around Milk Hill and that area.

These spheres are perhaps just one variety of what we tend to describe as UFOs. Before even trying to tackle the question of what UFOs really are it is perhaps instructive to list some of the characteristics of what we loosely term UFOs. Maybe one should not generalise too much since we are undoubtedly dealing with a phenomenon which is far from homogeneous. But, excluding the archetypal "nuts and bolts" UFOs, so beloved of Hollywood, and of which several crashed and retrieved examples are reputedly to be found concealed in certain top secret establishments in the U.S.A., we can start with the following :-

- (1) UFOs are polymorphous; they actually change shape and size, and frequently appear to move as though they were a living thing, sometimes with a bobbing motion or like a falling leaf.
- (2) Almost always silent and ghost-like, they sometimes appear to be solid craft although there is no convincing evidence of all or part of such a craft being left behind "in our dimensions".
- (3) They appear to have a transient existence within our dimensions and often blink out or vanish while still within one's field of view. Nevertheless they are capable of leaving behind ground traces, photographic images and sometimes even volatile substances such as "angel hair" or fine powder.
- (4) "Place" is often of paramount importance and UFOs are far more likely to be seen in certain venues (such as Warminster, Gulf Breeze, Alton Barnes, etc.).
- (5) UFO encounters very often appear to respond to human interaction and they react in a way that is dependent on the observers. They sometimes seem to mirror human contact with them and appear to "wink" back when a torch or flashlight is flashed at them. The importance of "place" (4) may, of course, only be due to

the fact that these are places where hopeful watchers gather in order to see UFOs.

Awareness of point (5) has led Dr Steven Greer of CSETI (see next article by Chris Mansell) to develop what he calls the Close Encounter of the Fifth Kind. This is his term for human-initiated UFO contact which his group seem to have achieved on several occasions. He contends that by meditation and the developing of a welcoming openness to the intelligences which are associated with the UFO phenomenon, we can induce UFO contact. Negativity and fear will have the opposite effect and will prevent such encounters. In developing this approach Greer arbitrarily assumes that the intelligence which we are dealing with is friendly and it is a necessary assumption for his protocols to work. This standpoint is hotly disputed by some who see the extraterrestrial intelligences as a threat and think in terms of little grey aliens who abduct humans. However this malign, even demonic, perception of UFOs and their occupants may of course be only a reflection of our own fears.

Whether right or wrong, Steven Greer and his group achieved success on April 14th this year at Gulf Breeze, Florida, when such an apparently induced encounter was witnessed by many people. Five luminous UFOs (or craft as Greer would say) appeared in the night sky and moved in formation. This was all recorded on video. At one stage three of the objects form an equilateral triangle and the other two UFOs fly behind. They are then seen to fly low over the watchers. One UFO can be seen flashing back in seeming response to the flashed signals directed at them by members of Greer's group using powerful hand-held flashlights.

Steve Greer believes that if these protocols can be developed sufficiently that actual landing and contact will eventually become a possibility.

This may all seem a long way from what we are familiar with as regards the crop circles but nevertheless many of us are aware that we are dealing with some kind of non-physical intelligence associated with the circles which may well be of the same origin as that associated with the UFO phenomenon. UFOs may well be visible manifestations of the energies, or consciousness, which are present in the (genuine) circles. It is no coincidence that Russian UFO researchers use dowsing,

which they call biolocation, to locate UFO landing sites and this is accepted as standard practice. The parallel of British cerealogists dowsing circles and Russians dowsing their "UFO landing sites" will not be lost on those who see all this as different aspects of the same phenomenon.

In 1992 there has been a considerable increase of luminous aerial phenomena reported in the circles areas and this is touched on in Ralph Noyes' report on Project Argus (see page 19). One such sighting was that of John and Julie Wakefield near Alton Priors in Wiltshire, who saw a luminous orange object between some trees at 10.15 pm on July 28th. Julie Wakefield takes up the story:

"At that moment the object came above the trees and was bobbing up and down. [This bobbing motion was frequently reported by Arthur Shuttlewood writing about UFOs at Warminster in 1964/1972]

"We clambered out of our Landrover and stood on the roof to get a closer look. We watched the object for several minutes as it bobbed above the trees; then it abruptly stopped and held a stationary position. It maintained that position for approximately a minute and then suddenly a small piece of the orange ball broke off and flew to the right of the larger one. The larger object was about 35 ft across and the smaller one about 8 ft. This smaller object then made a clockwise revolution in the sky.

"At this point we could hear that some dogs had begun to bark at a nearby farm and the cows in an adjoining field were making noises as though they had been startled by something. The smaller object then flew back to the original object which it rejoined as though it had never left it and the whole then lowered between the trees. The cattle ceased to be alarmed but the dogs went on barking. We watched for several minutes but the object was no longer visible so we went back inside our Landrover to discuss what we had just witnessed.

"Five minutes later the orange ball appeared yet again above the trees, bobbing for a few seconds and then it remained stationary. We went outside our vehicle again and watched in amazement as the object hung there for over three minutes and then it went behind the trees again. We decided to drive to the caravan near East Field to see if anyone was there.

"At that moment we noticed a very bright orange glow in Tawsmead Copse which

lit up the whole wood. The same orange object then came above the trees and flew very slowly from Tawsmead Copse towards Alton Priors. It flew slowly and smoothly and then abruptly stopped and again remained stationary. It looked huge hanging there, and extremely bright.

"An Army helicopter then appeared to the north of the luminous object. A further two helicopters appeared to the east and west of it. The object flew southwards blinking out as soon as the first helicopter advanced towards it. The three helicopters circled several times where the object had been and then flew off.

"There were several witnesses to this event including Dr Steven Greer, Eddie Sherwood and others, who had been sitting in a large formation (consisting of a big circle and a separate wide ring) at the time as part of their project. Various cropwatchers who had been positioned on Adam's Grave and Knap Hill also saw it, together with a farmworker.

"John and I were lucky since we had such a close vantage point on each occasion the object appeared. The whole event took place between 10.15 pm and 10.35 pm.

"The following day Busty Taylor spotted two formations at Draycot Fitz Payne while flying over that area. This was just half a mile from where the luminous object had first appeared. There was a simple 30 ft circle and also a small circle with an annular ring. The latter had appeared during the previous night (July 28/29th) and the circle on the night of July 26/27th. The ringed circle had no tracks to it and both circles looked impressive.

"We spoke to Mr Bryant at nearby Draycott Manor Cotatage. He said the dogs near his house had started to bark loudly and continuously that night which they don't normally do. He also said that an odd message, "CAUTION, POLICE", had come over a baby alarm system used in the house. Nothing had ever interfered with this before and he thought that it had a very limited range."

These strange aerial phenomena, reminiscent of the Warminster UFOs twenty years ago, have returned to haunt this part of mid-Wiltshire just where that the concentration of crop formations has been greatest. The UFO connection with crop circles is undoubted but we are still as far as ever from understanding the nature of UFOs. Maybe Steven Greer's approach will enable us to progress along this road.

**DRAMATIC UFO
SIGHTING AT
WOODBOROUGH
HILL, 26th/27th
JULY 1992
by
Chris Mansell**

Chris Mansell has a B.A. (Hons) degree from the Royal College of Art. He has taught at Newcastle University, Sunderland Polytechnic and Falmouth College of Art. He became interested in the crop formations in 1989/1990 as an annexe to the study of prehistoric cave art and rock carvings and related symbolism.

Quite by chance he became involved in the UFO encounter experimentation which was carried out this summer near Alton Barnes by Dr Steven Greer. We present here an unvarnished account of what Chris and those with him saw in the vicinity of Woodborough Canal Bridge during the early hours of July 27th 1992.

In July 1992 my friend, Annick Nevejan, and I decided to visit Wiltshire to have a short holiday and possibly see some crop formations. We arrived in Alton Barnes the day after the formation of "The Snail" and decided to stay for further developments.

I had become interested in crop formations two years previously as an extension

of my interest in pre-historic archaeology and there was the obvious link between formations and existing sites. Annick however, had never seen a crop formation and was quite excited to see The Snail. In the following days we visited a number of formations as they were reported to us.

On the afternoon of the 16th July, at about 5.30, we located the triple ring formation near Beckhampton plantation (SU 089677). We had not entered the formation and were looking across the valley towards Hemp Knoll. It was a fairly windy day with periods of hazy sunshine. While looking across the valley we noticed that a mist had formed above a fallow field next to an area of sarsen stones (SU 082673). The mist appeared very unusual as it seemed to be floating at a constant height above the field and moving NE. However, at the same time it seemed to be confined to that particular field. Annick moved along the footpath to observe it from another angle and during this time it appeared to form itself into a serpent-like shape with a coiled tail and then slowly disintegrated.

We were both quite surprised by this event and decided to report it to Lucy Pringle at the CCCS conference the following weekend. She has a full report.

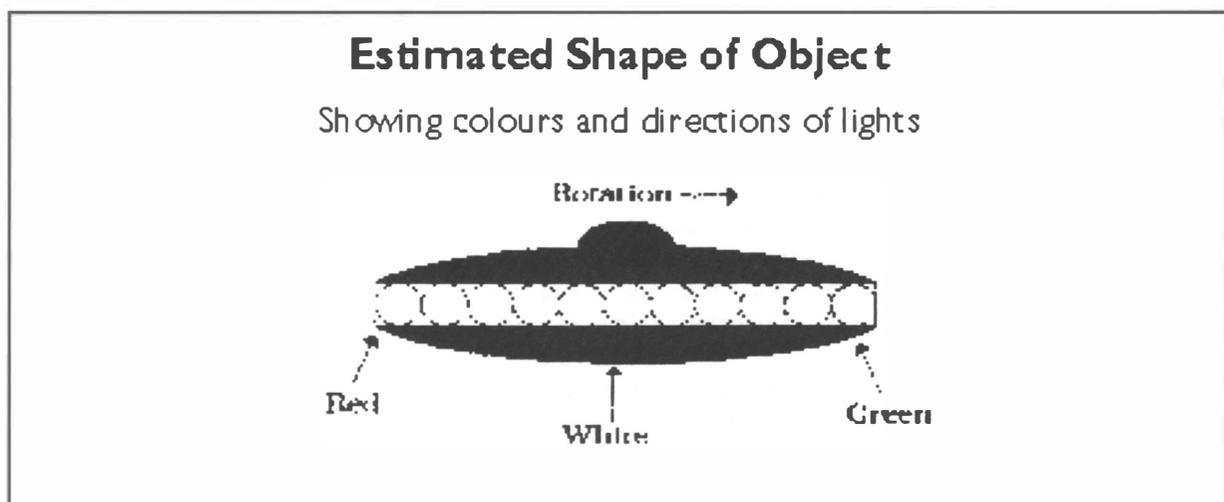
About a week later we were sitting at an adjacent table to a group of American visitors who were discussing crop formations. We eventually started to compare notes and they showed us a formation which had appeared the previous day and which they had observed from the air. This was exactly the same as the shape

which had appeared in the mist, near Beckhampton, a week earlier. Once again we were quite surprised at this coincidence.

The American visitors formed part of a group from the CSETI *(Centre for the Study of Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) whose director is Dr. Steven M. Greer. They asked us to accompany them the following day to visit some formations to exchange ideas and discuss our individual involvement. As a result of our meeting Steve Greer invited us to join their project concerning active communication with extra-terrestrial intelligence and with the agency concerned with the manufacture of the crop formations.

Their research involved group meditation and concentration using varying images and ciphers; also the use of high-powered hand-held searchlights to convey simple shapes into the sky.

On the evening of Saturday 26th July Annick and I arrived at the crop formation near Tawsmead Copse, Alton Priors, where the project was based for that evening, at about 11.30 p.m. As we arrived it started to rain heavily and before we could join the rest of the party they were already coming out of the formation. After some discussion we decided to leave the track and return to the concrete road south-west of Woodborough Hill since we had heard that cars sometimes became stuck in the mud. The whole party parked in a lay-by on the right-hand side of the road facing towards the Woodborough barns (away from Alton Barnes). After further discussion it was



decided to abandon the project for that evening and one of the group left to take her friend home. A little later, at approximately 12.10 a.m., two members of the CSETI team, Ron Russell and Shari Adamiak, returned to their hotel as they had to leave early the next day. This left Annick and myself in my car and two CSETI members, Dr. Stephen Greer and Dr. Sandra Small, in a car immediately in front of us.

The weather had cleared up slightly but occasional patches of drizzle were still coming and going and therefore, after a short conversation, we decided to wait a further five to ten minutes and then abandon the project for the night.

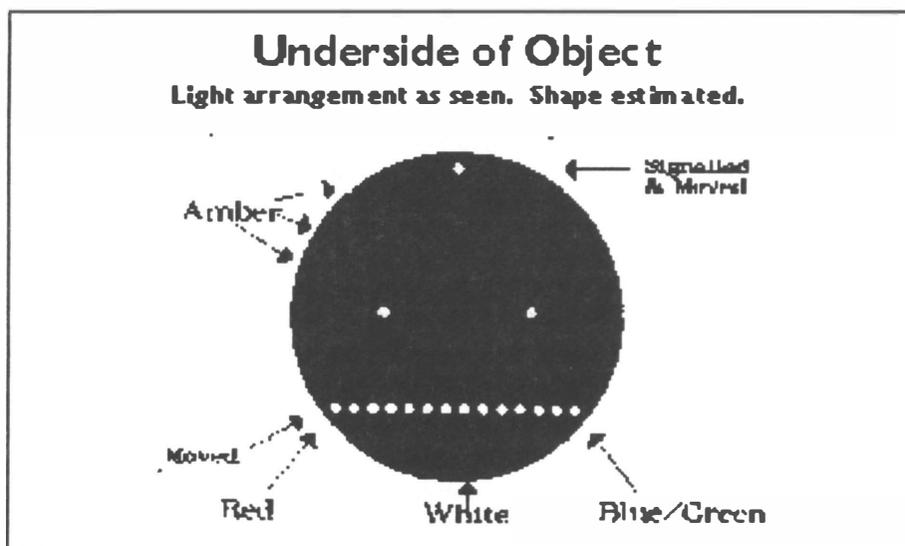
Annick and I were sitting talking about the evenings' events.

I had the drivers window open as I was smoking a cigarette at the time when I noticed towards what I estimated to be the South a long strip of coloured lights which appeared to be revolving from left to right changing colour from red through white to green. Having never seen anything like this before I immediately got out of the car and went to tell Steve. He opened his window, saw the lights, and immediately recognised it as what he called "a non-terrestrial craft". By this time we were all out on the road and watched the craft as it moved slowly from east to west and became stationary at a position just above the horizon. This all took about three to five minutes as the lights, or "craft", moved very slowly and gracefully to a stationary position.

We estimated that it must have been 1500-2500 feet away by noting the positions of street-lights and electricity pylons. We also saw it at one point partially disappear behind some trees so we could say that at its point of origination it must have been very low. Dr. Stephen Greer estimated that the "craft" must have been 80-100 feet in diameter.

I would like to say briefly that it occurred to me later that the lights simply appeared and weren't seen travelling towards that point. Also at a certain stage in its movement it appeared to illuminate (possibly by reflection from the ground) its own structure and we all saw that it was a cigar-shaped object, possibly circular, seen from the edge with a small projection at the top (see diagram).

As the craft became stationary I thought it flipped through 90 degrees so that we could see its underside. The light formation was now triangular with a triangle of three amber lights at the top, and a row of coloured lights forming the base of the triangle, again ranging from red at the left, to blue-green at the right. The lights on the underbelly were much dimmer than



those viewed from the side.

After a few moments one of the orange lights forming the upper triangle seemed to separate from the formation, move slightly west, and return to the formation. Then, one of the red lights at the base of the formation also seemed to separate, move slightly to the east, and rejoin the formation. Next, it appeared that three red lights broke away from the formation, moved a considerable distance to the west, and then rejoined the formation. During the whole of this time, about ten minutes, we were observing these events through binoculars and making an audio tape of what was occurring on a portable cassette recorder. There was no doubt at all about what was happening.

We were all fairly excited but managed to keep a careful watch on events as they unfolded. I would like to say at this point that the "craft" was completely silent and during the time span over which we witnessed this occurrence a number of cars were seen and heard passing by on the road (the A342) beyond where the craft was situated and also an army helicopter could be heard in the distance, but not seen.

Dr. Steven Greer decided that he would like to try to communicate with the object and asked Dr. Small to take one of the high-powered hand-held lights from the back of his car while we kept the craft under observation. He took the light and pointed directly at the formation and signalled two short bursts of light. To our

absolute amazement the light at the top of the formation mirrored this signal exactly. So there could be absolutely no doubt as to what was going on this procedure was repeated a number of times and on each occasion the single light flashed back in exactly the same pattern.

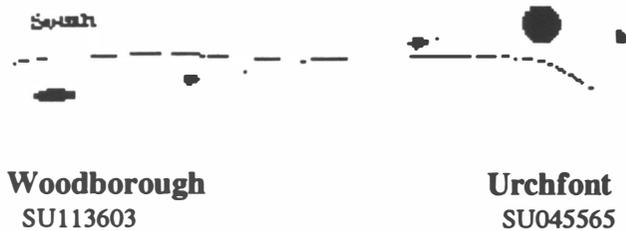
The craft then started to move away to the west and then to the south and appeared to be going down the

Avon Valley. We finally lost sight of it and that terminated the encounter. The time span of the whole event was about 15 minutes.

During the course of this event many attempts were made to obtain accurate compass bearings of the points of origin and disappearance of the object. However, on each occasion we tried the compass was found to be giving a completely different result and therefore positions were measured accurately the following day after careful consideration had been given to physical landforms and structures (for example Woodborough Hill, the Barns, Woodborough Bridge, etc.).

Shortly afterwards Judy Young and Peter

Estimated Flightpath of Craft



Woodborough
SU113603

Urchfont
SU045565

Davenport who had been on the hill with Colin Andrews' party stopped in their car and reported to us that at some time during this time span they had seen the Tawsmead field illuminated in a strange fashion. It was a cloudy night and there was no moon, stars or local street lighting. The field had appeared to be lit by some unseen source for about thirty seconds, then this faded away leaving just the blackness of the wet and starless night.

We stood for some considerable time discussing these events ensuring that we all had a clear picture of what had happened. At about 1.20-1.30 a.m., while looking almost directly east, a similar object seemed to come towards us but not nearly as close. This object disappeared towards the south and was completely silent. We estimated this to be at a distance of one to two miles. After much discussion we decided to return home as the weather was worsening and meet the next day.

It was reported to us the next day that other members of the group who had left the area had also had strange experiences.

It was noted that on the 30th July a small crop circle, approximately 40ft diameter, was found in wheat at O.S. Map Ref. SU115607, near Woodborough Bridge (over the Kennet & Avon Canal), in the close vicinity of where the sighting originated. There had never been circles in this area near Woodborough previously.

The whole event was outlined by Dr. Steven Greer to various groups of researchers at a meeting on the following

day at the home of Tim and Polly Carson, the owners of the farm where the research project was taking place, and to whom we are all grateful for their time and patience.

I am apprehensive about making any firm statement concerning the involvement of the event which we witnessed with the manufacture of crop formations. However, it would certainly appear through ours, and other sightings around this time, that the possibility of a link exists. It seems just too coincidental that the group from the CSETI should be using the crop formation platform and its resulting in the events which we witnessed.

I have not experienced anything like this before or since.

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**UFOs OVER
WASHINGTON,
D.C.,
13th APRIL 1992
by
George
Wingfield**

Although the following account of a remarkable and detailed UFO sighting by the editor of The Circular has no connection with the crop circles, it is included here to illustrate the nature of such encounters which seem to be of entirely material and objective craft, and yet they are ghost-like and transient as though something had swum into our dimensions and out again as a result of some interaction between our consciousness and whatever it is out there. In this case photographs of one of the UFOs were made with two different cameras and in other cases UFOs appear to have left behind them ground markings such as crop circles.

We had never visited Washington, D.C., previously and had arrived at National Airport at 4.20 p.m. that afternoon. My wife Gloria and I had flown from Raleigh/Durham, N.C., and were met by Susan Webster, who is also English, but who has lived near the city for many years. Although we had corresponded neither of us had met Susan until that day. She drove us from the airport and pointed out many of the landmarks in the city. The weather was bright and sunny with hardly a cloud in the sky.

We stopped the car by the Tidal Basin of the Potomac river to wander in the sun and look at the cherry blossom which was at its finest. I suggested that we walk to the Washington Monument which entailed crossing two busy roads which we managed with difficulty. There were dozens of tourists there, mostly in a straggly line round the base waiting to ascend the inside of the great obelisk. Enquiry indicated that we would have to wait 45 minutes if we wished to go up in the lift. I took photos of the 555ft high monument

with my Canon Autofocus camera.

Just as we were leaving the monument I said that I must get a photo of the White House from this vantage point and crossed to one side to do this. However, this photograph was never taken for, as I walked, I glanced up again towards the apex of the great pillar. Over the top of the monument, travelling silently towards the west at great altitude was a bright disk.

As if this was not astonishing enough there followed behind it a small fleet of seven lesser objects also shining brilliantly as they swept silently above the obelisk. Although there was no way of telling, these all appeared to be at a substantial altitude, perhaps 20,000 to 30,000 ft. This estimate is based on comparison with jet aircraft at similar altitudes but it was quite plain that these were not aircraft. The large disk-shaped object must have subtended an angle of about one quarter the diameter of the full moon (7 minutes of arc).

Gloria and Susan immediately saw what I was pointing at and watched the objects moving silently above. I motioned to several people standing by the monument who also looked up but most showed only limited interest or comprehension of what they were looking at. I found a boy with some binoculars nearby and borrowed them to look at the leading object. Adjusting the focus with some difficulty, I was able to see that this object appeared translucent and circular. By now the smaller objects had faded and only one or two remained in sight. Possibly their initial brightness was caused by reflection of sunlight from them in the position in which we had first spotted them. All of them had wheeled above us and were now receding again towards the east, in the direction of the Capitol. Soon only the large disk could be seen in the sky, now dwindling in size as it flew away from us.

Then Gloria and Susan both saw a further small object, apparently much lower, flying rapidly westward. Before it went behind the monument it halted in flight, flew back again, reversed westward and brightened suddenly before apparently

vanishing in thin air. This object I was unable to see, despite looking along Gloria's arm in the direction she pointed.

Earlier a boy had asked me what the first circular object in the sky was. "That", I said, "is a UFO". He looked somewhat puzzled. I had attempted two photographs with my Canon camera. One shows the Washington monument and the tiniest white dot which is definitely the disk. The other was not printed and one can see that the negative shows nothing but blank sky. By 6 p.m., perhaps 15 minutes after the initial sighting the large



April 13th 1992 : Susan Webster and Gloria Wingfield with the Washington Monument in the background.

est object had faded to a minute dot and was eventually lost to sight.

I found later that Susan Webster had also taken a shot with her camera and this photo also shows a tiny white speck high in the sky near the obelisk. As with my photo, a magnifying glass shows that the object on the film is quite definitely a disk. It may be possible to do further

enhancement work on these photographs.

We then headed back towards the Tidal Basin where the car was parked. Excited and bewildered by this totally unexpected sighting we felt almost honoured by the peculiar flypast. Then a further object appeared flying roughly on a course from the Capitol towards the Pentagon which was not visible from where we stood. This object seemed to drift silently across the sky changing shape as it did so. At first it looked to be shaped like a cross, then perhaps a cigar, then like an aeroplane viewed from above. But this was clearly not an aircraft and the only conceivable object which it resembled would have been an enormous irregular cluster of balloons strung together and tumbling across the sky.

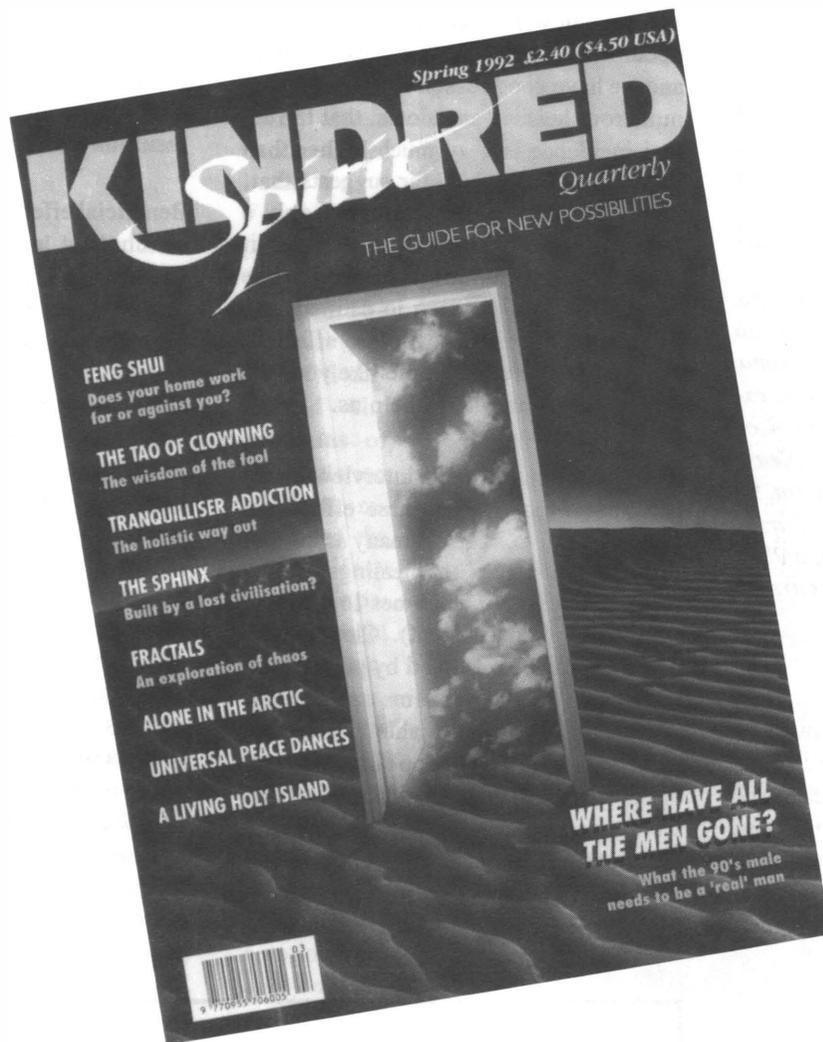
If it was that, it would have been bizarre enough, but it was followed at a distance by a smaller object like those which had previously followed the disk. This object shone like the others but occasionally let out a bright flash, though it was impossible to say whether this was due to the sun catching on a reflective surface. In all we had seen eleven objects silently cross the daytime sky none of which behaved like any conventional flying object or aeroplane. During all this time commercial jets had been flying in and out of National Airport though these were in a different part of the sky.

Although all three of us have travelled to many different parts of the world, none of us had ever previously seen anything like what we saw on that day. I have seen a few strange objects in the sky, most often at night, but have never been sufficiently sure that they were not something of conventional origin to classify them

as UFOs. On that Monday afternoon in Washington D.C. "UFO" was the only description that fitted the bizarre objects which we had observed.

On countless occasions people have asked why, if UFOs exist, don't they just come down and land beside the White House. On April 13th 1992 it really looked for a time as if they would do just that.

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**HUMAN EFFECTS
OF CROP CIRCLES
--THE STORY
SO FAR
by
Diana Clift**

Diana Clift has been researching claims concerning the effects of crop circles on human visitors and has amassed some fairly startling results. If you have experienced any unusual physiological or psychological effects in the circles, please get in contact with Diana Clift (at 93 Peperharrow Road, Godalming, Surrey GU7 2PN. Tel: 0483 - 417922), and let her know details of what occurred.

As another crop circle season draws to a close, information concerning the curious properties of the phenomenon comes flooding in and people like Lucy Pringle and myself have the exciting if bewildering task of trying to make sense of it all. I have very loosely classified the "odd" effects of crop circles as follows:

1. Acute effects on people, i.e experiences had in or immediately after a crop circle visit.
2. Chronic effects, i.e. reactions which develop gradually in people who have frequent exposure to crop circles.
3. Remote effects. This is a broad category comprising all those strange goings on which don't occur in crop circles, but seem to be associated with them, such as UFO sightings.
4. Anomalous animal behaviour related to crop circles.
5. Mechanical effects. i.e. effects on things such as failure of mechanical equipment, photographic oddities, etc.

Of these various categories, Lucy and I have mainly restricted our research to the first item: Acute effects on people, but

many accounts of the other effects have come our way and I shall briefly discuss these later.

We have now received nearly 100 well-documented accounts of these experiences and we have good reason to believe, from numerous hearsay anecdotes, that the actual incidence is very much higher than this. The evidence so far suggests that, while unusual experiences affect only a minority of people visiting crop circles, it is a substantial minority. I hope in time we will be in a position to estimate the proportion of visitors who are affected. As usual we rely on people like you, the reader of this article, to help us.

Our questionnaires and interviews indicate that a majority of these effects are unpleasant (64%), but as many as 20% of the experiences are of healings, sometimes temporary, sometimes longlasting (though rarely permanent). Clearly healing will only be observed by people who have some health problems on entering, whereas those in reasonable health (presumably a majority of crop circle visitors) are more likely to notice if they feel less well as a result of the visit. This may account for the greater number of reports of negative effects. However, the unpleasant effects do include some quite

serious cases: a threatened miscarriage, a case of collapse similar to anaphylactic shock, occasional aggravation of painful conditions, nausea (sometimes violent vomiting), headache and exhaustion. Ray Barnes, who witnessed the formation of a crop circle in 1984, developed cataracts in both eyes which he is convinced were a result of the experience.

Beneficial effects have included cessation of chronic pain. This year Lesley Clemenson who suffers from severe arthritis experienced such a dramatic improvement in her condition in the Lockeridge circle that not only was she able to walk easily with virtually no pain, but she had to tighten her shoe-laces as the swelling in her feet had virtually disappeared. The improvement lasted about ten days, but then unfortunately the symptoms returned, rather more severely than before. Conversely an ME sufferer who experienced a serious worsening of her symptoms for 24 hours after a crop circle visit, then improved quite dramatically and has remained better for a year. Recently a woman who had chronic shoulder pain visited a formation and experienced an intensification of the pain. The whole arm and shoulder seemed to be hot. Immediately on leaving her arm became quite numb for two hours, but thereafter became almost totally pain free for sev-

Analysis of 96 experiences :

Number of people : 76 Women : 58 Men : 18

<u>Reported experience</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>(Number)</u>
Unpleasant reactions	64 %	(61)
Pleasant / neutral	36 %	(35)
Strange Emotions / feelings	40 %	(38)
Nausea	19 %	(19)
Tiredness	16 %	(15)
Headache	12 %	(11)
Pain / Physical ill effects	16 %	(15)
Healing / cessation of pain	20 %	(19)
Longlasting effects (>24 hrs)	36 %	(35)
of these, beneficial effects	26 %	(25)
Tingling / sensation of 'energy'	15 %	(14)

REACTIONS TO CROP CIRCLE VISITS

eral days. She went into another formation a few weeks later and experienced exactly the same: an intensification of pain in the short term followed by cessation of pain for several days. We are beginning to realise that delayed effects like this may be quite common and would be particularly interested to hear from anyone who thinks they have experienced this.

Our results are summarised in the table below, but these dry figures conceal the enormous range of experiences reported. I have not included here several accounts of powerful visual imagery and auditory effects experienced in crop circles. Some people have observed white or coloured lights at or near a crop circle and Ralph Noyes saw a stream of sparks of light, like a "river of energy" flowing across a formation. Recently people visiting a circle saw a cloud of vapour, suspended a metre or so above the crop nearby, form itself into the shape of an undulating snake for a few minutes before gradually dispersing. Many people have experienced noises: sometimes the trilling noise (which some attribute to the grasshopper warbler bird), sometimes a clicking noise, sometimes a generalised hum or tinnitus. More of that later.

The "strange emotions/feelings" includes a wide range of experiences from transcendent/religious feelings of awe or euphoria to feelings of disquiet, fear or anger. Interestingly some individuals have experienced different (and equally unexpected) feelings in different formations. A respondent on the Isle of Wight visited one circle and felt "at home, comfortable, comforted...I found I was grinning and couldn't stop". A week later she returned to the same circle and had the same reaction. She then stepped into a new formation which had appeared nearby and felt angry. The feeling diminished as she withdrew, but returned immediately she entered the circle again. A friend who know nothing about this experienced the same reaction in that particular circle. We now have several accounts of people feeling "enchanted" by circles in rather a disquieting way. Ralph Noyes describes feeling unable to leave (the 1990 triangle). He and his companions found themselves sitting and eventually lying in the formation unable to move away. Others experience a sort of addiction and feel

compelled to spend many hours in crop circles, sometimes all night.

In my article on our "Preliminary Findings" published in the January issue of *The Circular* (vol 2 no 4) I discussed the problems of interpretation of these reports and the possibility that the experiences might be psychosomatic, coincidence or induced by other factors, such as exposure to agrochemicals. All these reservations still apply and scientists will doubtless use them to dismiss these findings. I have to say that I think there is a real phenomenon here, even if some of the experiences reported can be explained away by other means. In support of this view I would cite the fact that many of the experiences are highly specific, local, sudden and dramatic; that they occur to people who thought that crop circles were all hoaxed; that where people do have expectations when entering a circle, their experiences are usually very different.

Another argument that unusual experiences can be induced by crop circles comes from the reports of anomalous animal behaviour which are very widespread. Disturbances among farm animals in the night when a crop circle forms nearby are common. Dogs frequently



Experiencing the energies of crop circles in a formation near Stonehenge, July 1992

bark at, and refuse to enter, crop formations, and sometimes avoid the field long after the crop circle has been harvested. Horses too have been reported to refuse to enter a field with a crop circle. John Holman told us a fascinating story concerning one of the Yorkshire crop circles. Cows in a field nearby appeared very disturbed the morning after the formation appeared. They were unwilling to leave the field for milking and produced very little milk. We also heard that geese refused to fly over the formations at Lethbridge, Alberta, last year (though I wonder how that was assessed).

So far I have been careful to report only the evidence, I have not attempted to

answer the question "How do crop circles produce these effects?" I am very cautious about this. Lucy Pringle has a very different interpretation of the data which she will write about herself. The most likely causative agent which could be responsible for the enormous range of human effects we have observed is electromagnetic radiation or field effects of some unusual variety. I am being deliberately vague! There is an enormous literature on human reactions to the fields surrounding power lines. VDUs etc., or exposure to low frequency radiation of various sorts (by low frequency I mean microwaves, radio waves or extra low frequency radiation, all in the non-ionising part of the spectrum) and I am indebted to Anne Arnold Silk who has supplied me with papers on the subject. Virtually all the types of reactions we have observed are reported in the literature. However, it is one of those areas of study where researchers have a tendency to find what they are looking for and many of the associations are controversial. It is possible that the effects we observe are a reaction to some residual radiation resulting from the formative agent. This could also be the cause of some of the mechanical/chemical effects observed (e.g. Barbara Davies noticed discoloration of a copper bracelet during and after a crop circle visit. I myself noticed unusual damage to the veneer of my camera after a day spent photographing crop circles. It is particularly interesting that we have two accounts of people developing sun-burn type rashes on skin which came in direct contact with the flattened crop in fresh circles (suggesting some UV emission). Interestingly, we do not observe that the most powerful experiences occur in the freshest formations and we even have an account of a woman experiencing a strong reaction when visiting the site of a 1990 season crop circle under snow in January 1991!

Radiation from soil or crop in a crop circle

cannot, of course, account for the many "remote" effects which are reported. These include a range of auditory effects which occur in relation to crop circles, but not necessarily anywhere near them. At two conferences on crop circles, unusual noises (the trilling or the clicking sounds reported earlier) have been heard by some or all of the participants and several people have reported these noises, often in just one ear, occurring when they have been talking about crop circles or looking at pictures and thinking about them. Several people have also reported tinnitus in the vicinity of crop circles, or when a new circle has formed or during the crop circle season. When these reports first came in



In this formation, near Morestead, Hants, a case of healing was reported by Lucy Pringle in July 1990 (see *The Crop Circle Enigma*).

I dismissed them as coincidence as they seemed so far fetched, but I am learning to document everything that is reported, however bizarre it may seem. It is also possibly significant that Colin Andrews, who has had enormous exposure to crop circles over the years, developed serious tinnitus which has not responded to conventional treatments. This is possibly an example of a "chronic effect" i.e. a response to repeated visits to crop circles and suggests to me that there may be

dangers in this. Arthritis-like symptoms have also been reported by frequent visitors to crop circles, as have personality changes.

It is difficult to draw any conclusions from such diverse data, but I think various comments can be made with confidence:

1. Some people have unusual experiences connected with crop circle visits.
2. These experiences are extremely diverse and unpredictable. A majority are unpleasant, though some beneficial and healing effects are reported.
3. The experience of any particular individual is unrelated to expectations, state of mind on entering or beliefs concerning the causation of crop circles.
4. Crop circles may be dangerous. Pregnant women are probably best advised to avoid entry and anyone who gets a bad reaction in a crop circle should get out quickly. Repeated exposure could be harmful.
5. A majority of people who occasionally visit crop circles have no obvious unusual reactions.

Many people have powerful beliefs about crop circle energies and their healing or damaging properties. Whilst everyone is entitled to their beliefs, I would beg them to look at the evidence. It is perfectly possible to believe passionately in something and still be wrong about it. The fact is that we do not know what this phenomenon is and we have not discovered all its properties. I would therefore strongly urge caution and open-mindedness.

Finally, Lucy and I are indebted to all those people who have helped us with this research. Please can you continue to share your experiences with us. It could be important !

**DOWSING THE
CIRCLES : THE
INTERACTION
OF HUMAN
CONSCIOUSNESS**
by
Colin Bloy

Colin Bloy is the founder of Fountain International and an accomplished dowser and healer. His contribution explains the nature of the dowsable energies which can be detected in the crop circles. Many scientists, if they are prepared to accept dowsing as a valid science, seek an interpretation of this faculty in terms of physiological reaction to minute magnetic or electromagnetic fields. This is clearly not the case, and Colin seeks to show that what we are dealing with is in fact fields of consciousness and their interrelation.

In a corn circle during this year, a lady said to me "My rod's revolving - what does it mean?" "I can't say", I said, "I don't know what you're thinking". The truth of dowsing is that it is not a physiological reaction to external forces. It is a prosthetic extension of consciousness. Consciousness may be seen as an objective field extending inside and outside the body. The fact that map dowsing works indicates that you can feel the field of consciousness around a person with your hand once you have got the trick.

This shows that consciousness is also structured - the chakras are the ladder of consciousness and work with apparatus such as the Maxwell Cade mind-mirror. This shows that different brain patterns such as alpha, beta, etc., manifest in different states of consciousness, which should not be confused with mind. Mind is an instrument of consciousness. Certain metaphysical propositions state that consciousness is the real stuff of a non-positivist universe, the ultimate unified field. Dowsing may be carried out with rods, pendulums, twigs, hands, fingers, and in one notable case, the eyelids. It is all a question of style. The gismo serves as the way the consciousness communicates with the rational mind. It is thus

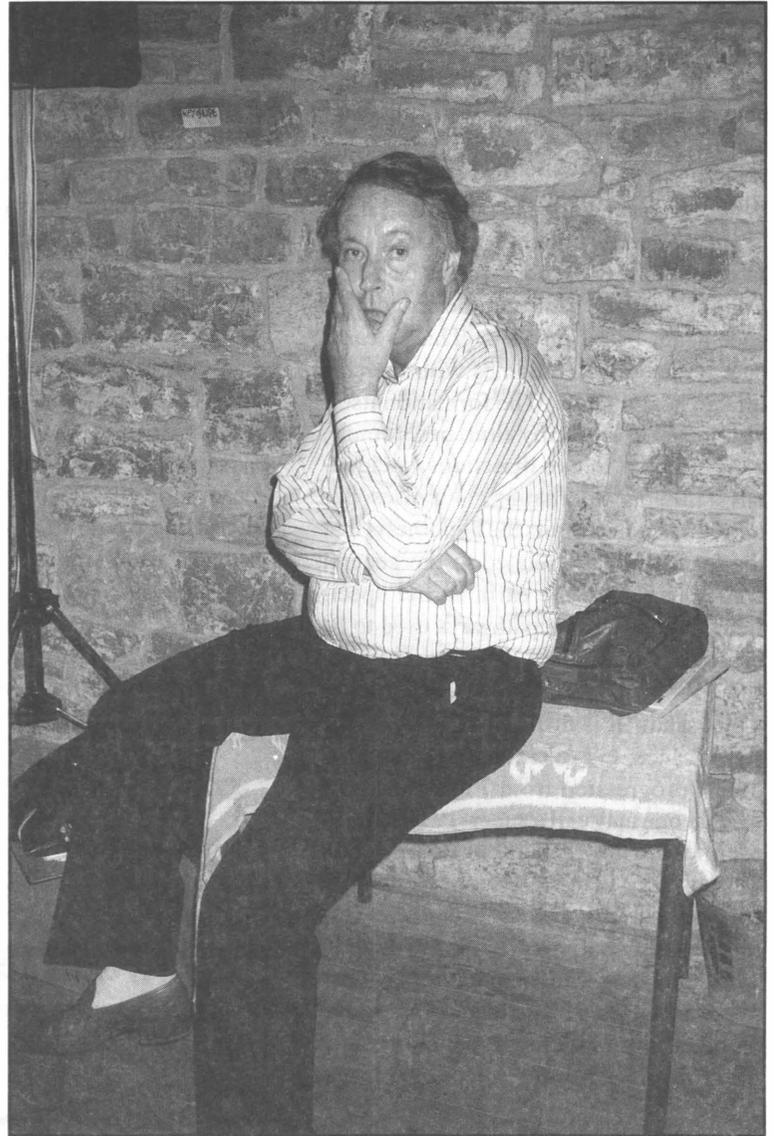
imperative that the dowser understands about the different levels of consciousness. Dowsing is an altered state, and one maintains total clarity whilst dowsing. It is a meditative state, and it is the dowser who moves the rod, but not with his rational mind.

In order to dowse you must also decide what you are dowsing for; that is how a water-board dowser avoids confusing himself with other services. You must hold in your mind the idea, or visualisation, of exactly what you are looking for.

So you can look for anything in the universe if you can conceptualise it. If you can't, you can't.

Coming to corn circles and the conflicting evidence thus provided, people say there are energies in corn circles - but it is a meaningless statement. There are all sorts of energies - but how do we dowse something that is indicative of authenticity?

My own case is as follows: Many years of dowsing the so-called ley-lines (actually a misnomer) has produced experience of subtle energy effects and how to analyse them in terms of numbers and form, and has hopefully enabled an understand-



Colin Bloy

ing of what may be called the pathways of the collective consciousness of the world and humanity. One has observed how "spiritual" activity changes the form and number, and an empirical basis for quantitative assessment has evolved.

When I enter a corn circle, I am looking for energies of this sort, as it is an area of some experience, and I have found these energies at sites of alleged UFO landings, supposed paranormal activity, etc.

Now I have never knowingly dowsed a hoaxed circle and those I have dowsed certainly have looked good. But I have found what I consider to be hoaxed additions for lack of these energies. What I find is that a single genuine circle has a series of concentric dowsable rings based

on an "8" factor. Such an energy is in a vertical column; it is also present in narrow focus upon healers, clairvoyants, church altars, and venues of a "spiritual" nature.

Within rings and appendages are straight or curved energy lines based again on "8". In dumbbells, the other circle is based on a spiral from the centre to the circumference again based on "8". This is earth energy, and also combines with the column in healing, etc. The formation itself also locks on to nearby churches, tumuli, etc., usually in two directions (incidentally flow is alternating, 4 pulses per minute) which permits the hypothesis that the formations are related to the general consciousness of the earth earlier specified. Whereas these pathways used to be based on 64 parallels, last year they became 500, and this year are of the order of a thousand. It is difficult to evaluate the significance, but over the years there has been a progression from 7 to 8, and now to what one may call a super-10 factor. 10 energies are now general in Europe and I can only say that I first noticed them in corn formations and suspect there is a relationship that may be influential in what one may call a mutation in consciousness. These conclusions are based on other observations of matters besides the crop circles.

Now these energies may be observed to have an effect on the gravitational field, a pendulum suspended below the bridge of the nose on a long thread may be seen to set itself some 5 deg. from the perpendicular, if a wooden pendulum, in a half-light, a glow can be seen around it. Experiments with a VanderGraaf generator show interaction with electrostatic fields, permitting a beam to emerge which will move plants at some two yards distance if human consciousness is involved in the field.

Having discussed at length with Ray Barnes his experience of seeing a circle form in daylight, I can at least offer some lines of enquiry as to how the presence of these subtle energies in corn circles may relate to their manner of formation. But, certainly, the key factor is consciousness, and the question is whose?

Are we looking at a phenomenon in which both human and non-human intelligence

are co-operating? It may be an Elohimic phenomenon. Rudolf Steiner stated that the Jehovah Elohim was that aspect of God which held the programme for the evolution of consciousness on this planet. In fact the word itself, it may be observed, is not a name but an energy formula, each letter form being a component of different energy grids. It may also be observed that these energies manifest more surely as and when there is human co-operation, waking up in the Gurdjieffian sense, meditating positively, visualisation, etc., etc.

It is possible to posit an ideal world energy grid that could be created in this way which would finally liberate the human species. Perhaps the circle phenomenon is a factor in this. Perhaps if we relate to it in a more participatory way, instead of trying to imprison it in our positivist model of the world, things will then really move ahead.

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THE 'MICHAEL' LINE: DOWSING STONE AVENUE, WEST KENNETT by Peter Breingan

Peter Breingan is a member of CCCS and works as an IBM Systems Engineer. He has taken a great interest in dowsing and in the ancient sites and has more recently become involved with the crop circles. Here he describes some remarkable dowsing results which were obtained at Stone Avenue near Avebury.

BACKGROUND

Since my childhood I have always been intrigued by the ancient, but found all information about it locked away in deep libraries. My first exposure to dowsing was reading Guy Underwood's *Patterns of the Past*, a truly wonderful document. Then much later, like most of my kind, I stumbled on *The Sun & the Serpent* by Paul Broadhurst and Hamish Miller - but I had started this work beforehand.

I knew a little of the "Michael Line" and nothing of the "Mary Line", but their nature and ways were unknown to me when I began these investigations.

I had begun dowsing West Kennet Avenue, the Michael Line, in 1989. After that particular crop circle season, with which I had not been closely enmeshed, George Wingfield, then a work associate of mine, showed me an aerial photograph of a small 25 ft crop circle in wheat, right in line with, and 90 ft to the south of the Avenue and plonk on the Michael Line. I had never noticed this formation, but must have been very close to it on several occasions.

From that moment on, I was spellbound by the possibilities.

INTRODUCTION

This study involved many visits to

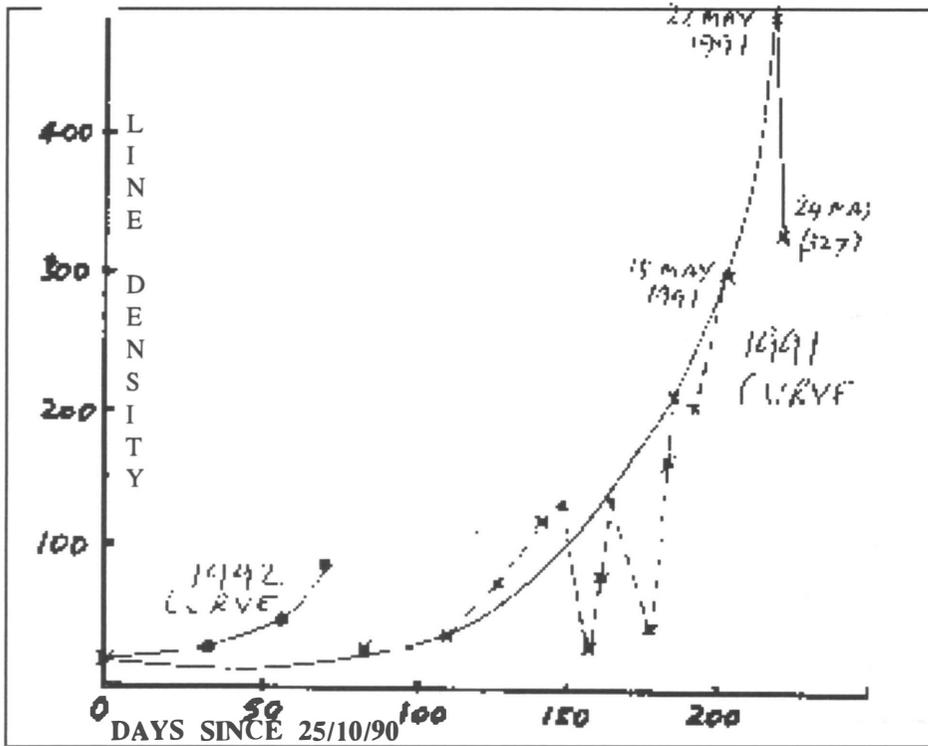


Fig 1: Energy density at the West Kennet Stone Avenue, Avebury.

Avebury from October 1990 to May 1992. The objective was to measure the Michael Line over a protracted period of time, since I had observed changes to it on previous occasions. I always measure the Michael Line across the same line of attack, the field boundary to the South of the end of today's Stone Avenue.

FINDINGS, 1990/1991

Without making my explanation tedious, the accompanying graph and diagrams (see Fig 1 and 2) clearly show what I discovered during these many investigations. From October 1990 to May 1991 the number of lines making up the Michael Line grew from a sedentary 18 to a massive 500. The growth was exponential, and the width of Michael grew from about 30 yds to about 800 yards. At its peak the West side got halfway to Silbury Hill!

There followed the most amazing and instantaneous collapse in the growth of these lines on May 22nd 1991, with Michael reverting to its normal form (about 20 lines). "The new crop circle season has begun!", I thought, and indeed it had. What a season this was, with the great Barbury pictogram and the Mandelbrot! Can this apparent surge of energy be related to the advent of the circles?

FINDINGS, 1991/1992

My visits began in December 1991, and there were already signs that the 1992 growth pattern this year would be on an even greater scale. On January 6th 1992 I counted and measured 88 lines for Michael, which compared with only about 20 at the same time in 1991. I didn't dare predict how Michael and the graph would develop. All I could feel was that the Michael Line would possibly devour Silbury Hill and consume the Mary line (which was also growing)!

Well Michael almost did just that, and reached a peak of nearly 800 lines in mid-April before it collapsed back to its quiet form on April 22nd 1992. Michael, at its peak, had spread almost a mile wide and just touched the edge of Silbury Hill's base. I was spending an hour each time traversing and dowsing it. Michael had effectively grown, like an organic river, to fill the whole West Kennet valley and what is more - to overflow onto Silbury Hill!

It is funny how everything has been much more advanced in time this year - especially the harvest. This collapse of the lines exactly a month earlier than the previous year seemingly corresponded to the early spring.

STONE CIRCLES & CROP CIRCLES

I have found tantalising similarities in my many dowsing experiences at different stone circles in England, Scotland and Wales.

I have found the same basic pattern in all stone circles. This pattern does not always agree with other dowsers' results but I am sure this is due to different "receptions" of the same manifestation.

The common factor I have found in at least 30 stone circles is:

There are seven concentric (possibly spiral, but this needs further work) rings enveloping each stone circle formation, no matter how big the radius is. Normally each of the 6 inner rings are flowing in the same direction (clockwise or anticlockwise). Each of these rings normally have the same property, 'negative' or 'positive'. The outer ring, usually just outside the stone circle perimeter, is always the opposite of the inner rings, in both direction and polarity.

This precise pattern is the one I 'nearly' always detect in genuine crop circle formations. I say 'nearly' because I can't pretend to have dowsed only genuine circle formations, or know how to distinguish the genuine phenomenon with certainty.

CONCLUSION

I cannot help making the connection between stone circles and crop circle formations, as I hope you will now understand. The connection for me was made well before Dr Meaden published his recent book attempting to relate them. My intuition however tells me that it is the 'earth energies' that lie at the heart of the story. Ancient man may not have experienced crop circles at all - but he was very alive and sensitive to the 'earth energies'. Modern man has lost this touch.

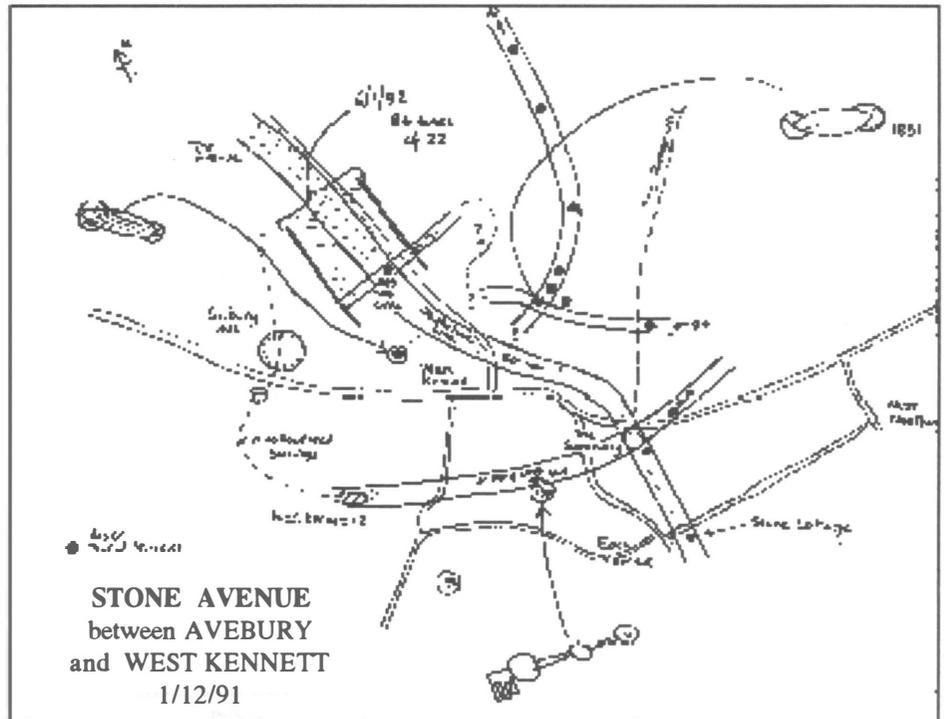
The knowledge deep inside, tells me of an organic network of energy channels that cross at some important places (nodes). These are often ancient sites (eg.

Avebury Stone Circle, Silbury Hill). I feel this whole world-wide network is alive in a special and wonderful way.

My fascination about this connection will not disappear until something goes seriously awry with my future experiences. So far everything has pointed to a magical synergy that remains beyond our fingertips.

I am beginning to feel it will remain so for some time yet. Our young journey into unravelling the true being of nature has a long way to go.

Right : Fig 2. Sketch Map of Silbury Hill, W. Kennett and Stone Avenue, showing the 'Michael' and the 'Mary' lines.



COMMUNICATION

As George Wingfield remarked in reply to letters about information-sharing in the last edition of *The Circular*, we are all volunteers in CCCS, with limited resources as well as time (apart from SKS, who are an invaluable help with routine administration) Expectations of a mission-control-type Centre with a magisterial council of experts in permanent session seem to haunt the minds of some of our correspondents! In reality, as yet we are a collection of individuals, geographically spread around from Norfolk to Cornwall to Scotland, trying in our own time to make sense of an erratic and increasingly complex phenomenon, and to keep up with a great variety of correspondence with other enthusiasts. In these circumstances, getting together a data-base is, to say the least, a challenge! A few years ago, when most of the crop circles were in Wiltshire and Hampshire, a small group of researchers could keep track of them; now, outside Wessex, we need to draw increasingly on the skills, awareness and generosity of local branches and a quick-response team ready to fly to Dublin airport when a circle is reported at the end of the runway, but personally I am delighted that CCCS is becoming an increasingly participatory organisation; hearty thanks to those who have sent photographs, drawings, news-cuttings and information. Quite a few hitherto little-

known circles from previous years are coming to light in this way, and certainly some which we might otherwise have missed this year. The data-base is coming together - but please, never assume we already know all there is to know about a formation; as someone has said, we may even find the colour of the farmer's eyes is relevant!

Many thanks also to the callers who have enlivened my summer with data and comments via the hotline; originally requested at the AGM, I feel it has been a most important innovation. Special thanks to Martyn Shambrook for his very kind contribution towards the telephone bill, and also to Anthony Horn for enabling me to see the 1992 Wessex circles after all, via his fine personal video.

Members of CCCS Council (and in particular the Editor of *The Circular*) would like to offer their profuse apologies to all those who have written to them and have not yet received a reply. Some of us have been inundated with mail relating to the crop circles and simply have not had the opportunity to write back. Nevertheless we hope that every letter will be replied to in due course and special thanks are due to those of you who have submitted reports and photos of the 1992 formations.

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A DOWSING QUESTIONNAIRE

Those of you with some experience of dowsing are invited to take part in an experiment embracing a multi-part questionnaire to be answered through whatever dowsing techniques you have acquired, be it with rods or pendulum. The experiment is designed to question a number of possible causes, motives and methods of the crop circle phenomenon in the hope that, statistically, a comparison of returned answers may provide justification for more detailed studies.

The questionnaire will try to cover all theories including the extreme end of opinion as to the cause and causative agency responsible for the phenomenon. Some of the questions have been suggested by the channelled writings and drawings of Arthur Hamlin. His work has produced some extraordinary results including drawings not only of the energy fields of the 'vehicles' visiting our planet but also drawings of individual inhabitants of other planets. To many this will be a totally unacceptable approach and a totally incomprehensible basis for serious study yet we should not dismiss the prospect of a breakthrough out of hand no matter how outlandish the theory appears. I know of at least one well-respected medium, known to most of us, who has expressed positive feelings about these drawings.

You should know that it is intended only to collate the results statistically and anonymously. If you wish to take part, please write (with S.A.E. if possible) requesting a questionnaire to:- Pat Palgrave-Moore, C.C.C.S., 13 West Parade, Norwich NR2 3DN.

FIRST REPORT ON PROJECT ARGUS by Ralph Noyes

In 1991 we had some tantalising glimpses that the forces which create genuine crop circles may be leaving minute but detectable traces in the crops and soil and that these ought to be susceptible to study by well-tried scientific methods. The evidence was summarised in Michael Chorost's *The Summer 1991 Crop Circles: The Data Emerges* (Fund for UFO Research, 1991) and in Montague Keen's *1991 - Scientific Evidence for the Crop Circle Phenomenon* (CCCS, 1992). It was obvious to all serious observers that the research should be carried further.

Earlier this year, at the initiative of Michael Chorost, arrangements were put in hand for an international team to be based in Wiltshire at Alton Barnes during July and August with the precise task of replicating last year's results if possible, as well as exploring any other avenues of research which might prove useful. Funds were generously subscribed by Robert Bigelow Holdings, by North American Circle (and its backers), by CCCS, by the German publisher Zweitausendeins, and by private British donors (among whom special mention should be made of John Coles, James Nicholls, Barbara Leng-Smith, Heath Pitman and Richard Shaw). Mike Chorost and Monty Ken were appointed as the coordinators, and a team of active researchers was got together in North America and the UK, many of them professional scientists working in appropriate disciplines in university departments and other comparable establishments. Some remained at their busy jobs, ready to receive and analyse the samples and controls collected in the field; others spared time to come to Alton Barnes and to join in the (quite literally) down-to-earth labours of sample-gathering. All will be credited in the final report on the project, but it is not too soon to make special mention of Dr. Earnie Peck, Dean of Science and Mathematics at the University of Nevada, who made a special trip to take stock of our work.

The project ran from 11th July till 28th



Project Argus headquarters.

August. A cottage was made available to us as our HQ by the Carson family, whose farm has hosted so many remarkable crop circle events since 1990 - and to Tim, Polly and David Carson in particular our very special thanks are due for their endless kindness in accommodating members of the ARGUS team during the periods in which our "population" outran the capacity of the cottage. It is an entertaining irony that members of the Beckhampton Group, abruptly breaking their promise to lend ARGUS a caravan which Stanley Morcom had generously donated to them in 1991, unwittingly did us a good turn. Their piece of minor pettiness (sadly characteristic, alas, of the attitude towards ARGUS of a few Beckhampton members) denied us a couple of bed spaces and put us to additional costs on the accommodation budget. But it probably saved us a case or two of pneumonia in the cold wet weather --which characterised July and August! --and it gave many of the team the pleasure of lodging with Tim, Polly and David Carson and enjoying their kind and civilised hospitality. About other members of the Beckhampton Group it's impossible to speak too highly for the help they gave us. Above all, our grateful and affectionate thanks go to Una Dawood (and to Zakaria who endlessly supported her) and to Jo Holland; we could hardly have managed without them.

So what did ARGUS do? What did it achieve? Was it worthwhile? Should we do it again?

The country-wide catalogue of this year's events will amount, I'm told, to something like 200 (assuming you count as only one event such things as exquisitely disposed linear arrays of a dozen circles or more, neatly placed between tramlines, often in highly inaccessible and obscure locations). Of these 200 events (adopting that simple way of counting) the overwhelming majority occurred in Wessex, Wiltshire being the favoured county. Within Wiltshire the Vale of Pewsey - Alton Barnes being roughly its centre - attracted 30 or 40 events, no fewer than 13 of which occurred on the Carsons' farm alone. Some had occurred before ARGUS began, including the biggest event of the year, the Great Snail in East Field at Alton Barnes. Wanting to take samples from recently formed events, and to do so as quickly as possible, the ARGUS team regretfully set aside most of the events which had occurred before 11th July and waited for the new ones. Most of those which occurred thereafter in the Vale of Pewsey were visited by the team, and they widened their radius of action whenever possible to take in more distant occurrences, including those to the north around Avebury/Silbury/Beckhampton, those to

the east towards Froxfield, and several much further away, e.g. events near Stonehenge and into Hampshire.

This summary is being written before all our figures have been totted up, but (approximately) the team visited something like 45 events, taking a range of samples from each of them, together with controls from the same field -- samples of soil for testing for radioactive effects, magnetic anomalies and changes in the population of soil micro-organisms; and samples of crops for a wide variety of tests, from effects on DNA to the speed of germination and subsequent growth of mature seeds. In the end something like 1000 individual samples (and controls) must have been dispatched to the waiting establishments. Many of these were sent "blind", meaning that only the team knew which were samples and which were controls or from which parts of the formation and the surrounding field they had been taken - a method which helps to put findings on a dispassionate footing, unaffected by the private hopes or biases of those who are doing the laboratory analysis.

In addition, especially as new (and quite unexpected) talents heard about ARGUS and took the trouble to attach themselves to the research effort -- Simon Lyons, Kobus Nieuweijer and Rodney Hale were prominent among them - the team began to undertake some additional testing on site, using equipment responsive to such things as the local static electrical and magnetic fields, and electromagnetic effects at several parts of the frequency spectrum.

All this work needs evaluation. In some cases (germination tests, for example) it may need many weeks before results can be confidently announced. Moreover, the whole team wants to give time to the individual scientists involved to publish their work in peer-reviewed journals if it proves

worth doing so (a process which tends to be slow but is very important if open-minded outside scientists are to be persuaded and the professional effort of individual researchers is to be properly recognised). So ARGUS can't at this stage announce final results. All we can promise is that everything discovered - even if wholly negative - will be placed on the public record as quickly as possible. And sponsors and donors will be given their



Ralph Noyes taking a soil sample for Project Argus in a crop circle at Draycot Fitz Payne.

own advance copies of the final report as quickly as we can manage.

At this stage I can only express some personal views. I do so without any kind of authority from the ARGUS team and merely as a deeply interested participant

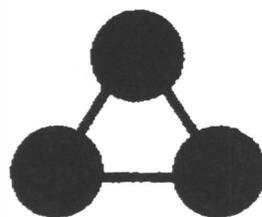
who remains convinced that we are dealing with a core-phenomenon of great importance. So here goes - merely as one man's preliminary view (the view of a non-scientist who had the privilege of being "alongside"). I think the outcome of this year's work will be as follows:-

*Those of us (me included !) who hoped that we would find a simple "litmus test" for distinguishing real from dud events - eg. something like a hand-held meter which would register "Yes" or "No" on our arrival at an event - were being naive. Something much subtler is in question - something which may have to be measured in parts-per-million rather than parts-per-hundred; and certainly something which is unlikely to be immediately detected on site by present equipment. (We may in fact be forced to design new apparatus as research continues).

*We are a little nearer to knowing what may be going on --and it seems to have far less to do with ionising radiation than last year's work suggested and far more to do with non-ionising radiation at some point or points in the electromagnetic spectrum.

*This may make it particularly difficult to isolate the effects on crops and soil which would help us to take the research further. But this is a challenge, not a defeat; we must re-define our strategy and alter our techniques. And if radioactivity is now to be set on one side (as seems likely, anyway in the next stage of research), the future programme should be much more economical. A large part of this year's budget has gone on the hi-tech resources associated with radioactivity testing; concentrating on the EM spectrum may be inherently cheaper.

* "Luminosities" in the low atmosphere in circle-haunted areas have thrust themselves into this year's research in a way which I, at least, did not expect (though



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the anecdotal reports from past years, together with the material caught on film and video should perhaps have taught us otherwise). Much evidence is now being collected of luminous events in the Vale of Pewsey in the months of July and August this year. Taken together with certain effects which have been caught on photographic emulsion, it reinforces my personal view that electromagnetic activity (sometimes at frequencies which can register on film and on the human retina) may be an important clue to what is happening.

Throughout its programme the ARGUS team was well aware that some circles were being made by humankind - perhaps in some cases with the mischievous intention of frustrating its scientific work. We also received anonymous letters (and other communications of a dubious kind) to the effect that several events which seemed, at least to visual inspection, to be strikingly "well done" were nonetheless the outcome of criminal trespass and damage. We decided at the outset to ignore this kind of extraneous and rather childish

naughtiness. We saw it as our job to get to any event within our range, however dud we thought it and whatever the rumour-mongers might be saying about it. We were here, after all, to collect the evidence without fear or favour or any predisposition in favour of a particular hypothesis. We therefore sampled all available events dispassionately - even including a circle plus "alpha signature" (quite well made, we thought, though somewhat "mechanical" in its look) which had been placed within a few hundred yards of the Waggon & Horses pub at Beckhampton. (In this particular case we felt some grudging gratitude to the makers for putting us within easy range of beer and sandwiches at the conclusion of our morning's labours - many other events had been at a much greater distance from such civilised amenities).

Hoax and rumours of hoax are an undoubted nuisance in any field of enquiry; but if the mischief-makers feel that they have vitiated the work of ARGUS, they have made a mistake: ARGUS has secured a wide enough data-base to reach

reasonable conclusions and to make due allowance for the possibility (probability?) that a few small, mischievous souls may have been acting blindly in response to motivations which they, themselves, would probably be the last to understand. The ARGUS report will stand or fall on its own statistical merits. And my personal view - fortified by kneeling humbly in many of this year's events with a trowel, a set of plastic bags and a report form to fill in - is that we find ourselves in the presence of something which continues to evade conventional understanding with quite as much success in 1992 as it did 13 years ago at the beginning of the 1980's.

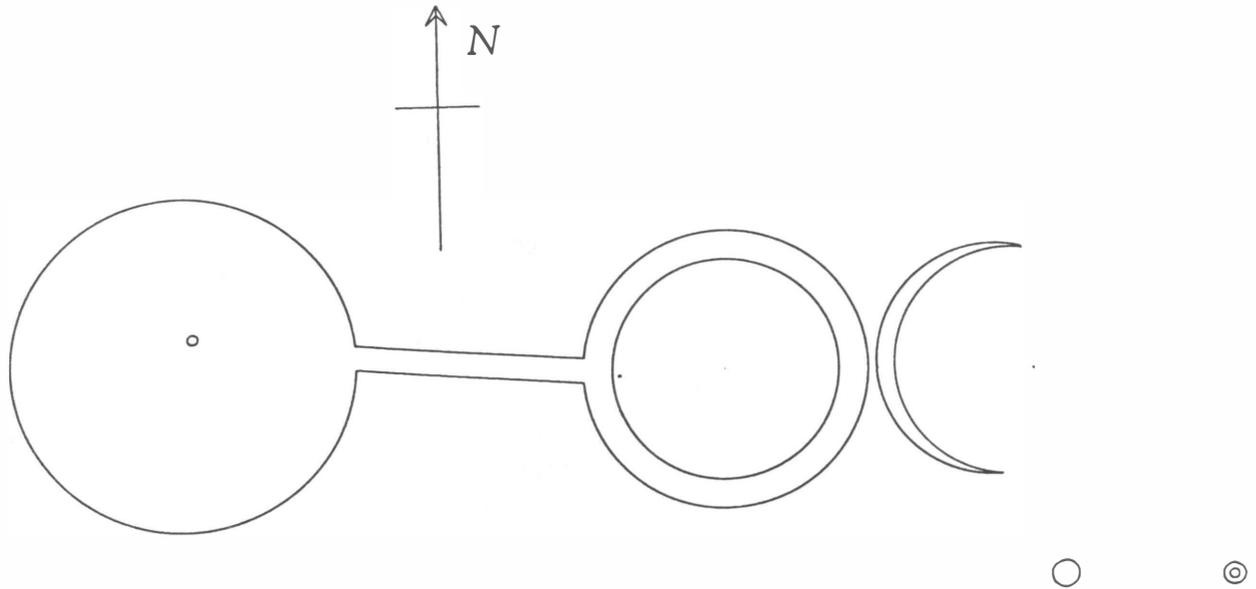
It remains to publish the ARGUS report in full. It is likely to be indicative rather than conclusive; it will not provide *the answer*; but it will certainly point the way towards further research. Only our sponsors and donors can decide whether they wish to fund this kind of exercise again. I hope they will; there is certainly more than enough to justify all of us in looking forward to a sustained programme of further scientific enquiry.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1992

by John Martineau

WEST STOWELL CROP FORMATION

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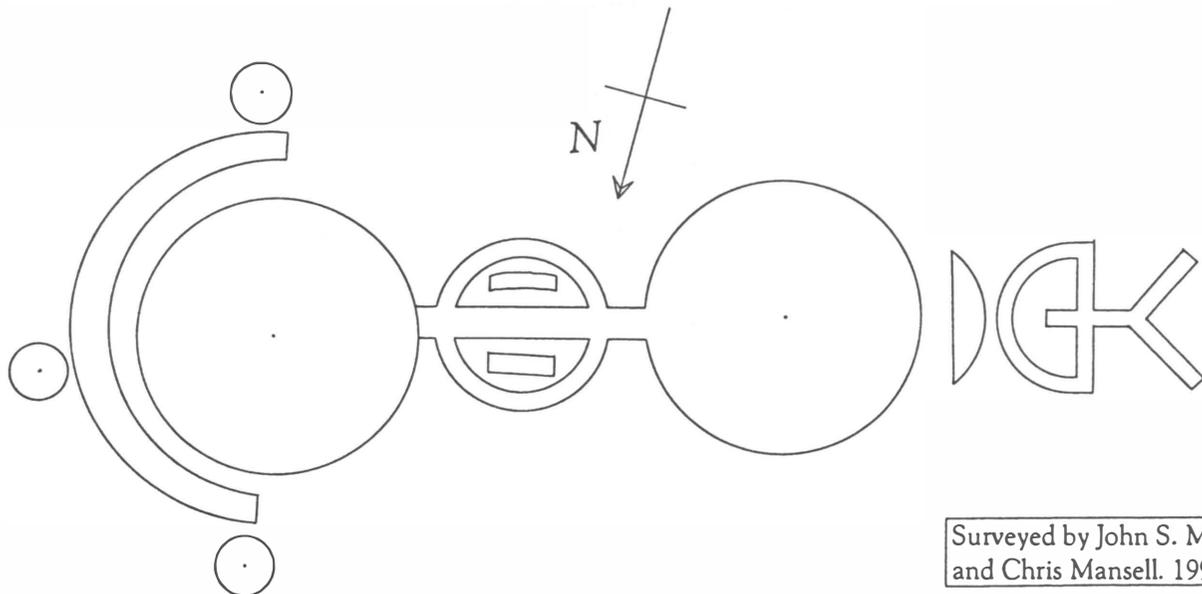


All circles were swirled anticlockwise.
The pathway was laid from the ring.
A 12" band of clockwise lay was found
around the edge of the large circle.

John S. Martineau 1992.
From a survey by Nigel & Paul Mann.

HMS MERCURY CROP FORMATION

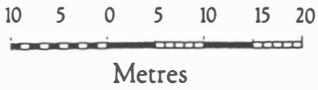
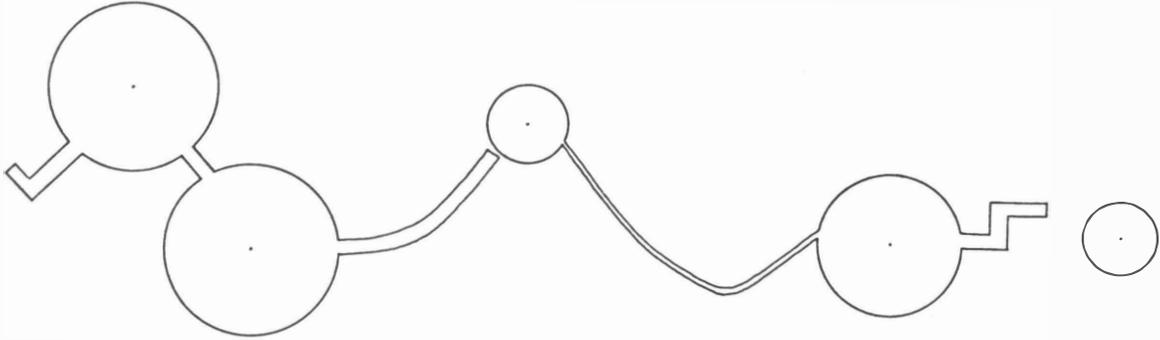
24th July 1992 SU685192 Wheat



Surveyed by John S. Martineau
and Chris Mansell. 1992.

All circular features were clockwise except for
the halo, the 'semicircle' and the two box system.
The 'rainbow man' was laid from the groin.

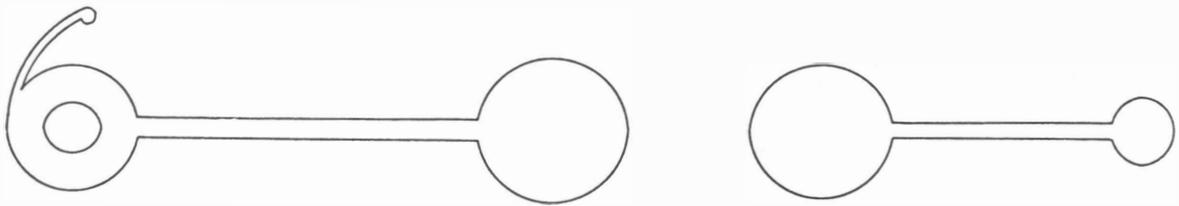
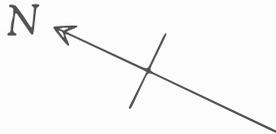
MILK HILL CROP FORMATION
 16th July 1992 SU102630 Wheat (height 0.7m)



All circles were swirled clockwise.
 Pathways were laid away from the southernmost circle.

John S. Martineau 1992.
 From a survey by Nigel & Paul Mann.

AVEBURY AVENUE
 17th July SU104694 Wheat

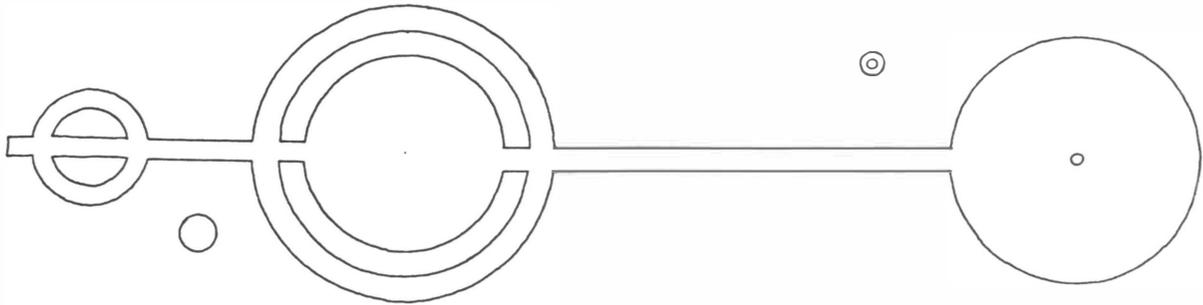


The three southernmost circles were swirled anticlockwise. The ring and its tail-tip were swirled clockwise. Pathways were laid away from the standing crop separating the dumb-bells.



Surveyed by John S. Martineau & Claire Gammon. 1992.

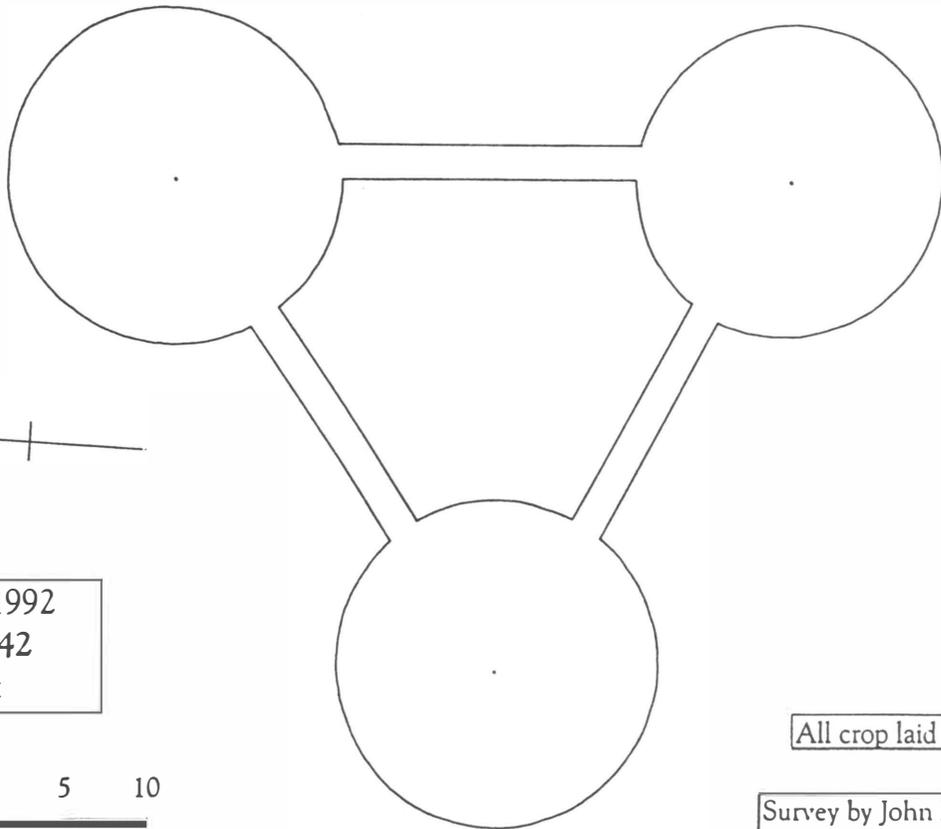
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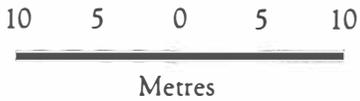
All circles laid clockwise except for large ring.
 Pathways laid away from central circle

Survey by John S. Martineau 1992.

OLIVER'S CASTLE



24th July 1992
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 Wheat



All crop laid clockwise.

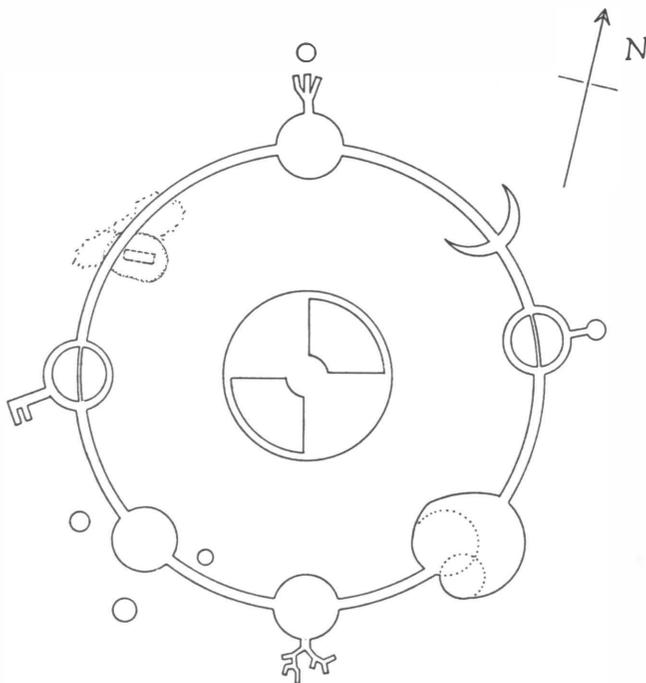
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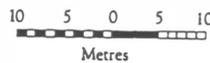
18th August

SU094690

Wheat



All the features were swirled anticlockwise except for the southernmost grapeshot, the larger circle near to it, and the dumb-bell ring. Pathways were laid away from the centre. The two quadrants were laid away from the key.

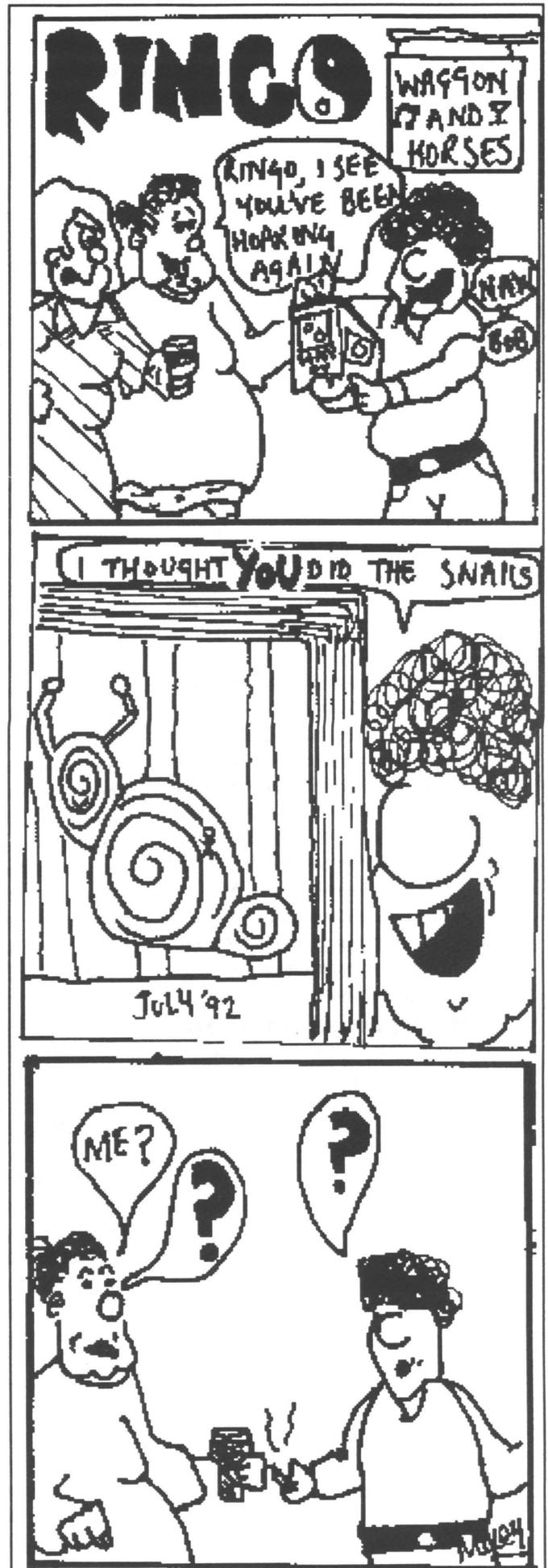


Surveyed by John S. Martineau,
Chris Mansell & Dave Gilfoyle.

Notes concerning surveys

1. The circular areas of swirled crop are rarely circular. Due to the time which it takes to draw ellipses to a high standard, most of the formations have been drawn with averaged radii.
2. The centre of the swirl rarely coincides with the centre of the "circle" in a genuine formation. Swirl circles are generally depicted by a small dot.
3. Unfortunately some of the compass readings made in the field were found to be out by an error of up to five degrees due to the lack of proper equipment. It was possible to iron out much of this by triangulation but if extremely accurate surveys are required it would be best to refer to the higher-quality surveys executed by John Langrish.
4. It is quite possible that some of these formations were man-made with garden rollers, string and planks of wood. It is equally possible that some of them arrived by means currently quite unknown to science. There is however a position which states that no matter how these shapes arrived in our fields, they constitute quite one of the most remarkable bodies of art that has ever been witnessed by modern man.

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CROP CIRCLES: AN INTELLIGENCE TEST?

A few months ago I was widely quoted as claiming that the circles were “an IQ test sent to us by aliens”. An intriguing theory, but I neither said it nor believed it! Hardly libelous, merely absurd, so I could do little about it. I was eventually asked to say what I do believe. Predictably my little essay was neither acknowledged nor published. Just homeopathic exposure to misinformation and obstruction: how much worse to be a well-known politician or one of the royal family, I thought.

But I do believe that living is an intelligence test – all the time. Mostly we ourselves, with no visible teacher or assessor but only what help we can give each other, set the syllabus and set up the grade. Who needs aliens? So when we find ourselves with the puzzle of rogue designs appearing in our crops overnight, what do we do? Fall back firstly on what we know (“the earth can’t move around the sun”; “stones can’t fall from the sky”), and rely on our previous methods of learning, whatever they may be. We can, of course, ignore this particular test – we are busy with something else. Or we can assume that Teacher must be somewhere around after all, but which lesson is this? Science? Art? Maths? Foreign languages? Or are we – daunting thought – signed on for religious studies? Surely it must be one of these? – so we label our project accordingly.

Doubt, disinformation

We join fellow students in gathering data, proposing theories and shouting down the others. After all there can only be one right answer, can’t there? There always was, till we got to this grade. Now and then, disturbingly for some, glimpses of strange new scenes are seen through the windows of the classroom. A rumour begins to circulate, which some find a relief: the whole thing is a mischievous scam by a fellow pupil, or team of pupils. Employed, maybe, for reasons unknown, by Them. They don’t like people who think for themselves. Sabotage.

So currently for many in the heart of the crop-circle scene, a muddy mixture of genuine doubt, actual disinformation, and – more confusingly – rumours of disinformation, has caused the focus of the

Barbara Davies

learning situation to shift significance of the circles into what to do in a situation of Chaos. When we find ourselves here, anything we have learned in life’s timetable about dealing with chaos, personal or political, helps.

Chaos

You can recognise chaos largely by the sense that no-one seems to obey or even know the rules, and our faith in the people, institutions and beliefs we have trusted is shaken by doubt, fear and anger. This symptom of chaos – disintegration – is there more terribly in what was the USSR, what was Yugoslavia – we don’t even know what to call them yet.

Personally, I have found that it helps when feeling threatened or hurt, to stand still briefly and establish why and how I have let myself be thrown off-centre, and made angry, suspicious or whatever, looking at my reactions as detachedly as I can. What am I actually afraid of? Are my assumptions reasonable? (In Chaos theory the “imaginary” vastly affects the “real”!). Is my response automatic? Am I being drawn into conflict unwillingly, away from what I really want to do and where I feel good? If so, how do I get back or forward (chaos is where set patterns can change) – to where I want to be? Nonreaction can be the most effective option. A steadying question is “How do I want to be remembered?”

New Age suspicion

I do not want to be drawn into intrigue, nor into “fors” or “againsts”. As Juergen Kroenig says, cereologists are attacked as part of the New Age movement by those attached to the status quo. That doesn’t mean we need to adopt the perception of a holy war: our declared task is research. The New Age is arousing only the predictable amount of resistance and suspicion that new things always do and always have. Somehow, collectively we have turned crop circles into a political issue, and through hoaxing identified our collective fear. Michael Green has said, “We are not a secretive cult gripped by paranoia”. The

less we behave like one the less we will seem like one. We are all free to choose over how far to get sucked into a bog of mutual mistrust and name calling – tempted by disorder around us. The many “grass-roots” members I have talked to this year nearly all spoke of their wish to focus on the circles rather than the fakes, fakers and disinformers. Hundreds now have first-hand experience of something they know to be genuine, which makes sense to them instinctively – or appeals as a mystery. Their lives are not centred, like some researchers, on the probity of the phenomenon, so they are less prone to anxieties over it, and don’t want to be drawn into the miasma of uncertainties, innuendoes and accusations surrounding the Hword. They want news about circles rather than circle-people.

Wessex-centred hype

They have also been exposed to media attempts to shake their faith in their own judgement, but I find most people have more independent minds than they are credited with, especially away from the Wessexcentred hype influencing 1992’s circles research, articles and talks.

Awareness of the existence of formations elsewhere appears peripheral, even to the belief that chalk uplands are part of the equation. “Well, Cornwall is not out of bounds”, I was told, only half-laughing. Likewise, “in” jokes and gossip are in danger of creating a two-tier crop-circle world. Yet who coped more calmly with both the metaphysical and human problems than the Cornish farmer, unwilling host to both a circle and hoaxers in 1991? The vandals were caught red-handed: the little green men were asked not to come back this year – and didn’t!

We have been told: “How you want to see the circles is how you will see them. . . . “Through them you can see yourselves. Not one of them has one message only. . . . One of the focuses of this season will be to show more of the magic to confound and enlighten. For some this will be a positive experience, for others it will not.” We can choose.

**CLOSE
ENCOUNTERS
with CIRCULAR
READERS
by
Bob Kingsley**

After such a hectic summer, our reader's contributions must be kept reasonably short for this issue, so I apologise if your letter has not been included in this batch. Let's kick off with Ron Baskerville from Castle Hill, Guildford, Surrey, who writes:

"On Friday 21st August I went along with my friends in the S.I.G.A.P. group to investigate a new Surrey corn circle in a field on the Hog's Back [the name of a section of the A31.] Amongst other tests that we made in the circle (which was a plain circle with a trident shape attached to it), we obtained an interesting tape recording from the *centre* of the circle by thrusting two wires [into the ground?] joined to a microphone head which in turn was plugged into a tape recorder. On playback we heard an electrostatic crackle plus a clear BLEEP which beeped every four seconds. It sounded much like a location beep of a satellite.

I wonder that if we could have dug down in the circle centre, would we have found a homing probe?? Which made me think - if I wished to observe bees or wasps, I would put a saucer of honey on my window sill to attract their attention, then when they arrived on the saucer I would study them at my leisure. What I am implying is this: the circles' purpose is to *attract* us and make us enter (i.e. saucer and honey). Once we are in the confines of the circle, we are then able to be monitored (the beep is a *marker*). In my humble opinion, it is a sidetrack to worry about the significance of the varied *shapes* of the corn circles - *they are only varied in order to retain our attention* and so make us continue to enter them. It is a *humane* way of studying us - better than abduction and lost time, etc. I hope the Ministry of Defence receives copies of *The Circular* because we certainly have *trespassers!*"

I might be able to help Ron here: I few months ago I purchased a "natural radio" receiver from Conversion Research (write to P.O. Box 535, Descanso, California 91916-0535 for more information). This useful, hand-held, battery-operated radio - model WR-3 VLF - which receives signals in the 0.1.-10 KHz range (you need a pair of Walkman-type headphones). It picks up all manner of naturally-produced electrostatic emission such as those given off by lightning discharges (known popularly as "whistlers"). It has to be operated far from A.C. power-lines, otherwise all incoming signals are obliterated by an unpleasant (and very loud) hum. It can also just receive signals emitted by the Omega world-wide navigational system. These range from 10.2 to 13.8 KHz, with eight dashes per ten-second interval. The nearest Omega transmitting station to England appears to be in Norway; another powerful transmitter is located near La Moure, in North Dakota. I have found that these signals can be clearly heard in a number of different locations (including Crawley Down and Cheesefoot Head, as well as the fields behind my house, where no crop circles ever form), and at times several signals can be heard overlapping. I just wonder if Ron's recording might be of these same signals? The trouble is, there's so much radio junk of human origin being transmitted these days - some of it public and much of it secret - one would be hard-pressed to differentiate between these signals and those generated by methods not of terrestrial origin.

Next, to Regina Cullen of London:-

"I would like to suggest that an experiment be undertaken using radionics to see if an event could be created in a suitable field. Radionics, which is, it would appear, a paranormal process in itself, has in the past been responsible for some astonishing effects. A read through the chapter "Radionic Pesticides" in *The Secret Life of Plants* by Peter Tompkins and Christopher Bird (Harper & Row, 1973), reveals that pest control was successfully achieved in the 1950s in the USA in aerially photographed fields by private individuals who also worked with officials of the states of Ohio and Pennsylvania. As has been the tragic fate of so many panaceas, however (a process vividly illustrated by on-going persecution of truly effective "alternative" medicine, especially of the canceriononymous), one of

the protagonists of the radionic miracle "... was so stunned by the lethal potential of the tuned radiation that he resolved never to reveal everything about the make-up of his devices or their operation until he could one day find serious researchers of impeccable character to help him elucidate the exact potentials of his discoveries." His treatments were so precise he was able to pinpoint individual ears of corn and disintegrate the worm on each of them. With this level of accuracy a pictogram or a Mandelbrot Set would hardly be challenging.

"A Canadian seer has contacted me with the following insight into what she believes is part of the mechanism of creation (I relay this without intending to pass judgment on the usefulness or accuracy of clairvoyance): she likened her vision to the functioning of a pantograph - a graphic artist's device for transferring a drawing or figure from one surface to another. I can well imagine someone sitting at a drawing-board having sport with us ... only aerial photos would be required in addition to the radionic equipment. Who is it who thus maps our countryside? The military - and, in my opinion, based on research undertaken in response to certain personal experiences - military/intelligence/defence interests experiment with every conceivable aspect of reality, particularly the electromagnetic spectrum.

"I've heard a rumour that radionics has been banned in the USA as also has gyroscope research ... This means that no one but the national security elite is allowed to delve into these mysteries, so obviously effective that they must be kept secret "for our own good". That they may be used to enslave us is another matter and one desperately overdue for further public exposure but, I suppose, not here."

Regina's letter was actually written almost a year ago and I'm sorry it took us so long to publish it. I don't know anything about radionics, but the nature of the energy - and the subsequent attempts to keep information away from public discussion and further scientific scrutiny - reminds me strongly of Wilhelm Reich and his Orgone energy, which, amongst other things, was shown to have both positive and deleterious effects on cancerous cells (depending on the dosage), as well as being involved in the processes that culminate in rainfall or drought conditions. During the 1950s, the US Gov-

ernment - through its Food and Drug Administration office - made concerted efforts to discredit Reich, then buried his work in obscurity by ordering a ban on all further Orgone research, having him arrested and the burning all his notes, books and manuscripts. Must have been pretty powerful stuff.

I'm told that there are American researchers who are still experimenting with Reich's Cloudbuster machine and - according to some - are creating drought conditions in parts of America because they don't know how to operate it properly; there is even an organisation dedicated to exposing this experimentation to the public in the hope that further practical study of Orgone in relation to rain-making will be better controlled. Elsewhere in the world, a few doctors are continuing to apply Reich's Orgone Accumulator to patients with cancers, sometimes with remarkable success - and sometimes with tragic failure.

If you want to know more about Reich's Orgone energy and how it might be involved in crop circle formation, I heartily recommend Andrew Collins' book *The Circlemakers* (ABC Books 1992). David Boadella's *Wilhelm Reich : The Evolution of his Work* (Arkana) is an excellent biography. Andrew himself recommends Peter Reich's *Book of Dreams* (from your local library, if you're lucky) as well.

On a more down-to-earth level, Tony Caldicott from Newark in Nottinghamshire writes: -

"The CCCS badly needs an information leaflet or prospectus to give out to general enquirers. We meet people and tell them about our interests and activities; they say, "Can you give me something to read about it?" - and we realise that there is nothing suitable for a lay person to look through. This applies particularly when talking to farmers who know nothing about the Centre, and we want to convince them that it is a well-established and respectable organisation. *The Cerealogist* and even *The Circular* aren't right for this sort of occasion; they are full of esoteric articles and information addressed primarily to current members. Besides, they are too expensive to hand out to all enquirers.

"I suggest that a simple, well-printed A4 handbill with the standard CCCS logo and heading, which gave an idea of the stand-

ing of the Council members, would be useful in telling people about the Centre and in establishing the credentials of individual researchers." Thanks, Tony, good idea. Over to you, Council members!

Now to my old chum Jon Erik Beckjord of California, who continues to hold forth from the Crypto-Phenomena Museum in Malibu, California. Writing on the 9th July, he says:-

"Re the current batch of seemingly hoaxed circles, let me remind readers that I predicted in 1990 that the Circlemakers may be cosmic jokers and enjoy a good laugh at our expense. Could it be that they are hoaxing a hoax - a la Doug 'n' Dave - but from above, and making genuine circles look like hoaxed circles? After all, what law says that all genuine circles must be neat and tidy? Whenever we establish a law, or a rule of thumb, the Circlemakers change the rules. We now run about, confused - in circles. The lesson to be learned from all this is to do more Morgan's Hill type of surveillance. If people *cannot* get into a field, and it produces a circle, then that is not hoaxed, and all we need is one verified non-hoax to prove our case. One genuine anomaly is worth 10,000 hoaxes, so let the hoaxers run amok, if it is they; all we need is one or more genuine ones to work with. One Nessie is all it takes, not fifty, and one UFO, not ten, and one Yeti, not six. Get the idea?"

In August, Jon Erik followed up:-

"In Sept/Oct of 1991, I suggested ... that a hoaxing contest be held, in the dark. This was done. This year, the hoaxers won, in general. I now suggest an Advanced Hoaxing Contest, to be held in, a) oil-seed rape crop; b) wheat crop. It should be in June when rape is green, and the winner would break the least stems, while making a good dumb-bell. Natural

circles in rape break *no* stems. In wheat, the winner must lay down *three* layers of crossing wheat similar to such formations as Winterbourne Stoke 1990 and Lockeridge 1991, which had at least two layers. In a second wheat category, *swirls must be laid down on top of counter-clockwise swirls. All this must be done in the dark, under the same rules at 1992.* The *Circlemakers* of a *paranormal* origin are not knocked out yet." Jon Erik has been known to ruffle a few feathers whenever he comes over here and gets involved with other researchers; I've never met him, but our correspondence suggests to me that he is one of those Americans with a no-nonsense approach to life (I think we would call him a bull in a china shop!), but despite this I have to admit he often seems to get to the nub of things where others urge a more cautious approach. He concludes his letter by saying, "We are not here to be popular. We are here to get the job done." When you ponder on what happened to Reich, the difficulties encountered with radionics research and the study of UFOs. you can, as they say, see where he's coming from.

Keep those letters coming. If you would like to be included in our quarterly review of readers' letters, write to me:- **BOB KINGSLEY, SIX FIR GROVE (OFF FIRGROVE ROAD), WHITEHILL, HAMPSHIRE GU35 9ED, U.K.** (and NOT to The Circular Editor, George Wingfield). Please mark your *letters* (not just the envelopes) **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS**. Thank you.

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After completion of Bob Kingsley's *Close Encounters* feature for this issue the following two important letters were received and are included here :

Dear Sir,

On Wednesday 29th July 1992, I and Stanley Morcom were carrying out survey work on crop circle formations in the locality of Alton Priors, Wiltshire. At 6.00 pm approximately we were moving south down the tramlines just inside the western edge of the large wheat field which lies between Alton Priors and Wilcot. The field belongs to the Carson family from whom we had had permission to survey a large ring and circle formation which lay further to the east across the field. Our purpose was to approach the formation from the southern limits of the field and thereby avoid attracting attention, since the field was not open to the general public.

About 150 yards from the southern boundary of the field, (OS ref. 115615), which consists of a hedgerow with trees, I saw a vehicle pass my line of vision just in front of the hedgerow, and moving from right to left (ie from west to east). A silver bonnet or dome appeared about 2-3 feet above the top of the corn, which stood about 2ft 6 in high. The rest of the vehicle was hidden below the crop, but when it passed the end of the tramline I noticed that it was dark underneath with what appeared to be a complex of machinery. The top of the vehicle appeared to be about 10-15 feet wide and was travelling at a steady 20 to 30 mph. At one point it dipped below the top of the corn but reappeared and passed out of sight. The incident lasted between 5 and 10 seconds. I assumed that it must be the top of a car or farm vehicle which was travelling in a hollow-way between the hedge and the growing crop. On reaching the end of the field I discovered that there was no hollow-way, indeed no trackway of any sort on either side of the hedgerow. On this side the crop and the hedgerow were only a few feet apart. The tramlines turned to run along the edge of the field about 10 - 15 feet inside the field but neither they nor the edge of the field showed any trace of an physical vehicle having recently passed that way.

Stanley Morcom who was walking a short distance in front of me and facing the same direction did not see the vehicle. The weather was fine and visibility excellent.

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Many of you have told me that you will be coming. I would ask everyone to advise me so that I know the numbers and please let me know as soon as possible. There is room for approximately 60/70 people.--
Lucy Pringle, 5 Town Lane, Sheet, Petersfield GU322AF. Tel: 0730-263454

Although physically tired we were both completely sober!

I have no rational explanation for this extraordinary occurrence. However, it should be noted that in lectures and interviews during the summer of 1992 I had expressed some reservations about the UFO phenomenon, saying that it lay outside my own personal experience. Could this happening be another example of the exquisite timing and sense of humour of the Crop Circle Makers and their Associates, who produced a phenomenon of profound personal significance, but without third party corroboration or the opportunity to record the event on camera!

Yours faithfully

Michael Green
Chairman

Dear Director of Field Research,

On Friday 7th August, on receipt of your instructions to inspect a formation near Rye in Sussex, I set off on what should be a journey of 75 minutes at 5.45 pm in a zealous frame of mind.

On the way I took a short cut and got lost. Noticing my petrol was low, I resolved to obtain some approaching the target area. On arrival at the petrol station, there was a sign saying "Sorry, no petrol".

In the hamlet nearby there was a pub called The Plough, and I stopped to obtain directions to the farm which you had

indicated. I was told it was first down the road. I went out and found the car would not start; indeed, I finally ran down the battery.

I deduced that the reason was that I was on a reverse slope and the petrol that remained in the tank would only obey the laws of gravity and run to the back.

I returned to the pub and explained my predicament. "Ah", they said "you didn't really want to go there anyway".

"Where did I want to go?", I enquired.

"Well", they said, "if you want to see the farmer, he doesn't live there - only his mother, an old lady who lives alone. Is he a friend of yours?"

"No", I said; "I want to talk to him about a corn circle on his land."

"Well, you're in luck, then. He always pops in for a drink on his way home".

I decided to wait for him, and noticed that my car was parked slightly projecting into the road.

"Would you give me a push?", I asked.

They did. I was half in and half out of the car and the push I was given was stronger than I anticipated. As the car door was open and I failed to brake in time, the open door caught one of the windows of the pub and broke it. One of the shards cut my arm, and a wheel ran over my big toe.

I returned to the pub and in helping to clear up the glass cut my finger.

The barman was very kind about it and asked for my name and telephone number to give to the farmer when he returned. "Of course," he said, "I've got some petrol at home but I can't leave the pub." The farmer will be here shortly, I'm sure he'll help you."

I waited for an hour. "He's late tonight", they said.

"Is there a garage open?", I asked.

"No", they said.

"What about phoning for a taxi to come with petrol and jump leads?", I suggested (the car is automatic).

"Here is a number", they said. I tried it four times over the next half hour. It was engaged. Finally it answered and a sensible man understood and said he would come immediately.

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greeted him effusively, and extricated a crushed hand from his.

I explained why I had come to see him. He said, "You've been had. Nothing like that on my land."

The taxi driver arrived with the petrol. There was no funnel. The farmer said he had one and produced a large plastic affair. It was so large that the angle of attack was wrong and the petrol poured out on the ground, but we salvaged a bit.

We attached the jump leads and both received shocks. Eventually we got the car started. I got some more petrol and went home. I arrived at 11.15 p.m. with a bruised toe, a cut arm, a damaged door to my car and minus £25 and an acute headache. I haven't had the bill for the pub window yet.

Do you think that I have had a paranormal experience? Should I see someone about it? Please advise.

I am, Sir, as always,

Your obedient servant,

Colin Bloy

Dear Colin, Thank you for your horror story. I am not sure that you have had a paranormal experience within the meaning of the Act, but we enjoyed hearing about your expedition. (Send expenses claims, hospital bills, garage bills, etc. to CCCS) There was indeed a fine dumbbell crop formation at TQ194198 at Cadborough Farm, west of Rye, as indicated. This has been photographed from the air and the farmer now acknowledges that it was in one of his fields. --Director of Field Research, CCCS.

BOOK REVIEWS Ciphers in the Crops Spuren im Korn

CIPHERS IN THE CROPS, The Fractal and Geometric Circles of 1991. Edited by Beth Davis. (Gateway Books)

This excellent paperback edited by Beth Davis and with contributions by leading researchers in the crop circle investigation community, gives the reader an insight into the workings of an intelligent force that is allegedly behind the creation of crop formations. The now renowned formation that appeared at Barbury Castle is illustrated as having parallels in Alchemical diagrams. These diagrams are representative of the triads of the Sun, the Moon and Mercury, or as stated by Brian Grist in his dissertation on the Alchemical significance of the triangular formation of Sulphur, Salt and Mercury. Indeed this triangle could also represent the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but it cannot represent them all at the same time. A choice has to be made: which one of these three triads does Barbury Castle represent and why?

The clue as to which of the triads the Barbury Castle formation alludes to, came with the appearance of the series of great fish formations about which there is little mention in this book. The great fish had at either end of them the same symbol for the Moon that appeared on the Barbury Castle formation. Thus making another triangle, Moon (the planet), Water (the element), Fish (the creature). Six previous formations - the Dodmanograms - gave the clue to the ratchet spiral, for it represented a snail shell or Helix at the Mercury apex (see "Double Helix" in *Cereologist* No. 6). The sign used for 'Sun' is, too, a known sun sign. Without mention of these formations it is hard for the reader to see that there really is a thread of information running through the 1991 series of pictograms. Perhaps the authors were nervous of the claims by Doug & Dave to have made the Dodmanograms! There is incidentally a wrong attribution of a particular alchemical diagram as being the work of Basilus Valentinus (on page 47). His diagram is in fact (d), though this is incorrectly said to be the *Silva Philosophorum* of Cornelius

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Petraeus. The Hebrew script in the centre of the triangle reads NATURE. The verse above the diagram of the Tenth Key, could have been included for it is so apt in this enigmatic exercise:-

If all the worlds nature,
Were seen in one figure,
And nothing could be evolved by art,
Nothing wonderful would be found in the Universe,
And Nature would have nothing new to tell us,
For which let us laud and praise God.

Beth Davis tells the story of her investigation into the events surrounding the appearance of the Mandelbrot at Ickleton, and the search for those who could possibly have made the formation. All enquiries at the faculty for Mathematics at Cambridge were met with strong denials of involvement in any planned fabrication of this formation. As yet no one has ever claimed the Mandelbrot was their work.

George Wingfield gives a fascinating account of his visits to the Barbury Castle pictogram and to the Ickleton Mandelbrot. He provides a detailed assessment of these formations describing them as two of the most remarkable events of the 1991 season. Gary Hardwick's account of the happenings in the sky on the night that the Barbury Castle triangle appeared, is echoed by the report in the *Cambridgeshire journal* of the sighting of a blue ball of light close to where the Mandelbrot appeared at Ickleton. This emphasises for the reader the degree of strangeness attached to this phenomenon, and the connection between crop circles and anomalous lights seen in the vicinity at or around the time of their creation.

John and Julie Wakefield write about the famed meeting of Native American chiefs and Shamans at Machu Pichu in 1986 to discuss the reactivation of the ancient Mayan centres. Also they discuss the

image of the Froxfield Serpent in terms of the DNA structure under attack by UV radiation and possibly by radio-nuclides. However, the jury is still out on whether there are any anomalous isotopes to be found in crop formations. The scientists involved in sampling in 1991 were latterly dissatisfied with their initial results from samples taken from the Firs Farm Dolphin formation. We eagerly await their verdict on this year's more comprehensive sampling by the team of project Argus of which they were members.

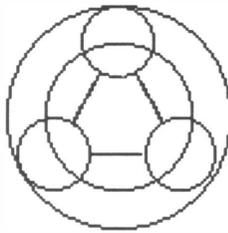
Jurgen Kronig discusses all the different views that are held concerning this phenomenon, and sees some problems for the establishment should these events prove conclusively to be exterior communications from another world of which we have little or no knowledge. Neither does he see the change over from a society based on material wealth to one of spirituality as coming easily and without a fight with those who believe in a purely mechanistic and material society. Are the citadels of science to be taken in a maelstrom of luminosities and crop circles? Will the children of the future be taking GCSEs in Jungian symbolism? Will the sermon of the week be writ large in the glebe? What does the future hold? Perhaps we shall indeed experience a dramatic shift in consciousness! Jurgen reckons that the signs are that we are already undergoing this process.

This book is a good read and very informative, and was badly needed to give a view different to the circle faking scenario so popular in the Media. I would highly recommend it to all with an interest in the subject, for it covers a good part of the ever growing tapestry of events in the fields. The crop circles are there, they refuse to be hidden from public gaze, and whether the sceptics and mockers like it or not, they are having a dramatic effect on people. Certainly this book is a compulsive reading for croppies!

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SPUREN IM KORN. Edited by Jurgen Kronig. Published in German by Zweitausendeins. [It is intended to publish an English Language edition of this book later in the year]

"*Traces in Corn*" is a collection of eighteen essays, two photo-essays and a foreword, by no less than fifteen contributors. The book itself is a handsome hardback (239 pages) with superb typography and a great many excellently reproduced colour photographs. Ten of the essays are translated from English originals.

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Some of the articles are detailed factual descriptions of circle formations. There is a well-documented piece on the large pictogram near Hildesheim, written by three young German students. The real evidence is carefully sorted from the false:

farm machinery had twice behaved strangely when passing over the circles, which is seen as evidence, but reports that a solid gold disc of 12-inch diameter, found under the earth at the site, and showing a copy of the pictogram, are seen as a hoax.

Other articles, like Kronig's own "Circles - a Modern Myth", or John Michell's "Cyphers of Nature" are essays on the deeper meaning of the circles. Kronig draws attention to the number of people who are already seeking a supernatural world, and to whom UFO's, for example, are answering their need: in these cases, we have to be careful that such a search is not a drift into a dangerous unreality. However, the earth's known cycles, such as those of carbon dioxide, cycles of the moon, or of the sunspots, are from a source of energy which may influence the human psyche. Such energy might help us to explain the circle phenomenon. Certainly energy lines (leylines) are known in other cultures, such as those of the Chinese or native Australian peoples. Michell speaks of the possibility of spiritual force, which reminds us that such a force, if it is manifesting itself in the form of pictograms in corn, could be the beginning of a physical explanation of the circles. This comprehensive book will help the public to make up its mind.

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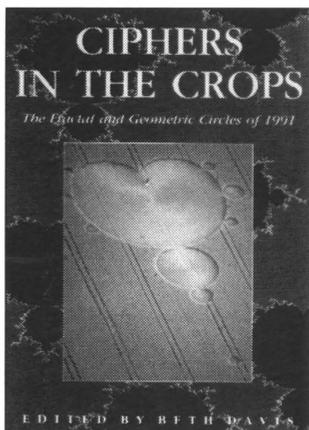
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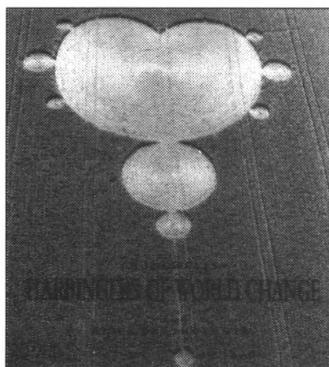
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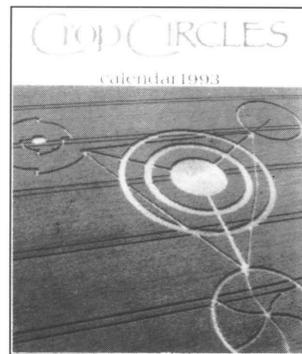
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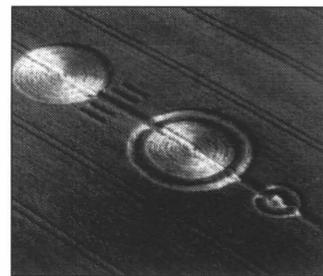


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