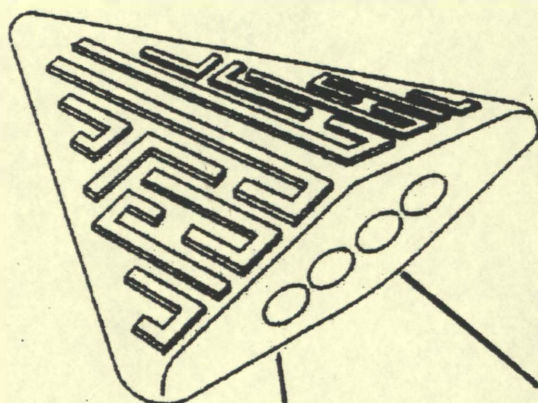
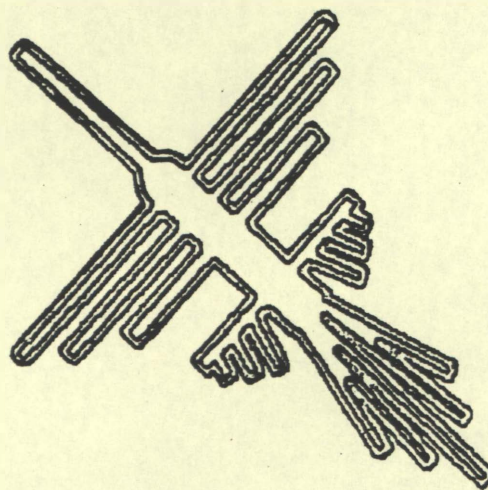


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UFOLOGY SUFFERS A DOUBLE BLOW

We have had the sad experience of losing two prominent members of the UFO research fraternity during the month of July. Victor J. Kean, a founder member of 'Project FT' died on the 6th July and Gordon Creighton, the Editor of Flying Saucer Review died on the 16th July. Both are remembered in an appreciation on pages 2 & 3 of this issue. Numerous messages of condolence have been received from people around the world.

Of Gordon Creighton's passing, Dr. John E. Mack (Harvard University) said "He was a special person!"

AN INCREASE IN 'STRANGE CREATURE' REPORTS

Over recent weeks there has been a noticeable increase in the number of 'strange creature' reports from around the world. The most astounding must be the story of a photographer that entered a cave where there had been stories of an unusual creature being seen. Later, there were screams heard coming from the cave and the police were called. They discovered the mangled remains of the photographer and his camera lying nearby. When the film was processed, a photograph of an evil looking entity hanging on the cave wall can be seen.

Unfortunately this story and the photo did not arrive in time for this issue, but the photograph will be printed (in colour) in the November/December OVNI.

On August 30th three witnesses travelling in the Rosario de la Frontera area of Argentina claim to have seen a strange hairy beast that had been reported widely since cattleman Rogelio Martinez made a detailed and fantastic report of the 'Mapinguary' (South American Bigfoot) to the authorities in 2001.

The beast has been described as being about 2 metres tall, covered in hair from head to foot, long arms ending in sharp claws, an oval-shaped head* and an enormous mouth with menacing fangs. (Source: *UFO Roundup Vol.8. No.34 & Joseph Trainor*)

* The Tibetan monks have displayed an oval shaped skull in the past, claiming that it is that of the 'Abominable Snowman' or 'Yeti'.

Meanwhile the Chupacabra continues to appear in South America. The latest report coming from the 'Quete Quete' sector of Curico in Chile. Apparently 50 hens were killed and injured in a remote farmhouse, without the farmer or guard dogs being aware of the intruder. (Source: *Chilean newspaper 'La Prensa' 30 August 2003*)

We must not forget that there have been strange happenings on our own doorstep. Remember the case of the two foresters, working in the woods at Bretby near Burton-on-Trent just a few years ago, when they heard a rustling and saw a strange animal like figure, with a head similar to a Fox, walking upright through the bushes! It then appeared to "walk down into the earth, as though walking down cellar steps"!

"This is the forest primeval" (Longfellow)

The Sad Loss of Victor J. Kean 2nd September 1931 - 6th July 2003

(A Founder member of 'Project FT')



Victor lived life to the full!

As a youngster Victor J. Kean lived in Haringey (London) for several years and at the outbreak of WW2 in 1939 he was evacuated to Hertfordshire. He later joined the Army as a 'National Serviceman' and served in the Canal Zone in Egypt during the 1950's.

He was a founder member of 'Project FT' which is devoted to the study of the mysterious Flying Triangle craft and had what was probably the largest database on these craft in the world (excluding the Military). Victor was a close friend and colleague of Omar Fowler, exchanging data and news daily by e-mail and telephone.

Apart from UFO's, Victor was an avid researcher of many subjects including the 'Bible Code' and ancient Greek artefacts (he published a book on 'The Ancient Greek Computer From Rhodes'). It was while on holiday in Greece that he met his future wife Sybille. They lived together in Berlin for many years and travelled widely.

Victor was a flamboyant figure and was a keen fan of Marlene Dietrich, who he met twice, once at the stage door of the Leicester Square Theatre. He had also appeared on the stage himself, in London and Berlin. He had also been a keen athlete, taking part in the 100 x One mile record attempt at the White City Stadium (London) in 1978.

In recent years Victor and Sybille bought a holiday home in the woods in Sweden, near the small town of Boda. It was here that Victor died suddenly on the morning of 6th July this year.

'Project FT' will continue to operate under the auspices of Tony Spurrier who is at present endeavouring to co-ordinate all the FT data under one roof.

Victor J. Kean will be sadly missed by his many friends around the world. "*It is absolutely devastating that people just walk out of the door and are never seen again*".... Anders Liljegren of the AFU Group (Sweden) commenting on the news of Victor's death.

The Life and Times of the Late Gordon Creighton,
MA (Cambridge), FRGS, FRAS,
26th April 1908 - 16th July 2003.
Editor of Flying Saucer review



**Gordon Creighton as HM Consul
in Shanghai, China, 1938.**

Orientalist and retired British Diplomat (Foreign Office) and Intelligence Officer (Ministry of Defence). Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and the Royal Geographical Society. Educated at Bishop's Stortford College, Cambridge University, Westminster University, and the École Libre des Sciences Politiques, Paris. For some years past was engaged in work for Government in research on maps printed in Oriental and other main world languages with the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, Royal Geographical Society, London.

He spent many years in diplomatic posts in China, Brazil, Europe, and the U.S.A., and subsequently served for eight years as an Intelligence Officer (on Russian and Chinese matters) of the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall, London, in a top-secret section right beneath the top-secret section where the Air Ministry and the Royal Air Force were investigating and studying UFOs!

Sent first as an Attache to the British Embassy in Beijing.

Subsequently served at various times at H.M. Vice-Consul at Tientsin, H.M. Vice-Consul at Chungking, and First Secretary again at the Embassy in Beijing. Further posts included various periods in the Far Eastern Department of the Foreign Office in London. Then as H.M. Consul at Nanking, H.M. Consul at Shanghai, H.M. Consul at Recife, Brazil, and Consul-General at Antwerp, Belgium, and New Orleans in the USA.

Has studied 20 languages, including Chinese, Sanskrit, Tibetan, Mongolian, Burmese, Arabic, and Russian. Is a specialist on diplomatic and international relations in Central Asia and the Far East, on Communism and Communist subversion, and on relations between Russia and China.

Has been interested in Flying Saucers since the summer of 1941, when he saw one, over the Far West of China, not far from Tibet, when stationed at the British Embassy in Chungking, China's wartime Capital.

Has contributed to *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* since its establishment in 1955, and has been a member of its Board of Directors for many years past. Now Editor of *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* (since November 1982).

Besides a life-long study of all the main world religions, Mr. Creighton began to investigate psychic

phenomena more than forty years ago, and has seen many experiments and strange happenings in all five Continents. Member of the Society for Psychical Research for many years, and of the famous Ghost Club in London.



Gordon Creighton in 1986

THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL!

Did you ever see the film 'The Day The Earth Stood Still', with Michael Rennie and Patricia Neal?

The recent widespread power cuts (sorry 'outages') in the United States and in London are reminiscent of the main theme of the film. The Extraterrestrials warned the World leaders that unless they ceased their war-like activities the aliens would demonstrate their power to intervene by causing a world-wide power blackout. Any of the recent TV shots of thousands of people stranded and walking home, could have been taken right out of this 50's movie!

There has been some speculation in Ufology circles that there has been more to these power blackouts than has been revealed. A selection of stories appearing on the internet have been reproduced below for your information.

Organization: Nu Energy Horizons
To: nuenergy@yahoogroups.com
From: "Bruce A. Perreault" <bruce.perreault@ionvalve.com>
Date sent: Thu, 14 Aug 2003 18:04:46 -0400
Subject: [nuenergy] Northeast Power Outage is not what it appears to be

Hello Everyone!

For those of you who haven't yet heard... there is a power outage across sections of the Northeast. I would like to report something strange up here in my neck of the Northeast. Yesterday a helicopter landed in a field up the road from me. Bear in mind that there are no airports out here. We are located in the pucker bushes. Today we witnessed this helicopter flying over major power lines that are directly behind the field where this helicopter has landed and has been there since yesterday. This helicopter appears to be dropping something on the lines. There are two trucks with equipment that are now located in the same field. They are not marked. This event in itself is strange here. Now, with this power outage event I thought it would be worth reporting helicopter event to this list. It may or might not be anything but we should all keep up our guard. If anyone has witnessed any strange events related to power lines please report it to this list.

-Bruce

DID UFOs CAUSE THE BLACKOUT?

John Edmonds writes regarding Filer's Files #34 - Did UFOs Cause Blackout? I think it is interesting that a similar blackout on the Western Power Grid occurred last year that spanned across Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington State at very nearly the same time period. No conclusive answer was ever provided at that time either. Power was interrupted for nearly three days in our area here in Arizona, and I live with in 15 miles of Palo Verde nuclear generating station. I distinctly remember dozens of Golden Orbs appearing in sets of three's for months before the failure; appearing nearly nightly in the Southern sky. I video taped many of these sightings on my digital video camera. Thanks to John Edmonds ROTTIJOHN411@msn.com

Continued

Power Cuts continued:

The Great Northeast Blackout:

On November 9, 1965, the largest blackout in history occurred. The northeast power system broke up 4 seconds after the initial disturbance, and 30 million people were without electricity for as long as 13 hours. The cause of the event is obviously of some interest.

THE EVENTS:

The Great Northeast Blackout of November 9, 1965 began at 5:16 p.m., near the end of an otherwise typical work day. The event started at the Ontario -New York border, near Niagara Falls. A single transmission line from the Niagara generating station tripped (opened). Within 2.5 seconds, five other transmission lines became overloaded and tripped, isolating 1,800 MW of generation at Niagara Station. After their isolation, the generators became unstable and tripped off-line. The northeast power system became unstable and separated into isolated power systems (islands) within 4 seconds. Outages and islanding occurred throughout New York, Ontario, most of New England, and parts of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Most islands went black within 5 minutes, due to imbalances between generation and load (generator overspeed/underspeed tripping). The massive blackout left 30 million people without electricity for as long as 13 hours.

Within moments of the Syracuse sighting 9 northeastern states and parts of Canada experienced the largest power failure in history. Media accounts including those by NBC news, The Associated Press, and some local papers openly reported the UFO sightings and in a few cases suggested that they be investigated as a possible cause of the blackout. However, before this speculation could gain much momentum the Federal Power Commission announced that the problem had been caused by a broken relay in a Canadian power plant. This answer was accepted by the press and public and the UFO angle was quickly forgotten. But, the official explanation was untrue.

Major Keyhoe reports that a private investigation by the utilities industry later concluded that the relay had NOT broken, but had been tripped by a huge, unexplainable surge of power. The only major paper which attempted to follow up on a possible UFO connection with the outage was the Boston Record America. But the paper's editors told a NICAP investigator that shortly after publishing this account of the Niagara Falls sighting they had been called by an Air Force officer at the Pentagon and severely reprimanded for printing the story. In any event, the public at large remained unaware of the presence of UFOs during the great northeast blackout.

CONJECTURE FROM UFO SOURCES

There will be a world wide blackout which will paralyze every industrial country in the world. The blackout will last for days. The aliens will accomplish the blackout by transmitting large amounts of electricity into power relay stations and blowing out their circuit breakers. The aliens developed this technique in the 1960's as documented in the book, Incident at Exeter by John G. Fuller. This scenario was also confirmed by an abductee who was taken during a blackout in the 1960's.

Every country's defenses will be disabled. Aliens have disabled ICBMs in their silos, missiles in flight as recorded by Air Force motion pictures, missile defenses in the US, Russia, and other countries. Aliens have flown over and tested the defenses of many military installations around the world as described in Timothy Good's book, Above Top Secret, The Worldwide U.F.O. Cover Up. For information on UFO encounters with our defenses see the books of U.S. Marine Corps Major Donald E. Keyhoe and Richard Dolan's book, UFOs and the National Security State. Thanks to Michael Menkin, see his excellent Website at: aliensandchildren.org

Wild speculation or is there something more sinister going on?

AMATEUR ASTRONOMER OBSERVED MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS OVER DERBY - 2nd AUGUST 2003

An amateur astronomer and his brother-in-law observed an unusual group of lights flying across the sky at about 2315 on the night of the 2nd August this year.

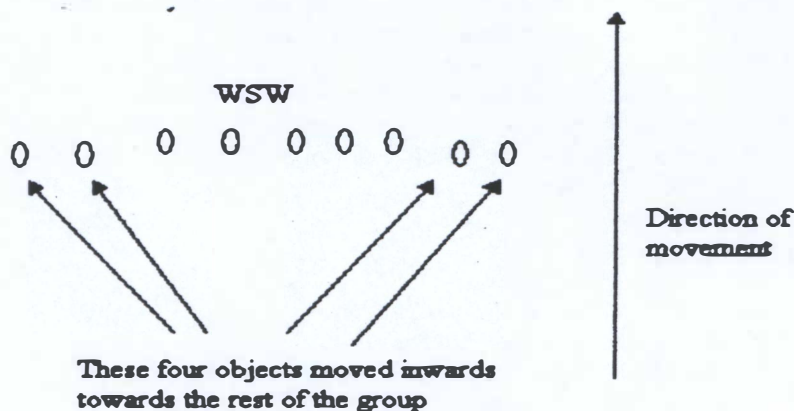
"I am a keen astronomy observer and on Saturday night I was at my brother-in-laws house in Littleover village, it was a very clear, cloudless night and the Moon had set earlier in the evening. It was about 11.15pm when we both saw a group of eight or nine lights overhead and moving in a WSW direction. They had presumably approached from the opposite direction, but we only noticed them as they passed overhead."

"They were oval in shape, dull orange in colour and featureless. They seemed to be flat against the sky, as if they were two-dimensional. All appeared to be about the same size. They moved at a constant speed and made no sound. The brightness did not vary and they left no trail behind them."

"As they moved, the two outlying objects on either end of the row quickly moved in closer to the rest of the other objects to change the groups formation. The whole observation from seeing the objects overhead, to them moving out of sight took no more than 6 or 7 seconds. This meant that they moved faster than any aeroplane I have ever seen."

"It was impossible to gauge how high the objects were, but if they were at high altitude they must have been moving at great speed."

"Below is an approximate representation of what we saw."

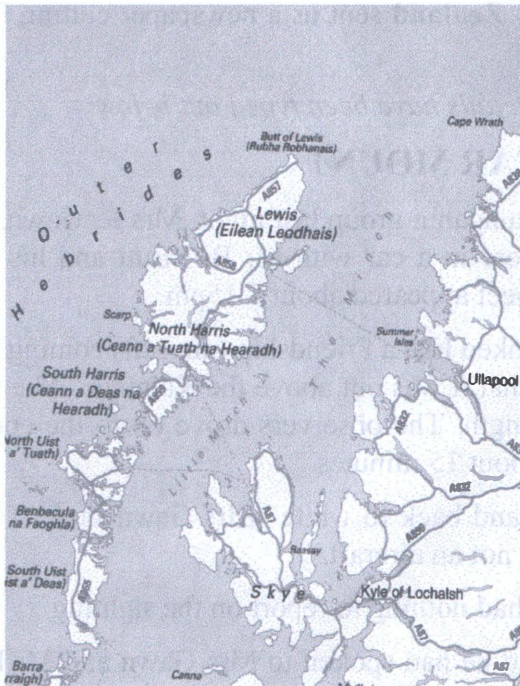


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This sighting report has been made by reputable observers and although the time of their observation was limited to a few seconds, it was sufficient to establish that the objects were not showing any navigation or anti-collision lights (flashing strobes). There was also no noise heard by the witnesses. The fact that they changed formation would indicate that 'they' were under intelligent control. At this stage the objects must remain 'unidentified'. Littleover has had numerous UFO reports in recent years. Ed.

A UFO REPORT FROM OUR MOST NORTHERN MEMBER

Melanie Cunningham in the Outer Hebrides



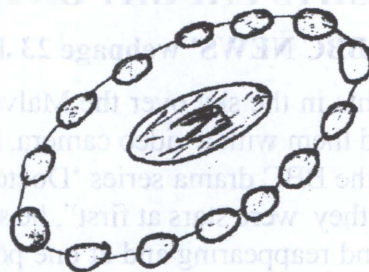
A local woman told me of an unusual sighting that took place around 10pm on Sunday 24th August 03 at her home in Callanish (the site of the famous 'Standing Stones') on the Isle of Lewis.

The woman is unable to read or write and I have taken down the details. (She apparently tried to photograph the object.)

The night was warm, calm, warm and starry. On looking up, she spotted a lighted round, stationary object above her home, or near it. It was silent and she said that the lights were white and the shape of the object was slightly domed in the centre and appeared darker.

She described the size as being about half the size of the Moon and I have copied her drawing which is shown below.

She did not see the object/craft move away, as she moved indoors shortly afterwards.



AN FT REPORT FROM STREATLEY, OXFORDSHIRE 20th AUGUST

From Dan bright 'The Unexplained.Info'

An unnamed witness reported the following: "The sighting occurred at 0540 BST on August 20, 2003. I used my binoculars to view the object. It was triangular shaped very much like the F117 Stealth fighter, only much flatter, but with the same fin configuration. It performed aerial acrobatics impossible for any man-made object to do. It remained in my field of view, changing direction and altitude, sometimes even hovering for around five minutes."

"Then there appeared to be two identical objects continuing the same behaviour. The most amazing thing happened at that point when there appeared from one of the objects, a line of 6 smaller objects (shaped like the original craft) which appeared to curve away from their point of origin, with streaks of light (although this could have been smoke/steam reflecting the light of the rising sun) streaking behind them. The all the objects vanished in the blink of an eye, leaving nothing in the sky."

A REPORT FROM OUR MOST SOUTHERLY CONTRIBUTOR

Mr Harvey Cooke, Chairman of the Tauranga UFO Group - New Zealand sent us a newspaper cutting from the 'Bay of Plenty Times' series of '25 Years Ago' (29 July 1978).

Owing to poor quality reproduction of the newspaper cutting, the details have been typed out below.

PEOPLE IN CAR SEE UFO NEAR MOUNT

A close encounter of the first kind was experienced by a Mount Maunganui group last night. Mrs K. Gawn, her two teenage sons, Colin and Robert and two younger children, were in a car with Mr Bill Butt and his two children, driving from Tauranga to Mount Maunganui, when the object appeared about 8.15pm.

"When we first saw it, we were at the Te Maunga crossing and it looked like a Friendship (aircraft) coming into land" Mrs Gawn said. "Then when we got near the airport we saw that it was out above the Kaimais." She said that it was a bright light as big as a 10 cent piece held at arms length. The observers drove on to the end of Hewletts Rd from where they watched the light change colour for about 15 minutes.

"It went from white to bright orange, then to a blue-green colour and back to white" Mrs Gawn said. "I was fascinated, I had never seen anything like it before. It definitely was not an aircraft."

The Tauranga Airport control tower and the Tauranga Police today had nothing to report on the sighting.

The Chairman of the Tauranga UFO Group, Mr Harvey Cooke, said he had spoken to Mrs Gawn and Mr Butt about their sighting and was impressed by the information they had provided. "We would like to hear from anyone else who noted the same light in the sky" he said.

UFO LIGHTS CAUGHT ON FILM

From the 'BBC NEWS' webpage 23 July 03

A BBC cameraman spotted three bright lights in the sky over the Malvern's (range of hills) near the village of Hanbury on Tuesday (22 July 03) and filmed them with a video camera. Some thought it could have been flares, but cameraman Tom Hines, who works on the BBC drama series 'Doctors', said he is convinced it was a UFO. "I kind of saw two bright lights and thought they were stars at first", he said. "I pointed out where they were and started filming. They started disappearing and reappearing and at one point there were three bright lights. They kept appearing randomly in different areas of the sky."

John Dason, who lives in Hanbury, also saw the lights. "We went through all sorts of evaluations, like they could be fireworks, they could be flares and to be honest with you we couldn't come to a decision as to what they were." BBC Midlands Today's science correspondent David Gregory has examined the tape and spoken to local UFO experts. He said "It could have been the Hanbury Orbs, which are a series of lights which are known to hover above the landscape in this area, but nobody knows for sure!"



READERS LETTERS

Dear Omar

I am going to tell you about an experience I had in 1991, just a fortnight after my 2 year old granddaughter died. I have only told a handful of people about this.

My granddaughter 'C' died very suddenly on the 10th February 1991. After a post-mortem, it was found that she had died of a genetic disorder.

I had been unable to come to terms with our loss and I wondered if I could have done anything to save her, until I heard of the post-mortem result.

Two weeks after 'C' died, I was sitting on the sofa watching the late night news and I was listening to a sentence that I had heard several times that day, when suddenly, there was no television or corner of our room! There was just a very white room with what looked like a marble slab sticking out of the wall.

A tiny body lay on the slab, covered with a sheet. Then through an open archway, a figure clad in a white robe walked over to the body and removed the sheet. It took the child's hand and led her through the arch into a very bright 'comforting' light. The child turned to look at me and it was 'C'. I felt a very great sense of peace.

It was as though I had been in a corner of that room, just watching. I would like to think it was my mother who came for 'C', but I could not see above the shoulders of the person who took her.

Just as suddenly, the television was back in its normal place and the newsreader was finishing his sentence.

It was all over in a matter of seconds, but it was as real as it could be.

Since then I have had a few other experiences, but nothing quite as real. It was as though I had been given a glimpse of what is waiting for us all.

Carol.

Editors Note: Carol's experience is similar to many that have been documented by a number of eminent researchers into 'near death experiences'. Several books have been written on this subject and I would like to hear from anyone that has shared a similar experience.

From PETER GREGORY

Dear Omar, I found the recent article 'Mrs WPM: Contactee Extraordinary' fascinating, especially the piece about souls and the Aliens.

As a matter of fact some of my recent channelling has to do with the Greys apparent obsession with the human soul.

One of their present priorities seems to be an attempt to gain access to the subatomic structure of the human spirit.

They now believe that the human psyche may be more advanced spiritually than they ever realised and part of us may be superior, even to them? Seems impossible doesn't it?

But their continued interest in humanity is more to do with our essence than mere abductions and retrieving our DNA.

If what I have been told is correct, it also means that we have a strong defence against any kind of mind intrusion but aren't able to use it as yet.

I will send a full explanation when my notes are complete.

Best wishes, Peter.

(We will look forward to hearing more from Peter. Ed.)

IT HAS TAKEN US 4 YEARS TO SOLVE THIS PUZZLE!

Back in December 1999 we received a report from a Mrs Patricia Woolley of Littleover, Derby.

It concerned the sighting of something unusual that she had observed, together with her family, from Waterloo Bridge on the 9th November 1996.

"We were making our way towards the southern end of the bridge when we noticed everyone pointing towards something in the sky. It was a butterfly shaped object with bright lights moving around the area above the water (of the Thames). It was also spinning very fast whilst moving slowly towards us."

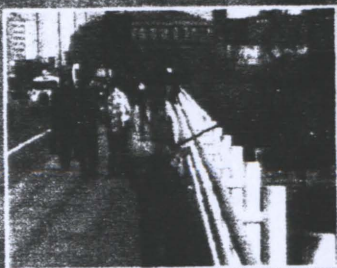
"It seemed to come right down to within a few feet of the water, then with lightning speed it went out of sight, making everyone gasp. We stayed there and within a few minutes it came back again...it hovered slowly around over the water and again at lightning speed moved away, but without disappearing.....we observed it for about half an hour."

Thanks to a report recently featured in 'UFO Magazine', we believe that we have found the answer! The magazine had previously publicised a report of a mystery sphere-shaped object seen over London.

The magazine received the probable solution from a Dutch visitor who had photographed an unusual object. It seems that a man has been amusing himself by flying a new type of spinning kite from bridges over the Thames. The photo shown below was taken by a Dutch tourist Petr Kazil and shows what has been described as a highly reflective kite being flown by a man on Vauxhall Bridge.

Caught in the Act!

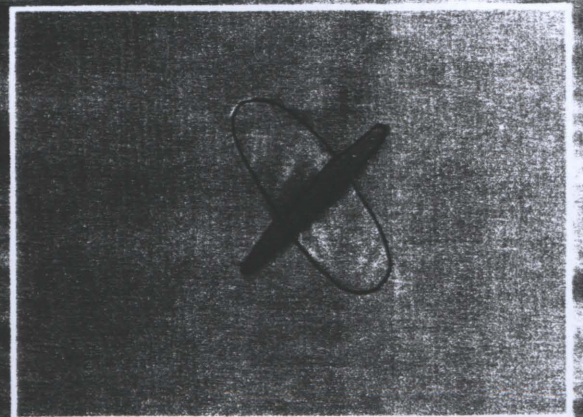
'UFO SAM'



Earlier this year we reported how a mystery sphere-shaped object seen over London turned out to be a highly reflective kite flown by a man on Vauxhall Bridge.

Our story prompted *UFO Magazine* reader Petr Kazil, from Rotterdam, to supply us with these photographs. "During a holiday in London in 2000 I saw this man flying a kite on a Thames bridge," Petr said. "I think this may be the very person you refer to."

Petr Kazil, E-mail: uair01@xs4all.nl

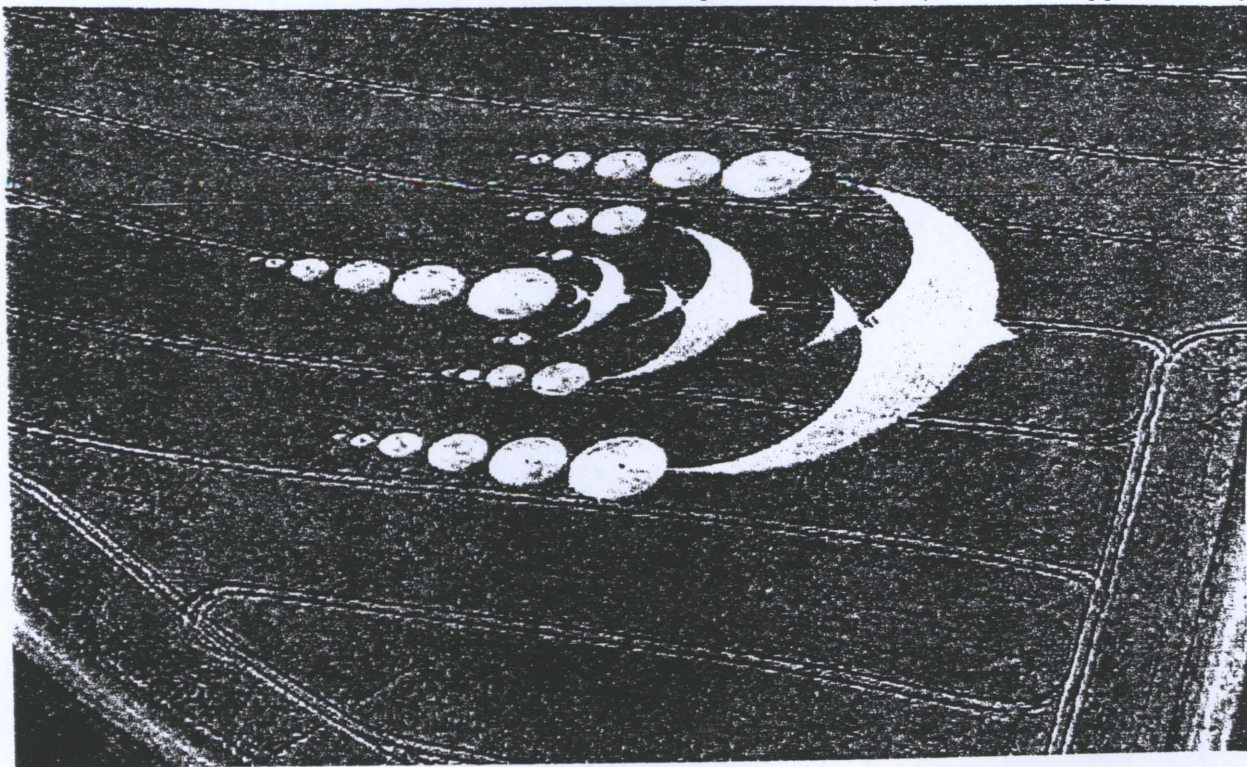


CROP CIRCLES 2003

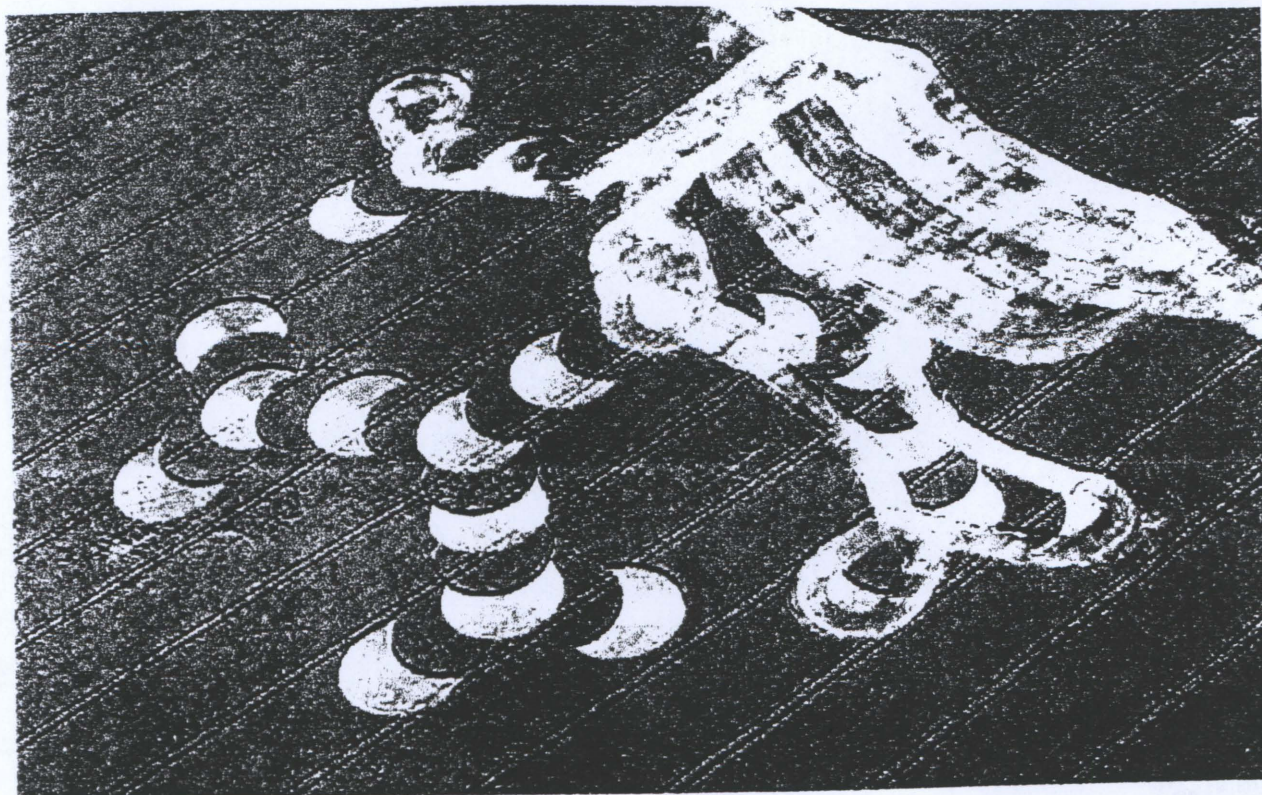
Although Crop Circles have received scant coverage in the media this year, they have nevertheless been appearing in various parts of Southern England.

A selection of photographs taken by our friend and colleague Busty Taylor, have been shown on the two following pages.

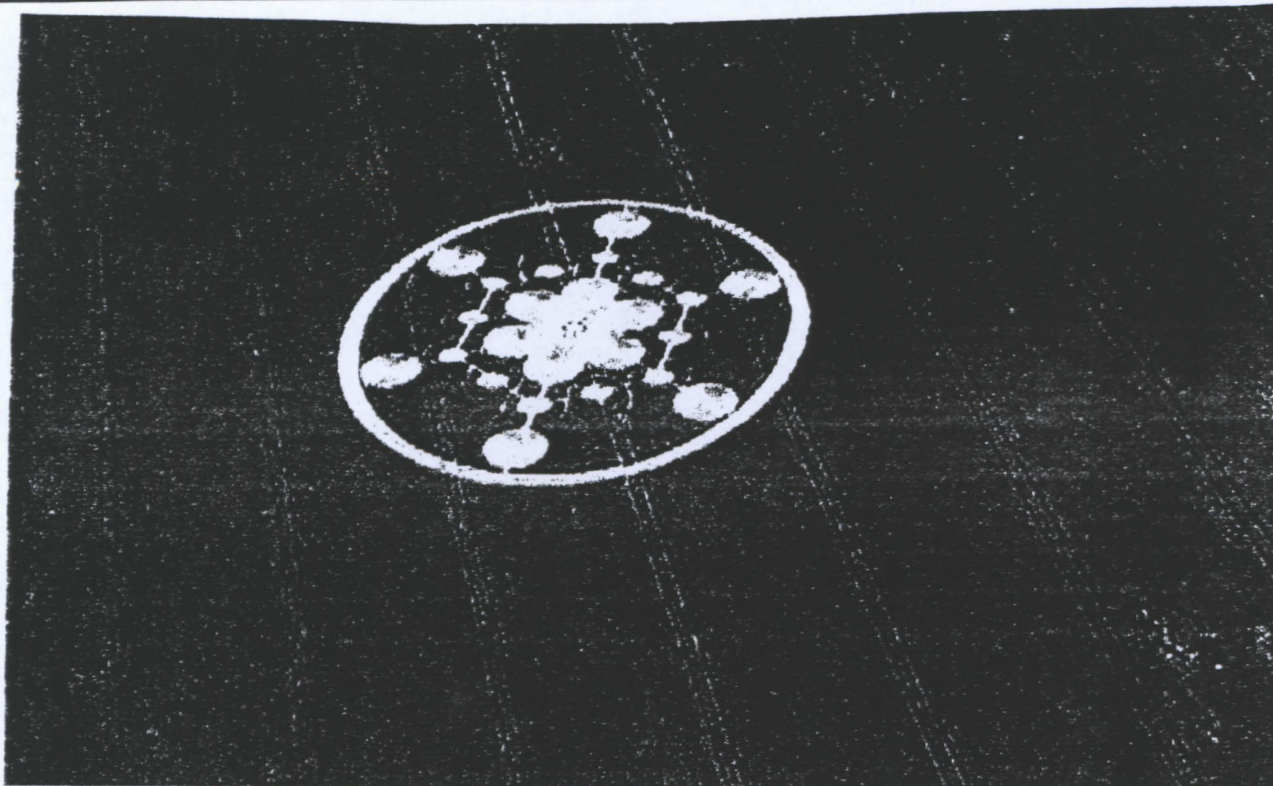
If you wish to view the entire collection, take a look at <http://www.busty-taylor.com/cropper/98busty2.htm>



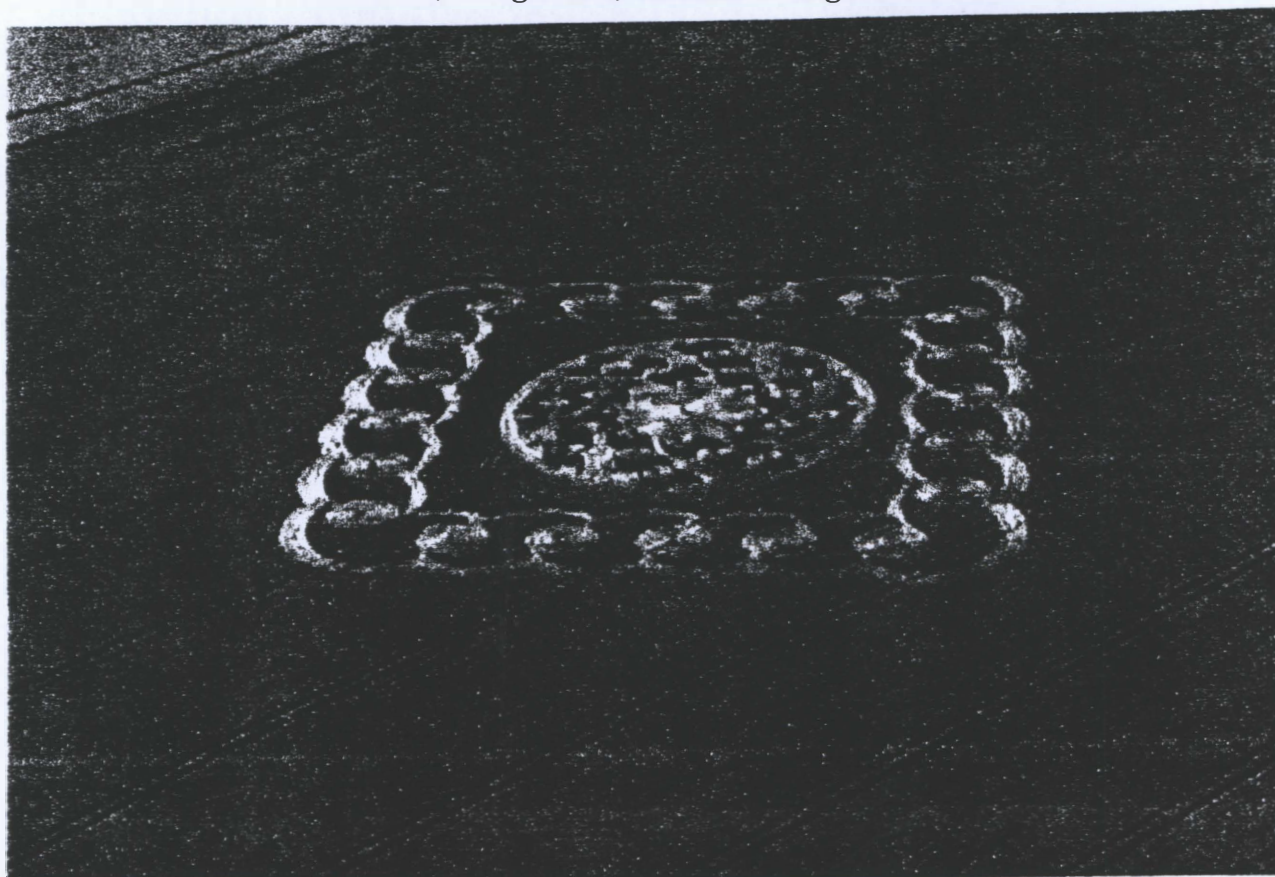
Adams Grave, Wiltshire. August 6th



Angry Wiltshire farmer. August 13th



A4 Road, Hungerford, Berkshire. August 6th



Alton Barnes, Wiltshire. August 13th

The Evening Sky September 2003

The planet Mars continues to put on its best appearance for centuries. Mars stands low in the south-eastern sky an hour after the Sun has set and is the brightest object in the sky. You can follow the red planet across the evening sky until dawn. Please take advantage of its brilliance now for within the next two weeks Mars and Earth will begin to recede rapidly from one another and the planet will begin to fade and shrink from view.

Mercury puts on a good show these pre-autumn mornings, especially around the 27th. Saturn is visible from around 2 a.m. Venus becomes an 'evening star' while Jupiter becomes a 'morning star'.

Full Moon occurs on the 10th. September Moon names are Harvest Moon, Wine Moon, Singing Moon, Holy Moon and Wood Moon. September is the last reliable harvesting month in the Northern Hemisphere. As autumn approaches, life is beginning to wind-down in preparation for the dormant months that follow. September was the seventh month in the oldest Roman calendar. When other months were added to the seasonal calendar the name never changed.

For over 4.6 billion years the Earth and the Moon have existed as a pair. The Moon creates the oceans' tides on Earth but the Earth creates tides of rock in the Moon. The Earth's frictional tidal effect has changed the Moon's original rotational speed. The Moon now rotates on its axis in the same amount of time it takes to orbit the Earth once. This is called 'synchronous rotation' and is the reason we see only one side of the Moon.

The autumnal equinox occurs on the 23rd when the Sun crosses the celestial equator heading south. This is when the Earth reaches a point in its orbit where its axis angles neither toward nor away from the Sun, but at just the right angle to give equal illumination to the Northern and Southern hemispheres. Such a situation occurs twice each year and results in 12 hours of day and night over the entire planet.

I do enjoy this time of year. The nights are cooler and dark enough for observing the heavens. The days are warm and the sunlight magical. Birds begin their annual migration and the night sky is alive with activity as large flocks appear above the horizon and locust-like, blot out the heavens for several minutes.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

Walter Berg - walterberg@theeveningsky.co.uk

Please don't forget to visit The Evening Sky on the web at <http://www.theeveningsky.co.uk> so recent additions include some new articles written by Walter on subjects such as Starting Astronomy, The Greenhouse Effect and Global Warming, Ozone Layer Depletion and much much more.

TALE ENDERS

FT SEEN OVER DONNINGTON, DERBYS. On the evening of the 15th December 2002 at around 2215, 'Helen' saw a triangular shaped object in the sky from the garden of her home in Castle Donnington near the East Midlands Airport. "I am familiar with aircraft flying overhead, but this object was different. The only noise I heard was a slight whistling noise. The object had three white/blue lights along the front with two red and one large green light on the underneath. The object appeared to 'glide' for a short time and then just disappeared!" (Source: BBC Radio Derby)

NIGHT SHIFT WORKER SPOTS UFO OVER DERBY. Mr S.P.Burrows works on locomotives at a maintenance depot in Derby. "On the night of the 23rd December 1999 at 0200hrs, I was carrying out repairs when I noticed a slow moving bright green light travelling East to West (*Satellites travel W to E. Ed*). As it passed overhead the light accelerated at terrific speed into the cloud. I could not tell if there was any noise associated with it, due to the noise of the locomotive engine running. I have never seen anything like that before and I suspect I never will!" (Source: BBC Radio Derby)

'CHEVRON' SEEN OVER LONDON. At 1am on the night of 7th July this year, a 'chevron' was seen over London "travelling as fast as a fighter jet." It displayed no flashing lights, but was seen as a soft white light that seemed to fluctuate in luminance. It veered off at right angles during its flight, considerably increasing its speed before resuming a smooth flight. (Source: Dan Bright/Filers Files).

FILEY, EAST YORKSHIRE, was recently the scene of yet another strange light, video recorded by Russell Kellett. "It was travelling South to North, then veered off to the East at a sharp right angle before resuming its course North." (When the video was screened a loud interference sound could be heard).

CRASHED 'TRIANGLE' CRAFT ON MARS? Steve Wingate has produced images on a webpage, showing what is purported to be images of a half buried triangular object on the planet Mars. Copyright of the images prevents us from reproducing them, but click on to the following site and see for yourself. http://www.anomalous-images.com/mgs/crashed_ufo.html

MARS: August 30th. Mars is at perihelion, the end of its lopsided orbit closest to the Sun (1.38AU), which means the Sun is beating down on the red planet with unusual intensity. Perihelion marks the beginning of the dust storm season on Mars. Why? Sun-warmed air moves. The wind picks up dust. On Mars small clouds of dust sometimes expand and envelop the whole planet. These clouds are something for amateur astronomers to look for while they're watching Mars with their telescopes during the weeks ahead. (Source: Space Weather News. Visit Spaceweather.com for more information and updates).

HUBBLE SEES PLANET MUNCHER. A huge galaxy devouring a smaller neighbour two billion light years from Earth has been photographed by the Hubble Space Telescope. It is the first time astronomers have captured the destruction of a dwarf galaxy on camera.

A BOLSOVER BALL OF LIGHT photograph was featured in a recent edition of the 'CHAD' newspaper. The video from which the 'still' was taken, was later viewed by Anthony James of EMUFORA. Tony's initial comments were that the 'CHAD' photograph was an enormous blow-up of a small speck of light seen in the distance. It could only be identified as a 'LITS' (Light In The Sky) and nothing more.

NEXT PRA MEETING

Will be held at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby at 8pm on Tuesday 30th September.

There will be a report on the Leeds International Conference 27th/28th Sept. Plus a peep at the past.

An historical UFO programme from 'Man Alive' 1973

£1 on the night. Non-members welcome. Free Raffle for 'The Abduction' by Shaun Hutson (True event)

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