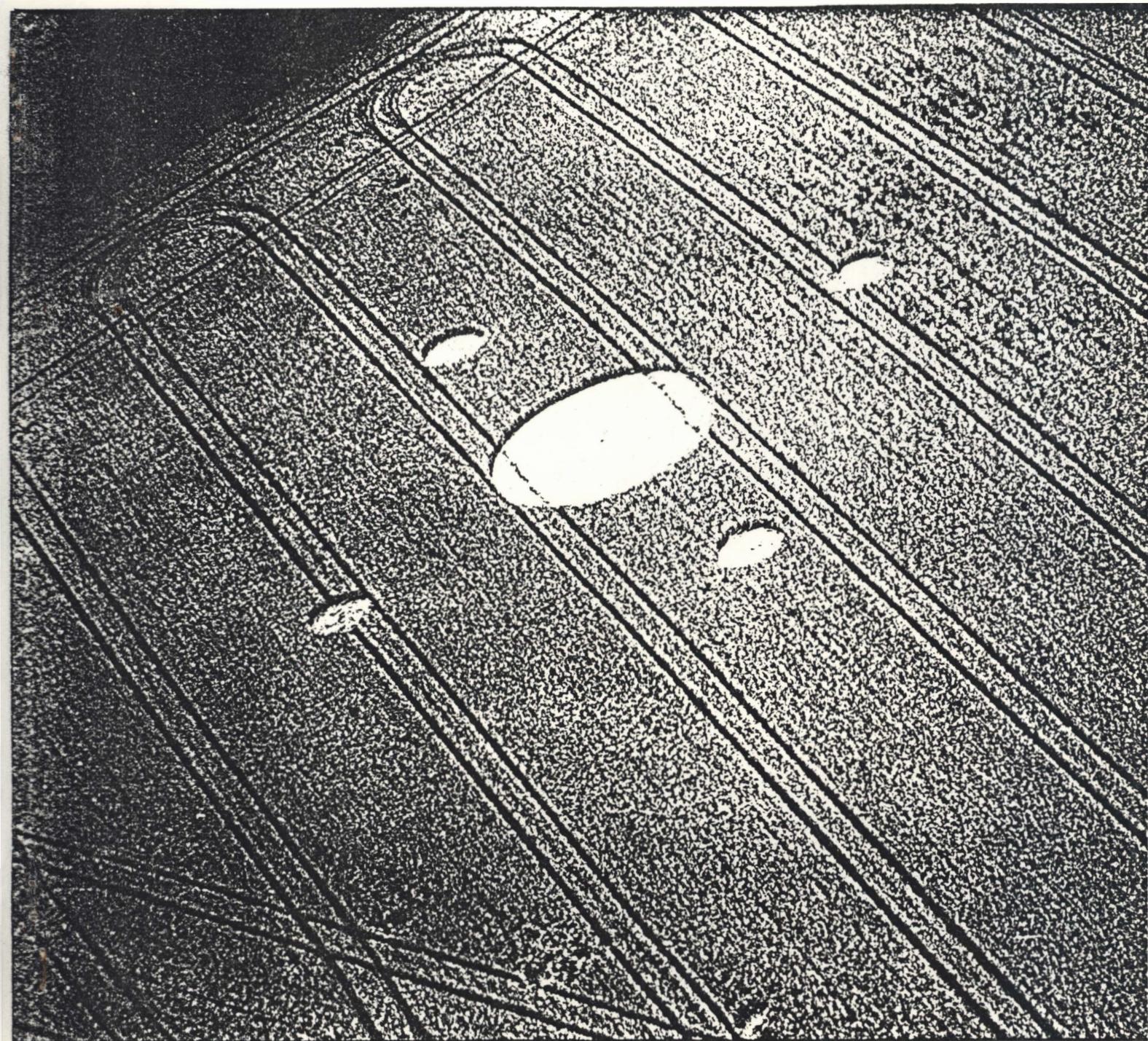


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After several months in the doldrums', we have been inundated with reports of UFO activity in this area of Southern England. Our magazine which last appeared in January/February 85 has been entirely devoted in this issue to two of the main events this year, the mysterious "circles" appearing in wheatfields across the South and the case of Mr Mc Murrays meeting with two UFO's near Bagshot Heath.

Although investigations have not yet been completed in either case, the main facts known to us so far have been printed in this issue for your interest. The detailed study to date has been intense and it is expected that more information will be published in the next issue of "Pegasus" later this year.

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We like to keep up with technology and so far we are not doing too badly:- A VHS video film is available of the Andover "Circles". Thanks to Busty Taylor, we have just completed an exercise taking Aerial Infra Red photographs of the Andover and Alresford "Rings". Report Soon... Thanks to Graham Raine our UFO reports are going onto an Apple 2 Computer.

We were introduced into this strange phenomena, when on 7th July this year, Omar Fowler and Paul Whitehead were requested to investigate a report of circles in a wheatfield at Alresford in Hampshire.

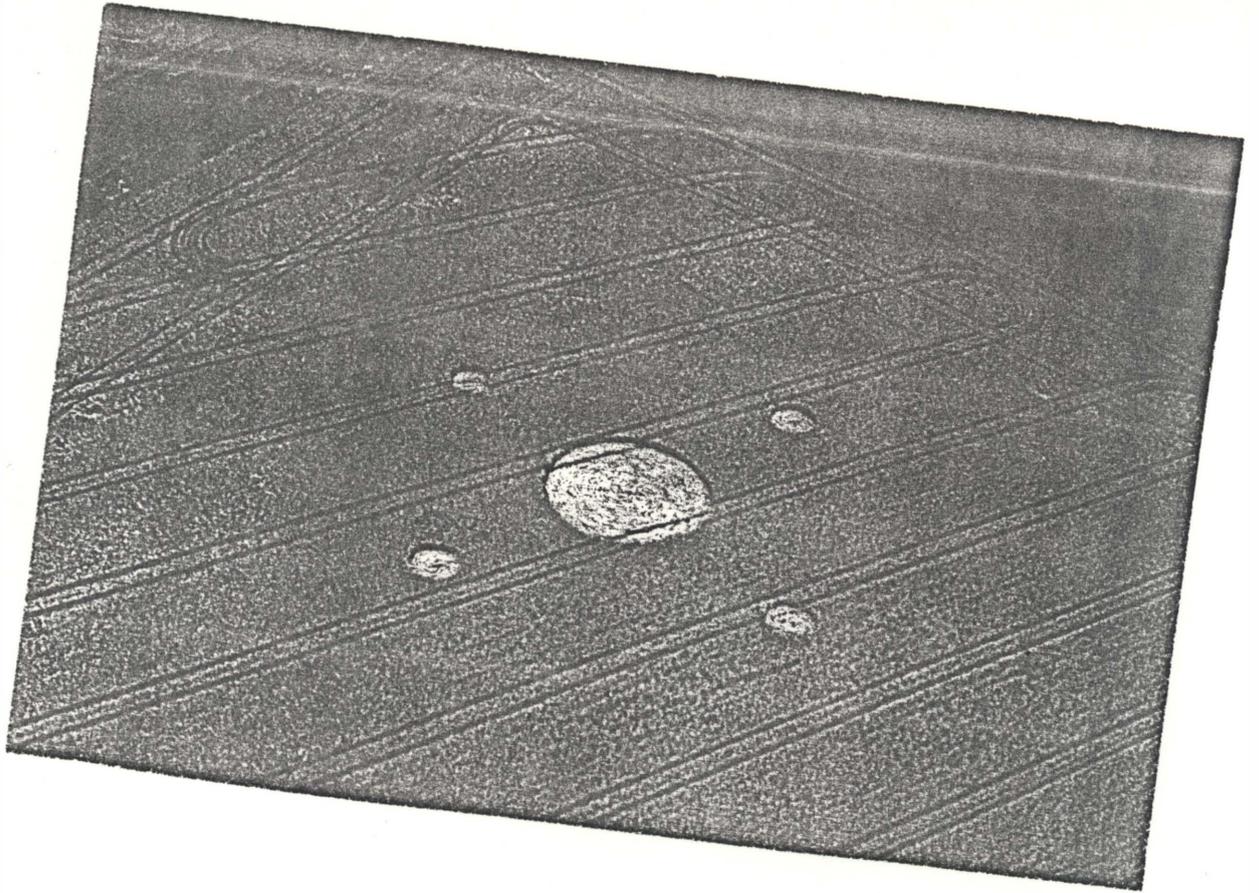
The field was duly visited and a number of photographs taken of the site. However, owing to the opposition encountered from the farm hands and local gamekeeper, the stay at the site had to be curtailed.

At this stage we were left with a far from satisfactory situation, whereby we were unable to make much headway with all of the questions that this event had raised. We had learnt from one farmhand that circles of this nature had appeared in a nearby field "The Punchbowl" during 1982 (3 rings) and 1983 (5 rings), all about the same time of the year (July). We later contacted Mr Pat Dalgado, a design engineer, who had studied the mystery over previous years and were subsequently introduced to Chris Wood, a Daily Express photographer who has made an extensive study of this phenomena and has accurate measurement records of all known circles that have been found.

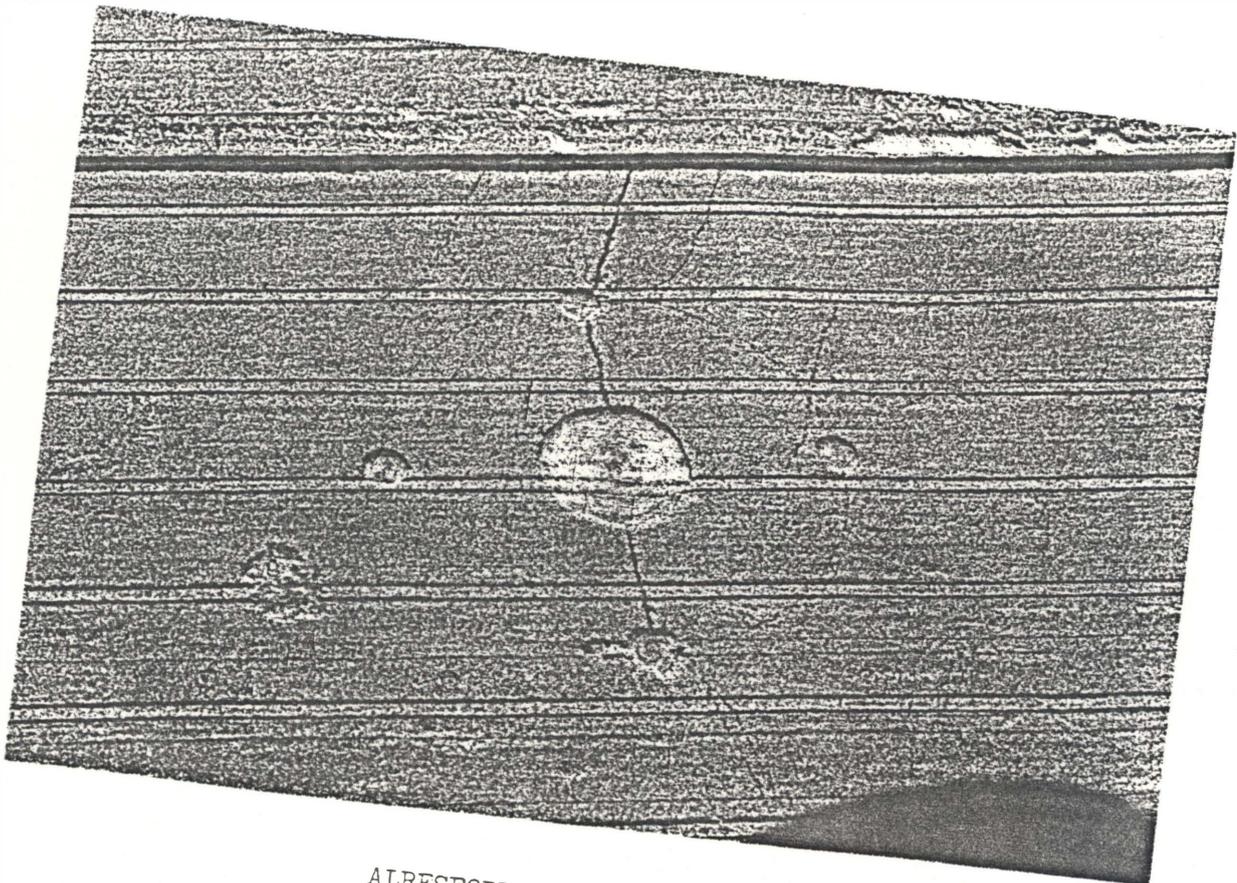
The mystery is indeed an astounding one and at this stage we will not endeavour to itemize every known fact about the rings discovered up to that time. We will however proceed onto the next event that took place and that was the discovery of a further set of five rings in a wheatfield near Andover, Hants. on 3rd August 1985. This was subsequently investigated by us in great detail and this is the subject of the main report covered in this issue.

The Andover Case S.1013.

The rings were first seen by a pilot Mr'Busty'Taylor when returning to Thruxton Airfield (Hants.) on the evening of Saturday 3rd August. While unable to divert and study the circles at that time, Mr Taylor flew over the area several times on Sunday 4th, whenever a break in the weather enabled him to do so. A series of excellent aerial photographs were taken from both a fixed wing aircraft and a helicopter from the Thruxton Airfield (See Cover Photo). Further photographs were taken on Monday both from the air and later during the day from ground level, after the site had been located. The photo's were in colour and black and white (We have copies of these now on file).



ANDOVER - Hampshire



ALRESFORD - Hampshire

On the 6th of August, TVS (T.V.South) drew attention to the "ring" phenomena in their "Coast to Coast" evening news programme. They showed film of the various groups of circles across Southern and South West England : Patching, Sussex: Alresford, Hants: Andover, Hants: Bratton, Wiltshire: Fonthill Bishop, Wiltshire and they also speculated about the possibility of other unreported circles. In nearly every case, the circles were approx. 45' across the main circle and 13' across the four surrounding circles. (see page 5)

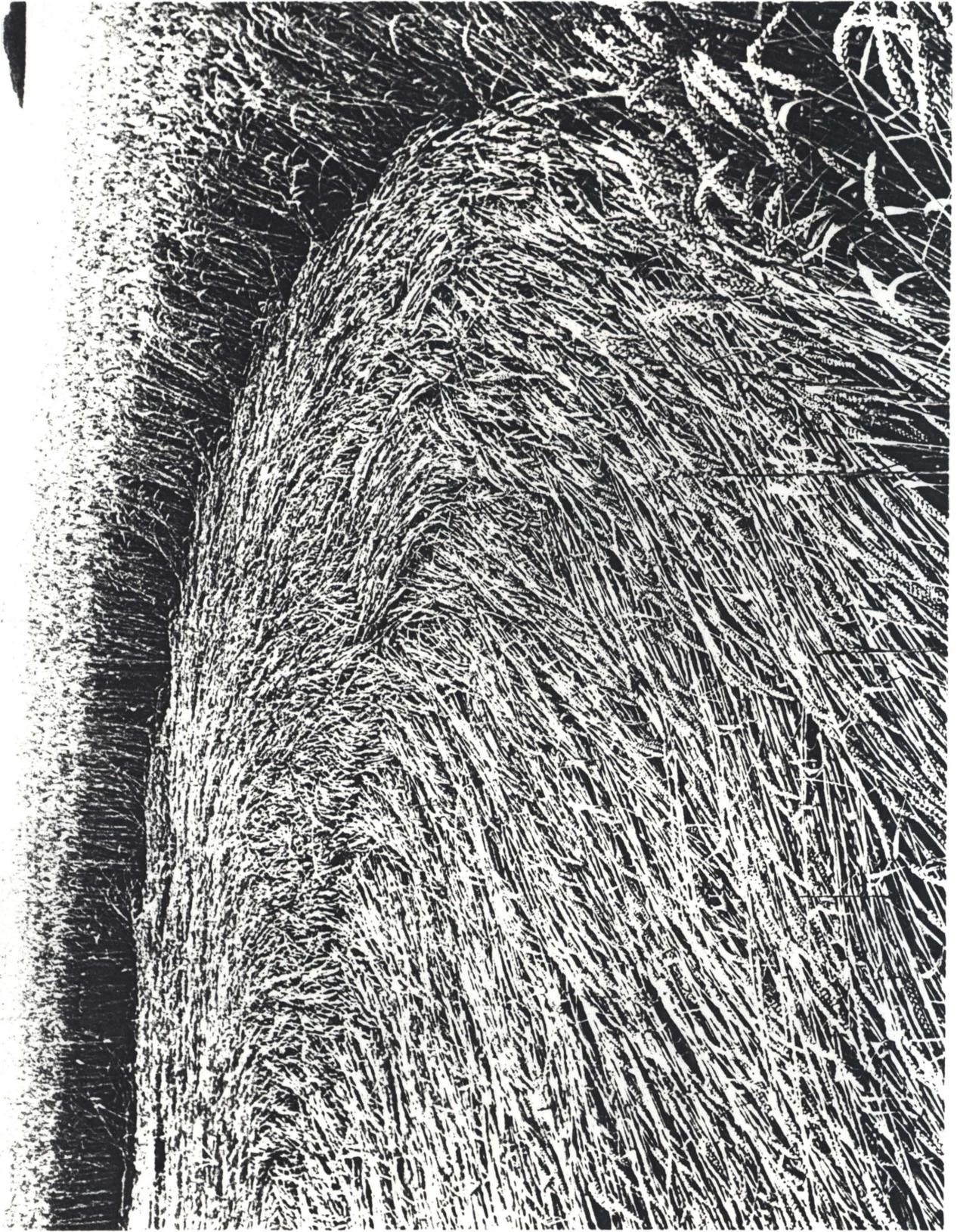
Omar Fowler took part in the discussion and was questioned about the possibility of it being all a gigantic hoax, a theory that was not supported by the impossible task of performing such a feat in an isolated field without leaving any trace.

The actual site was inspected by members of the SIGAP group on Sunday morning the 11th August (event + 8 days). Further photographs were taken at ground level and soil samples were taken from the inside of the main circle and a control sample some 100 yds. from the site. There was also great speculation about a jelly like greenish/white substance found in the centre of the circle and a sample of this was taken for analysis.

Later in the day, "Busty" Taylor flew a party over the site and further aerial photographs were taken. These showed narrow "walkways" through the wheat, as can be seen on the Alresford rings (Page 3). This tended to confirm the difficulty that would have been encountered by anyone attempting to reproduce such circles in an untouched field of wheat. The clockwise spiral of the wheat could be plainly seen from the air and the whole scene gave the appearance of a science fiction movie mystery.

The samples taken from the site were passed onto the Surrey University (Department of Chemistry) for analysis of the "jelly" and also to our local friends at the Albury Laboratories (National Testing Laboratory) for analysis of the soil and "jelly" samples. Results of the tests are given on page 7.

Samples of the "jelly" have been kept in deep freeze since being collected at the Andover site and it is possible that a further study of the material will be made at a later date. Selected wheat samples have also been collected from the Andover "circles" and this is now held pending arrangements to have it scrutinised by electron microscope.



The Circle Mystery ...contd.

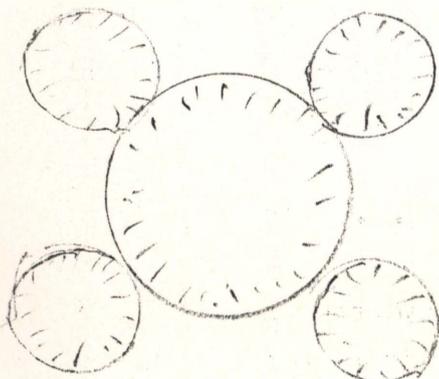
The circle phenomena has caused a great deal of discussion in UFO investigation groups throughout the area and theories range from a whirlpool power at the crossing of Ley Lines, to a UFO craft of great size, or a "mother" craft with four smaller scout craft in attendance. There was a great deal of speculation and comment at the last SIGAP meeting held on 30th of August in Guildford.(see below).



Bill Fishwick, Busty Taylor, Brian Maguire and Geraldine Phillips look suitably puzzled by the aerial ring photographs.

A POSSIBLE WITNESS ? ?

In the early hours of the 7th August (5am) a Mrs Joan Simms who lives at Over Wallop, Nr. Stockbridge Hants. was mystified by a brilliant light shining through her curtains. She pulled back the blind and was amazed to see a formation of a large central light with four smaller lights around it (see sketch). She commented "I could hardly believe what I was seeing". "The light was so bright that it hurt my eyes to watch it for too long". Mrs Simms watched the lights for about twenty minutes and then went back to bed. When she looked again at 7 am there was no sign of the lights. It was only later in the week, when she saw the pictures in the Andover Advertiser.





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Report on Sample 'SIGAP 11/8/85'

Initial examination by optical microscopy was undertaken by Dr. Moss. He did not find any evidence to indicate that it was a slime mould (Myxomycetes) as had been suspected. He noted the following :-

- 1) A large number of starch grains, which were identified by their reaction with iodine solution.
- 2) Crystals which effervesced with dilute acid, thought to be calcium carbonate.
- 3) The absence of slow dissolving crystals such as sugar.
- 4) A small number of cell structures which were thought to be of plant origin.
- 5) A large number of bacteria were present.

The conclusion he reached was that the sample was some kind of confectionary which had gone off, he also noted a slight smell of honey.

The sample was further examined as follows:-

- 1) The sample was shaken with water. It was incompletely soluble and showed some frothing.
- 2) A test for reducing sugars was made with Fehling's solution. This was negative. Glucose syrup used in most commercial sweets and honey give a positive reaction with this test.



ALBURY LABORATORIES LTD.

Received from yourself three samples for examination:

1. Soil in "ring"
2. Soil control sample
3. Jelly like material from "ring " centre.

These were subjected initially to a scan for radiation and no X or Gamma radiation was emitted from any of the samples.

The two soils were compared for pH and nitrate and the values obtained are given below:

	<u>Sample 1.</u>	<u>Sample 2.</u>
pH	6.7	6.8
% nitrogen	0.40	0.35

All samples were viewed in normal and ultraviolet light and no differences were observed.

Sample 3 the jelly was examined bacteriologically and found to contain normal soil flora e.g. Bacillus s.p. and coliform organisms. No distinctive or unusual features were observed.

On the night of Sunday 15th September 1985 at 9pm, the Mc Murray family were driving home after visiting friends in Guildford, Surrey. They were travelling along the busy A322 towards Bagshot and then their car turned off the main road at the "Gordon Boys School" roundabout, heading for Farnborough down Red Road (B311) - the time was three minutes past nine. In the car was Mr David Mc Murray, his wife Sue and two small children.

They had travelled only about a quarter of a mile down the road, when as they turned a slight bend in the road, they were met with an amazing sight. An object was hovering over the road (see sketch) only fifty to sixty yards ahead of them, the light was so intense that for a moment David Mc Murray turned his head away. Then as they continued to approach it, another similar object came up from behind the trees on the left of the road and travelled along side them just behind the trees skirting the road. They noticed briefly that another car following them had come to an abrupt stop and pulled to the side of the road. Meanwhile the first object that had been hovering over the road had shot off skyward and disappeared.

This incident had occurred along a lonely stretch off road in heathland adjoining the Bagshot/Lightwater area. There is a Tumuli within a hundred yards of the initial sighting and a national grid power line crosses the road at the same point.

Mr Mc Murray made a quick decision to continue down the road as fast as he could for about a mile, where there is a new property development and the chance to run to a nearby house. As he turned the bend with the houses in sight, he drew over to the opposite side of the road, stopped and got out of the car. The children were asleep in the back of the car and Mrs Mc Murray locked her door and refused to get out.

As their car stopped, so did the UFO and it hovered over the top of the trees just across the other side of the road, at a height of about fifty feet. Mr Mc Murray stood watching "it" and he got the impression that "it" was watching him. He heard a buzzing noise "just as though someone had started up an electric sewing machine". He noticed that underneath the object was a brilliant red light on one side and a green light under the other. Around the body of the object were a number of dazzling white lights, but no sign of any movement or rotating lights.

This strange scene of the silent but brilliantly lit UFO hovering over the trees and the occupants of the car just as silently watching the UFO continued for about a minute and a half and then the object quite suddenly accelerated and was gone, visible only as a star like object in the distance. Mr Mc Murray jumped back into his car and drove back up the slight hill from where he had come, in order to get a better view, but there was no sign off the object and it had completely gone from sight. The car that had pulled over to the side of the road was still there. A white Volvo, with the occupant sitting inside with his interior light on. Mr Mc Murray did not stop and talk to the driver, but on reflection, wishes that he had done so.

In a later interview on the following night Mrs Mc Murray also gave her impression of the incident. The object was "saucer" shaped and appeared to be flat underneath, with large "spotlights" on the rim, with a bright red light underneath on one side and a bright bluey green light on the other.

Mr Mc Murray and his family then continued their journey home, they reported the incident to the local Police Station on the way, where his experience was duly noted. He also telephone Heathrow (Control Tower) and then reported the incident to West Drayton Air Traffic Centre.

After Effects:-

The following morning the whole family, including the children, one of five months and one of sixteen months, all overslept. Normally, the children are awake at a quarter to six, but on this particular morning they had to be woken up when Mr and Mrs Mc Murray awoke at nine thirty a.m.

Mr Mc Murray then went to start his car, but there was no sound from the engine and he discovered that his battery was completely flat. He then received assistance from a nearby garage and the car started.

Within a few hours of the following day (Monday 16th), Mr Mc Murray developed a severe headache on the crown of his head, so severe that he sought medical advice from his doctor and was immediately sent for a check up at the local hospital, E.C.G. and Blood Pressure were found to be O.K. He then developed symptoms of a "hollow" feeling in his stomach and "shaky" legs. These symptoms persisted for some eight to nine days after the "event" and by then, his wife had also suffered the effect of "shaky" legs and a "hollow" stomach for the final three days.

It was after the earlier symptoms had disappeared that Mr Mc Murray became troubled by disturbed sleep (event + 11 days) and this coincided with memory lapses at about the same period. It was also during this time that Mr Mc Murray suffered an outbreak of skin blemishes in the form of small red circles (approx 1¼" dia.) on his body. The first one appeared at the side of his neck and lasted for a period of a few hours, as the first circle faded, so another appeared on his left shoulder. As a circle faded, so another then appeared further down on his body (see photo). There were no additional effects felt, other than some consternation about the whole incident. That was the situation up to the 30th of September 1985.

CONFIRMATION OF UFO ACTIVITY 15th September.

The same night at 8.45pm Mr & Mrs Webb were driving along the M4 in the direction of the Wokingham turning (approx 12 miles from Bagshot Heath), when they saw a bright red glowing object flying across the sky from the direction of Bagshot. Mrs Webb commented " I am sure it was not an aircraft. It made me think it could have been a so called UFO".

Later that night at 1145pm Lyn Brookes and her boy friend saw a strange object with flashing lights (red & white), after about five minutes, it dipped down behind some trees. The observation was made from the Wokingham area. Miss Lyn Brookes commented " I was really frightened, it was if it was watching me". Her Great Dane dog was "disturbed & whining".

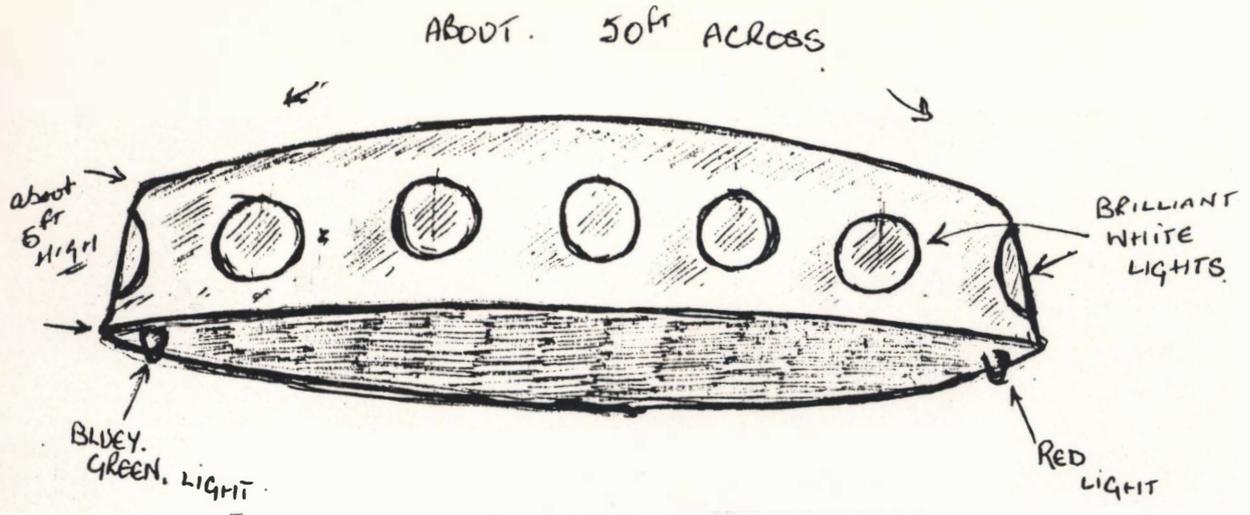
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION.

The area adjoining the road where the Mc Murray incident took place was later inspected for possible landing marks/features without anything being found. The occupants of the new housing estate were questioned about any strange happenings in the area. There were reports that about a year previous, flashes had been seen coming from the nearby power cables at night and this had caused dimming of the lights in the houses.

Humming noises at night have been reported from the Lightwater area over the past few years. They appear to have been coming from the common land normally used by the army for exercises, but it was not thought that the noises heard (3 am) were anything to do with the army excercises.

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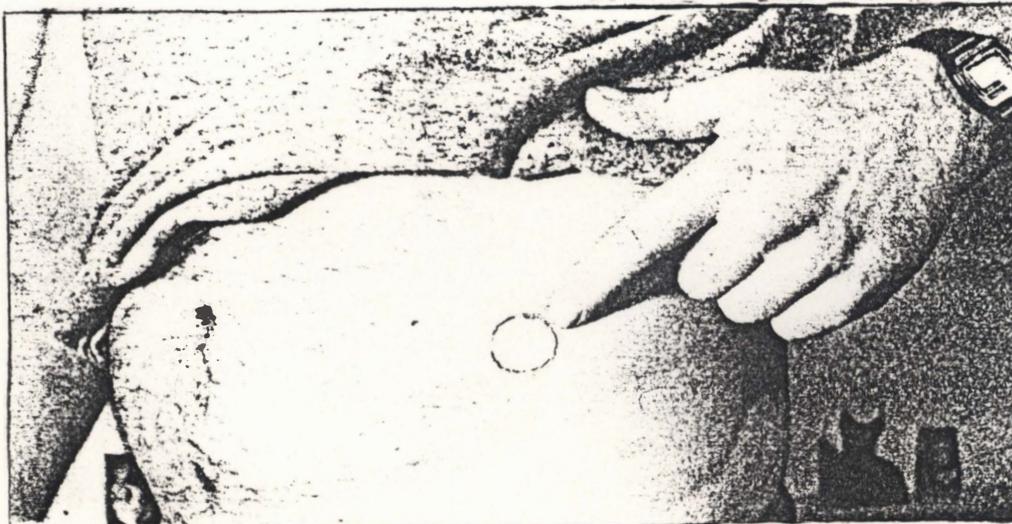
Omar Fowler/David Daines/Brian Maguire.



Mr Mc Murray's UFO Sketch.



Mrs Susan, Katie and David Mc Murray.



Red Circles appeared on Mr Mc Murrays body.

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News of a sighting - often through the Sigap 'Hot-line' - **Guildford, 235749** triggers an instant and well-established course of action. This preliminary enquiry procedure is designed to eliminate obvious explanations. With so much going on in the sky today - much of it generated by man himself - over 80 per cent of reports can be explained in terms of natural and man-made phenomena.

If Sigap investigators find no immediate explanation as a result of preliminary enquiries, the group will send someone to interview the witnesses, and where possible, will visit the site from which the observation was made. Sigap then calls on the expertise of its own consultants in an effort to explain the sighting. The group liaises with similar organisations throughout the country, and often finds a pattern of activity consistent with that in other areas.

Our most significant reports are sent to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, USA. The Center is run by Dr J Allen Hynek, Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University, and for 20 years, was consultant to the US Air Force on UFOs.

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