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## S P I

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that by continued research we may come up with some answers to account for what  
at present eludes us.

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# EDITORIAL.



People say to me, 'I know that you research other people's strange encounters be  
it ghosts, UFOs, or whatever, but what have you saw ? what have you experienced ?  
I reply that, yes indeed I have experienced certain aspects of the paranormal, and  
for the purpose of this editorial I would like to share some of these incidents  
with you. Yes their strange, yes their peculiar, but it is through these personal  
experiences that opened up my mind to the strange world of the paranormal.

I think probably the most earliest incident that I can recall occured when I was  
around ten or so when I stayed in the village of Tullibody in Clackmannanshire.  
My mother had arrived back from the shops with, what she felt, was a nice pair of  
shoes for me. Not so I felt, I didn't like them, and, in a cheeky boyish manner,  
said that I would not put them on my feet, (very childish now looking back on it).  
However, after exchanging different opinions on the matter, that I was in need of  
these shoes etc, I took the shoes in my hand and threw them strongly against a  
couch (sitting chair) which had its back against our living room window.

Well, you could have bowled me over, for no sooner had these shoes left my hand and  
were most certainly heading in the direction of this couch, when suddenly they  
STOPPED for 2 seconds in MID-AIR, rose straight up a distance of 2 feet, and shot  
straight through the livingroom window and landed outside in the front garden. I  
stood openmouthed at this and no matter the statements I made to my mother that  
it wasn't me, (well in the physical sense), she of course did not believe me.  
Looking back on it, I'm not surprised. This really did happen, and I'll never  
forget it.

The next strange event occured a few years later, when I was around 12 years of age.  
I was lying on my single bed idly looking at a chest of drawers which lay beside  
the bed I was most certainly not asleep. Anyhow, I was suddenly shocked into  
seeing on the side of this chest of drawers, a small square, roughly two inches  
across and up, become clear, (like a small T.V. screen) and was astounded to see  
contained within this square, a screen which would have befitted a good cowboy  
and Indian movie. For I saw cowboys chasing Indians. The vision suddenly became

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misty then vanished completely. It lasted for around 20 seconds. I shot straight up and out of bed and raced downstairs, and again disclosed to my parents what had transpired.

As for things I've seen in the sky. Well briefly I've seen a strange tubular shape, (like builders scaffolding seen against buildings), move silently across a cloudless Skegness sky. There was no sound, no solid structure to the object, no lights, just this tubular mass of around fifty feet traverse horizontally slowly across the sky. I've seen a half circle shape (top half), bright orange in colour move up and down behind some hills next to Loch Ness one starry evening back in 1979, viewed I might add, with many other witnesses. No 'natural' explanation could suffice to explain it. It lasted around 30 seconds bobbing up and down behind this hill before completely vanishing. Then that part of the sky returned to its previous inky blackness pierced only with the stars shining brightly in that dark velvet background.

I've also had premonitions through dreams, which months later came true, and when they did so in reality, it triggered upon that dream recall of the same event of months before I felt the hairs stand up on my head and body and I couldn't understand how in dreams your future life events can apparently be already preordained or mapped out, what-ever happened to free will? One morning I arose at 5 o'clock to start at 6 o'clock for a dayshift, I was busy preparing my breakfast all alone my family still being sound asleep, when suddenly I became aware of a 'presence' behind me in the kitchen. I can't really explain it, I just knew, or rather strongly SENSED, that someone was behind me. I slowly turned around only to be met with the usual kitchen decor, ie, chairs, table, (etc), no person 'visibly' was there, and yet I could still sense this presence only feet away from my face. It was so very strong. I spoke, "who is it? who is there"?

But silence pervaded the scene. Gradually the sensation that was with me moments ago completely disappeared and everything appeared to be normal. At work that same day I was sadly told of a fellow workmate who had passed away, and then the reality of the morning's experience hit me. For some time ago this chap who I was informed had died, said to me, "Malcolm, when I die, and if there is a life after death, I'll come back and make contact, somehow you'll know". These words echoed in my head as the chap who was telling me about my colleague finished. I said a silent thank you and wished him well in his new condition. These then are only some of the strange events of which I've experienced, I'm quite sure that each and everyone of us can relate to their own experiences, and as such, we can surely say that the world in which we live in is most certainly stranger than it appears.

## Life Without End **by anthony north.**

Our understanding of the universe has left us with a great paradox. Put simply, it is if the universe is infinite, then how can we talk of a beginning and an end? Ever since Newton it has been accepted that the same laws apply throughout the universe, including Earth. Our planet cannot break the rules. So philosophically the belief that things begin and end is preposterous. But then again, we know that we are born and we die. Indeed, this fact is more concrete than the speculation of an infinite universe.

One way out of this metaphysical enigma is to question the infinity of the universe. On the one hand, we can say that the universe only appears to be infinite because we have not yet found its outer edge. Alternatively, we can refer to the scientific possibility that space is curved, and the universe turns in on itself, becoming apparently infinite. However, neither of these possibilities can be backed up by evidence, so no concrete theory can be born out of them. As with a child learning to walk, we must take one step at a time, and theorise armed only with the tools of thought available to us. Hence, we must attempt to find an answer to the paradox by accepting that the universe IS infinite.

The more daring philosophers usually mix speculation with mysticism and introduce infinity into a whole range of observable phenomena, such as the infinity of the

soul in reincarnation, or the infinity of time, evidenced by cases of premonition. Personally, I find such ideas hollow. All too often, cases of supposed past lives have been traced back to long forgotten stories the subject had read, manifested by the phenomenal memory recall of cryptomnesia. With premonition, we tend to forget that the parameters of our senses can be extended. For instance, the blind man can develop almost super-human sense of touch or hearing, Supersonic noises whilst out of our range of hearing, can be heard by many animals. Therefore if we take a case such as the disaster at Aberfan, where over 60 cases of premonition were recorded, the premonitions

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can be answered by the unconscious sensing of movements in an unstable slag heap. If the paradox of the infinite verses the finite is ever to be resolved, it must be done on a more scientific footing than the above speculations concerning reincarnation or premonition. Ignoring valid evidence simply because it doesn't fit your scheme of things is not only unscientific, but extremely naive. So from where should we begin to gleam understanding ?

Perhaps we should begin with a definition of reality. The most fundamental assumption of the reality we all experience is the existence of a hard substance known as 'matter'. Yet, when seen in subatomic terms, 'matter' is reducible to a series of stable energy patterns. At the fundamental level of existence, 'Matter' does not exist. Therefore, it is valid to put forward the suggestion that we, the ground we stand on, the page you are reading, become part of the realm of hallucination. Somehow, planet Earth, its inhabitants, are players in a communal delusion we call existence. In accepting this, we are faced with the problem of why do we create such a delusion ? On a theological standpoint, we could say that we didn't create it. God did. But other than unquestioned belief, there is no evidence to substantiate the validity of this premise.

But an answer is available if we fall back on the premises behind evolution. Put simply, the hallucination evolved to put order into our existence, allowing a system by which we can survive. But this puts us no closer to answering the paradox of infinity and the finite. However, when we look to the scientific 'law of large numbers', a possible answer emerges. One peculiarity of the 'law of large numbers' is that the greater the number of 'things', be they events, sheep in a field or anything else, the greater the possibility becomes of an ordered event happening.

For instance, if 2 sheep share a single flea, there is no way to know, immediately where the flea may be. But over a period of time, that same flea, in a whole flock of sheep, would manifest a similar number of bites on each sheep. Basically, the greater the number, the greater the order achieved. This law appears to work in all areas of life. And this includes the subatomic world. For instance, a radioactive substance decays in an unordered fashion. It could 'blow up' at any moment. Yet a radioactive isotope has an exact 'half-life' which can be predicted exactly. And the strange thing about this fundamental law, is that such clusterings can be said to be independant of other clusterings. For instance, 2 flocks of sheep in 2 separate fields are 2 separate clusterings. They are geographically separated. The sheep in one bear no relation to the sheep in the other as regards the dispersal of bites from the individual fleas. And if one of the flocks was

much larger than the other, then the orderliness of the flea bites would be greater. If we use this as an analogy for the clustered atoms that make up planet Earth and its inhabitants, then the clustering of Earth would be less ordered than the total clustering of atoms that make up the universe. Therefore, the reality that Earth dwellers appreciate need not necessarily be the same view of reality experienced by the universe as a whole. We could be living by the premises of a lesser truth, a truth which, in order to allow us to survive, requires the mechanics of a begining and an end.

To go back to the analogy with the sheep, it is only when the little flock rushes through the open gate to merge with the larger one that a glimpse of higher order can be achieved. Infinity appears to be a higher truth from which we are presently cut off. Only when we break through the bubble of Earth dwelling consciousness can we aspire to understand greater possibilities. And when we do this, man will have become a universal being, and a gigantic evolutionary leap will have been attained.

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## K.G.B. and C.E.3.

### Part one



We now present more information regarding UFO sightings over Russia from SPIS Russian UFO correspondants, V.D. Musinski, and YU. A. Smirnov of the Yaroslavl UFO group.



The begining of this story may look rather ordinary. At night (the 15th to 16th of June), one of the members of our group, a certain A. Pyatkin was coming home after a late tea party. To sweep aside all possible assumptions, I confirm that it was tea he had drunk. Some distance from the settlement Shedrino, at exactly 00 hours 49' 36" a.m. he saw a strange shining light in the bushes and glanced at his watch. He decided to have a close look at whatever it was. An object reminding him of a canopy of a parachute was standing in the middle of a clearing in the wood. Later, he'd call it a "misty saucer". It was spreading steady milky light around. It was, according to the man, about 6 metres high, and about 20 m in diameter.

Not believing his eyes, he threw his matchbox at it. The object disappeared instantly, but before that, the matchbox entered the "canopy" and Pyatkin felt a kind of strong vibration within his body. Eventually he got the same feeling the

next day passing this place. To be exact, we must admit that the eyewitness himself, is not sure of anything now. But for the tapes and documents he wouldn't believe it ever having happened to him. But let's go back to Shedrino. After that Pyatkin saw some strange shape with a circle around it. He seemed to have got into a strange city. It was daytime there. The houses looked similar to our modern apartment buildings, people walking along the streets (etc). A. Pyatkin said that the very sensation of being there was unusual. Quoting him, "the space there was sort of multi-dimensional".

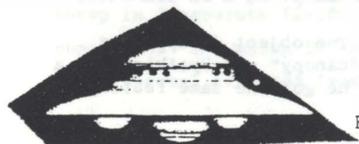
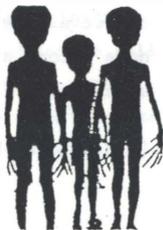
He then heard some voice in his head inviting him to ask questions. But the voice got to him without using words or phrases. "The talk" concerned the burning issues of, war, peace, religion, the problem of "their" contacts with the Earth officials, the evolution of mankind and such like. It's noteworthy that during the "stagnation period", the press avoided some of these issues. The whole account is on more than a hundred pages, so we'll deal with some bits only.

It's still vague who Pyatkin talked to, neither is the number of "them" clear. First it could be described as "we" then it became "I". Pyatkin saw the City, the square with diagonals and the circle and the leaves of the nearest trees. His heart was beating fast, he felt panic, but not for long. His interlocutors, (or was it one ?) said that we had made a mistake having rejected religion, having jumped from Greece to Rome too quickly. Pyatkin even tried to argue appealing to conscience, but again he was told that rejecting religion had been a grave mistake.

Having asked why they wouldn't interfere and prevent the nuclear holocaust, he got this answer. "We are trying to". Then they said that they were convinced that mankind had to block the last button itself. Too much interference would have humiliated the people. That's why they had never contacted any official bodies openly. And they wouldn't help us too much because one couldn't (shouldn't ?) try to change the evolution of the civilization. Pyatkin got tiered and begged them to let him go. He was let go and told he could share the story only once (?) and later he would understand why they had disclosed themselves. The end of the contact was at 1.15 a.m.

Needless to say, the first thing our companion and the eyewitness did, was go to the doctor to make sure that he was still sane. The doctor calmed him down, his verdict was, "He's O.K." what's more his eye-sight had temporarily improved. But the blood test showed too many lead compounds. But now A. Pyatkin is alive and kicking except for some peculiarities of his temper, unusual for "accentuated personalities" like him. But that was not all the fun. That night, 2 officers of the road police (C.A.I.) were on duty near the settlement Shedrino, about 200 m away from the UFO landing place.

They noticed a big red ball approaching the highway to Moscow. Just before the landing, its shining died out like hot melted metal, and finally they saw an unusual object looking like a "flying saucer" going down into some bushes. The puzzled officers hurried to the place of landing, however they couldn't get too close for their motorcycle engine went dead. Following their report, their bosses made them go through the humiliating alcohol test, but in vain. Then they HAD TO OBEY and write a new report of having seen an unusual ball lightning. And that was all.



But there appeared other eyewitnesses. One man from the physics department, namely, S. Vasovets, claimed to have traced that UFO with the radar from Zagorsk to Yaroslavl (about 200 km). The UFO made it in less than 3 minutes at the speed of 6,000 km per/hour. Its trajectory on the radar screen was a ridiculously broken line. It had almost instantly been changing the altitude and direction of its flight. It was going in the direction of the oil refinery plant of Yaroslavl to give a start to the events that are now written in gold in the chronicles of Soviet UFOlogy.

Now we have to tell you about things that are very down to Earth, but might help the readers and UFOlogists in the West to get the idea of the conditions we have been working under until recently. On June 18th, (year not specified, Ed) a car came to the road police block bringing one Air-Defence major, and some plain clothes men. The latter came to the officers asking them about the "saucer" that they had 'pretended' to have seen, and tried to scare them and make them dumb. But the rumours spread about the city quickly. Some amateur UFOlogists from the local T.V. centre managed to take pictures of the landing place, and even some direct evidence. But their film was exposed and spoiled by the KGB men.

Of course we too were payed unexpected visits. On July 3rd (1984, date obtained Ed), the Captain of the Yaroslavl KGB branch, a certain D.E. Teplov (now retired), came to visit one of the authors of this article Yu. A. Smirnov. He was interested in phone calls to Moscow connected with the Shedrino Incident, in particular, the people who were to come from Moscow. So our phones must have been bugged. Then Teplov tried to persuade Smirnov there hadn't been any UFO at all, and Pyatkin had poisoned himself with a rocket fuel component. It's worth mentioning that 4 years later (1988), there was a large scale leak of the same stuff from an overturned tank car, but none then had any hallucinations ?

The logic of the KGB is as beyond understanding as the logic of the aliens. If they, (KGB) were guarding state secrets, the CIA must have guessed long ago that the rocket fuel is produced not at the shoemaker's but at the oil refinery plants that are impossible to be hidden from spy satellites. Could the KGB men have been afraid of a new UFO visit ? The logic then of the bureaucrats is also beyond understanding. Once we decided to publish a monthly UFO newspaper, but the regional CPSU Committee was all against it. And the chief of the regional department of "guarding state secrets in the press" made us exclude the word "International" from our leaflet and our names and addresses. I wonder what's the secret in it ? It seems the bureaucrats don't care a hang if they disgrace this country in the eyes of the world with their ridiculous prohibitions.

But back to the "saucers". If we had been at least a day late, they wouldn't have let us close to Shedrino. Actually A. Pyatkin was late, 90 minutes late for his meeting with Smirnov. His digital watch was 90 minutes slow. The exact place of the landing a certain A. Semyonov found by dowsing. The experiments proved that the micro-calculator operated one second quicker in the "zone" than outside it, and the digital watch went slow. The next day A. Semyonov and A. Pyatkin went on experimenting with their watches. The watch of the former was constantly in the centre of the "zone" and turned out to be 2 seconds slow afterwards. The watch of the latter had crossed the borders of the "zone" several times and proved to have become 27 seconds slow. Mechanical watches were not affected.

We still keep secretly watching the place. I'm sorry to say that we haven't been able to analyze the species of grass yet. Our companions from Moscow promised us their assistance, and we haven't got any access to the machines we need. We have found the matchbox thrown at the UFO; it was intact, but the matches in it had burnt. The birch tree touched by some fire is still there, but the bushes have

dried out. The assumed light polarization haven't been detected. Exactly a year after we organised an expedition to meet a new possible contact. But there was nothing. We have discovered that solution of the dispersing medium prepared of the ground from the landing place has the lowest coefficient of ultrasonic waves absorption. There is not much difference in the electric resistance of different ground samples. No potassium has been found.

The reduced coefficient of ultrasonic waves absorption in the dispersing water solution of ground samples with the frequency 120 Khz, can be explained either by the great number of microparticles (less than 0.0008 mm in size) in the solution, absorbing the waves, or by the presence of some unknown component in the solution or some residual field also absorbing the waves.

(To be continued)

## Search for twilight zone trouser clue

A RETIRED West Lothian forester who claims to have seen a UFO is to have his trousers examined by psychics. The trousers, which have already been forensically examined by the police, were supposedly ripped and torn by extra terrestrial machinery.

Robert Taylor's world-famous close encounter came one sunny November morning 11 years ago when he was routinely checking a wood at Dechmont Law near Livingston. Coming to a clearing, he was confronted by a 30ft high object with portholes. It was silvery-grey but intermittently translucent.

Two round, spiky objects, which Mr Taylor described as being like Second World War sea mines, dropped from the craft and rolled towards him. They stopped either side of him, emitting a smell so pungent Mr Taylor passed out.

When he awoke, his dog was barking wildly, his body was bruised and his trousers torn. Too weak to stand, he

crawled to his van but crashed it into a ditch. Eventually, he staggered home and his wife raised the alarm.

An intensive police investigation followed. M15 were rumoured to be involved. Mr Taylor, who is teetotal, was closely questioned. Police found depressions in the ground exactly where he said they had been and no official explanation has ever been offered for the incident.

The trousers, meanwhile, became an object of international fascination, as Ron Halliday of the organisation Strange Phenomena Investigations explains: "They travelled across the world, to the US and Japan, and eventually ended up with the Yorkshire UFO Society. Recently we asked them to pass them back to us so that we can do psychometric tests on them."

Although the trousers have been manhandled by many around the world, Mr Halliday is confident that Mr Taylor's experience in them was so strong that a

psychic could examine them and pick up clues as to what may have happened.

"The trousers have been well examined but nobody has tried this before. Psychics can pick up something like a clock — or a pair of trousers — and give you a history of it."

Mr Taylor, now 72, and living in retirement in Perthshire, was surprised to learn that the trousers still existed. He said: "I thought these trousers were gone forever. I can't see psychics making anything of them. The police must have examined them as far as possible at the time."

Mr Taylor, who had no interest in UFOs or the paranormal before his disturbing experience, said he could never forget what happened.

Meanwhile, Livingston Development Corporation are to put up a plaque to the Dechmont Law incident. The plaque will be erected by workers on the Government's Employment Training scheme, better known as ET.

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Over the weekend of August 16,17 & 18, 1991, at the Central Library Theatre, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, the International Committee for UFO Research (ICUR), the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA), and the Independent UFO Network (IUN), are staging one of Britains largest ever UFO congress'.

The 6th International UFO Congress, entitled 'UFO'S: THE GLOBAL VIEW', will literally see a host of speakers from around the world present a variety of papers. Also, for the first time ever in Britain, the congress will host a special concert at the same venue by the Scottish rock band CEIV. The following speakers have already confirmed and the congress organisers are hopeful that several more well known ufologists will be presenting papers.

Confirmed Congress Speakers:

Charles Hickson-USA (abductee from the Pasagoula incident), Catherine Howard-USA (contactee), Walter Andrus-USA (international director of MUFON), Dr Thomas Bullard-USA (folklore specialist speaking in the UK for the very first time), Betty Cash & Vicki Landrum-USA (UFO close encounter witnesses speaking in the UK for the first time), Budd Hopkins-USA (abduction researcher and author of INTRUDERS), Judith Magee-Australia (well know ufologist), Paul Norman-Australia (internationally know ufologist), Enrique Vicente-Spain (leading Spanish ufologist), Bertil Kuhlemann-Belgium (leading Belgium ufologist), Bertrand Mebeust-France (One of Frances top ufologists), Odd-Gunnar Roed-Norway (leading scandinavian ufologist), Cynthia Hind-Zimbabwe (one of Africas few ufologists), Jenny Randles-UK (Britains only full time ufologist), John Spencer-UK (BUFORA director and author of PERSPECTIVES), Steven Gamble-UK (BUFORA chairman and director of research). All speakers subject to change.

The congress will be officially opened by BUFORA's president Major Sir Patrick Wall and a congress dinner has also been arranged for Friday the 16th of August at the Rutland Hotel in Sheffield. A cocktail party has also been arranged for Thursday 15th August at the hotel for around 6.00 pm. This will give congress delegates time to meet the speakers on an informal basis. The Rutland Hotel in Sheffield are also offering congress delegates a reduced rate for the duration of the congress.

CEIV

CEIV began in 1984 born of the founder members interest's in both music and ufology. As well as performing live over the years, they have completed various recordings, one of which is a 60 minute tape with music, narration and effects portraying a UFO abduction-the CEIV from which the band took its name. Although some past rock band's have chosen to dabble in the subject with the odd song, CEIV are very much committed to what they do and have sustained this over the years. They believe there is a definite message to put across-no, not of doom and gloom, just an awareness of a baffling mystery and very probably an important message for the future. Music is just another good medium to put this over. There is no 'gimmick' involved, and by being a band member you would be liable to find yourself as much involved with ufology as you would music.

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Bring along a camera to the CEIV concert, the visuals are very interesting, backdrop 'alien' on stage and fine artwork is used to great effect. The band chose black as their clothing, nothing to do with 'men-in-black', more a case of letting the music be the real effect. Songs to be performed in Sheffield will include some of the material used in the abduction tape along with some songs which they will be performing in public for the very first time. The material is varied, and there is something to suit most tastes. Reviews on CEIV have been written in the music press and articles about the band have all been favourable. Original and something new-CEIV are different.

Quote from band member Brian McMullan "Sheffield to us is IT. Playing to our own people. They'll understand every lyric, feel every sound, they'll know exactly what's happening". CEIV are playing in England for the very first time, so go along and see them.

#### Congress Entrance Fee:

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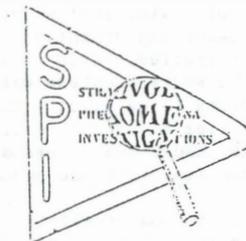
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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(Letters should be as brief as possible. The Editor reserves the right to shorten any letter unless the writer states that it must be published in full or not at all. Anonymous letters will not be published).

#### DEAR EDITOR.

Thank you for the NOV/DEC issue of ENIGMAS. This is well packed with information, and is your best issue yet. However, I must take issue with the UFO report presented by Ken Higgins of the Scottish Research into Unidentified Flying Objects.

This refers to a 'large craft' sighted by a couple in Northern Scotland, early in the evening of December 31st 1978. I am very surprised that Mr Higgins seems unaware that this was yet another sighting of the booster from the Russian satellite Cosmos 1068, during re-entry.

The phenomenon was sighted all over Great Britain on New Years Eve, and 'portholes' were invariably read into the trail of glowing debris by many witnesses. I am sorry, but this is an 'IFO' not a 'UFO'.

PETER HOUGH CHAIRMAN OF MUFORA, ENGLAND.

#### DEAR EDITOR.

When we last met, you mentioned the letter from Peter Hough giving an explanation to

the ENIGMAS report on the Little Loch Broom "UFO?" incident which occurred on 31st December 1978 at 7pm.

I have recently spoken with the witness in this case who is sure that what he saw was an object very much closer than a satellite re-entry. The witness was not alone in this conclusion as others also witnessed the same object from different vantage points. There is also evidence of other large objects having been reported by different witnesses over the same Loch and area since.

However, even with an open mind on the above, the well reported re-entry of a booster rocket connected to the Soviet Cosmos 1068, is undoubtedly the most logical answer to this case, and also the conclusion of SRUFO. The other sightings of large craft in the area in more recent years, is still being investigated.

KEN HIGGINS CHAIRMAN SRUFO EAST CALDER.

#### DEAR EDITOR.

You know Malcolm, you and I and others who share a great interest in Strange Phenomenon, keep our broad mindedness intact throughout our lines. We study, Investigate, walking the path of discovery. Why is strange phenomena always on the brink of reality and deep in imagination ?

For centuries, people have tried to discover the truth of UFOs, ghosts etc.

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Yet nobody seems to get any closer to any solution. You had a very interesting article concerning the 'duties' of Spiritualists, who always seem to introduce their 'visiting' spirits as illiterate, speech impediment entities, ie, they talk in riddles, never accurate statements. The whole complete world of phenomenon seems to be exactly that, 'phenomenon', no matter how far Investigators lead. It is as though the powers of nature seem to want man away from the phenomenon world.

Are our materialistic Investigations futile, or do we have to start manipulating other means of Investigation, maybe connected to our conscious minds? Maybe life is not reality, but merely a figment of an entity's imagination?

SAJID HUSSAIN CROOKFUR GLASGOW.

DEAR EDITOR.

Photographs of UFOs can be deceptive, that's not news, but its useful to have a keen awareness of the basic tricks the atmosphere and your camera can play on a person. The atmosphere optically acts as though it were a combination of lenses on an enormous camera, albeit, a poor grade camera. The atmosphere does not correct for chromatic aberration; that is, because at line of sight towards the horizon, light from objects near that horizon, must pass through much more dense air than at higher elevations, thus causing false colour shifts.

Lighted objects photographed from a great distance are subjected to an atmosphere in motion causing a blurring of resolution. It's difficult for any night flying lighted object to be photographed and reveal detail about its true shape. Lights on a "fuselage" only sparsely lights up the exterior. The lights greatly overwhelm the film ballooning the lights to many times their actual sizes on the developed photo obscuring any relevant structural detail.

Attempts to read detail into resulting light aberrations can only be uncertain. camera lenses and films are seldom colour balanced for night photography, so even true light colours cannot be ascertained. On occasion of a layer of warm air sand-

wiched between two layers of cold air causing an inversion, automobile lights ship lights, and ground lights can be bent, appearing as irregular moving lights in the sky, and show up as only white blobs on photographs. Radar beams are seldom adversely affected today due to moving target indicator filters.

Sundown lights up weather balloons hanging almost motionless while Venus brightly stands alone in the twilight sky. Distant aircraft changing angles cause odd brightening and dimming, as its true form cannot be quite resolved. Ball Lightning, St. Elmos's Fire, and ionized plasmas, only rarely are pictured, but are usually small enough not to cause much confusion as they float along, explode, and bead telephone lines. also "lenticular" clouds formed by circular winds on the horizon when the sun is low, give the classic saucer appearance.

Internal reflections/refractions within multi-element camera lenses, often record odd four and five sided translucent shapes when a light source is in the field of view, or near it as the sun often is. These "lens flares" have such easily repeated and recognizable shapes, it's hard to be confused by them. Yet so many people are. The easy tip off is when the photographer says he didn't see the object until the photo was developed. Lens flares are often seen, yet ignored in the viewfinder.

William Corliss has produced a series of extensively researched handbooks containing characteristics and examples of the oddities of nature, including separate volumes on animal life, plants, Geological, Atmospheric, and Astronomical events. The latter two provide the UFOlogists with a thorough grounding in the usual and unusual causes for many of the world's misidentified UFOs. They also allow a person to know when a UFO does not exhibit characteristics found in nature, and that is probably their greatest function.

LINDY WHITEHURST, DALLAS TEXAS U.S.A.

## The Practical UFOlogist BY Brian McMullen (Snr)

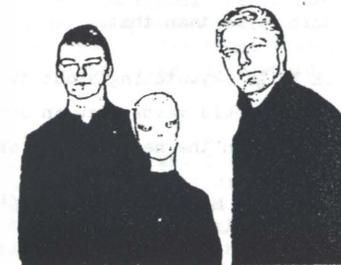
UFOlogy, the study of the Unidentified Flying Object Phenomena, the word, like its meaning, still hasn't been taken seriously enough to be inserted in the English dictionary let alone reach subject status on Mastermind. This has got a lot to do with the tabloid press and how they educate the man in the street via the "wee Green Men syndrome. It sells newspapers and causes endless chuckling but does little to help solve what could be the most important discovery known to mankind. Some of the UFO organisations aren't blameless here either. Some of their members disorted opinions only help to feed those starving reporters. Then there's the witness, who comes last in line after reports and even books are written on their experiences, frills included of course.

To extinguish public ignorance should be top of the agenda for the UFO organisations concerned, and a 'public awareness' campaign for the 90's should be looked into.

There's no doubt about it, the man in the street does have a genuine interest in the subject if he gets half a chance with a genuine response from all concerned. This would obviously go a long way in helping to solve the mystery. A thoughtful campaign would also give the prospective witness the confidence required to come forward enhancing genuine reports.

Myself and other band members in CE IV are constantly asked the same question, 'How do I find out more about UFOs?' We can only reply by suggesting serious literature on the subject and now, with thanks to those responsible, we can pass on the UFO hotline number. We always hope that an initial interest isn't put off with the reading of poor quality literature, ie, invasion of the quick buck authors, and/or, some dead quality Science Fiction on the UFO phenomena. No I haven't read everything, but I know the following authors have gained respect for their work in UFOlogy; Dr J. Allen Hyneck; Jacques Vallee; Jenny Randles; Timothy Good; Charles Bowen, these should be enough to get on with.

The modern medium of Videos/TV Films, should not be overlooked. No self respecting UFOlogist would be without a copy of 'Close Encounters Of The Third Kind', keep it in mind of course that Dr Hynek was adviser on that movie, and that most of the scenes



Brian McMullen Jnr, Gabriel, (The stage alien), and Brian McMullen Snr, of Glasgow group, CE IV. Andy Morton and the other band member were unavailable for this photograph.

were based on true reports. There does exist, some documentary videos where the viewer can study film taken of UFOs, and what's more important, he can closely examine the expression on the witness's face. As with the literature, the considerate organisation should list the best.

So thanks to the genuine Investigator and authors and their hard work over the years, we can actually produce and maintain the student UFOlogist. Serious study and Investigations are carried out, more so when the people involved restrain from voicing their personal opinions. To be an armchair UFOlogist though isn't enough. What about joining a club and making the tea while somebody works the slide projector? Sounds eerie, but I would say sooner or later he's got to get outdoors. 90% of reports say that's where the action is; no point in giving a new name to an old practice, it's called skywatching, and it's on the decrease. Nowadays it could be said to be 'green' to be outdoors, healthy, away from the city humdrum, but it can be other things too, cold wet, and a complete waste of time if you are unprepared. That doesn't just mean having your thermals on and knowing a helicopter when you see one, there's a wee bit more to it than that.

CE IV go skywatching about twice a week, and if the Editor allows me (You got it Brian Ed), I could maybe draw on our experiences over the years. With permission I hope to do this in the next edition of ENIGMAS.

(c) Brian McMullen (Snr). (Editor's note), Glasgow group CE IV, have presently for sale, their C-60 audio cassette depicting their musical interpretation of a typical UFO Abduction which is narrated by Brian. This can be yours for the sum of £6.00. Send your cheque or postal order to, CE IV Music, 102 Ferness Oval, Glasgow, G21 3SE.

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## Great strides in UFO research

BOB TAYLOR's dark serge trousers will be examined by a psychic next month — to try to identify the alien he bumped into in the woods.

The pants travelled the world to be forensically examined by scientists after his celebrated "close encounter with a flying saucer and two aliens" in a clearing near Livingston, West Lothian, in 1979.

It was a sunny November morning

when teetotal Bob, now 72, came across a 20ft craft "like a spinning top" and two ball-like, spiky creatures beneath Dechmont Law.

The creatures rolled towards him, giving off a pungent smell, and he passed out. The spikes of one of the creatures shredded his pants, he says. He came to alone.

Police later photographed a "weird" 15ft ring of "spiked holes".

A plaque commemorating the event is being erected at the spot by Bob's former employer, Livingston Development Corporation.

But his link to the paranormal may not be over. UFO researchers are probing recent crop circles in Blairgowrie, Perthshire — one 200 yards from Bob's home. Someone, somewhere, may be trying to tell him something.

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## Psychic Beginings By Lorraine Anderson.

Further to my Editorial in which I featured some of my own personal experiences, I now relate some strange experiences by our secretary, Miss Lorraine Anderson.



I have been interested in the paranormal for a few years now and I cannot claim that I know very much about the different aspects of the paranormal. I have read a few books on the subjects of, Spiritualism, UFOs, but that's about all. I have listened to other people's experiences, some weird and wonderful stories to, and I always find them fascinating. I have learned a lot more since I became a part of SPI, and I thought the readers of ENIGMAS might be interested in some of the experiences I have had.

It started when I was very young, around the age of seven. To put you in the picture, I was brought up to believe in Spiritualism, both my maternal Grandparents were Spiritual mediums and healers. Both passed over around 27 years ago, and both are still remembered for the work they did in the local Spiritualist church. My mother is very much psychic, but does not practice Spiritualism any more, (because of ill health). Anyhow, back to my own experiences. I remember returning home from school one day to find my mother and some friends conducting a seance, of course being seven years old I was to young to take part so was promptly sent off to my bedroom. After I was there for a short time, my mother's aunt came and told me that spirit had asked if I would go to my mother's bedroom with her which I did.

I was a little apprehensive at first, but with a little persuasion I did so. I entered the room and sat on the edge of the bed, a few minutes passed and I suddenly felt a great urge to stand up, I felt that I had no control over myself, I did try and stop myself, but I couldn't. I felt as if someone had sedated me. A sudden calm came over me and I was being drawn to the cot which my young sister slept in, (not at the time I may add). I looked in the cot, and there was a little baby; it looked about a few weeks old. As I leaned over to touch it, the apparition disappeared and it was then that I felt afraid.

I ran down stairs to the sitting room to tell my mother what happened, my great aunt not far behind me, but as I was about to speak, my mother asked me if I had seen a baby upstairs in the cot, and of course I had. Seemingly spirit had told her what had happened to me before I came downstairs. On asking my aunt what she saw, she said she never saw the baby, she knew I was seeing 'something' because of the look on my face. It was a good feeling seeing the baby, but a little frightening seeing a spirit child as it looked so solid; not what I had imagined a spirit to look like. Well that was my first experience with spirit, but I have had a few since.

I was about 12 or 13 and I was with my mother, we were going into the kitchen to prepare the dinner when all of a sudden, the drawer which held the cutlery, flew open and all the contents flew across the room, (thankfully not in our direction). I was shocked. My mother got a bit of a fright, but within seconds she was picking up the cutlery without another thought, I of course had to leave the kitchen and I wouldn't return to help her with the meal. On another occasion, I was walking from the kitchen to the living room, when a flower lifted up from a vase on the window ledge at the foot of the stairs, and stopped in front of me, so I took it; I never

saw anybody or even hands, it was as if it was floating itself in mid air. I have been a participant in table tapping sessions, and have been told a few things that have come true, and have also been told things that nobody knew which also proved correct upon enquiring. I have had a few messages from mediums that were correct, and it does make you wonder from which source the information came, but because I have had such experiences myself, I believe that it is spirit.



I remember about 2 years ago I came home on more than one occasion to find the painting above my fireplace standing up against the T.V. (the picture hook still in the wall), there was no one in the house at all, and the way the painting was lying, I knew that it had not fallen, it would not have landed that way if it had. On one occasion I came into the sitting room to find my wall clock had travelled about 12ft from one end of the room to the other, again, there had been no one in the house.

It was after the clock incident that I started to attend the Spiritualist Church, and it was at this church (Alloa Church), that I was told by a medium that 'odd things' were happening in my home, and that was the reason why I was attending this meeting. I told her "yes, that's correct", and she said to me that spirit were doing these things to draw me towards the church as I was very psychic, and they wanted me to develop my abilities and become a medium. I know that I have the ability to become a medium, but I don't feel ready at this time, but I'm sure that I will know when its time.

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## Elementals At Loch Morar ?

BY Ian Shanes And Ron Halliday



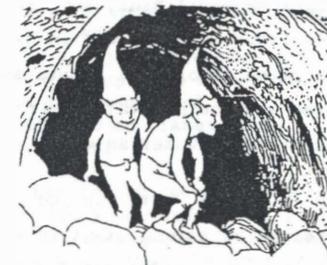
IAN SHANES.

We continue with our case report Investigation of our work conducted at Loch Morar in June/July last year. This time I feature something which is, in itself, highly controversial, and I'm sure that readers may have something to say about the following. But again it was all part and parcel of the work carried out by SPI up at Loch Morar, and as such, is worthy of your attention.

One aspect which has not been examined in seeking an explanation for loch monsters, lies on the periphery of the twilight zone. It is to be doubted whether in popular imagination there is an obvious link between the denizens of loch morar, and loch ness and the "elementals", elves, dryads, fairies, nymphs, etc. However, it has to be reported that in our investigation of Morar, the presence of these creatures forced

itself to our attention. The principle point of contact was the medium Ian Shanes, who has developed a rapport with this aspect of the netherworld. Although the association of Morag (the alleged monster of Loch Morar), with elementals is not explicit, there are various fairy type legends linked with the general area. This is typical of such sites which tend to gather a mixture of strange stories around them.

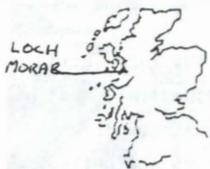
On the 1st of July 1990 at Inbhir Beag, a small bay with a jetty on the loch (grid ref: 732924), at approximately 3pm, Ian Shanes says, in his words at the time, made "aware" of fairy type of people, not more than a foot high. They were friendly but shy, and stayed in amongst the ferns. Their communication was of looks and smiles, but I also noticed a faint high pitched 'twitter' for want of a better word. On the following day (July 2nd), Ian Shanes with Paul Friel and "Running Waters" (pseudonym used at participant's request for personal reasons), and Heather Asnberry, visited (as stated in Paul Friel's records) a "Cairn on a tree covered knoll 100 metres south of Loch Nan Eals (grid ref: 666855) to carry out a psychic investigation.



In a field at this spot, Ian Shanes, in his own words, "was drawn to two very slight humps on the ground only a few inches high. It was at these points that the fairy folk appeared. They moved from a distance of about 10 feet towards me, slowly gaining confidence until they were right beside my feet". A little while later the fairy folk returned, kneeling down to 'try and make a better contact'; Ian was rewarded with a powerful spiritual insight. Ian and the group had spent a considerable time at the sight trying to determine the location of a crannog (now on dry land) and up to about 6pm, Ian had felt extremely peaceful, but around this time an uneasy feeling came over "Running Water" which communicated itself to Ian. Out of curiosity, Ian 'tuned in' and saw a man who struck him as unpleasant. Not wanting to continue the contact, Ian moved away, but as he did so he was shown the man's feet - they were cloven.

On the 3rd of July, Ian Shanes, Ron Halliday, Lorraine Anderson, and Malcolm Robinson hired a boat and visited the island of Eilean Ban on the west end of Loch Morar, (grid ref: 697922). Hard though it may be to believe today, Eilean Ban once housed a catholic seminary (founded 1713). The remains are no longer obvious, and the island is heavily overgrown, (a considerable understatement, Ed).

It appears the ideal romantic spot for elemental inhabitation and we were not disappointed. Shortly after our arrival, Ian went off on his own and came across "elf/fairy folk, none of them higher than the top of my wellies", (and by God we needed wellies, -RH). On his way back to the boat, Ian, "passed by a tree which had fallen over, the exposed root system over 6 feet high. On passing it there was a scurry of movement, they were not the "wee folk", but some form of creature, lizard like, with heads resembling humans".



The day following the exhausting island trip, Ian Shanes and Ron Halliday walked to a field by New Mains farm (grid ref: 662659). There was no obvious direct link with Loch Morar, but it was felt that a period of meditation and dowsing away from the loch might be beneficial, and, since it was a psychic investigation, might yield unexpected results. Soon Ian was in contact with these 'elementals', specifically an elf child which he recognised by its small size. He was also given the information that the area was the habitat of elf folk, and that they use the marsh area and the small rivulets of water as we use canals and rivers for transportation.

In this area, both Ian and Ron were aware of extremely powerful currents of psychic energy, so strong, that in Ron's case, the nausea and dizziness resulted in him having to move to a different field. In conclusion, there is no conclusion. No definite link was established between the 'elementals' and 'Morag', except in that the area is rich in such contact, and that in itself may be a significant pointer to 'Morag's' significance. However, we are at an early stage in our project. These contact experiences with the 'elementals', may yet yield the evidence to solve the Morar mystery.

One last point. When Ron Halliday, Lorraine Anderson, and Malcolm Robinson took an ouija board to the south side of the loch (Rubha Garbh 700905, see last issue of ENIGMAS), via the board we learned that the 'elementals' were watching us. Ron Halliday innocently asked the question, "why?", 'They think you are all mad', came the retort. After that, who can doubt the 'elementals' ?

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# ARE ALIEN EYES WATCHING ?

## BY MALCOLM ROBINSON.



For the record, this Editor applauds the action taken by the allied forces in the Gulf, all the options open to Saddam Hussein, proved, as we know, fruitless. He is a ruthless dictator who has got, what in my opinion, was coming to him. Mankind cannot tolerate people such as Saddam, and as such I hope that Kuwait becomes a peaceful nation once more. But what has all this to do with the paranormal I hear you say ? Well consider this.

If there are such things as alien space ships, then one can only expect that the occupants of such craft must look at this situation with a sense of horror for the war-like nature of this planet called Earth. Is it any wonder if there are such things as alien beings, (and believe it or not, I'm not totally convinced of this), that they do not take an active part in making themselves known on a major scale once and for all ? Again I'm speculating. If their technology IS vastly superior to our own it would be like, as I've said before, handing a computer to a cave-man and telling him to get on with it. If mankind cannot handle their own affairs on planet Earth, then I don't expect intervention from other worlds to do it for us.

I believe that the cultural upheaval of such a visit from other beings, would, to some degree, cause chaos within religion, unless of course God is truly Universal, and I mean that in the Cosmos sense as well. If it were learned that these alien beings only had a development of species, as of what our own Darwinism relates, then the prospect following the understanding of this knowledge, may, as I've said, cause religion in this country to go into turmoil. Religion rules this planet, it has caused many many wars on Earth solely in the name of religion, would a visit from extraterrestrials make any major difference ? Well it might, but again in this speculative article who knows ? But one thing for sure, if we on Earth cannot sort out our own priorities in a peaceful manner, then there will always be the Saddam Hussein's of this Earth to cause untold misery and suffering in a misguided view that what they do is in the name of Allah or 'whoever'.



EVIL DICTATOR.

Let's hope that a speedy solution can be found to the crisis in the Gulf, and that peace may reign again. There's a lot to be done and it won't be easy, but until such times as man grows up, then I'm afraid we will always have these problems. Now continuing with my speculations, I might add to the fact that of course, these aliens, (if they are such) may not necessarily be benevolent, on the contrary, they may be malevolent, and if the practices of which occur during these alleged abductions is anything to go by, then it becomes clear that they are conducting these experiments on human beings without our consent, and that in itself is a violation against human-kind, and although in regards to the Gulf situation we basically know what we are facing, I'm afraid that if the abduction reports are true, and portray distress, pain, and anxiety on humans, then we are faced with a situation which is clearly in strict contrast to the lovable character of E.T. depicted in Steven Spielberg's movie. We face Saddam Hussein right now, and we know that eventually justice will prevail in the Gulf. Saddam must go he WILL be defeated, but if all these reports of aliens that Budd Hopkin's informs us are interfering with mankind and are in fact an actuality, then we are faced with a

problem which at this time is beyond comprehension, and borders on the realms of the 'Twilight Zone'. And sadly at this point we are still much in the dark, but once that dawn breaks, then it may possibly shed some light on this phenomena and provide us with the answer that has been evading us all this time. We at SPI hope that this is so, and the sooner the better. And for any Extraterrestrial beings looking in on this situation, all I can say is, 'we hope to get it right one day'.

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# UFO CAPITAL!

## Where spacemen go to town...

**G**REAT balls of fire! Sleepy Blairgowrie has become the flying saucer capital of Scotland.

The Perthshire town is usually better known for its strawberries than spacemen.

But it has had such an amazing concentration of crop circles and UFO sightings that the Strange Phenomena Investigations group are probing reports of:

- Balls of fire shooting across the ground.
- Spaceships making circles in crop fields - such as appeared at Ardblair in May last year:

By LEWIS THOMSON

- A ball of fire in a bush:
- A spaceship with flashing lights.

The SPI want to find out if this concentration of weird happenings in Blairgowrie is linked to high-energy 'ley-lines' running under the town.

The SPI say that, over the last two years, there have been five crop circles in the Blairgowrie area and 12 reported UFO sightings over the last 30 years.

Ron Halliday, who works in SPI's office at Stirling University, said: "Blairgowrie is now the paranormal centre of Scotland.

"It's had an amazing number of sightings for such a small area.

"The ley-lines which run under Blairgowrie are a source of energy which flows all over the world. We track the surface energy by using dousing rods.

"We think that all the phenomena are linked and we're trying to find people who have seen lights in the sky, which could be UFOs or products of the energy.

"The work of the SPI and our magazine, Enigmas, is to come to an understanding of events outside scientific explanation.

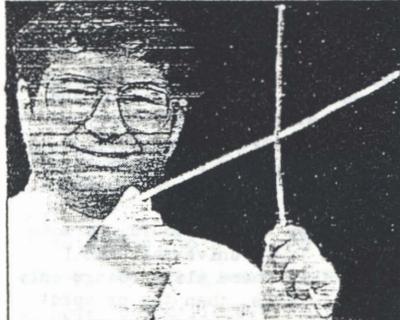
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"Such as people seeing balls of fire which shoot across Blairgowrie nor far from the ground.

"In 1987, a woman saw a ball of fire in a bush. "When she looked up, she saw a spaceship several hundred feet long, with lights all around it."

Local police deny that they have had reports of UFOs.

One officer said: "People may be getting mixed up with the Northern Lights."



PROBING... Ron Halliday with dousing rods.

## NESSIE & CO

by anthony north.

This piece is about the Loch Ness Monster and Abominable Snowman. I know what your going to say. The serious student of the paranormal never gets involved in such fairy tales. But one thing that surprises me about many psychic researchers is that their main argument about the paranormal, its survival through all cultures and all times saying 'there's no smoke without fire' is equally valid with these little devils. So why are they ignored? After all, such creatures are said to inhabit most large lakes and mountainous regions the world over. I think the main problem is the idea that they PHYSICALLY exist.

F. W. Holiday had a different idea. He decided that Nessie was part of a 'psychic menagerie', existing only in our imagination. Perhaps he was right. If we look back at evolution, we know of a continual process from the 'primeval soup', through sponges, fish, reptile, mammal and then man. However, there are two specific processes of evolution that stick out as particularly traumatic. These are the two great 'environmental' changes. The first of these changes would have been when reptile came out of the sea. Had life exhibited emotion at the time, seeing the sky for the first time would have been almost apocalyptic. So what sort of creature would have witnessed this change? A reptile capable of breaking the surface of the water, rather like Nessie in fact.

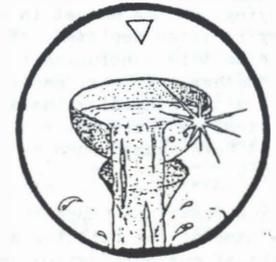
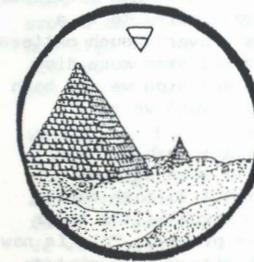


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The second change would have been when the first vestige of man moved out of the trees to walk on the land. Suddenly this frail, four foot anthropoid would fall prey to a new, ferocious group of terrestrial hunters. This small hairy anthropoid, although exhibiting human characteristics, would have looked very similar to the Yeti. Carl Jung was convinced of the existence of the 'collective racial unconscious' after noticing racial archetypes in dreams, myth and folklore. If such a level of inter-connected consciousness exists, then memories would also exist reaching deep into our primeval past, and it is not true that the most severe memories remain the longest? I believe it is in this direction that understanding can come concerning Messie and the Yeti.

Not physical, but neither are they pure imagination. Perhaps they are memories of our distant apocalyptic past, manifested in reality as symbolic 'archetypes'. They are, in a word, ghosts, super ghosts of the traumatic memories we would rather forget.

(c) Anthony North.





## Fireside Tales (but true)!

Its all very well presenting speculative articles on the paranormal in Journals such as ENIGMAS, but basically the majority of individuals want to see other people's experiences in print, true and factual accounts of their own experiences. And so dear readers, ENIGMAS brings to you just this, true accounts from the files of SPI.



I have only been to York on a few occasions and I am unfamiliar with its reported paranormal phenomena. All I can do is relate an unusual event which occurred when I visited the City in the autumn of 1987. My wife and I went on holiday to York in October of that year, and stayed for four days in a hotel near the City centre. We would walk into town each night which would take us about ten minutes. One evening, around dusk, we went passed what appeared to be an old tower on the corner of a side road and main road. On a later visit to York it transpired that the building was part of St Mary's Abbey, but we didn't know this at the time.

As we passed by the wall, we noticed a strange shadow in the form of a woman praying, in the manner in which the Virgin Mary is often depicted. Both my wife and I came to this conclusion independently of each other. We were particularly surprised when after examining the area for several minutes, we could not see anything which might have caused such a distinctive shadow.

At the time this happened I did not check the name of the building as it was the last night of our holiday and we were preoccupied

with enjoying ourselves. Unfortunately I had omitted to bring the camera and so could not attempt to capture the image on film. However, I remember where it was situated because it was near the house in which W. H. Auden was born in 1907.

I had been unable to dispel the incident from my mind, and during a visit to York two years later, I deliberately went to find out the name of the site. My wife and I were somewhat suprised to discover its connection with the figure whose representation we had seen. A notice informed the reader that, "this tower formed part of the fortifications of St Mary's Abbey. It was erected about 1266". I should perhaps add that I had previously maintained what I considered to be a "healthy scepticism" towards such matters, and my wife is normally even more disbelieving. On this occasion we are both quite convinced about what we saw.

There is an ironic, although perhaps telling postscript to this account. During the latter visit to York during 1999, I took a photograph of the tower with its descriptive plaque. This is now in my album side by side with a picture

of Auden's house taken the same day. In this latter photo I am standing outside the poet's home attempting to look proud and dignified as befits the location. Somehow I didn't quite succeed. In fact a friend who saw it remarked; "why do you have that expression on your face? It looks like you've just seen a ghost."

Neil Halliday. Shifnal Telford.

### WHERE'S THE GATE ?

My friend and I had a strange experience about 25 years ago. I was in my 20's she in her 40's, so we weren't just young and silly. We went into the public mountains every saturday. We went up a country lane "Floods Lane" it was called, we'd collect whatever was in season, we'd get to know all the best fields, but there was one field we never seemed to go into, no particular reason.

One day we were picking blackberries and we said we would go into this field as we'd never been before. We went through a gate spent maybe 1½ hours picking, and when we met up my friend said, "which way did we come in?" I said, "I think that way". We tried that corner, no gate, so we thought it must be the far side, walked across the field, no gate. We thought it was funny and turned to another side still laughing. No gate. Tried again, no gate to be found. By this time we were just a little annoyed but not upset.

Anyway, we went to the hedge, back to back and we each walked away from the other hugging the hedge till we met, NO GATE. Well, I thought she was pulling my leg and vice versa so we passed each other and continued till we met where we'd both started off, NO GATE. By now we were upset, so we went to the centre of the field to look around and Cissie said, "I didn't notice how high the hedge was when I came in here did you"? When I looked it was the highest one I'd ever seen.

We said we'd go around together and get out a gap, there's always some spot you could fit through, but no. We went round, round and round that field and when we were ready to panic we just 'came upon the gate'. We went back to the house and we told Ritchie and he asked exactly where the

field was, and he said that when he was a kid, the old folk used to tell him stories about that field, and they never played in it. Since then I just used the experience as a story for those 'round the fire nights'. But three years ago I had visitors from Dublin and we got talking about the old days, but I hadn't mentioned this, then Pat said, "Oh you wouldn't know your favourite spot "Flood's Lane", they've built bungalows out there but there is something funny going on, its been in all the newspapers.

It seems about half way up the lane (about where this field was), one group of bungalows has huge gaping cracks down the walls. Three times they were repaired with the people having to be rehoused each time till they were fighting for their money back. No reason could be found, all sorts of 'experts' were brought in". She promised to send some of the paper clippings but she didn't, so that part of the story is just second hand. My friend is still alive, so if you ever wanted to check this story I'd need to ask her permission to give her address.

P. Gilmour Cumnock Ayrshire.

### HER SON'S TOUCH ?

I would like to give an account of an experience of mine. Our son of 22 years drowned accidentally ten years ago. Whilst he was missing, (four weeks and four days to be exact), a neighbour called to say that her son had snaps of James in his camera. A close up of him has proved to be a God send and has given me much comfort.

Now, in his hands in this snap, is a letter which he, I understand, received from a girl of whom he was very fond. Now about one year later, I was sitting looking at this photo, and I also had in my hands, letters which this girl had written him. I was probably reading the actual one. Anyway, 'something' came across my face, as if someone was trying to attract my attention. There was nothing to see only as if a hand had come across my face. I understand that I must have been concentrating enough for James, for I am sure that it was our son trying to get through to me.

I am sure that as you are interested in the subject that you will not pooh pooh the idea. I did not tell anyone else about this not even my husband as he is sceptical about these things. I have always had deep faith, but that experience strengthened my belief that our loved ones are not very far from us.

Ann Michael Ballindalloch Banffshire.

#### THE OLD WOMAN.

I was about fifteen at the time, I am now 25. We moved from Glasgow to Paisley and we were told that our new house was once lived in by an old woman who died in the house. One night when we were all in bed, I couldn't sleep, I had been up and down all night. As I was walking up the lobby (hall area), I decided to go into the living room as its right next to the bedroom I was in.

The door was open a wee bit and before I put the light on, I thought I saw something on the couch, but I thought it was a big doll which I still had; so I stood just in at the door and put on the light, and there was an old woman sitting on the couch. She just looked like an ordinary person. She was sitting with her legs folded, and her arms folded, looking towards the window. She had pure white hair, down to her shoulders and it was even, 'as if it had just been trimmed'.

She had on a woolly cardigan and a midi length skirt. As I looked, I got a funny feeling right through me and then I put off the light and went back to bed and I fell asleep right away. When I told my family the next day they all said that I had imagined it, except my sister who was really scared. I had to go everywhere with her. We were telling a woman who lives up the close, and I described the woman I had seen and she said to me, I must have imagined it, but she told my mother when I was out that I had described the woman that had lived there. People still laugh when I tell them, but I know what I saw, and I didn't imagine it. I hope this will be of help to you in your work.

Elizabeth McCowan Castlemilk Glasgow.

#### HOW IT STARTED FOR ME ?

In 1971 while working in my father's scrap metal business, at the age of 27, I had no concern for anything spiritual. I enjoyed the good life, eating drinking and gambling. Then, one evening after I had gone to bed, I suddenly heard a roaring sensation in my head, and the next thing I know I'm flying through the sky like a Superman. I could see the clouds passing me by.

After a few seconds, I was standing at the bottom of the garden, I was astounded. I looked at myself only to see the same appearance in clothes that I took off before getting into bed. After a few seconds more, I was flying back, but don't clearly remember. I was only looking over an orange square and falling backwards, to wake up and hear all my family coming into the house. I could not explain to myself what happened, so I asked a friend to take me to Solihull Spiritualist Church to see if I could get a satisfactory answer.

At that time I thought I was having hallucinations, I also thought they were mad talking to Charlie, Fred, or Joe. I went again to the Sunday service, and then joined a development circle. At night I would look at the ceiling and say to myself, "this is impossible". After about four months another experience occurred. I was suddenly transported down the floor to the side of the bed, and travelled around the room backwards through the furniture. When I told the church elders, they said it was probably done to make me believe, because talking couldn't show me.

I took it all very seriously and began to study the Spiritualist philosophy. If anyone claimed to do something, I would go to see them for myself, anywhere, anytime, any medium. After about two years nothing notable happened, until one night I awoke from sleep to suddenly find myself standing in a small room, about six feet wide, the walls were made of blocks. In front of me, was a huge mummy. The smell was musty. When I realised what was happening I became frightened, and wanted to get out of there straight away.

## Rocketed over flying saucer plaque plans

EXASPERATED UFO experts this week zapped plans by Livingston Development Corporation.

For they reckon short-sighted LDC officials are wasting a golden opportunity to focus international interest on the town.

As reported in the Courier last August, the organisation Strange Phenomena Investigations had asked LDC to erect a plaque on the site of the world-famous Decmont Law UFO encounter.

The corporation agreed, SPI covered the moon and LDC landscape architects started working on the idea. But, five months on, the results have left SPI far from starry-eyed.

Two designs have been drawn up to mark the spot where Bob Taylor claimed to have stumbled across a flying saucer.

The first envisages a traditional stone block, and the second, a more futuristic, aerodynamic sculpture. A decision on which one will be used is expected soon.

All that is fine with SPI... but they are fuming over the terms of the plaque's inscription and that LDC are not planning an unveiling ceremony.

The inscription will say: "This is the site referred to in Arthur C. Clarke's 'Mysterious World' which describes an encounter between a forestry worker out walking and what appeared to him as an unidentified flying object."

The Courier understands LDC are reluctant to hold an unveiling ceremony in case it upsets Mr Taylor, who had to be treated at hospital after the encounter.

Ron Halliday, SPI's founder and spokesman, gave LDC a rocketing.

"We used the Courier's article from August in our own pamphlets and it attracted international interest," he said.

"People will come from all over the world to see this site and they will bring money into the area.

"And why on earth is Arthur C. Clarke mentioned and Bob Taylor isn't?"

"Bob wouldn't be upset about an unveiling ceremony, something I'm sure would grab the media's attention.

"I get the feeling that LDC are lukewarm about the idea. If they're so half-hearted why bother having it in the first place?"

An LDC spokesman said: "There will be some sort of event to mark the general landscaping work at Decmont Law but it will not involve specifically around this particular siting."

I began to fly backwards to home. I asked whoever took me there, never to do it again. So I know there is one undiscovered tomb. After about three years in the church, I was asked from the platform if I could have my hands used for healing, this I agreed to, and before very long, the healing began to run away with itself.

In 1974 I met John Cain, the healer from Liverpool at Stanstead Hall. I spent a week with John and his wife. He allowed me to work with him. His healing abilities and spirit control of ten people in one sitting amazed me. He told me that I was 'super-sensitive'. I went back to Solihull, and he told me if I ever had a problem case, I could ring up and we would link up our healing channels. It soon became apparent I could not use my healing forces in the church because the guide rules stipulated the laying of hands (due to insurance reasons)

After treating a woman who was paralyzed on the left side and watched her left arm do exercises, I was asked by my elders to practice by healing outside of the church because it was said I would frighten some people. I never intended to leave the church but I just never went back. John Cain invited me to heal in a demonstration at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall to 2000 people. I was great; at least seventy percent of the audience was under the healing influence. I continued healing everywhere.

I left my family business and slowly turned to study my own way. Now I live at a health clinic in Mid

Wales with a wonderful opportunity of healing everyday. My ability to see into people and detect any auric disturbances within seconds is improving with practice. I can see into people with my mind, turn them round, check from top to bottom to the smallest point. I can see from a distance any person who is given to me where I will have to work. I can check them out, like looking on a chart.

Well that's my psychic story, it has changed my way of thinking. I dread to think of my Earthly progress in this life had I not flown through the sky that evening and been enlightened to my part to serve God. I have kept very quiet and out of sight all this time, and now I am going to surface. By the way, I was in the UFO movement in Birmingham in the early 1970's. I hope you find "Nessie", I know he's there somewhere.

David Keen Presteigne, Powys, Mid Wales.

If there are any ENIGMAS readers who would like to send in their own strange experiences, then please feel free to do so. This Editor would love to hear from you.

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# Anatomy Of A Hoax

By Peter Hough.



PART TWO.



PATRICK MOORE.

## THE SEARCH FOR PROOF.

Christopher Allan and BUFORA (British UFO Research Association) investigator Steuart Campbell, were convinced the hoaxer was none other than famous astronomer Patrick Moore. There had been indications of this from other people, and a rudimentary analysis of the book paying particular attention to its astronomical content, seemed to compound this. Similarities appeared between Allingham's and Moore's writing style. Moore also mentioned Allingham in his own writings a lot, and even claimed to have met him. What they needed was credible scientific proof.

They were able to put the book to computer analysis at Edinburgh University, using a programme based on stylometry. This would determine whether "Flying Saucer From Mars" had similar word patterns to Moore's scientific books. The results were perplexing. In August 1984 the programme was extended to include other writers around in the fifties. Amazingly, all of them were eliminated except for science fiction writer, Arthur C Clarke. Had they been wrong all the time?

The two Investigators asked Clarke about the book. He said the allegation offended him but added that at the time of publication he had complained to Muller's about it. They next consulted A. Q. Morton, deviser of the stylometry system. He by-passed the standard tests, and examined some additional writing habits the computer had thrown out. But all this did was show there were enough substantial differences between Allingham's and Clarke's style to prove he was not the author. Stylometry had failed to nail Patrick Moore.

## A STROKE OF LUCK.

Then they received a stroke of luck through gross ineptitude on the part of the publishers. Inadvertently they received the name and address of someone connected with the book. This was all new, but subsequent interviews with the man helped clear up the mystery. His name was Peter Davies, self styled journalist and old friend of Patrick Moore's. He admitted the book was a hoax, his part being to re-write the manuscript in order to disguise the style of the original author. Hence the reason why stylometry had failed. Moore and Davies had split the royalties between them. He also agreed the picture on the cover depicting the author was himself, heavily disguised. "That's the best picture in the book", he joked, "and even that one's a fake" It was Davies who had given the lecture in Kent, accompanied by Moore, not as well known then as he is today. Further comparisons between Allingham's telescope shown in the book, and one published in Moore's 'The Observer's Book Of Astronomy' clinched the fraud. In both photographs the background of trees are identical. So Allan and Campbell had the case sewn up.

## THE WORST KEPT SECRET.

In May 1986, Jenny Randles interviewed television personality Michael Bentine for a radio series she was making on the paranormal. They talked generally and the subject of Patrick Moore, a close friend of Bentine's came up. "Didn't he hoax a book on UFOs in the 50's" Jenny asked. Michael Bentine confirmed this and started laughing. A few weeks later I travelled up with Jenny to Jodrell Bank radio telescope installation near Knutsford, Cheshire. I was taking part with astronomer Dr Ann Cohen and UFO percipient Shelly Barnes in a BBC radio documentary on that subject.

During a general conversation between recordings, it was ascertained that Dr Cohen also knew of the Moore hoax. This was looking like the worst kept secret ever. At the beginning of July, Jenny spoke to Patrick Moore on the phone. The astronomer was coming to Manchester on business and he had agreed to visit the BBC studios to be recorded for the same UFO programme. Obviously not connecting her with the letter a few years before, everything was quite amiable while they were confirming the arrangements. Then for some inexplicable reason Moore started rubbishing the phenomenon and began ranting about the Allingham affair. He referred in very rude and hostile terms to 'someone from Stoke who was going about connecting him with the book'

## Scot's sea riddle

<sup>S. Mail 19/3/86</sup>  
A SCOTS sailor may have witnessed the first known disappearance of a ship in the Bermuda Triangle. Edinburgh historian James Gilhooly made the discovery while researching his new book.

In 1802 a Spanish frigate disappeared after being enveloped in thick fog. Nearby the crew of a schooner, *The Favourite*, watched in vain.

Mr Gilhooly said the man in charge of *The Favourite*, which had been sailing from Madeira to Boston, was Captain Pourland, believed to be a Scot.

The 413 aboard the Spanish ship, including women and children, all perished and no wreckage was ever found.

Since 1854, over 50 ships and aircrafts have reportedly vanished in the Triangle.

and, 'someone else who was writing magazine articles intimating the same'. Chris Allan lives at Stoke On Trent, and an article by me had just been published in the magazine 'The Unknown'. The article looked at the possible psychic and psychological mechanisms at work on people who carry out UFO hoaxes. Although I wrote quite a bit about the Allingham affair, I had declined from mentioning Moore directly. Jenny tried to calm him down, but told him that she had seen enough evidence to show he was behind the book. At this he spluttered and fumed, hurled further insults, and informed her in no uncertain terms that he would not be taking part in the programme after all.

READY TO GO PUBLIC

At about this time I received a letter from Chris Allan who had obviously read my article. He informed me that they were ready to go public and an expose was planned for the next issue of a small press magazine called 'Magonia'. In the meantime, I had been asked by the Editor of Exploring The Supernatural to write a feature on 'famous hoaxes', With only a few days to meet the deadline, I wrote 'The Famous UFO Hoax', Amongst various photographic and other verifiable frauds I included a few paragraphs on Allingham, adding; "Suffice to say the real Allingham is a household name who appears on television nightly", 'This was a reference to Patrick Moore's long standing programme, The Sky At Night. Little did I realise that Jenny Randles asked to write a regular column in the same magazine also mentioning 'Flying Saucer From Mars'.

'This famous contactee book from the 50's was supposedly authored by the contactee himself. Few people recall it now except UFO debunker Patrick Moore (who seems to get a kick out of mentioning it whenever he gets the chance). Possibly it was a good joke 30 years ago. What point does it serve today?' To an outside observer it must have looked as if there was a concerted plan to expose Moore, but there was nothing of the kind. It was all coincidence. Several days after publication I received a phone call from a freelance journalist who turned out to be a 'stringer' for Fleet Street. A stringer passes on hot tips to the big National Newspapers. He wanted to know who the famous personality 'seen nightly' was. I declined to tell him for two reasons. Although I was satisfied it was Moore, I personally had none of the evidence to back up such a claim. Secondly, I had done none of the tedious investigation, and therefore had no wish to steal Allan and Campbell's thunder.

# UFO joins in the rail party

**WEIRD** sightings of UFOs in Scottish skies have flooded into a research unit.

And they include a flying saucer joining in the Forth Rail Bridge centenary party.

The reports of sightings came following the Sunday Mail's story last week that Blairgowrie, Perthshire, had become Scotland's UFO capital.

Ron Halliday, of the Strange Phenomena Investigations group, said there had been an amazing response.

He said: "We got a phone call from someone who had seen a torch of light come from the sky and enter their car."

And UFO fever has spread to Lanarkshire where workers saw a flying saucer hover above their factory.

Mr Halliday said: "At the centenary celebrations for the Forth Rail Bridge, according to the woman who phoned me, a round-shaped spacecraft hovered above the bridge for over five minutes."

Several days later Jenny Randles was contacted by Peter Tory, a gossip columnist for the Daily Star, a popular morning tabloid. Mr Tory already appeared to know about Patrick Moore being mixed up in the hoax. All he wanted was for Jenny to confirm it. Whether he had simply put two and two together after reading the magazine, or some third party had informed him, is open to speculation. Thinking she would only be talking about something which had now become common knowledge, Jenny obliged. Someone from the 'Star' then called me.

I said nothing, except to suggest they contact either Chris Allan or 'Magonia' who were publishing their article shortly. The Star printed their story on Monday July 28th It occupied half a page in the Peter Tory column, under the headline: "I see no hoax says Patrick". It had been written to give the impression that Jenny Randles had gone to them with the story. Tory described Moore as "Hopping mad", and concluded: 'Patrick Moore, possibly fearful for his revered reputation, will have nothing to do with it. He said to us: "I can't be bothered with these people. It's the closed season for nuts. Thank you. Good bye".

One must then presume he includes his close friend Michael Bentine in this category.

WHY WRITE THE BOOK ?

All through the exposure of this fraud a bigger mystery is Patrick Moore's attitude. Chris Allan and Stuart Campbell argue that his reasons for writing the book was an eccentric sense of humour, and a wish to capitalise on the success of the Adamski books. His silence, they presume, is due to embarrassment. But is it? Moore is an arch UFO debunker. He could have come clean years ago. This proves my point, he could have said, these UFO enthusiasts are so gullible. See how they fell for my book, they bought it by the thousands.

Whatever the truth, this case illustrates to what depths the debunkers will stoop to discredit ufology.

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# Scottish U.F.O. Cases

BY Ken Higgens.



I now present some recent SPI/SRUFO UFO case research work, this was kindly arranged for me to use by Ken Higgens of SRUFO, and of which, was previously published in the SRUFO January Newsletter.



## STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATIONS

### I. WEST LOTHIAN UFO.

Following the K. Higgens photograph and story in the Livingston Courier, an approach was made to SRUFO to investigate the appearance of a bright white light which had appeared at a remote location near a house not far from Harburn West Lothian. SRUFO has respected the family plea for confidentiality, so the precise location and names cannot be disclosed.

Ron Halliday and Ken Higgens visited the family on the 16th of January 1991. It was soon discovered that the light visitation was not a single incident, but many spread over a one year period. The 1st encounter involved the observation of a moving light which approached the family home. The light grew in intensity and size as it approached the house, at a distance of 150 yards and height of 50ft, the light which at this stage was about the size of the moon, hovered above trees for about 10 minutes. The lady of the house and her son both watched the light as it lowered to about 15ft above ground less than 100 yards away. There was no noise heard, and the windows were opened to verify this.

The light then backed up to its previous position before shooting off at an incredible speed in a low arc. The son went to investigate the area the next morning expecting to find a crater or crash site, but nothing was found. The light has been back many times since. The last visit was around 2nd January 1991.

In November 1990 the son was out jogging and came across a circle shape of flattened grass in a fire break 200 yards from the house and approximately where the object hovered. The circle was found despite 2" of snow on 16th of January by Ken Higgens and Ron Halliday. It measured 18-20 ft across. R. Halliday conducted dowsing tests on the circle with positive results. The family are happy for SRUFO to continue research and the circle will be revisited soon. The family have also decided to keep a camera handy to record the next visit of the light. SRUFO and SPI may consider a night watch in the area in the near future. This area has also revealed several other incidents that may be related.

### 2. ARMADALE UFO.

SRUFO received a call from an elderly lady (9th December) who witnessed an object described as the shape of the letter "N" in the sky to the East of the village of Armadale. The lady regularly sees planes and helicopters, but claims this sighting which some of her friends have also witnessed, was not a plane or helicopter. Two days later the same lady reported an object the shape of a rhombus (Diamond) in the sky. This sighting was most likely the phantom Bomber formation witnessed by many people. The lady at 84 years of age, is a dedicated skywatcher, this is her hobby which she is very

proud of. She has kindly offered to keep SRUFO updated of any other strange objects she finds in the sky.

### 3. UFO LIGHT BEAM.

A family travelling between Aberdeen and Dundee were shocked to find a powerful beam of light enter their car whilst travelling along a remote part of the main road late at night. The car radio crackled but no effect on the engine was observed. When they pulled up to trace the source of light, nothing could be seen. Further details of this incident are being sent to SRUFO.

### 4. UFO LIGHT BEAM 2.

12th December 1990 3am. Two gentlemen employed as bakers were travelling to work towards the Kessock bridge heading for Inverness. They noticed a powerful beam of light come into their car. They stopped the car and looked up to discover nothing was there. During this incident both men were convinced that they were being watched.



KEN HIGGENS OF SRUFO.

### 5. UFO ACTIVITY AT NIGG AND SURROUNDING AREA.

Mr and Mrs S, have called SRUFO with a number of reports of UFO activity in the Nigg Bay and Tain area. Mr & Mrs S, plus friends and police, all witnessed a beam of light that came down around the town of Tain in Easter Ross. The police investigating confirmed that they had been told to look out for strange lights which many people had reported. Within a couple of days, a large flash lit up the sky for miles. Mr S who is an expert in Geology and Astronomy, timed the flash to the precise moment of an earthquake in the Scottish Lowlands which was recorded all over the U.K.

6. SPI and SRUFO plan to hold a joint Conference to discuss the Scottish UFO scene. The conference will also major on crop circle and psychic phenomena. Well known UFO celebrity guest speakers have been invited to attend. It is hoped to plan the event for October this year and the venue will hopefully be a large hall in Edinburgh. More details of this conference will be forthcoming through the pages of ENIGMAS.

### 7. SCOTTISH CROP CIRCLES.

A letter was received from George Wingfield of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies. Mr Wingfield has suggested that SRUFO be officially affiliated to CCCS and that we assist with investigation of this years circle activity in Scotland. Ron Halliday, Malcolm Robinson, and Ken Higgens, will soon visit Duns to view the site of last years pictograms witnessed by the Earl of Haddington. It is hoped that we may locate this spot for a further visit in crop circle season (May-September). A further visit to Blairgowrie is also anticipated.



ET victim Robert Taylor: 'A couple of things with horns came up on each side. Then they grabbed me.' Photograph by Murdo Macleod.

## Memorable row over aliens who 'tore my trousers'

LIVINGSTON, as students of the paranormal know, is where aliens tore Robert Taylor's cloth-tearing kind with care. But an organisation known as Strange Phenomena Investigations has accused the corporation of planning a completely inappropriate inscription and renegeing on a promise to hold a formal unveiling ceremony.

It is a problem for Gordon Davies, technical director of the town's development corporation. 'Let's face it,' he said, 'we are supposed to be a responsible arm of government. We can't possibly say: 'This is the spot where an unidentified flying object landed.'

Last year the development

corporation agreed to commemorate the encounter of a cloth-tearing kind with care. But an organisation known as Strange Phenomena Investigations has accused the corporation of planning a completely inappropriate inscription and renegeing on a promise to hold a formal unveiling ceremony.

Mr Taylor, now 72, was a forestry worker when he fell into alien 'hands' at 11am on 9 November 1979.

'It was there when I turned

the corner, sitting in a clearing,' he said. 'I stood and watched it for a few seconds. It was a huge dome, about 25ft across, with a big flange all around. It was grey, but not shiny. More rough looking, like emery paper.

'Then a couple of things came out, things with horns, like Second World War mines. They came up on each side of me and there was a smell, very, very sickly, like brake or clutch fluid burning. Then they grabbed me. That's all I can remember.'

He woke to the sound of his dog barking and whining and the craft had gone. He was filthy and his trousers were torn and he had slight burns on both legs where the 'beings' had held him. Unable to walk, he crawled home and his wife called the police.

Mr Taylor's trousers were subjected to intense examination and science fiction author Arthur C. Clarke made them famous in his TV programme, *Mysterious World*.

Meanwhile the SPI has taken exception to the wording proposed for the commemoration, plaque: 'This is the site referred to in Arthur C. Clarke's *Mysterious World*, which describes an encounter between a forestry worker out walking and what appeared to him as an unidentified flying object.' It has also demanded a public unveiling.

The corporation says it is trying to protect Mr Taylor's feelings — but he says no one asked him, and he quite likes the idea.

But Mr Davies of the development corporation sees little hope of a any unveiling ceremony. Indeed, he says, work on the gardens in which the cairn will stand, has not been completed by the Employment Training workers assigned to it. 'You can't really control the dates of ET projects,' he said, apparently without a trace of shame.



Mr Oliphant at the centre of one of the circles.

THE UNEXPLAINED phenomenon of flattened crops in isolated circles, more commonly found in the south of England, has been recorded at a farm near Blairgowrie.

Lawrence Blair Oliphant, who farms the Archibair Estate, discovered two of the mysterious circles in a field of fully matured grass, one for hay-making, close to his home at Archibair Castle on Saturday morning.

The 2 to 3 ft high grass had been completely flattened in a well-defined circle with the

## Mysterious circles in the field

stalks forming a spiral pattern from the centre outwards.

Mr Oliphant measured the diameter of the largest circle to be about 70 feet and the other was about half the size.

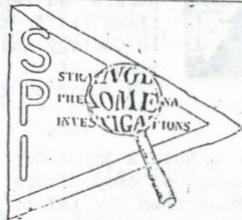
Commenting on possible causes for the phenomenon, Mr Oliphant said, 'Theories

range from people blowing, pranks, or whirlwinds, to people from outer space.

'I don't go along with the last of those theories though. With no tall bleached stalks rising up to the centre it seems unlikely to be a prank and spacemen would surely have more sense than to park on a slope.

The whistling Dewey, then, seems to be the most plausible explanation but scientists have yet to prove it.

In the meantime it remains an intriguing mystery.



## STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATIONS ALLOA SCOTLAND



## Astral Projection By David Hunter.

Is there life after death? The near death experience could be a vital piece of evidence to prove life after death and astral projection. This strange phenomena is experienced by people who have been in an accident or in their sick bed in hospital and have been declared clinically dead but lived on to relate their experience. Many different stages have been related to from case to case, and I will try to cover some of these stages.

### NOISE.

Noise is a very common stage of this phenomenon. The most common noise heard after the time of death is a ringing or buzzing. Some have related to this noise as being very loud and unpleasant, as to other cases who say exactly the opposite, that it is more of a pleasant nature, it even has been related to as a sort of 'musical' form.

### THE TUNNEL EFFECT.

The tunnel effect has been described in different terms such as a void, a well, a sewer, a valley, etc. All these terms must surely all relate to the tunnel. The tunnel must be one of the most important stages because every case has related in some way to have travelled along this incredible journey to find when they reach the end of the tunnel that they have travelled out of their physical body and into what's known as an 'Astral Body'.

### THE BEING OF LIGHT.

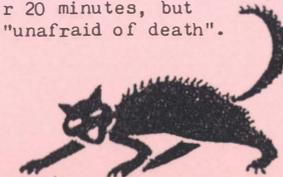
This being of light, has cropped up in many cases and has been described differently. Some have described the light to start dim whereby rapidly getting brighter to an unearthly brilliance. One theory is that the being could be related to your religious past. Another could be that the being is a guide to help them over to a new life.

### ASTRAL BODY.

When in your astral body many things can start to happen, such as, floating above ground and actually seeing your own body lying below you, hearing yourself being pronounced dead by a doctor etc. Contact with others has been known to happen, someone who has died in the past, perhaps a relation, or old friend comes as if to meet you, again, a guide if you like, only they are not here to keep you, they have a sort of message, (ie your time has not yet come, you may still have a 'mission' to complete in your physical body). That brings us to the coming back stage. No matter what kind of feeling is experienced whether happy to meet lost loved ones, or just pure contentment and piece of mind, you cannot stop this process.

All the above experiences can take space within the space of minutes, or even seconds. But there have been other cases of people that have been dead for 20 minutes, but these are very rare. Most individuals are left feeling totally "unafraid of death".

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■ I see from the Scots Sunday Mail Newspaper of 3rd February, that a King Arthur Society is being formed at Longtown Cumbria owing to recent research in America that suggests Camelot could have been situated near the Cumbria-Dumfriesshire border. Camelot has been placed at more locations throughout the U.K. than Oliver Reed has had pints, and that's saying something.

■ MORE FROM THE PAPERS From the Scots Daily Record Newspaper we learn that our money spinning, "now you see her now you don't celebrity, the Loch Ness Monster" is yet again to be hunted, this time, would you believe, by a load of, wait for it, Witches and Warlocks, ho hum. Seemingly the Bristol based company of Avalon will be gathering at Loch Ness in September to try and raise our elusive monster by a magical ceremonial invocation? Well why not, nearly everything else has been tried.

■ DID YOU KNOW? That the Indian Government outlawed the practice of being buried alive in 1955 owing to the fact that many Indian fakirs, or 'sadhus' as they are called, were being eaten alive by white ants. Well that's one way to avoid the poll tax I suppose, but its taking it to some depths. ■ SHOULD JEHOVAS COME A

KNOCKING? If like me, you've had the good fortune to discuss the wonders of the Universe with our Jehova witness friends I would like you to remind yourselves of this following quote. Its from the first Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians and reads thus, "The manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit. For to one is given the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge, to another faith, to another the gift of healing, to another the working of miracles, to another THE DISCERNING OF SPIRITS". So in effect, when it comes down to quoting the Bible, we can all find our own parts. I'm not knocking the Jehovas, for everyone, no matter who, is due their opinions and beliefs. We

should all seek to get on with our own lives doing what we can, and not letting others decide for us what's best. This Journal is for those who share our beliefs if others find them of interest, so be it. There are unsolved mysteries abound, and it is up to researchers like us to try and come up with some answers, and in doing so, we are hopefully furthering man's quest to understand his place in the Cosmos.

■ EUFORA LECTURES. At the London business school on the 6th of April 1991 Paul Dew shall be giving a lecture on Hypnotic Regression- or Hypnotic Suggestion? Paul is a top expert on hypnotic regression with many years of practical experience with ASSAP. Following that, is a lecture on the 4th of May 91 by abductee Elsie Oakensen, entitled, Abduction and Afterwards, a Personal Experience. Elsie talks lucidly and brilliantly at first hand of her own personal experiences. These lectures commence at 6.30pm, and, as I've written, are to be held at the London business school, Sussex Place, Outer Circle, Regents Park, London NW1, (near Baker Street Tube Station). There shall be a small admission charge.

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