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EDITORIAL.

Well folks, another year already half way through, and yet another year of rumors, comedy, ridicule and just down right silliness. Mind you the last month or so has had its story smashing headlines....

We have had the American Air Force stating that it wanted to put the story of Roswell to rest, and what really happened was the testing of dummies dropped by parachute... Ho Ho Ho..... what a laugh.... Then, if this was not laughable enough, the CIA came out with an even more plausible excuse for UFO reports in the early 1950' - 1960's (This one was a bit more plausible... ?). It appears that the UFO sightings over this period were in fact American spy planes. You see, the aircraft were originally bright silver and so everyone reported seeing UFO's (Silver one's), so, they had this bright idea, if we painted them black, then no one would see UFO's and we could carry on spying against

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the Russians. But hold on, have the UFO sightings stopped..No, and in fact, they seem to be on the increase. Also, I can see how one or two sightings could of been spy planes, but that doesn't explain multiple object sightings, squadrons of UFO's, sightings of similar objects on the other side of the world to each other at approx. the same time.. etc etc... So I ask myself, who are the real dummies in all of this.. us Ufologists for believing the CIA and USAF, the men and women of these establishments for believing that we would fall for their explanations, or the dummies that fell at

Inside is featured the latest listing of crop circle formations up until the end of July...

Roswell... I will let you decide.. Oh by the way.. The tests did happen, but I am well informed, that they did not take place until the mid 1950's.... !!!!

Also in this edition of the newsletter, I will be taking a look at the Arizona UFO Sightings in March, The Tv coverage of the Roswell Anniversary, Roy Lake's Lecture in June, the Southend UFO Conference on July 5th that I spoke at & the UFO week on ITV television from the 22nd June to the 28th June. By the way, I thought I would publish a photo of myself to add a bit of glamour to the newsletter this month !!!!

Southampton has its own UFO course held at Totton college and has been accredited to run for 5

years. This must be a first for the area as well as anywhere else in the country. I have also been asked to come up with a list of books so the college can buy and add to its library.. I will let you know more at the next group meeting.

MEET THE EDITOR.

AGE : 34 YRS.

BORN : Hanover, West Germany.

Married : 1 long suffering wife & 2 boys.

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Other Interests :
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Photography and Real Ale Beer...

No Of Personal UFO Sightings :
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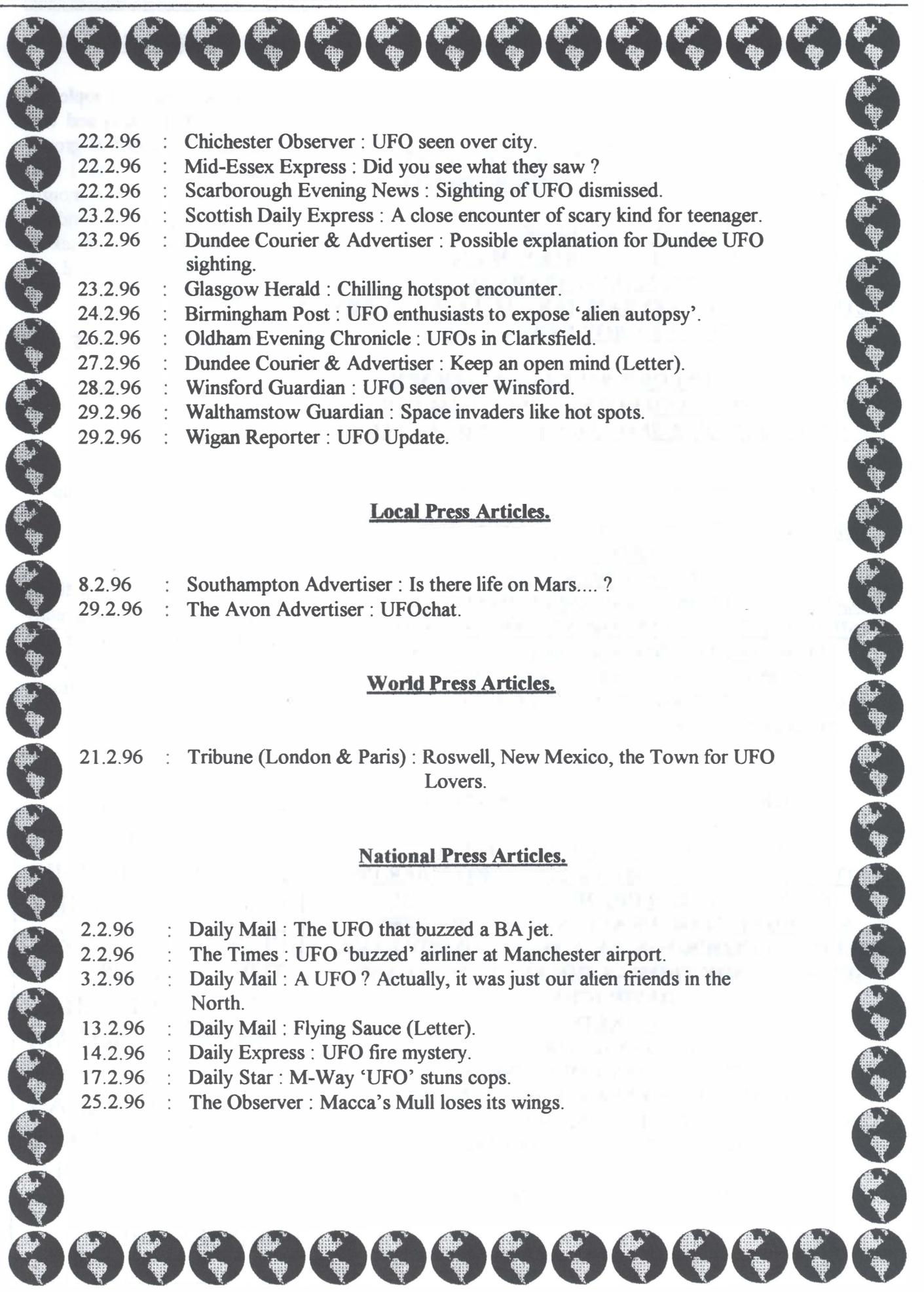
No Of years Investigating UFO's : 19 yrs.



WHAT THE PRESS HAD TO SAY IN FEBRUARY 1996.

Regional Press Articles :

- 2.96 : Tamworth Herald : Out of this world... a spaceship in my garden !
- 2.96 : Tamworth Herald : No Headline.
- 1.2.96 : Staffordshire Times : Is it one big conspiracy ?
- 2.2.96 : Scunthorpe Star : BEAM-ing up !
- 2.2.96 : Stafford Chronicle : Call to open a real-life X-File.
- 5.2.96 : The Scotsman : UFO sighting linked to film.
- 5.2.96 : Scottish Daily Mail : Loch Ness 'monster' takes flight.
- 6.2.96 : Oldham Evening Chronicle : Flying saucers or flights of fancy ?
- 6.2.96 : Thanet Times : Your friend could be an alien, says expert.
- 7.2.96 : The Lakes Leader : Aliens top 'serious' agenda.
- 8.2.96 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : More UFO sightings in the North.
- 8.2.96 : Surrey Mirror : OAP spots 'triangular blue lights' in night sky.
- 8.2.96 : Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph : Mystery of the light in the sky.
- 8.2.96 : Edgware Mill Hill & Kingsbury Times : Bus stop pensioner spots UFO hovering overhead.
- 8.2.96 : Wanstead & Woodford Guardian : UFO scare - the story continues.
- 9.2.96 : Tamworth Herald : Alarming increase in UFO sightings.
- 9.2.96 : Loughborough Echo : 'UFO seen' on night of green glow.
- 9.2.96 : Manchester Metro : Riddle in the sky.
- 12.2.96 : Edinburgh Evening News : We're up with all the stars !
- 12.2.96 : Exeter Express & Echo : Life - but not as we know it.
- 12.2.96 : The London Standard : Page boy.
- 13.2.96 : Aberdeen Press and Journal : UFO Report (Letter).
- 14.2.96 : Chepstow & Caldicot Press : Is this a case for the X Files ?
- 14.2.96 : Newcastle Journal : It's not a flaming UFO.
- 15.2.96 : Bournemouth Advertiser : Geoff's fact or fantasy UFO beliefs.
- 15.2.96 : Edinburgh Evening News : Did you see the UFO ?
- 15.2.96 : Glasgow Herald : Astronomer says UFO probably a meteorite.
- 15.2.96 : Morpeth Herald : Mystery light : was it a UFO ?
- 15.2.96 : Newbury Weekly News : Aliens against the by-pass ?
- 15.2.96 : North Wales Weekly News : Files are opened on unexplained.
- 16.2.96 : Bury Times : Caught ! oap's UFO.
- 16.2.96 : Somerset County Gazette : Tell us the truth about UFOs.
- 16.2.96 : Edinburgh Evening News : UFO fans are over the moon.
- 17.2.96 : Sheffield Star : They're the race from space.
- 21.2.96 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : Children terrified by their UFO encounter.
- 21.2.96 : Crawley News : Cops solve UFO riddle.
- 21.2.96 : The Lakes Leader : The truth is out there.
- 21.2.96 : Northwich Guardian : Flying sorcery !
- 21.2.96 : Chepstow & Caldicot Press : Further sightings of strange lights.
- 22.2.96 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : UFO visits "possible", says Dundee physicist.

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- 22.2.96 : Chichester Observer : UFO seen over city.
 22.2.96 : Mid-Essex Express : Did you see what they saw ?
 22.2.96 : Scarborough Evening News : Sighting of UFO dismissed.
 23.2.96 : Scottish Daily Express : A close encounter of scary kind for teenager.
 23.2.96 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : Possible explanation for Dundee UFO sighting.
 23.2.96 : Glasgow Herald : Chilling hotspot encounter.
 24.2.96 : Birmingham Post : UFO enthusiasts to expose 'alien autopsy'.
 26.2.96 : Oldham Evening Chronicle : UFOs in Clarksfield.
 27.2.96 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : Keep an open mind (Letter).
 28.2.96 : Winsford Guardian : UFO seen over Winsford.
 29.2.96 : Walthamstow Guardian : Space invaders like hot spots.
 29.2.96 : Wigan Reporter : UFO Update.

Local Press Articles.

- 8.2.96 : Southampton Advertiser : Is there life on Mars.... ?
 29.2.96 : The Avon Advertiser : UFOchat.

World Press Articles.

- 21.2.96 : Tribune (London & Paris) : Roswell, New Mexico, the Town for UFO Lovers.

National Press Articles.

- 2.2.96 : Daily Mail : The UFO that buzzed a BA jet.
 2.2.96 : The Times : UFO 'buzzed' airliner at Manchester airport.
 3.2.96 : Daily Mail : A UFO ? Actually, it was just our alien friends in the North.
 13.2.96 : Daily Mail : Flying Sauce (Letter).
 14.2.96 : Daily Express : UFO fire mystery.
 17.2.96 : Daily Star : M-Way 'UFO' stuns cops.
 25.2.96 : The Observer : Macca's Mull loses its wings.

FORTHCOMING LECTURES FOR 1997.

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GROUP MEETING 15.6.97.

We had around 10 people at our by monthly meeting and we had our usual first half of group information and items that I had received over the previous month or so. After this, we had a video. The following monies were taken at the meeting and added to group funds ...

Tea and Coffee : £1.15

Donation : £5.00

Entry Charge : £10.00

Magazines Sold : 5 (Group
received £3.40).

To date (13.8.97), group funds have steadily risen and currently stand at : £110.30. So, if you have any ideas about how the group can raise some more funds, then please let me know.

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Press/Tv/Radio Matters Over
The Past Month 15.6.97 -
15.8.97 :

The Press :

15.6.97 : News Of The World : Aliens 'Are taking over our bodies'.

A look at Derrel Sims and his alien implants that he has recovered from peoples bodies that claim they have been implanted by aliens.

15.6.97 : News Of The World Magazine : Our Close Encounters.

The article looked at the claims of 3 people who 'claim' to have been abducted / encountered aliens. and one of them, Debbie Jordan-Kauble who spoke at the BUFORA conference on 16/17th August.

20.6.97 : The Sun : Riddle of biggest UFO yet.

The biggest UFO sighting in history has left defense chiefs baffled - and thousands of witnesses are now convinced we are NOT alone.

A giant V-shaped object with red and white lights cruised silently for 200 miles over Arizona.

The slow-moving UFO, the size of three football pitches, was visible for nearly two hours.

It was first spotted by a retired cop - and soon police were flooded with reports.

Pilots and air traffic controllers were among the witnesses.

Dozens of people shot video footage as the UFO passed low over Phoenix at around 8.15 pm on March 13.

And despite three months of computer analysis, no one has

come up with any explanation.

Trucker Bill Greiner, 51, watched three fighters scrambled from an air base to intercept the mystery craft.

He said : "it shot straight up and disappeared. I've seen something that don't belong here".

21.6.97 : The Sun : It's the X fools :

A state governor caused fury yesterday when he announced an official inquiry into a mass UFO sighting, then said he was **kidding**.

Fife Symington said his "X Files" team would probe the V-shaped object which cruised over Arizona. Later Symington appeared with an aide dressed as an alien and said he was joking.

One official stormed : "People take this very seriously." The sighting is the biggest ever.

22.6.97 : The People : Aliens ! They're Here !

The main guts of this 2 page article was concerned with the sightings over Arizona on 13th March. According to the article : 'Already March 13, 1997 - The day of the sightings - Has acquired historic status among UFO experts'. It appears that the US Air Guard tried to explain away the Arizona incident by saying that soldiers launched a number of flares for target practice that night.

Also covered in the article was the Rendlesham Forest incident in December 1980 and an interview with Nick Pope along with a plug for his new book (Sorry Nick, no plug in this mag mate !!).

22.6.97 : The Independent on Sunday : They came from out'a space.

This article took a look at Kenneth Arnolds now all too

familiar encounter on 24th June 1947 and the abduction case of Antonio Villas-Boas. There is a look at the Fortean Times magazine, that celebrates its 100th issue. Finally, Old Nick manages to get both of his books plugged yet again.

22.6.97 : The Independent on Sunday : UFOs, ghosts, crop circles : skeptics fight back.

The article looks at : 'A national network of skeptics that has been set up to demolish publicly what its members consider bogus, unscientific or unproven and their hit list is wide-ranging'. They are to publish a newsletter 'The Skeptical Intelligencer'. So, watch out for this one folks !!! . As the sub of the article says : '50 yrs ago, an American pilot spotted flying saucers. Now gullibility seems to have taken over'. Mind you, I often wonder who the most gullible are and personally I think the press comes out the winner every time..!!

24.6.97 : Daily Mail : Is anyone out there ?

This consisted of 2 letters, one from Denis Plunkett, who says 'With the enhanced information he has, the mystery of these extra-terrestrial craft and the reasons and purpose of their visits to Earth will become more apparent within the next few years'. The second letter, from Simon Lewis, who investigates the flying triangle sightings.

24.6.97 : Southampton Daily Echo : Unexplained ! Is anybody out there ?

Are aliens really hovering over the earth ?

In the first of a two-part documentary, We Are Not Alone,

close encounters of a Martian kind, bizarre, awesome and frightening, are recounted by witnesses worldwide.

Military and civil pilots talk of unnerving encounters in the sky, while other witnesses claim to have seen "aliens" and even been the victim of alien abductions.

Public attitudes towards the extra-terrestrial have shifted dramatically since the celebrated sighting over the Cascade Mountains, Washington State, in June 1947 by Kenneth Arnold, a private American pilot - an encounter that gave rise to the term flying saucers. Since then, UFOs have taken off in the public's imagination with hundreds of witnesses reporting sightings of strange lights and objects in the sky.

In Scotland, Neil Malcolm is still haunted by his experience with a UFO. His car was followed by a "bright ball of light" as he returned home. Neil rarely discusses the incident but agreed to describe his alarming encounter. He explained: "It was huge... absolutely massive. I jumped out of the car and ran into the house. It was hovering above the yard. The family thought that I'd been in a crash, the state I was in. They all ran out - sure enough, there it was, still there".

Neil and his family have taken video footage of this and other sightings and have now built a platform outside their home where they keep a vigil of the skies.

In the USA, Dave and Denise Jaklitsch describe how they were confronted by a 50ft-wide craft.

25.6.97 : Daily Telegraph UFO buffs scoff at debunking of legend.

AMERICA's military yesterday tried to debunk the country's most enduring UFO legend - that the bodies of aliens were recovered from a crashed flying saucer 50 years ago, a fact covered up by successive governments.

The US air force hopes - undoubtedly in vain - that the detailed report will lay to rest the rumors surrounding events near Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947.

It explains that the "extraterrestrials" were dummies used in high-altitude parachute test.

UFO buffs, and especially those gathering in New Mexico for the 50th anniversary of the "landing", promptly rejected what the air force promoted as a "complete and open explanation".

In a previous attempt to give the lie to the Roswell theory, the air force reported in 1994 that the "spaceship" wreckage found by a farmer in a field was the remains of a balloon used in a secret program to monitor atmospheric evidence of Soviet nuclear tests.

The new report is intended to explain persistent reports that aliens' bodies were discovered 150 miles away. Those bodies, the air force says, were dummies used in tests in the 1950s and the two stories have simply come together in one large conspiracy theory. In fact, the conspiracy theory only gained credence in the 1970s and has since been perpetuated in a series of books and films, most spectacularly in *Independence Day* last year.

UFO believers yesterday said it was not plausible that such dummies had become confused with a landing almost a decade earlier. "I think this a real stretch" said Karl Pflock, a UFO researcher in New Mexico.

A spokesman for the UFO center

in Roswell dismissed the report as another stage in the cover-up - a response that did not surprise Col Richard Weaver, author of the 1994 report.

"This has become a religion to many people. It's almost a cult," he said. "Certainly, it's an unbelievable financial opportunity to many folks. So I think this is going to endure".

He ridiculed the idea of a cover-up. "I don't think the government is capable of putting together a decent conspiracy. We have a hard time keeping a secret, let alone putting together a conspiracy".

25.6.97 : The Independent : Pentagon closes real-life X-file after 'solving' the Roswell affair.

Yet another article that looks at the USAF answer to Roswell - See Daily Telegraph 25.6.97.

26.6.97 : The Independent : The View From Here.

Dr. Susan Blackmore tells why she is appearing on the ITV live debate on UFO's on Friday 27th June, and after reading the article, I wonder why she did say 'Yes'. She seems to be so negative before she gets on the program. 'If I get a chance to talk about any of these, it just might help the voters decide'. 'I have seen 'alien implants' and shown one to be a dental filling'. See Tv reviews in the Tv review section of the newsletter.

4.7.97 : The Independent : US storms back to the last frontier :

This started with a look at the Pathfinder Mars landing and Col. Philip Corso, who's book forced the USAF to issue a 230 page rebuttal. The article ended : 'We

come in peace.. Americans, however, still do not trust the government to deliver that message. While an anniversary survey showed (Roswell) 35% of those asked, accepted that aliens landed at Roswell, a bare 25% said they believed last week's denial by the Air Force.

5.7.97 : The Independent Long Weekend : Flying saucer spotting.

The article looked at the Roswell case and the cover-up since. After 50 yrs, the CIA and FBI are on a roll. It also looks at alien abductions and asks the question that "they're brilliant at probing our minds and levitating us through walls, but putting our jim-jams back on straight is beyond them". This article can be put down to a 'P**S take of UFOlogy'.

6.7.97 : Sunday Mirror : Aliens 'Kidnap a Brit and operate on him'.

This looked at the claims of Derrel Sims, concerning alien implants and Philip Mantle (I thought he had semi-retired from UFOlogy / BUFORA ?) has a few words to say on the subject. The article was just a plug for BUFORA's conference on the 16 / 17th August.

6.7.97 : The People : Take me to your leader's wives !

A 2 page article that looked at the 17th April 1897 crash at Aurora, Texas and the retrieval of an alien body that was given a christian burial. There is also a rogues gallery of alien pictures of alien 'wives' that can be found on an Internet site (My wife is no comparison .. but don't tell her that !!!).

13.7.97 : The People : SAS in alien riddle.

The article claims that the SAS soldiers, whilst waiting to ambush IRA gunmen in South Armagh (Ireland) were confronted by up to 4 small grey figures. The 'spacemen' disappeared and seconds later, the soldiers saw a flash of light. (Those IRA men are cunning, who would fall for that one !). There is also an extract from a book by Jim Marrs that looks at cattle mutilations.

27.7.97 : The People : Alien flying docs cured my cancer !

Mum Lynne Plaskett claims her cancer was cured by ALIENS.

Lynne was given only three months to live after doctors discovered her body was riddled with a rare cancer called Convoluted T-Cell Lymphoma.

Lynne, then 25, went home to make plans for the care of her three-year-old son Clifford.

She collapsed on her bed - then claims she had an alien visit which changed her life.

Lynne, a senior planning officer, said : "I suddenly heard a buzzing noise then the room was filled with a fog-like white smoke.

"I was levitated off the bed about a foot and a half and I was paralyzed.

"Then a disc-shaped object about eight inches across came in through the window. It was gyrating and had multi-colored lights around its edge.

"It went across my body three times slowly as if it was examining me then it left". She fell asleep, then woke to feel she was cured.

Doctors at Harbor General Hospital in Torrance, California

started chemotherapy treatment with little hope.

But within four months Lynne was given the all-clear.

Now, at the age of 48 and still healthy, she has spoken for the first time about the "alien flying doctors".

She said : "I didn't tell anyone for years because I didn't want to be ridiculed."

Her doctor Barry Rosenbloom said he put a large part of her cure down to positive mental attitude sparked by what she believed she saw.

3.8.97 : Independent on Sunday : The man in black is laughing.

Is a review of the film MIB and as the reviewer Tim Hulse says 'I can honestly say that it's the most entertaining film I've seen in a very long time'.. (Oh well, we can't all be perfect !!!..ED).

4.8.97 : The Daily Mail : Is this proof that aliens like corn flakes ?

A new crop circle formation has appeared in the shape of a giant 'Snow flake', 200ft wide, on Silbury hill, near the stone circles at Avebury. According to Steve Alexander from Gosport "I'm convinced that only some sort of consciousness could stretch such complex patterns".

4.8.97 : Independent : US spy jets behind UFO hysteria :

The US Air Force may have fueled conspiracy theories about a big cover-up regarding alien life after it emerged at the weekend that it repeatedly made up stories to hide the fact that their secret spy planes had been spotted.

Gerald Haines, a historian at the National Reconnaissance Office,

said that when called upon to explain alleged UFO sightings during the Cold War years, the US Air Force frequently provided explanations that were untrue in order to deflect attention from their planes.

“Over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950s through the 1960s were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights (namely the U-2) over the United States,” he wrote in the spring issue of Studies of Intelligence, an unclassified CIA journal.

Concern about the public finding out about the secret spy planes “led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinary sensitive project”, Mr. Haines wrote.

“While perhaps justified, this deception added fuel to the later conspiracy theories and the cover-up controversy...” regarding the existence of UFOs, he added.

Mr. Haines based his article on a review of CIA documents from the late 1940s to 1990.

He described how the Air Force sought to deflect attention from the development of its high altitude experimental aircraft, the U-2 and the SR-71.

The early U-2s were silver and reflected the sun's rays, especially at sunrise and sunset, and often appeared as fiery objects to people below, Mr. Haines said. The U2s were later painted black. Air Force investigators, “aware of the secret U-2 flights, tried to explain away such sightings by linking them to natural phenomena such as ice crystals and temperature inversions”, Mr. Haines wrote.

By 1956 the Air Force internally had clear

explanations for 96 per cent of all UFO sightings, Mr. Haines wrote, referring to the experimental aircraft. “They were careful, however, not to reveal the true cause of the sighting to the public”.

He also said that the CIA, during the height of the Cold War, hid its involvement in studies into UFO sightings because the agency was concerned that if word came out it would lead to a national hysteria that could be exploited by the Soviet Union.

The director of space policy at the Washington-based Federation of American Scientists, John Pike, said the study raises questions about other possible government cover-ups involving unidentified flying objects.

“The flying saucer community is definitely on to something”, in accusing the military of hiding something, Mr. Pike told the New York Times, which reported on the study in yesterday's edition.

4.8.97 : International Herald Tribune : Military lied about nature of UFOs, CIA reports.

Not much different from the article that appears in the Independent on the 4th August.

5.8.97 : Daily Mail : As the CIA claims to come clean about the UFO phenomenon, the mystery still remains.

This looks at the recent CIA claims that UFO sightings during the cold war period, were in fact U.S spy planes (I can agree that at high altitude they could be confusing, but it doesn't explain sightings at low altitude i.e. landed - 2,000 ft for example or

squadrons of more than 1 object).

Nick Pope pops up again and as he says ‘The report does not help to explain the numerous low altitude sightings of UFO's, or the photographs of circular-shaped objects in the sky.

6.8.97 : Southampton Echo : EuroDisney corn circles !

Bemused locals have dubbed it “Mickey Mouse” experienced investigators say it's “interesting”, and the National Farmers Union suspects it's plain vandalism.

Hampshire's latest crop circle pattern, in a cornfield at Hippenscombe, Vernham Dean near Andover, has certainly caused comment. The shapes, on a private estate appeared silently overnight on Friday.

Crop circle investigator Colin Andrews, who divides his time between Andover and America, is hoping to get permission to take samples from the area.

He said : “It's very interesting. The pattern is consistent with others which have appeared west of Winchester and north of Southampton in recent weeks.”

Estate management said they had not yet seen the circles but Barry Sheppard, head keeper on neighboring land, said locals were intrigued.

“It's a hell of a size. We haven't had anything like this round here before,” he said.

“It looks rather like Mickey Mouse so everyone reckons, if it was aliens, they've been to EuroDisney first.”

Sue Scott, NFU regional spokeswoman, said many farmers had an open mind about crop circles although most were made by pranksters.

For the last four years Hampshire NFU has offered a £1,000 reward

for information leading to the conviction of anyone creating crop circles on members' land. It has not been claimed - but the truth is out there.

6.8.97 : Daily Mail : The stars who saw E.T. (but not on the cinema screen).

This was concerned with those famous people who claim to of seen a UFO. The people concerned in the article are David Duchovny (X-Files fame), Charlie Sheen, Cliff Robertson and Olivia Newton-John. It is interesting, that with all the current hype in Flying Triangle reports, Duchovny saw a triangular in 1993 and Olivia Newton-John saw a silvery triangle in 1964.

10.8.97 : Independent on Sunday : Safari in search of strange circles to mix in.

Britain's first crop circle safari has been launched by Fast Helicopters Ltd, based at Thruxton, near Andover. We are taken on such a flight, over the Snow Flake formation below Milk Hill, in Wiltshire. The article goes on to say : 'Pewsey is booked out with 'Cereologists', as the more 'Pretentious' crop-watchers like to call themselves, whilst 'Croppies', the 'Crustier', more 'Dog-on-a-String' fraternity, have circular conversations in various pubs.

So the question for you circle lovers out there is 'Which one are you' :

Cereologist - Pretentious...

Croppie - Crustier - Dog-on-a-String....

The choice is yours... ED.

10.8.97 : The People : ET gives

us a ring !

Another 2 page spread and the opening sentence : 'Crop circles could be messages left by aliens in a bid to contact humans, according to new research' says it all really, doesn't it ? The main body of the article concerns the effects that circles have had on people, by making them ill etc. Lucy Pringle tells her story (Oh god, not again !!!) of feeling ill when entering formations (Plus there is a plug for her book due out next year !). Also, an interview with Whitley Strieber about the Secret School of alien teachers (He should of gone to my school !!!). There is a look at cattle mutilations in North Yorkshire, a man who claims that he and his dog were abducted by alien's and there is the story of Debbie Jordan, who claims to of been made pregnant by aliens (she should see a space doctor.. but WHO ?)

10.8.97 : Mail On Sunday : Close encounter in a Chelsea flat.

In an autobiography about air marshal Sir Peter Horsley, he says he met Mr. Janus, a man from another galaxy. M.o.D reply to the claims : 'Oh god, how unfortunate that the public will learn that the man who had his finger on the button at Strike Command was seeing little green men'.

13.8.97 : Daily Mail : Why MIB is no fib.

A report to be published at BUFORA's conference in August reveals that MIB's could have been at work in this country for decades. The article also looks at the Burgh Marsh, nr Carlisle, photo taken in 1964 and

Mr. Templeton's, who took the photo claims of being visited by MIB's.

1997 Crop Circle Formations up until the end of July 1997.

Feb : Sennen, Cornwall.

Apr : Barbury Castle, Wiltshire.
Littlebury Green, Essex.

May : Stretall, Essex.
Nr Barbury Castle,
Wiltshire.
Silbury Hill, Wiltshire.

Jun : Stonehenge, Wiltshire.
Upham, Hampshire.
Nr Swindon, Wiltshire.
Rockley Down, Wiltshire.
Droxford, Hampshire.
Upham, Hampshire.
Droxford, Hampshire.
Nr Plymouth, Dorset.
Chiselhampton,
Oxfordshire.
Bournemouth, Dorset.
Kilmeston, Hampshire.
M6 Junction 1,
Warwickshire.
Nr Sutton Coldfield, West
Midlands.
Nr Exeter, Devon.
Longstock, Hampshire.
Cheriton, Hampshire.
Meon Valley, Hampshire.

Jul : Nr Clanfield, Hampshire.
Froxfield, Wiltshire.
Clanfield, Hampshire.
Cheriton, Hampshire.
Headbourne Worthy,
Hampshire.
Bishops Waltham,
Hampshire.
Nr Wantage, Oxfordshire.
Alton Priors, Wiltshire.
St Neots, Cambridgeshire.
Cosford, Warwickshire.
Bishops Canning,
Wiltshire.

Television.

15.6.97 : CH 5 : UFO (PT 1).

21.6.97 : ITV : The Aliens Are Coming.

This was presented by Jonathan Ross, and I think the less said about this the better, as it was yet another P*** take of UFOlogy and all things that are seen in the sky.

22.6.97 : CH 5 : UFO (PT 2).

24.6.97 : ITV : We Are Not Alone (PT 1).

24.6.97 : ITV : This Morning.

The editor missed this, so if you have a copy or know anyone that you can borrow a copy from, then please let me know. I understand that Stanton Friedman appeared on the show, there was a phone in, and UFO video footage of the Arizona UFO(s) in March.

25.6.97 : ITV : GMTV : Stanton Friedman.

I missed this, so if anyone else recorded it, then please let me know. I understand that Stanton did his usual cover-up bit, and the main pretext of the program was the Roswell Dummy fiasco.

25.6.97 : Cable : The Why Files :

This program looked at the messages that are behind the enigma of the crop circles. Old hat I am afraid, so we had better watch out, they are out there trying to communicate with us !!!!

26.6.97 : ITV : We Are Not Alone (PT 2).

27.6.97 : ITV : Strange But True. (Live Tv Debate).

This was a 90 min special studio discussion that received a lot of press/Tv coverage, but unfortunately, in my opinion, fell somewhat short of expectations. The 3 man panel consisted of Stanton Friedman, Timothy Good, who were well representative of us UFOlogists, and the third member was Nick Pope (Why, oh why was old Nick invited on the panel...!!!!). Unfortunately, I felt Stanton did not get a fair hearing, which for me was somewhat of a disappointment. But at the end of the show, there was a telephone vote, and UFOlogy won the day with 90% or so of those who phoned believed in existence of alien

life.....

27.6.97 : Sky 1 : Tonight .

This featured Roy Lake of the London UFO Studies Group and the main crux of the program was the Roswell flying dummies fiasco. On the show, Roy quit rightly pointed out, that the tests did not take place until the 1950's, so who's got it wrong ?

7.7.97 : Sci-Fi Scene : Nick Pope.

Not much to say again about this one, as it was the same run of the mill item, with Nick plugging the new book.

7.7.97 : Sci-Fi Channel : Roswell - 50 Years On.

This 2hr program looked at Roswell 50 yrs on as the title depicts and was a very good program indeed. It looked at the case and how it has developed over the years. It was introduced by Jonathon Thwakes of Star Trek fame. A brilliant program, and well worth a look at if you have not seen it.

7.7.97 : Sci-Fi Channel : Contact.

As the title of this program really says it all, there is not much more to say, except that it was a very enjoyable 'America' program that dealt with abductions and dealt with it very well.

8.7.97 : ITV : Paul Mckenna Show : Mexico Film Footage.

Yet again, your editor missed this 10 min or so segment, so if you have it on video, please let me know. I understand that it was concerned with the recent Mexican UFO footage.

12.7.97 : Sci-Fi Channel : Roswell Special.

This was a repeat of the program Roswell - 50 years on.

13.7.97 : Sci-Fi Channel : Roswell Chain Reaction. (11am - 4pm).

Although the title was a bit misleading, in fact the whole day was taken up with UFO documentaries and films that have already been screened on the Sci-Fi channel over and over again.

14.7.97 : Ch4 : Breakfast Tv : Ros Reynolds (alleged abductee) & interview with Will Smith

(MIB).

Again, your editor missed this item, so please, if you have a copy, please let me know.

25.7.97 : ITV : Magic & Mystery Show.

2.8.97 : NBC : National Geographic Tv.

Unfortunately, I no longer receive NBC on cable and I understand this concerned itself with the SETI program and the search for life out in space.

2.8.97 : CH5 : The Mag :

Unfortunately, due to being on holiday, I was unable to appear on this program, although I was asked to. Not a lot new at all, as I did not recognize the 2 'UFOlogists', and what they had to say, is not worth mentioning

4.8.97 : CNN American Edition :

This was very interesting item that looked at the release by the CIA, that UFO sightings during the cold war period, were not what they seemed. In fact, many sightings were of American spy planes, because their bodies were silver and this is what people were seeing. After the reports flooded in, the Americans decided to paint them black, so that the sun would not reflect the sun light ?

4.8.97 : BBC 1 News :

This followed on from the above item and in fact said little more concerning the CIA's report and claims that sightings of UFO's in the 1950's and 60's were in fact American spy planes ????

14.8.97 : Earthscan :

This program reported on strange black helicopters, reported over a German coal field, but the company denied that they belonged to them, so who's were they ?

Radio.

24.6.97 : Talk Radio.

This featured the notorious 'Snowflake' hoax that has been proven by a number of researchers to of been hoaxed (See the current edition of Alien Encounters for the unmasking of the possible perpetrators from Bristol). An interesting look at something that could of done great harm to UFOlogy and the Crop Circle Phenomenon.

30.6.97 : Radio 2 : With Fox Mulder himself 'Nick Pope'.

Nick has certainly been popping up here and there to publicize his new book and as usual, he never has anything new to say. I personally have not read the new book, but after reading his first book, I feel that I have not missed anything !

24.7.97 : Talk Radio : James Whale Show : Nick Pope :

I have not listened to this myself, but what reports that I have received from fellow group members, James Whale was at his best in 'Knocking' the subject. There were a number of phone calls and good old Nick Pope was there to plug the book. Having not yet heard the program, it is difficult to pre judge, but by the comments that I have already heard, I don't think I will bother.

2.8.97 : Radio 2 : Nick Pope (New Book) :

Not much to say on this one, just Old Nick publicizing his book on alien abductions (How can such a person, who sat behind a desk, know such so much about a very in-depth and intriguing subject ???)

4.8.97 : Radio Solent : Steve Gerrard (SUFOG) and radio phone-in.

I was approached by BBC Radio Solent in the early evening asking if I could be interviewed about the CIA statement about UFO's in the cold war being spy planes. The interview lasted for about 10 mins, sat in the radio car. The main program went out at 10pm and finished at 01.00am. There were many people phoning in about their own personal sightings and encounters. A member of Global network based in Chichester (?) phoned in and said that the group had over 3,000 investigators in the UK and 500 world wide ??? I felt this surely must be an over imaginative person, or maybe this includes the groups that they are associated with. I know of no group with this many members anywhere in the world, just think of the admin side of a group of 3,500 members !!!!! Apart from this, the program was very good indeed.

Next Skywatch Date :

12th September 1997.

Meet at 8pm rear of Civic Center, Southampton.

Move off at 8.30 pm.

Ring me between 6pm - 7pm to check if skywatch is still on.

ARIZONA INVASION 13TH MARCH 1997.

In March, parts of America seemed to of been visited by 'Lights' from outer space. I have seen a number of pieces of footage, that show rows of lights and single lights, and I have heard one or two dubious answers i.e. flares, aircraft lights ? But this is how the Arizona Republic newspaper reported the sightings on 18th March 1997 :

The first call reportedly came from a former police officer, who spotted the strange cluster of lights moving very quickly across the night sky near Paulden, north of Prescott in Yavapai County.

The bright red-orange lights formed the shape of a Boomerang, he said, with a larger grouping in the lead followed by a single light.

Reports poured in Thursday to Luke Air Force Base, the National Weather Service and the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, which logged the call from the unidentified former officer.

Four days later, there is no clear explanation for the object, described as both a triangle and a straight line, and varying from bright red to white to bluish white.

"We are confused about the exact details, but make no mistake about it," said Peter Davenport, director of the Seattle UFO Center, "there was a dramatic event that took place in Arizona that night."

The National Weather service can't offer any answer. Same goes for the officials at Luke.

"We just know it was not one of our planes," Lt. Col. Mike Hauser said.

"Everybody is telling me that we have UFOs stashed all over the Air Force," he said. "I'm not taking issue with what people saw, (but) lots of things can make lights."

Davenport's best guess is an "ultra-sophisticated craft" that did not come from this planet.

The first call to the center came shortly after 8 p.m. from the former police officer. Minutes later, reports were coming in from Prescott and Prescott Valley, Dewey and Chino Valley.

Davenport said callers checked in from the east valley, Glendale and Phoenix. Some reported that, as the object moved south towards Tucson, it appeared to send out a red beam of light.

The last call that night came from a young man from Kingman, who was en route to Los Angeles.

He called from a phone booth, saying he had seen a large and bizarre cluster of lights in the northern sky.

Tim MacDonald, 11, was leaving his Cub Scout meeting in Phoenix when he saw the bizarre object.

"It looked like a stealth bomber," he said. "It was a triangle shape and it had three lights. It was moving very slowly. It was there for two or three

minutes."

The lights went out one by one.

"When it disappeared, I thought it was a UFO."

This was certainly a strange series of events that certainly rocked the whole area and many people had the 'object(s)' on home video and many segments were aired on American Tv as well as the cable Tv news channels. I reserve judgment on the object as I have only seen a segment of footage just showing the 'bead-like' objects numbering about 5, round, white lights strung across the sky. I also understand that in September, a full length video is going to be produced with all the Arizona footage on one video (More details about this when know, but I think that the video is going to retail at around the £12-£13 mark).

Certainly, America seems to be a hot bed of UFO material at the moment and more and more is gradually being leaked out to the ordinary person in the street. What we need, is the ultimate footage or news item that will put UFOlogy down in the history books. This reminds me of the story of David V Goliath and the fact that the little person overcome the larger establishment to bring it down on its knees with one good, clean hit and it is about time UFOlogy did this and who knows where it will end.... The governments of the worlds bowing down to the pressures of the little people.. !!!

If anyone has read any press articles about the Arizona UFOs (footage), then the editor would like to see a copy as soon as possible.

MAGAZINE REVIEWS BYMR ERNIE SEARS.**INTELLIGENCE**

MAGAZINE: With its front cover nicked from that "Mars Attacks" film is the quarterly mag. of the British UFO Studies Center... and no doubt about its Editor's identity, Eric Morris, whose personality stamps itself on the pages packed with information... wish he wouldn't 'gloat' on those of his "staff" who have "deserted" him! Still, no changing the lad.. maybe we need him? Good article from Malc. Robinson of S.P.I, on that Grampian Tv "We the Jury" UFO debate... "WE" won of course!.. Eric gives a 'McLunatic Social Worker' hell... the SUFORA Conference... The LAPIS Conference... use of the Tatton Cinema, Stockport, trying talks with UFO films, proving successful... Boeing 757's often confused with "genuine" UFO craft, says Eric.. although odd craft reported near Warrington (my old RAF stamping ground!) on May 14th... MOD 'studying report'.. Black Helicopters, AWAC aircraft, over Manchester airport.. why?.. book reviews by Malcolm Robinson of S.P.I .. he thinks like me on "Left At East Gate".. Lionel Beers excellent booklist.. mag. £2 per issue or £7 per annum from : 52 Dart Walk, Wharton, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 3JE.

SKYWATCHERS : A colorful cover and well-printed issue of the Cornwall UFO Research Group.. Editor Ian Darlington looks equally colorful!.. The L.A.P.I.S Conference (again!) in detail.. Jenny Randles, Nick Pope, Phillip Mantle, Lisa Williams, their talks, interesting.. May 1997 photos from



Spain look too good to be true, we'll see!.. sightings from Mexico, Isle of Wight (!), Bude, Bodmin, etc.. CUFORG meetings reports also interesting.. a black triangle in 1955?.. Roswell doubts.. Billy Meier "genuine" report.. Bob Dean ditto... those "greys" 1940's atomic tests "living robots?"... hmmm!.. don't miss CUFORG's 1st conference, Sept. 20-21st, Truro College. Mag. single issues £2, years subs. £12, from 24 Carrine Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3XB.

SKYWATCH : "New format" issue of Roy Lake's London UFO Studies contains Pt 2 of Robert La Mont's Mexico '97 article.. sighting reports from Middlesex, Kent, Essex, Surrey, etc etc.. Malcolm Robinson's Tv UFO "trial" report condensed.. a "bizzare" photo waste of good space, Roy!.. it's UFO's we want!.. book reviews.. UFOlogy in Mexico.. an easy competition, win a "grey alien" figurine.. "Investigators Wanted" advert... 'females urgently wanted'?.. hmmm!.. OF COURSE!.. nicely printed if some spelling and grammar errors!.. looked HARD end but no price seen, think

£2.50 an issue? From Roy Lake, 10a Tudor Road, Barking, Essex, IH11 9RX.

OVNI : June issue, raises good questions in its editorial, kept my mouth firmly shut (difficult!) at recent meeting when that "foo fighters" photo was labeled 'over Europe' when I can recognize a 1936 Japanese Mitsubishi at several miles!.. yes, Omar, that Fife "landing" poorly investigated as you say, bigger than Rendlesham? Roswell? Livingston? Interesting talk by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins at EMUFORA's last meeting on the Rendlesham "landings", secrecy all the way!.. Barry Parkinson's last "Evening Sky" article, pity, teaches us much, but Walter Nerg takes over next issue. Usual good contact. Omar Fowler at 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby. DE24 9HR. magazine £1 monthly plus postage.

UFO MAGAZINE.. One of the good "glossies" on the bookstalls....says "world best selling UFO publication"... COULD BE!.. plenty on Mars and that landing.. Cydonia it is NOT!.. hypersonic secret aircraft's?.. Author/researcher Nick Redfern updates a 1966 policeman's UFO sighting with MOD records now released... NASA secret space warfare and unidentified craft photos... Tony Dodd's world reports... lenticular clouds photos, OK, so clouds don't whiz off or land etc!.. earthwatch and those "cosmic snowballs"..Norwegian space launch station all at sea!.. OF how to eavesdrop on ground to air communications! - careful now!.. Canadian UFO scene, funny, danced with Beryl from Ontario recently, on holiday here, we

chatted on UFO's.. interesting viewpoint Letters.. that Arizona flap... my Phoenix penfriend mailed cuttings reports to me.. lots going on !.. much more in this mag. again well worth the £1.95.

AWARENESS FILE .. Seems to be a fairly new magazine from a Hampshire group.. legibly printed in spite of printer problems.. know the score !.. under eighteen's invited, hopefully enthusiasm doesn't overwhelm lack of experiences but best of luck ! Maybe just what we need ! Spiritual questions.. get Psychic News and/or Psychic World for some answers !.. Win a book prize by giving the date of the Roswell Crash !!!... Diary selects the most "interesting" sighting reports from 1996 - 7.. The Probare Institute from Newcastle Upon Tyne looks for "proof" of UFO's with high altitude rockets.. mind your head ! Excellent try, this magazine, contact 4 Clover Court, Jasmine Grove, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO7 8BP, no price given.

UFO SIGHTINGS "Unsolved" magazine is an American glossy that I've reviewed before, this one Summer 1997 issue.. quite full of 'startling facts' as it says on the clever front cover ! In depth and personal multiple abduction case of Beth Collins and Anna Jamerson.. that Linda Cortile abduction again.. New World Order, Illuminate, secret societies, etc here again !.. The TWA 800 crash, and UFO speculation.. UFO's and our "dead" friends, why not, both are interdimensional... Derrel Sims article on "communications" by

abductees with aliens experiment..etc etc.. magazine published quarterly by GCR Publishing Group, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. No price given.

THE ARMCHAIR UFOLOGIST by Andy Roberts is more of a satirical cynical "exposure" 12 pager in eye-catching green.. no one is spared, nothing is sacred, hope he has money 'cos he may need it ! Seems the lad is 'encouraging discord' (one of his mags phrases sourced elsewhere !), as well as apprehension and furthermore doesn't seem to progress the UFO enigma one jot, which, excuse me, is what many thousands "out there" have been struggling to do for years, but is a good laugh if you have a lavatorial sense of humor ! A clever clogs with words, though, is Andy. Pity he hasn't actually experienced the paranormal in some depth 'cos his mind would probably be burst asunder ! His finishing comment of : 'If you can't take a joke, you shouldn't have joined' really is the dog wagging it's tail when it KNOWS it has upset someone ! Try Andy Roberts at 84 Elland Road, Brighouse, (pronounced boghouse ?) West Yorkshire (AH ! YORKSHIRE ! that explains much !) HD6 2QR, it's £1.50 for single copies or 6 bi-monthly copies incl. p & p.

OK ! That is really your lot for this issue, not so many mags this month (Our Editor Steve sighs with relief!) but don't forget, keep your eyes on the skies, but not when you are near any "doggie walks" ! Oh dear, I sounded like Andy Roberts then !

Men In Black Film Review..

On the 5th August your editor was able to see the MIB film that seems so well acclaimed in many mags. Well, after seeing Independence Day 4 times at the pictures and coming out each time on a high, I can't say that about MIB. I think I enjoyed the 2 pints of beer more, before seeing the film. Although the special effects were good (Ever seen an alien blown apart...Yuk.. All that goo.....), and there were a couple of funny bits, the story line and ending was naff as far as I am concerned and when I left the theater, I thought I wouldn't see that again in a hurry and I don't think I will buy the T- shirt or video in a hurry... !!!! Although the film was a PG, I feel that some older child could have a fright or two. Mind you, I found out why those Men In Black wear dark glasses, no, not to hide bruising from pub fights, but to protect themselves from the mind wiping 'pen'.

I will not be going back again to see this film, as I feel it would be a waste of another £5 and I would rather go and see Mr. Bean the Disaster Movie and get my moneys worth, or even 2 more pints of beer !!!....

Special Effects : 9/10

Plot : 4/10

Acting : 8/10

Humour : 7/10

Overall : 4/10

I have seen better !!!!!!!!

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Roy Lake Lecture**29.6.97.**

Well folks, this was the first public lecture organized by myself on behalf of the group, and what a success it turned out to be. We had 30 people attending with the youngest being 12 yrs old. After one of two slight technical problems, I launched into a short speal about the group and one or two media reports and items that I thought those present should of been aware of etc etc. Then it was time for Roy who launched himself into a very interesting lecture indeed consisting of slides and his 40 years of investigations into the phenomenon. During the interval, the group had a few video's, audio tapes and mags to sell. It was a very enjoyable day, but One bad point was that 2 magazines were either stolen or inadvertently not paid for. These magazines were sent over from Ireland by I.U.F.O.P.R.A and I had arranged that we sold them and in return the group would receive 20p per magazine sold. But, due to the group having to pay for the 'loss' of the mags (£5), in fact we came out -£4 and made a loss on this small venture. If anyone remembers picking up the magazine who thinks he/or she may not of paid for it on the day, then could you please contact the editor.

I have contacted one or two people for 1998, who I hope will come along on a Sunday to give a 2 hr lecture and I hope to publish them in the next newsletter along with future dates of group meetings so you can pen them in your diaries for 1998, and also another group trip in April, to Dorchester.

Southend Conference**5.7.97.**

This was a first for me in that I had never given a lecture to an audience larger than 50.

After a somewhat long coach ride, I arrived in sunny Southend and I was picked up by my host for the weekend. I must thank Bill and Pat for putting up with me, and it wasn't until I arrived, that I found out that another speaker and friend, Busty Taylor was staying with Bill and Pat. That evening we went to the venue and I helped set things up, after one or two minor hitches, things were set for the next day. That night (4th), we stayed up to the early hours talking about UFOs and Crop Circles.

D-Day came and we were at the venue nice and early, and crunch time had arrived. When doors opened, the foyer filled up and Busty took to the stage. He gave a very good lecture on crop circles, that went down well with the audience (I later found out there was around 210 people in attendance !!). After a short coffee break, Robert La Mont gave the first part of his lecture about his trip to Mexico to investigate the wave of sightings there.

After lunch, Robert again took to the stage with the second part of his very interesting lecture. Then, it was the turn of Maria Ward, who's lecture looked at alien abduction and her own personal experiences that was very interesting to listen to.

After a short break, it was yours truly to take to the stage and make my presentation. The

first part looked at a case I investigated regarding a young lad who claimed he had been abducted by aliens, and had encountered a landed object near Lyndhurst, Hampshire. The second part of the presentation, was mainly video footage of a Flying Triangle that changes shape in mid air, and the Pentagon press release concerning Roswell and flying dummies (This went down well with the audience, who found it amusing to say the least). After me, it was my good friend Roy Lake, who managed to ease one or two people out of their seats, to come to the front and tell us about their own personal sightings. One final speaker (who was not on the program), Marcus Allen, spoke about the Moon landings and were they hoaxed? With a question and answer session, the day ended at around 8pm and we ended the day on a high.

We returned to Pat and Bill's house and spent the rest of the night collapsing in front of the telly, and talking about the day that went really well. I collapsed in my bed and on the Sunday, headed back for home on the coach.

I must congratulate the Southend UFO Group for an excellent conference and an enjoyable weekend amongst friends. May I wish the group all the success in the future and that the group flourishes. If it was not for such groups holding conferences, then the ordinary person in the street would be unable to see some great lecturers and hear more about the subject of Ufology from serious researchers.

UFO REPORTS :**8th July 1997 : 00.30 am :**

Location : Southampton.
Witness : A.Philips.

Object 3 bright white lights, like strobe lights in a Triangular formation. Central red light. Moved fast and flew from horizon to horizon.

9th July 1997 : 5.30pm :

Location : Fareham.
Weather Conditions : Clear Sky, hot day (26 - 27 degs), no clouds.
Direction : The West towards Southampton..
Duration : First sighting 3 - 4 secs. second sighting 3 - 4 secs.

Object described as a light being reflected off a mirror, fairly large in size. It was round/oval - reflective? motionless but seemed to wobble. It turned off like turning off a torch (or as someone turning off a light switch), but re-appeared in the same location. There was no noise and was high up. The object was white/silver in colour. 2 mins after sighting, a plane went past but in a different direction. Witness certain that object was no light reflection off an aircraft. Although witness is short sighted, was not wearing glasses at the time.

10th July 1997 : Between 9pm - 9.30pm :

Location : Over Romsey.

A black shape (Cloud like - best described as saucer shaped)... No lights and hovering.

30th July 1997 : Between 10.30pm - 11pm.

Location : Southampton.
Duration : 20 Mins.
Witness : 2 x 12yr. old girls.

A Flying Triangle with a rounded/curved rear, red central light that glowed, on 3 points, blue, yellow & white lights 'tracking' around object. Slow speed, then sped off. Object seen through binoculars.

31st July 1997 : 10.10pm.

Location : Southampton.
Witness : 2 x 12yr. old girls. (Same witnesses as on 30th July).

Same object as above spotted again, but this time it moved slower.

(All the above sightings are currently still under investigation).

Skywatch Results from 18.7.97.

The first of our Summer skywatches started the day with grey clouds and no visible sky at all. Come, 7pm I rang a few people and we decided to go ahead, and am I glad we did ! by 8.00pm the sky was clear and there was a nice end to the day. We traveled in convoy (3 cars and 7 people - one other member met us at the site) and arrived at Cheesefoot Head, just outside Winchester. What follows are the notes that were made at the time of aerial phenomenon witnessed by those present :

21.43 hrs we sighted an Arrow-shaped light - moving to the right, bright orange and in the East.

21.56 hrs object disappeared behind clouds.

22.20 hrs when clouds had cleared, object was not visible.

(Object was caught on video by a group member and we wait to see the outcome).

22.20 hrs A point of light appeared to the North East that was flashing orange, blue and green.

22.51 hrs a member saw a cigar-shaped, orange object, and when sighted by another member, it had a row of flashing lights along its side, with a ring of flashing white / orange lights in front of the cigar-shaped object.

23.31 hrs a Flying Triangle with 3 white lights and 1 central red light, flying 'base first' at high speed.

The rest of the night was somewhat disappointing, as although we saw the odd flashing light or two, we did not record any other unusual aerial phenomenon. Finally the skywatch ended at around 2am, with one or two members staying on for about another 30 mins, but with no further sightings.

(One thing that was disappointing, the following weekend, a crop circle formation appeared further along the road, but honestly, it wasn't us !)

The Wheatear's Column.The Cerealogist : No.19
Summer 1997.

A couple of issues ago I gave a review of the cerealogist in less than glowing terms, but I am glad to say that with John Sayers change of style, although unsettling at the start, has now regained its position in my own opinion, as The Journal for C.C Studies. Regarded by those who see all Crop Circles as genuine (such sweet blindness and ignorance) and to say anything else is verging on Blasphemy, the Cerealogist is the skeptics magazine, which is certainly not the case. I believe the majority of crop circles are hoaxed yet I firmly believe there is a phenomena at work. For this I am classed, no doubt as a skeptic, so be it. Anyway, in this issue there is Part 2 on the (ex ?) hoaxer Jim Schnabel and his involvement in the remote viewing program. A rather lengthy and heavy piece entitled 'Prehistoric Mathematics - and British Crop Circles', which I am assured is interesting, just dont read it without a calculator by your side. An interesting letter from Colin Andrews who has politely declined to speak at this years Glastonbury Symposium due to some of the claims and antics from some researchers of late who regard all crop circles as genuine or connected in some way to the real circlemakers and go round attacking anyone who disagrees with there shortsighted attitude.

It seems the crop circle belief has now entered yet another phase, that of the crop circle zealot, though I am sure an honest and realistic approach will win at the

end of the day. After all, we have had the like of Doug and Dave, Schnabel, Wessex Septics (spelt right in this case) etc, etc, etc. who have all tried to rubbish crop circles. There is an account by a Bedfordshire Druid of a U.A.P (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena) at the Avebury area in 96 that he witnessed. Very intriguing it is to a thought provoking piece from Jeff Whitear who suggests that the stones at Stonehenge are acting as release valves for our earth due to the high quartz content of the megaliths and the surrounding landscape, a good article that poses some interesting possibilities.

Other items in issue 19, Pat Delgado shows how the Stonehenge big one of last year, may, have been constructed, although a few have said that Pats theory is unworkable. As usual, a humorous but perceptive piece from Kevin Ollier about the T.V. and news media's portrayal of the UFO and crop circle issue.

George Wingfield (co-editor along with John Sayer) has a few words to say on the Hale-Bopp UFO nonsense and gives further proof that the Oliver Castle 'Balls of light' footage is hoaxed, a load of 'Balls' you could say ! and that the elusive John Whaley has now dyed his hair and grown a goatee beard ! However, on a recent edition of the Magic and Mystery Show (August 1st), I felt myself siding with the skeptic, who after watching the footage in question, decided it was hoaxed and explained why, where as the pro crop circle view presented by the Sussex circular editor Andy Thomas made me cringe in disbelief. He said and I'll quote

him "The skeptics, the people who have been denying that the crop circles are a genuine phenomena they are going to say this video is fake. There is no way they can say this video is genuine, unfortunately I think those people can not possibly be open minded when they look at this video". What a load of C__P ! Busty Taylor has proof that the wind direction indicated in the video by the movement of grass near the camera is contradictory to the actual direction of the wind for that day as shown by weather charts. Don't tell Andy though, he will call you a skeptic. Despite the mounting evidence of this elaborate, yet flawed hoax video, Thomas and his ilk carry on this refusal to face the facts. More proof of this hoax will be revealed over the next few months as I have heard that an American TV crew are researching a one John Wayleigh, Wheyleigh or whatever, about his part in this attempt to harm crop circle in general. I wish the footage and formation were real. However, delusions can get out of hand as I have shown. Along with some of this years crop circle photographs there are sketches, drawings, of others and many explanatory diagrams. The cerealogist makes vital reading if you're curious about the phenomena or your interest goes a bit deeper. Check it out.

Footnote.

In disputing the claims from the individuals who were responsible for project Maxim, I felt it might be regarded as evasive of me to maintain the pseudonym of the Wheatear. Henceforth, I will use my real name.... Mickey

Mouse (Sorry, Editors little joke..), The Bar Tailed Godwit or Graham Harrop for short !.

If you want to know the story of project Maxim, you can read one version of it in the Summer edition of 'Alien Encounters' written by Karen Douglas and Steve Alexander, but however, since I dispute their claims, I have written an article about it which can be found on the NET at: [HTTP://www.Andover.co.uk/Global circles](http://www.Andover.co.uk/Global%20circles). I hope to do a piece on this for S.U.F.O.G readers, who are without the NET, in the near future.

G.H.

Book Review.

TITLE : Alien Contact (The First Fifty Years). **Author :** Jenny Randles. **Publisher :** Collins & Brown Publishers, London House, Great Eastern Wharf, Parkgate Road, London, England, SW11 4NQ. **PRICE :** £14.99 (HBK).

We are now into the 50th year of the modern era of "Flying Saucers", and in this time there has been a multitude of weird and wonderful cases, which not only include strange objects seen in the sky, but entity reports as well (in other words, alleged sightings of what could be termed, 'aliens' ?).

Jenny Randles is a prolific writer and investigator of phenomena such as ghosts, poltergeists, and other weird and wonderful events, but the UFO phenomena is Jenny's specialty and one would have expected would write a book such as this in this 50th anniversary year. So what do we get ? Well you name it and your sure to find it in here.

'Alien Crash Landings', 'Contacts with Beings From Other Worlds', 'UFOs In Space', 'Alien Abductions', 'Star Children', 'Roswell' (well come on, it had to be in here didn't it !!) 'Betty and Barney Hill', etc etc. For seasoned UFOlogists and researchers on such events, we've heard it all before, it's old hat. But for many new and younger people who are now showing a thirst for this phenomenon and who are reading up on it in their thousands due to the success of the X-Files and other such television shows, well you can do no better, and although Jenny didn't have the space to go into her cases with any great detail, what is given is important and much to the point. Moreover, there are many good photographs and illustrations which are peppered throughout this book which gives the reader a 'feel' for the story.

Reviewer : M.Robinson.

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Longwood Warren,
Hampshire.
Newbridge, Somerset.
Cley Hill, Wiltshire.
Nr Hitcham, Suffolk.
Nr Dorchester, Dorset.
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
Stratford-Upon-Avon,
Warwickshire.
Haselbury Plucknett,
Somerset.
Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire.
Meon Valley, Hampshire.
Morstead, Hampshire.
Newhaven, East Sussex.
Olivers Castle, Wiltshire.
Silbury Hill, Wiltshire.
Barton Springs,
Bedfordshire.
Andover, Hampshire.

If any reader sights a crop circle formation whilst they are out and about, or hear of any formations, then please drop your editor a line at the editorial address.

Next Meeting....

Church Road Center, Woolston.

Date : 14th September.

7.30 pm - 10.30 pm.

Latest UFO Video Footage from Arizona and
The Roswell Dummies...