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This edition concentrates on conference '99 as well as 2 follow-up articles concerning our Avebury trip in July / August. The end of 1999 sees a some-what change in the way ahead with SUFOG. New members and new contacts

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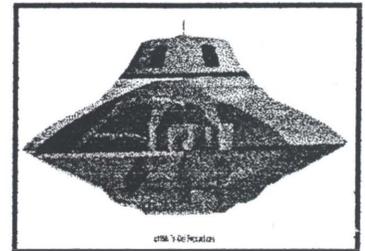
makes the year 2000 a some-what promising year. Things will be happening, but as yet, I have to decide in which direction we will be going. Certainly, there will be another weekend away at Avebury and possibly a second sky watch down towards the Brighton area over the Downs with another group from that area.

By the time you receive this newsletter I will have had chance to look at a video that I received on the 4th of November from BBC South of a UFO filmed by a viewer. As of the 4th of November, I do not know what the

spinning, flashing object is, and I hope to have it video enhanced to try and see what is behind the flashing light. I also need to get a bit more background to the sighting which I hope to get in the very near future.

Also, by the time you receive this newsletter, Christmas and the New Year will be upon us. So can I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very drunken and probably in my case a paralytic New Year (that is if we are still here, we haven't died due to the lack of food and water and that the civil unrest that is being expected doesn't ruin the day and a Boeing 747 does not drop out of the sky and land on my house !!!)

On a much brighter note, I have decided to try and do a bit



more organising for 2000 and with **YOUR** help, maybe we can turn the group around and make giant leaps and bounds and build our somewhat depleted group funds up again. I hope by the year 2001, to of build the group funds up to around the figure of £400 and then we can maybe make one or two investments and who knows what we can do in 2001. Also, I am planning much more publicity for the group with regards to advertising the group on a much wider spectrum and if anyone has any ideas, then please drop me a line. Any free advertising can only do us good, so get your thinking caps on and see what you can do. One group member has his own column in the newsletter as of the first edition of 2000, and that is Steve Rider.

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CONFERENCE '99 : A ROARING SUCCESS ??

by Ernie Sears.

Sunday the 24th October 1999 didn't look too good for any overwhelming attendance for SUFOG's first ever UFO CONFERENCE in the City of Southampton's splendid Solent Conference Centre mainly due to the weather, but the organisers, speakers and the stall holders braved the torrential showers and doors opened on time for the 10.15 start. Steve Gerrard welcomed all and sundry and introduced the first of four speakers, Russel Callaghan, of Quest Magazine etc. Although yours truly was sharing door duties, I managed to see the bulk of the speakers, and Russel was a good opener, with highly interesting video material and some of the more dramatic sighting reports from the world scene. Having met Russel the previous night at an informal pre-conference pub discussion, he and I found much in common... especially in the wider field of the paranormal.. and this came over well in his talk. A short break saw many thronging the stalls.. our own Steve Gerrard had a good display of books etc. at bargain prices.. I was even persuaded to BUY one of my own audio tapes that I recorded at a deepest Devon talk I did in 1994 ! Lionel Beer of BUFORA and such also did very well with his magnificent collection.. a professional bookseller is Lionel who I've known since my own 1970's BUFORA days. Details of Lionel Beer's books can be obtained from myself or the editor.

Malcolm Robinson of SPI took the stage next and his interesting talk covered his previous connections with the Scottish Phenomena Investigation organisation and his connection with the Bonnybridge UFO ongoing incidents, secret bases.. with slides.. and such.. I missed this one being really busy with an influx of attendance figures but got the information from a reliable source that Malc's talk was well up to standard.

Lunch was the next item and we took advantage of meeting up with various people for the sixty minute break.

Following lunch, there was no way I was going to miss Graham Birdsall of Quest Magazine and organisation. So, I caught up with 60 minutes of punchy, forthright, dramatic, anecdotes and slides etc, being very conscious of what Graham had teased us with the previous night at the pub discussion ! Dot Street, of the New Forest Post newspaper and more notably of that Rendlesham Forest 1980 incident and the subsequent book she co-authored made a surprise visit and could be seen listening intently to Graham Birdsall.

Lionel Beer was pressed into service by pre-arrangement as the fourth speaker by late afternoon and regaled us with the details of that eventually controversial landing and occupants encounter in darkest Devon, 1965, involving an Arthur Bryant and related by Eileen Buckle and Norman Oliver in "The Scoriton Incident", a matter which I knew of in detail since I bought the book in those days, all UFO material being essential !

Probably well orchestrated, came the closing scenes at the conference when both Russel Callaghan and Graham Birdsall set the audience back in their seats with reports on those weird masses of

objects as filmed from Aleysham in Kent and that amazing sequence filmed from the American Space Shuttle of... well, what could anyone describe them as ? More amoeba like than craft ? Hundreds if not more criss crossing the screen. Finally, Graham brought that to an even more dramatic conclusion with his disclosures about "OPERATION SECURITY"... a highly secret set up involving possible negative situations arising from that Millennium Bug for one.. and lords knows what else ! Incredible as it seemed, yours truly found strange confirmatory items in the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail in the next few days.. even items from the USA in my post and other "coincidences" ! Stand by, we were told by Graham, for the world touring exhibition called "PHENOMENA" which opens in Australia in December... and which, we were promised, would make the world sit up in stunned belief ! Steve Gerrard closed the conference with thanks to all the speakers, the reasonable crowd, etc. etc. The question we got asked most as people left was 'will there be one in 2000?' Like that familiar expression used in UFO sightings.. 'unknown' ! The Southern Daily Echo sent along a photographer, who was very professionally busy taking photos near the end, and yours truly had given a phoned interview previously to the paper and a subsequent ditto following the conference. Publicity was widespread but I think the dreadful weather on the day accounted for the loss from club funds of £ 155 !!!.. which COULD have been worse ! Apathy from our members and the general public did the rest !

Ernie Sears 1999.

Southampton Evening Echo 23rd October.
CLOSE ENCOUNTERS..

UFO buffs will be descending on Southampton on Sunday when the city hosts its first-ever national conference on extra-terrestrials.

Experts from around the country will address delegates from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Solent Conference Centre, Above Bar Street.

Southampton UFO Group spokesman Ernie Sears said it was a subject that needed to be treated seriously.

He said : "So many people, including myself, have experienced encounters with alien crafts, but there

are several agencies, including the MoD, which are covering it up.

"UFO activity in the South is great and military installations are hotspots for them.

"Most people are apathetic towards talk of UFOs but they are here and have been for a long time," said the 75-year-old form Netley Abbey.

Among the speakers will be Graham Birdsall, editor of leading UFO magazine (Quest ?).

Tickets are £ 12 (£ 10 for concessions) and are still available from Mr. Sears on 01703 456000.

NOT ALL DOOM AND GLOOM.

In the column on the left, Ernie Sears makes reference to the group losing £ 155 following the conference on the 24th October 1999. When Ernie penned the article, he was in fact right, although, we still had not received the bill from the Southampton Institute for the hire of the conference hall. They had wanted £ 616 for the hire of the hall plus 17.5% Vat, making the final bill £ 723.80..

A few days ago, I received the bill from the Southampton Institute, stating that the outstanding charges for the hire of the conference centre were £ 616. The bill also went on to say that the room hire was non VAT and we did not have to pay any. So folks, this means that the group has saved £ 107.80 !!!!

So, the group had still lost £ 47.20, but I am happy to say, that we have also received the following money.. We have sold 3 sets of the video's of the conference at £ 50. So in fact, we are now £ 2.80 in profit.. not a bad conference after all !!!!

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**THE FIRST SOUTHAMPTON UFO
CONFERENCE - 24TH OCTOBER 1999.
REPORT BY STEVE RIDER.**

The day promised so much, all I hoped was that it delivered it.

I left my house at about 8.30 a.m. having received a phone call to say that I would not be needed to do part of my allotted task that morning. So I picked up my passengers, after a stop at the bank for some much needed cash, and proceeded to the venue to begin preparations for the days event. However, it seemed that the weather had a different agenda for us that day, as the heavens opened and the rain poured fourth.

After checking a few things out, like where the video's were to go and helping Bill sort out where we were to put the slides etc. It was time to say hello again to Graham and Russel and show them around. With people already arriving, there were a few crossed fingers as we all waited to see how things were going to go.

As just after 10 a.m. Steve Gerrard kicked off the conference and introduced the first speaker Mr. Russel Callaghan, photo and video analyst for UFO Magazine. It was also time for me to swing into action with my video camera to record a sort of adhoc video diary. After Russel's excellent talk and some superb video footage had teased the audience, everyone retired for a quick break, which was slightly later than planned.

Our second speaker, Malcolm Robinson, of SPI England, had arrived by this time and I helped get him sorted out and eventually took my place at the video machine to help change Malcolm's tapes for him as he talked. This was another great lecture, in which Malcolm presented several famous Scottish cases that he had investigated while he was head of SPI Scotland. What a pity that it had to be cut short. As far as I am concerned, Malcolm could have spoken all day.

It was now time for lunch. So I browsed about with my video camera.....

Then it was time to return to the auditorium for Graham Birdsall. I was video change man again. So again I browsed with my camera during another great talk and some stunning footage. Graham chose to close his talk on a more sobering note concerning the problem with Y2K. Although not a UFO related topic, it was definitely food for thought.

After the next short break, it was the turn of Lionel

Beer to talk. Alas, I saw none of this lecture, because a charming photographer from the echo was using me as a model. I would like to note that none of the said photos (of me !!) have yet to reach the light of day, except one that was used within an article in the Southampton Advertiser. But the fight goes on to track them down.

The final few minutes of the day were handed back over to Russel, who had earlier promised us something special. It concerned PHENOMENON. This is to be an exhibition etc that will tour many countries during the year 2000. We were then shown a short presentation by the organiser of this exhibition. Then came two segments of footage that we were asked not to film due to it copyright and footage not yet released. The footage was taken from some 500+ video tapes that contain all NASA Space Shuttle footage for the last few years. To describe this footage would take too much space, but it was without a doubt, the most stunning that I have seen. In these segments you were able to absolutely hundreds of anomalous objects that were flying around above the earth and around the Shuttle. I don't think that I will forget my initial thoughts, as I watched the footage, alas, I can not print them here !!!!

All in all I have to say that the day was very enjoyable. We could have done with a few more people to come along and boost funds. At least we pulled it off and I am proud to have been part of it. I only hope that we can go on and grow stronger from this. Those people that supported the hard work that the few of us put in made it worth while, I hope. As long as they all enjoyed it, at least then we were able to give something to somebody. I have to say that I would give up my time to Steve again to put on another one of these if we are able to do it again.

Just to finish, what made that weekend so enjoyable, were the two adhoc chats that we had with some of the speakers and others. On the Saturday night a great time was had by all who went to the pub and had a chat with Graham and Russel about whatever was brought up... excellent...

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On the day of the conference some of us went to the pub with Malcolm, Judith and Dot Street. This was again an excellent time and I did not leave until 9.40 p.m. It was great to just chat about all manner of things, especially as I was able to chat to Malcolm about my other passion, Ghost's. Malcolm has agreed to look over some tape recordings that I made on a ghost watch a few years ago. I hope that I can update you on this at a later date, for those interested.

To end with I would like to say that the speakers all did a great job and I extend them my gratitude on behalf of all those involved and those who attended on the day. I would also personally like to thank those who turned up on the day, I hope you all enjoyed it.

To those who organised the event, we did it !!!!
 Congratulations to us all !!!!

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NO DEFENCE SIGNIFICANCE !
(AN ARTICLE BY MALCOLM ROBINSON)

“Of No Defence Significance”. These are the famous words used extensively by not only the U.S. Military and Government officials, but also our own bunch of clerical pen pushers deep within the confines of the British Ministry in Whitehall, London. Again, “Of No Defence Significance”. I’ve personally lost track of the many times that I’ve written off to the British MoD in request of information on a particular Scottish UFO sighting, only to be met by these words in letter form. Let’s think about these words for a moment, “Of No Defence Significance”, and let’s speculate here. Do they, (the MoD), know more than they are letting on ? It would appear so.

The sterling work carried out by American UFO researcher, Stanton Friedman shown in his impressive book, “Top Secret Majic”, clearly showed that there is **indeed** an American Government UFO cover up. The Freedom of information files that were eventually released to the public, also showed how extensive this ‘cover up’ really was. And as more and more documents come out from the Freedom of Information Act in the U.S. the more we see how big a part the U.S. Government, the CIA, FBI, and NASA play in looking into the UFO phenomena, and yet they would claim that their interest in such matters closed in 1969 with the close of Project Blue Book. Not so.

But these words, “Of No Defence Significance” somehow troubled me, they somehow eat away at me, make me feel that something is not quite right. To me it’s almost like the MoD saying *“Hey, we know what UFOs are, we know all about the ‘aliens’, we know their agenda, what they are here for, and hey, it’s no big deal. They do not want to rule the world. They do not want to openly contact us, and moreover, they do not wish us any real harm”*. “No Defence Significance”. In other words, we (The U.S. and British Governments, know full well what’s going on, and it ain’t gonna harm you the public, this ain’t no big deal !).

Is this scenario true ? is this what’s really going on ? Do the U.S. and British Governments “really” know the score and are not too concerned, simply because there really is “no threat”, “no worry”, and equally, “No Defence Significance” ? Well, I’ll tell you what, the more I think about it, the more

evidence I see, the more of my colleagues I talk to, and the more quality books I read, all makes me believe that we, Joe Public, are pawns in a covert MoD chess game, in which they (the MoD) have us firmly in ‘check’. Some would say that this is all pure speculation on my part, and I guess this could be so, but without speculation, we UFOlogists would not be able to attain thoughtful logic and reasoning to prize open the lid of secrets within Whitehall.

In this world, nothing really surprises me any more, and I am prepared (on a personal basis) to look at everything no matter how silly or un-rational it may seem. We must never shrink from casting out thoughts out in directions where others fear to tread. For within the thoughts of many, lie discoveries of immense proportions. The ‘closed mind’ syndrome won’t get us anywhere. but how can we prove that Whitehall really know what’s going on in regards to UFOs and their agenda. Will pressure from UFO societies, petitions and pressurising our local M.P’s really get us any nearer to finding out the truth ? probably not. But without pressure and the continuing and unletting up of our collective voice that we ‘demand’ the release of documents pertaining to UFO sightings in this country, we will never be able to show how serious we as UFOlogists treat this issue.

So the next time you hear those famous words, “Of NO Defence Significance”, just remember that there are sufficient cases right now, which clearly show that the British MoD **DO KNOW** what’s going on. they are not being truthful with you. This is deceit of the highest order, and I can only hope that all UFOlogists unite, get behind one another, inform your local M.P. about this situation, and generally keep the pressure on the MoD into ‘coming clean’, may be a while, but without the pressure, we won’t get anywhere. It’s up to “YOU” to act now. We need your support.

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IDEAS FOR THE YEAR 2000...

What follows is a listing of ideas for 2000 to keep the interest in the group and also to raise some much needed funds for the group :

1. SUFOG meetings every third Thursday of the month from 7.30 p.m. - 10 p.m. (£2)
2. Sunday afternoon lectures / talks x 3 (£3 - depending on cost of speaker etc)
3. SUFOG 1 day meeting on a Saturday in October from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (£5 including possibly lunch) - video's, discussion, talks, meet other members in the group.
4. SUFOG skywatch x 6 - Saturday night from 9 p.m. onwards. (£2 a head)
5. Social evening at my house 7.30 p.m. - 10 p.m.... (Bring your own bottle, but food supplied £5 a head - limited number of only 10 people) includes prize draw.
6. Weekend in June at Avebury (£15 - £20 a head depending on numbers - Transport is around £ 60 and petrol £ 30).
7. Skywatch near to Saltdean, Brighton with another group (£2 per person).
8. Two car boot sales to try and raise a bit of money (Last one in 1999 raised around £40).
9. Christmas party in December.. Small buffet, Christmas Draw, Video... £5 per person..
10. Summer BBQ - £5 a head.
11. Video evening at my house including food (Bring your own bottle) - Limited to 10 people - £5 per person includes small buffet.

If all of these events are successful, then we could raise as much as £1,000 for the group, which could be used to buy more equipment for skywatches, invite a big name to a group meeting and so much more. So, the ball is in the group members court to support these events and make the year 2000 a year to remember. If you have any other ideas that you would like to put forward that the group could do, then drop me a line and we can see what we can arrange.

**DO NOT FORGET THAT THE SUFOG
OCTOBER 24TH 1999 CONFERENCE VIDEO IS
STILL FOR SALE AT £15 FOR THE 2 VIDEO SET.
THIS INCLUDES POSTAGE AND STRONG
BLACK VIDEO CASES.
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STEVE G - LECTURE TO TEMS 28.11.99

I was invited by Lionel Beer to give his group TEMS a talk on UFOlogy and what is happening down South. So I set off at 11.00 am and arrived at around 12.15 am. We sat down to a Sunday lunch which went down very well with a small whisky. After things were cleared away, we awaited the arrival of the group members and generally talked about UFOlogy in general. By 2.30 p.m., around 15 - 20 people had arrived and Lionel's front room was full to say the least. I spent the next 90 minutes relating UFO sightings over Hampshire, and talking about old cases such as Joyce Bowles and Ted Pratts encounter with a landed UFO just outside Winchester. I went on to talk about new cases reported to SUFOG - the man illuminated in a park by a beam from a UFO and a few cases from the SUFOG files that have never been talked about in public, such as the case of the police officer and the smashed up police car. I thoroughly enjoyed this as we were all sat down, relaxed, no pressures and I was faced with a great crowd of people who sat and listened intensely. I spent the rest of the time up until around 6.30 p.m. talking to people who were very interested in the UFO scene and we had some very deep and meaningful discussions, which I feel one should be able to have at any meeting and be open about ones beliefs and ideas. After tucking into an excellent tea provided by Lionel, I decided to hit the road (Not literally !!!) and arrived home at around 8 p.m. after a very pleasant drive home.

My thanks go out to Lionel for making me feel rather welcomed and for letting me go through his books which were a site to be believed. Also, my thanks go out to his members who also made me feel very welcomed indeed.

I felt it was a success and we had one of Lionel's group members join our group as well, so that made things even more than worth while going along. Also, I managed to pick up a great book about alien abductions in part payment for my talk and at the end of the day I was happy and Lionel was happy.

So far in the 2000, I have not been asked yet to talk to any groups etc, but the year is still young and maybe I will be approached in the near future to do such a thing. And when I do, I will do a write up in the newsletter for members to read about.

SUFOG DIARY - 2000..

A FULL LIST OF EVENTS IS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER AND GIVES YOU THE FULL DETAILS OF DATES AND PRICES. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER UPDATES OF EVENTS, TIMES, LOCATIONS ETC.

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PHONE ME A FEW DAY PRIOR TO EVENTS SUCH AS SKYWATCHES ETC, AS THESE CAN BE CHANGED AT THE LAST MINUTE AND WE WOULDN'T WANT YOU STOOD ON TOP OF PORTSDOWN HILL ON YOUR OWN NOW WOULD WE ?

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO MAKE THESE EVENTS A SUCCESS AND SO MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY AND WE HOPE TO EITHER HEAR FROM YOU OR SEE YOU AT THE EVENT.

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter..



*VE OLDE NEWSPAPER
REVIEWS BY ERNIE
SEARS ESQ.*

Apologies are in order for the very haphazard style of this issues cuttings... my system has been shot to pieces by the pressure of exciting situations in UFOlogy and related fields thus that all got priority ! However, trust its all still of interest in spite of the paucity of cuttings too !

DAILY TELEGRAPH of December 19th had a top of page spread with news of the revamped Roswell Museum, 'recreating what for many UFO watchers is a historic event' it says. Interesting bit is that the actual "aliens" are being created over here and not the US... four model aliens costing 50,000 ! Models are 'based on eye witness accounts' and pretty life like or accurate they look too.

DAILY MAIL of unknown date but possibly late October has interesting item on it's LETTERS page on The Scole Experiment... featured in the Mail earlier and a gripping book.. an early Christmas present for yours truly !.. that covers a decade of experiments with earth technology, ditto for "the other side", and taking in more technology from alleged "other worlds", with photos being found on sealed films left on a table at the "seance" room. The letter, from Montague Keen of the Society for Psychical Research confirms a 330 page refereed proceedings being debated in London on December 11th. So far nothing has been seen of the result, even in the psychic Press. much

of the work only confirms what many of us have known for many years... the space / time / mind thought "energy" that permeates the cosmos.

SOUTHERN EVENING ECHO had a nice piece (November 4th) on that Winchester based talk by ex Troggs and crop circle expert Reg. Presley. 'Food for thought' as the writer said ! Covering the alleged death of Jesus Christ, did he de in India at the age of 73 ?.. suppression of knowledge , crop circles, Atlantis, energy and alien abductions. 'A pattern to everything and everything is linked' was Reg's summing up. Not bad.

DAILY TELEGRAPH of November 1st had an interesting small item on the building in Mexico of a SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND crematorium ten stories high ! 4,000 niches have already been sold ! It may not have much to do with the spate of UFO's in Mexico... Why doesn't Western media ever report that ?.. but bearing in mind the whole situation, Millennium doom and glom, etc... who knows ?

PSYCHIC NEWS of the 27th November had a WHOLE PAGE on the BUFORA skywatch of Saturday September 18th, article by Malcolm Robinson and Judith Jaafar of SPI England. Bonnybridge was the not surprising chosen location. Inclement weather spoilt any chance of something sensational... try Avebury, fellers !.. but the party was fascinated by a set of "unknown" and subsequently "unidentified" lights that performed for them over a period of two hours. Follow up investigations didn't solve the mystery. In that same issue of "PN" as we have come to call it, there were three book reviews on UFO's... Paul Deveraux and Peter Brooksmith's "UFO's and UFOLOGY... The First Fifty Years".. Alan Baker's "Destination Earth".. a 'major step on the road to discovery' as PN says. Finally, "Conspiracy Theories" by David Southwell and Sean Twist.

DAILY TELEGRAPH for November 24th has the headline ; 'Crisis Looms as cemeteries shut for Millennium.. if you were at the Southampton UFO Groups Conference in October you will recall the startling forecasts by Graham Birdsall etc. If you were not, and you should have been, never mind ! refrigerated lorries hired for outside hospitals it says. Hmmm !

SUNDAY TELEGRAPH's Disney Planet insert magazine shows nippers how to make a spaceship in 'three easy steps'.. and lo and behold, an Adamski scoutship model !

DAILY TELEGRAPH I THINK !.. of sometime in December shows the results of a survey by a media consortium which concludes 15 to 24 year olds had some belief in ghosts and 61% in aliens... only 39% felt the same way about Christianity ! Not surprising eh ?



MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

FASTER THAN LIGHT : The magazine for the Hull UFO Society.. HUFOS.. issue 17, features a full page report on that "near miss" over Heathrow 12th June 98.. 'no explanation' by the authorities. 1977 - 1998 sightings over and around Hull. Video'd report of UFO type sighting caught on film during that eclipse of the sun. Nothing to get excited about ! The 18th Hull UFO Conference featured some very good speakers and the news of that touring exhibition which opens in Perth, Australia, before covering the globe. Operation Surety in place around the world for the Millennium period said Graham Birdsall. New UFO investigation network launched (another ?) by investigators for investigators ! UFOIN called a 'bold initiative' and we trust it will do all that it intends to do without seeking to destroy UFO "history" ! Much of which has stood the test of time. However, the declared intention is to 'have a network of people with similar principles working towards a common goal'. (Now where have I heard that one before !.. ED).

FASTER THAN LIGHT Issue 18 is also to hand and again has good reports.. a UFO 'larger than a house near Humberside Airport'.. wow !.. BBC Online science editor David

Whitehouse why he doesn't believe UFO's are alien spacecraft.. based mostly on poor photographs. Doesn't he know that UFO technology puts paid to cameras even WORKING at times ? Video film of object near Falkirk that lasted 40 minutes and was multi-witnessed report... Roswell article on 52 years of unanswered questions.. Huge Brazilian UFO crash in forest leads to 'no wreckage' !.. ghostly stories mean the mag. is diversifying a trifle, why not ?.. astronaut veteran Neil Armstrong convinced life elsewhere... a 1996 'huge UFO' reported by 22 witnesses in the Yukon, Canada, skies, complex and detailed report... and of course.. much much more ! Subs are £10.50 for six colour issues from the Editor, Chris Evers, Chesnut House, 23 Chesnut Avenue, Queens Road, Hull, 01482 470136.

SKYWATCHERS and its Autumn issue of the Cornwall UFO Research Group, a colourful magazine that hits the eye and contains much of interest... the crop circle opener for one ! Well illustrated sighting reports follow from well known Cornish locations... that Yukon craft again, almost a dead ringer for that CE3 film "mothership" ! "Giant" UFO over Long Island, New York, USA report, October 2nd 1999... similar huge object July 19th 1999, same area. More USA reports too. Michael Lindemann's "Do We Want The Truth?" article includes the cover-up of that 1942 German submarine onslaught on America's East Coast with witnesses and officials sworn to secrecy or else ! Some VERY interesting articles by Steven Greer of CETI, on extraterrestrial contact, and his meeting with an ex CIA Director etc, another two by Whitley Strieber. Very very enlightening and even important to out thinking and manner of thinking ! Subs are £ 12 for 4 quarterly issues from Head Office, 24 Carrine Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3XB.

RAPPORT is the London based Witness Support Group which I have belonged to for a couple of years and is always interesting since there are no sceptics, just plain down to earth (!) contactees, experiencers, etc so we are all on the same vibration ! Managed to get our group Avebury experience in there and did my bit with ECHO excerpts in publicising the UFO phenomena. Book reviews include Elsie Oakenson's second book "Into The Unknown - or is it?" a lady who I met years ago and we share similar experiences.. and there's a not unique encounter report with those mysterious scars left and one with dots etc after a UFO sighting this last year of 1999. Voluntary subscriptions only.. I usually manage a fiver for each bi-monthly copy since James Millen, the editor, and I, share remarkably sounding "coincidences" ! 84 Dyer Lane, Putney, London, SW15 6JU... the next borough to where I was born 75 years ago !

AUSTRALIAN UFOLOGIST : A very classy looking magazine, 70 odd pages in length, a really striking cover with one of "them" coming out of a spooky looking wood back lit by its landed craft ! front page listings of contents says "UFOs, Unexplained Phenomena, Paranormal, New Sciences, Crop Circles, Government Cover-ups, Easter Island, Military Mind Control, Wycliffe Well Harmonics... etc etc ! Editor Jenny Thomas goes for the mystic touch with 'we are committed to providing information and inspiration which will assist us all to meet, share, and enjoy the challenge of this extraordinary time of change and transformation'... well said ! Whoops ! 'Twas the full page advert for another magazine called "In Touch"... sorry !... the parent magazine is heavily loaded with stunning adverts ! Excellent photos throughout this magazine, articles etc far too many to detail... Study on Roswell photos.. Crop Circles... contrail sightings... NASA veteran claims to have seen scientists etc at Cape Canaveral, Kennedy Space Station, top names in rocketry, openly discussing "alien" bodies in wrecked craft. Alien influences in the home, body, and mind... the June 1999 Conference at Sydney... impressive speakers list... the Peter Khoury abduction... Bill Chalker article, with blonde... "wow" !..alien illustration looking like a page 3 girl !... Easter Island mystery continues... Harmonics and the Space / Time conjunction... MILAB involvement in abductions.. public forum.. just a few of the subjects. Magazine available on subscription of \$25 (Australian) for 4 copies plus postage... price may vary to size of issue.. this one 70 pages ! Try Earthlink Publishing, PO Box 805, Springwood, QLD, 4127, Australia.

THE AUSTRALIAN UFO MAGAZINE.. another down under job.. is pocket sized and very clearly printed with picture cover montage of space, Two UFO's and a Shuttle craft. Issue for December 1999 contains good illustrations, plenty of cuttings from the media "borrowed", the 1991 "crash" , two spectacular reports from Chile and China, The early years, book reviews, Australian lady in Australian UFOlogy. Enquiries to the Victorian UFO research Society, PO BOX 1043, Moorabbin, Victoria, 3189, Australia.

CSETI OVERVIEW is a detailed seven page report on that French report on UFOs and Defence, source the high-ranking military and civilian French Officials... seemingly a copy given to French Prime

Minister and President, the original running to **NINETY PAGES** ! Several well known and so far unidentified cases world-wide are quoted. 'Increasing secrecy' by the USA is quoted too. One wonders if copies were sent to our own authorities ! It is a fact that one thousand copies of an earlier report, the "Briefing Document, Best Available Evidence" were sent to personalities world-wide, and to the Sturrock Workshop in 1997, all sponsored by Laurance Rockefeller, the American billionaire who is throwing money at our own Colin Andrews for crop circle research ! Does he know about SUFOG's next conference ? Steve ! Great (!) Britain and our very own Nick Pope gets a mention and 'possible secret studies shared with the USA'. 'The importance of this report' it says, 'should not be missed by informed UFOlogists around the world'. Assume they mean the ninety pager ? So why haven't SUFOG got a copy.. are they afraid of the political repercussions ? Hardly a joke ! OK.. that's it for this issue.If anyone knows how to get hold of the above report and any costs I'd be grateful... my "weapons" need ammunition at an increasing rate !

GROUP MEMBER ERNIE SEARS
WRITES :

I was quite moved by Steve Rider's item in September / October issue of SUFOG and would seek to assure him that UFO investigators etc go through this period of self doubt.. not the least yours truly who in the sixties burnt all my UFO material (something I have always regretted in retrospect !) since the UFO enigma then was seemingly getting no where, in spite of the mass of media reports, books, etc.

Apathy... maybe just personal then.. resigned... and I just got on with life until being dragged back by "coincidence" (?) some years later and have not let go ever since, experiences counting for much of this. Steve Rider's twenty years of the paranormal etc have kept him going, as my sixty years have, and in spite of the lack of actual hard working support from group members which is

unarguable but not unusual !

I ran a number of popular (mostly !) entertainment venues in the fifties and sixties and even the seventies until my then close encounters showed me a wider and more important world out there and believe me, Steve, we had club members who were always 'coming' or promising support and never arrived. It is human nature, unless one is dedicated, people expect to have it all put on their laps. We often used to say our club members would come if they were picked up from their door and delivered back afterwards.

This is still true.. and although I do my best to support and encourage and publicise the group it is a **FACT** that since the group began to meet on Sundays instead of the original Tuesday here in Netley, it is rare for me to attend, since my other driving interest of country music means I go dancing every Sunday (Group meetings have now been changed to every 3rd Thursday in the month and the reason we started to meet on Sunday evening, was due to the venue closing down, and I could only get the new venue on Sunday nights... ED) have done so for 14 years at that particular club.. and I also write for a country music newspaper.. since 1977 or so.. and until I am too old to do so that is my problem ! Not surprisingly, however, I meet up with visiting bands and it never ceases to amaze me how many musicians have had encounters.. one chap from Suffolk actually witnessed the beginning and the end of the Rendlesham Forest "landing" with the craft going over all lit up and then the subsequent troop movements in convoys of lorries.. don't think that was ever mentioned by others ! Woke him and his wife up she was reluctant to talk to me about it until I assured her I understood ! Their story, and their neighbours, whose names and addresses I have, are told in the book I have going around looking for a publisher ! Musicians are often the most likely to see things being out at unearthly hours ! However, Steve.. I disagree. and rest assured that apathy.. "apparent" apathy.. is not unusual in human nature... as you may well agree !

One of the many re-read books on my shelves is "The Aquarian Conspiracy" by Marilyn Ferguson.. circa 19890... which fell into my hands at a jumble or boot sale.. a thick tome which is about 'a leaderless but powerful network working to bring about radical change in the United States... Its members have broken with certain key elements of Western Thought, and they may even have broken continuity with history'... says the cover blurb. The gripping story of thousands of world-wide small groups or

even individuals, mostly unaware of each other, working towards a common goal. What does that remind you of, Steve ? Further quotes include a forward by Max Lerner that includes : 'impatience with the prevailing sense of pessimism and despair, the tragic and the absurd,'...and : 'there is also the sense of hope and possibility built in over the millennia of human coping'.. again, sound familiar ?

Keep on, Steve... keep on, mate ! Humankind is fickle.. when a thing looks popular they swarm to support it... but as you know, say, the minority stick with it come hell or high water, and since you took on the whole gamut of the paranormal that includes UFO's, Steve, you will, I hope, be aware... if not you **WILL** be !.. of the expansion of your inner being, consciousness, etc, that impresses you to seek further, to use that inner knowledge you have been "given" but which you have to dispense to others... sometimes not knowing when or how or even why !.. a phenomenon well known to UFO experiencers, contactees, abductees.

With your connections, Steve, Totton College in particular, you are well placed to dispense THE TRUTH as you see it. THE TRUTH is easily recognised... a gut feeling as some would call it.

I cannot do better... so far !... than to quote a recent parcel from DR. R.Leo Sprinkle, PH.D, Professor Emeritus of Counselling Psychology at the University of Wyoming and a Counselling Psychologist in Laramie, Wyoming among other things has a current book out, Soul Samples, and was probably the earliest professional to take on alleged UFO abductees. Leo has been a regular correspondent of yours truly since that amazing witnessed experience at Avebury stone circle in 1996 when he headed a party of 20 Americans over here to explore the paranormal and was hosted around Hampshire and Wiltshire for one day by SUFOG and Roy Lake's LUFOS. That experience.. not my first or even last at Avebury !... was shared with Minnie Baxter (USA abductee counsellor and psychic effects) and myself.

Excerpts from Sprinkle's "Galactic Times", September 1991, ... "The Significance of UFO Experiences" include : 'UFO contactees

view themselves as “partners” or “pawns” depending on their social and spiritual development. Forcing them to grapple with their sense of science and reality. Near death, OOBE’s, Reincarnation, Physical Experiences, etc. UFO “games” will continue.. military, physical, sexual, biological, political, healing, spiritual, in order to prod and puzzle humanity. The eventual goal seeming to be integration of planetary forces. Sufficient scientific knowledge for space / time travel. Sufficient spiritual knowledge for compassionate interaction with other levels of consciousness. We are being tested and cultivated’.

Lots more ! But surely, it seems to me, the situation hasn’t changed much ?

My own experiences, re-evaluated as beginning in childhood, follow the patterns I have since read about in various serious books, and bears out just what Leo Sprinkle says.. a long-term “education”, testing out our aptitude to be able to cope with another reality as second nature to us. It sometimes takes in our parents, grandparents, even our children. We should listen to them, all, when they relate strange experiences.

This means, Steve, a whole new “mind game”, with paths and rules that sometimes lose us for a while until we see another signpost.. or get another of those “nudges” that awaken more of mankind’s rusty brain cells ! But you will already know this, Steve. Twenty years of the paranormal MUST have told you something. Since I am convinced that the only “experts” in the UFO enigma are those who experience, firsthand, the other reality where they, and us, can cohabit, exist, briefly as it sometimes is , or SEEMS to be.

Fortunately I “came across” by “coincidence” (!) a Witness Support Group, in a Channel 5 program I shared with their organiser. We spoke the same language ! Unlike others, this group is expanding all the time as more people find it.. or are “led” to it. All run by witnesses of course. Their magazine, Rapport, does not feature any sceptics... nothing egotistic about that I hope.. just that we have changed our lives after encounters, somewhat. We no longer have doubts having arrived at a conclusion after studying all the pros and cons and using our experience to arrive at such conclusions.

There you are, Steve Rider... stick with it all, my friend, better to have a nucleus of really dedicated supporters than a whole shoal of Johnny come lately’s who flow with the trends. Although, be

aware, Steve, that among them we don’t see much of, there are some who to date, have kept their strange experiences to themselves, as I have recently found. They too need help in finding themselves, being adrift in an ocean of different realities, looking, secretly, but none the less desperately, for a rescuer who understand. I count almost a dozen acquaintances myself who have “found” me by some magical (paranormal !) process ! Best of luck !

(I think Ernie has stated some very interesting views here and I hope that group member Steve Rider has found some comfort in Ernies words... Steve Gerrard... editor)

I found this little item in my press cutting collection whilst looking for other things :

Falling Star....

A man chasing a ‘UFO’ fell 60ft into the dry moat of Forte Purbrook, near Waterlooville, Hants. The light, was from a student ball..

So the moral of this tale is to look where you are going whilst chasing a UFO, as you never know what will jump out in front of you.
(Yes doctor, I was chasing a UFO !!!!!!!)

I am sorry for this edition being late, but in the next edition I will tell all and let you know why. The group is continuing and along with this newsletter, you will receive the diary of events, which, hopefully will show you the direction in which way the group is going. I already have one or two people lined up to give talks in 2000 and I can promise you that they will be very good. Plans are on the way for our Group Open Day.. (GOD - is this an omen or what !!!!!) in October where group members and members of the public can come along and meet each other. There will be food, stalls, talks, videos and all the things that us UFOlogists enjoy....

Steve Gerrard....

**THE LAMMAS - NIGHT SKYWATCH AT
AVEBURY 31st July - 1st August 1999.**

By Brian James.

As most of us will know, the Avebury area, already steeped in mystery, has had something of a recent history of unusual happenings on the Lammas night of 31st July - 1st August. Crop circles usually abound around Avebury, Silbury Hill, and West Kennet Long Barrow. Also UFO sightings are frequent, all the way from BOLs to CE2K's (If anyone knows of CE3K's I'd be delighted to know the details).

The Lammas night of 1999 fell nicely over a Saturday night / Sunday morning. Steve Gerrard, of SUFOG had proposed a field trip for some of his group to Avebury on that night. Members of APRA also decided to make the trip, and people from other groups were hopeful of making it on the night. In the event, five from SUFOG made the trip - Steve Gerrard himself, Ernie Sears, Bill Smith, Steve Rider and Andy Philips. The APRA contingent was down to just James Hill and myself on the day.

Our two respective groups had arranged to meet up at the Red Lion, in the centre of Avebury (well, men can usually navigate to a pub !) on the Saturday evening. During the afternoon, both groups had been travelling round the Vale of Pewsey, looking at the various crop formations. All were disappointed by the Waden Hill 'Matrix', as it had looked so good from serial shots, but looked truly awful on the ground, and it was later confirmed that it was a man-made publicity stunt.

The two groups finally met at around 8.00 p.m., for a well-deserved cool drink, as the day had been one of the hottest of the year, and certainly one of the most humid ! We were then able to chat and swap stories and experiences until the twilight arrived - personally I think that the opportunity to meet like-minded, and indeed open-minded people is the most enjoyable part of any skywatch - even if the sky is cloudy, one can still swap experiences. We all then made our way out to the North-eastern section of the henge, and made our 'skywatch camp' on the embankment overlooking the well-known 1994 "Spider's Web" field (and the 1998 "Big Ring"). Other groups of various Pagans, Wiccan's and 'new-agers' were having their own celebrations around the henge, but we were well out of range of their 'wacky baccy' fumes !

What would the night bring ? During channelling sessions, I had been 'promised' some sort of display by

'visitors' who wished to show themselves. Ernie is also very psychically aware, and was sensing, and inviting 'other beings' to show themselves.

Oddly enough, we didn't have to wait long for our first 'mystery of the night'. A blue strip of light appeared across the "Spiders Web" field, and we could see no light source ! This suddenly seemed very similar to the lights seen at Hackpen Hill on the night that this year's spiral formation had appeared. It took about 15 minutes of puzzling before Andy and myself set out to 'solve' the mystery. We walked up the track leading towards Manor Farm and the Downs, and eventually found that the strip of light (unfortunately) had a mundane explanation. A security light was shining through a narrow gap in the fairly dense trees and hedgerow, and a shadow was being cast from it, as it shone over the hedge on the other side of the road - this is how the strip of light was appearing part way out into the field. We took the disappointing news back to our colleague's at the skywatch site, and joked that we'd asked for the light to be turned off - curiously it did go out, and didn't come back on !

At around 11.20 p.m. two very bright orange / amber lights were seen low to our North, and they seemed to be descending. We all had binoculars trained on them, but they dimmed quickly, and we then noticed red and green lights that looked like an aircraft's navigation lights. In the end we deduced that this had simply been a probable C-130 Hercules heading back to nearby RAF Lyneham, and that its landing lights were discoloured by the general dust and haze in the direction of Swindon. We are still waiting for confirmation from Lyneham that an aircraft was inbound at the time.

In the (very) early hours of the Sunday morning, the Moon rose over the Downs - already starting its inexorable final wane towards the rendezvous with the Sun for the eclipse on the 11th. During various times, beams of light were seen playing into the sky along the Downs towards Hackpen Hill - we speculated that it might have been crop circle hoaxers, although rabbit hunters in their usual

pickup trucks might be more likely. We were also treated to a noisy firework display from somewhere by Silbury. While these lights were known, events later were to have a different meaning.

At around 3.30 a.m. a series of bright pulsating flashes were seen over the back of Waden Hill. These were not the 'skyflashes' that have been seen so often during recent skywatches. Neither were they the muzzle flashes of artillery down on Larkhill ranges - there were no sounds of heavy gunfire, nor indeed any sound to indicate further fireworks. They were certainly not camera flashes. It wasn't until about 5.30 a.m., when two young Dutch (or possibly Belgian) guys came round the henge, asking if anyone else had seen anything strange, that we got confirmation of the true position of the flashes. The two young men had spent the night at the 'other end' of the Kennett Avenue from Avebury, and they had seen the pulsing lights coming from behind Waden Hill from their perspective, so simply by triangulation, the source for these pulses was very close to Silbury. We still do not know what caused them, and the hopes that they might be related to new crop circle activity proved foundless.

Soon after the pulsing lights had finished, at 3.50 a.m., James and Bill almost together spotted something new, and urged the rest of us to look. I think that Steve was facing the other way (Yep ... that's right Brian I was !!!!!), and I was by now laying down, certainly facing the wrong way (typical !) By the time we had all followed James and Bill's gaze, high to the North, we noticed an aircraft-sized cluster of blue and white lights. Now, at this stage, you would think that the six of us (Steve Rider having returned back to SUFOG's hired MPV, feeling ill), all keen observers, would have immediately got our binoculars on this object ? Unfortunately no - we stood watching it, no different to any ordinary witness, taken aback by the appearance of a UFO. The UFO itself was moving at aircraft speed, and was heading towards the edge of a smallish cloud. At this point we were starting to get our senses together, and were thinking about using binoculars, cameras, etc. We now experienced something of a 'Mexico Effect' or 'Q Factor', since the UFO veered in its course, to head to the thickest part of the cloud. It went behind the cloud, and never re-appeared ! By now we were all sweeping the area of the sky for any sign of the UFO or other lights, but nothing was apparent. Either it had 'gone dark', otherwise vanished or simply tracked behind the cloud back the way it came, we

just don't know. Even discussing it at the time, it was clear that we had all perceived the UFO in a different way, and subsequent comparison show that between us, we can report the classic collective witness description, of a "round, circular, disc-like triangular diamond" - though we all concur the UFO had a cluster of blue and white lights. James and Bill, who saw it first, think that it even changed shape from triangular to more disc / diamond before the rest of us saw it. Needless to say we were by now well and truly invigorated for the remaining night-time hours !

Ernie was trying to communicate with his 'contacts', and I was attempting likewise, and had some sightings of the 'shadow-manta' dark figures that seem to be with me on a frequent basis, but which I don't think were perceived by others, although some did see other shadowy figures. While on a solo 'meditation' within the Obelisk Circle, I did perceive one of the 'angelic' forms that have been around recently, but it didn't fully materialise into this reality. Despite our best efforts, we were not able to positively bring further UFOs or other occurrences into our immediate realm.

We stayed to watch a wonderful sunrise just before 6.00 a.m. on the Sunday morning, before returning to our vehicles. The two groups said their farewells, and went their separate ways again, and to get some sleep (This had been my second all-night watch in a week - I'm getting too old for this !).

We plan to make this summer skywatch a regular event, and probably won't take too much persuading to do it on a more regular basis in the warmer and clement months...

Brian James (APRA) c. 1999

Turn to page 19 and read about James Hill's account of this weekend, that will not be forgotten in too much of a hurry. And also on page 20, see the '3' interpretations of what was seen on that eventful night. Hopefully, our year 2000 trip to Avebury, we will hope to head towards possibly a closer encounter, maybe of a CE3K or CE4K... Who knows...

Steve Gerrard..

Enigma Channel Video..
By Mike Farrell In Australia.

Has anyone else seen the new video by the Enigma Channel called : "The Crop Circle Update 1999" ?

You can the ad on the back page of the Sept-Oct issue of UFO Magazine from Graham Birdsall (UK) or on their Web Site : <http://www.ufomag.co.uk>

Anyway, it's a 3 hour tape which interviews circle researchers like Andy Thomas, Palden Jenkins, Barbara Lamb, Karen Douglas, Janet Ossebaard, and Steve Alexander. Also included is a brief evolution of the crop circle phenomenon from the first known formation in Poland in 1592, showing the progression of patterns from early this century to the first part of the 1999 season, and featuring important highlights from all the seasons of the 1980's and 1990's. Beautiful colour photography, nice music, with detailed text and voice-over, make this documentary an enjoyable and informative one.

Certainly the surprise of this film is a 40 minute segment on the enhancement analysis of the "Oliver Castle" video (also known as the "snowflake" video). Below is my first impressions from just watching the video, having arrived in the mail today. After my comments is a more detailed report with transcribed text and frame by frame analysis.

It's a pleasure to pass on some exciting new findings for those of you who still hold out hope that the "Oliver Castle" video is genuine and accurately shows the balls of light or luminosity's that many observers have reported around the world.

Here are the new findings in a nutshell, if my understanding is correct.

I assume most of you are familiar with the "Oliver Castle" video. The new formation is to be found at the beginning of the film, in the first few seconds when the camera pulls back to show both of the fields and the hedgerows, before you see the two luminosity's or balls of light enter the foreground from the right.

By using computer enhancement (each frame 1/30th of a second), the analysis shows what appears to be a large luminosity (800 feet from camera) descended from the sky and change to a classic "flying saucer" shape as it disappears behind the large tree (20 feet across) at the left end of the far hedgerow at the top of the screen. This UFO cannot be seen on your TV, but after watching the analysis, I noticed a flash of light on the left side of the tree when the film is advanced frame by frame on a standard TV.

At this point the edge of the flat disc-like shape with

a bulge in the middle, is seen poking out of the left side of the tree on the hedgerow, appearing to be solid and casting a shadow. This is not a "burmark", as it is below the scan line on the edge of the tape. Then you see a flash of light and ejection of a gas-like substance, out of which appears another ball of light or luminosity.

This luminosity then races across the far field in and out of the crops and reappears as it crosses the first hedgerow to enter the foreground as the other two luminosity's are exiting the screen to the top right. These two balls of light which have just flown around and over the "snowflake" design as it formed in the field, appear to return to the area where the large tree is hiding the UFO.

Then as this ball of light enters the front field to make it's way around the "snowflake" design, it appears to divide itself into two balls of light, in much the same way that the UFO captured on tape by Chris Martin (UK) is seen to split into two pieces and continue flying, as shown by Russel Callaghan in the film from Graham Birdsall's UFO Magazine, called "Hard Evidence - Vol. 4". These two luminosity's then fly around the "snowflake" design and also appear to return to the large tree at the far left end of the second hedgerow at the top of the screen where the UFO is seen hovering.

So what this analysis suggest is that a UFO descended into the area and hid behind a large tree at the second hedgerow from the crop field where the "snowflake" formation appeared. Then it discharged two luminosity's which first appeared on the "Oliver Castle" video, then discharged another ball of light which followed the other two and split itself into two luminosity's on the second flyover around the "snowflake" design.

So here's the big question ! If this "Oliver Castle" video was hoaxed on a computer, why add in luminosity's that could NOT be seen on a standard TV system ? Sceptics would argue that this analysis presented by the producers is the result of "computer artefacts", or simply put, just a case of looking too hard. Additional verification of this computer enhancement by independent labs would strengthen the case that there's

more to this video than meets the unaided and untrained eye !

Another point to consider is the alleged filmed confession of a person who claims to know how this "Oliver Castle" video was faked. Colin Andrews, one of the loudest voices in favour of the hoax theory, claims to have seen this "confession" and further investigations of the cameraman has raised doubts and certain inconsistencies. Unfortunately for the rest of us, we are not privileged to this evidence.

First we find out that Colin Andrews, a dedicated and pioneering circle researcher, has resisted attempts by government agencies to keep quiet about his discoveries, then we find out that this same Colin Andrews is unable to violate the copyright or wishes of the film makers to reveal the testimony of this alleged confession so that we might all have access to the truth and further avenues of investigation. Sounds a bit suspicious to me !

How convenient and how sad that once again, we in the UFO Research Community and all it's related subjects of study are the very ones who are holding back and covering up the very information that would help us to sort out the "Wheat from the Chaff". So it's three years later, we still can't verify the background and credentials of those involved in this mysterious video.

And further more, why would the cameraman, John Wabey, stop by the Barge Inn on the night before he filmed the luminosity's, and invite other researchers to join him in his "UFO hunt" ? And what if others had joined him and also saw what he filmed ? Then would we be calling that group of witnesses a bunch of liars, hoaxers, and collaborators ?

With all due respect to Colin Andrews, it's time to "free the footage!" or remain bound in the chains of ignorance. I'd be the first to contribute to his "defence fund" should the film makers prosecute him for sharing important information. Unless of course, this so-called "confession" is a hoax to throw us off the track and keep students of science from asking serious questions about these many "luminosity's" that have been seen and filmed all over the world, both in and out of crop formations. Just ask the British Ministry of Defence ! Military helicopters have been filmed chasing these same luminosity's or spheres in fields near crop formations, by the very same Colin Andrews, no less !

Here's the transcribed text from the enhancement analysis as shown on the film by Enigma Channel, "The Crop Circle Up-date 1999".

"The footage you are about to see was filmed on the

morning of 11th August 1996 at Oliver's Castle, near Devizes, in Wiltshire. The cameraman's name is John Wabey.

John Wabey visited the Barge pub on the night of the 10th August and invited people to join him 'UFO Hunting' with his video camera. It was raining and no one took up his invitation of accompanying him to camp at Oliver's Castle for the night.

Early in the morning of the 11th August in the gloomy light of dawn, John Wabey was awoken from his tent by an 'electronic trilling noise', sometimes called the 'crop circle sound' by researchers. He grabbed his camera and began to film the fields. Colin Andrews and some other crop circle researchers have claimed that this footage was created using computer animation.

"However, the 'snowflake' pattern itself displayed all the 'hallmarks' of a genuine pictogram. It was measured and photographed on the morning of 11th August. Later, leading crop circle researchers, Michael Glickman and Patricia Murray realised that it was the first formation to contain 7-fold geometry.

"We decided to analyse the Oliver Castle film to see if any evidence of computer animation could be found. Our enhanced versions of the film showed no signs of being faked using computer graphics - but we did notice some other interesting facts. "Our enhanced versions of the Oliver's Castle footage revealed that there was a great deal of UFO-type activity around the hedgerow behind the rear field.

"On most televisions, the amorphous object which appears at the very top of the screen and transforms into a classic 'flying saucer' shape would not be seen. This activity mostly takes place in an area of the picture which a domestic television is incapable of showing.

"Therefore, if this footage is indeed hoaxed, as many crop circle researchers claim, then however made it went to a great deal of trouble creating and animating objects which could not be seen on a standard television.

Here is a brief summary of our findings :

1. The enhanced frames are consistent with the picture quality attained from a domestic camcorder.

2. No evidence of 3 dimensional computer animation was detected on the video. The crop formation was considered 'genuine' by several experienced researchers.

3. No strings or wires were detected.

4. The 'flying saucer' object cannot be seen on a standard TV set.

5. The luminosity's or balls of light are no larger than a medium-sized beach ball. They travel at around 100 feet per second.

Can anyone else shed any more light on these matters ?
Thank You.

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<http://www.flex.com.au/~eagle1/in8.htm>

* The only real remaining revolutionary act is to tell *
* the Truth about everything !..... *

Subscriptions to rise in 2000..

Due to the ever increased costs of the newsletter and the fact that the price has not risen in **8 years**, I have decided that from the 1st January 2000, the cost of membership to the group will go up as follows :

1. £6.50 per year for single membership.
2. £9.00 per year for joint membership.
3. £15.00 per year for family members (4 or more people)
4. Europe : £ 12 a year.
5. America £ 18.00
6. Rest of the World £ 22.00

NASA LOSE AGAIN !!!

As I compile this newsletter, it appears that NASA has 'LOST' the current Martian polar lander sent to find water on one of the Martian poles.

Mars is becoming a dumping ground for our cosmic accidents and soon E.T will be able to open his own scrap yards on the Moon and on Mars.

Did NASA lose it or has it been sabotaged by the Martians, who are now taking it to AREA 50000001 to be back engineered !!!!

**A SPECIAL MAGAZINE REVIEW
BY ERNIE SEARS.**

E.J.U.F.O.A.S is quite a mouthful to get your tongue around and it's translation of European Journal of UFO and Abduction Studies heralds a brave new and very plush magazine edited by our mutual friend Craig Roberts of the Totton College TRUTH group. Circulation limited in this first issue, beautifully bound and printed of course, and the "launch volume" as it says. It's sub title of 'Bringing The European UFO Community Closer' sums it's aims up and we wish it well. The first thing that one wonders is what is the eventual possibility of its making suitable inroads into Government and world secrecy on the problem... it isn't any longer an "enigma", surely ?.. since the mag. has an impressive Editorial Board hailing from world-wide. Subjects in this issue (September '99) introductions to that Editorial Board thence to "Project for a database of ball lightening observations in Italy", "Preliminary identifications of alien contact / abduction experiences as hallucinatory states induced by prolonged exposures to electromagnetic pollution in the environment" (yeah, really !), "UFO declassification.. the Spanish Model", "Forum Debate ; subject, Scum, Sludge, and Residue... Refining UFOlogical Information", "Press release ; Canary Islands UFO's in the 70's, space experts confirm they were missiles". Phew ! can't help feeling this seemingly serious magazine and project is an "academic" phenomenon that doesn't get to grips with the reality of the subject matter. I hope I'm wrong. That 'magnetic pollution' business by Albert Budden covered elsewhere in the SUFOG mag. The sigh of relief that the Spanish missile case has finally been laid to rest.. I have NEVER been exactly impressed by LITS or lights in the sky, being alien "whoops !) to my own experiences of actual "craft". Still, TRUTH is the flag we must all fly ! UK subs are £ 4.75 single issue, Volume 1 £ 9, Volume 1 and 2, £ 17....

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JOINT SKYWATCH WITH SOUTHAMPTON
UFO GROUP JULY 31st - 1st AUGUST.
BY JAMES HILL.

A.P.R.A's first joint sky watch of the Summer was quite an eventful event. Those present from A.P.R.A were Brian James and James Hill and from SUFOG Steve Gerrard, Steve Rider, Bill Smith, Ernie Sears and Andy Philips. Brian and myself had been out looking at crop formations since 3 p.m. as it was a very hot afternoon, we stopped off at the Barge at Honeystreet for refreshments and to look at the latest photographs. Then, on the way back we stopped at the Wagon and Horses for a meal.

We eventually arrived at Avebury around 7.15 p.m. Brian suggested as we were early, we should walk dinner off before meeting the others. We had gone no more than a few yards, when I realised that I had not locked the car, so Brian went on. When I came back, Brian was on the far side of the henge, looking over at the recent formation opposite. At about 8.30 p.m. we made our way to the Red Lion to meet with the others and for further refreshment (Don't you just love long, hot Summer days !!!). After introductions and a very interesting and pleasant discussion on UFOlogy and the paranormal in general, we decided to leave the comfort of the Red Lion and set up camp on the East bank of the henge opposite the corn field where the 'Spiders Web' pictogram appeared in 1994. As this was Lammas eve there were quite a few people around and a lot of pagans doing rituals and chanting.

The first bit of excitement happened as soon as we had settled down. In the corn field in front of us, a shaft of light could be seen on the top of the corn. It was very bright at one end and fanned out at the other. It was approximately 300 feet in length and about 10 feet at its narrowest, possibly 150 feet at its widest and was also 100 yards away from us. It was about 50 yards in from the other hedges. This light also dimmed out after a few seconds and then came back on. We all speculated as to what it could be and Steve Rider had a good look through his night vision sites, but could see no obvious signs of pranksters at work. Could it be that we were witnessing a crop circle in the making? The light dimmed and came back on again. Both Brian and Andy's curiosity got the better of them and they went for a stroll along the lane that runs alongside the corn field. Twenty minutes later we were all put out of our agony as to what it was. We were all wrong.... they informed us. It was a security light on a house that was obscured

from view by very large trees.

The night sky was quite clear, but at times was obscured by large clouds that moved on fairly fast. This allowed us to see the usual satellites, one strange airplane that came from the North-East. This had two orange spot lights on the front. We also saw a couple of very fast planes. At around 3 a.m. we saw three very bright flashes from the Silbury Hill direction. These appeared to come from the ground and also this was one of the cloud free moments as the clouds were getting a bit bigger.

At about 3.45 a.m. both Bill and I were looking almost over-head, when we saw a very bright white light which was as big as a pea at arms length, as it slowly moved across the sky and turned towards the clouds. The light changed from white to very white-blue and turned elliptical in shape and as it continued a triangular shape could also be seen. This sighting was observed for between ten to fifteen seconds before the object hid behind a cloud. We stayed watching to see if this was still there after the cloud had moved away, but to no avail. This object was also seen by Ernie, Brian and Andy. I can only conclude that the object hid behind the cloud because it did not want to be seen again. Shortly after, the cloud obscured all visibility, so nothing else was observed. We decided to stay on for sunrise just in case the cloud cleared. At around 5 a.m. two foreign travellers came by and asked if we had seen the flashes earlier on. They told us that they had been watching from down the Kennett Avenue when they saw the flashes. They also confirmed that these flashes had come from the ground upwards. We thought that some new crop circles might have appeared after these flashes but none were reported. We told the two lads what we had seen, then they went on their way. It also has to be noted that Salisbury Plain is in that general direction. It has been noted too that when these flashes were observed, there was no noise discernible. The two lads bid us all good morning and went on their way. We stayed and watched the sunrise... well worth the wait.. We bid our companions good morning, then Brian and I made our way home. It has to be said that this is the first time that I

have been out with a group and actually had an evening of strange occurrences, as you usually get the satellites and aeroplanes and the odd flash of light. It was also good to meet a group who enjoyed a good laugh as well. One day, I hope to do another skywatch with S.U.F.O.G, perhaps closer to them. If anyone else fancy's going on a skywatch, Brian and I might be persuaded to go. Who knows you might be lucky and see something.

James. A.Hill...

**THE ALBERT BUDDEN LECTURE
WEDNESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER,
SOUTHAMPTON GUILDHALL...
BY ERNIE SEARS..**

I attended this event on behalf of SUFOG along with new member Reg. Atkinson, armed, or primed, with the contents of Mr. Budden's article(s) in the launch issue of the magazine (see elsewhere) European Journal of UFO & Abduction Studies plush title for a very plush magazine edited by our friend Craig Roberts of Totton College.

Albert Budden chose **"Scum, sludge, and residue ; refining UFOlogical Information"** as his article title which just about summed up his attitude during his lecture.. oddly (!) delayed in starting with his train stuck in the Southampton Railway tunnel for some time ! Nothing to do with ME I joked but my offer to "fill in" with the smallish audience was accepted and I related the groups August 1st Avebury adventure and previous encounters at Avebury by yours truly.

Albert arrived about 45 minutes late and setting up his slides etc got under way. He quickly confirmed my expectations by casting firm assertions that his electromagnetic and anti gravity theories and experiments... which were interesting when a video was brought into play.. put paid to the vast majority, if not all, those UFO encounters which have gone down in UFOlogical history.

The man has written several books which he had on sale and admittedly knew his stuff. But I learnt nothing new... anti gravity and electromagnetics have been around in UFOlogy since three early fifties when a Canadian

scientists, Wilbur Smith, was commissioned to explore the peculiarities of those "Flying Saucers" at that time, with a not surprising view to pinching the technology for earth sciences !

Mr Budden brought up those hoary... and unconvincing.. ideas a la Susan Blackmore and Dr. Roger Wiseman of "waking dreams", temporal lobe epilepsy, microwave radiation and such, disposing of actual abduction witnesses thus along with accusations of hoaxing. I listened eagerly, still willing to get another viewpoint and maybe "the answer", but no ! It was even quite startling for the lecture to end in a virtual shouting match betwixt my companion Reg. and Mr. Budden at the climax of which Reg. was told to 'get out' by an irate Albert ! I heaved a sigh of relief that I had held back, literally, the same questions that Reg. Atkinson was asking... basically how did Mr. Budden insist on dismissing all the reports and evidence etc of thousands of witnesses, many of them qualified aircrews etc, who could surely tell a "craft" from earthlights, visions caused by brain problems, eyesight ditto, and so on !

An interesting evening ... if unproductive !!!

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all details from EJUFOAS, Totton College, Water Lane, Totton, Southampton, SO40 3ZX. Hopefully, noting the proliferation of "physics", "psychodynamics", and the mention by Craig of being 'annoyed' at the 'biased publications linking UFO's and flying saucers (ha ha !) and alien abductions'. Hopefully.. we live in hope and maybe die in despair !... I trust Craig et al will clarify all this and apologies if I have misinterpreted your approach. Basically, have you or your students any history of actually experiencing a "craft" of seemingly alien technology and / or occupants of same ? Mostly, if not always, an advantage ! Plus are quite often benevolent, and useful to your fellow planetary dwellers ! Don't, please, throw out the baby with the bathwater, a la Albert Budden !