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Time to get your taste buds going folks... The Southampton UFO Group Open Day on the 18th October 2003 is to be an International affair, with speakers from America, United Kingdom and Sweden.

We must point out that ticket prices are as follows :

10 am - 3.30 p.m. = £ 7.00

10 am. - 6 p.m. = £ 20 inclusive of 2 hr seminar with Daryl Sims.

The tickets for this are limited to only 30 people and so we suggest that if you wish to come to the seminar as well, that you book early, as tickets are being sold already for this.

We hope to be sending all members a poster to promote the event and if you have any ideas with regards to promotion the event, please let me know at the editorial address.

The SUFOG Newsletter was recently featured in the current edition of UFO Magazine.. The reviewer said and I quote : 'This I'm sure will enable the newsletter to feature more local reports as opposed to those from overseas'... Hmm.. Well, yes we would like to feature more reports and articles from the area, but there is a problem with this... If people reported their sightings to us, then

yes, we could feature more articles on sightings from Hampshire etc. But, more and more we see reports in such magazines as UFO Magazines concerning UFO reports from Hampshire. For Example, April 2003 - page 29, edition sees a half page sighting. There have been other such occasions in UFO Magazine and other magazines when reports have appeared, and the local group knows nothing about it (There was one such report from Hamble, near Southampton, only 2 miles from my home !!). If we were to receive the reports, we would follow them up and investigate them, but if we do not know about them, then how can we investigate them and include them in our newsletter. We are an established group in Hampshire, of some 13 yrs, and our details are available in the local libraries, Internet etc. So, the reviewer is right in what they say, but if we do not receive the reports, then we have to fill the newsletter with something.

The most disturbing thing for me is, if reports are appearing in such publications as UFO Magazine, or any other UFO publication for that matter, who is investigating them. UFO Magazine is just that a magazine. They do not openly investigate sightings around the country, and those sighting reports

that they do publish, how can they be sure that they are not being taken for a ride. Surely, if you are going to publish a UFO report in such a respected magazine, then someone has to thoroughly investigate it in the first place? Who would be better than the group in the area. I understand that they are investigating recent sightings in the Havant area of Hampshire.. Funny thing that.. What could be potentially a big case (Originally investigated by a Mexican researcher), the Southampton UFO Group only 25 miles away are not involved and the main witness I understand will be appearing at Leeds in September (to show his footage?). Still, this footage has already been shown in America and is available on video.

Documentary on Suffolk UFO sightings

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DOCUMENTARY makers hope to shed new light on the alleged sighting of a UFO near a Suffolk air base nearly 20 years ago.

The programme-makers are reinvestigating the mysterious goings-on at Rendlesham forest around December 27 and 28, 1980, for a BBC documentary which will take a fresh look at "Britain's Closest Encounter".

It aims to explore various explanations for what occurred, and makers have appealed for local witnesses as they try to piece together what happened.

The program is being made by Mentorn, the company responsible for Question Time and Queen and Country, and is timed to coincide with BBC 2's screening of the Spielberg sci-fi series Taken on Saturday night. It is expected to be screened on BBC3 on March 15, and BBC 2 the following week, and followed by an on-line discussion.

It will feature witnesses to the events, UFO experts and skeptics, conspiracy theorists and scientists, and newly analyzed audiotapes recorded during the sightings.

Steve Carsey, executive producer of the program, who is also executive producer of BBC 2's Robot Wars, said he felt the time was right to revisit the much-debated sightings.

"In recent months, a lot of official papers and memos and MOD documents have been released," he said. "After 20 years of denial, the fact that these papers have been released justifies our desire to revisit the story and reinvestigate the story to see if anything new has come to light in the last 20 years."

The last program on the subject was made about ten years ago, he said.

"We are getting some new things already,

interestingly enough," he said. "We have got some new revelations and some new testimony."

The program would look at various explanations for what occurred and how the story had developed over the years, he said.

"We are as interested in the story itself and as interested in the birth of a story and how it develops and how it grows," he said. "We are coming at this in a completely journalistic sense."

Mr Carsey, who said he was fascinated by the subject of UFOs, said they were not taking a sensational approach.

"What we can definitely say with the release of these documents is something happened," he said. "We are going to leave the viewers to come to their own conclusions."

They hoped local people who had not come forward previously would feel able to contribute. Mr. Carsey said that as they visited the forest this week it was interesting how much people were aware of the story of the sightings.

"Everyone had an opinion," he said. The team behind Britain's Closest Encounter is looking for local witnesses in the Rendlesham area, or family members and friends of witnesses, to get the widest possible selection of views on what might have happened.

It is also asking local people to come forward with photographs and video footage. If you are interested in taking part, or claim to have evidence, you can contact Riva Marker on 0207 258 6873.

UK'S SECRET UFO

29 November 2002

It reads like a script from the *X Files*: Details of an alleged UFO sighting near a Suffolk RAF base over 20 years ago have been released under the Freedom of Information Act. Known as the Rendlesham File, the document is one of the first to be released as part

of an exposé of the inner workings of Whitehall and describes how a number of US airmen, including one high-ranking air force officer, claimed that a "strange glowing triangle-shaped object" was spotted near RAF Woodbridge in the early hours of December 27, 1980. In a report entitled *Unexplained Lights*, USAF Lt Col Charles I Halt, Deputy Base Commander at RAF Bentwaters, told how two of his security police patrolmen first spotted "unusual lights" outside the back gate of RAF Woodbridge. After gaining permission, the two men and a third patrolman investigated the lights and saw an extraordinary "craft" hover in the darkness, emitting blue blinking lights and sending nearby farm animals into a "frenzy". "The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest," reported Lt Col Halt. "The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high." Next morning Halt and his men discovered three circular depressions, seven inches in diameter, in the ground. Radiation measuring 0.1 mill roentgens was recorded in the depressions - a level 10 times higher than normal. The MOD said one theory about the sightings was that it could have been the beam of the Orford Ness lighthouse "with distortions being caused by the beam having been seen through the trees". Tell it to the Marines...

29 November 2002

UFO files spotted online

Files of reported British UFO sightings that have been kept secret for over 20 years are to be published on the Internet.

The government is publishing the information as part of a shake-up of its laws on freedom of information.

Among the documents is the so-called "Rendlesham File", which deals with one of the country's most famous sightings of a UFO. Until now, only around 20 members of the public have seen the file, which relates to a sighting in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, in 1980.

According to some UFO enthusiasts,

eye-witnesses including US officers at a nearby military base saw a brilliantly lit spaceship land in the forest on two consecutive nights. Skeptics say the witnesses were fooled by the beam from a lighthouse on the nearby coast.

The Rendlesham file has been available to the public for some time but only at the discretion of the Ministry of Defense. Now, the government says it will publish it on the Internet before the end of this week, along with other files on reported UFO sightings.

"These first steps mark important progress towards changing the culture of government and extending the public's right to know what is being done in their name," said Yvette Cooper, freedom of information minister.

UFO Report to SUFOG.

Carisbrooke , Isle of Wight
1830hrs , south east sky , travelling slowly south.
Appeared to be a twinkling star. When seen through 10x bins, appeared to be a circular object with strings of lights around it. These changed colour, green, red , blue and white.
Got a video , but it's not very clear.
Any idea what it is ?

(Still under investigation - Steve Gerrard)

Portsmouth Herald (USA)

2nd March 2003

N.H. case called 'flagship' in UFO abduction annals

By Richard Fabrizio
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PORTSMOUTH - We are not alone.

Betty Hill sits in her living room next to a bust of one of the little green men who abducted her and her late husband Barney more than 40 years ago.

"Junior," as she calls the bust, is tattered and

aged - particularly from a fall from a podium during one of her talks in St. Louis years ago. But Betty's story remains an intact and startling glimpse inside America's fascination with UFOs and aliens.

The Hills' story was documented in John Fuller's best-selling book "Interrupted Journey." Fuller learned of the Hills while researching his book "Incident in Exeter," about Norman Muscarello, who saw a UFO in Exeter in 1965. (See related story.)

Muscarello, an Exeter resident, passed away this past week. Betty said she didn't know him well, but was sorry to hear of his death. The pair were kindred members of a galactic club.

"Interrupted Journey" became a made-for-TV movie in 1975. James Earl Jones played Barney and Betty was played by Estelle Parsons. Film critic Leonard Maltin rated the film as above-average and called it "absorbing" and "fact-based." He did say it lacked action though.

Barney passed away in 1969. Betty, who turns 84 in June, has told their story across the world: from the Soviet Union to England to the United States and Canada. The tale remains something out of this world.

The Hills were returning from vacation in Canada on Sept. 19, 1961. They headed toward Portsmouth on Highway 3 through Lancaster in the state's western panhandle. They saw a moving light in the sky as they approached Indian Head.

Barney stopped the car but left the engine running and got out to look at the object with binoculars. He saw "5 to 11 figures moving behind a double row of windows" of some kind of craft.

As the object closed, Barney ran back to the car exclaiming, "They are going to capture us!" The couple fled in the car at breakneck speed. Betty said the object moved directly over the car and they heard a loud noise - like the sound of a tuning fork - and then they were drowsy.

They awoke some two hours later and found themselves driving near Ashland, about 35 miles south of Indian Head and about a 30-minute drive from Lancaster. Betty said they continued their drive, feeling uneasy and unsure.

The Hills reported their experience to officials at

Pease Air Force Base the day after. They were later interviewed by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

Soon after, Betty began having nightmares about that night. A group of "men" stood in the middle of the road and stopped their car. Betty and Barney were taken aboard a disk-shaped craft and examined through hair and skin samples.

Betty says the aliens did not all look alike. They were 4½- to 5-feet tall. "I'm not too accurate on their height, but they're rugged. They're not skinny guys."

Anxiety led the Hills to seek help from Dr. Benjamin Simon, a Boston psychiatrist who specialized in treating amnesia through hypnotherapy. Simon's help revealed many details of their encounter that matched each other's closely as well as Betty's nightmares.

Betty no longer struggles to deal with her abduction.

"No, no, no," she said in her State Street home. "Actually, when I was on board the craft I recognized the importance of what was happening. I said to the leader, 'I know you're not from this planet. Where are you from?'"

Through Dr. Simon's treatment, Betty drew a "star map" showing her alien abductors' origin. An astronomical investigation years later produced a controversial match between her map and a cluster of previously unknown stars near two stars called Zeta Reticuli.

John Schuessler, international director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), said Betty started the abduction phenomena.

"Others may say they were abducted before, but she popularized it," Schuessler said. "I have a lot of respect for Betty."

Schuessler said the Hills' willingness to go to Dr. Simon and outside the UFO Network, brought credibility.

Dr. Simon's professional opinion of the Hills' abduction was that it was a product of their

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confirmed....**

collective imaginations. He concluded "people do not necessarily tell the factual truth while they are under hypnosis - all they tell is what they believe to be the truth."

Schuessler said Dr. Simon's conclusion doesn't mean the abduction didn't happen. "A lot of people didn't want to believe Betty, wanted to believe it couldn't be true. But she has never wavered on her story."

The Hills' story was closely scrutinized. Betty was given a lie detector test by F. Lee Bailey on live national television. One question was: Is it true that you were shown a star map while you were on board a UFO in the White Mountains on Sept. 19, 1961? Another asked: Is this a hoax in any way?

Betty said at one point Bailey asked if she would tell a lie so they could get a reading. Her belief in the abduction remains total today.

"If they don't believe it, then I don't know who they are," she said. "I go to the grocery store and people come up to me and tell me their sightings. Around here, it's difficult to find someone who hasn't had at least one sighting or knows someone in their family who has."

Through March 2001, there have been 143 UFO sightings reported over the years in Rockingham County, by far the most in the state's counties. Seacoast sightings were reported over the years in Barrington, Durham, East Kingston, Exeter, Greenland, Hampton, Newfields, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Seabrook and Stratham.

New Hampshire MUFON reports three recent sightings around the state including a Fremont man who saw a white orb of light on Jan. 16, 2002. The others were in Pittsburg in 2002 and in Colebrook in 2000.

Peter Geremia, director of New Hampshire MUFON, said the notion of the state being a hotbed of UFO activity is a perception.

"We've had times when we had many more sightings than others, but so have many other places around the world," said Geremia, a resident of Rye. "It's all about where and when the phenomenon starts."

But Geremia says New Hampshire has a rich history of UFO sightings going back to Fuller's books on Muscarello and the Hills.

"The books by Fuller probably helped make our cases a little more famous than some of the other ones," he said. "I generally say the Hill case is the flagship of abduction

research cases."

Betty quite seriously says her last sighting was during the Portsmouth Christmas Parade this past January when a craft with three red lights on top hovered over her neighborhood.

"I assumed they were watching the Christmas parade. Even now they're out here flying over Great Bay. Basically they follow the rivers."

The Comet That Wasn't There....

By Brian P James

The last week of February 2003 saw an explosion of 'news', 'speculation' (i.e. fiction) and then near-hysteria, about a comet that was supposed to strike the Antarctic region of Earth on March 1. Given that you're reading this now, I guess **it didn't happen...** No surprise really since the comet wasn't there - the comet in question is heading its way back to the Oort region.

This speculation all seemed to erupt from web news published by NASA and Space.com, of a rare meteor shower that would be seen in the Southern hemisphere, and seen best from Antarctica, on March 1st. This meteor shower was from the material of the tail of Comet Bradfield (1976-D1 Bradfield to be precise). For some reason this perfectly normal news alert by NASA and Space.com (I get them every day by email) sparked all manner of speculation and conspiracy theory, to the point that this comet was due to collide with the earth. This 'news' then exploded all round conspiracy/UFO/new age websites - in some cases complete with fake photos of what was termed 'The Nostradamus Comet' over the ice-fields of Antarctica. The speculation got to the point where claims were made that NASA, the US Government and various astronomy websites were hiding information - as people had done web searches and couldn't find Comet Bradfield! To be brutally honest, seldom has a no-story/non-event generated so much **drivel** (polite description for this publication) by people determined to speculate and hype based on a total lack of fact

(and yes, I dare say boost their web-hits!) Why does the I-net community thrive on such material?

Some simple facts for those people who didn't want to look, or for whom a few facts just didn't suit:

- Comet Bradfield 1976-D1 **did exist**. Had these people who "couldn't find the comet" chosen to visit any number of astronomy websites - including the SETI Institute and Space.com - they would have seen that Australian comet-hunter **George Bradfield** has been a discoverer of comets for many decades, and has discovered 10s (if not 100s) of comets in his career as an amateur comet-hunter.
- Comet Bradfield 1976-D1 passed close to the Earth - and yes, uncomfortably close in Solar System terms - in **1976**, not **2003**. It was a small and feint object, not even visible to the naked eye at around 8th magnitude - despite its closeness to the Earth at its closest approach. Given the lack of communications back then, the comet wasn't seen many people. Comet Bradfield 1976-D1 will return to the inner Solar System again in around **2976** - it has an orbital period of around 1000 years!
- Astronomers in the southern hemisphere (rather than the armchair new-ageists who have spouted so much drivel) were looking forward to what promised to be a spectacular meteor shower as the Earth passed through the debris trail of 1976-D1. Cometary debris trails are the cause of all meteor showers encountered by the Earth on its orbit around the Sun. The reason why this was to be a favourable encounter with Comet Bradfield's debris was due to the angle of its orbit compared with Earth's - not all objects orbit in the plane of the ecliptic (many if these idle web

conspiracy theory speculators clearly have no concept of 3-dimensional space, let alone the 10 dimensions they spout more drivel about!)

- The 'surprise' meteor shower was designated beforehand as the "Beta Tucanid" shower, as the radiant was known/predicted to be in the southern constellation of Tucana. This shower was known and predicted to the point where the maximum ZHR would be at 21.54 GMT, and the shower would only last for around 30-60 minutes. Sorry, this was hardly a 'surprise' meteor shower!

I don't make any effort to diminish the reality that rogue comets and asteroids - known as NEOs (Near Earth Objects) - do present a very real threat should one ever strike the Earth. Such an object may have been the cause of the Tunguska explosion in 1908 (although that fails to account of its claimed trajectory variations near ground). Such an impact is widely accepted to be the likely cause for the destruction of the dinosaurs - and an object less than 10km across could do the same for humankind. Movies such as *Deep Impact* and *Armageddon* were 'guilty' of 'Hollywood license' in how they portrayed such events, but they were depicting real threats. If you want to read more on NEOs and the efforts to limit their threat to Earth, then visit www.spaceguarduk.com

Yes, there is a threat from NEOs, but let's get a grip on reality here!

TRUE GHOST STORIES

Many years ago, when I was a young boy, I used to live in Bootle, where I was born and bred for 11 years of my life; I can remember the regular visits to my Grand-parents house with my Mum, which I thoroughly enjoyed, even though it was that house, that changed my life forever, because it was there I had my first ghostly experience. My first experience of the unknown happened in 1971, I was only a young boy of four, but I was fully aware of things going on around me, which was due to the way I was

brought up; anyway when April of 71 came, that's when it started; I remember asking my Nan if I could use the toilet, which obviously she said, yes; when I reached the top of the stairs, which was facing the toilet, the feeling of someone watching me came upon me. I looked around and couldn't see anyone, I took a couple of steps forward onto the small landing and looked into each bedroom, as all three doors were open, but no-one was there; it was as I walked back towards the toilet, that I got a very strong presence of someone near me, even though I couldn't see anything, then the smell of perfume wafted past my nose, which was followed by a slight breeze, this seemed to have come from the direction of a small bedroom (which was situated at the front of my Grandparents house); I just stood there, feeling confused and scared. I walked towards the small box room and looked in and all I could see was a single bed, a dressing table with bits and pieces on it, but curiosity got the better of me, as I had an urge to go in there: I wished to God I hadn't, because no sooner as I went in, I had a mental image of an old lady with a shawl standing there and looking at me, as soon as that happened: I was straight out of the door and downstairs; my whole body trembled with fear and I just burst into tears; I quickly hid in the back garden, where no-one could see me, plus I had to go the toilet, because I didn't manage to do so, whilst upstairs. This happened many times between 1971-to the beginning of 1978; but, it wasn't until 1979, when something else happened to me (which is another story), that made me question everything in general. It was one Friday evening, during November of 1979, when my Mum got home from work, I asked if it was okay to talk to her, even though she was working out her and Dads money; she looked at me and asked, what was up?.....I asked her about her Mum and Dads house and how long they had lived in there etc; my Mum just looked at me in a funny way and said, what's with all the questions and why did I want to know? I asked my Mother, if she could remember me going for a wee in Nan and Granddads back garden; Again she stared at me and said, yes and then started to question me, why I didn't use the toilet upstairs and

why I used the back garden instead; I just said, if I told her, she wouldn't believe me, she said try me, so I told her that every time I went to go to the toilet, it was then, that I felt an old lady nearby; my Mum quickly stood up and closed the living-room door and told me to keep calm, because she had something to tell me! I started to feel scared again, then my Mum said, she was going to tell me about her family and something, that she hasn't told my brother and two sisters; she said, that she closed the door, because she didn't want my Dad listening, even though he already knew, but didn't like talking about it; by then I was totally confused???? I tried to sit calmly, but I couldn't, as I was so scared; my Mum asked me what I had meant, when I said, I had felt an old lady nearby?.....I explained to her about the perfume and about the feeling of being watched and the old lady in the small bedroom; my Mums eyes widened and her face went white, then asked me, if I had actually seen the old woman; I said, no, not exactly, but I could see her in my mind. My Mum grabbed my hand and said, "Oh my God, it's happening to you".....I said, "what are you talking about?".....It was then, that she told me, that her Grandmother was an Irish Romany Gypsy, whom she called Ninny and the room that I went in, used to belong to her, whilst she was living there and also it was the same room that she died in, in 1960 and on the night of her death, Ninny gave out a death rattle!.... Well I was horrified, then my Mum told me about my Nan reading her tea leaves and everything that was said, had all come true, which it did; my parents fate was laid out for them, even right up to the day they died....The last time I entered that house, was in 1986, which was during the same month my Dad had died, also it was the last time I had seen my Nan alive, because by December 26th, my Nan was found dead in bed; the room she died in was next to the room, that my Great, grandmother had died in..... Sometimes I wonder, if my Nan had given out a death rattle, like her Mum and was my Great-Grandmother waiting to take her oldest daughter to the other side????.....We shall never know!!!!

Back in August 1981, I made friends with a young lad, who only lived down the road from where I lived in Butlocks Heath, Netley Abbey; well by the time the following year came, it seemed as though more strange events waited for me, because during June/July, which was the month of my friends birthday, little did I know, that my friends place had strange things lurking around in his garden, which backed onto an old road, which was last used in 1977, before being closed off; the road ran past Netley train station, to the bottom of Butlocks hill (Woolston Road), it also has an adjoining woodland, which holds many a tale, which I was unaware of at the time. The day of my friends party came and so did the evening; his parents were tending the B.B.Q and we were all sat round the swimming pool laughing and

SUFOG DIARY - 2003..

Meeting charge of £3 to cover room hire.

April 16th 2003 :
Video Evening

May 14th 2003 :
Open Discussion.

June 20th 2003 :
Video Evening.

July 16th 2003 :
Open Discussion.

Aug : Avebury Weekend

Aug 20th 2003 :
Video Evening.

Sept 17th 2003 :
Open Discussion.

Oct 15th 2003 :

**Very Special meeting (Ticket Only)
Special Guest Derrel Sims**

**Oct 18th 2003 : SUFOG Open Day.
See attached leaflet.**

Nov 19th 2003 :
Video Evening.

Dec 17th 2003 :
SUFOG Christmas meeting.
Bring Christmas nibbles to share
with other members...
Open Discussion.

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..

joking; the family dog (Great-Dane), who's name was Luke was sniffing around for food and my friends sister was sat on a 7 ft wall, which partitioned the pool from prying eyes; she was accompanied by a friend of hers; things were going well, that was until I noticed Julie (my friends sister) looking down towards the bottom of the garden. I got up and went over to see if she and her friend were okay; Julie said, she seen someone near the stream (which ran through their garden) and it looked like a male, so I slowly walked down towards the bottom of the garden and watched where I was walking, because towards the stream, the garden at that end was boggy. I eventually got down near the stream and looked around; waiting for my eyes to adjust to the darkness, then I looked around in the direction that was pointed out to me; only to see a young male stood the other side of the stream, which was panelled off by a small wooden fence; the only confusing thing was, how on earth did he get to the fence, because the small patch of land behind the fence was covered completely in bramble bushes and there was no way, could anyone get through it all; especially not without getting the dogs attention in the process. I called over to him and told him, that if he was a friend of the family, it will be best for him to come over the fence carefully, as it wasn't too safe, but all he done was stare at me!.....So again, I called to him and told him not to mess around, because he's scaring the two girls on the wall, but again, he just stared at me, without making a sound; so off I went up the path and asked for a torch, which by this time, everyone's attention was towards the bottom of the garden, except for Martins (my friend) parents, as they had popped indoors to get more food; I stormed back down the garden, armed with a torch and shone it directly at the young males face.....he wasn't there??. then I seen someone out of the corner of my left eye, so I looked over and there he was; I was confused, because I was sure he was to my right a moment ago; again I called out and this time, I told him if he didn't come out, I was going in to get him! So I turned on the torch light again and shone the torch in his direction, nothing?...by this time, I was feeling uneasy and the same feeling entered my body, as it did in 1971 and this time, it felt worse; I turned the torch off and there in front of me and still the other side of the fence, was this person, who just stared motionless at me; my whole body went cold, even though it was a warm moonlit night. I quickly went and got the dog; I dragged him by the collar towards the stream; all of a sudden, the dogs tail went between his legs, and cowed down and he gave out this most horrible noise, which I had never heard from an animal; then he just bolted up the garden

in utter terror; I was even more scared, because of the dogs reaction and still the person just stood there; I looked round and seen one of Martins friends stood about 6 foot behind me and he was shaking like a leaf; all the others wouldn't come down, but was watching us; I slowly turned back to look at whoever this person was and when I did, all I could feel was terror; I was so scared, that I couldn't move from where I was standing; the young males eyes seemed to have changed, just before he turned round and vanished into thin air; I ran for my life up the path; Martins Mum and Dad grabbed me, as I went hysterical; Julie and her friend were crying, the lad who stood behind me (Jeremy), was crouched in the corner, near the pool with his head in his hands and some of the others didn't know what to do! About 30 minutes later, my Dad came to collect me and when he entered the back gate, he seen Martins Dad (who was a Doctor) comforting me, along with his wife, as soon as I seen my Dad, I ran over to him and threw my arms around him tight; he looked at me and said, " what the hell is going on?", with that Martins Dad said, "it seems as though Karl has come face to face with a Ghost!" My Dad just looked at Martins parents, but not in disbelief; Martins Dad suggested to my Dad, that he should take me home and comfort me and make me a hot drink and listen to what I have to say; my Dad held me tight, all the way home and when we got inside, My Mum and two sisters looked at me and asked my Dad, what was going on? My Dad looked at me and said, "Do you want to tell them or should I?", I said, I would; a blanket was placed over me and I was given a hot cup of tea and all I kept doing was cry and shake; I explained what happened and how the person just vanished into thin air and that there were witnesses too; my Mum and Dad came over and sat near me and Mum told me, that they won't harm me, but when I looked at my Dad, his face seemed to be full of confusion as well fear, like it was in September of the year before!

Karl Spencer-Smith (SUF0G member)



NEWSPAPER REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

Somewhat higgledy-piggledy this issue and we all know that the Iraq problem does away with UFO reports (Really Ernie, see page 20 of the newsletter readers?) in the media... not the local ones, as you'll see! Here goes :

THE TIMES joined a whole rash of other papers on the 19th March with a big article headed "Milky Way Calling" all sparked off by SETI's "Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence" via radio waves and enlisting thousands of computer owners worldwide (to S it's almost laughable... they're HERE!). Space "sounds" that have invaded the giant Puerto Rico radio telescope with five billion signals over four years have included 150 that 'defy explanation'. Of course, it depends if "they" have "radio"... VERY unlikely given their technology looks like "magic". In the same issue another big article headed "Alien Alert" complete with impressive "alien" except this one IS green... an unhealthy green too.

THE DAILY MAIL on the same date and wavelength saying the 'strongest candidates' most likely to come from an alien culture are those 150. Says the University of California believe the "proof" will emerge within the next 100 years. Can't wait! **THE DAILY MAIL** of March 7th devoted a whole page to Patrick Moore's biography just published. Patrick's known habit of expressing strong feelings on many subjects guaranteed to raise ones hackles and they're all in his book... oddly

enough, 'Flying Saucers' get one small mention connected with his wartime friend Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding who he accepts 'believed' in them as well as being a spiritualist. But nothing more comes out of that.

THE DAILY MAIL... on that same March 19th date too... had a piece in the Coffee Page section concerning a readers request for the 'strangest conspiracy of all' and gets several answers including the attack on the twin towers 9/11 was orchestrated by the U.S. Government to justify a war on Iraq and Afghanistan ('much evidence' it claims), the Roswell crash and aliens landing, the Apollo Moon landings being "faked", and the strangest conspiracy being David Icke's claim that the Queen and others are really "lizards" posing as humans! Don't laugh yet! I can personally add : a Masonic link to the Dunblane massacre and a strong link between Osama Bin Laden and Bush senior and various oil companies allegedly contracted years ago and top US Government officials all have shares in oil companies... names available.

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THE MIRROR PSYCHIC TEAM... John Michell's spot... date around mid March... does an interesting item on Life after Death, Out of Body, Near Death Experiences etc... all tied in with certain "abduction" and other "alien" encounters whereby human minds are "expanded" or "kick-started".

THE DAILY EXPRESS of March 11th went for the same above subject with Lucy Miller talking to three people about their out-of-body experiences in "returning from the Dead"... a whole page.

THE SUNDAY TIMES March 30th had a small item on Swansea council gaining planning permission to build a ten million quid space academy. David Rhys Williams is a driving force behind this scheme, being the first Welshman to fly the Welsh flag in space.

THE SOUTHAMPTON ADVERTISER April 3rd for the east area of the city... other editions didn't have it... front paged a Hedge End 85 year old man's alleged sighting of a bright orange object that changed colour to "lemon" and slowly vanished over a period of 20 minutes... at 4.20 a.m.! Claiming excellent eyesight, the article asked anyone who could help to ring the reporter's number... so I did ! Currently it is ongoing with the reporter (Ben Clerkin) and a photographer coming to Netley and SUFOG member Karl Spencer-Smith who'd already reported an orange globe over the area on March 14th along with my friend Lorna who had... with her car driver... reported a similar object carrying out strange manoeuvres over the city on the 18th March... they will be here to relate their encounters with the Advertisers reps. More of that quite soon. In addition my

enquiries with the reporter revealed an allegedly dramatic encounter... twice... by a Bishopstoke man some two and a half years ago including an alleged abduction and another "orange globe" sighting by a local lady during the current period. Watch this space !!



MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

I'll begin by begin by shocking you ! Hopefully you are un-shock able.

LOADED is one of "those" glossy magazines devoted to... well, the subtitle of the magazine says "the Sexiest Women Online 2003"... but there's fellers in it too... my friendly newsagent suggested it might interest me... how did he know? The cover blurb said "They came from Uranus" (not sure if that's a joke) and "The strange world of UFO Nutters"... ho ho thought! CAREFULLY avoiding the "inserts" and explicit offers and refusing to unfold the double page spreads I reached page 82 after quite a while (!) to see a SEVEN page article on "The British Roswell", "Cover-Ups", "Yetis" and "Little brown monks"... featuring authors Brenda Butler and Georgina

Bruni... with their clothes on I hasten to add! Quite a good coverage... the reporter Will Store joined a Rendlesham Forest night watch with intriguing results. The article has plenty of photos of that trip... some tongue in cheek! A model "Enterprise" laid in the grass and enlarged! Several "alien" greys face masks and an "ET" close-up ditto. Items with photos on and by David Duchovny, pop icon Shaun Ryder, John Lennon, rap actor Will Smith... all claiming close encounters. One can only surmise that such a popular raunchy magazine must reach a lot of people who might well be wiser on UFO's, providing they ever reached page 82.

SPIRIT AND DESTINY caught my eye... not one I knew about and at £2.80 not one I cold afford to know about. It was on a foyer table in the Dolphin Hotel at Southampton where I was awaiting the arrival of the Rotary Club for whom I was booked for a dinner talk that evening (see later). Being early I idly picked it up and read the glossy cover... "Meet the Real-Life Agent Scully" caught my eye and so I turned to the page and it was a four pager on top UK UFO Investigator Sharon Larkin, recently awarded atrophy for her role by UFO Magazine. Quite good... a serious article... Sharon's first sighting of an unidentified object was at eight years old! Gripped by the incident, Sharon had more sightings later during her desire to know more. Moving to Cumbria at 16 much more happened.. Setting up her own group followed. The Cumbrian News and Star published her weekly column... "The S, FILES" Not surprisingly her mother eventually admitted to a dramatic sighting in 1969. Details of Rendlesham Forest, Roswell, and Minsk, USSR, were included in the article. Astrophysicist and Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society Andrew Pike spoke openly for Spirit and Destiny on the likely-hood of aliens and the world-wide cover-up by Governments. Photos at Sharon Larkin's home showed her and family surrounded by aliens "greys"... and the odd "green"! Healing, magic, astrology, agony aunt... more of a woman's magazine, none the less a pointer as to the wide coverage "UFO's" enjoy.

HAMPSHIRE... the country magazine... also fell into my hands courtesy of Lorna who was leafing through magazines at a local hospital... dated September 2002 it held a two pager with photos on crop formations... by a Chrissy Pollard... notably those Chilbolton Observatory ones near Wherwell, Hampshire. I see an Austrian graphic artist has written several books, one which dwells on the Chilbolton designs which he considers to be two of the most important formations ever seen in our fields. The Wiltshire Crop Circle Study Group calendar for 2002 gets a praiseworthy mention by Chrissy. The Milk Hill "Julia Set" too. The group experimented with themselves forming three concentric circles, just on land, not in a cornfield. A helicopter pilot viewing the whole area told them exactly the same shape formed in a nearby cornfield simultaneously! The

Independent Centre for Unexplained Phenomena at Southsea (Paul Vigay) is also mentioned... new to me? The same magazine has an interesting article on two miz mazes... one at St. Catherines Hill near Winchester which reminded me of chilly nights there with my little 1970's group when we walked the maze. Spooky too! A UFO area as well! Mrs Bowers?

RAPPORT MAGAZINE is the in house product of the Ken Phillips Witness Support Group and the full colour of the current issue does our subject proud... me too with my own three pages or more... including my mysterious model 4 x 4 toy van... which makes it own uncontrolled by remote journeys.. Ask Steve G and now Karl Spencer-Smith! Some sinister goings on articles... ref the Iraq ker-fuffle and the alleged links with Osama Bin Laden and oil contracts with Bush and Co in the past and how current military and Government high-ups seen on TV NOW all have fingers in the oil shares... also mention of the highly secret Bilderberg Group. Other items includes a Daily Mail one on how full moons affect our behaviour! (Changing the clock ALWAYS lights a short fuse for me!) James Millen on the "TAKEN" series. A "starchild" epistle. Claimants of "non-earthly" humans. Those old paintings... religious and otherwise... that contain apparent UFO's. The WSG doesn't have members... just voluntary. Suggested £1.50 for their magazine... By UFO experiencers FOR UFO experiencers and sceptics required thank you!

OVNI arrived from Derbyshire's Omar Fowler and this March\April issue was packed with a great response to the previous issue request for opinions on the five pages of "paranormal" happenings to a northern family. I wrote FIVE pages myself on my own and close friends and colleagues on the "non nuts and bolts" aspects of UFO Encounters and thanks to Omar for printing at least two such. Also for mention of our SUFOG group in that context. Others backed up the subject... good. An 'indeterminable line twixt ghostly happenings and alien activity' to sum it up. Plenty of sightings accounts in OVNI as usual... triangles, a

1986 detailed observation of a craft complete with lights., landing gear, a 1964 encounter by two ladies of a port holed "saucer" that hovered and spun near Bolsover, a triangle from Tasmania in 1997,a detailed account of a 1952 by an early radar operator... speeds estimated at 1.350 mph! Good astronomical section, some book bargains and the usual Tale Ender page. Issues at £1 plus postage from 94 The Circle, Sinfín, Derby. DE24 9H

The Australian UFO Bulletin comes in their pocket sized format with a green cover and is packed with very interesting items that assure one it's all going on "Down Under"! Editorial by President of the host Victorian UFO Research Society. Judith Magee, On the UFO Trail by Paul Norman, Canadian report asks Does ET see earth as a wildlife reserve? (wild maybe!) Grampian Mountains rife with sightings, a UFO Wave predicted via George Filer for March 2003 (wow!) World sightings reports, space... or lack of it.. means we can't include all the pages of this splendid little magazine. Obtainable from PO Box 1043, Moorabbin, Victoria, 3189, Australia. email vufors@ozemail.com.au

Sighting report from SUFOG group member
Robert Coones in America.

HI: Hopefully this email will send ok. Again, we were doing some fix up and upgrade to the guest house at the Sattva Sanctuary on James Gillilands ranch near Trout Lake Wa. We Went out the first night, Sunday 3-30-03, for skywatching. I was looking almost directly overhead a few minutes before 9pm and saw two lights moving together. I got the video camera in hand and proceeded to get the lights in the monitor. It then occurred to us that there were now three lights moving in formation in an elongated triangle formation

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The lights were headed from West to East high and dim in intensity. I had trouble getting the images in the monitor and had some trouble with fog on the eyepiece lens. Finally got an image of three lights

travelling in an elongated triangular formation. The Bottom light was barely visible, but got a little brighter as they moved along. The following lights eventually straightened out and the bottom light moved back slightly. Was able to get less than two minutes or so of video. As we watched, the lead light went out and the two trailing lights went out also in the same location. Farnes watch said 8:55 pm at the end of the sighting. There were no obstructions and the sky was clear overhead where we saw the formation. I could not see the formation passing near any nearby stars for perspective. It went through the area where the big dipper is, but I was not able to get any more stars in the shot. Near the end the triangle looked more like this:

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Got the sighting on video. It was very dim. About an hour earlier we saw a very bright light moving low in the sky from west to east and yellow or light gold in colour. I have seen lights like this before near the same location in the sky there at the ranch. I captured this one on tape. A few other satellite type lights were seen that night which I captured on tape.

I have been told that the triangular sightings are NOSS (Naval Ocean Surveillance System) top secret spy satellites tethered together in a triangular formation. One site on the net claims they know when they were launched and the rockets names and so forth. I am still not convinced that these claims are not just a cover-up explanation by the government. After all, top secret is top secret and why do so some people supposedly know so much about them. Also, how did a triangle we spotted Sept 1 last year do a 180 degree reversal and all three lights go out all at once, without the formation falling out of orbit? Anyway I will keep reporting these sightings when they come...
Bill Coones From the Desk of R Coones
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**DERREL SIMS IS TALKING AT THE
SOUTHAMPTON UFO GROUP'S OPEN DAY
ON THE 18TH OCTOBER 2003**

**PRESENTATIONS BY DERREL SIMS, CM.
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Derrel Sims, over a span of more than 3 decades is a full time UFO Researcher with a specific interest in medical/scientific evidence of human/alien contact. Sims feels that people who claim of contact with the alien presence should offer evidence of their positions. He states that it is incumbent upon us to produce evidence of these phenomena if we are to continue to make these claims and we must provide the best evidence to the medical/scientific fields if we are ever to have "academic" acceptance. Some of his work is already published in the Royal Society of Chemical Engineers and is referenced in other works.

Sims is a Certified Hypnotic Anesthesiologist and a Master Hypnotherapist, with special certifications in Medical Hypnotherapy and Hypnotherapeutic Intervention. He uses a multimodality approach to memory retrieval and has developed specialized techniques for working specifically with abductees and for use in more typical therapeutic interventions. He has a Master Level in Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP), certifications in Time Line Therapy and extensive training in Graphoanalysis, Linguistics and other modalities. He is an Executive Consultant and Private Investigator with Global Security and Investigations in Houston, Texas.

Researchers and laboratories are used to exploit and further test his discoveries such as alien implants from cases that stem from 1960 and more recently the first public surgery for alleged alien implants in 1995. Extensive laboratory analysis of surgically removed implants has revealed objects with pathology and metallurgical findings that are somewhat beyond our technologies. Ongoing research in fluorescence since 1992 has resulted in new revelations about the possible agenda of the alien and some of their habits.

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“Here, There and Everywhere”**By Ernie Sears.**

Here, there and everywhere it's got be the BBC 2 "Taken" series... although can't help thinking only in Great (?) Britain could we see a ninety minute tremendously accurate (with the odd exception) series eclipsed on the 8th February by a "live" Snooker broadcast ! Hope the TV people don't see a backlash on that treacherous act ! Ok if you've got Sky or whatever. Otherwise, keep it up[and running... I'm jealous of our American friends having Ten Two Hour episodes back to back.

I got asked to do a talk for the Dorset Earth Mysteries Group in January and journeyed forth by train to have a very well organised evening... thirty plus strong audience... I got 75 minutes and found it difficult and to me, embarrassing, to squeeze 60 years of experiences into that and made a right mess of it I reckon. I like two hors and it's getting to Three nowadays! So I learnt I've got to "prune" my prompt list for particular talks ! Still, the Southampton UFO Group's video's of the 2000 and 2001 sightings over the water here with the craft being encircled by the local police spotter plane looked superb on a big screen when they used the master video from the BBC UK Horizon "Paranormal Files" series.

Sharing the evening was SUFOG member Fern Britton (who'd asked me to do the talk in the first place) and boy!... did she stun us with an hour or more of "craft" cavorting about the American skies followed by an even more incredible item on those "orbs"... filmed by her husband Bill, and American... they both flit back and forth over the big pond every few months. I've been taking an interest in those "orbs" for a year or two... firstly from my weekly Psychic News where they've been filmed at spiritual meetings in the vicinity of mediums etc. Bill, however, and others, catch them here at Stonehenge, Avebury, etc etc... as well as the USA, Canada, and such. Somehow, I believe... others too... digital technology has brought about a greater sensitivity with modern filming equipment. I mean, what do you do when you see clearly, two, three, a dozen, then hundreds of these things... one shot of such looked like a snowstorm!... apparently sometimes "attaching" themselves to people,

children etc, even dogs, and even... here's the rub! ... allowing people to catch them, roll them about etc, chase them and be chased, Stunned silence from the audience... me included. Hopefully I've ordered some stills of the most incredible. "Life" of some kind, I reckon. Any ideas? My one and only clue might lie in the Betty Andreasson abduction books by noted author Raymond Fowler... I've borrowed all three and then bought The Watchers 2 which contains the most mind blowing detailed drawings of aliens, big-eyed greys, Nordics, mother ships, (inside and out!). If any of you have got them, speak up! Our Steve Rider kindly lent me all his for starters some time ago. Most of all I've been intrigued by the pile of "orbs" in one mother ship! Various colours, and every so often one "takes off" from the pile. Asking questions, Betty gets the explanation ; they are record keepers of intelligence, givers of knowledge... travel Everywhere! They are "living"! They can make themselves small or really big... just like the ones we saw on film. You cannot see them in our atmosphere, but people... sensitive, can sense them, hence are able, I theorise, they can "catch" them.

Betty Andreasson, who was first "taken" in 1967, is a fine artist, hence the detailed drawings, after hypnotic regression. I have to believe this lady as, before I'd read her books by Raymond Fowler, I too had had an exactly the same encounter as one of hers in 1979, among others. So if either of us are lying... well? I was sitting up in bed, wide awake, with a scenario before me... church like... that had two "men" holding a huge ball of light between them, directing blue and gold rays towards me which were penetrating every cell of my body. Painful but also lovely! After pinching myself to see if I had "Died" I fell back and slept. The next day I told my dead to the world wife about my "dream". I had several others. Acquiring and reading "The Andreasson Affair" I was shocked to see how Betty stood before an enormous bird after being taken on a weird journey, a creature that exuded terrific heat and Gold and blue rays that penetrated all her body cells! Wowiee! While Betty... strongly religious... felt it was all to do with her God, I believe it was a symbolic demonstration of reincarnation, since the "bird", Phoenix like, burnt down to a worm-like creature that formed from the ashes left. Any theories?

What else?... The Good Morning Television

program... 21st January... a Portsmouth friend phoned me for this... the resident sceptic was holding forth an abduction claims and came up with 'Why don't they set up cameras and film abductions?... this in answer to multi-abductions. I yelled out at the screen 'But they DO!' I sent an e-mail off quoting a couple of books by abduction counsellors where they've done this and pointed out that "alien minds" are so powerful that a serial abductee did in fact set up a camera and retired, only to wake up soon and reach out and switch the thing off! They came! Needless to say my answer never saw the light of day!

Then there was "The Light", recently filmed over a Scottish loch shown on Meridian TV... Tuesday January... the day after the previous incident... coincidence? A friend caught the light but didn't catch the particular loch. No surprise that they never repeated the film on Television!

Looking forward to "The Day I died" on BBC2 5th February I wasn't disappointed. Apart from saying "Ggrrr" at the sight of Dr. Susan Blackmore doing her best to destroy beliefs and experience of millions in her hilarious red and black topknot.

Plenty of examples... mostly incredibly reconstructed.. of out of the body, going up the tunnel, meeting "dead" friends and relatives, observing scenarios... including the actual "operation" that was taking place to resuscitate them...while they were "brain dead"! Mesrs Pardia and other well known Southampton General Hospital consultants carrying out experiments etc. "Stunning " was the only description for the blind from birth lady who "died" following a dreadful car accident who found herself clearly observing nearby houses etc, birds flying, seeing for the very first time her embossed wedding ring, her "dead" parents, and much more. Having attended a "Near-death" seminar two years ago, I was again frustrated at seeing "experiments" and "looking for proof" still ongoing. Having had "out of the body" experiences, as a child and an adult, (the latter being abduction situations) one is no longer in doubt. This is why UFOlogy should be exploring other areas more. Some of us have "been there, done it". Universal knowledge of such would change our whole ideas of "Life" and therefore "death"?

As it did MINE in 1978. Forever.

Okay.... Hope this is of interest... if I'm not careful I could fill the whole magazine! Joking!

Leave room for YOU and YOU!

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George Bush, Reagan and life in outer space
Mar 3 2003

By Peter Leathley, The Journal

George W Bush's budget suggests aliens could exist somewhere in the depths of space.

A brief passage called Where Are the Real Space Aliens? mentions scientific discoveries in the past decade which indicate "habitable worlds" in outer space may be much more prevalent than once thought. The finds include evidence of large bodies of water on Jupiter's moons and Mars.

With the threat of war on the horizon, Mr Bush could learn something from UFO enthusiast Ronald Reagan who, addressing the United Nations General Assembly in 1987, said: "In our obsession with antagonisms of the moment, we often forget how much unites all the members of humanity. Perhaps we need some outside, universal threat to make us recognise this common bond. I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world."

Ronald Reagan had a keen interest in UFOs and often spoke of alien invasions. His daughter Patti Davis described him as "fascinated with stories about unidentified flying objects and the possibility of life on other worlds". His alien interest may have stemmed from UFO sightings he had when he was governor of California.

After one, in 1974, he said: "I was in a plane last week when I looked out the window and saw this white light. It was zigzagging around. I went up to the pilot and said, 'Have you seen anything like that before?' He was shocked and said, 'Nope.' And I said to him: 'Let's follow it!'

When Reagan became President, White House staff went to great lengths to conceal his assertion that he had seen a flying saucer and his belief that there was a ghost in the Lincoln

bedroom. There was also an effort to discourage Reagan from talking about two other topics he liked - Armageddon and astrology.

Crop Circles

by Colin Andrews , Stephen I. Spignesi
Signs of Contact

What are crop circles and what do they mean? Who-or what-is responsible for the thousands of complex patterns found in cereal crops all over the world? Are they all made by hoaxers? Are they made by aliens or Government satellites? Are they screams from a dying planet? Are they manifestations of human consciousness? Is there an esoteric code hidden in their patterns that comprises a message for mankind?

Are we in danger, and are crop circles some kind of warning signal? Or are they all created by natural earthly causes-magnetic fields, underground water, plasma vortices?

Colin Andrews, author of the bestseller, *Circular Evidence*, the first book about the crop circle phenomenon, brings the world up to date with his many years of research into this fascinating subject. The world's foremost authority on crop circles takes you on a mysterious and informative ride into the world of the crop circle phenomenon, providing an overview and setting the record straight about the nature of crop circles, their origin, and their meaning.

His new book, **Crop Circles: Signs of Contact**, with Stephen J. Spignesi, explores the many theories of crop circle formation, describes Colin's first experience with crop circles and how this led him into his life's work, and delves into his decades of work studying the phenomenon.

Colin Andrews, a former engineer with the British government, is universally considered the world's leading authority on the crop circles phenomenon. Beginning his study of crop circles in 1983, his first book, *Circular Evidence*, was a worldwide bestseller.

He was a scientific consultant for *Signs*, the blockbuster Touchstone movie about crop circles starring Mel Gibson. Colin travels all over the world

investigating crop formations, and lectures regularly on the subject. His Website CropCircleInfo.com is an exhaustive resource.

Stephen J. Spignesi is a *New York Times* best-selling author of more than 30 books about American and world history, biography, film, TV, popular culture, crime, and the paranormal.

UFO-Sweden - a brief presentation

- The organisation UFO-Sweden (UFO-Sverige) was founded in 1970.
 - All investigations, publications and other activities are made on a strictly non-profit basis with the subscription incomes from our magazine as the sole base for all our work - beside our own input of money.
 - Our magazine UFO-Aktuellt (four issues a year) have today 1.400 subscribers. We also publish a small publication six times a year called Rapport Nytt and a newsletter - in English, since 1990 - (published by the Archives for UFO Research) four times a year.
 - 26 local groups, scattered all over Sweden, are connected to UFO-Sweden. They all have their own activities.
 - Our archives - situated in Norrköping - is one of the largest in Europe and possibly in the world. Here we keep a couple of thousand books and magazines from all over the world and a news clipping archive encompassing articles from 1946 to this date, mostly from Sweden but also from USA, Norway and other countries. More than 15.500 case histories are also placed here together with videotapes, audiotapes, pictures and UFO-paraphernalia.
 - The aim of the organization is, according to our statutes, to "counter-balance uncritical thinking, unjustified disbelief or blind faith concerning the UFO phenomenon."
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- Another aim is of course to research and evaluate reports of unidentified flying objects over Sweden. Every year more than 300 reports are forwarded to UFO-Sweden. After thorough investigations natural causes are found for 90-95 percent of the observations. Very few CE 3 and CE 4 cases are reported in Sweden.

- Some very good observations, in broad daylight with more than one witness, have been investigated during the last years. In one case, from August 1991, a cigar shaped object with a sound from a "motor" passed a small town near Umeå. The case was investigated by the local Secret police and found "unidentified".

- The investigations are made by more than 70 specially trained researchers. These are educated by UFO-Sweden at special courses held once every year. All investigations are supervised and controlled from two central units in Sundsvall north of Stockholm and Oxelösund south of Stockholm. The Sundsvall unit is also responsible for the publication of a yearly report on UFO-cases researched by UFO-Sweden.

- UFO-Sweden work closely together with the Swedish Defense Institute and the Meteorological Society.

- UFO-Sweden corresponds with most of the major UFO organizations over the world. A special interest have been focused on the former communist countries.

- UFO-Sweden has a long tradition of openness and will to share results and publications with other groups. Our attitude to the phenomenon is based on research and not speculation. We are open to any answer to the phenomenon and do not advocate any pet theory. This standpoint reflects in our magazines as well as in our public lectures.

Clas Svahn, Chairman of UFO-Sweden

(Clas Svahn will be speaking at the SUFOG Open Day on the 18th October 2003)

NEW HUMANIST Magazine

Cereal Lies Simon Hoggart

goes round in circles

A beautifully executed crop circle depicting Channel 4's Richard and Judy appeared near Edinburgh shortly before harvest time this year. The papers naturally went to the soi-disant experts on cereology – in this case 'experts' seems to mean anyone gullible enough to spend large parts of their life seeking a paranormal explanation for these phenomena – who were obliged to concede that, no, it was indeed unlikely that visitors from another galaxy had flown half-way across the universe in order to imprint the faces of two daytime TV performers on a field of English wheat, and then whizzed off home again, or possibly no further than the moon, where they might have managed to press the features of Dale Winton into the dust before moving on to the celebrities of a neighboring solar system. In the end the Richard and Judy circle turned out to be a publicity stunt. Well, there's a surprise!

However, the 'experts' added – at least they did in the quotes I saw – the fact that some, or even most crop circles are clearly pranks doesn't mean that all of them are. A pleading note usually creeps in at this stage: please, they seem to be saying, leave us some of the crop circles for ourselves. Don't be greedy. Don't insist that they're all made by hoaxers. It isn't fair.

Phooey. Truth isn't something to be shared out equally, like eggs in wartime. It's true or it isn't. William of Ockham, the great English philosopher, spent much of his life in long fruitless religious debate, but then most thinkers in the 14th century did. (To be fair, he did point out that the existence of God was not susceptible of proof and rested entirely upon faith, which brought him as near to being an atheist as was prudent at the time.)

But either way Ockham's famous razor should be supplied with every version of the Swiss Army Knife, or at least those sold to us newspaper reporters. The razor decrees that "entities [by which he meant the assumptions used to explain things] should not be multiplied beyond what is needed." In other words, if there is an explanation – in the case of crop circles hoaxers – then we don't need to invent spacemen from another planet, nor a race of very short people who live in the earth's crust and only emerge at night, which

is another suggestion put forward in the past, even by people not under the influence of powerful hallucinogens. Or, to misquote Sherlock Holmes, once you have eliminated the frankly barking, whatever remains is most likely to be true.

Of course it is conceivable that space travellers concocted the first crop circles. Mere humans saw what a good idea they were, and how they attracted TV crews who came to admire the work, and started copying them, rather in the way that we learned how to make viaducts from the Romans. There isn't the tiniest shred of evidence of visiting aliens, of course, whereas there is a stack of evidence that hoaxers have been at work for years, most notably their detailed admissions. This means nothing to true followers of the paranormal, and it can be quite hard to argue against them. No mother working her way through her child's hair could find so many nits to pick. In the same way that American fundamentalists believe that Darwin's occasional mistakes invalidate the whole theory of evolution, they will seize on any detail, no matter how small, to prove their case by default.

If someone told you that rain was angels crying – and believe me, there are people out there who believe stuff that's every bit as wacko – you might reply that it's no such thing; it's condensed water vapor, which is why it only rains when there are clouds above us. The paranormalist points out, triumphantly, that it sometimes rains out of a clear blue sky. You try to explain that sometimes freak air currents can carry rain in the upper atmosphere for miles before dumping it somewhere sunny, but by then it's you who are sounding flustered, you who are inventing bizarre explanations and unnecessary entities to avoid the perfectly obvious fact that rain is the tears of angels. Or quite often is.

A lot of people believed in the late Doris Stokes, a spiritualist who could fill great halls around the country with her act, which involved getting in touch with the dead. If you watched Mrs Stokes in action you could see all the weary old tricks: persuading people to tell her about their lives, then repeating it back as if it were her own discovery, 'fishing expeditions' in which she tries various alternatives until she hits the right one, and, as a Daily Mail investigation

revealed, outright fraud. She papered the audience with people who had told her their stories, then repeated it back to them with assurances that the dear departed were very happy and sent their love.

"Ah ha!" her fans would say, "but she knew my uncle's name was Reginald, and he was suffering from gallstones. How do you account for that? Eh?" The answer is, I can't. Maybe she made a few inquiries. Maybe it was a lucky guess. Are you sure she said "Reginald" and "gallstones" to you, or did they crop up in general talk and you thought they were about your uncle? And even if she did get something right, does that mean that the souls of the dead are jostling to talk through a middle aged woman sitting in the Fairfield Hall, Croydon?

Perhaps we should give up and let people enjoy their small delusions. Does it matter? Well, I think it does. There's quite enough misinformation in the world already. If a friend believes one of those Nigerian internet scams, you'd set him right. Why not about this kind of rubbish? Sometimes you have to be cruel to be kind. Or, in some cases, cruel to be cruel.

Why being abducted by aliens can seem so real

By Steve Connor,

Science Editor, in Denver

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A bizarre, dream-like paralysis experienced when people wake from a deep sleep can cause some sufferers to believe they have seen a ghost or even to have been abducted by aliens, despite being otherwise mentally normal.

Susceptible people experience the sleep paralysis (when they are semi-conscious yet incapable of moving) and sometimes hallucinate so vividly they genuinely believe they are victims of a supernatural event, Richard McNally, professor of psychology at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts told the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Denver. His study of people claiming

they had been kidnapped by aliens found all had suffered sleep paralysis combined with "hypnopompic hallucinations", when vivid, wakening dreams of intruders, flashing lights and an alien presence can seem real.

The same psychological phenomenon can also explain other supernatural beliefs. "It is part of believing in ghosts," Professor McNally said. "In Newfoundland it's called being visited by the old hag, in the southern United States its being ridden by the witch, in Europe in the Middle Ages it was the incubus and the succubus, agents of the devil. In Cambridge, Massachusetts, it's space aliens."

Ten adults convinced they were alien abductees were asked to relive their experiences which were taped and played back to them while they were monitored for stress. They were compared with ordinary people who said they had never been abducted and another group who had suffered from a genuine experience and been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. Heart rates, skin sweat levels and other signs of stress were similar to those of the alien abductees, Professor McNally said. The type of people likely to believe in alien abduction have common patterns that Professor McNally called a "recipe" for an alien abductee. "First, most had New-Age beliefs, [and] they were not only more open to alien visitation, they are interested in astral projection, tarot cards, telling the future, bioenergetic therapies and so forth.

"Second, they scored high on absorption, a trait associated with fantasy proneness and vivid imagery. Third, and crucially, they had episodes of apparent sleep paralysis accompanied by hypnopompic – upon waking – hallucinations," Professor McNally said.

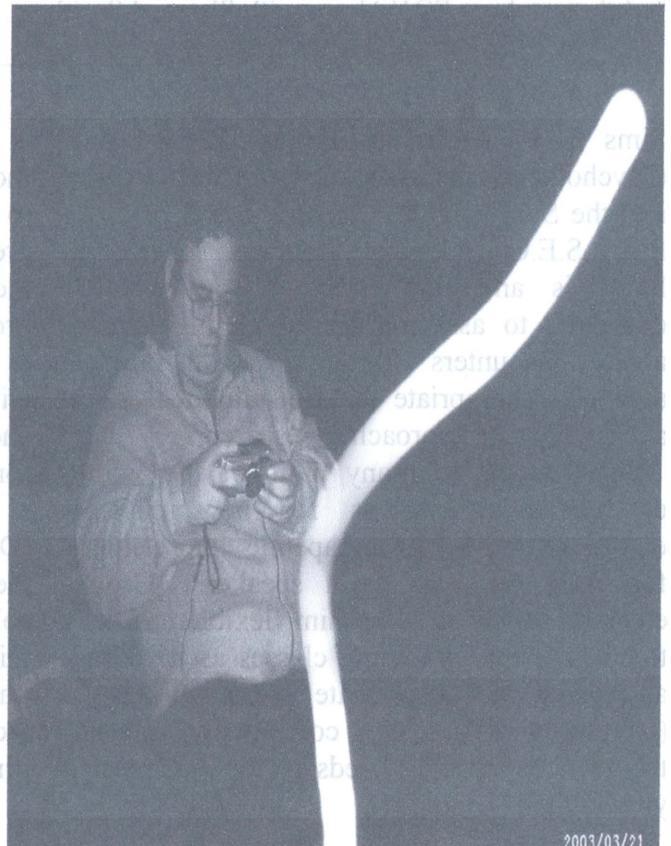
"Sleep paralysis occurs in about 30 per cent of the population and about 5 per cent of people will have the paralysis plus the hallucinations. It can be a terrifying experience."

Recent SUFOG skywatch..

Pictured above is our brave secretary Steve Rider during a recent skywatch with myself in the country park at Netley. This was a somewhat off the cuff watch, knowing that other members were unable to attend at short notice. This reason I

have included this, is the following photo :

Like all 'GOOD' UFO photo's, it wasn't there when we took the photo, but suddenly when viewed after on the digital camera, there it is....



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IRAQ - UFOs FLY AS ALLIED BOMBS

LITTLE ZAB VALLEY -- According to UFO Roundup, on Thursday, March 27, 2003, an oblong luminous UFO hovered over the holy city of Najaf located about 60 miles south of Baghdad. A photo showing the unknown object, with a G.I. of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division pointing at it with his forefinger, appeared in the newspaper Euronews, according to French UFOlogist Thierry Garnier. UFO Roundup correspondent Mohammed Hajj al-Amdar stated, "The UFO's appearance caused great excitement among the Shiites who saw it. They said it had come from Allah's Gardens of Bliss to protect the Tomb of Ali." Najaf is a holy city to Shiite Muslims because of the golden-domed mosque that stands over the grave of Ali, the son-in-law of the prophet Mohammed. The mosque miraculously escaped damage last week from the 101st Airborne's howitzer barrage. Despite a heavy Allied bombing raid on Little Zab River Valley in Northern Iraq,

UFOs appeared in the night skies on Wednesday, April 2, 2003. And again on Thursday, "tiny UFOs shaped like a tube with a rotating spiral around them" appeared over Zawra Park in Baghdad at 11:57 PM. Eagle-eyed correspondent Grady Croy spotted the UFOs during a live broadcast from Baghdad "while watching FOX News with Shepard Smith.

Sims is a member of Project P.A.R.S.E.C. (Psychotherapists Associated for the Research and the Study about EBE and their Contacts). P.A.R.S.E.C (with headquarters located in Italy) is an elite group of professionals dedicated to assisting those relating human/alien encounters through a therapeutic approach appropriate for the individual client and a scientific approach to research.

Sims travels to many parts of the world, conducting expeditions for new physical evidence, providing therapeutic interventions for abductees, and as a speaker. Groups engaging Sims will find him flexible and easy to work with, combining classes as necessary and using the appropriate presentation style (lecture, workshop, or a combination of both) to meet the variable needs of the audience in your area.

"I am confident that the best way to offer 'proof' to those without a first-hand experience is to continue to pursue evidence collection, analysis, and presentation; to involve researchers and scientists of the highest qualifications, and to maintain rigorous protocols for collection and analysis." ... Sims. This is the objective of Saber Enterprises and his work with a team of scientists, researchers, and medical and mental health professions through FIRST (Fund for Interactive Research in Space Technology).

(Derrel is also hopefully attending SUFOG's group meeting on the 15th October 2003 and you will be able to talk to him face to face. Meeting subs for this group meeting will be £5 to cover Derrel's traveling costs and it will be a chance to have a face-to-face chat with him before Saturday... Limited number due to room size).