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Well everyone, a new year has arrived and a new future for SUFOG one hopes. I have decided not to produce the newsletter in A5 format purely on the time involved in printing and putting the magazine together. But, as from this edition, I will be including colour into the newsletter and hopefully this will appeal to people to join the group as our subscriptions have taken a tumble and I hope 2004/5 will see a rise.

This year sees a number of events that I am personally hoping to be at and also talking at. I will be at the Dorchester conference this year with a table to advertise the group. Also I hope to be talking to the Southend UFO Group and also a group of six form college students at the end of the year.

In this edition I review the video/DVD 'The Journey' produced by UFO Magazine in association with Anthony Woods, and his 'numerous' UFO sightings over Portsmouth, Hampshire. The review seemed to upset one or two people, but at the end of the day, there are so many un-answered questions and I wanted answers to them, but I did not get any. Strange that UFO

Magazine has not contacted me about the review as they were sent a copy. I see that Jeff Rense (Rense.com) has posted more sightings on their web site (Funny, I thought that UFO Magazine were the sole investigators and were investigating the case?). Anthony Appeared live on the Jeff Rense show back on the 17th January 2003, to talk about his 'AMAZING' footage... Strange, why hasn't the British media (Radio and TV) not picked up on the case. Why hasn't Mr. Wood's appeared on British radio if he feels that the time is right to come out of the closet. Mind you, there must be someone feeding him information as he said that he has recently read the article in this Newsletter (Only sent to 4 UFO Groups) and also he has been talking to other researchers about me and my character (I can't tell anymore at the moment as my solicitor has the email sent to me by Mr. Woods).

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From the Familiar to the Strange and on to the Sadness.

It was on a beautiful August day that Steve Gerrard and myself SUFOG SEC (and SUFOG Man In Black) set off for a return to the spiritual and UFOlogical centre of southern England, the area surrounding Avebury.

On arrival at the Barn pub in Alton Barnes we had a walk around and decided on a nice pub lunch and a beer. After this we met up a couple of our SUFOG members who had decided to make the trip.

At around 2 p.m. we set off for Avebury stopping along the way a couple of times to view some of the local crop circles.

We also walked up to the West Kennet long barrow. This where the first strange thing of the day would occur? Both Steve G. and I took photos on our digital cameras. However, those taken by Steve of me would show orbs, where as mine would show nothing out of the ordinary?

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in Avebury, which was stunning in the summer sunshine and the heat.

Avebury is a place that I could never tire of? It a most wonderful place that everyone should visit at least once.

While we were at Avebury we all decided to make our skywatch home that night on Knap hill over-looking Alton Barnes' East Field. However, the most regretful thing of the weekend was that we would loose one of our little band on the journey to the site of our nights adventure.

We set up our little camp and myself and member Mark, walked up on to the hill to see what the view was like. I have to say it was spectacular. I must be a sucker for punishment because later Steve and I walked up the hill opposite to look for more crop circles and a close view of the white horse.

I have to say that this vantage point is perfect for sky watching, no doubt. The night was taken to a whole new level (decibels, I think?) by the arrival of Busty Taylor, Reg Presley and their group of

sky watchers.

Both groups watched the sky as more and more spectacular shooting stars crossed the sky. It was nice to just be there chatting to people and being treated to such a spectacle.

It was around two in the morning that the second strange thing of the weekend would happen. I was sky watching from Steve's car (having forgotten to bring a warm jacket! Silly boy!) when Steve said there was a blue light directly above us. However, the strange thing is that I can remember seeing the light, but not much else? I can't remember people's words or how the light disappeared. I have struggled to remember exactly what happened, but have decided (as I now write this) that I will try no longer, I guess I am just not supposed to remember. Well, maybe not yet anyway?

I watched the sun rise at something like 4.30 a.m., something any dedicated sky watcher has to do on a trip like this. Trust me on this one; I would rather have been outside the car all night? Next year my thick jacket will be the first thing I pack! The sunrise on this day was awesome and you had to be there to truly appreciate it. To be honest, sunrise in this area, Alton Barnes and Avebury, is a somewhat spiritual experience! It almost takes you back to an age gone by!

The following morning was another spectacular day and after a quick trip over the hill to photo the crop circles again we all made our way back home. It had been another excellent trip. I am sure the memories will not fade soon. Who knows one day while we are there we may actually see what we go there for? A UFO. Well, we may well have seen one this night, but will we ever know? But, in the end who cares? As far as I am concerned, just going there is reward enough, especially in such great weather and with some interesting experiences to think over.

A few weeks after this trip to Avebury, early in September, I was on a long weekends holiday. On my return I spoke to Steve G. for the first time in a while. He explained that Graham Birdsall had been taken ill. Graham is someone I respect and am honoured to call a friend. I was quite shocked, especially knowing that it was considered enough to cancel the Leeds conference weekend.

On the 19th September I received an early

morning phone call from Steve G. he explained that Graham had died early that morning following surgery. I did not know what to say, it was a real shock.

I had first met Graham when he had spoken at one of the UFO conferences that SUFOG had put on jointly in Havant some years back. More recently I had worked with him on an article regarding the Totton College UFOlogy course. However, it is the last three that stand out as a time in which I got to know Graham and Quest Publications. For the last three years Steve G. and I have ventured to Leeds for the Quest Conferences, and we have never been disappointed once. Graham has always welcomed us as friends and colleagues. This was especially so last year when Steve and I spoke at the Conference on the special Friday night session that was dedicated to the UK UFO scene. I will never be able to thank Graham for giving me the chance to speak at Leeds and for everything he arranged and did for us that weekend. It was an unforgettable weekend made all the more memorable by Grahams enthusiasm and energy. He was always there in person to greet and transport the delegates to the venue, treating everyone with the utmost respect. I will always remember the kind words he gave me both before and after I had spoken that Friday night.

I have been a reader of UFO Magazine since it hit the newsstands and I have never missed a copy. I have always respected the fact that it was a UK publication, but more so that it gave UK UFO enthusiasts the chance to keep up-to-date with some of the most important developments on the UFO scene both at home and abroad.

I am sure that UK UFOlogy will very much miss Graham and his tiresome work to bring us stories and interviews from all round the world and his presence will be missed at conferences around the world. He will be missed by those who have come to know him as a friend over the years, but more so by his family. I know only too well what the impact is when you lose a parent and someone so very special so suddenly and my heart goes out to them all.

At the beginning of September this year I

contacted Graham to inform him of my change of email address, which was due to my being made redundant. Graham was one of only a couple that responded to my email, which was sent to many, and I drew some heart from his kind words. In this email he said, words to the effect that; he firmly believes that what happens to those of us within this subject happens for a reason. I don't know if I can ever accept there is a reason for a life so full of energy to be cut so short? However, I hope that wherever he has crossed over to now that he now has all the answers to those many questions and I hope that he now knows the truth that we all continue to search for.

POSTSCRIPT

I would just like to end this piece by giving you all some information on what has been happening to your SUFOG SEC.

I understand that for sometime I have been unable to attend group meetings and some sky watches? I would like to assure everyone that my enthusiasm for the group and this subject is just as strong as it always has been. My commitment to this group is also as strong as always. However, I would like to explain what has happened recently to keep me so busy.

In November of last year I was told that my job could be at risk? This was dependant of many factors, which I will not detail here, as they are irrelevant. Then in April of this year my fifth child was born, this was after my partner and I had lost a child in January of last year. The last few months have been rather hectic to say the least? My partner has gone back to work, nightshifts, and I have continued to work some Friday and Saturday nights part-time. My job was made redundant on September 30th and since then I have been offered a position, which I am awaiting confirmation of as I write this. The stress and strain at a time like this is great, more so when you have such a young family. I will be honest and say that I do not cope well under this kind of stress, but hopefully things will be looking up soon, there have been other factors along the way too, but I need not go into everything. All I want to do is to give you some idea of the reasons that have kept me from meetings.

I am not attending meetings because I have not had a choice, it is hard when my partner works nights, but I promise you I will attend meetings etc when ever I am able, you can be assured of that. My commitment to the group is and always will be the same.

Kind Regards to all SUFOG members.

Steve Rider
SUFOG SEC & SUFOG MIB
October 2003, S.Rider

Press Release

Probing The Minds Of Alien Abductees.

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Are extraterrestrials really abducting people against their will and conducting experiments on them, or are such reports simply a product of the human mind, a modern myth? Psychologists at Goldsmiths College, University of London, are to about to begin research into this fascinating phenomenon.

According to Professor Chris French, Head of the Anomalistic Psychology Research Unit (APRU) at Goldsmiths' Psychology Department, which will undertake the research: Abductees report a wide range of experiences; the research project aims to test not only the psychological aspects of the abduction experience, but also to find out more about the other kinds of experiences that abductees report, and includes some tests for phsyic abilities. "The research is supported by other UFO investigators. Nick Pope, head of the UK Government's UFO project in the early 1990s, gives his opinion: "Whether you think the phenomenon is psychological or par psychological, you should welcome this study. Whatever the true nature of the phenomenon, we'll learn more about it."

Judith Jaafar, Chair of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA), comments: "I am pleased that an academic body in Britain taking steps to understand the source of this compelling phenomenon. It may throw up more questions than answers, but that has always been the way forward in true, objective scientific endeavour."

Malcolm Robinson, Founder of Strange

Phenomena Investigations (SPI): "Chris French and his team should be commended for undertaking this study that will shed a little more light upon this modern mystery. SPI looks forward to the results of this project with eager anticipation."

Anyone who believes that they have had an alien abduction experience and would like to take part in the project should email apru@gold.ac.uk or contact Rachel Fox, 020 7919 7171 (ext 4389), for further information.

Notes to Editors The ten-month project, which begins in October, is being supported by the Bial Foundation of Portugal, which has provided a 36,000 Euro grant. The project team includes Chris French, Rachel Fox, Krissy Wilson and Julia Santomauro (APRU members) and Dr Michael Thalbourne parapsychologist, APRU, University of Adelaide), with James Basil and Mark Gibbons (Foundation for the Research of Extraordinary Trauma & Support for Abductees) acting as consultants.

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Alien Odds Cut

William Hill have cut their odds about official confirmation of the current existence of intelligent extra terrestrial life being forthcoming by the UK Prime Minister before the end of 2004 from 500/1 to 100/1.

(What does William Hill know that we don't?)

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The Journey – The Review.

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(Steve Gerrard on a Skywatch)

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One may ask oneself how can I write a fair review of this 86-minute video, when the Southampton UFO Group has many questions left unanswered about the footage. Let me take you back two or three years when the footage hit the Internet and it was the hottest footage in town. At no time when the footage hit the Internet, was SUFOG approached to investigate the case, as we are only 22 miles from the location. The footage was splashed around the world and knowing the area, we started trying to track down the witness. Then, all of a sudden, new footage from the same area (Havant, Portsmouth, Hampshire) appeared on the Internet filmed by 'Bambi' showing similar objects over the same area. Bambi still remains at large and has not come forward, but Anthony's name was soon linked to the footage and he came out into the open. Then approx Christmas last year Anthony emailed me and wanted to arrange a meeting somewhere neutral. Fine with SUFOG's secretary Steve Rider and me. We were set for a meeting that may of changed UFOlogy. Then all of a sudden Anthony backed off and I later heard that he had in fact met up with Graham and Russel from UFO Magazine and now, we have the footage on general release. What I hope to find out from the video are answers to many questions that I have to ask. Any that remain outstanding will be printed after the review; maybe they will be answered at a latter date.

The Journey.

Graham Birdsall introduced the video with a look back at UFO footage covering Billy Meier, Kenneth Arnold and other clips dating back to the 1950's. Then, Anthony Woods went back over his childhood and recounted his first sighting in 1972 at the age of eight. Since then, Anthony has accumulated over 100 pieces of UFO footage (Yet, apart from his brother in law and wife, there have been no other independently reported sightings?). He did say that he had a sighting in the 1990's of a black object over Portsdown hill and it was reported the next day in the local paper by a local professor.

There are many clips of footage on the video, yet there are so many questions left un-answered (see end of review). One of the main ones, was that Anthony video'd a fleet of UFO's over his house for over 6hrs! Yet again, no independent witness and no reports on TV or in the local press. ?

The tape interviews researchers such as Gary Hesseltine (MoD police Detective), who said that that he was 'satisfied that it is not a hoax in any way' and he believed it is the most stunning footage caught on film in this country'. There is also an interview with Tim Farrell a video expert who was unable to explain the footage. Mind you, the only, what I would say was unidentified beyond all doubt (unless it was a remote controlled object) was an object, in the shape of a number '6' with lights on it flying through the sky. Again, there was an interview with Andrew Fry who produced a computerized 3D image of the '6' and said 'it was an outstanding piece of footage', 'no hint of an imposed image' and a final interview with a Prof. Roger Green who said that the image was a 'genuine Unidentified Flying Object'.

There was final interviews with Anthony Woods brother in law who said that 'people will be skeptical – These are not mundane objects. The skepticism does not stand up due to their maneuvers and shape etc. Anthony wants to know what it all means and where is it all going and that it is something real and unexplainable and he is still looking for answers - This is something significant. The final words were from Russel Callaghan who said that people would be intrigued and amazed and Anthony being in the right place at the right time. These objects are

non-threatening as they glide through the sky and that there has been a team of people checking the local papers and there have been no other reports (One must ask the question – Why?) Anthony is still filming objects and his last footage was recorded on the 3rd August 2003 on 2 separate cameras, one held by Anthony and the other by his wife.

I have watched the tape a couple of times and apart from maybe one or two clips, I am not impressed by the majority of the images as they are the usual small point of light flying through the sky. Anthony seems a genuine person who is filming something. But, there is a lot more to the Anthony Woods case that may NEVER hit the UFO community and many questions that remain unanswered even in this videotape due to one UFO group being threatened with being taken to court if they release information that they hold about the case. So, on a scale of 5 stars, I give it a 2, but only you can decide. But when you watch the tape, bear the following questions in mind, as there are so many questions that remain unanswered:

1. Portsmouth Naval Base situated on Anthony's back door.
2. Witnesses: Only his brother in law and wife.
3. No other reports from the area on Television, radio or the Internet.
4. Only ONE article in the Portsmouth News dated: 18.6.01
5. Where are ALL the other witnesses if Anthony has seen so many UFO's and why have they not contacted the media especially when a fleet of UFO's were seen and filmed for 6 hours?
6. Why Anthony Wood's.
7. Why has he now decided come out of obscurity and people ARE going to ask the question 'Financial'?
8. Why did he not contact the Southampton UFO Group in the beginning as we are only 22 miles down the road and we have had

NO other UFO reports from Bedhampton/Havant at the end of the 1990's?

9. Why did Anthony pull out of our meeting in Nov/Dec 2002 and contact UFO Magazine?
10. DERA on Portsdown Hill – Surly would have tracked these UFO's.
11. Parted company with original Mexican investigator after 12 months.
12. Other researchers have declared the whole case as a hoax.
13. Why did Anthony, if he wanted to remain unknown, did he go to groups who splashed the footage over the Internet and start a mass hunt for the originator of the footage.

There are many other points and questions that have not been added to this review and I feel that without these points, then the review is unfair without the whole picture.

Steve Gerrard (Southampton UFO Group, Chairman)©2003

Kecksburg : The New Roswell...

I received a copy of this video from a very good friend who has an American contact as this was shown on the SCI-FI Channel over there. America at the moment seems to be the place for TV Specials and this was no exception. If you are not familiar with the Kecksburg (Pennsylvania) Incident, here is a quick overview... On the 9th December 1965 an object tracked across the United States and Canada crashed into a wooded area in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania... Simple... One would of thought so. The program re-opened the case with a group of Geologists trying to locate the crash site. The case has also become known as 'The Pennsylvania Roswell'. Also throughout this program were updates on the Roswell crash in New Mexico in 1947.

According to Project Blue Book, a 3 man military team was sent to the area to recover the crashed 'U.F.O. but they reportedly found nothing. The town of Kecksburg has become

deeply divided over the whole case and some are convinced it was a hoax. The wound had refused to heal after some 40yrs and is still hush-hush among some town's folk.

At 4.45 p.m. on the night, one witness heard a hissing/humming noise and saw a fireball with a colored vapor trail moving slowly as if controlled. Thousands of people reported the 'meteor'. Another witness said the 'meteor' had smooth edges and smooth lines as it changed course/maneuvered as it turned from the South to the Northeast. The local radio station WHJB was flooded with 100's of calls. One caller said that the object looked like a '4 pointed star'. A reporter, John Murphy arrived at the scene with crowds in local lanes who had traveled some 40 miles to get there. Police officers said that 'We've got something out there, a blue pulse with a light on it'. But later on someone said it was someone in the woods with a strobe camera.

The whole incident changed the town completely and the program played some tape recordings never heard before, made by the reporter John Murphy. The radio station even received a phone call from the Army wanting directions to the crash site.

The Sci-Fi channel sponsored a Geologist Dr. Steven Kite and two other Geologists to investigate the alleged crashed site. The object had been imbedded a foot to a foot and a half into the ground, a red ball on fire, stunk like rotten eggs, sparkling and making a sizzling noise as if it was cooling down. Dr. Kite dug test pits and did radiation tests and also had a photograph taken in the 1980's by UFO researcher Stan Gordon showing the damaged trees and he was now, some 20 yrs later trying to locate them. The landowner says he saw nothing at the time and now, many witness are in their 60'/70's and the rift had lasted a quarter of a century.

The program switched to Roswell and the digs that had been carried out at the alleged crash site. They did soil tests on microscopic material left impacted at Ros-

well.

Back to Kecksburg... at 8 p.m. a mob had built at the sighting and outer town's along with the press. John Murphy pressurized state troopers... Murphy... 'Did you find anything down there'... Troopers 'Not Sure'... 'You have to get information from the Army'... Military value... military had weapons... According to Project Blue Book only a 3 man military team was dispatched to the area and they found nothing. UFO researcher Stan Gordon smells a cover-up as he thinks the 3 men were front men only. Some witnesses reported that they saw people from NASA at the site. Witnesses say that there were no military vehicles at the site, but others would swear on the bible that there were. James Oberg stated that meteorites can't be tracked on radar then or now (This did not explain how the military arrived at the site so quickly). Another witness went into the woods and was confronted by an armed military man pointing his M1 rifle at him and told to 'get out of here'. Another witness was told that if he did not leave the area, he would have his car confiscated. Another witness came across flares across the road and was told to turn around. He did, but doubled back on foot into the woods and saw between 70 – 100 armed military personnel heading towards the woods. He suddenly heard a scream that, made the hairs on the back of his head, stand on end. Then a second scream that was too high to be a human scream.

Back to the Summer 2002 dig at Roswell led by Dr. Bill Doleman who had located an area of powerfully impacted soil. The samples had been taken to the SNI Labs.

Back in Kecksburg, the damaged trees had been located and it was found that they were digging in the wrong location. Another witness at the time, a fireman, had to search the woods for a crashed plane and survivors. Some 30 yards apart, they found the ravine and the object in it. A very large, metallic object, no windows, doors or portholes or wings, shaped like a 'huge acorn'. It also had some hieroglyphs or pictures around the base that was to be later corroborated by other witnesses. Over-coated men told people that the area was quarantined and to leave the area and seemed to have authority over everyone their i.e. state police and military. A local family had these over-coated men and army personnel in their home to use the phones.

The case appears to be one big cover-up, as the landing site had been 'tidied' up... the crash site had been back filled with earth and a damaged fence repaired. There were rumors of radiation, a large truck and men dressed in white 'space' suits carrying a 'litter'

SUFOG DIARY - 2004..

February 18th - Group Meeting

March 17th - Group Meeting

April 4th - Dorchester Conference

April 21st - Group Meeting

May 19th - Group Meeting

June 16th - Group Meeting

July 21st - Group Meeting

August 18th - Group Meeting

Sept 15th - Group Meeting

October 20th - Group Meeting

November 17th - Group Meeting

December 15th - Group Meeting

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..

with a box on it. The men were from shadowy government agencies – civil suits and running the show – MIB's (Men In Black).

Nick Redfern was interviewed and said that Men In Black warn people off about these types of incidents and some are from the world of officialdom. The Air Force at the time were concerned about Men In Black (from an official Memo). At the time Project Moon Dust and Project Blue Fly were running and were interested in Soviet Space Debris and may have been at Kecksburg checking the crash out. One witness stated that they had seen approx. 6 people from NASA there as they had NASA badges on their uniforms. But James Oberg said that this would have been un-likely as they would have gone in under a false flag. In June 2003 a second site dig started and there was soil disruption at the site (2 different types of soil).

Back at the Roswell dig and the soil tests revealed nothing more than soil from this planet, but mysterious fibers found in the soil were unexplainable.

A freedom Of Information Act applied for to many groups but all turned down the request, NASA, US Army etc... 'The records must exist somewhere'... At midnight in 1965, a military flat bed lorry entered the wooded area empty and left with something in the back covered in a tarpaulin... James Oberg said that a Russian Space Craft Cosmos 96 had re-entered early in the morning on the 9th December and broken up over Canada and the re-entry capsule was Acorn shaped. Reporter John Murphy got to the crash site before anyone else had arrived and took photographs of the objects. The film was confiscated by the military, but he had 1 photo on another role they new nothing about. He received a 'visit' by the military and afterwards his personality changed. His radio program was censored and bits were bleeped out and people were scared and did not want to appear on the program. Not long afterwards, Murphy went out at 10 p.m. to investigate an oil slick? But he never returned, because he was run over by a hit & run driver who was never traced. All his files and life work disappeared from his office at the radio station. His wife said that he had seen and heard too much... The program ended with a town meeting in 2003 and showed how the community was still heavily divided over the incident. But, Dr. Kite said that the damaged tree's growth slowed down around 1965 – 'The Smoking Gun'...

I thoroughly enjoyed this program and if you can get a copy or it appears on the SCI-FI channel here, watch it and make your mind up ... Government cover-up, plane crash, a UFO or Cosmos 96...

Is Anybody Out There.
Chris Martin.

I sat down to watch what I thought would be the latest NEW pieces of footage, caught on camera by Chris. I was somewhat disappointed, because I feel he should of entitled it something along the lines of '4 years of my life'. The program was based (as I saw it) on the past 4 or 5 years of Chris's life. The opening sequence was of UFO clips and some were interesting and some not so. We firstly jetted off to the 10th Annual Laughlin, Nevada conference, where Chris gave a lecture and filmed Graham Birdsall being interviewed for what appeared to be a TV program. Then Chris moved on to being interviewed on local radio KTOX. We then jetted back to the UK, and Scotland for an interview with Brian McPhee and were shown his Jan 2000 UFO footage of a tubular UFO. Then on the journey back, the footage filmed by Chris of the flying Triangle from the M9 motorway. Chris headed to the studios of This Morning, with Richard and Judy, for an interview along with Dennis Plunkett. Then down to the studios of Channel 5 and an interview along with Roy Lake and finally to the studios of Talk Radio and a 2 hr interview James Whale... Phew...

There were interviews with other UFOlogists, Mark Hall, Marc Bell, Roy Hale and Stuart Wisdom. Then there was the footage at Avebury, when Chris was filming a Microlite and suddenly a silvery sphere appeared in the sky behind it. Then, in April 2003 Chris jetted off again, this time to Australia for a lecture or two and he met



NEWSPAPER REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

Sparse collection of media items... not unexpected...political in-fighting etc pushes any UFOlogical and paranormal material almost out a sight! Almost!

THE DAILY EXPRESS for December 2003 had the Richard and Judy page relating a ghost story that I wish I hadn't hidden away since it predated my own December encounter....with similarities! Seems a hospital nurse on night duties.. who is also a roving reporter on the Richard and Judy show...was suddenly urged to attend an elderly woman patient at the end of her ward. As she opened the door a man brushed by her coming out. Next moment he had vanished into thin air! The shocked nurse carried on into the room, where the patient was sitting up with a smile on her face. 'Did you see him?' she asked. 'See who?' the nurse asked. 'My late husband, he has been sitting in that chair by the door for ages. Telling me the most wonderful things... I'm surprised you didn't see him!' Programme co-presenter Judy subsequently found out, at a charity ball for Macmillan nurses, an 'astonishing number' of nurses confessed to seeing a hospital ghost! Coincidence? 'Course not!

THE TIMES of January 3rd ran a full page on the "Mission for

Mars" as it was titled, by Mark Henderson. A telling comment was 'at stake is nothing less than an understanding of humanity's place in the Universe'. Cosmologist Colin Pillinger, mastermind behind Beagle 2, says 'we want to know the ultimate beginning of the Universe' while Richard Dawkins of Oxford University adds 'to discover we are not alone is something that could really happen'. The general feeling in the article is that religion has nothing to fear.

I can't help thinking, maybe unfairly, the there's religion and there's religionists! Example; Al Quada for starters.! Before you ask the inevitable question, a theoretical physicist and Anglican priest, John Polkington, allows that if there are 'little green men', then 'THE WORD would also have been made incarnate in little green flesh!!' Hmm... one can see the ensuing worldwide debate should THE TRUTH as WE know it be revealed!

THE MIRROR of 13th Jan had astrologer Jonathan Cainer's page featuring an illustrated item on the three Indiana, USA, policemen, who saw a circular object in the sky on December 26th. The size of a hot air balloon, it drifted towards a church steeple, then shot straight up without a sound in an encounter of less than a minute. 'Any comment' was asked by Mirror reader Lynda to which Cainer said 'there will, I suspect, many more such reports soon. This year is due to be a bumper year for 'alien' encounters!' Cainer is remarkably accurate on forecasts as I've found out over some years!

THE DAILY MAIL of January 23rd has a question and answer in its Coffee Page on "Timeslips", with a TV documentary describing two couples who stayed at an old-fashioned French Hotel for one night. Later, on another trip, they tried to find the same hotel only to discover it had not been a hotel for many decades.

THE TIMES "EYE" magazine of the 31st Jan featured a piece on the "Sea of Souls" paranormal drama series that began on February 2nd. It looks into telepathy, clairvoyance, and psychic healing... reincarnation too according to my current TV programmes. Curious that a sudden burst of the paranormal recently should happen when such events are going on in our REAL life! SUFOG members with such experiences are always welcome to include such in the magazine pages.. fascinating parts of a cosmic jigsaw.

THE DAILY EXPRESS for January 24th boggles the mind, and I dunno what YOU'RE going to make of the

half page article, on "The German's SECRET WEAPON. No, not those "foo fighters". This one is a small DRAGON, suspended in a jar of formaldehyde, 12 inches tall but extends to 40 inches laid out flat... small but frighteningly real with tiny teeth, Described as being "invented" in the 1890s' by German scientists and found in a dusty old Oxfordshire garage. Leading scientists and historians have been 'left scratching their heads', the Natural History Museum turned it away suspecting a hoax, it is described as 'flawless'. The photos accompanying the article show a very "scary" creature with wings and fearsome claws, Any ideas?

Ghosts in Netley Abbey.

Saturday the 27th December 2003 and I was walking through the long corridor at my sheltered housing complex, around eight in the morning, heading for the newspaper and general store a few yards from where I live. Going through the rear door, I turned to shut it, and, looking back along the passage, I saw a tall, slim, lady, standing in the foyer. I didn't recognise her as a fellow tenant... as I wondered who she might be she waved an arm at me, and my reaction was to wave back. As I took in her white "blouse" top and long black skirt she vanished. Hmmm, I mused... WHO was that? I've encountered "ghosts" (including a dog) and, indeed, "dead" people on a few occasions... a side effect of UFO encounters... but NEVER one who WAVED to me! It didn't end there. Later that same day I was expecting a lady and her grandson to call around 4 p.m. My security buzzer went about then, I pressed the requisite button and a voice spoke... I assumed it was the grandson but didn't recognise the "squawk" so just said 'come in' and waited. No one appeared. I waited... the buzzer went again. Exasperated, I said 'the bloody door's open'! Just that peculiar "gabble" again. I decided to go down... reaching the foyer I found the manageress, her husband, her son and another man, all

laughing as I appeared. I asked was it them having a joke with me as they were standing at the open door. No... they were laughing as I'd sworn at them! Hmm... again! I decided to broach my early morning experience. My scheme manageress and her husband were intrigued... since, 18 months previously, a "lady" had appeared in their lounge, dressed in a long black floor length dress, a smock that went halfway, and a "mob" cap... then vanished after smiling slightly. The husband had said, and now repeated it to the other two men, that he wasn't a "believer... but since then he was"! We discussed their particular incident at the time... they knew of my interests by then. We decided the apparition was a nurse from the now mostly demolished Victorian hospital that has only the chapel intact in our village Royal Victoria Country Park... a place of much legend. On a skywatch or two, the Southampton UFO Group of which I am the PRO (Public Relations Officer), had experienced "encounters" near the chapel (which has a rather "unsettling" atmosphere inside it). Myself and another group member have both sensed and SEEN misty shapes of soldiers and nurses there, dressed in World War One uniforms. Our group leader Steve was apparently "spoken" to by a nurse in caring words. Much more went on. After the "lady" who appeared to my manageress etc I worked out that the commemorative stone set in the outside wall of the manager's flat, put there when the complex was opened in 1964, was the "gateway" to the "other side", since it also has the statement that the stone was part of the hospital, demolished after the fire in 1964! There's more to my 27th December experience! The following night I came home around 11 p.m. from my Sunday night regular country music dance night making a quick snack in my kitchen I turned back into the lounge to see a big blue flash from the lower corner of my window and hearing a "BANG"! Startled, I thought a plug had "blown" but no. ALL was normal. I looked around. On the carpeted floor a plastic "frame" was lying some feet from where it belonged on top of a bookcase. The owl that nestled in the frame had vanished...

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MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

UFO MAGAZINE...the January and the February issues kept up the standards we expect.. and a bonus from Russel Callaghan where the editorial normally appears with his appreciation of all contributors who have, to use his own words, 'eased some very difficult times'.

The January issue features the 'of the night' features of the new leader of the Conservative Party Michael Howard and there's seven pages of that "Incident at Burmash in 1997" when a Flying Triangle was alleged to have over flown Michael's Kentish home.. the sensitivity of the general election the very next week saw to it that all was quietly ease Did we see a repeat away from public gaze of UFO's the week before the Hutton enquiry this year? Apparently not! Much more than normal was the week with ET, CLOSE ENCOUNTERS, etc etc films, documentaries on UFO's, a TIMEWATCH one on BBC 2 quite impressive, another on the Universe (Beginning and end) with some quality presenters, Radio Solent's five night's of paranormal goings on.. our Steve G? was good on UFO's while yours truly got in on the "ghosts" night via my 27th December encounter. Much

else.. 'course, Howard's name kept out of it ALL! My articles to three newspapers totally ignored.. which I expected! The February UFO NAGAZINE also added to it's lustre.. items on Mars, The Minnesota sighting. Good article from Mary Rodwell's CONCERN witness support group. Well, let me suggest those who claim to be really SERIOUS UFOlogists should latch onto UFO MAGAZINE.. good booksellers or subs will assure a monthly contact. All details rom SUFOG organisers etc.

AWARENESS from Editor Geoff Ambler heads the CONTACT INTTERNATIONAL UFO RESEARCH group based in Oxfordshire and it's pocket sized issue for Winter 2004 contains Crop Circles revisited, by Geoff Ambler who reckons some 68 formations from April to August in 2003 was NOT a "vintage" one which aerial photos coped with as 'genuine' and about 12 were assessed as hoaxes or anecdotal reports. Hampshire had 5 and our neighbour Wiltshire 35...top rating. Famous abductee Betty Hill gets interesting coverage by Avis Ruffu. Research data and sightings of course. Oxford area paranormal happenings. Much else of interest and good to see this excellent publication and group still in being. Obtainable from PO Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon., OX33 1FL.. subs £9 for 4, £14 for 8.

OVNI from Omar Fowler's Phenomenon Research Association, based in Derbyshire and a healthy looking organization from the look of it Amazing photos from the Apollo 16 moon mission mentioned elsewhere and my USA copies passed around at the December meeting.. also on the Internet. 'Gigantic' says text from Richard Boylan Ph.D. Editor Omar sys 'puzzled by media not taking photos up'. Totally afraid, Omar, or a hoax? Betty Hill seriously ill, says article in a repeat coverage of Betty and Barney Hill's 1961 missing time etc incident. Elsewhere in Ovni excellent coloured photos illustrating a Belgium June 2003 cop circle over fly by a microlight.. hired and flown by the investigator concerned. Margaret Fry..a well known investigator and a long term SUFOG member...writes on those orbs or spheres.. photo taken in West Sussex in August 2003 while Mars was the intended subject. Very clear photo by a new acquaintance of Margaret's. Siberian mysterious structures.. are they alien bases? Latest UFO reports Etc OVNI from 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 9H... £1 plus postage, bi-monthly.

RAPPORT magazine is the product of the London based the late Ken Philips' Witness Support Group. Yours truly has my own column in the bi-monthly issue.. optional cost ,,,£2...and the November-December edition sports a nicely coloured front cover and a 2004 calendar on the back! BUFORA's 40th Anniversary Conference is covered in full. Lionel Beer, John

Spencer, Derrel Sims, Malcolm Robinson, Andy Roberts, Matthew Hurley, were the interesting speakers covered by Rapport Editor Mike Rutter in a 'light synopsis.' Beyond the Light article by Ginny Katz on time, space, Soul, Inner Being, subconscious Body Clearing, etheric state, etc etc etc! Fortunately my "career" included meditation and spiritual experiences and teachings.. once you have "discovered" how to do it you never lose it UNLESS YOU WISH TO. Mike used my piece from the Bournemouth Echo. and it looked good in colour even if a bit fainter than the original. OK...if you're an abductee the WSG is founded by such FOR other abductees. Details from me!

THE UFO CRITICISM BY J.N. FROM JAPAN is a 4 page production that Steve G. has been able to get regular copies of.. this one is the 5th issue of Vol.3 No 2. A memorial to Gordon Creighton and Graham Birdsall. A book, UFOs at American House, November 2003, a Symposium, published in the USA 1968, came into "J.Ns" hands. Items on those "rods". Al in all, Japan's UFO interest seem to be growing.. two Halls have been built in Hakui City and Iino Town. The publication is not for sale but if you are REALLY interested no doubt Steve G will let you borrow it.

End of magazine coverage. Hopefully more next time!

BOOK REVIEWS
by Ernie Sears

Wow! Our Editor and group founder Steve G turned up with no less than FOUR new books from the publishing house of Hampton Roads Publishing Comp, Inst.... and what a collection! Of the four, which I dipped into, I spent longer on the 477 pages of "UFOs and the National Security State" , author Richard M. Dolan, which carried a foreword by Jacques F. Vallee, Ph. D. and a book cover nod of approval by Dr.Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 Astronaut, quote; 'a thorough and monumental

undertaking' . The attractive and effective cover also summed up the tome with "Chronology of a Cover-up 1941-1973 Revised Edition." A gripping read.. only the most obtuse could deny the page after page, chapter after chapter, of factual, and yes. official accounts of familiar and unfamiliar events that MUST surely, inevitably, be THE TRUTH. Whitley Strieber in back cover quotes says 'remarkable and monumental' and 'documentation the best ever' and 'most certainly a cover-up in place', while our own Nick Redfern, author of the best selling "A Covert Agenda" says 'a destined to become true classic'. That sums up my opinion and reinforces my intention to add "UFOs and the National Security "to my "must have" collection! NO WAY can I find a price anywhere! But try the publishers at Hampton Roads Publishing Company Inc. 1125 Stoney Ridge Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902 or email; hrpc@hrpub.com or internet www.hrpub.com . or one of our better book shops. THE TRUTH IS NOT ONLY COMING! THIS BOOK TELLS YOU IT'S HERE! NOW!

Book Review
Steve Gerrard

Another book sent to SUFOG for review by Hampton Roads Publishing is 'The Galaxy on Earth' by Richard Levington. This 550+ page book looks at the power centres around the world and takes us on a trip to the 56 sites around the world including Glastonbury, Mount Fuji, Japan, Sedona, Arizona etc. Each area is looked into 'Physical Description', History & 'Archaeology', 'Myth & Legend', 'Mystics & Tourists', 'Geomantic'. All these areas appear to many to have some 'powers' that may be a link to other dimensions and worlds and this book takes you to these mystical sites and by reading and visiting these sites (through the book) will change your out look on life. I enjoyed the book, but as to changing my life and out look on life, I must say no. But, if you are thinking of taking a mystical trip or visiting some of these sites mentioned in the book, then it well worth a read.

up with Mary Rodwell. Chris interviewed other witnesses and even visited Pine Gap (Secret listening base) – Area 51 Australia... We also saw the news clip of the interview that he gave to the local Television station. Finally, we were treated to 3 pieces of footage :

- June 2003 : East London : Horse-shoe shaped.
- August 2003 : West London : Black Tube
- August 2003 : South East London : Translucent Object (Looked a bit like a box kite to me, but...

Anyway, I must say that although it wasn't what I was expecting and the fact that I think the title should have been more of a reflection of 'What Chris had got up to in the past 4 yrs', I did enjoy it. Only you can tell if it is any good by buying it yourself and watching it and for a score out of 10, lets say 5/6.

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SCI FI SUPPORTS NEW SCIENTIFIC INITIATIVE TO INVESTIGATE UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA

Unprecedented Cooperative Joins Together Major Organizations To Engage Scientific Community

Washington, D.C. - Recognizing the need to establish the scientific legitimacy of investigating unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP), SCI FI Channel today announced a new initiative that brings together the major organizations investigating this still mysterious phenomenon and establishes a multi-group effort to study the physical evidence associated with UAP reports. This unprecedented initiative, supported by the SCI FI Channel, joins together all of the major organizations that study the

phenomenon-the Centre for UFO Studies (CUFOS), the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR), the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the National Aviation Centre for Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP), the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS), and the National UFO Reporting Centre (NUFORC).

The goal of the effort is to engage the interest of the broader scientific community with cases featuring trace physical evidence. The cooperative will spearhead thorough scientific investigations of these cases with the intent to publish results in mainstream scientific journals. The groups have created a joint website where members of the public, as well as scientists, can report current UFO sightings (www.ufoscience.org).

"For nearly 50 years, numerous organizations and individuals have reported on and studied the UFO phenomenon," said Dr. Mark Rodeghier, Scientific Director of CUFOS. "Until now, these organizations have not combined their accumulated knowledge, expertise, and resources to establish and oversee a systematic, rigorous effort to investigate scientifically promising UAP cases."

At an organizing meeting held this past June in Washington, D.C., leaders of these organizations agreed to develop a framework and protocols to conduct rapid investigation and analysis of cases with physical evidence. "Obtaining and analysing physical evidence is the best way to determine the validity, and potential causes, of the UAP phenomenon," said John Schuessler, International Director of MUFON. "It is our hope that by working with scientists who can subject this phenomenon to rigorous investigation and laboratory study, we can understand more about the likely causes of UAP, whether it occurs with discernible patterns or trends, whether existing knowledge is adequate to provide explanations, or whether the phenomenon represents something truly unexplained," said Don Berliner, Chairman of FUFOR.

In addition to landmark documentary programming, last year SCI FI launched a Washington, D.C. based public advocacy initiative to draw greater attention to the UFO phenomenon by the media, scientists and

opinion leaders. Those interested in more information on SCI FI's supported public advocacy initiative can log on to www.freedomofinfo.org. On December 12 the channel will premiere UFO INVASION AT RENDLESHAM, a new two-hour special hosted by Bryant Gumbel, exposing what has come to be regarded as the most significant military-UFO incident in history (www.scifi.com/rendlesham).

BBC2 - 9th January 2004

TimeWatch.

I found this a very interesting program that for once portrayed UFOlogy in a good light. There were interviews with real people who had had real UFO sightings and were Ex-military personnel. It is not often that UFOlogy is given a fair image, but this was good for once. All I can say lets hope that the British media and press keep up the good work and lets hope that 2004/5 is the year of the UFOlogist.

Death of Charles Berlitz.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Dec. 24 (UPI) Charles Berlitz of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a well-known linguist and author of the book "The Bermuda Triangle, has died.

The Miami Herald reported Wednesday that he died last week at the age of 90 at University Hospital in Tamarac, Fla. Berlitz was the grandson of Maximilian Berlitz, who founded the international chain of language schools. Charles Berlitz was also considered a top linguist and spoke several languages. He was head of publications for the Berlitz Co. in New York before retiring to Fort Lauderdale. He also spent 13 years on active duty in the U.S. Army, mostly in intelligence. He is the author of several books on the paranormal in addition to "The Bermuda Triangle," including "Without a Trace" and "The Roswell Incident." The cause of death Thursday was not disclosed.

UFO Invasion At Rendlesham

I've now seen the Sci-Fi Channel's documentary UFO Invasion at Rendlesham, and thought I'd offer a few comments, primarily for those in the UK, where it hasn't yet been shown.

Overall I thought it was very good, not least for the obvious reason that the length of the show allowed more material to be presented in more depth than would have been the case with a shorter documentary.

The producers used two main consultants, thanked in the credits: Georgina Bruni and Peter Robbins. Accordingly, the documentary drew heavily on material published in You Can't Tell The People and Left At East Gate. However, that's not to say that there wasn't a lot of new material presented. After a brief overview, I'll focus on this new material, and what I see as the key points.

Georgina Bruni and Peter Robbins were featured throughout the documentary, with other researchers such as Tim Good, Nick Redfern and Rich Dolan also offering comments. So far as USAF personnel were concerned, Halt and Penniston played the central role, with Larry Warren also being featured a lot. Gordon Williams, Monroe Nevels and Ray Gulyas gave what I believe to be their first television interviews, and Edward Cabansag was also featured a fair bit. Civilian witnesses included Gerry Harris, and Roy and Marina Webb. No official USAF or MOD spokesperson appeared, but Lord Hill-Norton and I were featured extensively in a private capacity, giving our personal views on the incident, the official investigation, and other relevant points.

I picked out the following as new or interesting pieces of information: Penniston said that Staff Sergeant John Coffey confirmed to him that an uncorrelated radar target had been tracked immediately prior to the first sighting.

With regard to the official USAF witness statements published in You Can't Tell The People, Penniston said that he sanitised his by choice. Cabansag stated that he was forced to sign his.

Penniston was filmed with his original notebook, on which he said he'd made notes and drawings at the time of his sighting. This merits further study. The sketch of the hieroglyphs, for example, is rawer than the more tidy version that appears in *You Can't Tell The People*. Penniston, Nevels and Gulyas all said that photographs had been taken during the various sightings, but that they came back fogged.

Halt and Penniston disagreed over the location of the landing site, and then concluded that two separate locations were involved. Forester Vince Thurkettle (the original proponent of the lighthouse theory) confirmed that the lighthouse would not have been visible from this second site. That said, I wondered whether Halt or Penniston could really be certain about the locations so long after the event, given that the forest has changed significantly, most notably as a result of tree loss during the so-called Great Storm of 1987, and subsequent replanting. Halt went further than I've heard him go before in public on promoting the idea that some aggressive debriefings were carried out using chemicals and/or hypnosis, and that disinformation techniques were used. Penniston recalled (albeit under regression hypnosis) that two people he described as agents of either C8 or DS8 had been present during a debriefing involving an injection of Sodium Pentothal. I was then filmed explaining that Defence Secretariat 8 had been the Ministry of Defence's lead department on the UFO issue at the time. This division evolved into Secretariat (Air Staff), where I worked, so I was a little unhappy at the potential implication that my predecessors had engaged in such an activity. I should point out that it was public knowledge that the departmental lead for investigating UFO sightings lay with DS8.

A few quibbles; some dates were wrong, including (crucially) the dates of the incidents themselves, and the date that the MOD released documents from the files on the incidents. An interesting initiative involving environmental scientist Patrick Davison checking the landing site for radiation fizzled out, possibly because of confusion over the locations. And the point about the then C-in-C USAFE General Charles A. Gabriel (who died

on September 4, 2003) being given the tape recordings wasn't really developed as thoroughly as it might have been. The documentary is likely to be screened in the UK at some stage this year, and I'll post further details of this when I know them. In the meantime, Peter Robbins will be writing a detailed critique of the show for *UFO Magazine* in the UK. This will address, in particular, some issues relating to the portrayal of Larry Warren.

The end credits finished with the following poignant message: Dedicated to the memory of Graham W. Birdsall, Founder and Editor-in-Chief *UFO Magazine* (UK), 7th April 1954 - 19th September 2003. He will be remembered for his courage, sense of humour, drive, and countless contributions to the field. Best wishes and Happy New Year,

Nick Pope

(Well folks, hopefully at our March meeting, we will be showing this program as I have a contact who has received a copy from the States... Steve G)

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Happy Birthday, "Flying Saucer"
Daylight Disk - Denison, Texas, USA - 2
January 1878...

The term 'flying saucer' was made popular by a journalist covering Kenneth Arnold's Sighting of nine flying disks in June of 1947. A farmer, John Martin, used the term 70 years earlier to describe what he saw on a hunting expedition in Texas. John Martin saw a dark object high in the Northern sky. He first noticed it to be about the size of an orange, that grew in size as it got closer to him. After a while it had increased considerably in size and appeared to be going quite fast. When it was over him it was the size of a large saucer and at a great height. Because this UFO was dark, and not a

mysterious light, reflective, or silvery, any scientists believe he saw a solid object against the sky, with the light behind it. Editor: The phrase "Flying Saucer" is 126 years old this year.



PICK

New series of historical documentaries

Timewatch, BBC 2, 9pm

Fox Mulder and Dana Scully would have a ball with this documentary, which kicks off a new series of Timewatch. It chronicles the bizarre history of Britain's UFO phenomenon, examining supposedly true stories of the country's most famous sightings, and unlocks secret Government files to see if the truth really is out there. It also reveals the incredible tale of an encounter in 1955 between Prince Philip's equerry and a mysterious 'alien' called Mr Janus.

Recent Sightings.

A close and therefore trusted friend was having a break from her hospital night shift at 3.05 a.m. in late November 2003, and having a smoke outside looking out over the Hampshire countryside on the Southampton outskirts was startled to see a 'huge' very bright object passing quickly over the sky before her, quite low down and apparently descending behind houses to the west. She assumed, she later related, it was a meteor. It is true, as I investigated, a meteor shower was forecast around then but was puzzled slightly by its alleged 'descent'. However, a week later, in the same location but coming off her shift about 7.15 a.m. she was attracted to a bright "star"

very high up to the north. It suddenly moved from a standing start and began a series of manoeuvres that took it all four corners of the night sky before it vanished from it's original point up into the night sky... all at very fast speed and soundless. I logged this one as "unidentified"! At our UFO group January meeting the subject came up and someone suggested maybe "IT" performing for the witnesses benefit! Coincidentally, the witness in fact is a serial witness of such things and much more going back to childhood and including a mystery pregnancy etc. It wasn't too long after we first met some 5 years ago that she began to talk to me about weird 'dreams' etc that I was able to show her from my vast library and my own experiences where the TRUTH lay. She was, not surprisingly, shocked! The more she confided in me the more amazed I was!

I spotted an interesting sighting report in my Mirror newspaper in Jonathan Cainer's "Psychic Page". Jon is a professional astrologer and much else and covers UFO's often while his horoscopes on my Gemini birth sign are incredibly (think about it!) spot on what I am actually involved in at that very daily date! This UFO incident took place on the 26th December 2003 and involved a huge, silent, grey "balloon like" object descending slowly and silently by three police officers. It shot straight off with no noise in the encounter which lasted less than a minute. Jonathan's comment was that 'this year will be a bumper year for alien encounters'.

Ernie sears....

Sir; I don't really understand all the excitement about the "discovery" of water on Mars (The Times 24th Jan) In 1959 I'd become interested in our solar system and built my own telescope from ex-Government lenses and a prism. installing it all in a thick cardboard tube, mounting the whole on a pair of bicycle

front forks and three broomstick "tripod"? It cost me the magnificent outlay of five pounds and gave me a magical view of our planetary system, with primitive but working eyepieces which gave me varying magnifications up to 40mm x 300 and enabled me to peer into those lunar craters, study seven of the 13 moons encircling Jupiter, and the beautiful rings around Saturn. Mars? Well, easy peasy.. especially the white permafrost at both poles which changed with the "seasons" thereon. Snow, in fact! Accepted by astronomers then and since. (my dear old then father in law flatly refused to peer into my eyepieces.. since 'there were no mountains on the moon' and the Russian Sputnik was 'all propaganda')

An unexpected bonus was the sudden realization of mankind's puny place in the cosmos. Leading to an open mind on other species, which in turn suffered a quantum leap with my first UFO encounter in broad daylight in 1960 which featured a failed "interception" by two Meteor jets when the "craft" just vanished. Totally denied within ten minutes by the Portsmouth area aerodrome from whence the jets had been "scrambled".

Forty odd years later.. many of them VERY "odd" indeed!...I smile at the BUSH promise to colonise the moon and Mars within a decade or two. With his, and our, history of violence and such, my question is, would he be "ALLOWED"? Among my many worldwide UFOlogical colleagues, the very idea of "exporting" our ego out into near space raises a mutually cynical smile.

Ernie Sears

Psychic News 8th November 2003...

Researchers probe alien abductees.. it said in Psychic News on the 8th November 2003 and made intriguing reading to say the least! TV Skeptic Chris French.. you see him on GMTV etc.. is leading a ten month project based at the University of London's Anomalistic Psychology Research Unit at Goldsmiths College's Psychology Department and aims to see if alien abductions really occur and if there is a

psychic connection. The "probe" is being sponsored by Portuguese Bial Foundation which Steve Gerrard has found is a top well heeled pharmaceutical company. They are giving Chris French and his team.. which includes another psychologist from Australia's University of Adelaide...the useful sum of around £24,000. Judith Jaafar, on the committee of The British UFO Research Association, also a declared skeptic of an "alien" UFO phenomena, welcomes the project, as does her partner Malcolm Robinson, the founder of SPI, Strange Phenomena Investigations. I contacted the project secretary Rachel Fox for info since they are looking for people claiming abductions etc and she gave me all the info. although I declined to get "involved" with "testing" so far but have been assured that SUFOG.. via my role as the group PRO.. will be kept abreast of progress. I have thought, since, that I might get a small share of that £24,000.. say £10,000?... for SUFOG funds if I offered here and now assistance in answering those two questions the probe will pose of 'do alien abductions really occur?' and 'if there is a psychic connection?'

'Course, going on my sixty odd experiences of both, and my current events.. one with a backup of two witnesses and the other by four such.. my own terse and money saving answer to both queries is YES! YES! and YES! for extra! Did I hear a massive worldwide shout of total agreement? Not least, too, the FOUR UFO PARANORMAL books from the USA that our Steve handed me to review late January., Two them by SCIENTIFIC PhDs and EXPERIENCERS including one whose experiences over FIFTY YEARS have not surprising "coincidences" with my own. TIME, my friends, will divulge THE TRUTH.

Ernie Sears.....

Soviet Army Fought UFOs

Soviet military encountered many UFOs, maybe for this reason in the end of the 60s a secret laboratory of researching "flying objects" was created in the USSR. UFO

researchers often blame the military of hiding the cases of alien rockets and disseminating false information of UFO. Army officers are not interested in the disputes about alien civilizations, they are interested in knowing what impact UFO can impose to military equipment and personnel. 1947. Antiaircraft guns of Tran Caucasian Military District fired on the flying cigar-shaped object, which came from the side of the Turkish border. The object's flying altitude was below 4,000 meters, and the guns were capable of reaching a target at the altitudes up to 12,000 meters, but that time the fire made no harm to the "cigar". Then the cigar increased its speed and flew away over the mountains. This incident could cause much trouble, because earlier the border guards and military ships monitoring service missed this target. Then the military was unable to trace this flying object over the country's territory. The Border District command ignored and ordered the monitors not to disclose the information that the object reached a speed up to 2000 kilometers per hour. Similar case took place in 1984 in Turkestan Military District. Near the city of Astrakhan air-defense system marked the ball-shaped object flying at the altitude of 2000 meters along the Caspian seashore in the direction of the state border. The object did not respond to the inquiry made by the military on the radio. Two fighter-planes took off, but they were unable to bring the object down. After being under fire, the object descended up to 100 meters, and at this low altitude the planes were unable to continue firing.

Despite being fired at, the object was having a regular speed. The ball passed over several military units, which allowed to make its photo. Near the city of Krasnoyarsk the military tried to bring the object down with the helicopter. However, it quickly increased its altitude so that the helicopter could not reach it. After firing all its supply of shells, the helicopter landed, and the ball abruptly flew in the direction of the sea and disappeared from the radar screens. In the same area the similar scenario case happened later. The object having the shape of cylinder demonstrated its invulnerability.

Such a demonstration could be the purpose of its flight, because this UFO was having a speed of 100 kilometers per hour. One can blame the military of inhuman actions on bringing down flying objects. But what can they do if the object was moving in the direction of the state border and they had the order to destroy such objects? In 1985 near the town of Krasnovodsk the radar station under the command of Captain Valuev registered the disc-shaped object in size of 1,000 meters! The object was immovable, and some time later a small disc in size of 5 meters flew out of it and then landed on Krasnovodskaya spit. Patrol boats rushed to that area, but when they reached the distance of 100 meters from the object, it took off and flew one kilometer away. This happened five times. Then the object flew up at a huge speed, reached the bigger disc, which finally flew away spaceward.

In the end of the 60s a secret laboratory of researching "flying objects" was created in the USSR. Among the laboratory's tasks was researching anti-gravitation, but the research results were made secret. Its testing area was near the town of Kapustin Yar on purpose. In the end of June of 1971 the military could see over this area a black cigar-shaped flying object floating under the clouds at the altitude of 800 meters. The object was 25 meters long and had about 3 meters in diameter. It had neither stabilizers nor wings nor engines and was moving at the speed of 150 kilometers per hour producing no noise. In 1978 the Soviet Ministry of Defense accepted Network MO program. Special military unit in the town of Mytishi was in charge of collecting data, and newly established "space troops" were designated to fight possible threat from space.

In the beginning of August 1987 five soldiers of Leningrad Military District went to the North of Karelia region on a special mission. They were required to guard the object of unknown origin. It was found on the territory of another military unit near the town of Vyborg. The item was 14 meters long, 4 meters wide, 2.5 meters high. The object had neither doors no hatches, and all attempts to open its hull were unsuccessful. The military

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tried to break off some object parts, but were only able to take some rods from its stern. In the end of September the object disappeared from the hangar without leaving a trace.

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but was soon found nestling in my shoulder bag beneath the bookcase where the owl dwelt.

Puzzled? Yeah! As I said earlier. Such things are mysterious but don't scare me. Three days later I had a stranger visit me by appointment. New Years Eve in fact. In the afternoon, Bill had phoned me with questions about his claimed UFO sightings... one quite recent over our village railway station! Also odd paranormal incidents. We spent two hours talking. I showed him video's etc. I also gave him healing. As he left, he turned to me at the door and asked me if I'd phone him if ANYTHING, even something SMALL, happened ! I thought that was

unusual... even unique! Ho ho ho! Ten minutes later I was in my bathroom. Sat down, I felt a soft touch on my left shoulder. I half turned. The toilet roll was unrolling itself... slowly, firmly, until it finished up around my feet, having reached it's end. I laughed, DID YOU? My thought was, should I ring Bill? End of story? No. I recalled, bemusedly, the occasion some weeks before my "ghost" sighting, when traversing that same passage on the way to the paper shop, at the same time. All quiet. A long, Eeerrnniiiiieeee! I leave you with the thought, the CONVICTION, that "the barriers" are coming down!

Ernie

P.s : I was on Radio Solent Friday 9th January when I told my "ghost story"... Author Andrew House confirmed the "disturbing" atmosphere at the Royal Victoria Country Park on a visit there... during the station's five evenings on the paranormal! SUFOG's Steve Gerrard was on a UFO phone-in. In a week when the TV etc had UFO Documentaries, The Universe, (five days) a repeat of that Great British UFO Hoax, Films : ET, Independence Day, 2001, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, and allied subjects on the Richard and Judy Dhow, Media mention of 109 hitherto "secret" papers being released... don't hold your breath! In 2005!

Injection of Colour.

Next months issue see an injection of colour and as our membership is dropping, I have decided to add colour to the front page of the newsletter and introduce some colour photographs or pictures inside the newsletter.