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## EDITORIAL

As we step into the New Year, this seems a good time to reflect back on 1996. Last year we received over 50 sightings ranging from balls of light to more structured craft. We were also fortunate to receive live video footage and photographs of a number of objects which we have done our best to share with others by showing them at our meetings and by making use of the local media.

We are an active group where events are concerned. Last year we held 15 skywatches, including the International Skywatch organised by UFO Magazine, and we have had some interesting results at some of these events. At Pensilva, for instance, we succeeded in capturing a huge ball of light on film. Our monthly meetings have covered a wide variety of subjects in order to obtain a broader perspective of the phenomena. Subjects have included crop circles, earth mysteries, SETI and the Rendlesham Forest case. We have also touched on the more spiritual side of the subject.

Our plans for 1997 include putting on a conference that will hopefully, draw some well known names in ufology to Cornwall. We plan to continue in a similar vein in 1997 and with your help and support (without which we could not have continued beyond our first year), we aim to make our meetings even more constructive, informative and thought-provoking for all. Also, don't forget that this newsletter is your opportunity to have your say. If you have something you want to share, be it a personal experience, a point of view or an important piece of information, please write in. If you don't want to be identified, then we will respect your wishes. At the end of the day we would really like to see the newsletter become a forum where readers can communicate their ideas or seek information without fear of ridicule.

Finally, please, please, keep those sightings coming in, no matter when and where they occurred. The more information we can amass about the phenomena, the more likely it is that we will learn something of value about it and the harder it's going to be for others to ignore.

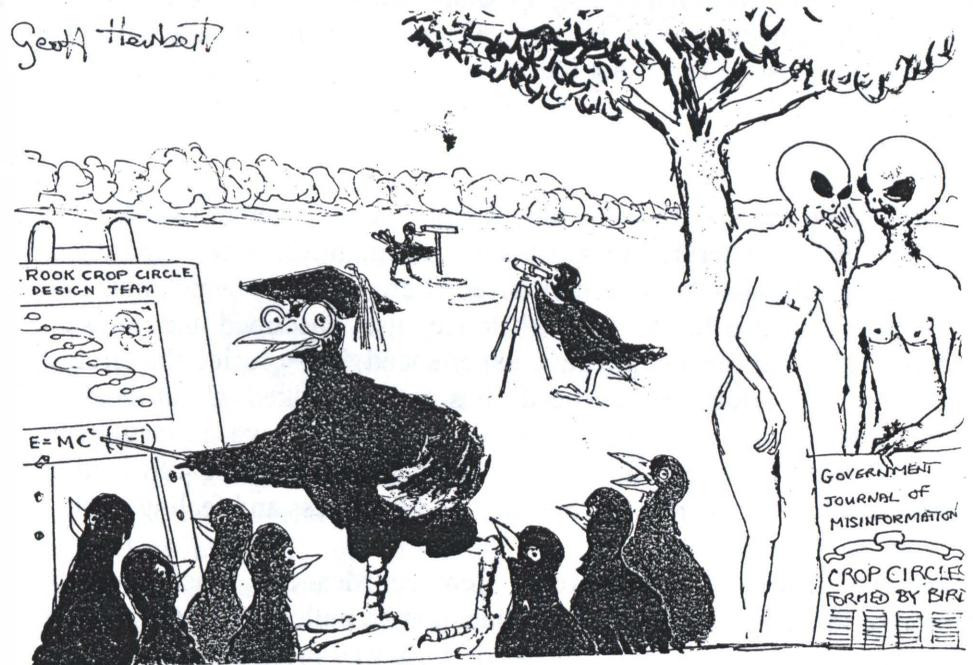
Happy New Year!

Dave Gillham (Chairman and Founder)

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"TYPICAL, WE DO ALL THE WORK, THEY GET ALL THE CREDIT"

## A CORNY CORNUNDRUM

We were pleased to see the November 5th meeting so well attended (80 + people again), many of you no doubt fighting the temptation to stand around a soggy, windswept bonfire, rockets drooping and sparklers fizzling out in the rain. See we knew! At this meeting we delved into a strange cereal of events that have had researchers going round in circles for years in cornfusion and disc-belief. Yes you've guessed it - crop circles! Our guest speaker was Simon from Cornwall 2 (the local branch of the national Centre for Crop Circle Studies). CCCS members Jean and Jackie also helped out with slides and supporting information during the evening and the efforts of all three are greatly appreciated.

Simon started out by tracing the progress of the phenomenon from the simple circular formations of the 80's (and even one as early as 1678) to the early insectograms and pictograms of the current day, which continue to increase in complexity. The phenomena is not restricted to these shores, however, it has been happening in other parts of the world as well (although, curiously, not so much in Catholic countries!). It may also come as a surprise to learn that the formations have appeared in a variety of crops beside the more usual barley :- including grass, courgettes, oil seed rape, potatoes and even trees.

Simon pointed out how the phenomena has brought together people from the UFO, earth mysteries and spiritualist communities, hence the subject has been investigated from several different angles; all of which make an interesting contribution to the debate. He also described the unusual sensations that various people have experienced whilst inside the circles. Some have reported sudden headaches, others talked about healing effects. One lady, in particular was reported to have miraculously recovered from a severe gynecological complaint after visiting a formation at Barbury Castle. Other sensations included giddiness and feeling 'high'.

As to explanations for the circles, Terence Meaden's plasma vortex theory was briefly discussed, and the fact that he pulled out of the subject in 1991, when the complexity of the designs was increasing to such an extent that a simple meteorological explanation could not account for them all. The next main contender was hoaxing, a theory which the press gleefully accepted when "Doug and Dave" came on the scene in 1991. They claimed to be responsible for every formation which appeared

between 1978 and 1991, yet when pressed for evidence they were surprisingly evasive. Incredibly, their wives did not notice their nightly absence for 13 years! The story sped round the world and seemed to receive a lot of highly organised media attention, prompting conspiracy theorists to suspect that Doug and Dave were involved in an official disinformation campaign to discredit the subject and thereby reduce public interest in a phenomena which was starting to make people think. A lot of investigators were frightened off the subject, research groups broke up and there was generally a lot of bad feeling in the crop circles fraternity after this debacle. Other hoaxers, no doubt seeing all the media attention that Doug and Dave were receiving, also came forward with similar claims and a hoaxing competition was held in 1992, yet to date, no-one has actually been caught in the act! Hoaxed circles are said to differ in several ways from 'genuine' ones. Hoaxers tend to crush the crop, whereas genuine formations have an intricately layered effect - the stems almost seem to have been plaited or woven together. The attention to detail in some cases, is quite staggering, especially when one considers that most were produced under cover of darkness on an uneven 'canvas' - hardly ideal conditions for the setting out and implementation of such huge and complex patterns.

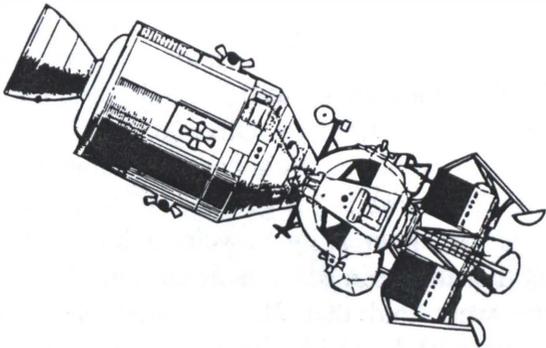
Simon rounded off the talk with a video taken by a student camping near a formation in Wiltshire. The film footage showed several white balls of light flying in a spiralling arc over a field by Oliver's Castle and the formation of a pictogram below. Anomalous lights are occasionally seen in association with crop circles and this film, if genuine, further supports that link. Obviously, this is an interesting development from the ufologist's point of view. Another intriguing fact came to light during the ensuing discussion when we were told that 3D computer analysis of several 2D pictograms, came up with UFO-like images. The crop circles group also had several photographs on display which showed translucent grey-white balls of light hovering in the night sky over local crop formations and ancient sites, although nothing was visible at the time the photos were taken. So, whether these lights are a cause or effect of the phenomena remains to be seen.

*For more details about Cornwall 2 ring 01579 382519.*

## THE APOLLO MISSIONS, LIFE, THE UNIVERSE AND EVERYTHING!

We would like to apologise for the last minute cancellation of Peter Oakley's talk about the Apollo missions. Unfortunately Peter's mother was very ill and he could not attend, but we hope that he will be able to speak at a later date. It wasn't possible to get another speaker for the December 3rd talk in the time, so we had to take a er... "magazine" approach, which was a bit of a gamble but generated some very positive feedback from the audience at the end of the night.

The evening began with a run down of the latest sightings and skywatch news from Dave. This was followed by a few quick video clips about the Gemini and Apollo missions, including film footage of UFO's seen by astronauts outside our world. These included a cylindrical object with arms and antenna encountered during the Gemini 4 mission in June 1965 and another object picked up by Houston which appeared to be pacing the Gemini 5 craft across the States. Only one day into the Apollo 11 mission a large glowing, white, amorphous object was filmed hovering over the Earth and another cylindrical object was photographed on June 3rd 1966, during the Gemini 4 mission.



There was also talk of astronauts walking on the moon with a huge UFO looming over their heads and some discussion as to whether the moon photographs and film footage were faked to cover up what really happened there (if indeed we went). We also briefly touched on the so-called alien artifacts and apparent vegetation growth revealed on recently released photographs of the moon's surface. Then it was time for Falmouth investigator, Alan Fry, to contribute to the CUFORG cabaret. He asked us to stand back and review the reasons why we had

come that night and what we were hoping to get from the meetings. He himself, had come because he saw this as an opportunity to share views and information regarding the "big issues." He saw this as a potential learning experience for all involved. We're all seeking information about the unknown for different reasons and at different levels - but what is driving us to "know?" What are we really seeking? He asked how many of us felt that extra-terrestrials exist and about 90% of the audience raised their hands. So most of us weren't there to seek proof - we must have come for other reasons.

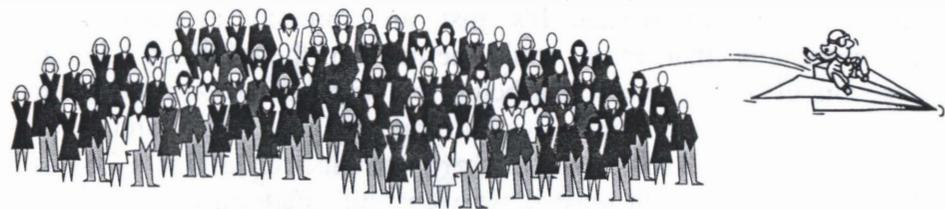


We were asked to consider the difference between thinking and feeling. Do we think too much, when perhaps we should be listening to our feelings more? Alan felt that too much analysis leads to a state of indecision, or intellectual paralysis, and isn't really getting us anywhere with the quest for knowledge. It's just an expression of our need to know. He thought that more could be made of the meetings - that as well as quietly sitting back and being fed with information we could offer more input of our own. In that way we could learn and teach together. He was very keen for us to share our experiences and asked us to think how we would react if we went out and saw something tonight - who would we tell? In a culture that encourages us to be cynical and sceptical about the great mysteries of life, would we be inhibited by a fear of ridicule or would it snap us out of our conditioning and stir us to tell the world?

A couple of people then owned up to the fact that they had seen UFO's but had never reported them and others talked more openly about their encounters. Why are some people more inclined to share their experiences than others? Fear of ridicule and self-consciousness might account for some people's inhibitions. Another unexpected reason was revealed during the interval when someone quietly admitted to a committee member that they had seen a UFO but hadn't thought it important enough to tell anyone about, particularly as it was so long

ago. Yet the object they described defied any immediate rational explanation and for all we know could provide an important clue to the mystery one day. If anyone reading this has seen a UFO, no matter how seemingly trivial or long ago, please tell us about it. If you still remember what you saw, if it has left a lasting impression on your mind, then clearly somewhere inside you it has registered as an important event, which is surely better shared than locked away in the dark recesses of the mind where it will remain nothing more than a perplexing curiosity.

After Alan had set the challenge, there was a lively discussion which went surprisingly smoothly considering that there were some 90 people present and so many were eager to express their views. There were calls for a workshop where more manageable numbers of people could discuss specific aspects of the phenomenon and report their findings to the group at the end of the session. We were also asked to keep the subject of the meetings as broad as possible, so that links with other paranormal phenomena and beliefs could be addressed. There was also a strong feeling that the physical and spiritual aspects of the subject should not be kept separate - that they are both an important part of the mystery from which we can learn at different levels. The main question that members of the audience seemed to be seeking answers on, was not whether UFO's or ET's are real, but why they are here.



One man declared himself to have a "Positive Mental Attitude About Other People's Spacecraft" (PMAAOPS), without submitting to any kind of belief in them himself. Then he admitted that he had his own personal UFO experience to draw upon, yet that had not apparently changed his view on the matter. That prompted Alan to ask just how much evidence some of us require to believe that UFO's are real. How is it that some people can believe in them without having had any experiences of their own, yet others still have doubts in spite of their experiences? Belief is a curious thing! We were a little confused later, when this same man declared that he felt the object he had seen was not extraterrestrial, but a "nuts & bolts" saucer from another dimension! Unfortunately there was not enough time to discuss this idea further, but perhaps more light will be shed on this one next time. 5.

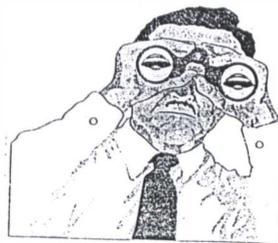
Towards the end of the evening the issue of ascension was brought up. We discussed the idea that our awareness is being raised on a global scale, possibly through the intervention of other beings. This was seen as part of an on-going process of spiritual evolution which has reached the stage where we are now standing at the threshold of a major psycho-physical transformation. However, one lady in the audience felt concerned that we should not expect ET's to come to our rescue with regards to the environmental and social degradation we have caused. She did not believe that they would bail us out or intervene in any big way. They seemed to be letting us get on with our lives - perhaps in the hope that we will sort out our own mess. She also asked if aliens were a just modern substitute for god.

The evening rounded up with a brief video covering BBC TV's Spotlight investigation into a white light (which we believe to be Venus) that was filmed over Camborne in October last year. Considering the size of the audience and the diverse nature of the discussion, it was a really successful evening and we are pleased that the gamble of relying on audience participation paid off. We hope to repeat the exercise again, but in the meanwhile, If there was something that any of you wanted to say but didn't get a chance to put across at the meeting, or if the idea of speaking before an audience does not appeal - then don't forget that you can use this newsletter to share your views and experiences.



# SIGHTINGS AND INVESTIGATIONS

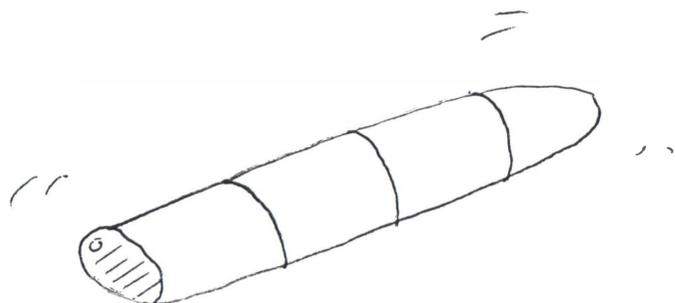
**HAVE YOU SEEN A UFO?  
CALL THE UFO HOTLINE:  
01872 76381 (Dave)**



**DATE/TIME** 30th September 1996 8.15  
**LOCATION** Grampond  
**WITNESSES** 1 male  
**SIZE** Approx. 200ft  
**SOURCE/INVEST** Dave Gillham  
**CASE NUMBER** C46

## Description

When entering his car, the gentleman in question brushed a daddy-long-legs from the car's door lock. As the insect flew skywards he looked up and saw a silver-grey cigar shaped object over the area of Trewithen House, Golden Mill. The object appeared to oscillate and move from side to side every 3 seconds, covering a distance of about 4 to 5 times its width. It sped towards Tregony and then returned 30 to 40 seconds later. He then watched the object for a further 3 minutes before it departed at great speed in a Westerly direction.



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**DATE/TIME** 14th Sept. 1996 (13.15pm)  
**LOCATION** St Keverne (Lizard)  
**WITNESSES** 2 male  
**SOURCE** RAF Culdrose  
**CASE NUMBER** C45



"It was an exceptionally clear sky, save for a few wispy clouds. The sun was 80 degrees approx. south and the wind NW. I was looking at the clouds when I saw a white object, stationary, very high, very difficult to locate if I looked away. Size of a large star in the night sky. Observed through 'binoculars' - did not help. Thought might be MET weather balloon in high stratosphere, but not moving. Took bearings - 300 degrees at 80 degrees up from ground. Went to join friend 1 mile away with Astronomic Telescope. Now 2pm. Re-located object with naked vision, in same location. Tried unsuccessfully to locate with telescope. Object had moved to 20 degrees and across vertical in seconds - did not see movement. Was looking at object, arm pointed to friend to orientate telescope, when the object emitted a flash of light and disappeared instantly. No movement visible. No debris fell. Object not seen again. Could not have been weather balloon because (A) stationary and (B) brief rapid movement. Object last seen at 2.15pm."

**DATE/TIME** 14th Sept. 1996 (11-12pm)  
**LOCATION** Porthcurno Beach  
**WITNESSES** 1 male, 1 female  
**SOURCE/INVEST** Dave Gillham  
**CASE NUMBER** C47

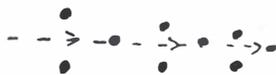


## Description

"On a clear night, at around midnight, while gazing at the sky in wonderment, we noticed 5 moving bright white lights in the eastern region. They appeared to be travelling faster than a satellite, but actually seemed to be moving in formation. One light shot diagonally upwards at incredible speed, leaving the other four in a diamond shape. Another one exited and the remaining 3 flew on in triangular formation." The time element of the sighting is unknown.

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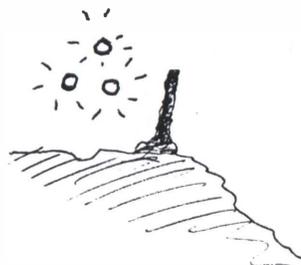
**DATE/TIME** 12th Sept. 1996 (21.00hrs)  
**LOCATION** St Agnes Beacon  
**WITNESSES** 1 male, 1 female  
**SOURCE/INVEST** Dave Gillham  
**CASE NUMBER** C54



**Description**

"At around 9pm, while participating in a skywatch, facing the direction of Chiverton Cross, my wife and I observed what we thought were 3 satellites moving in a triangular formation. We watched them manouvere closer, into a triangular formation before we lost sight of them. The night was clear and the sighting lasted 30 to 45 seconds."

**DATE/TIME** 3rd November 1995 (20.30hrs)  
**LOCATION** Mount Ambrose/ Carn Brea  
**WITNESSES** 3 male  
**SOURCE** CUFORG HQ  
**CASE NUMBER** C18



**Description**

A young boy was talking to two of his friends on the estate where he lives, when they saw three white flashes towards the Carn Brea area. They wondered if the flashes could have been fireworks, but thought them too big and too high. There was no noise. They also saw two more white flashes in the Truro area. They decided to go over to Carn Brea to investigate but found nothing and there were no more flashes.

**DATE/TIME** 14th July 1995 (00.00hrs)  
**LOCATION** Feock (Carrick)  
**WITNESSES** 1 male, 1 female  
**SIZE** Star  
**SOURCE/INVEST** Dionne  
**CASE NUMBER** C16



**Description**

A couple were down by a creek in Feock (between Truro and Falmouth), when suddenly a movement in the night sky caught their eye. At first they thought the object was a bright star, but then noticed that it was moving in strange angles at a very fast speed. It would stop suddenly and hover, then move off again making the pattern shown in the sketch above. The couple watched the object for about 2 hours then it shot off at high speed.

**DATE/TIME** 1994 (01.00hrs)  
**LOCATION** Feock  
**WITNESSES** 1 male  
**SOURCE/INVEST** Dionne  
**CASE NUMBER** C17



**Description**

The witness was walking from Truro to Feock and as he approached Brian Ferris Garage he saw a large, glowing golden disc about a quarter of a mile away. The disc hovered for a little while, making a "humming sort of noise," then descended towards the ground, as if it were going to land. He did not want to investigate, since he felt a bit ill, but quickly hurried home, without noting anything more about the object's movements.

## EARTH LIGHTS

With the advent of Channel 4's Equinox programme shown on Sunday 3rd November at 7pm, on the new theories that some UFO's appear to be earth lights that appear over areas with high levels of seismic activity, I was amazed when just a week later Cornwall had its very own earth tremor. It struck at 9.28am on Sunday 10th November 1996 and measured 3.8 on the Richter scale, with the epicentre being in Penzance.

The Equinox programme featured scientists, geologists and a physicist who travelled to Mexico where there is much volcanic and seismic activity. They were there to test a theory that the appearance of UFO's over areas where the tectonic plates are very unstable, are triggered by a release of massive energy fields generated by the motion of the tectonic plates and the crushing of rock in the Earth's crust, under pressure brought on by the extreme activity. Apparently lights are often seen shortly before earthquakes and tremors as a result of this. I agree that this theory is sound scientifically speaking, but could not help to see that it cannot explain all UFO sightings. For a start many of Mexico's UFO's were picked up on radar. Would mere lights caused by energy released into the atmosphere (similar to the burning marsh gases called 'will-o'-the-wisp') be picked up on radar? Surely they would not have been dense enough. They are not solid matter and yet many UFO's appear to be solid.

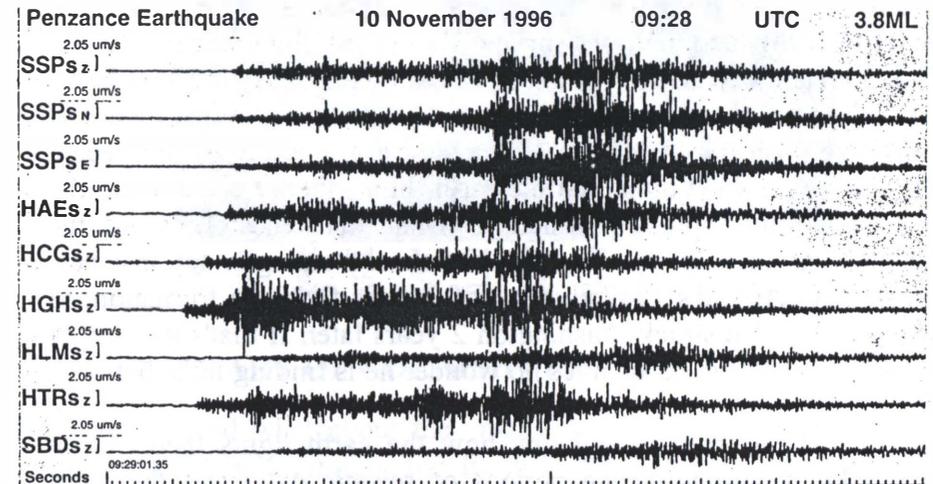
I do, however, go for the theory. It does seem to be probable in some UFO cases. I am especially interested in the lights that appear over Wales and Shropshire. These lights are often seen shortly before an earth tremor or minor quake. The area of Clun in Shropshire has seen several earthquakes of varying degrees, the last one having taken place in March this year, after a spate of reported unidentified lights around the Brecon Beacons, Bishop's Castle and Stiperstones, all of which neighbour Clun and the Clun Forest.

Now it appears that Cornwall is having some tremors. There have been strange lights reported to CUFORG all though the period running up to Sunday 10th's tremor. Of course not all of these UFO's are necessarily earth lights triggered by the forthcoming seismic turbulence, but is interesting to compare the links between strange lights reported and

earth tremors in the areas where the lights are seen. Perhaps in some cases, the Earth is forewarning us of natural catastrophes. Could people who predict psychically the occurrence of these incidents be picking up the Earth's own biorythms?

I'm sure more will be reported on the research being done on the Earth lights phenomena, and it could help us to identify some of the UFO's that people are reporting. All these pieces of the intricate jigsaw we are trying to piece together in order to understand what UFO's are, will help us to learn more. Hopefully, especially if other credible scientists join in to research UFO's, we will start to get more sound information to help Ufologists like those involved in CUFORG to find the truth.

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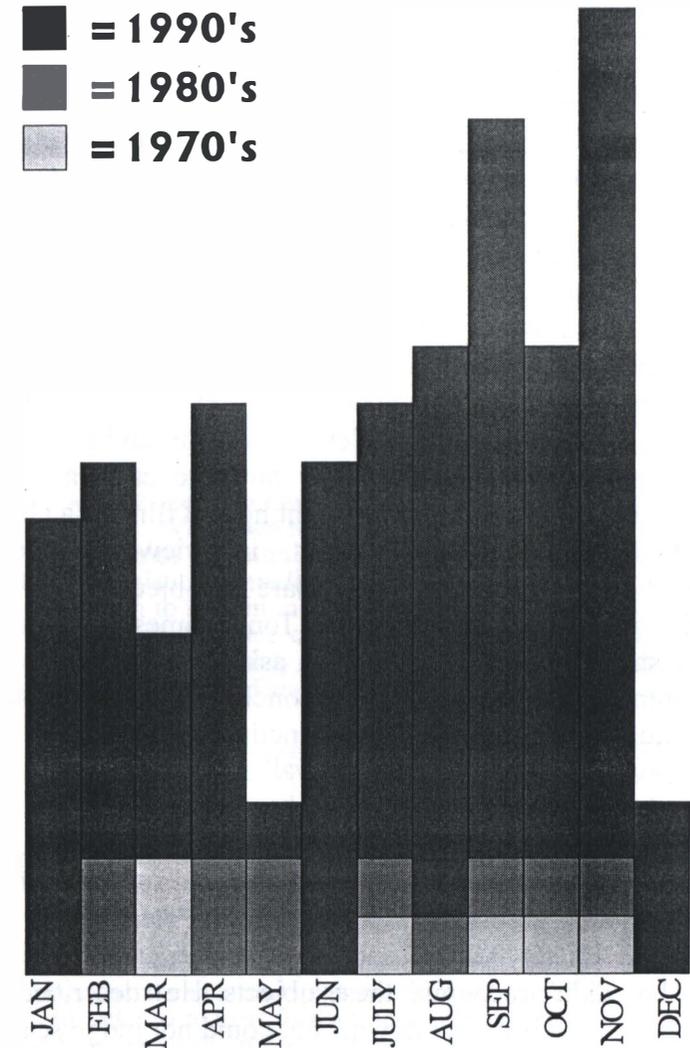
Above: A seismogram of the earthquake recorded in Hereford by the British Geological Survey.

## QUAKES OR QUACKERY? (Ed's Ad Lib)

In response to the question, that I'm sure everyone is asking - yes, there were a few reports of strange lights in the days preceding the tremor on 10th November, but our database has revealed that this is a peak time of year for UFO activity in Cornwall anyway. It's possible that the September peak (see graph right) might have been connected to the tremor, particularly as 5 of the 9 objects reported were of the "lights in the sky" category. The remaining 4 were a silver cigar (Grampound), a disc with ring of lights (Hayle) and a metallic triangle outlined by 3 balls of light (Hayle). In October there were 5 sightings reported to CUFORG. These were an orange cigar (Indian-Queens), a silver cylinder (Helston), a group of 8 discs (Foxhole) and 2 balls of light (Foxhole and Truro).

There were some strange lights after the event as well. Just seven hours after the tremor took place, two men in Ponsanooth say they saw a grey triangular object hovering above a herd of cows in nearby Perranwell. Later that night, several independent witnesses saw the night sky suddenly light up in Falmouth, Truro and Redruth, at about 11pm and a man driving near Chiverton Cross (between Truro and Redruth) was startled by a bright flash which illuminated the sky at 2am. The West Briton (14/11/96) also reported bright flashes of light above Carrick Roads at 3am and Perran-ar-Worthal at 4.30am on Monday the 11th Nov. Whilst it seems entirely possible that some of the balls of light and lightning-like flashes in the sky could have been triggered by the recent seismic activity, I don't think that the earth lights theory can explain the more solid-looking UFOs, which is what the researchers on the documentary seemed to be implying. Michael Persinger, for instance, linked Kenneth Arnold's 1947 sighting of 9 discs flying in formation, to an earthquake which struck Washington 2 years later. If that's the sort of timescale he's looking at, then it's no wonder he is finding links between the two.

I would also be interested to know how the earth lights theory can explain UFO sightings during periods of seismic calm and the more tangible evidence accompanying some encounters. Could EM generated lights produce radar traces, leave physical marks on the ground, cause people to see surprisingly similar entities/solid-looking craft, or induce abduction experiences and the various physical effects reported on humans or livestock (strange marks on the skin, implants, missing



**SUMMARY OF CORNISH SIGHTINGS FROM 1973**

foetuses etc.)? And what about the many unidentified flying objects reported by astronauts circling the Earth - are they also due to plate tectonics? I think, we have here only a partial answer to the riddle, but one which is well worth investigating, providing that the researchers do not fall into the trap of selecting only data which fits the theory, whilst conveniently discarding that which does not. To my mind, the more all-encompassing a theory is, the easier it becomes to disprove!

## "THE RETURN OF CAPTAIN CUFORG"

On November the 4th, Dave was invited onto the BBC1 Spotlight programme, to discuss a Camborne man's home video footage of a white light in the sky. The man in question had already contacted Dave about this after filming the stationary light at 6.15am on the 25th October 1996. He has filmed the object on two separate occasions and described it as "a glowing, oscillating ball," which stayed hovering in the air for a long period of time. The video shows what at first appears to be a blurred, white, dome-shaped object in the sky over a rooftop, but as the focusing becomes sharper it is revealed as a small white light shining quite brightly very high in the sky. The object appears to grow and shrink in size, but that is just the effect of the camera lens moving in and out of focus. Its apparent wavering movement is simply down to camera shake. The witness stated quite openly that he thought he had filmed a UFO, but we at CUFORG had our doubts. Spotlight interviewer David George appeared to be prompting Dave to declare the object to be a UFO, but Dave wisely did not commit himself. Tony James, Chairman of the Cornwall Astronomy Society, was then asked for his opinion and after consulting some charts, he came to the conclusion that the light was most probably Venus. In this instance we are inclined to agree with him.

The same evening BBC Radio Cornwall invited Dave to appear on Joanna Twist's programme for a brief discussion and phone-in. After relating several of the September/October sightings Dave took a call from Peter in Exeter, who had seen a triangular formation of 3 watery lights sailing silently across the sky at 8.30pm. Peter pointed out that he lives close to Exeter Airport and is, therefore, used to seeing plane lights, but he didn't recognise these objects. He described them as "yellowy-white lights beaming down," but could not judge scale or height because they were directly overhead.

Dave made only a brief appearance on this mixed discussion programme, but he still crammed in quite a lot of information and discussed in particular a new UFO hotspot in Polzeath, plus the latest news from Roy Lake of the London UFO Studies group. According to Roy, they are witnessing the biggest flap for 25 years - LUFOS had some 50 calls in September alone! Is it down to recent (and possibly forthcoming) seismic activity, increased media hype, a mind-altering form of pollution, Pre-Millennial Tension, or are we really being visited by ever increasing numbers of otherworldly beings and if so, for what purpose?.

## THE SWEDISH CONNECTION

Last September we were contacted by the Swedish Lightworking Society, who sent us some interesting views on the spiritual aspects of ufology. We think it's important to explore the subject from as many different angles as possible, so we have summarised the Society's ideas, as best we can, for those whose interest falls in this area.

Like many others, the Society believe that we are on the threshold of major global and spiritual change, which has been triggered by a step up in 'vibrational frequencies.' They believe that our planet has consciousness and has made a decision to switch to a higher dimension, thereby raising our awareness in the process. The idea that we have a network of energy lines and power centres (chakras) in our bodies is also applied to the Earth. Like the energy field, or aura, of the human body this network is rooted within the planet and extends out into the atmosphere as well. The Society talk of energy convergence points, called "6 point systems," which they describe as planetary gills responsible for expelling negativity and drawing fresh energy into the system. They say there is a cyclical activation of these energy centres and when they are active the usual laws of nature/physics do not apply; thus time, sound, light and gravity are all thought to be affected when these centres are 'switched on.' Invisible tunnels are said to project out into the universe from these points, creating shortcuts through time and interdimensional space. When two tunnels connect, a "zerotime" tunnel is formed which provides a means of communication between worlds. The main tunnels are vertical, but there are also intermediary pathways connecting them which enable the vehicles using them to remain invisible whilst flying horizontally (unless you happen to be standing in the zone of influence of a 6 point system). Once they have left the tunnels, however, they become visible to outside observers (sounds like the situation at Trispen). This could explain the sudden appearance and disappearance of UFO's.

Some higher civilisations are thought to be using these tunnels to create crop circles in an attempt to raise our awareness, but they are also apparently, accessible to beings from 'heavier' dimensions - like the Greys. The Society question the integrity of the Greys, who appear to be violating 'cosmic law' by failing to respect our free will. Whilst warning against judging a whole species on the actions of a few, they suspect that some of these heavier beings are trying to prevent the raising of consciousness on planet Earth because the process is of some threat or inconvenience to them. The Society feel that some ET's are concerned that our activities will unbalance the Earth's energy-net. They believe that war, suffering, social chaos and negative thinking can all disrupt the planetary energy system. In order to redress this we need to raise our spiritual awareness as well as making changes to the infrastructure. The Society are hopeful that man's negative spiral can be turned within 15 to 20 years and say that is our choice whether we want to be a part of this process, but the more effort put in by humanity the less drastic will be the changes wrought by the Earth's impending vibrational shift. The SLS are one of many groups around the world who are trying to assist this process by helping to clear and reactivate sacred sites. They are working in conjunction with ET's (through astral, telepathic and physical means) to draw energy from higher dimensions into the planetary grid and hope that this will bring about a change in mass consciousness on Earth. They do stress, however, that it would be unwise to attempt this kind of work without proper training, because of the risk of psychic attack from beings who oppose our spiritual evolution.

For more details write to : *The Swedish Lightworking Society, Ringatan 3, Box 111, 212 12 Malmö, Sweden.*

## CREAM CIRCLES AND TEA CROPS!

Last November we were fortunate enough to have a major conference on our doorstep, organised by the Cornwall and Devon Crop Circle Groups. The conference, entitled "Cream Teas and Crop Circles," was an action packed day of lectures on crop circles, UFO's and earth energies (and yes, it did include cream teas!). The event was well attended, with some 200 curious souls in attendance at Withiel Village Hall, near Bodmin. The conference kicked off with a lively introduction to the crop circles phenomenon by Andy Thomas, author and editor of the Sussex Circular Magazine. Much of this has already been covered in the article on page two, so to save repetition I shall just mention a few of the highlights of the day.

Andy looked at the various explanations put forward for the crop circles phenomena, including the possibility that we could be creating the formations with our minds (through psychokinesis?). Perhaps the collective thought energy of the human race is responsible, the circles expressing our current state of mind as we head towards the end of the millennium (if you're thinking negatively) or the dawning of a new age (if you're in positive thought mode). Maybe the modern rave culture or our increasing fascination with computers is to blame (if we do weird things to our minds, perhaps inside reflects outside?). Andy described an experiment where he meditated with a group in a field and shortly after, circles formed in the area. Other people have also commented that they have been in an area, wondering if there are crop circles around and lo and behold - they appear, as if in response to the circle seeker's desire. This does seem to fit in with the idea of an impersonal earth/life energy which has an ability to mould itself to our thoughts.

As well as the usual weather/plasma vortex/hoaxing theories Andy also discussed the possibility that crop circles are messages from an alien intelligence. He had seen himself, how the formations were making ordinary people question higher things and wondered if their purpose might be to bring about our gradual spiritual awakening. Perhaps the symbols communicate with us on a subconscious level, bringing about subtle inner changes which will slowly work their way up into the conscious mind.

This aspect of the phenomena was covered in more depth by the next speaker - Wiltshire CCS coordinator Francine Blake. Francine talked us through a fascinating collection of slides - comparing crop formations to the latest images of the cosmos revealed by the Hubble telescope. She demonstrated how the spiral energy at the heart of the crop circles reflected the spirals occurring elsewhere in nature - in typhoons, whirlpools, galaxies etc. The whole universe, she felt, is based on this spiral energy. She also described how the centre of our galaxy pumps out regular pulses of energy - like a heartbeat. As above, so below - the saying goes. We were also treated to some rare Hubble images which demonstrate how the patterns and processes of the universe occur on a macro as well as a microcosmic scale. These included a "star nursery," and the ripple of shock waves sent out by a dying star, which would spread out into space and create new stars, in much the same way as death in organic matter sustains or creates life elsewhere. Francine thinks that the original crop circles were directed at the planet, as a means of re-energising it and that the later pictograms were directed at us - to help raise our awareness and to warn us of the consequences of taking a solely mechanistic view of life.

This was followed up by a slideshow and talk from crop circle researchers Steve Alexander and Karen Douglas. They have photographed and recorded most of the crop formations since 1994 and had an impressive array of images to hand. Sadly, the one we were all waiting for - a video showing a white ball of light maneuvering over a crop formation on the 26th July 1990, was subject to some technical difficulties which meant that it didn't show up on the screen. There was, however, an interview with a tractor driver who was in the field at the time. He stopped his tractor as the light flew over him and then carried on as normal after it had gone, but he could not explain why. There was another interesting slide showing a number of dark round objects gathering in the air over a group of people, whom we had been told had been meditating.

The next talk was by Earth Mystery authors Cheryl Traffon and Caecia March. They came to enlighten us to the view that the Earth is a living being. Our ancestors, it seems, had a greater feeling for the sanctity of the land and revered the earth as a great mother goddess, providing sustenance to all living things. They think that the ancients located stone circles, standing stones, dolmens etc. on places of power in the landscape

and that they had a greater awareness of the earth energies flowing around us, than we have today. Then we were taken on a journey through the four magical elements of earth, air, fire and water as they appear in the landscape. They also talked about thresholds into other worlds and the strange phenomena or altered states that people have experienced at ancient sites.

After Cheryl and Caeia had opened us up to the existence of these "earth energies," the next speaker discussed in more detail how they may be related to the crop circles phenomenon. Richard Andrews is a founder member of the CCS and also belongs to the British Society of Dowzers. He took his first photo of a crop circle back in 1979 - way before the modern flap started, and has been using his dowsing ability since 1985 to explore the phenomenon from an earth energies point of view. He said that there is a dowsable pattern in genuine crop circles and was surprised to find that the energy lines changed their polarity every day. Another curious discovery was the presence of dowsable energy rings outside the visible formations - almost as if the effect of the circles was spreading out into the wider landscape. Perhaps the circles are having an unseen, knock on effect on the wider environment?

Local dowser Hamish Miller, also added his thoughts on this subject in a later talk. He thought that crop circles are a manifestation of an energy field, which may be affecting our behaviour. There was a quick demonstration of the various bio-magnetic fields around us, where Hamish took a volunteer from the audience and dowsed first his aura, then his heart chakra. The extent of these fields was quite surprising, indicating that we are interacting with each other on a subtle, energy level even when several metres apart. After demonstrating the existence of these energies, Hamish went on to describe ley lines in the landscape as a great cobweb of energy lines. There are two major lines, described as the spinal cord of the planet and smaller tributaries feeding into them, which get smaller and smaller until we get down to the tiny energy lines which connect individual bodies to the planetary network. Hamish has also noticed how these energy lines seem to respond to our thoughts - just a simple awareness of them causes energy spirals to tighten up, or change direction. He described an occasion where he tuned into a local energy centre in Devon, which appeared to have an effect on another site in Cornwall - almost as if the two were connected by these lines. He also looked at the St Michael ley line which runs through many ancient sites

in Cornwall and beyond, and wondered if the many images depicting St Michael slaying a dragon were in fact representations of this saint's ability to channel the dragon/earth energy using a kind of earth acupuncture.

Finally, the UFO/ET angle was covered by ufologist Roy Dutton who offered us scientific proof that we are being visited by extra-terrestrials. Roy is a Chartered Engineer and a member of The Royal Aeronautical Society, who has spent all of his working life in the British Aerospace Industry working on many projects from rocketry to advanced space vehicle studies. It was a very technical talk based on 29 years of research and basically revolved around the idea that if ET's are visiting us in physical craft then they would need two types of vessel - a large space cruiser for long distance travel and smaller craft for terrestrial visitations. The space cruiser (of which there could be many), would most likely be on some kind of wide orbit around the earth and would have to 'park' short term or take a grazing approach to the planet every time it deposited or collected the smaller terrestrial craft. In order to test this theory, Roy has done a global statistical study of the UFO and crop circle phenomena and believes he has found a correlation between UFO sightings and the constellations of the Plough, Cygnus, Draco and Cassiopeia, which seems to support his theory. We were treated to lots of complex looking graphs and maps which indicated that Britain is a convergence area for a large number of favoured tracks, but curiously, nothing seemed to be happening over Cornwall (perhaps because of a lack of data on Cornish cases).

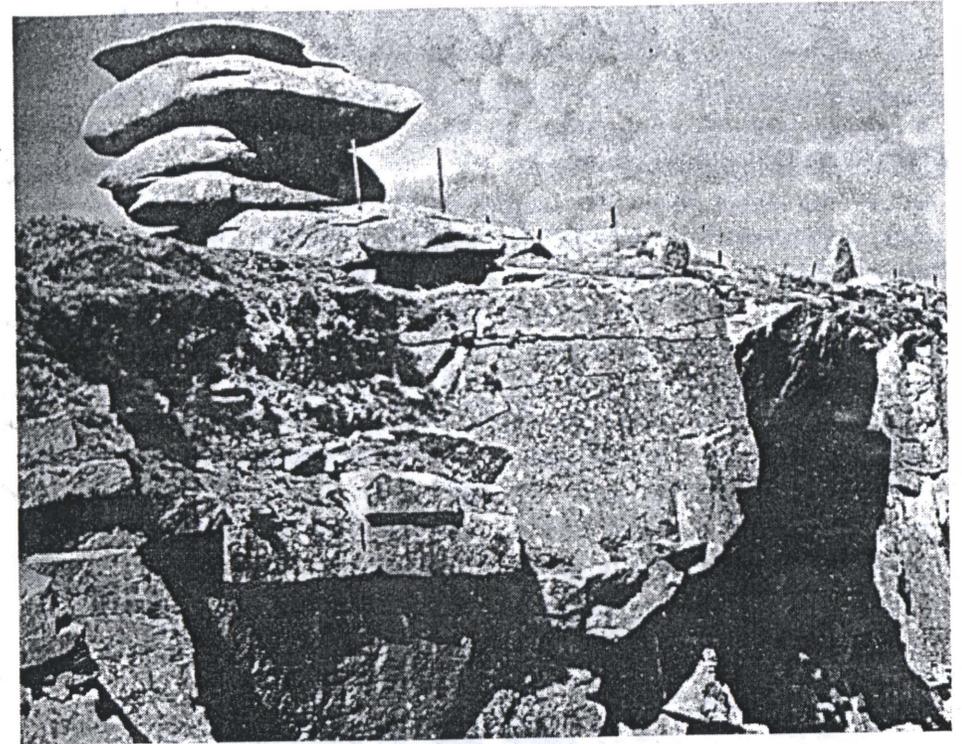
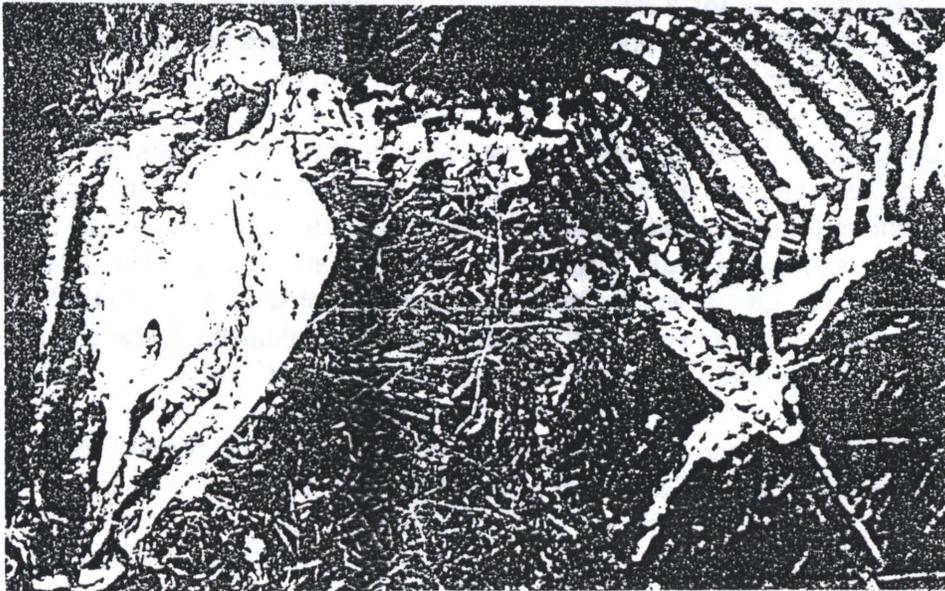
Unfortunately, I had to miss the last two talks by Craig Weatherhill and George Bishop, which is a shame, but I'm sure they raised some equally thought provoking stuff. I would like to express my thanks to the organisers for a really informative, and inspiring day. The effort involved was greatly appreciated and has prompted us at CUFORG to think about organising a similar event in return. (Volunteers to help with this, would be greatly appreciated!).

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## SHEEP SHOCKER

Devon based UFO researcher, Joan Amos, received a letter last year from a man who had seen a strange light whilst camping with a friend in a little known stone circle near the Cheesewring. He gave his name, but did not include any contact details in the letter and Joan is, understandably, anxious to speak to him. The letter is reproduced here in the hope that it may jog someone's memory :

*"I am writing to tell you of a very frightening experience I had whilst camping on Bodmin Moor, this summer. My friend and I were awakened in the early hours by a horrible inhuman screaming sound and a very bright blue-ish white light that lit everything up! We were both very scared but opened the tent to have a look. All we could see was the moor around us, very brightly lit up. The light was too bright to look directly at. It was right above us and that seemed to be where the horrible sound was coming from. Suddenly the sound and light disappeared and we found ourselves in pitch darkness. We huddled in the tent with our torch but the batteries ran out. We sat there very still and silent until it got light. My friend went outside first and immediately screamed, so I followed him. To our horror, right next to our tent was the remains of a sheep. The only fur left was on its head. The front legs were missing and there was no blood anywhere! I took a few pictures of it and this is the best one :*



### THE CHEESEWRING.

*My friend hurried me to leave. We did and left the carcass to the moor. Later that day it all seemed like a dream. We told a few friends about the carcass but both had completely forgot about the light and the screams. It was only when I received my photos back that I remembered. I rushed around to show my friend, and his reaction was the same. Without prompting from me, he said, "What was that light?" I replied, "What about those screams?" We were both worried about our experiences and very confused as to what we actually witnessed. All that we know is that there are some very strange things going on on the moors. We have not been back there at night since."*

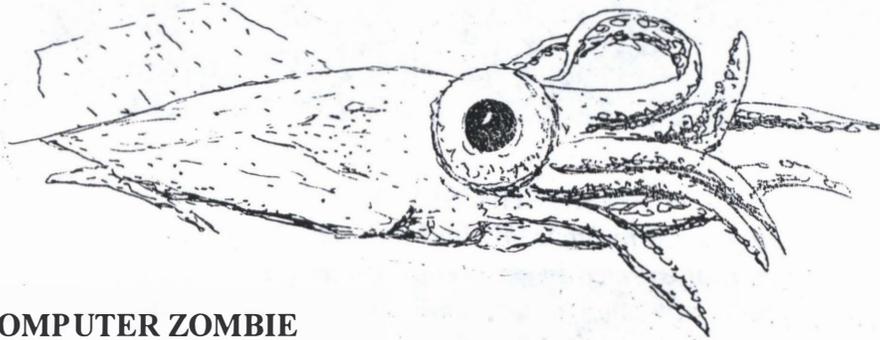
If the person who wrote this letter is reading this, please phone or write to Joan Amos again, as she would very much like to discuss this case in more detail.

*Joan Amos can be contacted at Lucy Cottage, Peter Tavey, Near Tavistock, Devon. PL19 9NN. Or ring 01822 810233.*

## LOCAL FORTEAN NEWS

### DANCE OF THE FAIRY SQUID

Strange lights seen moving under the waves by two men out night fishing off the Lizard on November 15th 1996, probably have a natural explanation. The small white lights seen off rocks near the Ousel Bay Hotel and again near Porthcurno the night before, were probably a species of bioluminescent squid, according to Dr Howard Bottrell of the Marine Biological Association. Squid normally congregate to breed off our shores in October, but the sea is still warm enough for them to be a bit behind schedule. Perhaps, we have here an explanation for the tradition of small fairy lights said to dance about close to the water's edge at the nearby Logan's Rock under a midsummer moon?



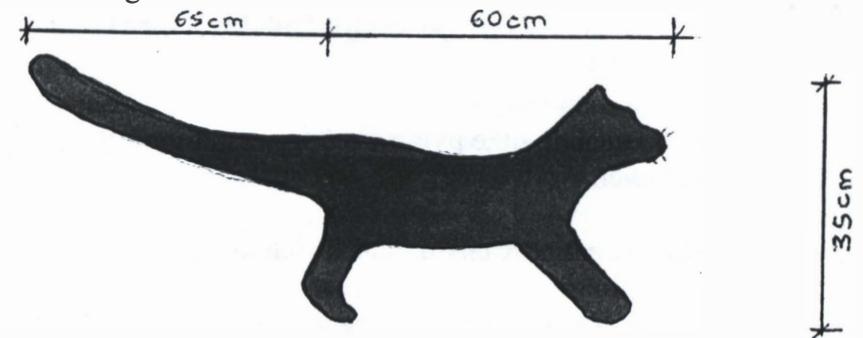
### COMPUTER ZOMBIE

16 year James Little was admitted to North Devon Hospital for 10 days after a motor racing video game put him into a hypnotic trance. He was treated with anti-hallucinatory drugs and sedatives, but was mentally trapped in the computer game, clutching an imaginary steering wheel and moving his feet on imaginary pedals, until a clergyman succeeded in bringing him out of the trance. A consultant paediatrician diagnosed the boy as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. His mother described how the game had him turned from a happy young man into a zombie, who did not close his eyes for 7 days, or remember what had happened to him. So, let that be a warning to all those of you who are computer addicts - weird things are being done to your minds!

*(Daily Telegraph, Tues 17th Sept 1996)*

## ALIEN BIG CATS

We've just received a retrospective sighting of a possible big cat seen at the Truro Golf Club, near Highertown, in the spring of 1992. One of the greenkeepers was on the course very early one morning when a large black cat sprang out from cover about 50 yards ahead of him and bounded across the course into some woods. The gait of the animal was like a big cat and he noted that its paws were unusually large. He estimated the body to be about 60cm long, plus a thick muscular tail of 65cm (so the cat was some 1.25m/4ft long from head to tail). He only saw it in profile (see sketch below), but is convinced that it wasn't a domestic moggie because of its size, muscular body, big paws and bounding movement.



### COSMIC CARNATIONS

CUFORG committee member, Liz, was driving on the Penweathers Road, near Truro at the end of last year, when she thought that she would buy herself some yellow carnations. A few moments later she came across a bunch of yellow carnations lying beside the road! Talk about thoughts moulding the future!



## 1997 DIARY DATES

- 7th Jan**  **CUFORG meeting:** the UFO flap in Mexico, followed by abduction talk. Richard Lander School, Truro. (01872 76381)
- 11th Jan** **"Little Folk, Little Green Men & Things That Go Bump in the Night,"** - dayschool with Jill Harris in Falmouth. (01209 860421)
- 23rd Jan** Astrologers have predicted that an unusual conjunction of the planets will form a Star of David pattern.
- 30th Jan** **"Solar Games"** - talk by Jill Harris at the Acorn Theatre, Penzance. 7.30pm. £1.50. (Cornish Eath Mysteries Group - 01209 831519)
- 3rd Feb**  **CUFORG meeting** - the pyramid connection! Talk by Dennis Howell.
- 4th March**  **CUFORG meeting.** Richard Lander School, Truro. 7pm.
- 23rd March** **Comet Hale-Bop** is expected to be at its closest to Earth on this date. The Royal Greenwich Observatory have refuted suggestions that the comet will hit the Earth and cause widespread devastation. They say that even at its closest it will still be further from us than the sun, therefore too far away to cause us harm. That's comforting then isn't it?
- 28th-31st March** **"ConnXions"** - paranormal/UFO/alien convention at the Hilton National Coventry. £40 for 4 days. Write to ConnXions, 14 Middleton Grange, Northfield, Birmingham. B31 2HP. (0976 382368)
- 19th-20th** **Fortean Times Unconvention** - special topic is "50 Years of Ufology." (tel 0171 470 2433)

### SKYWATCHES

Dates will depend on weather conditions but they are usually on Friday or Saturday nights. Ring Dave on a clear night to confirm details.

## THE "X"MAS FILES - CLASSIC CHRISTMAS CASES

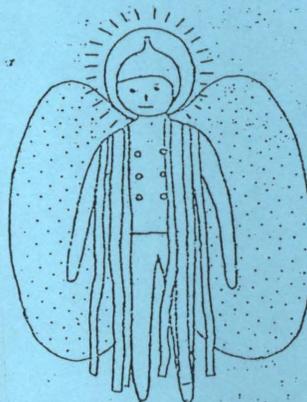
### FLYING "X"MAS TREES!

We have just received the Joint Airmiss Working Group's official summary of findings regarding the "Christmas Tree" UFO which buzzed a Boeing 737 near Manchester Airport in January last year. The reported aircraft has been labelled "untraced" on the report. As a result of the investigation the operating authorities discounted the possibility that the object may have been a hang-glider, paraglider or microlight. Neither could the JAS find any evidence of military activity that night which might account for the sighting, but they do not entirely discount this because of the B737's close proximity to uncontrolled airspace to the east of Manchester. There is some discussion about a lack of radar response at Manchester ATC and the possible reasons for this - such as "unusual weather suppressers." The report concludes that : *"There is no doubt that the pilots both saw an object and that it was of sufficient significance to prompt an air miss report. Unfortunately, the nature and identity of this object remains unknown. To speculate about extraterrestrial activity, fascinating though it may be, is not within the Group's remit and must be left to those whose interest lies in that field."*

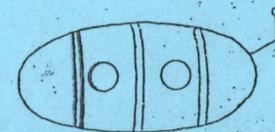
Degree of Risk : Unassessable

Cause : Unassessable (Full report available upon request)

### MINCE PIE MARTIANS!



Three 4ft high, winged beings in green tunics floated into Jean Hingley's house in Rowley Regis, nr Birmingham on the 4th Jan 1979. They explored her house in a child-like manner, then discussed religion and politics with her. When she offered them some mince pies they took them into the garden and left via a glowing, orange craft which left physical marks on the ground. (Full report available upon request)





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