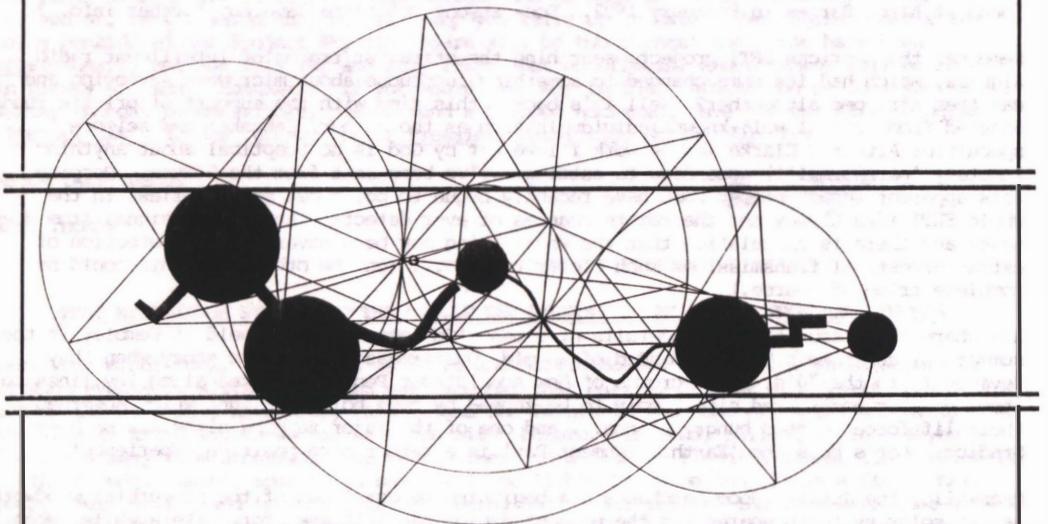


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"The one thing that we learn from
history is that we never learn"

DONALD HODGE

The CCCS Annual General Meeting was held at Andover in Hampshire this month, and I was amused but pleased to see that the venue's organiser Busty Taylor had thoughtfully placed bright yellow 'CCCS AGM' signboards, with a pointing arrow, at all the major junctions and roundabouts into Andover... and some still got lost.

A majority vote was finally taken that the CCCS membership as opposed to the Council should elect the Chairman for a one-year term of office, and so the pitiful 160 ballot papers out of 570 sent out in the proceeding months were subsequently counted and Michael Green emerged the winner. Congratulations then to Michael as re-elected Chairman, and commiseratory backslaps to Lucy Pringle (who only narrowly lost out) and Richard Andrews. Members elected to the existing council were: Barbara Davies, Michael Glickman, Lucy Pringle, John Sayer, Richard Smith and George Wingfield. Paul Vigay was later co-opted on to join a growing list of co-optees, which sparks the thought; as there's so many seemingly needed on Council, why not simply create some new posts to accommodate these people so they can be elected democratically..? Anyway, a full AGM report next issue.

Away from the fascinating world of bureaucracy, Steve Alexander has sent us some photos of the Avebury crop circles we reported last month. The one at the stone avenue is interesting though now looks extremely faint, but the 'car tyre' (which was more than a rumour) formation was actually a ring in ploughed soil opposite Silbury Hill. On closer inspection however, the impression didn't look like it had been made with a tyre and no tread marks were apparent... Curiously, reports have now come to light of a soil circle found at Alton Barnes in February 1992. Does anyone out there have any further info..?

Remember the American SETI project, searching the stars for traces of intelligent radio signals, which had its name changed to something innocuous about microwave surveying and was then scrapped altogether? Well it's back - this time with the support of private funds donated from several well-known individuals such as the author, debunker and science speculator Arthur C Clarke (whose work I love but by God is he sceptical about anything remotely 'paranormal!') according to cuttings we've been sent from the States. Despite this apparent resurrection, some have recently begun to point out several flaws in the whole SETI idea anyway and the remote chances of ever detecting any useful signal from deep space and there is speculation that the whole thing may be a cover for the detection of extra-terrestrial transmissions much closer to home... (on the other hand this could be complete tripe of course.)

Elsewhere this issue are brief details of a mass 'Om' session to be held at Wembley in the summer. I can't help being reminded of an old 'Quatermass' television story when they revived it in the 70's, where crowds of New Age 'Planet People' flocked along ley lines to stone circles and sacred sites, only to be zapped by huge bolts of light which absorbed their life force to feed hungry aliens... and one of the major zapping sites was Wembley Stadium. Let's hope the 'Earth Alignment Day' is a rather more positive experience!

Meanwhile, the Jupiter doom merchants are beginning to crawl out of the proverbial woodwork as our solar system prepares for the biggest explosions it's seen for quite a while, when some sort of comet strikes it in July. Repent ye! Repent ye!

ANDY THOMAS

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THE SKY'S THE LIMIT... ANDY THOMAS REPORTS ON 'PROJECT SKY'

Last year, as some of you may remember, CCCS Sussex held two meditations at its branch meetings, with a view to contacting the circlenmakers and perhaps influencing the creation and design of an actual crop formation. Some of us still hold to the view that we were partially successful with the arrival of the Sompting Triangular Triplet (Sx 93/01) which bore a close resemblance to the configuration we meditated on.

Meanwhile, up at East Midlands CCCS, similar experiments were taking place, and our friends up there were eventually treated to one of the best formations of the year in the form of the Charley Knoll cross. This year, the East Midlands branch hopes to take things a stage further with the advent of 'Project Sky', co-ordinated by Karen Douglas with the help of other branch members.

Taking the view that the crop circles are created by some kind of non-human intelligence, Project Sky hopes to unite as many circle enthusiasts as possible in an attempt to transmit a mass communication to what we call the 'circlenmakers', by getting crop circle groups around Britain - and why not the world? - to meet in their own places at a designated, synchronised time, and to 'tune in' together, in a kind of mini-harmonic convergence. The ideal would be for local branches to gather in their own local crop formations for this occasion, but if the circlenmakers have neglected to pay a visit, the site of a previous formation, stone circle or other local 'sacred' site which attracts earth energies will be an acceptable substitute. And I see no reason why those who won't be able to make it out at all can't tune in from their own homes or wherever they happen to be.

The thinking behind this all is to let the creators of the crop circles simply know once and for all that we acknowledge their presence and their handiwork and that we are open to whatever the next stage of the phenomenon may be and "wish to communicate more fully and openly with them". The effect of such a strongly focussed gathering together of combined thought could be very powerful, although no specific results are being sought as far as immediate physical effects go. The idea is to keep the approach as simple as possible.

The final details are currently being decided and as soon as the specific arrangements are arrived at, rest assured that SC will keep you fully up to date. Two separate dates are being considered for Project Sky (ie. there will be two events) and these have been provisionally set for July 1st and July 29th. But an official announcement will be made in plenty of time. Meanwhile, if you would like any further information or feel you have a worthy thought to contribute, please send a Stamped Addressed Envelope to: Karen Douglas, 'Project Sky', 62 New Terrace, Upper Pleasley, Mansfield, Notts, NG19 7PY.

Watch this space.

ANDY THOMAS



THAT MYSTERIOUS STROBE AND THE LITTLE RED LIGHTS... AN UPDATE FROM ANDY THOMAS

Cast your minds back, if you can, to SC 20 and Martin Noakes' report on 'Three Nights of Strange Events in Wiltshire'. You may remember that Martin, Griller and myself took a ride out on the 28th July with Nancy Talbott and Sue Paruch in the hope of catching a glimpse of the strange green lights we had seen the night before. Instead, pulling up in a layby a few miles away from Stonehenge, we were witness to a intense flashing strobe light which lit up the clouds. Later, some of us saw small red lights blink on and off in a field where people were moving and torch lights were being used. Our initial thoughts were that we were observing some kind of experiment by Steven Greer's CSETI team who have been known to shine lights up into the sky in attempting to achieve communication with extra-terrestrials. However, after the strong feeling that our presence had been noted by whoever was in the nearby field, we lost our nerve, fearing we may have stumbled on some kind of secret military exercise, and we retreated back to the Alton Barnes area, none the wiser for what we had seen.

Later, we heard from Colin Andrews that he and Sue had headed back to the area the next day to see if they could find any clues as to what we had witnessed the night before. Their >>3

eventual conclusion was that we had experienced the effect of some kind of farming equipment. Sue takes up the story in this extract from a recent letter to us:

"I wanted to say hello to Andy, Martin and Dave (Griller) with whom I spent an exciting evening sky and field watching last July, while they were in the Wiltshire area. The evening of July 28, 1993, we four, along with Nancy Talbott went to Stonehenge to interview the guards there about what they had seen two nights previously during a late night gathering, as well as what they had seen on other occasions. From there we followed what we assumed were Steven Greer's experiments and pulled over on the A303. Soon we saw a green strobe light flashing regularly with long intervals inbetween, as well as people walking with flashlights in the darkness. A video camera was set up and I had a hand-held tape recorder. Anyway, the next day, Colin Andrews and I went back and discovered a house and farm buildings in the area. We talked to someone there and asked what we could possibly have seen the night before. The man said it was probably a light set up in the field to scare off birds. He let Colin and I drive into the field. We found the light."

Understandably, Martin, Griller and myself were rather disappointed by this rather mundane conclusion to the events. What Sue and Colin had found certainly seemed a plausible explanation, and yet something didn't seem quite right about it. Why was a bird-scarer operating at night? Who were the people in the field? Why did a car drive into the field and turn off its headlights while still moving as if not wanting to be seen? What were the little red lights we had seen? The more we thought about it, the less likely it seemed that the farming equipment theory was the total explanation.

A few months ago, I was discussing the events with some members of CSETI, and showed them Martin's report in SC 20. We were gobsmacked! Everything we reported, the strobe, the red lights, the date, the time, the place - all of this was an exact account of one of their summer experiments in Wiltshire, except that they had been the people in the field, and we were the ones they had noticed hanging around in the adjacent layby! It seems what we saw that night were indeed CSETI-related incidents.

I have been asked not to reveal too much at this point, but I can confirm that the flashing strobe light is considered by the CSETI team to have been the result of one of their experiments and a signal from some kind of extra-terrestrial craft. Those who were closer to the strobe are firm that the light was coming from above the clouds... The small red lights which we noted, were witnessed by several of their number. They would apparently wink on and off at random a few feet above ground level throughout the night. No-one is quite sure what their purpose was. Reportedly, even greater results were hoped for that evening but some kind of distraction broke the team's concentration and nothing more was seen. Everything ties up very neatly, and there is no doubt now that this is what we saw.

So, exciting stuff from our point of view. But where does that leave the bird-scarer? One can only assume that it was a coincidence that such a device was in the general area. Either that, or the light was a cover story for the farmer on whose land the CSETI work took place. Otherwise, we have to assume that CSETI mistook a local bird-scarer for a spacecraft! That seems to me very unlikely, given the experience of the members on the team, and it doesn't explain the red lights...

Following up events on the other nights reported by Martin, it seems there are several witnesses to the glowing green lights we watched sailing across the Vale of Pewsey from Knap Hill, and some managed to capture them on video. All who saw them are in complete agreement that their nature and behaviour were totally inconsistent with the idea that they were nothing more than luminous balloons released by assorted debunkers, as some have claimed. Luminosity is one thing, but giving off enough light to illuminate the surrounding cloudbase is quite another. Some balloons may well have been launched over the summer, but what we witnessed were most certainly not these.

On the 26th July, whilst parked at the edge of East Field, Alton Barnes, Martin, Griller and myself watched several dark shapes passing in front of Golden Ball Hill very rapidly at about 4.15am like huge blocks of blackness. We have now heard not only from others who have witnessed similar phenomena at other times in the same area, but some Danes also saw the same events as us and described the shapes as large black triangles flying in succession over the brow of the downs...

It is events like these that should convince us that something very mysterious indeed is going on, something no hoaxer can discredit or play a part in... ANDY THOMAS

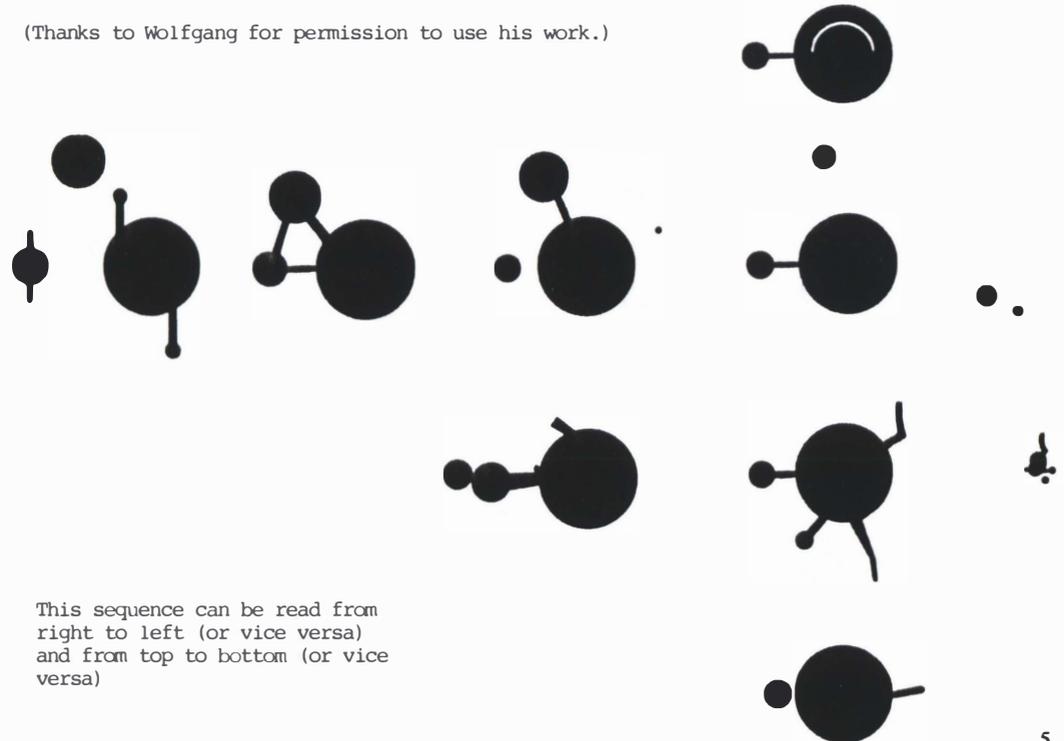
Wolfgang Schindler is a German circles researcher from Hamburg, whose hobby is collecting together records of as many crop formation designs as possible, and then arranging them into sequences which appear to show how one design then evolves into another and so on. This evolution may not have been reflected in the original order in which the formations appeared, thus Wolfgang selects pieces of the jigsaw puzzle from hundreds of drawings made from surveys, and places them into what he believes is the 'correct' order. The results are certainly persuasive that perhaps this is one of the things we should be doing with them as part of our learning 'program'. As well as with the designs, Wolfgang has also found some dates of formation appearance to be significant, as on page 7. He also dabbles with examining and working out the geometries that can be extracted from certain formations in a similar manner to John Martineau's work, three examples of which are on page 8.

Wolfgang has probably gathered together more records of crop formation designs from around the world than nearly anyone else - for instance, he informed CCCS Sussex of a strange dumb-bell that appeared at Selsey in 1990 that we had never heard of! (See SC 17) We reproduce some of his listings over the next four pages as an example of his potentially important and certainly interesting work. Dates and whereabouts of the formations are only given where Wolfgang thinks them relevant, otherwise the designs are left to speak for themselves.

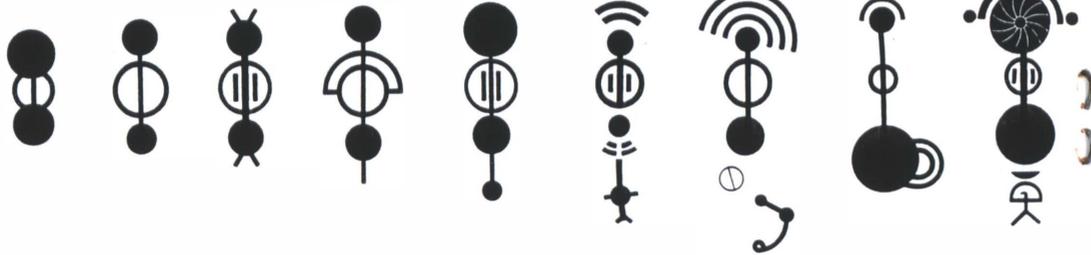
A word of warning however: After compiling the sequence shown on page 7, Wolfgang found that even diagrams on a page can be very powerful things (Andy Collins has had similar experiences, as recounted in 'The Circlemakers'). Leaving the diagram on a table, he went to sleep one night only to be woken a while later by "a strange sound hovering above the table where the drawing was lying and the table made crackling noises like somebody had put a heavy load on it". So if this issue of SC spontaneously combusts one night, don't say you weren't warned...

ANDY THOMAS

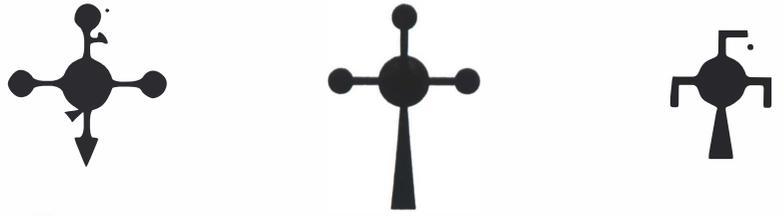
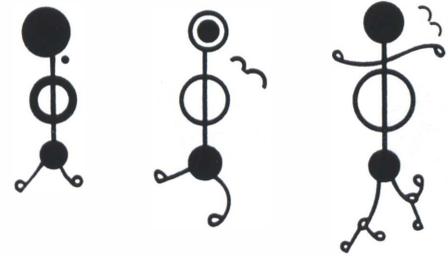
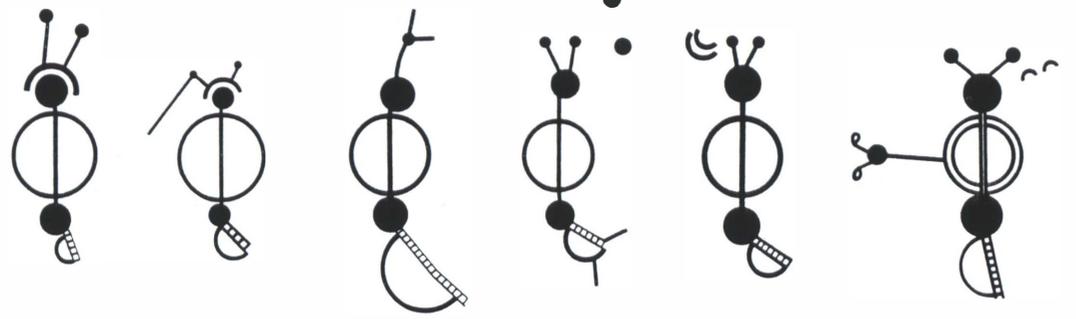
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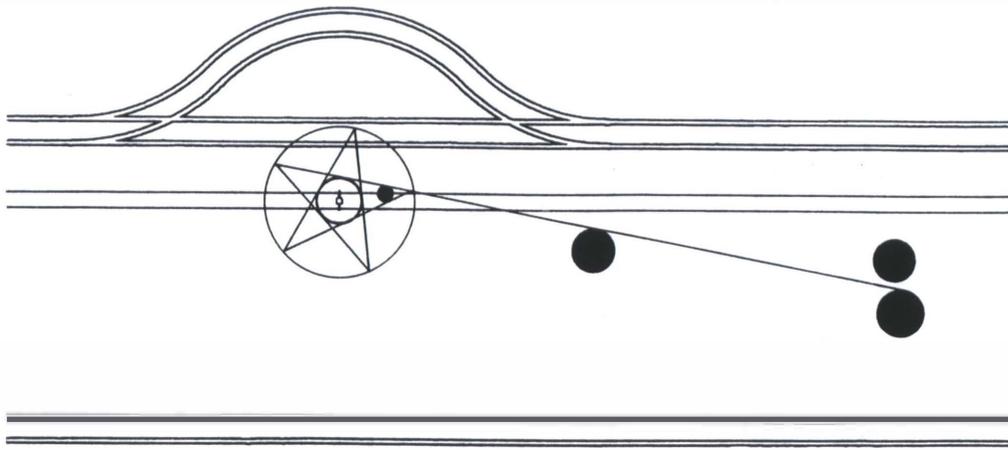


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Crawley Down	13/07/90	
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Alton Barnes	02/07/91	of
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John Macnish recently published his book 'Cropcircle Apocalypse', concluding that the entire crop circle subject is a hoax. He supports his view with substantial evidence of hoaxes perpetrated over the past two years which he obtained with the cooperation of the major teams of hoaxers, primarily Doug and Dave. He then goes one step further by explaining the circles from the 80's as being the handiwork of Doug and Dave, offering photos of older formations as proof. Although he readily admits that circles exist which are unexplainable in construction detail, have been unclaimed as a hoax and occurred with anomalous circumstances, he believes even these will be explained in time.

I have spent many hours with John Macnish listening to and looking at his material and believe the majority of the information presented of the last two years is valid. However, I AM TOTALLY CONVINCED THERE IS A REAL AND IMPORTANT PHENOMENON amongst the chaff we have seen over the past few years. While John gives excessive focus to those which he has evidence of having been hoaxed, he steers well clear of discussing any in his book which appear unexplained. During our discussions, I pointed out to him construction detail on several more complicated patterns and said I felt these represented the real phenomenon. Although he admitted they were unclaimed and unexplained, he avoided discussing them in his book (other than a vague reference to them, suggesting that I only felt a handful were real!). He was well aware that formations claimed by Doug and Dave were withdrawn immediately I challenged them to explain certain details which had impressed me; this neither appeared to change his opinion. He also avoided discussing the Alexander footage of the disk in the field, focussing instead on footage from 'Communique' that was easily explainable as seeds blowing in the wind.

The work ahead is clear. All the information presented in John's book has to be carefully collated to the database to look for discrepancies. Now we may see the real value in the stamp collecting of the past 11 years! In 1991 when Doug and Dave originally came forward to claim the circles, they stated that they began making them in 1980. Now that we have given evidence of the phenomenon existing prior to that date, including a photograph taken by a farmer in 1978, they conveniently discovered they began work earlier than they thought, at least back to 1978. If back engineering is going on, details in the database may provide the evidence.

It will take several months to complete these inquiries and collaborations back beyond 1978. When we have finished we will be able to make a detailed statement as to the validity (or not) of John's claims. In the meantime, it is most wise for those passing information to the public to be prudent. There are few who have access to early information or who have the experience of early site work to support their views when under questioning. In our attempt to resolve the true nature of the phenomenon, the evaluations will be based on the best available evidence for a genuine phenomenon vs that for hoaxing, not on privately held beliefs.

COLIN ANDREWS

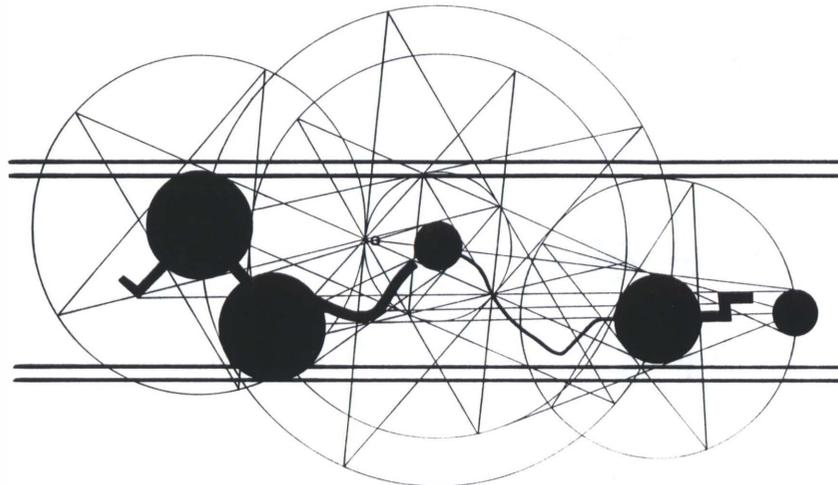
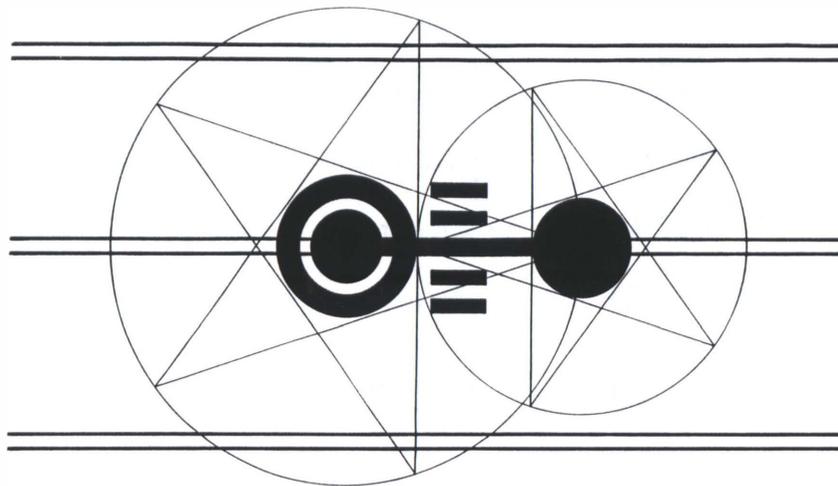


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Some worthy advice from Colin there, although many currently dispute that the majority of Macnish's claims for the last two years are valid, and certainly wouldn't agree that the German student footage in 'Communique' is easily explained by dandelion seeds...

Macnish's book has certainly put the cat amongst the cerealogists both here and abroad and word from America has it that the feeling is it shouldn't be simply swept under the carpet, but brought to task and examined in detail as Colin recommends above, to sort out the truth of the claims one way or the other.

Whilst I have sympathy for that point of view, I also feel some caution in getting bogged down with too much investigation of an interrogative, espionageal nature. This might be giving the book far more time than it's worth, and could play us into the hands of just the sort of opinion fragmentation the sceptics and debunkers would like. Sometimes it's necessary (as with Bythorn) to take issue in a big way, but I'm not sure it's worth it in this case, when this is presumably exactly what the book wants us to do. What we need to do is start putting out positively the information we have which shows just why we believe there to be a real phenomenon, without getting into a showdown situation. - Ed. >> 9



I have decided that I am going to write a book and have acquired a second-hand typewriter to write it on, nly ne letter d esn't w rk. I am going to fill my book with smut, lies, innuendo, fiction and pure fantasy. I will give my book a good name; I will call it 'Crop Circle Crap' and subtitle it 'Complete garbage with which to amaze your friends if you have any!'

First we had 'Round in Circles' (it can always be used as toilet paper afterwards), then 'Two-Thirds' (incidentally, if anyone can explain this book to me I would be grateful. It is the only book that I have never managed to finish reading. I gave up after the third chapter in total confusion. 'Two-Thirds' appears to be a science fiction story billed as fact. I am glad they did not bother writing the other One-Third...) and now 'Cropcircle Apocalypse', subtitled 'Crop Circles Case Closed'.

It really is difficult to decide where to start with this book; like 'Round in Circles' we learn more about the writer than anything else. John Macnish, its author, produced without a doubt the best crop circle video that exists. 'Crop Circle Communique' stands as a testimony to his film-making abilities and still remains an awe-inspiring work. Why then has he lowered himself to producing a tome pampering to the whims of the hoax fraternity? Has he, as has been alleged, 'been got', is he just easily led, or does he really believe what he is saying?

It is a shame that Mr Macnish does not have a spell chequer (sic) on his typewriter, unless of course he is inventing some new words. We are introduced to "two policemen in a pander car" (sic) page 61, "explanations" (sic) page 76, "the picture became alot clearer (sic) page 108, "Doug and Daveto" (sic) page 130, "resopnsible (sic) page 145 etc, etc. He starts off on the wrong foot with the very first page of chapter 1 (actually page 19) by trying to impress us with who he stayed with in Malta and immediately getting his facts wrong. "Our hosts, Gerald and Charlotte De Trafford had looked after us well". He cannot even remember their names! Incidentally, George (not Gerald) De Trafford passed away at the end of last year.

Throughout the book he makes reference to inexplicable events, some of which occurred WHILST HE WAS PRESENT. For instance "his camera was malfunctioning for no apparent reason", "more alarmingly the recorder had been rewinding" (p24), "they did manage to record an unidentified aerial object" (p43), "claimed to have heard a loud short burst of sound like an electrostatic discharge" (p45). But these are brushed to one side with "there is no evidence that the noise was connected with the circles" (p25), "it is impossible to come to any firm conclusions" (p43), "it was unlikely to have anything to do with the circles" (p45). With logic and reasoning such as this, anything that is unexplainable is ignored whilst "enquiries are still under way" to establish the registration number of two vehicles seen on 17th July 1991 at 2.00am because this is deemed "an important clue" (p205)! How do you trace an unidentified car's registration number after three and a half years?

Macnish does not disappoint us when it comes to illogical and absurd statements, bearing in mind that the whole point of this book is to say that Doug and Dave did it all, if they did not then Schnabel did, if he did not then Irving did, if he did not then the still unidentified 'A Team' did. I will let you into a secret; the 'A Team' are actually the genuine Circlemakers - no wonder no-one knows who they are or that no-one has ever caught them! On page 39 he states "Everyone who knows anything about the circles is aware that in all the eye-witness accounts the circles take only a few seconds to form" Hmmm, so by his own admission it makes it a bit tricky to blame that on two sexagenarians regardless of how fast they may be!

Other strange inclusions: "They (D & D) could not answer everything." When "Andrews asked for details of how they created the Celtic Cross", "Dave said he had been mistaken, someone else must have made it" (p93) - ie. the real Circlemakers. "Mistakes like this did them no good at all, and led many people to be suspicious of their stories", "as usual they broke into an argument with each telling the other that he had got the date, the location or the technique wrong", "When it came to describing details they were a shambles" (p147). But surely it is the details that are important? Quotes like this really do not go a long way to proving Macnish's case. So why bother including them at all if you really believe that they did it? >>

"Life is really terrible... so where do you want to eat?"

I find it astonishing that people like Macnish actually believe in things like the baseball cap sighting device. "Using the baseball cap with built in sight Doug formed the central axis of the formation" (p155). "I wanted to see just how accurate the baseball cap surveying method was. He closed one eye and squinted into the loop. With his whole body rigid he moved in a sideways shuffle towards the camera. The avenue was dead straight" (p170). If "dead straight" pathways can be made with only one sight then perhaps Macnish would like to inform the British Army so that they can redesign all their rifles with only one eyesight. I can only imagine that he has never fired a gun in his life. You cannot sight on only one point, it is not possible, you need two. Go and ask an assassin. And as for page 172, well we get a good belly laugh here. "Doug made two stout six foot poles which he and Dave used to vault from the tramlines over the standing crop to the point where they intended to make the grapeshot circle. They then vaulted back to a tramline and left the field"!! Apparently at a meeting last year, they confessed that at the 1990 Gaia formation they leapt from the tramline over the standing crop a distance of ELEVEN FEET! Now that is something I would like to see. Sergey Bubka eat your heart out. On top of all this the book contains many contradictions (eg. "for nearly two decades" (p178) against "what we did for thirteen years" (p179)) and unsubstantiated 'facts' like these.

And as for the last chapter, well! Macnish tries desperately to leave us with a little mystery surrounding the circles after all and ends up with "think of Doug and Dave as 20th Century Shamans". I would rather not thank you.

What we do learn from this book though is that during 1992 and 1993, Macnish went out with the infamous Doug and Dave and watched them wilfully destruct farmer's crops, according to this; this is probably when they STARTED making formations. Macnish even allegedly videoed them doing it which must therefore make him an accessory to their crime. We are told of many formations that D & D were recorded doing and many others that they (or Macnish) claim they did. As this is all now in writing, I hope they live in fear of the police knocking on their doors (or at least a farm-worker lynch mob - Ed) as anyone who enjoys destroying a farmer's livelihood deserves whatever punishment may be thrown at them.

However, as has been so aptly demonstrated recently, the much-vaunted time-lapse photographic evidence of hoaxing as presented (badly) in 'Cropcircle Apocalypse' now proves absolutely nothing. Assisted by the wonders of modern technology and only a few hundred pounds worth of the latest computer gadgetry, Paul Vigay has demonstrated how Zarg and Plook from Ursa Minor made the Barbury Castle triangle. He has scanned a colour photograph of the formation into his PC and using easily available software can show how to 'cut' and 'paste' parts of the picture. For instance if you wish to make the 'ratchet' disappear, you would 'cut' a section of wheat from the photo of the field and 'paste' it over the top of the laid formation. It is very simple to do, takes virtually no time at all, and when finished is INDISTINGUISHABLE from the rest of the picture. You can then gradually make the formation 'disappear'. If you save a copy of the picture after each 'cut' and 'paste' and then replay the pictures one after the other in reverse order, you will have created your own time-lapse sequence of Barbury Castle forming. Pictures of people carrying out the 'hoaxing' can also be 'pasted' onto the photos. It is that simple. These images can then be output from the PC via a special adaptor DIRECTLY into a camera and hence onto previously unexposed photographic film. You can then hand the standard roll of now exposed film to someone and say "There you are. You get the film processed. Proof that I was there when the formation was made!". So next time that someone like Macnish says that he has time-lapse 'proof' of D & D making formations, just tell him about Zarg and Plook from Ursa Minor.

BARRY REYNOLDS



"WEM-BER-LEY! WEM-BER-LEY...!" 'EARTH ALIGNMENT DAY'

On Sunday 21st August 1994, from 10.00am to 4.00pm, an 'Earth Alignment Day' event is to be held at Wembley Arena in London. Described as "a non-denominational gathering of those who choose peace and love on Earth", the object of the day is to provide "the greatest planetary balancing into Harmony and Light ever known with a combined OM (AUM) delivered by thousands at Wembley and linked in across the world". The OM will be chanted for eight minutes starting at 12.00 noon GMT: other events around the world are expected to link in in their own respective time-zones. Anyone interested in further details should contact: Sandy Stevenson, 'Camelot', 139 Dunnings Road, East Grinstead, W Sussex, RH19 4AS

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS: MARY BENNETT ON "CABBAGES OR KINGS?", MAY 19TH 1994

In COCS Sussex's unceasing quest to present its members with lectures from the world's cereological finest, the latest speaker to be tricked into coming down to one of our branch meetings is the very wonderful MARY BENNETT who I'm sure will provide us with a very entertaining and informative evening. (Or we won't pay her expenses.)

This will be held on THURSDAY 19TH MAY at our usual venue, the 1st Burgess Hill Scout HQ, Station Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex. Proceedings will begin as usual at 8.00pm sharp. There will be an admission fee of £2.00 for members and £3.00 for non-members.

"So wot's this Mary Bennett person all about then?". Anticipating this very question from those who have not yet had the pleasure, I asked Mary herself to come up with the following promotional notes, radioed in from her hideout in Beirut (or something):

"A writer and editor specialising in the metaphysical, Mary Bennett has been closely involved with the crop circle phenomenon since 1990 and with Extra-Terrestrial Intelligences since forever, or so it seems. Mostly Taoist, Mary studies Qi Gong with Sifu Nan Lu who teaches in New York. Mary is currently editing the new edition of 'The Only Planet of Choice' for Gateway Books."

'Cabbages or Kings?', the title of her Sussex presentation, will be largely concerned with the relationship of crop circles and Extra-Terrestrial consciousness - are we prepared for multi-dimensional change? Do we wish to be cabbages or kings?

Mary adds: "I do promise not to be boring as this presentation is especially for the benefit of Barry Reynolds who fell asleep during my (very brief) talk at the Dorchester Conference in 1993." She closes with the final offer: "If Barry is still awake, I will explain 'Two Thirds' to him..."

Can you afford to miss this potentially life-enhancing event? (Non-Sussex and overseas members are of course exempt from obligatory attendance.)

We have received the following in response to Martin Noakes' alien abduction article in SC 26. Round up the usual suspects...

Society for Concerned, Repeatedly Abducted Persons.

(Heap).



Dear 'Sussex Circular',

Just a quick line to say that Counselling sessions for your Mr Noakes (page 5 Feb 1994) can be arranged to address the nasty case of post traumatic stress disorder he seems to be suffering from, and if nothing else we may be able to help with the axe situation so that at least his wife can sleep in peace (not rest in peace).

Yours sincerely

DR BEAM

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