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Editorial

Here again, slightly later than planned... Apologies to our readers for the delay in getting this issue completed. As I noted last time, I had taken on the role of chairman of BUFORA, and now I have the editorial role for its bi-monthly magazine. Unfortunately, getting the time to edit/compile two magazines isn't always easy. In order to ease the schedules slightly, we will now publish Synchronicity three times a year – although the intervals between issues may vary. We are also forced to move away from our initial status as a free magazine - due to the number of magazines being sent to interested parties (last time over 50 copies), and we will have to make Synchronicity into a subscription magazine – please see the panel on page 3 for full details. Those of you who have sent money as contributions towards costs will of course have this converted to a subscription.

You may remember last time that I assured people that despite my involvement with BUFORA, that APRA would continue and a local interest group, based on our original concept of looking at research in the 'Thames Valley area' (which can be interpreted somewhat widely!). Our presence on the web demonstrates just how global research is now, as we have as many enquiries and reports from overseas as this country, let alone our 'local area'. We have had some pleasing input from researchers in the USA such as Tim Beckley – known as America's 'Mr UFO'. Also of note has been the input from Chris Burleigh on the '1967 Bicester FT Crash'; and also original reports with APRA on the same mail lists as MUFON and the J Allen Hynek UFO Center (unashamed namedropping again!). The number of mutual links to websites is increasing all the time, as we become ever-more part of a global research network. One new group that has been set up locally is Open Mind – the Oxford University UFO Research Society, lead by Neil Spring. Neil is planning an Oxford Union debate, and

regular meetings, and even a conference – so keep checking the Oxfordshire media, and also *UFO Magazine* for details of open meetings.

In May I had the pleasure of giving a talk on "SETI, Aliens and UFOs" to the Norwich UFO Society, and I also went along while up in the area on holiday a few weeks later to listen to a fascinating talk and video presentation by researcher Mary Rodwell, of the Australian Close Encounter Research Network (ACERN). To say I was impressed by the interest and enthusiasm of Jac Solomon's group would be an understatement – any local group that has 50 people attending fortnightly meetings has something going for it, and gives a lesson to some national groups! If you get the chance, then do support local meetings in your own local areas.

Brian P James

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE
Magazine Subscriptions**

As we indicated last time, this magazine, in its current format, has become something of a victim of its own success. The last issue (#5) was sent to over 50 interested individuals and groups. This means the original concept of providing the magazine free has become a strain on our financial resources.

Sadly, we have no alternative than to make Synchronicity into a subscription-based magazine. The number of issues per year will be cut to 3, which means that we will be able to guarantee producing 3 issues, rather than the current struggling to produce 4.

To cover costs of printing and postage, we will set the subscription rate of £4.50 per year – hopefully this will be seen as reasonable. We will of course exchange copies of Synchronicity for the publications of other groups.

If you wish to subscribe to Synchronicity, please send a cheque for £4.50 (made payable to "B P James") to our PO Box address, thank you.

CCCS 10th Anniversary Conference

The CCCS's 10th anniversary conference was a 2 day affair, over the weekend of 12th –13th August, in what must be the closing weeks, if not days of this year's rather early season (excepting a quirky formation in green barley in August!) Unfortunately, I was only able to attend the conference on the Saturday.

As usual, a conference is a good time to meet up with friends and acquaintances, and indeed make new ones – and this one was no exception. I was able to chat with my former CCCS council colleagues, and also meet Roy and Marion Dutton again (thanks go to Roy for the complimentary copy of his latest video in the series *We Are Definitely Not Alone* – a review will follow). Of course any conference is also a chance to spend money on the latest books and other merchandise...

Well, what of the speakers?

In Jazz Razool and Daniel Seward-Ward, of the UK and USA respectively, we were given interesting insights into current research into 'free energy' research, and possible implementations of such systems for propulsion etc. While the maths went over my head, the concepts are potentially very exciting, as Jazz summarized concepts for 'Casimir' propulsion. Was it synchronicity that this year's Everleigh Ashes formation mimicked the arrangement for a Casimir drive system that Jazz illustrated? What both Jazz and Daniel covered, was that orthodox science is becoming increasingly round to the notion that there is an element of 'consciousness' in gravitational and quantum forces – this is borne out by experiments that vary according to the thoughts of the people running them! Daniel also made some

interesting observations on the 'mechanics' of a zero-reaction in possibly how to create a crop formation, rather like the principle employed by martial arts exponents in breaking solid objects, by quickly removing the 'source action', before the target object can react and re-apply the opposite force – think about it...

The talk that interested me most was by Dutch researcher Bert Janssen. Bert covered various aspects of geometry found in crop formations comparable to pure mathematics. However, putting my 'UFO' hat on, perhaps the most curious case was the one of a boy in Holland who seemed to be an 'attractor' or 'focal point' of multiple phenomena that defy 'pigeonholing'.

The case started some years ago, when the boy in a family started seeing balls of light flying around. Since no-one else in the family could see this, it was rather dismissed as being part of 'his growing up'. However, the sightings continued, and eventually his two sisters started to see the same lights. The father was non-too-impressed, as he had a good job in a bank, and didn't want the notoriety that the odd lights might bring. However, sooner or later his wife his wife began to see the lights, and he did himself... By now researchers were involved, and slowly details began to be made known. At first glance one might put this down as BOL UFO's, but these BOLs would often expend themselves into walls and furniture, leaving prominent burns – suggestive of ball lightning. While the BOLs would fly rapidly round, damaging the house, they never hit any of the human residents – perhaps just as well, really. As the case developed, the boy began to experience precognition and clairvoyance,

and began to predict when crop circles would form nearby – the area itself had by now become a hotspot for crop circles. As things developed more, the boy began to notice these BOLs 'create' crop circles, by flying over the crop, then rapidly expanding into a large 'pancake' of light which then touched down to form the crop pattern. To the researchers, it had become clear that many of these effects occurred when the boy, and other members of he family were depressed (Jung had also studied this connection between depression, and the generation of paranormal effects), so by now there was this tangible similarity to poltergeist phenomena. Bert made a good case for 'testing' the attractor or focal point factor, by moving the family elsewhere, to see if the various phenomena would move with them. He also suggested this may be a factor in crop circle hotspots in this country, such as Avebury and the Vale of Pewsey, though whether the crop enthusiasts could all be persuaded to move for a number of summers is a moot point!

A bonus for the afternoon was an appearance by Colin Andrews, who was given the opportunity to expand to the packed auditorium on his very recent revelations on a new theory to explain 'genuine crop circles' – much of which had invariably been distorted by the media. It was clear that Colin has been perhaps forced by his backers to make an interim statement on the results of his research, which is unfortunate, as too many assumptions and sweeping statements appear to be made, causing not a little aggravation amongst the research fraternity! Essentially the research undertaken by Colin's group CPR can be split into two areas. Number one was the research into the Earth's natural magnetic lines, which often have been found to match the simpler ('genuine') formations, but which appear to have undergone a positional shift, perhaps causing electromagnetic effects which would cause the crop to fall - these EM effects may also explain odd

lights and EM anomalies. However, from my point of view, in common with the not-too-dissimilar arguments over 'dowsable' energy, there is little apparent work to show that the energy pattern was present in the field **before** the crop event occurred, so what energy patterns are we really looking for? The other aspect of the CPR research was to hire private detectives to observe known circle-hoaxers in action. It was this aspect of research that lead to some of the more contentious statements. Colin Andrews states that it has been 'proven' (with no backup evidence) that 80% of the complex crop formations have been man-made – this subjective statement caused considerable discussion with the packed audience! This still leaves 20% of formations that have no rational explanation. The CPR's research then concludes that 5% of formations are down to this new theory of magnetic anomalies. So it still means that 15% of the assumed 'genuine' formations either have not been examined, or cannot fit the theory, and we all know how this sort of sweeping statements almost haunted Terence Meaden's 'Plasma Vortex Theory' (which itself probably still has some relevance for some circles.) The research has still to be concluded, and it is promised it will be peer-reviewed, so we must wait until its conclusion and publication before we will know the full extent of the theories, and then offer criticism.

Colin is to be applauded for appearing at the CCCS event, as the two parties have not always had amicable associations. He must also be congratulated for suggesting that it is time for all parties to put away their egos, and to get together to solve the riddles of the crop circle phenomena (yes I do mean phenomena, not phenomenon!) We've also seen similar thawing of attitudes in the UFO research field, so perhaps the so-called Millennium consciousness change may have been in more subtle areas that we thought? Whatever, let's get on with solving enigmas...

News & Views...

Mystery Holes

Sometime over the night of 27th May, a hole appeared in the top of the famous Silbury Hill, in Wiltshire (Its okay, I won't do the joke about police are said to be looking into it).

At this stage it is not certain if this collapse is due to the earlier excavation shafts that were dug in an attempt to solve some of the archaeology of the mound. A 'team' of security people are currently attempting to stop any visitors climbing the mound for a look. Just a thought, have any of the crop circle photography flights taken photos of Silbury complete with hole, I haven't seen one.

The hole was protected by tarpaulins, to stop further weather damage and erosion. I have been told that the hole is over 80 feet deep – if this is true, the hole can hardly be attributable to subsidence. Or if it is, then there must be a remarkably large chamber underneath!

Wiltshire Mysteries

James Hill managed to find a fascinating, if by now old, book – *The Ghosts and Legends of the Wiltshire Countryside*, by Kathleen Wiltshire, originally published by Compton Russell in 1973.

Essentially its a collection of legends and perhaps some urban (rural?) myths, collected over a number of years, often at WI meetings where Kathleen gave talks! The book covers such wonderful country legends as black dogs, hauntings, ghosts, headless horsemen, phantom carriages, strange lights and a few other occurrences. One of the most interesting facets is the map inside the cover pages of Wiltshire, with 'map-pin' dots where such strange events

have been witnessed – these days one could be forgiven for thinking that the map was marking crop formations in the same areas! How many of these villages and places, where ghosts etc. have been seen, are now familiar to us for other reasons:

Adam's Grave, All Cannings, Alton Barnes, Alton Priors, Avebury, Beckampton, Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, Cherhill, Chisleton, Etchilhampton, Fyfield, Hackpen Hill, Knap Hill, Morgan's Hill, Rockley Down, Roundway, Stanton St Bernard, Silbury Hill, Stonehenge, and Tan Hill? Yet again enigmas are intertwined, and 'crop circle alley' had earlier mysteries...

One short, but interesting account, in the chapter on Ghosts, rather than the one on Phantom Lights, is as follows (the italicised emphasis is mine):

George Pearce was a shepherd on Knook Down. When out with his sheep at night he *sometimes saw little lights bob up and down*. He told his master, who then spent a night out with him and also saw the lights. They marked the place.

'Government people', related George, 'sent soldiers, who dug about and found guns and swords and dead bodies, and where the lights were, a large box of valuables and money'.

Although we do not have a date for these occurrences, based on the work of my grandfather as a shepherd, I suggest it is the 1930s or earlier. Here we have an account of lights bobbing about on the Wiltshire Downs - that sounds familiar in crop circle lore! Mystery lights are not uncommonly related to old burial sites, also with tales of treasure and grave goods. Just in case anyone out there gets ideas – PLEASE DO NOT start digging up crop circles looking for treasure – the farmers are annoyed enough as it is!

Before we leave this case, the 'government people' gave the shepherd £2 for his trouble. Seems the MIB's of that day were more generous than now...

Also of note is the case at Silbury Hill, supposedly the burial place of King Sil, who could be seen clad in golden armour, riding his horse in the area. If a gold-armoured figure were to be seen these days – would it be interpreted as a spacesuited figure?

The book does contain one rather odd account of a man meeting his 'family ghosts', as the narrative suggests a remarkable memory and recollection of the speech uttered by the ghost, under what presumably was a worrying encounter. If only witnesses to such phenomena these days could be so lucid in describing exact details.

UFOs on camera?

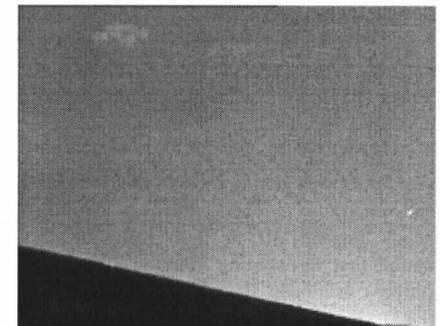
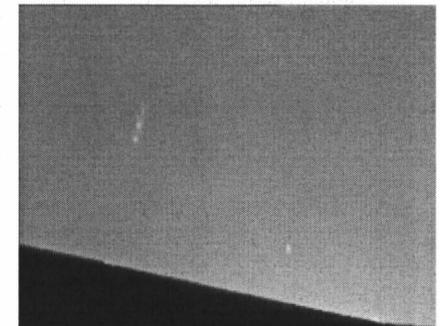
Those of you who either attend some of the mainstream conferences, or buy commercial videos of UFO footage – will probably have seen footage obtained by a technique known as 'Solar Obliteration', or 'Solar Obscuration'. The technique's fairly simple, but must be performed carefully, since it involves pointing both eyesight and a camcorder 'at the sun', although you do keep a solid object, such as a wall or roof in between you and the direct sun. This technique cuts out most of the glare from the sun, allowing other aerial objects to be more visible.

When I have seen this type of footage, I have always been most unimpressed, as quite clearly people are deluding themselves by looking at insects and windborne debris as 'UFOs'. My viewpoint has often caused a few disagreements! As is usually the case with any 'mystery photo' or 'mystery video', the only way to confirm suspicions is to attempt to replicate the footage with known rational causes. A recent enforced

few days off work, coupled with a run of fine sunny days (a rarity this British summer!), allowed me to try my own recording.

The results largely confirmed my suspicions, as the sky was full of insects and windborne seedheads - these really were quite obvious. However, the effects of the Cosmic Joker, or 'Q' should not be discounted, and they came into play once again. On the morning of 23rd August, I recorded 20-plus objects that were rather reminiscent of the infamous 'ice crystals' of the various shuttle mission footage. The two photos below show both types of 'UFO' (please visit www.apra.org.uk to see these in better quality)

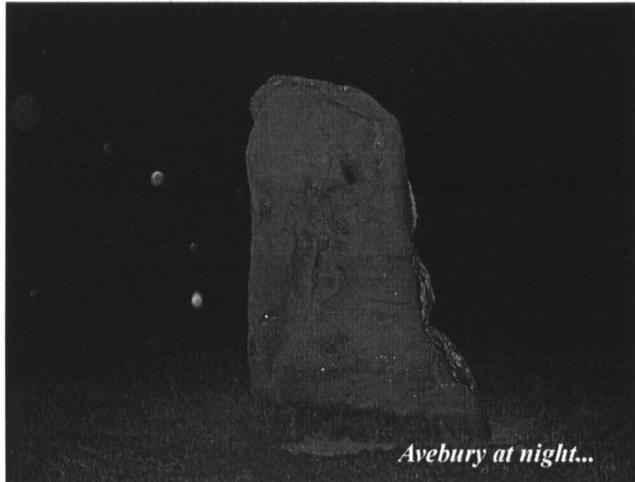
My own feeling is that they are more likely to be daylight meteors, but the jury is still out on analysis by myself and others. A short clip was shown at the August APRA meeting, with no firm conclusion. The research continues, and more on this next time...



Skywatch Report

Avebury - 24th June 2000

After last year's successful joint skywatch at Avebury, the date of 24th June was chosen for this year's joint APRA, SUFOG and BUFORA skywatch - I hope I don't have to remind anyone of the significance of the date? This date was also when BUFORA council and other officers had been meeting in Oxfordshire, so not all of us could get to the Avebury area as early as we would have liked - so we didn't get to see round many of the crop formations in the area.



Avebury at night...

I arrived at Avebury at 9.30pm, when the large intrepid contingent from SUFOG and APRA (too many names, some unknown, to list here) were heading for the henge's northeast bank - where we made camp last year. As I was getting dressed in my warm and waterproof clobber, I narrowly avoided being dragged off to join a night-time ramble that was starting from the Red Lion (three coachloads of night-hikers) - and

some question our sanity in doing skywatches!

We had all taken up our position on the henge by 10.00pm, though we were still waiting for some of the BUFORA party to arrive. At this stage, we were able to get to know new people, and chat with old friends about matters ufological, and beyond...

We had the chance to meet a possible abductee, who seemed very sincere, although the atmosphere of the night did make eventually him seem extrovert, which caused some to wonder about his experience accounts. It is true that this experiencer was by now very familiar with the claims of other abductees and experiencers, having read several prominent books

on the subject. However, during the time I was chatting with him, someone else behind made a loud joke about abductions and rectal probes. The look of revulsion and fear that crossed his face at that point told another story, and investigators must try to confirm his GP's reports on some of his physical traces.

The five remaining BUFORA people arrived later, and made the most of

exploring the henge monument, but some found that the rooms they'd booked at the Red Lion were not exactly useful, as the pub shuts its doors to guests at 11.00pm.

Shortly after this time the night hikers filed past on the track leading up to the Downs and Marlborough. With a vehicle up on top of the downs with flashing beacons, and the hikers carrying torches as they made their way up the slopes, I was reminded of the reports of the Berywn mountains incident...

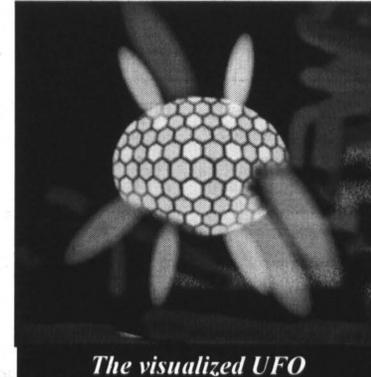
Some more friends and acquaintances had also come down to Avebury for the nightwatch, so we numbered somewhere around 20-25 people as midnight approached.

On Midsummer night, the night sky doesn't get really dark, as the sun skims below the northern horizon, so we were not going to see that many stars in the clear sky. Did I say Midsummer - the way the temperature dropped, I doubt if it could have been much colder in Midwinter! I

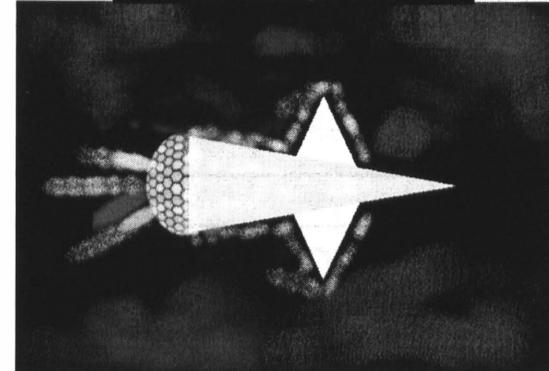
think Steve Gerrard clocked a reading as low as 4°C during the night, and it was very damp with it, so chairs, ground sheets, clothes etc were at times literally dripping with moisture.

At 12.45am, a group of four, lead by Ernie Sears, decided it was time for 'contact meditation', as this had been successful

before. The four moved to one side of the main group, and began their meditation. Two were getting clear images 'coming through', while another was trying to use his Third Eye. One person began to get repetitive images/visualizations of a brightly-lit object coming down through some cloud. This object was hemispherical, with very clearly hexagonal sections, each hexagon marked with a black 'border'. In



The visualized UFO



each of these hexagonal cells there were lights, varying from white through to pale green and yellow, and of varying brightness. Some of the lights were so bright that they emitted a beam which played through the cloud itself. This whole 'object' was turning, and the

viewer then changed his perspective, almost 'zooming out' for a wider view. From this wider viewpoint, the hemisphere was the end of a much larger object, though it was still emitting

beams as it turned. The rest of the object was a long cone, and had two dazzling white 'fins' top and bottom (see the illustrations for more detail).

After five minutes, the meditation was concluded, with comments like "Let's see what that does, then."

A few seconds later a number of people urged everyone else to look at a large bright

yellow/white light in the north. Some thought they could see a cell-structure (remember the visualization). I was looking for tell-tale navigation lights, but my binoculars dewed up, and were useless just when I needed them. No one else could see characteristic flashing green and red lights of an aircraft. This light was traversing slowly to our northwest, and faded slowly, not in the manner of an aircraft turning, causing its main lights to fade-out quickly as the narrow beams turn from the observer. Logically this object was a conventional aircraft, but it was silent (RAF C-130 Hercules flying out of Lyneham in the early hours of Sunday were quite audible as they climbed out to the north), and no conventional lighting could be seen - and the timing of its 'arrival' was uncanny given the meditation seconds earlier.

A number of satellites were seen during the night, including Mir, and numerous aircraft traversed the sky. Unfortunately, we were not to get a repeat of the earlier mystery light, although there were some curious cloud formations, and some people thought they could see very faint moving lights in the sky at times. Overall, there was a feeling that the atmosphere wasn't quite

right, perhaps mainly down to the loud music from some party over at ??? - the music lasted until 3.00am on the Sunday, and must have really pleased the local residents! Curiously, the music was much louder and more irritating actually in the centre of the stone circle than it was up on the bank, which gives a clue as to the stone's properties.

Although we were skywatching on one of the shortest nights of the year, the sheer cold forced us to abandon our watch before we could enjoy the dawn, and a cloudbank to our northeast was always going to be troublesome. All of the assembled skywatchers returned to our cars at 4.20am on the Sunday morning, to seek drier and warmer conditions, helped by hot drinks. On my way home I was scanning the fields for any new crop formations, but none were seen on my route.

A couple of days later, I received an email from Jac Solomon, of the Norwich UFO Society, relating the very interesting events of the skywatch that was going on at Rendlesham Forest on the same night, see the next page for news of those events.

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Rendlesham Forest 2000 The Incidents Continue...

From Jac Solomon, Chairman - Norwich UFO Society

Three members of the Norwich UFO Society joined the usual Saturday night skywatch crew of the Ipswich and Colchester UFO groups, and their usual monthly prowling through the trees-ground zero(Holt) across to GZ (Larry Warren. Nothing seemed odd until we hit the section of forest directly adjacent to the Warren version of the story (by the oak tree), where a farm sprinkler beat out a steady swishing in the darkening forest. All of us felt it-like walking into a black hole where the trees obscured all remaining light and the atmosphere felt un-naturally heavy. Several of us felt a distinct tightness around the abdomen accompanied by a mild nausea*. One member of the party informed us that in this exact same spot she and a colleague had recently experienced significant time loss.

My own feeling was that she could not be more correct...there was something in this forest that possessed a timeless quality in something far beyond the poetic definition... certainly it would explain a great deal - whoever's story one chose to believe about the events of December 1980. But also, the presence of some kind of temporal anomaly here might help us understand some of the even more bizarre encounters people had reported here in much more recent times, such as entities emerging from trees, and balls of intelligent light and even an encounter with the cappy-whats-his-name goat-sucking critta ,whose name I could never pronounce [chupacabras Ed]

Due to commitments impending early on the Sunday morning we three from Norwich left shortly before Midnight -it was a mistake... The following day I received a call from one

of the original Rendlesham researchers, to inform us that things got serious about 12.40am, and the following is an account in her own words of the events which followed on the night of June 24th/25th [Remember, the same time that another skywatch was going on at Avebury in Wiltshire - Ed]

17 People attended the sky watch - but only 5-'G', 'CA', 'A', 'D' & 'DK' - and Mason (the dog) remained present when objects were first seen

At 1.40 a.m we were all sitting at forestry commission track 10 by the bar in front of the cars - the bar is across the gate way to stop cars going up the track - 'D' had gone to the car to have a sleep so he missed the first ones. 'G' suddenly jumped up from her chair and shouted - "What on earth is that?" - we all saw 3 stages of an orange orb - 1st it was the size of a tennis ball 2nd the size of a large football 3rd it grew very large. It looked as though it was hidden one side behind a cloud - but it wasn't as it was well down under the clouds. It came up from the bottom of track 10, and literally shot up the track as a small orb then when it changed to a big orb. It stopped and very slowly went into the trees to the right - before this there was a big white flash of light from behind and one in front of the orb, and a little round light came away from it and went into the trees on the left hand side of the forest. Then a bright beam of light came up the track - it was difficult to tell how far up the orb came towards us - as it came up so fast then suddenly stopped - it was as though it had been projected from something very fast.

We decided to go down the track and have a look. 'A' woke 'D' who was a little bit upset at having missed all of this. We all walked down the track including Mason. Half way down the track 'CA' looked behind us, as we were trying to cover all sides, just in case. We saw some 'shape-shifters' coming behind us, glowing like little fairy lights. One minute they looked round, the next long. They were beautiful, they were on the track coming towards us. We stood what seemed liked ages watching them, it was then 2 am. At 2.15 am we saw in front of us up in the sky a triangle of lights, a perfect triangle - the sky was very dark as earlier we had a lot of rain. We watched this for a while before moving off up the track that led to track 12. We were making for ground zero - but on going past the place were Halt's sighting was. 'DK' saw a orange orb hanging over the trees in the exact spot of Halt's sighting place. (we had only been there earlier) - 'DK' and 'G' wanted to go into the trees and look but the others wanted to go to ground zero - you could still see the orb up the path, this was at 2.30 am.

The next thing that happened was really weird. Mason has stopped on several occasions along the path, one place was at Halt's sighting place, on the way to ground zero. Mason suddenly stopped and would not go any further, then he suddenly shot backwards past all of us as though something had projected him - we all stopped but after a while carried on. We got to ground zero, it was beginning to rain but not too hard. We left there after about 15 minutes to go back to the cars - on track 12 we cut through the woods to go past the deer pits but missed the turning - 'G', 'CA' and 'A' were walking ahead - 'DK' and 'D' were a bit behind. When we came out on track 10 again - in front of us 'DK' saw 2 silver orbs about the size of a large football going in between the tree branches - they were beautiful. 'DK' told 'D' but didn't know if he saw them - this was then 2.55

am. We got back to the cars at 3.05 am. At 3.15 am there was a beam of light coming down the track - it just faded out after about a minute - at 3.30 am we saw red lights in the trees - a orange light and a white light on the tree branches. At 4.00 am it was a lovely morning, several of us went through a tunnel of trees off track 12 - this is where two people lost 4 hours 2 years ago - everyone found it to be very heavy going and a job to breath. It is quiet in there and very warm - there is something about that place that is not quite right, Mason also refused to go through there last year.

'G' and 'CA' turned left towards Woodbridge when going home. Normally 'DK' would have went that way but she turned right to go through the back way home - at 4.05 am 'DK' looked towards the forest and saw a ball of orange light hanging over the trees - even though it was daylight it was quite distinctive. 'DK' said to Mason as it started to move across the fields "What now?" 'DK' kept driving and the light just disappeared. About 2 miles up the road, 4 deer jumped the bank and landed right in front of 'DK's car - she did an emergency stop and nearly went into the bank, the deer just stood there really still. 'DK' looked across the field and saw this orange ball beaming down lights and chasing 2 more deer.

She does not remember any more only getting out of her car at home it was 5.12 am. The 20 minutes journey had taken her one hour and 15 minutes - (her neighbour can vouch for the time she got home) she think she woke him up as he looked out of his window. She went to bed as though in a trance and woke up at 10 am very disorientated - her face and chest were burning up and her head itched so much. When she looked in the mirror her face was bright red so was her neck and chest. She had a mark over her left eye and a swelling above it - she was still very disorientated, this lasted all day and into Monday. Mason

was also very quiet and did not want to go out just wanted to sleep.

take a photo of this - but they didn't have a film in the camera. On Monday her eyes were very red.

'DK' showed her face, neck and chest to her son and daughter in law and asked them to

WE ARE DEFINITELY NOT ALONE

The trilogy of videos

by T Roy Dutton - CEng, MIMechE, MRAeS

Roy Dutton is a former BAe engineer, who's work involved him in future aviation projects research, and even into Britain's rather abortive space programme. Even as early as the 1970s, it was quite obvious to Roy that many UFO reports were of clearly manufactured aerial vehicles that were beyond the technology of mankind at the time - remember, Roy was used to looking at conceptual aircraft! As Roy has continued his research, it is still clear that 30 years later, that some UFOs still demonstrate technology far beyond our capabilities - what Roy terms VUFOs - **Vehicular Unidentifiable Flying Objects.**

The third part of Roy's presentation on his own work to provide explanations to UFO sightings, Abduction experiences, Crop circle events (and much more), is now available.

In his videos, Roy makes a very strong case to prove that various events do fit a pattern that clearly shows an intelligent and even scientific plan for these encounters. Roy presents data to illustrate this connection with many date/trajectory graphs - these include well-known abductions, and even Mantell's tragic UFO chase. While some of the technical details may prove difficult to follow, I can guarantee that the theories are thought-provoking!

The videos are now distributed by:

**Horizon Video
PO Box 3
Torquay
TQ2 8YT**

Prices:

Part 1 - £12.99 ; Part 2 - £14.99 ; Part 3 - £14.99

Or

Any 2 videos - £26.00; All 3 videos - £39.00

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The 1967 Bicester Crash - A New Explanation? From Chris Burleigh

Those of you who have been reading issues of either the APRA Bulletin, or Synchronicity since issue 1, will know that we have related the account of the alleged crash of a delta-shaped 'UFO craft' near Bicester, Oxfordshire in 1967. The report was first raised by Andy Roberts, and has been investigated by a number of both UFO and aviation researchers over the past couple of years.

It should be remembered that the Bicester 'crash' was but one of many such incidents over the UK in the late 1960s and early 1970s - see Nick Redfern's excellent book Cosmic Crashes, for a similar event on Cannock Chase.

As you will know from Bulletin #4, and from the pages on the APRA website, we did publish some graphic depictions of the alleged craft that was claimed to have been seen at the scene itself. Perhaps we can now reveal that this person is known to APRA coordinators, and the 'observation' of the downed craft was made by attempts at remote viewing! The depiction has been available to any websurfers for



The D-21, photo courtesy of Lockheed

nearly 10 months now, and in July of this year, we got some feedback!

We received an email via the website from Chris Burleigh, over in California, who wrote:

I read with interest your report on the Bicester 1967 "Flying Triangle" UFO crash. It rang some bells with me, so I took a quick web-search for reconnaissance drones. And there it was, clear as day.

Your mystery craft was a USAF D-21 supersonic reconnaissance drone. 31 of these are reported to have been built from March 1966 through to 1969 and the aircraft enthusiast historians list each by serial number, carrier aircraft and ultimate fate. Some are missing, presumed lost in crashes. Some are in museums on open public display. The pilotless drone aircraft looked EXACTLY like your rendering,

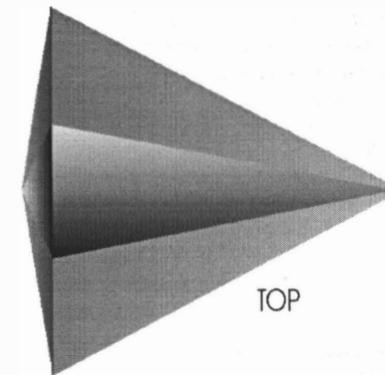


The D-21 mounted on its YF-12A 'mother ship' photo courtesy of Lockheed

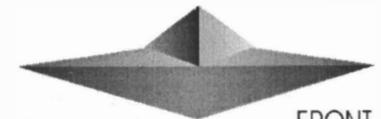
maybe a bit more curvy along the leading edges of the wings. It was also slightly larger than the dimensions you quote with a wingspan of something like 20 feet. The single turbojet engine had a large "cone" stuffed into its intake at the nose, so the intake was all but hidden with just a circumferential slot exposed.

The D-21 went into service in 1966 and was usually carried aloft under a B-52 bomber (and later on top of YF-12A Oxcart aircraft). It was released at high altitude to overfly soviet military establishments at supersonic speeds and then return to land where the reconnaissance media could be recovered. The aircraft were introduced to replace the Lockheed U-2 spy planes, which had proven vulnerable to shoot-down when Maj. Powers was captured on a reconnaissance mission over Russia. The D-21 would have been in service in Europe and the UK in 1967.

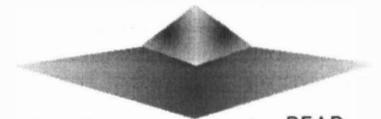
The D-21's were themselves later replaced by the Oxcart derivative SR-71 "Blackbird" manned aircraft. These are twin engine aircraft that fly essentially the same mission and look just like an enlarged twin-engined D-21. In 1967 the D-21 would have been just about the most secret aircraft in the world and to loose one in a civilian area a



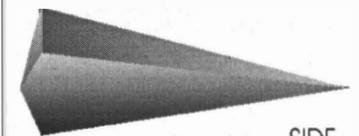
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SIDE

Graphics based on a witness 'observation' of the alleged vehicle that crashed nr Bicester, Oxon, in 1967

serious embarrassment for the USAF.

Here are some more details of the D-21, courtesy of the Federation of American Scientists (FAS).

The Lockheed D-21 (Project Tagboard) was an unmanned or "drone" aircraft designed to carry out high-speed, high-altitude strategic reconnaissance missions over hostile territory. It is a product of the Lockheed "Skunk Works" program that developed the A-12, YF-12, and SR-71 "Blackbird" manned aircraft in the 1960's. The D-21 ramjet-powered reconnaissance drone was powered by a Marquardt RJ-43-MA-11 ramjet. Cruising at Mach 3.3 at an altitude of 90,000 feet, the D-21 had a range of over 3400 nautical miles. The D-21 was guided by an inertial navigation system on a pre-programmed flight profile.

Originally, the D-21 was designed to be launched from the back of a modified A-12 (redesignated M-12) carrier aircraft. The first flight of the D-21/M-12 combination took place on December 22, 1964, but the first D-21 release from an M-12 did not occur until March 5, 1966. Two more launches were successful, but on July 30, 1966, a D-21 collided with the M-12 after release, destroying both aircraft and resulting in the death of one of the M-12's crew members. No further "piggyback" launches were attempted.

A new launch system was developed using modified B-52H aircraft as carriers. The new D-21 configuration (designated D-21B) had dorsal mounting hooks for carriage under the B-52's wing, and a solid rocket booster for the initial acceleration required to start the ramjet engine. The first launch from a B-52 took place on November 6, 1967, but the D-21 crashed. Several flights

followed in 1968 with mixed success.

The first operational launch was on November 9, 1969, but the D-21B was lost. Several successful operational missions were flown over the next two years, but the D-21 program was highly classified and details have not been released. The program was cancelled in 1971 and the D-21s were placed in storage.

SPECIFICATIONS

Span: 19 ft.

Length: 43 ft.

Height: 6 ft.

Weight: 11,200 lbs. without booster

Booster: Lockheed Propulsion Co. solid propellant rocket

Engine: Marquardt RJ-43 ramjet

Armament: None

Crew: None

PERFORMANCE

Maximum speed: Mach 3.3

Range: 3,400+ miles

Service Ceiling: above 90,000 ft.

We include pictures of the D-21 here, along with the depiction of the Bicester object observed by remote viewing, for you to draw your own conclusions.

Crop Circles: The new Millennium...

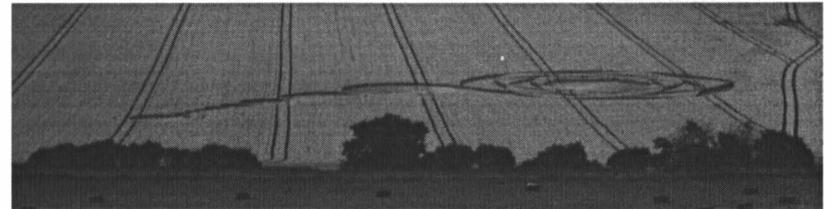
Well, this year's crop circles have been different in many ways. The season didn't really start that strongly, certainly in terms of



numbers, and the rape/canola formations were somehow lacking. However, once the barley and wheat came to event maturity, we saw a leap forward in designs, particularly their complexity, some taking a quantum leap forward; and we did see the increase in

alignment).

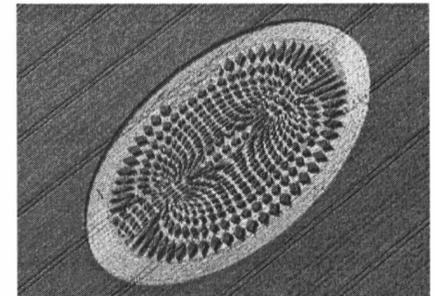
Elsewhere, notably in Wiltshire (where else?), the formations took on a new complexity, as illustrated by the photo (bottom right), which shows the complexity of the 'groundplan'. Thankfully the farmer in this instance did allow visitors to enter the formation, with an honesty box at the field entrance. Many visitors reported odd physical feelings and disturbances in this one; at one point in the formation I got an immediate gnawing pain in my stomach – in the solar plexus chakra, and had to move on very quickly! On a personal basis, I have experienced this sort of 'negative' energy more than once this summer; another occasion was while visiting the 'seafall' of



3-D effects that we surmised back in Synchronicity #5.

We'll try to have a look in detail at some formations in the next two magazines, but here is a quick pictorial look at the best Oxfordshire formation for 2, or 3 years, this one at Uffington, just below the White Horse and Dragon Hill. In terms of design for that location, it is a leap forward in complexity, and more importantly precision. The photos above shows that it is on an alignment through the hill figure and Dragon Hill, and Faringdon Hill in the distance – if this line is projected it does go through the Rollright Stones (Thanks to Michael White for reminding me of that

the Michael Line at Hopton, just north of Lowestoft – that one also included an 'MIB-type' event, which I'll cover more in a future issue.



Strange Trails in the Sky

Photos By Mark Barton

Contributor Mark Barton has for some time taken an interest in odd aircraft, and their contrails that he sees from his home near Reading, Berkshire.

It is worth remembering that the main Golf (or sometimes called Gold) flightpath of out Heathrow goes over this area [I am on its northern edge at Blewbury in Oxfordshire -Ed], so Mark is used to seeing a great many aircraft pass fly over, and has quite an assortment of cameras to record these. Mark has often sent in reports of

curious lights and dark triangles that he has seen while carrying out his observing. Another type of aircraft Mark describes are the 'Fastmovers', flying relatively high, and these are the ones that Mark observes leaving occasionally odd contrails, sometimes with the curious 'loop' effects. Of course odd contrails are very much of interest to those people looking for the exotic propulsions, such as Pulsed Wave Detonation (PWD), which has been long associated with Black projects such as the famed Aurora. Certainly odd 'doughnuts on a rope' contrails have been seen regularly over the States'.

It is worth noting that modern airliners can leave curious trails, I have noticed Boeing's, and Airbuse's etc leaving a normal contrail which then 'loop back' across themselves some distance behind the plane [A letter on this was published in UFO Magazine in 1996]. I suspect this sort of vortexing is down to the winglets that most modern aircraft how

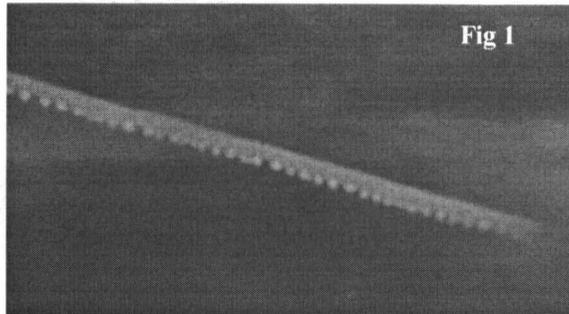


Fig 1



Fig 2

Contrail seen over the Reading area on 1st May 2000, at around 8.00pm

have, and must cause considerable worry of turbulence for any following aircraft. Recently I have noticed that Boeing have indicated they are developing methods to cut out all of this wingtip turbulence - presumably with some new design of wing fences.

Two of Mark's photos are included here for your own analysis, and for you to reach your own conclusions. Figure 1 is one such contrail taken on an APS camera, while Figure 2 is the same trial with his 35mm SLR and 600mm lens.

The two other photos show another curiosity that can be observed if you spend enough time looking at the sky, and which Mark was able to record. These are two out of a series of four frames, and show a 'halo effect' at its best.

The cirrus clouds show that ice crystals high in the atmosphere ahead of an approaching front will have allowed odd optical phenomena to occur, but Mark's photos do not show a common halo around the sun, but of something more

akin to a 'projected halo'. This is certainly unusual, and is not listed in meteorological books as amongst the common optical effects that are generated by the sun. Then again, according to experts, a triple halo is impossible - but I've certainly seen one!

Interesting optical phenomena captured during one observing session...



Meetings and Events Diary

APRA Meetings

APRA hold regular meetings in the meeting room at the Fleur de Lys, Main St, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Oxfordshire - we will be there on the last Wednesday of the month, from 8.00pm - 10.30pm - why not drop in?

All meetings are informal, and we regularly have videos to watch.

As a quick reminder for 2000, the dates are :

**30th August
27th September
25th October
29th November**

Skywatches

Skywatches will be held regularly, usually in association with other groups. Most skywatches will be on a Saturday night, though the location may vary - contact us for details – provisional dates and venues as follows:

Provisional dates and venues for 2000 arranged so far:

Saturday 23rd September – Bury Down, Chilton, Oxon (Bufora skywatch)

For more details nearer the time, contact us on:

Phone: 01235 851319

or email: admin@apra.org.uk

BUFORA LECTURES

Forthcoming lectures, at the **new venue** of the Quaker International Center Byng Place, London.

Now on **Monday** evenings, from 7.00pm to 10.00pm

- ♦ **2nd October – Chris Martin, with his amazing UFO video footage, and other encounters**
- ♦ **6th November – our friend from SUFOG – Ernie Sears, will be discussing his many and varied experiences – well recommended!**

To keep up to date with events, then check out these websites:

<http://www.apra.org.uk>
<http://www.bufora.org.uk>