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Editorial

Welcome to the latest issue of Synchronicity (See elsewhere for an explanation of the number!) - this one subtitled 'Into the New Millennium', because whatever method of counting years you choose, we are definitely into the Third Millennium of Humankind. Thanks to those of you who have subscribed to this magazine, indeed some people have taken out 2-year subscriptions - so we do have a target to meet!

As you may know from APRA's inception, the original idea was for a local interest group in the Thames Valley region of the UK. Events have rather overtaken the original idea, as thanks to our web presence, we have subscribers in the USA and Australia, and we receive reports from as far afield as the USA and China. While the group continues to focus on our local area, we will of course work closely with fellow researchers around the World, as we strive to find answers to baffling enigmas. The APRA website continues to increase its 'hit rate', and we are now waiting to cross the 4000 hits barrier.

By the time you receive this magazine, another new group in the Oxford area - **OpenMinds** - will have had its first conference (although this one has had to limited to attendance by Oxford University students only) with Graham Birdsall of *UFO Magazine* as the main speaker. OpenMinds is the first UFO research group set up within Oxford's University colleges, and is the brainchild of Neil Spring and his colleagues. Neil has already had books published on the subject of UFOs. When OpenMinds is able to hold open meetings, do support them - these young people are the future of research, and perhaps they will find 'the answer', assuming that we have been able to define 'the question!'

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ABOUT APRA

APRA is a group of open-minded researchers who have got together to attempt to solve many enigmas of the wide spectrum of 'the paranormal'. Our main focus is on events and sightings within the Thames Valley, but we do liaise with other researchers elsewhere.

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Roundup...



"Royals Warned of Big Cat"

Proclaimed *The Sun* amongst others over the festive period. A "black panther-like beast" (panthers can only be black - since they are a black leopard!) was spotted less than two miles from Sandringham Estate - winter home of the Royal Family. It was thought that the big cat may have been attracted by the large number of pheasants on the 20,000 acre estate.

At the risk of sounding satirical, after the slaughter of all the wildlife by the Royals and their associates, I doubt if there would have been much left for the poor panther (if it existed) to feed on!

Nearly the Millennium Doom - 1 year late!

If you think back to December 1999, there was much prediction of doom and disaster at the turn of the Millennium. Who can remember Paco Raban's prediction that the Mir space station would crash to Earth and flatten Paris? Well, it nearly happened 12 months later... The Russian Space Agency came perilously close to losing all contact, and more importantly control, over Mir during the Christmas week. While most of Mir will burn up when it finally re-enters the Earth's atmosphere, an uncontrolled de-

orbit could have left some debris over a wide populated area - don't forget that Skylab left debris into Australia back in the late 1970s when NASA failed to drop it into the entire Pacific, and Mir is bigger than Skylab!

The Press were also quick to take up on the unknown and uncharted asteroid that passed by Earth at not much more than the distance of the Moon on 23rd December. In astronomical terms that is nothing, and the law of averages will run out one day, and one of these uncharted asteroids, or unexpected meteor will collide with this planet. Shame that *Armageddon* wasn't being screened on TV that night! (I know that *Deep Impact* was shown the next week, but that was a tale about a rogue comet - even if most film critics think it was about an asteroid!)

Still on space...

I hope that some of you were able to see the International Space Station (ISS), or to give it its proper name of Space Station Alpha (SSA) over the festive period, when skies finally cleared at night? Again the press gave good coverage of the SSA and how it would look in the sky, but I would bet that many will have been disappointed at the SSA's brightness? According to most of the media the new solar panels on SSA were going to make it the third brightest object in the night sky. Only trouble was they didn't! While the panels may be big, the whole purpose of them is to convert light into electricity for the station, so they are turned towards the Sun, and away from Earth - therefore they do not shine brightly back to the planet's surface. Certainly on the passes that I saw SSA make over those clear nights, I could discern very little increase in

brightness to the naked eye. Even the online predictive databases, such as at Heavens Above, would not update their databases with information on a sudden increase of brightness.

Having said that, it is more than possible that the SSA will give some very bright flares, in the same manner as the infamous Iridium satellites (now themselves mooted as a fleet of solar wind observers).

One positive aspect of the coverage given to SSA, in here in the UK is that it has got 'the man in the street' out and looking at the sky - so perhaps the PR side of space is taking off again. One other potential aspect of course is to get inexperienced observers looking at the night sky, so I would not be at all surprised to get an increase in 'UFO' reports made by these people, and in some ways this might give us some interesting statistical analysis over the coming months.

ASSAP Night Vigil at Oxford Prison

APRA Consultant Michael White - Research Director of ASSAP, organised a night 'ghost-watch' vigil at Oxford prison, following on from ASSAP's training in Oxford on 18th November. The prison does have a history of ghost hauntings and paranormal activity, so it was hoped that good data would have been collected.

Over 50 researchers from ASSAP and other groups took part in the all-night ghost vigil, and were divided into teams who worked in a rota system to stay in various parts of the prison during the night (they had been requested not to investigate the execution room). Mike was able to get some very good coverage in the following Monday's *Oxford Mail*, but rather surprisingly, the newspaper decided to print Mike's 'example' diary, and not the real diary of what happened during the night, so readers of the *Oxford Mail* were unaware that the groups did detect some odd dark shapes and patches of light, with the 'feelings' of

anomalies. No anomalies are known to have been recorded by camera; and chills in the air were not confirmed by temperature sensors.

At the time the prison had just been vacated by a film company, so was somewhat bizarrely bedecked with Chinese signs and graffiti (which has since been removed) - we might speculate on whether this 'usage' might have had knock-on effects to a ghost vigil just days later. The prison itself has been sold for development as a hotel, but Mike hopes to arrange at least one more night vigil before it is redeveloped, and APRA will be involved along with other researchers. One can only wonder what may happen to future hotel guests if the ghosts and spook should return (although Mike does have plans...!)

Silbury Hill ruined

Most of you should recall the mysterious hole that appeared on the top of Silbury Hill in May last year. At the time it was covered to stop any further erosion (and presumably to stop any looking into it). Sadly, the National Trust have now seen fit to fence off the top of Silbury Hill altogether - and it looks awful! If anyone has read the signs that they have absurdly placed on the fence would they please let me know, as I didn't have binocs with me when I was down there in December! I don't know if this is to be permanent fencing, or 'temporary' until NT conduct investigations. I have little hope over its 'temporary' nature - it is now gone the 4th anniversary of the fencing off of the Cove at Avebury itself, on the belief that the stones may have moved from when William Stukely drew them in the 1600s... I overheard a conversation between workers in the NT shop at Avebury in 1998, when they stated it would be preferable to have the public banned from the stones, much as Stonehenge!

Reports...

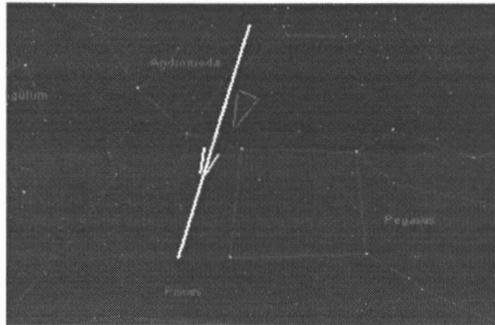
TRIANGLES MAKE A RETURN!

22 October 2000-12-2000
Larne, N. Ireland

Description by the witness - RK:
"While observing the milky-way with my step-son, we noticed a triangular formation which appeared to be three satellites moving due east through Pegasus in unison. We watched the formation for about 2 minutes after which the object forming the apex faded to nothing in about 2 seconds, the lower left-hand object also faded out in about 2 seconds but 5 seconds later, the third object then faded out after a further 5 seconds.

Expecting this to be a group of satellites which would return in around 90 minutes (puzzled though we were by their remarkable proximity to one another and the display of apparently synchronised behaviour) we waited until 22:15 and continued observing until 22:45 with no further sightings. We watched the area of the sky about 20 degrees to the west of where the objects were first sighted which would have corresponded to the point-of-return had this been a group of satellites. Comments: All three objects faded within 10-15 seconds of each other. The probability of this is low in the case of independently moving objects. Over the course of 2-3 minutes the triangle formed by the objects did not change shape indicating synchronised movement of some sort. The high degree of apparent synchronisation in

movement would indicate that the objects were close together. This is not what one would expect of satellites. The formation did not pass over any stars during our sighting so we could not say that whether it was opaque or not. We had the impression that we were looking at three single objects moving in formation. I would be most



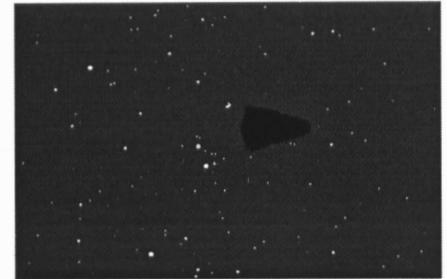
appreciative if you could let me know where I can find tables of satellite schedules or inform me if you know of any explanation for this sighting."

Duration: approx. 2-3 minutes Type: Triangular formation of three non-scintillating star-like objects of equal brightness(3-4th.mag). Direction: Headed due east through Pegasus. Size: Two fingers at arms length. Speed: About the speed of a satellite as usually observed. Motion: Regular, in the direction of the triangle's apex. Shape: Isoseles triangle. Magnitude: Three objects of approx. 4th. magitude. Weather: exceptionally clear night (structure of milky-way plainly visible) Witnesses: 2

Analysis - This would appear to be an example of a sighting of a cluster of NOSS satellites passing over (For an excellent article by Tony Eccles on NOSS misidentifications, see BUFORA Bulletin #17/18). However, we know from dialogue with the witness, that as a keen amateur astronomer, he is confident of the magnitude of around +4. Satellite data for NOSS (available from GSOC) suggests that none of the NOSS satellites get brighter than +5 - which makes sense for surveillance satellites. Also, the published data does not match the flightpath seen by the witnesses - however, as Tony Eccles reminds us, it should be remembered that NOSS are military surveillance satellites, and as such, published data cannot be considered totally reliable. The NOSS satellites are highly manoeuvrable, and can be directed into many cluster configurations, depending on their mission needs. This is highly likely to have been NOSS satellites, but data cannot be confirmed.

2 November, 2000
Didcot, Oxfordshire

While out stargazing, with an exceptionally clear sky (after yet another day's rain), Brian James had his attention grabbed by Jupiter 'going out' at the edge of his vision. He turned to look directly at that part of the sky, and noted a densely-black triangle passing over to his east, going on a north to south course. Sometimes it is hard to envisage how a black object can be seen as black against a 'black' night sky, but of course with general light pollution, as well as light from the moon and stars, the resulting night sky can be a less than a totally dark background. Brian was left with the impression that this FT almost seemed to be absorbing surrounding light - it was that densely black, with a clearly defined edge. It was flying southwards fairly quickly, and



while height, and therefore speed, was difficult to judge, it was much faster than a normal airliner on a similar course (This aspect is very similar to a metallic daylight FT seen by Brian at the same location in May 1996). The FT flew with no sound whatsoever, but of course with the strong winds blowing, the night was not 'quiet', so any noise from the FT may have not been discernible. There was no light source at all on the FT. The FT was lost to sight in less than 10 seconds.

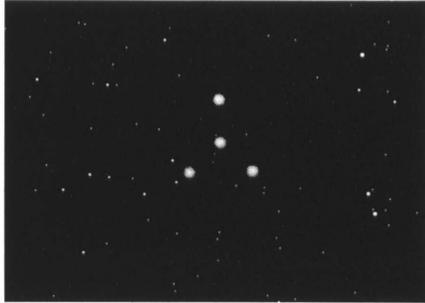
It was after the FT had passed from sight that Brian noted that the hairs on the back of his neck were stood up, which is not usual when he sees something strange.

Analysis - Not unusually, no confirmation of a known aircraft has yet been obtained by military or commercial ATC. Given the increased reports, and aviation media speculation on USAF black projects, there is a fair probability that this UFO was a genuine stealth aircraft, possibly the Aurora.

3 November, 2000
Ipswich, Suffolk

A report by the witnesses:

"I saw something last night that I and another friend have not been able to explain and can only describe as a UFO."



"I had been at a firework party in the SE of Ipswich and had watched a display put on by the local speedway venue [Foxhall Stadium - Ed].

At about 10.30pm, well after the display finished, we were outside with a small bonfire cooking marshmallows. Being a particularly clear night we were observing the very brightly illuminated stars trying to make out their patterns when what at first appeared to be a group of stars moved rapidly over that sector of the sky and disappeared. This consisted of a triangle of point lights with a fourth light in the centre moving generally southward. The movement was particularly rapid and unlike any of the other aircraft lights that we regularly see over this part of Suffolk moving in an easterly direction. They were all white in colour and not like the white/red/green of an aircraft.

The observation was over very quickly but seen and commented on by myself and a friend. We are both certain that it was NOT a firework of any description because of its flightpath."

"I have not seen anything like this before and can only put this down to a UFO or possibly a satellite - but one with four lights I have not seen before."

Analysis - Unfortunately, attempts to

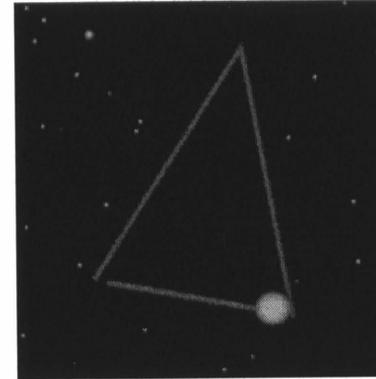
encourage the witness to provide some more details, particularly over the speed of the objects have met with no response so far. This makes analyzing some aspects difficult when we seek to match known satellite data (which were strangely few in number over that area that night). However, since the witness suggests a high speed of flight, satellite misidentifications would seem unlikely. The configuration of the lights seems very reminiscent of the classic 'Belgian Wave' FT's, but it should not be forgotten that Suffolk

and Norfolk still have a significant number of military airfields (despite the closure of the famous Bentwaters and very nearby Woodbridge), and some operations may result in unusual flightpaths and manoeuvres. [I can vouch for this by my own experience in July 2000, while on holiday near Great Yarmouth - on Thursday 6th, the peace was well and truly shattered by two Tornado GR1A's, performing dogfighting manoeuvres at high speed, with reheat and full wingsweep, at no more than 500'. There aren't many occasions outside of airshows when you glance upwards to see the upper-side of a Tornado when it is that sort of height! - Ed]

October 1995
Hayes, London

During the early hours of the morning, the witness (herself a long-time experiencer), was tending to her young son, who was awake and commenting that "someone was outside".

In an effort to almost humour her child, the witness drew the curtains, only to see a very large black triangle hanging in the sky. The triangle itself was totally black, but was delineated by green 'striplights' on its leading edges, and an orange striplight on its rear edge. The most unusual aspect of this

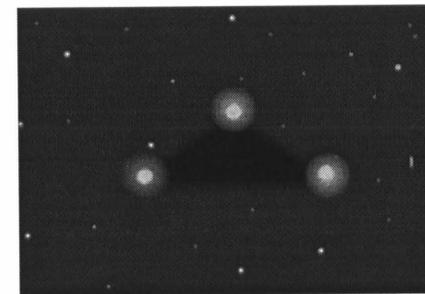


FT though was the bright white ball on the trailing edge. The ball itself was spinning, but was also moving back and forth across the trailing edge of the FT.

This was observed for at least 10 minutes.

11 January, 2001
M20, nr Snodland, Kent

The witness 'NK', was travelling alone along the M20 near Snodland between 10.45 and 10.50pm. His attention was taken by three large steady bright yellow lights in an equilateral formation above the motorway, at probably no more than 200m up. NK was travelling at about 70mph, and he was so



taken aback and intrigued by the lights that he slowed up, and almost veered off the road! He rapidly came up from behind to go under the lights, and as he was now doing around 50mph, this seemed strange to him, as he was apparently overtaking what he took to be aircraft landing lights, so any such aircraft was moving impossibly slowly (it would also be unusual for any aircraft to have bright 'landing lights' facing backwards).

As he went under the lights, they dimmed, and NK could make out a clear triangle. The lights were too far apart for them to be a helicopter, and there was no sign of the normal navigation lights that all aircraft are obliged to display. No sound was heard, but with general roadnoise, and a CD playing, then external sounds may not have been obvious.

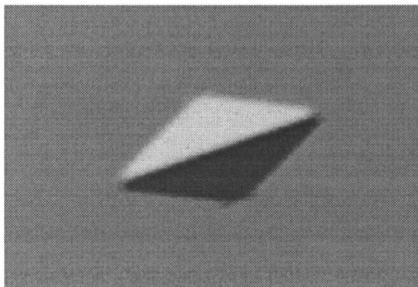
NK went home and surfed websites for UFO groups to report his sighting to. We are still waiting for a few more details before commencing a full investigation...

OTHER REPORTS...

28 December, 2000
Hammersmith, London

This particular morning of the festive period dawned over most of the UK with varying degrees of snowfall and freezing conditions (this was the day of our annual 'away team' to Avebury). APRA Co-ordinator James Hill, who drives a 4WD Discovery, was volunteered to drive his some of his relations back to London! The journey was to have an interesting bonus!

While travelling along the M4, and over the Hammersmith flyover, a diamond-shaped object was seen in the sky ahead, over the northeast of London. It was as big as James' index-finger held at arm's length. The sky



lights as he passed below them. These lights were clearly further apart than the width of the road. CK continued his journey, apparently without incident.

However, after he had stopped at a service area on the M4, he noticed that his wristwatch was now running five minutes behind both his car clock, and the clock on the car radio - all three had been pretty much synchronized earlier in the evening.

was very clear and blue, and the object was light on the 'upper surface' on dark 'underneath'. James thought it may have been a aircraft, but wasn't able to see any obvious signs of a fuselage or wings as would have been expected with aircraft at that sort of apparent distance of 15 to 20 miles. James also ruled out the possibility of a tethered balloon, but it would have been too close to the congested flightpaths over London.

After James has travelled about 2 miles, the object still appeared to be the same size, and to be in the same position as earlier, and it was lost to view one the Hammersmith flyover came down to ground level, with the various tall buildings that are around.

Investigations are ongoing.

8 August 2000
Chiseldon, nr Swindon, Wilts

The witness 'CK' was driving home after an evening at Avebury. As he approached the M4 junction while on the A345 near Chiseldon, he noticed two very large rectangular bright white lights, one above either side of the road, and there was also a smaller red light 'outside' each of the two rectangular lights. Despite his considerable interest, CK simply drove on, and clearly recalls having to crouch down in his car to peer up through the windscreen at these

On visiting the area, it should be noted that there were three tower cranes close to the M4 junction on the Swindon side, where a new hospital was being built, and these cranes do have illuminated name boards. However, these cannot be seen from where CK indicated the sighting occurred, and the drawing that he made does reasonably match the location he indicated. From our efforts, it was not possible to find a road where the cranes, and any lights, could be seen in the same positions as CK indicated. If CK had unconsciously driven by these lights, then he must have been lucky to avoid being involved in an accident at what is a busy motorway junction. Also, we do not have any explanation for the watch losing five minutes, as it has run perfectly ever since.

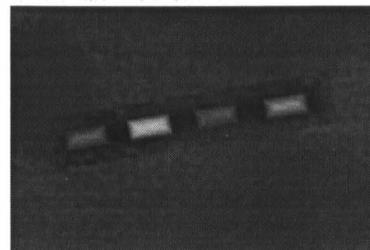
Hopefully more details on this will become apparent over the course of time.

October 2000
Salem, USA

We received a very brief report via the internet of UFOs and other phenomena occurring in a residential part of Salem (Of course famous for its Witch Trials). Unfortunately so far we only know that the UFOs were seen over a neighbours house, and we hope that we can elicit more details in time.

8 December 2000
Ponsanooth, nr Truro, Cornwall

Again another very brief report via the internet, with a witness claiming to have video footage of a UFO.



The report form returned to us indicates that while a family were leaving their home in a car, a set of four lights were seen up in amongst the scattered clouds. These lights were apparently 'rotating' as the craft moved swiftly - the report suggests that the lights were sequentially cycling, rather than spinning themselves. The video footage (which we have yet to see) appears to show rings around each individual light, but whether this is a lens aberration we do not yet know.

2 September 2000
Wanborough, nr Swindon, Wiltshire

APRA Co-ordinator James Hill was outside just after 6.15am, waiting for his transport to work James was looking at the sky, which had various levels of scattered cloud, when his attention was taken by a bright white light above the cloudbank. James was sure that this was self-illuminating, and not reflecting sunlight. After a few moments the light got brighter, suggesting that it may have been moving closer, and it now also started to saw from left to right. A

commercial aircraft on a normal flightpath over the area then approached, at which point the light blinked out. After a few moments the same light (or possibly another one?) was seen further round the skyline, and this time it shot off to the north at high speed.

James is certain of the elevation of the light, so we can definitely rule out Jupiter as a cause for the first object, which was at nearly 60° above the horizon almost due south. This would have been the only celestial object bright enough to be considered as similar, as Venus was still 10° below the eastern horizon, and it was near daylight (astronomical twilight ending at 4.50am BST).

December 2000,
China

Not actually a UFO report, but our first original report of anomalous phenomena from China, by Diliet Shju.

This case concerns an audio-tape, which was a teaching tape for Chikong (a form of yoga-like spirit exercise). The tape has been played many times without anything unusual, until one day side one of the tape began playing back a totally different soundtrack. Diliet describes the 'new voice' as being like "an alien from other stars", which was speaking a language that was not understandable.

The tape is claimed to have never been accidentally used for recording (we are trying to ascertain whether it originally had its record tab removed).

At this stage obviously we cannot make much comment on what the contents of the tape may be, but so-called Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) is not unknown. Hopefully we will be able to update you on this case next time.

Anomalous Phenomena - a New Scientific Paradigm?

In early November, a statement was made by 'NS' - a prominent Project Director for NASA's ISS project - though they are of course his personal views, they are perhaps significant in 'orthodox science' viewing anomalous phenomena...

In July of this 2000 NS visited Great Britain for a couple weeks. Since he knew the timing of the visit would allow him to see and hopefully visit some "crop circles" he did a little exploration of web sites before he left. NS was absolutely amazed at the patterns which have been around for so many years, and was left wondering why these developments hadn't surfaced in the general press in the US? After his visit and discussions with various people in the UK, it is now clear to him that crop "circles" or pictograms have suffered the same fate that UFOs and other phenomena have which do not fit the current paradigm! [Something we have known for years - Ed]

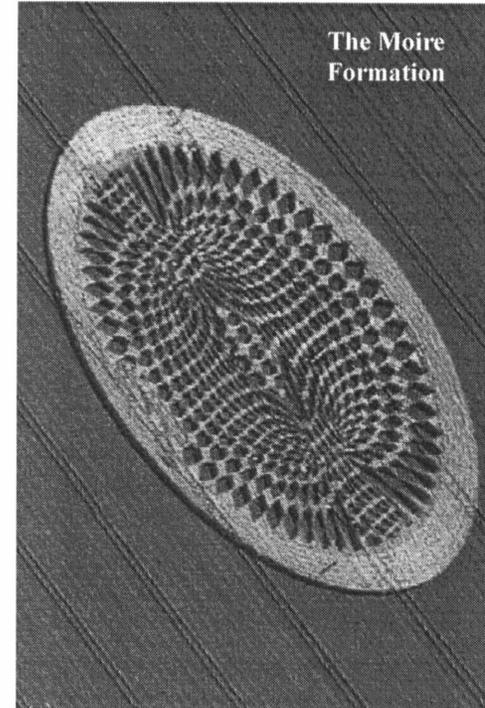
After NS arrived in London, on the journey to Somerset he was taken to the Barge Inn (Honestreet). The Barge Inn is located along one of the many canals criss-crossing England, and is a meeting place (if not the 'mecca') and informal headquarters for crop "circle" researchers and visitors. Photos of the latest crop "circles" are tacked up on a bulletin board.

Outside The Barge, looking toward nearby hills a simple crop "circle" could be seen. After getting something to eat, NS went up to the circle and entered it. He observed that the plants on the floor of the circle were woven into a basket like pattern. Unlike the few hoaxed or manmade "circles", the stalks of the plants were not broken but looked

like they had suddenly decided to bend down and grow in a horizontal direction. His assessment after visiting several crop pictograms, is that the man-made "circles" are relatively few, which are composed of simple forms having very poor geometric precision compared to the amazing pictograms. This view is somewhat opposite to that of long-time researcher Colin Andrews, who published a summary of his latest research in the second week of August. To NS, there are other factors which clearly delineate a man-made circle from the absolutely amazing pictograms, which can be learned from the web sites, and several books. NS would recommend the book *Crop Circles: The Greatest Mystery of Modern Times* by Lucy Pringle, 1999, (Harper Collins Publishers, ISBN 07225 3855 3, \$27.00). NS had an opportunity to talk with Lucy at the Glastonbury Crop Circle Conference (held in July) during his visit.

Since NS has for many years used enhanced intuitive capabilities to pick up additional information, he sat in the crop circle near the Barge Inn and picked up some interesting impressions pertaining to the future. In addition, he put out the thought, somewhat as a test but really a request, that he would like to see a crop pictogram appear which could provide him some insight into the direction that he personally should pursue in his advanced transport/field physics research activities.

After eight days of touring the British countryside and tourist attractions, NS went back out into crop circle country and again visited the Barge Inn. On the bulletin board, was an astounding new pictogram (see the



web sites: <http://cropcircleconnector.com/2000/aveburytrusloe/aveburytrusloe2000a.htm> I and <http://cropcircleconnector.com/2000/2000.html> {Dubbed by Peter Sorensen as 'The Moire' - Ed}. The pictogram was shaped like a bar magnet, with magnetic field lines coming out of the north and south poles. The pictogram had appeared on July 22 two days after NS's arrival in the England (and his first visit to the Barge Inn). He determined its location, visited the pattern and spent a lot of time exploring it.

To NS, the precision and intricacy of the pattern was stunning. Even the farmer whose field the pattern had appeared in was overwhelmed by this pictogram. He indicated that there had been other patterns in his field before, but he had still harbored some doubts concerning who or what had made them. But with the appearance of this pictogram, he knows now that this is a true

mystery. From his perspective there is no possibility that this was made by humans or our technology, and NS agreed with him.

While in the pattern, NS recalled the thought which he had sent out for a pictogram to appear which could provide some direction for his research activities. He had to conclude that whatever intelligence is responsible for these patterns, it has connections with or links with human consciousness.

In NS's own words,

"There is truly an astounding phenomena unfolding in England and elsewhere in the world. Its very unfortunate that the unscientific thinking, and perhaps deliberate disinformation, of a few individuals have been picked up and accepted by a naive press world-wide. As a result millions of people have been deprived of the opportunity to experience a consciousness expanding phenomena. It is our civilization's loss; but fortunately the apparently successful attempt to ridicule or 'debunk' crop circles will do nothing stop what may be a major transformation ahead for humanity.

From NS's perspective, there is also a warning or "be prepared" message coming through the crop pictograms as well. We have not been very good stewards of the planet on which we are living. We have recklessly depleted resources; contaminated water, air and Earth; threatened the foundation of Earth's viability with the use and testing of nuclear weapons (and perhaps other exotic technology) and continue to waste at least one-half of what we produce (especially here in the U.S.). The Earth can compensate for some of our mistakes, but it too goes through transformations. If our care of our planet is not dramatically improved soon, we may not have many more years to enjoy the beauty and nurturing environment which even now the Earth still provides (the year 2012 could be a turning point).

Going Underground at Rudloe Manor

By James A Hill

Working in the construction trade it is inevitable that your line of work will take you on a contract that is at a military, establishment. I personally have worked at R.A.F. Fairford. and R.A.F. Lyneham - both of these bases in the mid to late 1980s.

As the year's have progressed, my line of work has taken me into contact with other people who have worked on (or under), or know, of other people who have worked at Rudloe Manor. The first time that Rudloe popped up in conversation was in the summer of '97 or '98 - Trevor was a keen cricket player for a side in Swindon. Trevor asked for directions to Neston near, Chippenham. As I knew where it was I gave him directions without thinking, I said 'From Chippenham take the Corsham road then take the Bath road; follow the road to the under ground quarry at the T-junction; at the end of the road turn left past Rudloe Manor, Neston is straight on'. With this Trevor's work mate replied "Don't go straight on at that T-junction or we will never see you again."

I asked what he meant by this remark. He replied that years ago, he worked in Rudloe - kerb laying and tarmacking. One day he bumped into a painter, he told him that he had worked under ground for, two year's; painting all the corridor wall's light blue, and some white. He had remarked that it is massive down there and it, would take forever. He also said that they both remarked how fed up with the security that was with them all the time, even when they went to the, toilet.

The next time Rudloe was mentioned was about '98. I was working on a housing estate in Melksham - the conversation started off about, old steam railway's. When the fork lift driver came along, Tim said that he knew where there was an under ground railway line; the other men started ribbing Tim by saying that this was box tunnel. Tim was having none of it saying that it was about five miles, from where we were on the Melksham to Corsham road, he then went on to say that a few month's ago he worked at a factory on this road, and behind the factory was an air shaft with big grill on. One, afternoon one of the forklift truck's had an accident and dislodged the grill. Well, it would appear that curiosity got the better of Tim and a friend, and it was decided that as they finished work early on the Friday, that they would climb down and have a look see - apparently Tim's friend was into abseiling, and had all the equipment.

On the Friday they finished work and ascended the shaft, armed with torches. Tim said that there were hand foot iron's all the way down, as the shaft was of center of the line. Once they were down there, torches were turned on to see where, they were walking - the train lines could clearly be seen, two set s of lines could be seen in all. They decided to take a walk along this line in what Tim could only describe as "toward's Bath." He went onto say that after half an hour of walking they came, across the most extraordinary site (or indeed sight). In the light of the torch they could just make out the shape of a carriage of some sort. When they got closer they were

in for a bigger surprise, the first two carriages were flat bed's, complete with two tank's that he say's were of second world war origin. The next six carriages were freight and nothing of their contents could be seen.

Along the walls down the sides of the carriages was stacked ammunition boxes and possibly cases of rifles. After stumbling on this, they decided to get out of there as fast as they could. On further questioning, Tim revealed that the air was fresh, but, a slightly musky smell was prominent. He also said that one of the lines was regularly used as it was, shiny compared to the dull rusty look of the other one. He also said that between 3.p.m Friday and 8.a.m on the Monday the, rail had been repaired. I questioned Tim over several week's - his story never changed. I can't confirm nor deny that the event took place, as I can't just walk up to the factory in question and ask to see the air shaft. Shortly after I was moved

Those of you who scoured the papers and other media at the turn of the year may well have seen the news on other underground facilities, released in the annual declassification of Government documents.

Remember that places such as Rudloe Manor (and the nearby and indeed interconnected cave/storage facilities at Monkton Farleigh, Corsham and Gastard) were put into use at the onset of WW2, and that they were most certainly planned and constructed many years, if not decades earlier. It was only after the conclusion of WW2, and the development of atomic weapons, that these sort of caves, and other underground constructions took on a new importance.

A Home Office memo from 1947 (there's that year again!) indicates the sheer scale of the underground tunnels that were considered for use as bomb shelters form a

to another job.

In late '99, I was sent by my employer to work on a job in Bradford upon Avon. We used to drive past the back of Rudloe to get there, I often used to think what secret work was going on in there, of course all key personnel from the base have now been moved to, other areas and the place is allegedly to be sold off. Recently I read in my local paper that a university was interested in developing the land. One thing that is odd if as they say Rudloe is now defunct - why is it on a frosty morning that when driving past the old cottage, there are two round concrete areas that steam as if there, is something hot underneath them. Everywhere else frost has settled but not on these.

I have a few more tales of Rudloe, but I will leave these to future magazines...

future atomic/nuclear war. Government officials undertook a survey of the available tunnels and caves - this was done without any liaison with local authorities. The Ministry of Works concluded that railway tunnels at Ramsgate could hold 33,000 people, and Chiselhurst Caves 10,000. Similar sites are stated to have been identified at Stockport, Bikenhead,, Newcastle and Portsmouth. In December 1948 the Home Office's Civil Defence Department issues a memo which stated that probably as "vast amount of underground shelter which might serve a useful purpose in any future war".

Interestingly the various tunnel systems in Wiltshire are not mentioned in the release, but given that the various complexes had at total of over 100 miles of tunnels, I will leave it to you to calculate how many people they could have provided shelter to!

A Definition Of The Unidentified Objects Of Today

By Jim Rayner

First.

There has been no evidence of a submitted statement by the Air Force that some sightings of unidentified objects have any technological developments or principles of flight beyond the scientific range of today. So a sighting of such a craft is considered totally unidentified when a sighting has been reported, and does apparently contain a good amount of information about the whole event that is required to give an explanation of the sighting by the people involved in the event. But, the description of the object or its motion for that matter can not for some reason give vent to a correlated report. Due to the fact that the air force says that it can not identify these craft as we have not the scientific know how at the present time.

The point of this is that the Air Force statements on these sightings does admit that the unidentified objects cannot be correlated with any known aerial phenomena at all. This statement mentions that a sighting categorised as unidentified and contains all the relevant information pertinent to the necessity of a valid hypothesis is not valid at all. It also says that of the object or the phenomena. Does it not seem strange that the basic of what you have just read is that as we have a U.F.O and can they say that these sightings are categorised as unidentified do not represent a technological development and there are principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge. It would have it that the air force is saying, in effect, that even, it

nevertheless does not exhibit any features that are unknown a most difficult exercise in logic I must say.

Also, it is obvious that the Air Force does not accept the many reports of ultra- high speeds of these craft and the right angle turns they do.

We find in the official statements some thing in the line of, say , technological developments and talk of principles. Would not the developments out of these sightings of these craft become quite apparent. One could quite easily suggest that the use of the word PRINCIPLE' has been included to enable semantic escape from futuristic events. The reason for this is a suggestion that it is a claim by those believers in the UFO PHENOMENA THAT THEY EXIST. They are propelled by there believes as they think that the craft are propelled by the certain principles of magnetism. It is true that modern science is aware of the existence of this means of propulsion. However, to date it appears that man has not been able to apply these principles of propulsion as is given off by these craft and exhibited very well by there colours.

However, to date, it appears that man has not been able to apply these ways of using this type of propulsion as exhibited by the flight characteristics of these craft. So it is therefore that these craft known as UFO-objects - do not exhibit any unknown principles and could be partially true in nature, but have not been fully discovered to

the full so we have not as yet got the know how of these craft.

It is said that there is no - get this - NO identified flying object reported investigated and evaluated by the air force that has ever given any indication of any threat at all to our National security. So since the air force can control the outcome of any investigation. That is, if the air force says that a UFO sighting can be explained as a weather balloon, then they also say that the weather balloon had no hostile intent. The problem here is that of credibility. Also one wonders why there is even the need to make a statement about intent, since the Air Force has for a long time maintained that UFOs do not exist. One might also ask why an Air Force aircraft would shoot at a UFO if there was no threat Or has there ever been a threat, but just curiosity.

Secondly.

However, confidence is apparently running very high in some of the circles that have cropped up all over the world, and they say the UFOs are here to stay. And with this there is a continued interest in the capitalising of this ongoing possibility of the construction and the propulsion of a vehicle that can be used for all when we have once and for all solved the way of using discs with a magnetic drive wave propulsion system. Which may I suggest have more to it than seems to meet the eye since the Air Force can control the outcome of any of these investigations. I would have it that the Air Force would say that a sighting of an unidentified object could be explained, as a weather balloon had no hostile intent. This promotes a problem that of the credibility of this sighting. Also one wonders why there is even the need to make such a suggestion of hostile intent by the intruding craft, since the air force has for such a long time now given the notice on this subject as none

existent.

By now it would seem quite obvious that there is no outward involvement within this earth society. If this action by the air force does continue, and I know it will do just that in the years to come and as the UFOs of the passed and the future continue the society that we have will remain as it has done over the last years. For me that is from the 1940s to the now - year 2000. Then the scientists stand a good chance of being the supremes of the day.

Some notes here.

There seems to be two very significant problems with this subject. It has it that we have got the know how of the day and we take it that assuming that we have some sort of threat from these craft. It is found that we with all that we have do have a problem with this subject as we find the military potential which we posses today is demonstrably inadequate to cope with a threat of this kind, were it a threat there at all. This inadequacy is reflected in both passive role of detection and the tracking and also the active role of the offensive picture to this subject.

The tracking and detection by radar is questionable as a combination of some other small type radar cross-section and high speed radar are used for tracking these objects on there flight duration. Now assuming that the reflective surface were sufficient to give a good return, high speed and very erratic flight paths would make it virtually impossible to effectively pass the track though the radar network or the individual radar systems stations. Any radar stations working on the ballistic trajectory principal "which we still have" or equipped with moving target indicators [MTI.] circuitry would confounded by the erratic flight and the ability of the space vehicles to

come to a full stop in their flight path. In the case of the MTL, the craft would appear to have disappeared from the scope when it comes to an abrupt stop. Even assuming that a craft could be detected and tracked, we have nothing in the inventory, aircraft or missile, that is capable of doing what these craft can do. The very high speeds, the angular manoeuvre and the unlimited climbing rate exhilaration etc, this in itself does assure that the craft in question has the ability to get out of the way of anything we can put into the sky at the present moment, they do have the capability of eluding anything we have in this line of flight. So these craft have the detection capabilities to avoid all such radar technology we have. Therefore this has brought about a situation of no type of evidence has been submitted to or has been discovered by any air force in

the world. However these discovered craft do reflect light and are classified as unidentified flying objects do alter all is said and done inevitably do give one a presentation of a craft that does represent a technology much beyond the present days scientific knowledge.

A sighting is considered unidentified when a report does apparently contain all the pertinent facts necessary to suggest a valid hypothesis concerning the cause or explanation of the report but the description of the object or its motion cannot be correlated with any known object or phenomena meteorological astronomical or natural.

SYNCHRONICITY

The Journal of APRA

Those observant readers will no doubt have noticed that the magazine numbering has now changed (Go back to the front cover if you need to...) In changing from the title of *APRA Bulletin* to *Synchronicity*, we originally kept the old numbering system, which got confusing for all of us. So in attempt to rationalize the system for the future, we have rejigged the numbers - this third issue of *Synchronicity* becomes #3 officially! (If George Lucas can get away with parts 1-3 appearing after parts 4-6...)

Synchronicity is available by subscription, or exchange with the magazine of other groups. The (extended) range of subscription rates are now as follows:
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The Twilight Zone...

In this magazine you will note some analysis of a UFO event in which we mention the lightness of the sky after 'Astronomical twilight'. Perhaps it may confuse some readers to even mention an Astronomical twilight, but actually there are three recognised twilights!

The most commonly referred to twilight is Civil twilight, which is the period of a fixed amount around 45 minutes before sunrise or after sunset (and in which time 'lighting up time' occurs).

Nautical twilight is a different period, extending before and after Civil Twilight, and is in part due to the different optical conditions found over water than over light-polluted land, and nautical twilight changes with the season and the Sun's position -

lasting for around 45 minutes at Midwinter, to around 75 minutes at Midsummer.

Astronomers, being hardy sorts, have their own twilight, during which time the sky isn't quite dark enough for them to see what they want, and which is before and after the period of Nautical twilight! Again, the length of Astronomical twilight varies with the season and Sun's position relative to the Earth's tilt- lasting for around 45 minutes at Midwinter, to around 90 minutes at Midsummer. Of course at Midsummer this total of 3 hours of Astronomical twilight is pretty much half the night, and for astronomers there is no 'proper darkness' around midsummer (which we saw so clearly at last year's Avebury skywatch). In fact at Midsummer the three successive varieties of twilight total over 3½ hours at both sunrise and sunset.

AREA 51 UNCOVERED...

Early last Halloween morning, 3dvillage.com unveiled the world's first and only on-line, interactive, real-time 3D Walking Tour of Area 51. Using only Russian Kometa spy satellite photos and a handful of images from Dreamland Resort, the 3dvillage.com team utilized award-winning patented technologies to create this realistic 3D Tour of the sixty-square mile campus of the top-secret, off-limits military base (as featured in the CyberScope section of the November 6, 2000 issue of NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE).

Experience Area 51 for yourself...please check out any of the following links:

- 1) Our main website: <http://www.3dvillage.com/>
- 2) Screen shots of the 3D Walking Tour model: <http://www.3dvillage.com/launch/angus/indexLow.html>
- 3) A copy of the press release: <http://www.3dvillage.com/pressroom.html>
- 4) Launch the 3D Walking Tour of Area 51 (requires flash and NxView 3D Player plugins): <http://www.3dvillage.com/launch/angus/index.html>

Okay, this was the press release that was sent to many groups, and while it is a bit of fun, it is as close as most of us will get to the real Dreamland!

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 2001, the dates are :

- ♦ January 31st +
- ♦ February 28th +
- ♦ March 28th
- ♦ April 25th
- ♦ May 30th
- ♦ June 27th ++
- ♦ July 25th
- ♦ August 29th
- ♦ September 26th
- ♦ October 31st +++
- ♦ November 28th

+ We are also trying to organize a visit to a local observatory for one of these evenings - to see Venus, Saturn, Jupiter and a 1st Quarter Moon, as well as the nebulae in Orion, thru a 19" scope? We'd have to rendezvous a bit earlier than normal, say 7.30pm. Also pray for a clear night!

++ How about an early arrival, and a visit to the stone circle at Hagbourne's Millennium Wood, to (belatedly) mark the solstice?

+++ Fancy Dress optional for this night...

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

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