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### Re: Doug & Dave?

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>Bruce,

>Yes it was "done" under ambient night conditions, ie darkness<g>,  
>the BBC team used "nightvision" on the video camera to make the  
>recording, and as Sean confirmed in an earlier post the circle  
>researchers had got wind of the hoaxing attempt and were in the  
>general area trying to track D+D+Co down, so use of any form of  
>"lighting" out in the landscape would have been a dead givaway.

>It proved it could be done, thats all.  
>It didn't/couldn't prove they were ALL hoaxes.

Neil,

With all due respect, this is the sort of thing those schooled  
in the Amazing Randi branch of knowledge will use to confirm  
that it -does- prove that the balance of crop circles are  
hoaxes.

Their logic goes something like this: 'If I can reproduce it  
through slight of hand, etc., then the (choose your paranormal  
or otherwise unexplainable event) must be hoaxed by evil-minded,  
avaricious charlatans bent on taking your money.'

I ran into this sort of medieval thinking with my brother-  
in-law, an avowed atheist. He saw the PBS (?) program on Doug  
and Dave and concluded that all crop circles are manmade (by  
D&D no less). It made no difference to him that D&D are not  
continent-hopping circle hoaxers; they are responsible for crop  
circles. Case closed. Mystery solved.

How many others out there in TV Land have come to the same  
conclusion?

Best regards,  
Ron.

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