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There's been a great deal of comment along the usual lines this week resulting from the announcement by Colin Andrews that complex formations are the work of human circlemakers.

This comes as little surprise to me because he is on record as having said that if the Julia Set formation was man-made then he'd call it a day! The Julia Set was man-made but still Colin persists in his investigations - and why not given a juicy grant by the Rockefellers, of all people...

I have received many phone calls this week from people convinced that Andrews has been "got at". I'm really not sure although three years ago he was quoted by John King in the now defunct UFO Reality magazine as having been approached by the intelligence services with a view to dropping out of crop formations research. So maybe the Rockefeller money is a bribe or, even better, the best way to finance and debunk any possible alternative theory on crop formation's formation from hitting the mainstream media. (I'm not sure I believe this but anyway...)

Pat Delgado, erstwhile colleague of Andrews, appears to believe that the former Test Valley engineer has been targetted, or so it was reported to me by a colleague who'd spoken with Pat yesterday...

CROP FORMATIONS AND HIGH STRANGENESS?

Too many people, especially those claiming to have knowledge based upon their limited investigations of earlier formations of the early 1980s, are talking about things they have little experience of. For instance, I know that paranormal phenomena are to be experienced within and around crop formations: my wife Lynda and I have experienced this in West Lancashire at locations near the River Douglas where these things tend to appear. I know of another couple who experienced pretty much the same thing. I know of many circlemakers who privately tell of their concerns that they've experienced "missing time" and other unusual phenomena whilst laying down their formations but who fear to go public for fear of encouraging more wild theories about the "real circlemakers".

BALLS OF LIGHT IN THE FIELDS

Similarly, and Andy Buckley showed us the footage at the BUFOSC Conference at Warrington earlier this year, there is NO doubt, none whatsoever, that daytime footage and photographs of small silvery orbs seen and known to operate in the fields of Southwestern England exists - for real.

This footage is bona-fide, the witnesses have seen this and

there is a real phenomenon there.

There is some tentative evidence that military helicopters from the nearby (for the SW formations at least) Middle Wallop facility (a major AAC helicopter base, some of the aircraft are even black, oooeer) have seen these strange silvery orbs, call 'em UFOs if you like, and hovered over or very near them.

Again, for the skeptics, this footage is available to see and I'm sure that others can produce similar if not better evidence for the above.

HOW TO MAKE A FORMATION

It IS possible to make highly complex formations using simple tools. I've made simple, large-ish circles, up to 120ft, with assistance from one other person in a couple of hours using a simple 4ft board arrangement. A plastic roller can also be used. So can various sticks. (One thing is for sure; your formation always looks better from a distance...)

In order to confuse the researcher one can either dowse or employ an electronic meter or measuring device to try and put your formation down in an area of electromagnetic disturbance.

Nick Nicholson, Editor of the ever-excellent Circular Review, knows a great deal more about these devices than I do. (Nick is the most honest and down-to-earth croppie that I know..)

The very complex formations HAVE been shown to be made under the cover of darkness by a small team with minimal pre-planning but for the approximately 150 formations that appear in the UK - and which are documented by people like the Crop Circle Connector - there must be at least - at a guess - 12/15 teams working, if not more.

I'm afraid I don't buy the alien theory in this case though (they're out there alright), nor the "earth energies create crop formations" theory nor Freddy Silva's "low hertz resonance/cymatics" theory either.

But something unusual is going on and it's really not just to do with belief systems - although people believe all kinds where crop formations are concerned and that's OK - or wishful thinking. Ask a farmer. He'll tell you about the silvery and golden orbs that fly above fields bearing crop formations. These are seen during the day and night and, as I said before, have been filmed. As a point of detail, many formations never see the local, regional nor national media attention. Are they "practice" formations or something much more profound? Some fascinating cases were investigated by a colleague of mine in Norfolk in 1990. All kinds of strange phenomena came to be associated with three formations that were never reported in any media...

So maybe these formations are being under-reported?

THE CIRCLEMAKERS - HUMAN TYPE.

They believe that theirs is a Sacred Art - they probably hope that their efforts will be seen - just like Damien Hurst and co. No severed cows in formaldehyde here though: Each year they outdo themselves - and each other - and a few teams, Lundberg/Russell/Dickinson included, get "commissions" from advertisers (we've all seem examples), TV programmers (like Channel 4 and Sky. Ch. 4 just commissioned Russell and Lundberg to put down a 218 ft design in a field near Farm World outside Wrexham, North Wales that my friends Steve and Dave of MAPIT have investigated.) AND ALSO FARMERS - the main culprits seeking to make as much money per crop formation acre as possible. In the recent past, many thousands of pounds have been made for farmers by circlemakers - who have also taken their percentage.

So the researcher's claim that ALL farmers are "angry" and/or "mystified" is not supportable. Sure, there are many farmers who'd dearly love to get their hands on the circlemakers and never do. Having said that, their crops CAN still be harvested...

FORMATIONS NOT HOAXES

There appears to be some controversial and still-to-be-fully-reviewed scientific research, Levensgood etc., that suggests "genetic changes" - and so on - to the various crops, particularly wheat. I understand that this research is far from perfect and that there is still some confusion. Given that this is perhaps the most important area of debate, perhaps NIDS should stump up some money for a research programme whereby samples are taken from fields over a period of time and then rigorously analyzed.

In any case, whomever - or whatever, depending upon your experiences - is producing these formations are/is not hoaxing. They are real, intended and the human circlemakers I have conversed with claim to be "artists", or enthusiasts, but not hoaxers in the sense that they are trying to encourage a belief in aliens. Some that I have spoken to both on four summers worth of trips down South (Eric Morris has been visiting Wiltshire for 22 years, his first experience of crop circles being an offer from the Sunday Express to stand in an early circular formation and tell the readers that "alien spacecraft" had landed there. He was offered £1,000 and turned it down point blank. So much for chequebook Ufology...) and numerous conversations with circlemakers.

One thing is for sure; initial and limited interest in circlemaking can lead to addiction!

So, as ever, the elusive Paranormal phenomena that fascinate us and which we know to real in every sense are now part of the crop formations debate.

Something very unusual is going on and there is sufficient interest to get to the bottom of this in time.

In the meantime, I'll continue to listen to both sides, play my small part and know that there is rather more to this than "hoaxing" and bits of board and rope...

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