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Extraterrestrial scoop comes down to earth.

'Peter Davenpoet meets a Florida journalist whose tale about aliens has made her the star of this weekend's congress of UFO spotters.'

The invitation could not have been clearer: "Press cards to be shown and no one from the Sport newspapers will be allowed entrance to the press conference." it said.

As an exercise in censorship, it was probably understandable. A publication that specialises in such exclusives as the sighting of a missing second world war bomber on the Moon is not the sort of journal to be welcomed warmly among a gathering of those who take the world of UFOs and visitations by alien creatures very seriously.

On the other hand, the editor of Florida Home and Garden found herself the centre of attention at the press conference to launch the Sixth International UFO Congress, which is being held in the down-to-earth city of Sheffield this weekend.

For once, Ms. Kathryn Howard found herself on the other side of the notebook. Twenty-two years after an experience in which she claims to have been abducted by aliens and transported high above the Earth in a spacecraft, she had finally, she said, decided the time was right to go public with her story.

Ms. Howard, sometime singer and yoga teacher, said yesterday that her experience happened in 1969 near a small village in southern Sweden, where she was then living. She recalled being inside an object "like a large beer barrel, itself inside a lager vessel", restrained by her wrists and ankles and able to view the Earth through a circular window beneath her feet.

Since then, she had seen what may have been alien figures, 10ft high silhouettes, three times. it had all left her with a greater feeling for the human race, she said, as well as the power to heal.

But why is she presenting her story now? "Well, I feel the timing is right, and I feel a trust in the people around me here, and I feel safe and secure in telling it."

Ms. Howard is undoubtedly a coup for the organisers of the congress, which will have more 260 international delegates and speakers, covering all aspects of "Ufology".

However, staging a conference on UFOs in the traditional news "silly season" of August may not be the wisest of moves. Readers of the Sport newspapers may well be denied coverage of the conference, but it remains to be seen how the readership of Florida Home and Garden receives its editor's "out of this world" exclusive.

The Times 16.08.91.

#### STORM IN A SAUCER

Oscar Wilde once remarked that a map of the world which did not contain Utopia was not worth glancing at. Whatever made him think that Utopia was to be found on this planet, or even in this finite universe? For intelligence capable of defeating the second law of thermodynamics, man must look to outer space. Fortunately, that need involve no more than a journey to Sheffield.

The International UFO Congress, which assembled there yesterday, proclaims itself the scientific heart of a growth industry. Gone are the days when politely veiled derision greeted Sir Eric Gairy, erstwhile prime minister of Grenada, when he brought this important subject to the attention of the United Nations. In Belgium, where not a week has gone by for the past 18 months without a sighting, the Belgian air force has been scrambled on nine occasions with the full approval of its commander-in-chief. No less a figure than President Gorbachev now insists that "the phenomenon does exist and must be treated seriously".

Or so Soviet newspapers report; and if he really intends to run for popular election, Mr. Gorbachev would be insane to issue a denial. Ever since 1989, when a UFO was reported over Voronezh, aliens seem to have been massing in force in the Soviet Union. The media bristle with advice to women, considered more likely to be abducted than men. The Soviet Academy of Sciences, which would surely have no truck with Modernity, which promises to publish "dialogues with the Cosmic mind".

The coincidence of UFO sightings and the collapse of communism is not confined to the Soviet Union. So persistent are sightings in Hungary, where an entire army unit testified last year to the appearance at its barracks in Tarnaszentmaria of a Saturn-shaped UFO inhabited by 10-foot-tall beings, that the Urania observatory has set up a special unit to log reports. In Mongolia, nomads are meeting them everywhere.

Sociologists say that the current craze for the supernatural in the decommunising world is part of a quest for some new faith - which may either be KGB disinformation or put about by the aliens themselves. For it is apparent that the Kremlin's last, best hope of retaining superpower status is an alliance with extraterrestrial forces. This gives a new dimension to Smiley country. What credence should be attached to geological and meteorological "explanations", never mind attempts to attribute these phenomena to meteorites, earth satellites or even weather balloons? Have innocents in Wiltshire, who report that the makers of crop circles speak Sumerian, unwittingly uncovered the KGB's extraterrestrial spy-ring?

As usual, the Americans have been the first to break the conspiracy of silence. A new book has at last provided the only convincing explanation of the Kennedy assassination: he was about to spill the beans on UFOs. Has the editor of Florida Home and Garden who told the UFO congress about her abduction by aliens performed a public service? Is it high time for debate on UFOs as a vital issue of national security to enter the public arena? Perhaps....not.

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#### **Spotting** the UFO madness

IT IS curious indeed that Lord Hill-Norton, former Chief of Defence Staff and senior NATO com-mander, actually seems to believe that governments are "covering-up" over UFOs.

Of all people, once in a position to have been aware of such things, surely it would have been him. Yet he plainly thinks that there are depart-ments who know, not only of confirmed sight-ings, but of even more dramatic evidence.

A UFO expert called me up the other day and said: "They've got bodies, you know."

Would the distinguished Lord Hill-Norton, former captain of the Ark Royal, go along with that

#### Miracles

Michael Harrington, a reviewer of the latest, plainly daft book on the topic, Alien Liaison: The Ultimate Secret, recalls how Carl Jung spoke in 1959 of a religious vacuum in the heart of modern man.

"In our world miracles do not happen any more, and we feel that something simply must happen which will provide an answer or show a way out...it is, of course, the expectation of a saviour.'

If true, how bleak. If not, then we had better join Lord Hill-Norton on his mountain top.

#### Why on earth would they come here?

THE idea that circles in cornfields are made by some intelligent extra-terrestial visitors is bunk and those who promote such ideas have really no idea of the vast dimensions of our galaxy, let alone the universe.

When one considers the piles of junk left on the moon it beggars belief that highly intelligent beings cross the galaxy to leave an imprint on some farmer's field to leave before dawn.

It is a simple task to scribe a circle in a cornfieldor Wicksteed Park, but to perform the same task in a field of snow without leaving evidence of footprints is a more difficult operation.

In conclusion there are some very naive, gullible and indeed ill-informed people. Apart from weather vortices and hoaxers the other explanations belong to those that make a mystery of the Bermuda Triangle and the Marie Celeste. Thank goodness there was a ship in the vicinity of the Titanic or God alone knows what would have been the explanation for that.

Unlike flies, which we know about, where do extra-terrestials go in winter? JOHN SHELTON

52 Northumberland Road, Kettering.

SPORT, 19 July 91 (top right)

Daily Express, 12 July 91 (left)

Evening Telegraph, Kettering 12 August 91 (above)

Today, 6 August 91 (right)

claim to have seen Unidentified ed Flying included Objects inc actress Elke

The German-born star was in the garden of her Los Angeles home when she saw a shiny orange ball about 20ft wide.

Elke said: "It was glowing and floating about like a big moon.
"It came towards me and I fled in the

house. When I reappeared it had vanished."

Boxer Muhammad Ali says he saw a UFO when he was training in New York's Central

in New York's Central Park in 1972.

He said: "It was like a huge electric light bulb in the sky."
Former US President Jimmy Carter and 20 other people sitting on a verandah in Thomastown, Georgia, after an official dinner saw a UFO.

Mr Carter said: "It

Mr Carter said: "It looked as big as the moon and changed from red to green."

He launched a £10million study of

#### Bumper. to bumper on space highway

SPACE scientists are baffled by a mystery object that was filmed floating past an orbiting shuttle.

The object, about 5ft long and resembling a car bumper, was filmed by US astronauts as it sailed between the shuttle Atlantis and planet Earth.

Similar objects have been seen on previous shuttle missions.

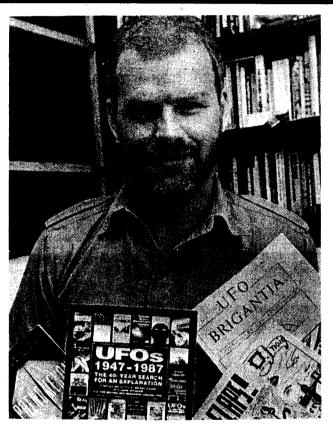
"Every time the vehicle comes back, there's nothing missing, so we can't really say exactly what it is," said flight director Phil Engelauf.

One theory is that the debris was material left by ground crew preparing Atlantis for lift-off.

#### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

The major UFOlogical event of the summer was the International UFO Congress in Sheffield, jointly organised by the IUN and BUFORA with support from MUFON and ICUR. This generated much press coverage not only in the regional but also national press. Below a selection of these review are presented.

# IFO congress



Ufologist Andy Roberts

A BRIGHOUSE UFO expert will be among enthusiasts from all over the world gathering in Sheffield for Britain's largest

Ufologist Andy Roberts, of Elland Road, Brighouse, along with other investigators from all over the world, has organised the 6th International UFO Congress at the Library Theatre, Sheffield.

Speakers and delegates from America, Australia, Spain, Belgium, Norway, France and Africa will travel to Sheffield next month for the 3-day

It will be the largest gathering of UFO experts and witnesses held in Britain, and the international line-up of speakers will present papers on the most recent sightings, theories and events in the world of UFO investigation. and research. Many speakers will be presenting papers for the first time in the

Also appearing exclusively at the congress are a number of "close encounter" witnesses who will be giving their own firsthand accounts of actual UFO encounters.

actual UFO encounters.

Andy's interest in the unexplained started when he was a child, reading any material he could get his hands on about the subject. Then in 1983, Andy, who edits the magazine "UFO Brigantia" became involved in the West Yorkshire UFO Research Group and later the Individual UFO Network.

Ufologist Andy is now behind many reports on the unexplained, investigating, understanding and explaining the inexplicable.

His latest book "Phantoms Of The Sky, UFOs. A Modern Myth?" cowritten with David Clarke, traces the development of the UFO mythology from the time of the first sighting in 1947 to the present day.

Andy has also held several courses on UFOs and Calderdale folklore and recently held lectures about British and American abductions at Bradford.

As an added attraction during the Sheffield congress, Scottish rock band CE4 ("Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind") will be appearing.

Formed in 1984, the band's music revolves around the UFO mystery with the musicians performing against a futuristic backdrop of aliens and fine

the musicians performing against a futuristic backdrop of aliens and fine artwork. CE4 will be playing for the first time in England at the Sheffield UFO

The congress, to be opened by BUFORA's president Major Sir Patrick Wall, will be held over the weekend of August 16-18;9.30am to 6.30pm daily. Entrance is £6 per day or £15 for three days. There is an additional charge of £2 for the rock concert on August 17, and tickets for the congress dinner on August 16 (limited numbers only) at the Rutland Hotel, Sheffield, are £9.75. Tickets can be obtained from Andy at 84 Elland Road, Brighouse, or by inside the particular of \$1000.

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Brighouse Echo, W. Yorks. 12th July 1991.

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Doncaster Star 16th August 1991

# close encounter' clain Noman's

By STEPHEN GUY years about her "most wonderful" experience — a close encounter of the third kind and a flight in a UFO.

Kathryn Howard, 46, told the Sixth International UFO Congress in down-to-earth Sheffield, South Yorkshire, she waited so A MAGAZINE editor yesterday broke silence after 22

Sweden in 1969 because she had no involvement in UFO research.
"I have kept myself isolated from being in the public eye but I felt the time is now right," she

said. Ms Howard, editor of Florida Home and Garden, who shared a platform with leading experts

to tell of the incident over

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unidentified flying object research, said she was transported on a beam of light into the craft which was like "a giant helicopter with legs."

"I found myself inside a capsule the size of a large beer barrel," she said.
"But I sensed I was in a much

larger craft. My wrists and ankles were held

I could see the tree tops below.
Then I saw the curve of the
Earth's surface followed by the
craters of the Moon." "There was a circular window."

Ms Howard said she did not see any aliens, but she could hear a voice in her head and was able to communicate that she wanted to wonderful return to Earth. "It was the

thing I have ever experienced at my life. I was only scared very beginning." she said.

congress this week, said, "I have seen 11 UFOs and all but one had an explanation." But Britain's only full-time ufologist, Jenny Randles, among about 260 delegates from all over the world who are attending the

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e skies for

By Charles Smith

BIZARRE tales of invaders from outer space whisking away humans will bring Close Encounters of the Third Kind to Sheffield this week.

UFO spotters from all over the world are homing in for the country's biggestever congress of enthusiasts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Delegates and speakers from Britain, America, Australia, Spain, Belgium, Norway, France and Africa will swap stories and theories at the three-day conference at Sheffield's Library Theatre.

Speakers include America's Catherine Howard, who claims she was snatched by a UFO, and Charles Hickson, who will tell how he was taken aboard a flying saucer in

And Betty Cash and Vicki

of the UFO "kidnap" of pilot Frederick Valentich over Tasmania in 1978. The sixth International UFO Congress has been organised by north of Eng-

groups.



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Conference organiser Philip Mantle said: "The congress will be the largest gathering of UFO experts and witnesses held in Britain with many speakers present-ing papers for the very first time in the UK.

"The international lineup of speakers will present papers on the most recent sightings, theories and events in the world of UFO investigation and research.'

Tickets cost £6 a day and £15 for three days and the conference is open from 9.30am to 6.30pm. For tickets contact Andy Roberts on 0484 721993.

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Landrum from Ame. 2a will

be telling the tale of their

hair-raising encounter with

Other UFO boffins speaking at the conference include American writer

Budd Hopkins, author of

Missing Time and Intruders.

Australian Paul Norman, director of the Victoria UFO Society, will be telling

a UFO.

The Star, Sheffield

13 August 91

Western Mail **16 August 91** 

entripusiasts from throughout the world are to converge on Sheffield for the largest conference on Unidentified Flying Objects to be held in Britain.

Objects to be held in Britain.

Speakers and delegates from the United Speakers and delegates from the United States, Australia, Spain, Belgium, Norway, France and Africa are expected for three-day sixth International UFO Congress:

Many speakers, who include both experts and people who claim to have experts and people who claim to have seen UFOs, will be presenting papers for the first time in Britain at the event at the Sheffield Library Theatre from August 16-18. It has been jointly organised investigators in the North of Eng

groups.

Speakers include Mr Charles Hickson Speakers include Mr Charles for from the US. famous in UFO circles for from the US. famous in UFO circles for from the US. famous in UFO circles for flowerd, and taken allegedly being abducted and Mrs Catherine aboard a flying saucer, and Mrs Catherine aboard, another American who claims to Howard, another American who claims to have been abducted by a UFO.

As an extra attraction, the congress will have been band on August 17, also at the Library Theatre.

The music of CE4, who have never before played in England, revolves before played in England, revolves around the mystery of UFOs. The around the mystery of UFOs. The around plays against a futuristic backdrop band plays against a futuristic backdrop of aliens and extra-terrestrial artwork.

#### **Sheffield** to host **UFO** forum

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Yorkshire Post 27 June 91 (above)

Yorkshire Post 16 August 91 (far right)

Shropshire Star 1 July 91 (right)

Express & Star, Wolverhampton 1 July 91 (below)

UFO encounter

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#### The serious mission o the UF watchers

THE invitation was quite specific: "Press cards to be shown before entering and no one from the 'Sport' newspapers will be admitted."

The organisers of the 6th

International UFO Congress knew they would have enough problems convincing the assorted members of the local and national media of their beliefs without any additional distractions.

Reports about little

KEITH BUNKER has a vital message for every man, woman and child on the planet Earth. Readers are asked to pass it on.

bombers on the moon, as perfected by the tongue-in-cheek tabloid, were certainly not required.

"It would be inappropriate," asserted the group's spokesman, Mr. John Spencer.

John Spencer.

The three-day congress
— sub-titled UFOs: The
Global View — opens in
Sheffield today. Yesterday's Press conference was designed to give a taste of what the hundreds of anticipated visitors can expect to hear.

In spite of assurances that all the fare on offer will be fascinating, from flashing lights in Norway to corn circles in English fields — the star of the show will inevitably be Ms Kathryn Howard from Kathryn Howard, from Florida, who is attending the congress to relive, for the first time in public, her experience of 20 years ago.

She was then living in Sweden and was taking a leisurely stroll in the woods when — to cut a book-long story short — she was whisked up into space, given a quick tour of the solar system and returned to the comfort of

her home before you could say: "We come in peace."
To the likes of you and me Ms Howard's credibility may be in some doubt, but to ufologists around the globe she is a walking, talking, full-blown "ab-ductee" ... a prize ...a prize specimen.

specimen.
Not surprisingly Ms
Howard's flirtation with
superior beings (because
that is what they always
are) has changed her life.
In her words: "Before
the experience I was not
aware of myself."
But what does that

But what does that mean?

'I was never aware of the power of my own mind. I was walking around like most people, unaware of the fact that they are more than their bodies and their minds.

"I don't see people mainly from the outside, I see them more from the inside." Of course.

It is easy to be glib about such unearthly matters but the organisers of the congress, and particularly those who will be lecturing to what could prove a sceptical South Yorkshire a u d i e n c e, a r e thick-skinned. "Ufologists are starting

to recognise that we must attract more people," says Mr Spencer.

Mr Spencer.

The international director of the UFO-watching organisation MUFON, Mr Walter Andrus jnr, reiterates the point: "Our subject is probably the greatest mystery of the space age. What keeps me going is that drive to tell you and everybody that this is important. It affects every man, woman and every man, woman and child on the planet Earth." You have been warned...

The 6th International UFO Congress is being held today and over the weekend at the Central Library Theatre, Sheffield. between 9.30am and 6pm.

#### DERBY EVENING TELEGRAPH 16 July 1991

Under the title "Greetings from the planet Epsilon - via Kirk Hallam" Amanda Volley interviews Omar Fowler.

The article reveals that Omar, formerly from Guildford but now living in Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, has been studying UFOs for over 25 years. Omar's interest in UFOs began when he had a sighting (his only one) in 1965. He points out that about 90 percent of reports can be explained.

Omar starts by outlining the case of

Alfred Burtoo which he investigated. One night Burtoo was out fishing when he saw a light descend behind a nearby bridge. He then encountered two beings who took him onboard an object. After about five minutes Burtoo was told he was too old and infirm for their purposes and released.

Omar then discusses in more detail the McMurray case. This formed the basis of his book "Guardians Of The Earth". The McMurrays are a couple who encountered a UFO at Bagshott Heath on 5th September 1985. Under hypnosis, David McMurray revealed that the object was piloted by the "Guardians of the Earth" and was from a galaxy refered to as Epsilon.

The article concludes by talking about Omar's investigations of Corn Circles.

WOMAN'S REALM 25 Jun 1991

This was a full page article by Christine Evans and Sara Lain, preceded by a full page picture of a crop circle. It ran under the title "Is there anybody there".

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The article contains interviews with BUFORA's Director of Investigations, Jenny Randles and with Tony Dodd of the Yorkshire UFO Society. It also discusses the reports of Elsie Oakensen from Northamptonshire and Jean Ford of Sheffield.

Mrs Oakensen describes how she observed a dumbell shaped object about 50 feet across above the road in front of her car. After a few yards her car began to slow down and she noticed a pool of green light on the road in front of her. As her car stopped lights began circling the car.

Mrs Ford describes how she observed a plum coloured saucer shaped object. She could also observe two people inside through a long window.

#### REGIONAL MEETING

On Saturday 18th January 1992, a joint meeting of BUFORA and the Northamptonshire UFO Research Centre will take place at the Friends Meeting House, Wellington Street, Northampton starting at 13:30. The speaker will be John Spencer, whos topic will be the Role of the Witness in Investigation and Training.

#### CONGRESS PUBLICITY COMMENT

The Congress articles (above) are a fraction of those received. Some of the press particularly the regional Yorkshire press had not so much a field day but more a field week. The good press coverage was the work of a number of people, but special mention should be made of all the hard work put in by Phillip Mantle.

#### 'Alien' lights alert

ORGANISERS of the fete champetre celebrations at Stourhead on the Somerset-Wiltshire border found themselves at the centre of a UFO alert.

People contacted the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton after seeing lights in the night sky.

The lights were seen from as far afield as Evercreech, near Shepton Mallet and Wanstrow, near Frome.

But the National Trust which ran the four nights' of upmarket picnicing had the answer.

The lights came from powerful lasers which lit up the sky in an imitation of 1930s searchlights for its silver screen theme.

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## Comic links with cosmic forces

By Jane Thynne, Media Correspondent

CROP circle makers, weeping icons, and alien invaders who come in peace will from this week find their messages to earth gain a considerably wider audience.

Fortean Times, the official conduit of mysterious communications from beyond, has joined forces with the company responsible for one of the least explicable phenomena of modern publishing — Viz magazine.

John Brown Publishing, which changed Viz from a tiny, Newcastle-based cult comic into one of the top selling magazines, will this week distribute 45,000 copies of Fortean Times, which until now has sold only 2,000 subscription copies per bi-month-ly issue

The magazine has been running since 1973, started by devotees of Charles Fort, the

early twentieth century "iconoclast philosopher" and American newspaper owner.

But according to the publishers there is now a vastly increased craving for information about what, to them, are everyday phenomena — UFOs, ghosts, spontaneous human combustions and sudden showers of frogs.

"We've always known we had a wider appeal," said Mr Bob Rickard, former paste-up artist and founder of the £2

magazine.

"People are tired of hearing experts put down any subject they can't explain. Conventional science doesn't hold all the answers but the discussion tends to be very one-

"If psychic research got the same funding as those who routinely knock it, we might get a very different debate."

Daily Telegraph 16 July 91

#### HILL ABDUCTION - 30 YEARS ON

Looking at the cuttings coming through from the agency and the willingness with which they published articles about things like the Sheffield Congress it is, perhaps, surprising that the 30th Anniversary of the Hill Abduction in mid-September seems to have slipped by unnoticed by the UK media. This was the first abduction case to hit the media in a big way.

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#### CIRCLES ROUND-UP

Crop Circles continued this year to generate much interest in the press, with approximately 50% of all cuttings received relating to Circles. We present here a selection.

ITV ORACLE 27th October 1991

#### CROP CIRCLE EXPERT ACCUSES HOAXERS

A leading expert investigating crop circles now says all but the simple circles are the work of hoaxers.

Dr Terence Meaden, director of the Oxford-based Tornado and Storm Research Organisation, studied over 200 circles this year.

He stands by his theory that the circles are made naturally by a "vortex" - a miniature whirlwind of electrically-charged matter.

#### An unripe story

Ariadne's musings on crop circles reveal that he/she is not in full possession of the facts on this matter (29 June). Circle making does not just occur in ripe cereals; so far this year 29 circles have been recorded, most of these in



unripe cereal crops, as have been many other circles in previous years. One of this year's remaining circles, a 63-foot by 64-foot ellipse, visible from the A427 east of Husbands Bosworth in Leicestershire, is in oilseed rape. There have also been others in the same crop elsewhere over the last few years. Ian Simmons Leicester

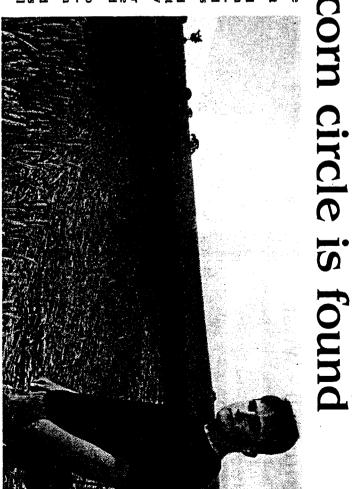
New Scientist 13 July 91



Daily Telegraph 12 July 91

Although there have been many ideas as to the cause of the circles, including freak whiriwinds and even aliens, Adrian has his own The corn has not been cut and is be a swirling pattern and at the centricle is a small square of corn neatly and is bent over the centre of the cut and

The circle is perfect in shape and is located the middle of a corn field with no recent free tracks nearby, and no visible clues to how



#### **Cereal killers**

This week's revelations about corn circles add nothing to the debate, reports **John Vidal** 

S THE last of 1991's 160 or more British corn circles are mown down and the serious debate is shelved for another year, the small, back-biting, intensely jealous world of cerealogists has been struck dumb by the claims made this week of two elderly men.

**Doug Bower and Dave** Chorley claimed in Today newspaper and subsequently on world television that they were responsible for the lot.

Doug and Dave went out at night after a pint with their rakes and ladders and rope and pulled a fast one on everyone. Doug and Dave were widely believed and will dine out for several ears on their tales

Even cursory analysis of the jolly pranksters' story reveals it as incomplete as all the other theories that have been put forward in the last decade to explain the patterns in the fields. Some

of the questions that Doug and Dave must answer are: Are they seriously suggesting that they have created all 2,000 circles that have been documented in the

**UK since 1979?** What about the circles

reported in 29 other countries in the last decade? Reliable reports of corn circles were made in 1909 (Kent), 1934 (Cambridge-

shire), Cilycwm (late 1940s).

Over to you D&D. What about the snow circles reported in Cumbria in 1979 and the sand circles on Broadstairs beach in 1980?

Do D&D question the dozens of eye-witness reports of corn cirles being formed in broad daylight?

 If they are suggesting that all circles are hoaxes (albeit

not © D&D) how come more hoaxers have not come for ward? One of the characteristics of jesters is that they need to reveal themselves

• How do they explain the many different swirl and lay-

ering effects?

And so on. In the meantime the few British, American and Japanese scientists who are trying to research the phenomenon are distraught. Doug and Dave, said one this week, have set research back years. In fact they may have done the opposite. Fewer photographs will appear in the press from now on but the publicity may attract more money for proper investigation. The growing number of amateur and professional cereologists may have the last laugh.

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material for a book provisionally entitled Question Mark.

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stories' might concern sightings

of UFOs, or unusual, out-of-place

### Mystery man o course

PEOPLE spotting a strange hovering spacecraft above their rooftops finally have someone to turn to for help - the Midlands' very own UFO buster.

Unidentified flying object investigator Dave Taylor aims to get to the bottom of every mysterious sighting in

#### By GURBIR DHILLON

the region and has already reassured countless people that we are not being invaded by little green men.

One case being studied took place in Kingstanding last month.

A former Royal Air Force pilot was confronted by a vivid bright light

hanging 1,000 ft in the air as walked home early one morning.

When he awoke in the morning he found a rash developing on his hands.

Dave, 21, is a member of the Independent UFO Network, an organisation which carries out scientific investigations into UFO reports.

He said his most mysterious case

came three years ago when two women saw disc-shaped craft with two shafts of light coming from beneath it as they drove home.

The sighting had to be classified as a UFO as Dave could come up with no explanation.

However the majority of cases are not so mysterious. A 'metallic craft' spotted in Worcester was simply a helium-filled balloon.

Other 'flying saucers' have turned out to be aeroplanes, 'flying satellites and even the Moon.

#### Ionised

Dave tries to find a natural explanation for every sighting reported.

"The evidence suggests we are dealing with natural phenomena.

"There is also a theory that an ionised vortex of energy can descend from the sky, appearing to people as lights in the sky.

#### Sighting

IN ORDER to put an end to any confusion about the yellow disc seen flitting in and out of the clouds last weekend.

This was, in fact, the sun, and not phenomenon from planetary another system. No alarm need be caused by the sighting of this object — it is quite harmless and anyway, is unlikely to re-appear much this summer.

Jonathan Slaney, Secretary of M/cr UFO Society, Gorton.

#### **Nessie's an alien**y says expert

**HE Loch Ness** monster could be a visitor from outer space - flown in to goggle at US.

According a college lecturer, Nessie might have been put in a spaceship on another planet and used the Loch as a soft landing spot.

And her visits to the surface of the Loch would be part of her observations of the Scottish section of the human

So says George Rawcliffe, head of Blackpool and Fylde College's management studies department, and a noted UFO expert.

George, 50, has now written to Whitehall and the United Nations to urge the setting up of a World Alien Space Contact Unit.

He said: "After many unexplained UFO sightings, I think aliens may have already landed and be observing us.
"Humans have used

water for return space landings, why shouldn't aliens do the same?"

George has written 30 books on UFOs.

Metro News, Birmingham 26 July 91 (top)

Metro News, Manchester 5 July 91 (above)

Sunday Mail, Glasgow 14 July 91 (right)

North Western Evening Mail 2 April 91 (bottom)

> ON Saturday March 23, at approximately 6.15pm, I saw what looked like between four and six circles. glowing red with flashing lights, flying low in the south-west area of the sky and flying in a westerly direction. The front or leading circle seemed to be higher than the others.

I saw this phenomenon from Abbey Road, just for

#### Was this a UFO

a moment, until it disappeared from view behind some houses. As it was still light it was not so obviously noticeable.

I am sound in mind and body and have never seen anything resembling it before. Did any of your

other readers report seeing anything at this time?

I have always been sceptical about flying saucers but now I'm not so sure.(I'm sure somebody else must have spotted it though).

Could it have been an il-

lusion? If it had been a plane or helicopter I would have been able to see its shape because it was still light, but it looked like neither.

Perhaps someone can put me wise as to what it was - maybe the reflection from the setting sun had something to do with it?

Mr W,Barrow.

#### In search of the strange

I AM currently compiling material for a book of strange but true stories, provisionally titled Question Marks, and I would be very pleased to hear from any of your readers who might have strange stories of their own to tell.

These might concern sightings of UFOs, or strange and outof-place animals (such as the celebrated Surrey Puma), or ghosts, weird legends. encounters with sea or lake monsters - anything, in fact, that we presently consider strange and mysterious.

> David Whitehead. 60 Grange Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1EU.

Mr Whitehead is certainly trying hard in his research. The extract "Evening Express" above from the Aberdeen (11th July 1991) is only one of more than a dozen letters he had published throughout the country during July.

below, Chester Chronicle 12 Jul 1991

#### **ACROSS** THE **POND** Snippets from the USA

Thirty years after her and husband Barney's experience, Betty Hill, now in her mid-seventies, is giving up lecture touring.

Whilst the UK was caught up in Crop Circles mania this summer, the US experiencing an outbreak articles and books on the July 1947 Roswell, New Mexico incident.

The "Gulf Breeze Sentinel", which extensively reported the UFO events from the region has recently sold out to a rival publication less sympathetic to the subject.

Mike Corbin and his colleagues, who Information the Paranet are to form a new UFO Service. organisation. Their organisation is likely to be called the Mid-West UFO Network.

Fifties contactee Howard Menger has and book а new undertake a lecture tour including some parts of Europe.



Science and Technology course at the Conway learning involved 10k pupils, accompanied 24 teachers. Each child

celebrate

# Mystery light baffles car pair

A MYSTERY light along a road has left a mother and her son wondering if they had spotted a UFO.

Jennifer Urwin — widow of the late Cambridge city chief planning officer David Urwin — said later she had never seen anything like it.

She had picked up her son Richard from Cambridge and they were driving along the B1102 near Swaffham Bulbeck early yesterday morning.

As they neared a turning to their home at Commercial End they were aware of a big bright light over fields to their right.

Said 15-year-old Richard: "It was about 20 feet away and 20 feet up. There was no sound and it travelled along with us for about four or five seconds then vanished."

#### Freak

Mother of two Mrs Urwin, 45, said: "It was a blue-white luminous light — I had never seen a light like it before."

They were left wondering what it could have been — a freak of nature or a UFO.

freak of nature or a UFO.
Said Richard: "It was a clear night. The light looked almost spherical, and from where we were it was the size of a bicycle wheel."
Said Mrs Urwin: "We wondered if anyone else had

Said Mrs Urwin: "We wondered if anyone else had seen anything similar along the same stretch of road at another time."

Cambridge Evening News 12 August 91 Gardens party display theory

# Spotlight on UFOs

#### by lan Martin

A mystery over unidentifed objects in the sky over mid-Somerset last week may have been solved.

Powerful searchlights criss-crossing the sky above the fete champetre celebrations at Stourhead gardens in Wiltshire are believed to have sparked off a series of UFO spottings by people living across Somerset.

People rang the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton after seeing the lights circling in the sky.

Donald Richards, of Prospect Villas, Ditcheat, called out his neighbours on Tuesday night after witnessing strange lights from his window.

"There were bright lights just like dinner plates going round and round in a circle and it lasted 20 minutes," said Mr Richards.

"I thought it was a shooting star. There were half a dozen lights going around and around," he added.

Mr Richards took photographs of the lights, but the mystery deepened when the film was found to be blank when developed.

His neighbour, Yvonne White, described the objects as round bulb-shaped lights bouncing around in the sky.

"It was most peculiar – I have never seen anything like it before. It was big balls of white substance," she added.

But Mr Richards discovered on Monday the possible source of the lights – the searchlights above Stourhead which beam two miles into the sky.

South West regional UFO investigator Richard Tarr said:



Mr Donald Richards shows where he saw 'UFOs' from his garden in Ditcheat.

"Since Tuesday many people have been reporting white orbs of light, usually moving in a figure of eight."

He added that there had been a recent burst of UFO activity in the Bristol area followed by complex crop formations.

Mr Tarr said many witnesses had seen the lights move

over their heads, which would rule out the searchlight theory.

And he said a number of people living in Bristol had reported seeing groups of alien beings in the city.

They were described as "nearly four feet tall, whitegrey, with large heads and almond-shaped eyes."

wells Journal

1 August 91

The following article from the "Todmordon News" of 31st May 1991 discusses the Alan Godfrey Case which occurred in November 1980. This case was extensively examined in the book "The Pennine UFO Mystery" by Jenny Randles (Granada, 1983). This case and two other major cases were featured in a recent CBS UFO special shown throughout the United States.

# lollywood producer flies in to plan

A TOP American film producer plans to make a full-length feature film in Todmorden based on the "UFO" experiences of a former local policeman. It will follow on from a show screened

successfully on a national U.S. television

Michael Grais, aged 43, a partner in the Los Angeles based Victor and Grais Productions, visited Todmorden over the weekend and told the "Todmorden News" he wanted to make the film, based on the experiences of Mr Alan Godfrey to the largely unexplained death of a man network and also brings in material relating ound some months previously in a Lodmor

some months before, in June 1980, the body of Polish emigre Zygmunt Jan Adamski was found in bizarre circumstances on a heap of coal in a coal yard near Todnorden Balluma Coal Mr Godfrey, of Todmorden, also aged 43, was a policeman serving in Todmorden 11 years ago when he claimed under hypnosis that he was taken aboard an alien spanosis that ceship while on duty in Burnley Road.

After visiting Cannes film festival earlier this month Mr Grais has been in Paris and London until his visit to Todmorden, and he flew back to the U.S. this week.

While in Europe he has been negotiating the sale of the television programme in Europe and interest has been high. The prowas one programme of a series of three, the other two featuring UFO experiences in the gramme, "Visitors From The Unknown

that the body had been found with terious head injuries, which appeared caused by corrosive liquid.

nquiries no one had found out what had ac-ually happened to her husband. Mr Adamski's wife said at the inquest that the was not satisfied that after 12 weeks of

Coroner Mr James Turnbull adjourned the

stone would remain un-

morden Railway Station.

The "Todmorden News" reported then

"We have been over here people about the foreign sales e talking to s and setting

ing Mr Adamski's death until the mystery

UFO experience, a theory police discounted. And in October, 1981, the "News" reported that police had abruptly press. dropped their investigation three weeks pre-But newspaper stories of the time linked Mr Adamski's death with Mr Godfrey's and had begun a security clamp-forbidding officers to speak to the

scripted and made. I am not sure when that will go into production because we have to

den and there is a very good chance it will be

interest in different countries regarding the movie. The film would be made in Todmor

rey for a one hour television programme based on the experience, which has been shown nationally in the U.S. by television In January this year Mr Grais, whose film credits include "Poltergeist 2", visited the town for the first time to interview Mr Godfgiants CBS

experience occurred has been brought in. rey was on his way to investigate when

body was found caused problems for the film makers and Mr Grais said a heap of inked the two incidents. The coal heap on which Mr Adamski's

By John Greenwood

write it first but it will be within the next year," he said. recreation based on detailed interviews with Mr Godfrey. one of several submitted by another producer for a television adaption and was a Mr Grais said Mr Godfrey's story was

created as closely as possible and the more rural areas around Los Angeles had been used to recreate the town — even the cows, a disturbance among which the then PC Godf-Mr Godfrey, who has seen a copy of the show, said elements of Todmorden had been

The television documentary also brought in the death of Mr Adamski, Mr Godfrey being one of the officers on duty first called to the scene, and newspaper reports later

rocks had to be prepared and spray-painted

recent sitings in the U.S. and Europe,

special effects including spaceship interiors

made by Mr Godfrey under hypnosis. and aliens based on descriptions previously

creative writing in Oregon before moving to Los Angeles, writing episodes of television police shows "Kojak" and "Starskey and Hutch". Mr Grais went to film school at New York

Circle", and other film credits have included "Death Hunt", which featured Charles Bronson and Lee Marvin and "Great Balls Of Fire", about rock star Jerry tnam, Productions was English director David Lee Lewis. The first person to hire Victor and Grais for an adaption of "The October

Michael Grais also scripted and helped Steven Spielberg produce the first "Poltergeist" movie and then produced "Poltergeist 2", in 1984. His next project is a production of the Stephen King novel

While in Todmorden Mr Godfrey took him on a tour of the Yorkshire moorland, including the "Bronteland" of Haworth, and Mr Grais stayed at Scattcliffe Hall

was wonderful and in the local pubs I have visted. Todmorden place to live — Alan's very luci "I have enjoyed my stay at the hall which as wonderful and in the local clubs and ubs I have visted. Todmorden is a great Alan's very lucky to could end up stay.

Evening Echo, Bournmouth

31st July 1991

UFO hits lake

FINLAND - Finnish nuclear safety checked for traces radiation after two people reported seeing an unidentified flying object crash into Saukonniemi lake west of Helsinki.

Evening Advertiser, Swindon 26th July 1991

#### Brewing up time

A Westlea resident rang police today claiming to have seen kettle-shaped UFO hovering Swindon's Shaw Ridge leisure centre early yesterday evening. Chief Insp Martyn Meeks expressed surprise that in such a populated area no one else saw the object.

The Irish Times, Dublin

1st October 1991

#### Peeping UFO

HUNGARY - A saucer-shaped escorted a truck driver to his home in north-east Hungary and "peeped" through the curtains. shining a green beam into the room, Hungarian MTI news agency reported.

The driver, Mr Zoltan Bartus, and a companion said they noticed the luminous object as big as a full moon following their truck near the village of Szecsenvfelfalu. Bartus's climbed into Mr house through the back window, hoping to shake the UFO, which shone a green beam into the room. - (UPI)

(Editorial Note: This story was also carried by the Birmingham Evening Mail on the same date)

Evening Echo, Bournmouth

have re-surfaced over the skies of A BRIGHT, white UFO is said

Amateur astronomer Harry Deemer, who saw the fast, glowing object last first spotted.

"It is not a falling star and it is not a

<u>ALIENS ALL AT SEA</u>

ALIENS have been spotted over one of Britain's favourite seaside resorts.

A bright, white UFO was observed shooting across the skies at Poole, Dorset, THREE times in recent weeks by resident Harry Deemer.

Amateur astronomer Harry said last night: "I know what should be in the skies at night and this thing definitely shouldn't be there."

Sunday Sport 28 July 91

Telegraph & Argus, Bradford 22 August 91

seriously.
One observer said: "It w really frightening. I w walking along Stoney Rid

The "Evening Post", Nottingham reports on 1st May 1991 on a local man Dr Armen Victorian and his relief efforts for Kurdish refugees.

Dr Victorian is also known for his work in UFO research under the name Dr Henry Azadehdel. He has been extensively involved investigating claims of a UFO shot down over South Africa.

The "Sunday Sport" Arts Review Book Section for 7th July 1991 covers Timothy Good's "Alien new book Liason under the banner "Alien Rustlers Feast on Flesh of Live Cattle".

the headline As indicates this subject concentrates on the cattle mutilations in the United States. Animal mutilations are a small part of the work. Tim's book contains a lot of other thought provoking material. It is a pity the review was not expanded to cover this also.

Under the title "Just a mo! Are you an Ummo?" the Sport for the 2nd August 1991 briefly discusses the Ummo reports from Spain.

The Ummo claimed in documents sent to UFOlogists from 1967 onwards that they landed on this planet in 1950. The article goes on to state that all communications from the Ummo carry a strange symbol.

The article concludes with "No-one has been able to trace Ummo to find out if they are really aliens - or just cumning hoaxers."

#### REGIONAL MEETING

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(below) Yorkshire Gazette & Herald 26th September 1991.

# And he added that the bombers flew so high came over. It wasn't a plane because it was too key would look like stars in the sky slow and there was no second

NATIONAL UFO trackers have dismissed the recent flurry of sightines of unidentified flying objects in North for share.

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came over. It wasn't a plane because it was too slow and there was no sound.

If here were a lot of deep pink lights on it and it stayed still for a few minutes."

A farmer in languoft near Driffield said he was "mesmerised" by the object which passed over his farm like the wind.

He declined to give his name but said that his, whole family had gone couside the ismhouse to look at the mystery flying object with coloured lights.

He said it flid not make any mechanical sound but went by "with the trushing of air like a glider".

The farmer was so concerned the noted down the exact time of the last of his four sightings, 11 05pm. It was on the same night a UPO was spotted in Pickering.

He said it had between ten and 12 lights of different colours with red ones at the back.

His whole family witnessed the extrordinary event and they are eager to confact anybody else wito saw it that night, August 8.

On the same date a similar object was reported near Pickering.

The woman who saw it said: "There was no noise from it at all."

She added that it was coloured with red, green and white light.

green and white light.

#### BUFORA NEWS

We regret the slightly late appearance of this issue of NEWSFILE. This has been caused by pressure of work on the editorial team.

#### **BUFORA OFFICE**

The BUFORA Council are pleased to announce that from the 1st November 1991 that a new administrative office will be operational. This will enable BUFORA to respond quickly to enquiries from members of the public and the press. In the longer term the Council looks to the office as a means to expanding services to members. It is not possible to accept visits to the office, all enquiries will need to be by post or phone. All routine enquiries should be addressed to the new office:

BUFORA, Suite 1, The Leys, 2c Leyton Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 2TL.

#### LECTURE PROGRAMME

BUFORA London Lectures are held the first Saturday of the month from September until June at the new lecture theatre complex London Business School, Sussex Place, Outer Circle, Regent's Park, London, NW1. The LBS is only a five minute walk from Baker Street tube station.

Unless otherwise stated lectures start at 18:30. The lecture is followed by a short break for refreshment, and the evening concludes with questions and discussion.

Admission £1.50 (members) £3.00 (visitors) (members may be asked to show their membership cards)

7 Dec 91 CROP CIRCLES

Busty Taylor. Busty is a leading researcher and photographer of Crop Circles.

4 Jan 92 PIE IN THE SKY Leslie Banks. Leslie is an author and a Council member of the S.P.R.

1 Feb 92 ESOTERIC UFO STORY Geoff Freed. Geoff is a lecturer and healer, with wide ranging interests.

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BUFORA LTD.

The SEVENTEENTH Annual General Meeting of BUFORA Ltd will be held at THE LONDON BUSINESS SCHOOL, REGENTS PARK, LONDON NW1. in the LECTURE THEATRE at 6-30pm on SATURDAY 4th APRIL 1992 to receive the Chairman's Report, the Report of the Council of Management, the Accounts of the Treasurer, and to appoint the Auditor according to the Articles of the Association.

Issued on behalf of the Council of Management

S.J.Gamble, Chairman

1st September 1991.