

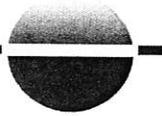
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Editorial

Welcome to the August 2001 issue of BUFORA's magazine. Two events since the last magazine were the successful mini-conference at Hampton on 24th June (which unfortunately I had to miss), and the Rendlesham skywatch organized by Malcolm Robinson. Read about them both in this issue – the skywatch and the following days were not without incident. Sadly inclement weather and circumstances that can only be attributed to the Cosmic Joker spoilt the attempted Avebury skywatch!

The Rendlesham Incident itself shows no sign of flagging in terms of interest, with even more information coming to light almost by the week – Georgina Bruni's latest research has been covered in the latest *UFO Magazine*, and it is clear that the web of deceit hiding the truth is ever more widespread.

Its true that we are still no nearer to knowing what DID occur over those nights in December 1980, but certainly something of considerable concern to the military and other authorities made an appearance in East Anglia 21 years ago.

For further updates on the Rendlesham Incident, I'd advise you not to miss the London Lecture on Monday 5th November – see page 11 for details of the lecture programme.

On the subject of the Lecture programme—we would be very interested to hear from any member in the London area who feels that they could make the commitment to help organize and run the lectures. If you think you can help, then please get in touch with us via our head office.

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One new medium for information is the BUFORA WAP site. For those of you with WAP phones, why not bookmark www.wapdrive.com/bufora

In the next issue we will have the first part of a paper by archaeologist Mark Aquil, who I met while visiting the Anglian Earth Mysteries Group meeting in May. Mark presents some interesting correlations between many ancient cultures of Earth relating to the 'sky gods'. Mark has also sourced information that rather 'follows on' Robert Temple's book *The Sirius Mystery*...

BUFORA/TEMS

24 June Conference

The joint TEMS/BUFORA/ASSAP venture at Hampton proves successful!

Prior to the main event, BUFORA was able to conclude successfully its postponed AGM. In the absence of Brian James, Robert Digby took the chair and Stephen Gamble was enlisted to take the minutes.

Catering facilities are almost non-existent in Hampton on a Sunday, so volunteers from TEMS provided an interesting buffet lunch for BUFORA members. However well one plans these events, there is always the unexpected. Linden Hall's new caretaker could not locate the keys to the serving hatch and help had to be summoned. Nor did we expect the hall to be occupied by a cage of chattering budgies! TEMS summer events notoriously coincide with good weather, and it was *bacon hot* that particular Sunday!

Philip Walton, ASSAP's Chairman, teamed up with Judith Jaafar, BUFORA Vice-Chairman to welcome delegates to the half-day conference at Hampton's large linden Hall. It was remarked that the two organisations have worked together informally and that there were a number of mutual members.

They handed over to Nick Pope, author of *OPEN SKIES, CLOSED MINDS*, who had devoted time to examining the Rendlesham Forest *UFO* crash case and its implications. He not only knew the speaker but had written the forward to her book, *YOU CAN'T TELL THE PEOPLE*.

Nick related the MOD context before introducing the lead speaker, Georgina Bruni.

She spoke about the people she had interviewed, some of whom had not previously been in the public arena, using an overhead projector for added context. One of the original investigators, Brenda Butler, was present in the audience. Brenda kindly contributed to a photographic display set up by Peter Henden. Georgina's talk will be summarised separately, but during the question period she told how the press launch for her book, held in the Henry 8th undercroft, part of the MOD, Whitehall, had been allowed to go ahead, but in fact was effectively sabotaged by the MOD.

If one believes in conspiracies then this had been done deliberately! Georgina was very chuffed at the end of her talk to be presented with a large colourful bouquet of flowers, commenting that that had never happened at a talk before!

After the tea-interval and social break, John Spencer gave an entertaining, proficient and erudite talk based around his recent book, *GHOSTS, SPIRITS AND POLTERGEISTS*, Volume 2. He and his wife Ann, have attended several ASSAP vigils during the course of their research. Far too many authors write pot-boilers, whereas one knows that the Spencers have visited many of their locations personally.

Including the TEMS volunteers, nearly 70 people attended this event, which was held on a very hot afternoon. It is perhaps a sign of the times, that while costs were covered and we made a small surplus, a higher attendance had been anticipated.

Co-ordinator: Lionel Beer

Special thanks go to the following:

Stewards: Richard Gibson, Kleo Fanthorpe and Alan Rider

Catering: Dilly Bonome, Helen Craze, Charles & Jill Refoy, and Joy Galloway

Speakers: Nick Pope, Georgina Bruni and John Spencer

(Ed.note: Ann Hopkins is preparing a summary of the talks.)

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THE NEW MANCHURIANS

By Brian Allan

Many people still remember John Frankenheimer's excellent 1962 film *'The Manchurian Candidate'*, starring Frank Sinatra and Laurence Harvey. This film is set just after the 1948 Korean War and concerns an attempt by the North Koreans to assassinate a US politician using a brainwashed former POW. The methods used to carry out this 'brainwashing' ranged from the brutal to the highly sophisticated, but mainly relied on disorientation, hypnosis and narcotic drugs. On his return to the United States, the POW now a war hero remembered nothing of his indoctrination and could only be activated by a special series of code words. These words were eventually given and the brainwashed former POW now operating according to his conditioning, set out on his mission. Fortunately, he was thwarted at the final moment and the forces of the so-called 'free world' prevailed.

This then was a scenario prevalent during the time: people could be programmed by *'narco-hypnosis'* to do just about anything that was required with a total disregard for self-preservation from spying to murder. It was a belief not only confined to the realms of fiction, but also actively researched by clandestine groups such as the CIA in the USA, and the KGB in the former USSR. Virtually since its inception in 1947, the organisation, with the active encouragement of its original director Allen Dulles, using data gathered during both the 2nd World War and the Korean War instigated a series of experiments, officially to counter Russian methods of brainwashing. The real reason was

rather more sinister; its intention was an investigation into the possibility of direct mind control. This began in 1949 with *'Project Artichoke'*, proceeding through *'MK-DELTA'*, finally culminating in the now notorious *'MK-ULTRA'*. The entire programme almost fell apart when, on the 28th Nov 1953, a Dr. Frank Olsen apparently committed suicide by plunging to his death from the 10th floor of his New York hotel. Olsen, a member of the US army's *'Chemical Corps Special Operations'*, had, nine days earlier, attended a meeting facilitated by the then head of the CIA's technical staff, Sidney Gottleib where he had unwittingly consumed a drink deliberately spiked with LSD. Gottleib had acquired a quantity of the powerful synthetic hallucinogenic drug and wanted to observe at first hand its effects on a subject when unknowingly consumed. Following Olsen's death, the entire affair was successfully hushed up for twenty years by Gottleib and CIA boss Dulles. There is now evidence that due to fears of possible recriminations, the very group he was assisting may have murdered the unfortunate Olsen.

Their pet project *MK-ULTRA* continued for several years with presumably the illegal testing of various mind-bending drugs on unsuspecting members of the public. This continued until the then incumbent director of the CIA Richard Helms, (who himself took a personal interest in the project), prior to leaving the post ordered all papers relating to it destroyed. For various reasons not all the files were destroyed and some of them

emerged in the late 1970's. One of the more shocking examples of clandestine evaluation that came to light was carried out in a publicly funded drug rehabilitation facility in Kentucky. At the urging of the CIA, the facility director, Euan Cameron, supplied certain inmates with a range of experimental drugs including LSD, marijuana, mescaline and other substances. The 'reward' for the inmates' co-operation was a ready supply of morphine to feed their habits. These mind-altering substances were the forerunners in the production of so called 'designer drugs'.

The same facility and its director were also responsible for a psychiatric technique called '*Psychic Driving*'. This was again carried out on unsuspecting patients without their prior knowledge or consent. The procedure involved the use of a combination of powerful, experimental psychedelic drugs, hypnosis and sensory deprivation. The end product of these techniques totally wiped out the personality of the recipient to the point where they were reduced to the level of a newborn child. They had to be taught how to eat, speak, walk, write and use the toilet again. When knowledge of this and other illegal experiments leaked into the public domain it created a wave of justified public outrage and led to the CIA allegedly terminating the project. The claim was eventually exposed as a sham. A CIA whistleblower revealed that although research into narco-hypnosis was abandoned in 1963, a new series of experiment instituted into a newer, more promising field, '*psychotronics*', or direct mind control by electromagnetic radiation. Moreover, the reason narco-hypnosis was abandoned in the first place had nothing to do with public reaction, but because it was not selective enough and tended to either limit the use of the subject or render them completely useless. Further, in many cases the damage was so severe, the test subjects were frequently left as virtual

vegetables for the rest of their lives. We can be certain that had the process been successful, it would have remained active and simply disappeared from view into the shadow world of 'black' projects.

This series of experiments, the effectiveness of which we can only estimate, was the thin end of a very large and extremely dangerous wedge. The ultimate outcome of research into military uses of electromagnetic radiation has produced almost unbelievable results. Some of them read like Science Fiction, and it is probable that scientists currently working on the projects do not fully appreciate the implications of their work. What follows now is a brief examination of a few of the results, in effect the children of the original *MK-ULTRA*, these may lead into some unexpected areas.

There have been various schemes in the name of national security dreamed up by the governments of many countries that have verged on the lunatic. Their apparent disregard for the well being of the indigenous populations and that of the planet is extremely worrying. Perhaps the most recent example of this dangerous meddling is the *High-Frequency Active Auroral Research Project*, (HAARP), which was built by the *Raytheon Corporation*, one of the US government's main 'black' contractors. The aim of the science behind this innocent sounding acronym is, quote, to "*perturb*" the ionosphere with powerful blasts of microwave energy to "*see how it responds to the disturbance*". What this innocent sounding description means, is that scientists are attempting to burn holes in the ionosphere to create an artificial lens, which in turn should allow them to focus powerful bursts of electromagnetic energy at...what? This explanation is only one of many, the others range from a communication system for submarines, a 'death ray' capable of knocking

aircraft out of the sky, killing aliens, broadcast power, enforcing the will of the 'New World Order' which implies, yes, mind control. Whatever the real reason, former Princeton University Physicist Dr. Richard Williams has termed the project "*An irresponsible act of global vandalism*"

The Pentagon who will doubtless evaluate it for possible military use like so many others, funds the experiment, which is located in a remote corner of Alaska at Gakona, 140 miles north of Prince William Sound. For example, can it disrupt communications? Can it be used to destroy incoming missiles? Can it control weather? It would appear that this \$70 million project is in essence an element of the now allegedly defunct S.D.I - Strategic Defence Initiative - better known as 'Star Wars'. This project was a product of paranoia generated by the arms race during the 'Cold War', and approved by the Reagan administration to the tune of billions of dollars. With an end to the perceived threat of Russia's 'evil empire' there was little or no justification for this level of defence spending, especially on a project that many experts deemed, at best, horrendously complicated and at worst utterly impossible. The final death knell for the SDI sounded when the United States Congress refused to approve full funding for the project.

The demise of the SDI was not an end to the project, far from it; the idea is alive and well, continuing under the name of the '*Ballistic Missile Defence Organisation*'. Since 1995, funding has increased steadily to the level of \$3.7 billion; this is up from \$2.8 billion prior to 1995 and is almost back at the peak reached during the 'Cold War'. The original concept for the SDI resulted from several focus groups; amazingly, one comprised eight well-known science fiction writers. This group of writers was assembled with the purpose of literally dreaming up a method of preventing enemy missiles striking the soil of North

America, in effect creating a continent wide protective umbrella. Once the concept was delivered it was up to the scientists and technicians to make it work based on the available level of technology. I suggest that instead of looking into the future for their inspiration they looked a little way into the past and the vision and dreams of one man, a genius named Nikola Tesla.

Many stories and myths have grown up around this man and his inventions, one thing that is true about him is the number of patents in his name, and there are dozens of them. It is a matter of fact that one of the pioneers of radio, Marconi, used 14 of Tesla's patents in the design of the first commercial radio transmitter. Some of his ideas were so advanced and visionary that they were looked on as a form of black magic, the stuff of way out science fiction. When he died in 1943, the US government 'Department of Aliens' removed certain of his papers which in itself is astonishing and of dubious legality, Tesla had been a naturalised US citizen for over 20 years. No reason was given for the removal of his papers and notes, nor was the subject matter ever disclosed, although one of the most frequently whispered theories concerned the existence of an alleged 'death ray'. This device may have been the particle beam device that Tesla tried to sell to the US military as an anti aircraft weapon. If nothing else, the idea was probably evaluated by the SDI and for all we know research actually funded. It is known that a form of electromagnetic immobilising weapon is already on field trials, a device that fires an intense burst of microwaves at a vehicle causing the engine to malfunction and stop. This happens when the microwaves interfere with the operation of the electronics in the engine management systems and effectively burn out the components. Previously, the problem had been in concentrating and focusing the emissions into a coherent beam,

evidently this problem has now been overcome probably by means of field coils effectively acting as a magnetic 'gun barrel' directing the microwaves at their target.

Some video footage shot during recent space missions shows what appears to be a bright object approaching the earth's atmosphere. The object suddenly stops and shoots backwards along its trajectory, then, a projectile like beam of light appears from the atmosphere, streaking through the place where the object had been only a second before. Could this have been an example of SDI in action and what was being 'shot' at? Whatever it was, it somehow sensed the energy beam approaching - possibly by detecting a shock wave of atmospheric ionisation - and beat a hasty retreat. In its wisdom, NASA declared the images to be those of ice crystals floating outside the shuttle's windows. This explanation is utter nonsense as anyone who has seen the video footage will agree.

The official explanation for HAARP is that it is simply a research tool to give scientists a better understanding of how the ionosphere works. There are official US government Internet sites dedicated to making the project seem friendly and harmless. The reality is however quite different. There are photographs posted on the Internet of the HAARP antenna powered up and the surrounding air 'glowing'. This seems to be due to atmospheric ionisation caused by electromagnetic fields produced during normal operations. These indicate that the broadcast power is of a considerable magnitude. One can only hope that the radiation is being aimed skyward where, if it does not down aircraft, hopefully, the worst it can do is barbecue ducks flying into its beam.

Reports gathered from people who have been in the vicinity reveal a disturbing pattern

emerging regarding physiological symptoms. These include buzzing and humming noises that seem to originate in their heads. Similar symptoms are reported in various areas of the USA and the UK. Humming and buzzing noises, 'clicking' and high pitched whistles that seem to emanate from the air around the person involved both indoors and out. This phenomena is sometimes called 'microwave hearing' and is created when microwaves cause localised heating of liquid within the ears of those affected leading to expansion and contraction within the labyrinth of the ear. A refinement of this effect can allegedly produce direct voice contact in the unfortunate recipient. When a specific microwave wavelength is pulsed at a human being, the body can be made to resonate and when a voice is superimposed on the microwave carrier, the person in the beam 'hears' the voice in their head. Can you imagine the fear and terror that could be created in, for example, a platoon of soldiers? In all probability, they would think they were going mad and a rapid breakdown in discipline and morale would be inevitable

Only slightly less sophisticated is a very similar technique where an area of the brain, the temporal lobe, can be affected causing feelings of anger, fear and panic. This would also create widespread difficulties with morale and motivation. It is reported that these and other techniques were used during the Gulf War and in the Balkans. From this use of electromagnetic radiation, which covers microwaves, high frequencies, low frequencies and RF, it is almost certain that there is in effect a 'death ray'. A weapon that can kill with a minimum of fuss, silent and quite deadly, stopping brain functions, stopping the heart and paralysing the autonomic nervous system.

In the light of these current projects, it seems fair to comment on the relationship between

them and the so-called 'Hutchison Effect' discovered in the 1970's by Canadian researcher John Hutchison. Briefly, this was an anomalous effect induced by the propagation of intermodulating electromagnetic (EM) fields. These EM fields caused the movement and distortion of objects, both metallic and non-metallic, within its range. These fields appear to respond to certain people - like John Hutchison - who are electrically hypersensitive, almost as if the person was acting as a catalyst. The result of this interaction was the movement of these items, ordered to have this effect evaluated, Hutchison contacted the Canadian Government and scientists at Los Alamos National Laboratory in the United States who duly arrived at his lab. They made videos, took photographs and field strength readings then departed to mull over their findings. The Los Alamos reports went to the US Army Intelligence Dept. at Fort Meade in Maryland, which incidentally is also home to the ultra secret NSA, (the National Security Agency) where they were promptly declared classified. In spite of repeated requests by Hutchison, they steadfastly refused to release any information relating to them. The Canadian Government also classified its findings, telling Hutchison, "It would violate national security".

These replies are in themselves not surprising, the US government has never released any information on any aspect of their research into electromagnetics. What Hutchison happened on is undoubtedly bizarre, but classified?? Whatever this effect is, evidently the authorities aren't prepare to say, and from the direction of the more esoteric military research projects it is highly likely that John Hutchison has inadvertently uncovered a facet of this. We, the general public, can only hope and pray that the result of this research has not already been used against us.

Epilogue

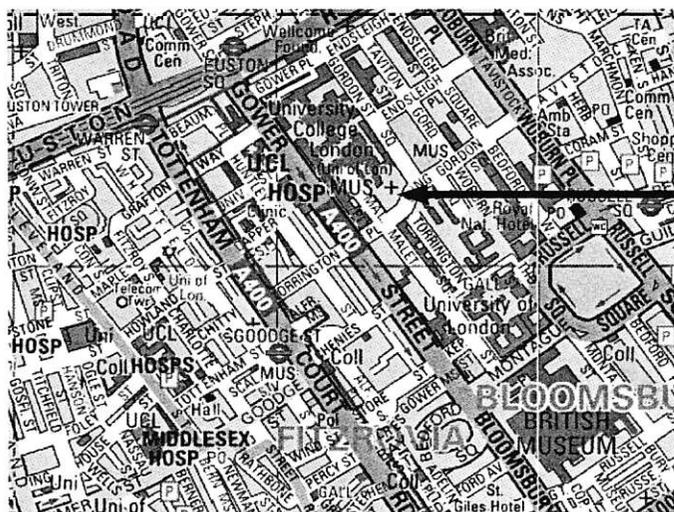
Recent evidence regarding the use of mind control or other means of though conditioning is claimed to have behind the assassinations of both John F Kennedy and Robert Kennedy. More recently, it is claimed that Timothy McVeigh was also conditioned to carry out the bombing of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma. Already there is intense speculation that McVeigh is not dead and his execution was a fraud and he was spirited away after his death was faked as his reward for his act. Some quarters claim that the area below the bombed building was honeycombed with tunnels and vast hangar-like areas full of guns, bombs, fighting vehicles and other military hardware. In effect, McVeigh's actions are seen by some militia groups as those of some form of patriot, albeit under conditioning, acting on behalf of the American people.

Whatever the truth of this particular case, the technology relating to mind control is gaining pace and there is no doubt that attempts are currently being made to develop and perfect it. Whether it uses specific narrow beams of EM radiation or the more recent electronic biochip implants, we can be sure that governments will not cease research until they are successful.



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Monday, 2 October, 2001

FROM UFO's TO GHOSTS AND BACK AGAIN! with Steve Rider and Steve Gerrard
Steve Rider and Steve Gerrard from the Southampton UFO group, will be lecturing about many UFO and ghost cases from the Southampton area, aims to be a 'spooky' evening.

Monday, 5 November, 2001

THE RENDELSHAM FOREST INCIDENT with Georgina Bruni.
The world's only officially recognised UFO sighting took place in Great Britain. UFOlogist and author Georgina Bruni's lecture is the definitive examination of the extraordinary Incident that took place in December 1980 at the RAF/USAF Nato Airbases near Woodbridge, Suffolk, England and the 'possible' alien encounter that ensued. Georgina's recently published book about this extraordinary encounter will be on sale at the lecture. Don't miss this one!

Monday, 3 December, 2001

THE CIA AND NOAH'S ARK with Nick Redfern
Does the American CIA have secret information on file concerning the location of Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat in Turkey? Was the Ark in fact located by the CIA agents back in the 1940's? Why has the CIA withheld this information for more than 50 years? Known affectionately by some as Britain's real-life "Fox Mulder", former DOD civil servant Nick Redfern will share never-before-seen, official and previously classified CIA files. The truth is out there!

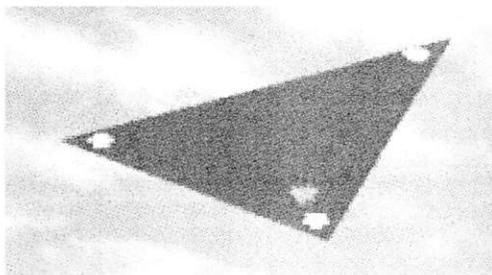
What Constitutes Proof?

By H M Reynolds

There were two articles in the June 2001 Bufora Bulletin that particularly interested me. The first was the experiment in conducting an out of body experience, a phenomenon which I have been interested in for a number of years, but have yet to experience in its entirety.

This article highlights two difficulties with the notion of finding proof of the paranormal- or aliens if you take the 'spiritual beings' notion of them. First, there is the subjective nature of the experience. It is difficult to prove to another person that such an event has occurred. If I said I had had an alien abduction experience, you can only judge based on your understanding of my character as to whether I might have motivation for lying or be susceptible to common delusions on the matter. (Not to say that I might not be telling the truth as well!)

The idea of discovering objective facts was mentioned in this article, uncovering things we could not possibly have known through other means or have taken in subconsciously



through TV or reading.

The second difficulty is the fact that there are often two explanations for an event, the choice of which you believe coming down to whether or not the idea of the paranormal appeals to you. For instance, in this case, the experimenter intimates the initial experiences of this first session are the beginnings of a more profound spiritual experience to be discovered through later sessions. Yet, amongst the experiencers, those familiar with hypnosis are able to observe that a procedure mirroring that of hypnosis and visualisation within that state is occurring.

To further highlight this disparity, I considered the second article that caught my eye, the one that asked the question: 'Is science close to accepting ghosts?' (I think the answer is not)

In this case, the observation had been made that rooms within Edinburgh vaults which were reputedly haunted, were those where there was a higher incidence of the test subjects reporting odd feelings. This is an interesting observation, but it does not in itself prove anything. Here the two competing explanations are:

- (a) This happened because the rooms are haunted,
- (b) This happened because the way the room is, in terms of its shape, isolation relative to public places, natural light levels, acoustic properties, etc. is more likely to cause the stimulation of peoples' imaginations.

(This element of imagination and subjectivity is common to both the articles)

One of the most important scientific principles to my mind is Occam's Razor, which as I understand it, states that if there are two explanations of equal merit the explanation which is simplest is most likely.



Therefore in order to prove the paranormal we would need to start looking for something that is so impossible to dismiss, that a sceptic (By which I mean a debunker, someone who wouldn't believe in alien spacecraft even if he could climb inside one and shake hands with the driver) would have no choice but to conclude that any 'more rational' explanation would be more fantastic than the psychic/paranormal one.

What this probably means is the holy grail, physical evidence.

Of course, it is worth bearing in mind the important difference between seeking evidence for something you want to believe in and making judgements based on the facts. Sometimes it might be not that research needs a different direction, but our objective in doing it needs reconsidering.

Back to the beginning: The question of what constitutes proof can be also answered by looking at what I accept as proof for every day things. I know radio waves exist because they are the most logical explanation for how music and voices come out of my radio. In a wider context, this is a scientific phenomenon that has been deduced, the facts about it determined and more than demonstrated as true by the use we have made of it for

communication and entertainment.

As an alternative then to solid evidence we could deduce laws of a phenomena and make predictions based on them. If, for instance earthlights are caused by piezoelectric forces, can we guess where they might be likely to occur in the same way we can make guesses about when and where earthquakes might happen?

In the end, proof of the paranormal, of alien spacecraft may always be a matter of faith. It may be a question of how we want to perceive things or what kind of world we want to live in. The world seems more magical for the possibility that things like ghosts and psychic powers exist. Without the spiritual, life starts to look very mechanical, very cruel, viewed solely in the context of the survival of DNA.

One final question you might think about is: how much does absolute truth actually matter? If the truth or untruth of a matter had no effect on our lives, except on how we view the world, would it matter which way we decide to believe? (Well, it would matter to me, but others can make their own choices)

These are just some of the things I have been thinking about...

**THE FIRST BRITISH (!) NATIONAL UFO SKYWATCH
RENDLESHAM FOREST
JULY 14TH 2001 HOSTED BY
STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATIONS (ENGLAND)**

BY MALCOLM ROBINSON

INTRODUCTION:

Being involved in UFOlogy can be boring, exciting, interesting, and somewhat tedious. At the end of the day however, one has to accept the fact that UFOlogy also comprises of getting out there, doing the biz as it were, and a big slice of that is taking part in skywatches. Many UFO groups around the country hold regular skywatches in an attempt to perhaps witness something strange, something bizarre, and something which will for them, enforce and enhance their interest in a subject which can sometimes dwell on the ridiculous.

That said, there are numerous accounts by individuals (not only UFO people) but Joe Public as well, who have attended skywatches and have been witness to some strange aerial events.

Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk England is now infamous for a series of UFO events, which occurred near a United States Air Force Base (Woodbridge) back in the winter of 1980. Many USAF personnel were dispatched into Rendlesham forest to find out the cause of strange lights that were seen near the base. Clearly someone felt that these lights warranted a full scale investigation and a Colonel Charles Halt was also dispatched to find out what was going on. The events of that night (and subsequent nights) has went down in British UFOlogical history as a case

of immense proportions, but equally, the case has been ridiculed by sceptics who say that it's nothing more than a combination of the spinning lights of Orfordness Lighthouse, and mating rabbits making holes in the forest floor. A few books have been written about the events of Rendlesham Forest, the recent one being that by English writer Georgina Bruni (*"You Can't Tell The People"*). [Sidwick & Jackson]

Incredible as though it may sound, even today people claim that there are still strange 'goings on' in the skies above Rendlesham Forest, so much so, that a number of British UFO & Paranormal societies regularly go into the woods in hopes of a sighting. Researcher Brenda Butler was one of the first Investigators to break the story of Rendlesham, along with Dot Street and Jenny Randles. Brenda is still a regular visitor to Rendlesham Forest and was more than keen to get involved with our SPI (England) skywatch.

I decided to organise the skywatch at Rendlesham Forest for two reasons, firstly, it would help bring together all those UFO groups that are scattered throughout the country to meet up and share experiences, get to know one another. Secondly, the skywatch would be a good opportunity for those not in UFOlogy (friends of UFO researchers etc) to come along and enjoy the evening. The organising of Major UFO skywatches would

appear not to be a big thing in this country hence I decided to change all that. I wanted to bring all the groups together and give them a sense of purpose whilst having a night out when perhaps nothing would happen at all! This skywatch will be the first of many National UFO skywatches that I intend to organise throughout the U.K. My intentions are to hold these skywatches in 'UFO Window Areas' or 'Hot Spots' where UFOs have been regularly seen. I intend to hold these skywatches in the Rossendale Valley in Yorkshire, Broadhaven in Dyfed West Wales, Bonnybridge in Stirlingshire Scotland and other UFO 'Hot Spots'.



And so to get the ball rolling so to speak, I decided that Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk would be a good a starting place as any. And so it was on the night of Saturday the 14th of July 2001, myself and my partner Judith Jaafar travelled up to Suffolk from London with UFO witness and author Chris Martin. The following report is what transpired at our skywatch.

THE RENDLESHAM FOREST SKYWATCH.

We arrived at our meeting place the Cherry Tree pub just outside the village of Eyke on a lovely clear night. I was having reservations about the weather prior to Saturday due to all the heavy rain that most of the country had been experiencing, still, the heavens had

cleared and it looked like we would have a fine night for it. Looking around, I found that one or two other UFOlogists had assembled. We then all headed outside to the beer garden where I gave a short introduction about why I was holding the skywatch and some general information about SPI (England) I then invited Brenda Butler to step forward and explain about all the recent UFO sightings that had been recorded over the forest (which

there had been many!) She also spoke about how we should all respect the forest and abide by the laws set down by the forestry commission, ie, not to smoke in the actual forest itself. Brenda set the scene well and hearing all these strange

recent accounts made one eager to set off straight away to the forest. Brenda had drawn a map of the forest and separated it into sections where she and her colleagues had witnessed things, this proved most interesting and gave one an insight as to those actual areas where things had been seen. I then invited Chris Martin the author of "*Intruders In The Night*" and himself a UFO experiencer, to come forward and explain about how he planned to 'vector in' UFO activity. It was one thing to attend a skywatch, but when someone claims that he can make UFOs appear! Well that's another story. With the introductions over, it was time to head off in convoy in our respective cars to Rendlesham Forest.

Driving through the winding country lanes brought back memories of our SPI

skywatches in Scotland where Bonnybridge was the most popular destination. After around 5 minutes we pulled up into a car park near East gate in which we all gathered around and decided that our first port of call would be the actual alleged 'landing site' where the remarkable events of that winter's night back in 1980 transpired. Before we marched off into the forest though, we did a head count, any forest in the pitch dark can be a foreboding and inhospitable place and Rendlesham Forest certainly claimed to be the top notch in this regard. I counted 32 people in all (including myself) which although wasn't too bad, was certainly not as good as I expected.

As we all headed off through the darkened forest, I looked up into the night sky and was pleased to see nothing but stars, there was hardly a cloud in sight, absolutely perfect viewing conditions, (we couldn't have picked a better night). Not only that, but there was no wind, the area was completely still not a breeze or anything. This was a big change from my last visit when I was nearly blown off my feet by the wind! Being in such a controversial UFO 'Hot Spot' area made one feel slightly pensive (well it did me!) knowing that at perhaps any minute something might burst forth and scare the living daylight from me, but again this was part and parcel of the mystique of the place. People are drawn to places such as this, as they are to Avebury, Stonehenge, and the various other strange places throughout Britain. After a short while we arrived at our first port of call the alleged landing site where Colonel Charles Halt claims to have encountered small grey 'beings'. I wasn't surprised to learn that there are three actual claimed landing sites. One of them being claimed by Larry Warren (one of the original witnesses from 1980), the other site claimed by Author and researcher Georgina Bruni (from her own interviews with witnesses) But what was the real one !!!

32 people crowded together in a small circular clearing around the Colonel Charles Halt site and no doubt were casting their minds back to that eventful winter's night of 1980. I was first to break the silence and said, "*Isn't this just too small a space for what was claimed to have been seen that night to land here!*" Brenda Butler replied that although the area we were now looking at was indeed very small and confined, back in 1980 this area was more open and as such could harbour the device as witnessed. As I stood in this area I looked around and everyone was silent and thoughtful no doubt trying to make sense of the claimed events of those particular nights. We spent around 15 to 20 minutes at this sight, and later on I learned that some people claimed to have seen at this site, 'flashes of light' in the sky. From there we headed off through the dark woods with our torches beaming around and lighting up the darkness behind the many trees which enshrouded us. We eventually arrived at another claimed 'UFO landing spot' which Georgina Bruni claims is the 'real one' due to her extensive research and interviews with witnesses to the event (more so Vince Thurnkettle). Again everyone was silent and contemplating what might have occurred at this very spot on that cold winter's night. I looked up at the sky, which was still a blanket of stars, wonderful conditions. I then began to flash my torch on and off into the night sky as this function had provided other UFO researchers with returned light phenomena, but on this occasion, nothing. Just the stars and the odd satellite met my gaze. It was early days however and we still had the rest of the night.

After spending some time at this site, we then headed off to quite an unusual tree!! Brenda, who was doing a marvelous job of ensuring that everyone remained close together in the woods, then stopped at a tree and asked everyone to look closely at it. It soon became apparent what she was on about, for there as



plain as day, was what resembled an alien (more so that loveable character E.T.) I'm sure I've seen a photograph of this 'face' in the tree in one of the UFO magazines. Of course it was just pure simulacra, but nonetheless it was quite comical! As we walked away from this tree, someone pointed out some luminous worms or insects on the ground, they seemed to charge in the bright torchlight apparently they are quite common to the forest. We then headed off to where USAF Airman Larry Warren, one of the key players in this whole story, claimed the UFO event occurred. A gentleman from the Norwich UFO society then pointed out the Orfordness Lighthouse in the distance, which was casting it's very soft and 'faint' glow around. This was Capel Green, where Larry Warren claimed the UFO came down, of course there were many more trees around back then, the great storm of 1987 ended the life of many a tree not only at Rendlesham but all over the U.K. as well, so obviously the area that we were looking at was quite different. The gentleman explained what happened here and had a captive audience listening to each and every word under a blanket of stars. Wonderful. After a while we left this area and headed back off deep into the forest.

It was at this point that someone wanted to meditate and tune in and see what, if 'anything' he may get. This was also an opportunity for Chris Martin to try and 'vector in' UFO activity. The whole group (many

sitting) sat in silence, each with their own thoughts whilst two men, strangers to each other sent their thoughts skywards. Sceptics of course will no doubt find this quite amusing perhaps so (!) but at the end of the day this type of procedure has, allegedly produced things to happen at various locations throughout the world. After 20 minutes or so, Brenda's dog began to get restless (I think she mentioned that something spooked it!) and Brenda suggested that we move onto another location.

We then headed back off through the dark forest (believe me it was dark) when I realised that I hadn't seen one of our party for quite some time. Being a big party, people were dropping back and talking to one another, getting aquatinted and so on and I thought that this was why I hadn't seen this chap, I won't mention his name as I want to spare his blushes (but how could you get lost!). I mentioned this to Brenda and the others at a spot called the seat and the realisation that we had lost one of the party sunk in and we began to get concerned, the last thing we wanted was someone lost in the woods, especially after Brenda had been given permission by the forestry commission and the local police for this event to go ahead. However, soon after this I received a call on my mobile, it was the missing person, he had somehow found his way to a campsite - which had a public phone (he didn't believe in mobile phones, he does now though!). Someone was dispatched to

pick him up and sheepish individual re-joined the skywatch crew.

Brenda took the party to other various sites of interest in the forest, her extensive memory around the place certainly impressed everyone, it did me, and without Brenda I would have been well and truly lost. Brenda of course, is well used to taking people around the forest and knows the place like the back of her hand. At all the various places we stopped at, I personally never saw a thing, well, apart that is from one area where we all had stopped and a number of us saw a light moving across the sky which flashed once and seemed to disappear, this could have been a satellite though. Chris Martin failed to materialize any UFOs which was a disappointment considering his success elsewhere. But I think for me, what was the most illuminating thing of the whole night, was when we were walking along one of the forest tracks with people moving their torches this way and that. Someone from the back of our group show their torch to the front of the group above their heads and illuminated 2 telephone cables stretching across the forest. Now when the torch hit these cables, it looked like a bright light streaking across the sky as the torch was moving along the cables. At this point all we could hear was a "Wooooo" from the front of the party thinking they had seen something mysterious, which of course it wasn't. But it was plain to see the power of imagination.

The skywatch for me had been a success and although as far as I was concerned I hadn't seen anything that I would deem mysterious, I had nonetheless enjoyed myself. Speaking to other people afterwards, it was plain to see that they too felt the night had been worthwhile, like minded individuals had met up, each of us sharing a common interest. I mentioned earlier that some people had seen things. Let me now relate what Brenda Butler

herself experienced on this skywatch. From a letter, which I received afterwards from Brenda, she had this to say.

BRENDA BUTLER'S STATEMENT.

"I felt as though the night went well, people felt and saw different things as we went around. I knew that we were being watched and followed (eyes in the forest). Everytime we go down there this happens. We have seen (Brenda and Chris) little monk type figures behind us, we have seen shadows and E.T's watching us. Rendlesham Forest holds great mysteries, 'we' are the intruders down there not 'them'. They have a message for us. Soon we will have the knowledge to work it out".

Brenda also mentioned in her letter to me, what she herself had felt/sensed the night we were in the forest, from her notes I take the following.

(1) Colonel Halt's Sighting Place.

"Saw a flash of light across the sky. We normally see a flash of light when E.Ts are about when they come from their atmosphere to ours. My dog was fine here."

(1) Georgina Bruni's Place.

"Very peaceful. Saw little red lights in and out of the trees behind everyone. This is where Peter and myself have had two and a half-hours of missing time and contact. Several messages have been given here. (Dog fine)".

(1) Alien Tree.

"Peaceful, spiritual, picked up that we were being watched. Photographs that I have

taken around this tree have come out with things on them. John picked up weird things on his camcorder. Something like smoke coming out of the ground, (Friday night, the night before your skywatch). [Dog fine]"

(1) Place Where Dog went Missing.

"Saw red and blue lights around everyone, everyone seemed to be glowing, something around everyone. Saw a figure, a tall dark figure, although it felt peaceful there is something not quite right here. (My dog didn't like it at all it kept whining and wanting to go). Mark from Norwich also saw a dark figure around everyone. Cold breeze around everyone." (I never saw or felt any of this!)

(1) Seat-Clearing.

"On entering the clearing behind the seat, several people felt something had happened there. There have been figures seen there, little monk people and lights. Whilst there we all saw a white light travelling across the sky, bright one minute, then dull the next. We see these lights most nights we go down there. A lot of paranormal activity happens around this area. (Dog fine)"

(1) The Settlement.

"Once again little monk figures have been seen around this area. Felt peaceful here but know we were being watched and followed as always"

The above then are the thoughts of researcher and witness Brenda Butler. Some might say that the above is purely fanciful (and they may be correct) but let us not lose sight of the fact that we are dealing with the something which we technically know very little about. That some people the world over are gifted in the sense that they 'see' things which other people don't, is a fascination for

sure. They are not all deluded, just because we can't see what they see doesn't mean that it doesn't exist (but then I guess the reader knows that.)

Brenda's friend Peter, who receives communication from 'something' (!) Got the following message whilst we were in the forest. This is what he got, make of it what you will.

Message To Peter.

"In and out, two sides of time, our time is different to yours. We have time in which we can return, we need not to change our lives as we are timeless. We live in two time fields where we can keep in touch with your space. We need to feed off the energy of your thought's and auras". "We have evolved to live off energy given off by your world. We move around energy waves and come through lots of portals. The writings are of 'our' time, the signs are off 'our' time."

"To explain who we are, we appear to you in all forms. We do not need to eat food, we live in a world of energy fields. We come into your world all over the place. Your living keeps us living. We need you, you need us to get into the future, world life will change for you all too".

Well, interesting stuff indeed, but can we put any stock on it !!! Who knows!! Brenda also mentioned to me that they are regularly contacted down at Rendlesham Forest by Sporro and Astrom!! I can't comment on any of this but all I can say is, "Who Knows"!! Some of the more other interesting things that Brenda and her colleagues have witnessed/experienced in the forest is 'jelly fish' type 'things' appearing above the tree-tops, a strange sound that came over a radio, brown shapes moving in the undergrowth and jumping up trees (!) and 'shape shifters' on

track 10. If all this is true (and other people have confirmed this) then there is clearly still something very mysterious operating in Rendlesham Forest.

Joe McGonagle one of the attendees at our skywatch wrote to me and mentioned that he had enjoyed our skywatch but never saw anything himself. He felt that the night lost it's focus on the skywatch due to everyone being shown around all the various areas of interest and stopping off to 'tune in'. That said he thoroughly enjoyed himself and is keen to take part in another one.

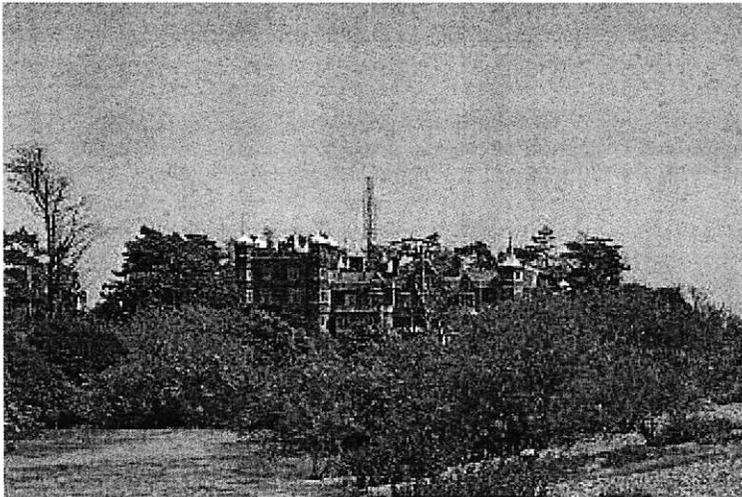
James MacKenzie (a freelance journalist) also thoroughly enjoyed himself, so much so that he went down the night before the skywatch and stayed two days afterwards !! I remember at one point in the forest where we were all sitting quiet and 'tuning in' James was lying flat out on the forest floor staring intently up through the canopy of trees into the dark starry night sky, it took me some time to get him up as we were moving location. Some of the other people who enjoyed the night were, Jon Saunders, Jon Marsden, Daniel Goss, Mark Wild, Dave

Moncur, Terry Lambert, Garry (of the South Wales UFO Group) Rob Boreham, David Morgan, Peter Parish, Glyn and Karen Edwards to name but a few.

BULGARIAN INTEREST!

As I mentioned at the start of this article, I notified many UFO & Paranormal groups here in the U.K. about this National UFO skywatch, somehow a research group from Bulgaria (Bojana) got to hear about it. I received an e-mail from one Vesselin Yakvovov (now there's a name!) who mentioned that his group were keen to take part as well. They were going to turn their clocks to British time and do a skywatch at the same time in Bulgaria (Sofia). He went on to say that it would really be a big success if they detected a UFO over Bulgaria!! He also stated that some of his members lived in Macedonia, Serbia, Greece and Turkey and he would inform them to keep a look out in their respective skies to see if they witnessed anything. Now how's that for corporation!

A few days after the skywatch I received an e-mail from Vesselin he mentioned that their Bulgarian skywatch resulted in no U F O sightings. They saw a lot of satellites and aircraft and two meteors but nothing that could be termed 'anomalous'. Still it was



nice of him and his colleagues to cooperate and if more cooperation were shown between UFO groups then I guess all our work would be that much better.

Another attendee of our skywatch was researcher Jac Sheridan (psydenom). Jac submitted his thoughts and feelings in regards to the SPI (England) skywatch and I now present his comments. Some may find the following over the top and hard to believe, but like I said earlier when discussing Brenda and Peter's thoughts, one must keep an open mind for if you don't then you are not being objective.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK (July 14th) by Jac Sheridan.

"At approximately 02:30am a vast glowing object traversed the night sky heading East-West from the area of the original (Larry Warren) landing site directly over the former USAF Woodbridge base. The object was similar to a shooting star in attitude and orientation but much bigger and brighter than any shooting star could be. It dragged behind it a trail of light or possibly flame, which rippled like waves upon the atmosphere. The incident lasted about five seconds and was witnessed by several people. Five minutes previously Brenda Butler told us she had just witnessed an object of identical description travelling along a more North-South axis."

Language In Staccato Sounds.

Shortly after this, three of us went into the forest a formed a meditation circle close to Larry Warren's landing site and isolated ourselves deep amongst the trees. We meditated on and off for about an hour between 03:00 to 04:00 in the pre dawn. Shortly before daylight I was jolted from my meditation by a sharp staccato sound. The

noise was rapid and sounded mechanical, yet 'felt' organic like a footballers rattle giving the distinct impression of language or at least, communication as it seemed to fill the forest behind us. As I made my companions aware of this, the same sound came back from the opposite side of the forest as though in answer. The second member of my team heard the sound quite clearly and claimed he had received psychic impressions of a small Brownish-Grey entity standing behind me, but the third member of our group said she saw and heard nothing! Which seemed impossible as it was all quite loud and clear. I have previously heard recordings made by others in Rendlesham of a sound which although very similar, held a staccato rhythm quite noticeably slower than the sounds we heard on the night of the 14th."

Aftermath.

Two days later whilst I was receiving a top up charge from a psychic Chinese medical practitioner, I became suddenly aware of the presence of an alien figure in the ether directly beside where I was lying. He looked and sounded bizarre, striped like some kind of mackerel fish, his face had high gills like mini wings and it's body was a mottled silver and red. My therapist also saw him and also spotted another entity behind us. He then told me that he could see a series of symbols trapped in my aura revolving mostly around variations on the shape of a lightning flash. The 'entities' seemed protective towards me and initially they interfered with his efforts to treat me as though trying to push him away. He said, and I quote;

"My energy system seems to be closed down from the inside as though someone or something is protecting a project of their own design"

"Eventually we managed to proceed

although the two entities remained a strong presence throughout the session.”

Saturday 21st July 2001.

“I returned to Rendlesham Forest with a friend on Saturday and shortly after 22:00hrs we both clearly witnessed a bright glowing orb of light climb slowly into the air beyond the legendary East-Gate and hover a while before accelerating at extreme speed towards Ipswich. A few moments afterwards, my companion saw the red dotted beam of a laser weapon site pass across the back of my head. Deeply disturbed by this I returned the following day.”

Sunday 22nd July 2001.

“Accompanied by Ros Reynolds and her boyfriend Danny we moved around in the treeline close to East-Gate and each of us felt decidedly ill at ease, (although I did concede that perhaps anybody would feel this at the thought of being a hair trigger away from taking a fatal bullet.) Danny was very strongly affected by what he was sensing and at certain times he seemed to be physically shaking. When we reached the cars on the East-Gate car park we realised that ‘ALL’ of the batteries to the cam-corder had run down completely flat. This was very significant because Ros had only bought these batteries brand new whilst enroute to the forest just 30 minutes earlier and the camera had hardly been used. It was about this time we realised something was going horribly wrong in this place on this particular night and we nearly quit but instead we adjourned to the pub for an hour (but consumed only soft drinks)”

Something Flies Overhead.

“We then returned to the forest at 23:30 by approximately midnight we had taken up position in a location close by the area where

my original group had first encountered the staccato sound on the 14th. We settled down to sit very quietly deep inside the treeline. After about 10 or 15 minutes we heard a low droning hum accompanied by a steady pulsating ‘whoosh’ which passed slowly overhead almost directly above our position and held sufficient physical presence to disturb the overhead branches on the surrounding trees. The object was completely invisible without lights, and although it was almost ‘felt’ rather than ‘seen’, it definitely seemed to have mass and a very strong presence”

Time And Energy Loss.

“When the three of us reached the car park and checked our watches we appeared to have lost a certain amount of time, although we could not agree exactly how much and opinions varied from 45 to 90 minutes. However we had no trouble agreeing that each of us now shared a collective state of unnatural exhaustion so severe that we each feared we would be unable to safely manage our respective return journeys which were quite lengthy. This extreme fatigue is a phenomenon, which has occurred with some of us on previous occasions. Yet despite my physical depleted state I found upon returning home that my sleep was fitful and deeply disturbed as I lay continually besieged throughout the remainder of the night by terrible nightmares more severe than anything I have ever previously experienced, with each of these dreams revolving around the common theme of energy loss and ‘Vampirism’. Again I follow through with a thorough examination by the same practitioner of Chinese medicine whose professional opinion affirms that on this occasion I have indeed suffered a major inexplicable loss of Meridian energy. So as I summarise this account, I cannot help but wonder if whatever had drained the life out of those cam-corder batteries had tried to do

exactly the same with each of us”!

Jac Sheridan.

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Many people come to Rendlesham Forest, each with their own thoughts, feelings and Expectations, there is no denying that the place holds a certain ‘something’. Most researchers and authors agree that way beyond the principal Rendlesham Forest Incident, there were many unexplainable events, which occurred there, and, as we have seen above, are still occurring. We have learned however that there are some people who would appear to see things, which other people do not! What does this tell us ! Are their visions real or are they all wishful expectant thinking! Sceptics would suggest the latter. What we have to bear in mind though is that there is no smoke without fire. Clearly an incident of immense proportions occurred at Rendlesham Forest back in the winter of 1980. As a researcher into strange phenomenon the Rendlesham Forest Incident stands as a major British mystery, admittedly there appears to be a lot of disinformation which surrounds this case was that purposely done to muddy the waters? Was the incident nothing other than a new proto-type aerial object of our own which got into difficulty and overshot the Bentwaters runway crashing into the forest and a UFO cover story put out to take the sting out of what it truly was? Or, as UFOlogists would have us believe, this truly was a craft from somewhere else of which it’s purpose is unknown? At the end of the day the Rendlesham Forest mystery will probably remain just that unless some new major and earth shattering witness testimony comes to light but the UFO subject is never usually that revealing and I can only hope that whatever the truth is that happened at Rendlesham, will see the light of day

eventually.

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2002 NATIONAL SKYWATCHES.

SPI (England) intend to hold a further two National UFO skywatches in the U.K. next year. The first one will be at a UFO ‘Hot Spot’ in England, and the second one will be occurring at Bonnybridge Stirlingshire Central Scotland. No confirmed dates have been arranged as yet but will be soon. Should you be interested in attending either or both of these skywatches, then please contact Malcolm Robinson at the address above. Thank you.

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Media Roundup

The Northern Echo March 5, 2001 FOR 'OTHER DIMENSIONS' - TAKE THE B6278

FORGET HG Wells and Dr Who, the answer to the mysteries of time travel may just lie somewhere along the B6278 near Barnard Castle.

For one of Britain's leading experts on UFOs and the paranormal has pinpointed the area in Teesdale, County Durham, as a portal to other dimensions.

Jenny Randles claims in a new book that time travel can be explained through time storms - clouds of electric energy which suck people into another dimension.

One of her most compelling pieces of evidence relates to an incident near the market town in 1978. Mark Henshall, 16, was riding his motorcycle along the B6278 towards Eggleston late one night. Now a 39-year-old corporate business manager, Mr Henshall tells in the book, *Time Storms*, how he was blinded by a bright purple light. His motorcycle seemed to be "pulled" up the hill by an unforeseen force. The shock was compounded when he noticed 25 minutes had disappeared, and all he was left with were burns on his body.

His experience was followed by an unexplained sighting in nearby Cotharstone in 1985. Engraver Michael Scorer, 52, of Whitley Bay, was staying at a holiday cottage with wife, Kath, when he had a similar vision. Mr Scorer said: "I saw an enormous bright object moving across the sky in the early

hours of the morning which gave off this very strange feeling of sadness. It was not of this world."

Ms Randles claims the sightings are just a few examples of hundreds around the world - but that Barnard Castle could prove a centre for the strange phenomenon.

She said: "The incident near Barnard Castle is a very vivid and strong suggestion that the area could be a magnet for this kind of phenomenon.

Evening Times (Glasgow) March 17, 2001 Scottish X Files; Strange encounters that won't go away

FOR most people an encounter with a UFO is a one-off event - but some have had repeated contact.

Derek Lauder, of Aultbea in Ross-shire, has experienced UFO and other strange encounters all over Scotland. The first he can remember was seeing an angel at his bedroom window as a child. After that, the encounters came thick and fast.

Derek said: "I lived in the village of Roslin for seven years. And from my wooden cabin in the grounds of the remains of Roslin Castle, I saw many UFOs.

"I saw a one being chased by two jet aircraft and another slow-moving, multi-coloured UFO. "Then there was the UFO which looked like one object when you saw it with the naked eye, but when I watched it through my telescope was clearly five separate objects. "On another occasion I saw a beam of intense white light shoot down on to Roslin Castle

from an unseen source as I was walking back to my cabin. I decided to try signalling to the UFOs so I flashed my torch and someone flashed back."

In 1979, Derek saw a black lens-shaped UFO with two bright white lights like car headlights which rose up next to the castle. Derek's experiences at Roslin supported the views of those who believe the chapel there is a mystic centre of the world and may have been a landing site of ancient astronauts. The area is full of strange carvings.

But Derek's own experiences are of a more extensive nature. "I moved to Hoprig Mains farm in East Lothian and once again the UFOs were there. And they were still flashing back to my torchlight. "I particularly remember the time I saw two orange-coloured objects. One was brighter than the other. I watched as the smaller object sped away from the larger one. They were over Fife heading south."

Now living in Aultbea, Derek is still seeing UFOs. He added: "I have many good sightings in this area and 'someone' is still replying to my torchlight."

Only Joyce Byers from Moffat can match such UFO multi-sightings. In the 70s she had hundreds.

Joyce regularly saw a large spacecraft which she nicknamed Big Bertha because of the rumbling noise it made. Another UFO was shaped like an egg timer. As with Derek, Joyce was convinced that on at least one occasion she had seen an aircraft following a UFO. The response of the UFO was aggressive, flying directly at the plane and chasing it away.

Herald Express (Torquay) April 19, 2001
Keep your eyes on night skies

ANYONE who has seen mysterious glowing lights in Torbay's skies is wanted by a group

of investigators researching UFO sightings. Torbay Investigators of the Paranormal want to hear from people who think they have seen a UFO in the area after several sightings were reported to them last year. David Phillips, founder member of TIP, said the group would be delighted to hear from keen-eyed sky watchers. He said: 'We are trying to see if there is a pattern to any sightings that may have occurred in Torbay. 'Any help we can get from the public would be greatly appreciated. 'We've had a series of reports of UFOs near the Torbay Motel in Paignton.

'One man in particular has had several sightings near there, the latest being August last year.

'He reported seeing flashing lights appearing near there and then taking off across the fields around the motel. 'In fact he has seen them a few times in that area. 'It would be a great help to our research if anybody else with sightings got in touch with us so we can put together any kind of pattern.'In fact if people with an interest in the subject could keep a sharp look out this summer it may turn up some other sightings.

Away from UFOs the group is also conducting research into hauntings at Barton Pines in Paignton. They held a midnight vigil there last Halloween seeking the ghostly white ladies said to inhabit the place, with some interesting results. Mr Phillips said: 'We were investigating reports of several sightings of spirits at the pub.

'One story concerned a ghostly lady said to inhabit a room in Barton Pines. 'She has been seen sitting by the fire and has been named Georgette by locals. 'There have also been reports of footsteps at night, when everybody should be asleep, heard by different people. 'We had one or two incidents on the night and are now looking for anybody that knows something about the history of the place.

INVESTIGATIONS DIARY

By Gloria Heather Dixon, BUFORA DoI

With Autumn days approaching I do hope all our members have enjoyed a long hot summer. This certainly has been reflected with many people out and about and looking up into warm blue skies for some sign of unidentified objects, so sighting reports have been increasing during the month of August, which has generated an escalation in media and press interest in the subject particularly in the wilder claims of UFO encounters.

At the time of writing (August 29th) there have been close to one hundred reports made to BUFORA and once again a majority of these are observations of perceived unusual lights in the sky some of which have been caused by the usual culprits of aircraft, astronomical phenomena and laser light shows. Venus is still very visible for several hours before Sunrise as is Jupiter and during the early part of the August both Jupiter and Venus were in a rare conjunction in the East before dawn creating several reports to BUFORA and described as moving up and down, possibly an optical illusion whilst witnesses stared at these bright planets over a period of time. Meteors have also created several of these reports and of course the Perseids Meteor shower in August triggered a few reports.

One of the problems that investigations are experiencing is the lack of follow up of email reports to BUFORA enquiries. I respond to

these where there are enough details to assess their sighting, but if this is not the case, the witness is sent a questionnaire for completion to collate all details of their sighting. To date from the beginning of this year thirty of these questionnaires have not been returned, which means we have only very brief details of their sightings and of course therein lies a problem and denies investigations any form of assessment or follow up. It is easy to report a sighting on the net, but it appears that interest diminishes at the sight of a form to be completed! Letters to BUFORA have also resulted in a lack of follow up via the witness only at a lower level than email reports. Telephone calls result in more information being obtained, as investigators can elicit more details about the sighting. Nevertheless the lack of follow up on the part of the witness diminishes the ability of the investigator to investigate in any definitive way. Thus it has always been, but the lack of response appears to have increased over the last couple of years.

On the internet debates continue to rage with regard to the Rendlesham Forest incidents from 1980 particularly with the publication of Georgina Bruni's book on Rendlesham You Can't Tell The People, and new files and revelations have emerged recently to support various theories about really happened in Rendlesham Forest in 1980.

To steer away somewhat from the more mundane reports of unusual lights in the sky in this diary I am recording several curious reports, one which dates back to 1992 and which was investigated by Judy Jaafar and the late Ken Philips.

Strange Events in Tyne & Wear

To begin, however, I want to record a report we received from a lady from Tyne and Wear. This was originally reported to Judy Jaafar via telephone during the latter part of July, when the lady concerned AL contacted Judy with a bizarre tale regarding some photographs she has taken. The first photograph was taken at Madame Tussauds over one and half years ago. She said she saw nothing at the time of taking the photograph, but only after having this developed (This maybe a clue in itself). She describes the face on this photograph as a 'non-human, ghastly, red-eyed and with a ring through its nose. She also claims to have seen and photographed a little girl's face appearing through the walls of her house.

Since taking the original photograph she claims her life as been in uproar and that something throws ornaments at her boyfriend and kitchen knives around the house in addition to doing things of a personal nature to her!

AL claims that she has had a priest in to bless the house and that things calmed down for a while, but have recently started again with a vengeance and because of this she has bought a crucifix for protection. Judy passed this initial report on to me and my colleague contacted her and forwarded a questionnaire with a request for the photographs and original negatives. These had not arrived two weeks on and consequently I have been in

telephone contact with the lady, who lives in County Durham. She has informed me that she has moved to a different house in the same street due to modernisation which is taking place and that this 'poltergeist activity,' as she refers to it, is continuing and that her boyfriend has been a witness to it. She will be sending a report on these incidents to me together with the photographs she has taken.

Initial Comments:

After speaking with the lady concerned, I found her conversation to be fragmented and somewhat confused with discrepancies regarding these events, some of which did not confirm information she had given to Judy and my colleague in Newcastle. I plan to wait for her report and the photographs to arrive before I proceed with following this up with an interview in order to establish more personal and background information in order to assess the issues involved in this case. I have just received a written report from her this morning and she has moved house, although this was not due to these incidents and apparently poltergeist activity is continuing and alarming her to quite an extent. More on this in the next issue of the Bulletin. Note here that there is no UFO content involved.

A Strange Incident from 1988

At the beginning of this year BUFORA received a letter from ML relating to an incident that occurred on the M54. The trigger for this report was Philip Mantle's book Without Consent and ML recounts the following tale...

'It was the end of September in 1988 and I had bought a new motorcycle, which I wanted to try out for speed. In the early evening I was on the M54 heading into Telford from the M6 interchange at Junction 10a. The sky was dark and there were a few, but not many clouds. Visibility was good.

After Junction 2 on the M54 westbound, I saw no cars or police, so I decided to go for it between the junctions where I could be certain that there wouldn't be much interference. The bike in question was a Yamaha FJ1100 and as I started to roll it on, I sensed an object above me and to my right. I didn't look at that point because I was going pretty fast and my immediate thought was that it was a police helicopter. I slowed right down to get a proper look and as I did so, the object slowed with me and remained in station relative to my speed as if it were solidly connected. When it was safe to do so, I looked at it directly. At this point, the motorway was not illuminated, but the object was above the central reservation just about where the tops of the light would be if it were an illuminated stretch of motorway'

ML has drawing a small illustration of the object, which he describes as 30-40 feet long and 20 feet wide with a flat tail and very matt black underside and serrated edges at an altitude of 40 – 60 feet.

He continues...

'It was solid and I couldn't see the top. It was very black, much darker than the surrounding sky and there was no sound at all that I could hear, no smell and no lights on it.

I was surprised and remember trying to work out where the tail boom was because I still thought it was a helicopter. Bear in mind that I've always had an interest in aviation and

have seen and flown in various choppers at many air shows.

After gawping at it, I worked out that this wasn't anything that I could recognise so I started to feel a bit nervous. I was still trundling along at not more than running pace looking at it, so I decided to just try to get away from it. I remember clearly doing 142 mph on the bike. The object stayed with me, I could sense it and when I turned my head a bit I could just see the darkness of it. I slowed right down again in panic because speed wasn't working, then the thing moved in front of me, crossed to my left and then went across the fields until the horizon camouflaged it.

There was another person there as I had caught up with a car and I pulled in front of it to gesticulate at the fields. The car slowed and I remember the bloke sticking his thumb up through the windscreen at me. We were doing 20/30 mph at this time. I got off at Junction 3 and did a U-turn and went straight to my friend's house to tell him. I saw nothing strange on the way.

In addition I can tell you this. I know of no aircraft that can keep perfect formation with a fast accelerating motorbike, nor one that is totally silent. There was no rotor draught and no smell of exhaust fumes. I know that RAF Cosford is not far away and I have a feeling that the UFO I observed was military or something experimental, but why it was there I don't know'....

An interesting feature of this case is that there have been several reports from this area over the years reporting unusual traffic in the skies, one of which was investigated by BUFORA Al Dave Pointon and occurred in December 1996. There were unusual lights observed by two men travelling on the M54 in the same area as the report from above. They described a triangular matt black object with a dome-

shaped light in the centre. This object was above them on the motorway and then moved off to the left and their observation time was around two minutes. According to the two men involved they suffered physiological effects, which they related to their sighting, extreme tiredness and sickness. Of course it has to be said that this may have been a coincidence and the physical effects were probably independent of their sighting. A couple of days after this sighting one of the men, MM contacted RAF Cosford and claimed that the receptionist there informed him that she has observed the same object six months prior to their sighting. He then was put through to a military policeman, who seemed to know what he was describing, but informed him that RAF Cosford's ATC closed at 5.30pm and no aircraft traffic would have been present there after this time. Several days later Mr. M. received two telephone calls from an unknown source asking for further information on this sighting and then received the standard MOD letter.

In conclusion, it would appear that this was a military vehicle and it is interesting that ML remarks in his letter to BUFORA, that after his sighting he started reading a lot of literature on UFOs and about a year afterward comments that he had problems with his teeth and eyes and started having strange dreams of a UFO nature etc. and goes on to say the following

'I doubt if all this is related to be honest, probably fired by too many books on the subject!!!'

This is a very honest and pragmatic comment and one which, although mundane, is very significant, and illustrates how often a fairly banal sighting can generate a problem, where a witness cannot identify an object or a light, and go on to actually suffer physical effects due to fear and powerful UFO imagery

downloaded into their consciousness, so they can genuinely feel they have seen something that could not be of earthly origin. This is something that investigators are very aware of when they assess a report.

REALITY TILT AT HOCKLIFFE

The following case study was investigated in October 1992 by Judy Jaafar and the late Ken Phillips and is a very significant study in relation to claims of alien abduction, odd mists and missing time experiences. What follows is based on Judy Jaafar's transcript and comments about the investigation

The Bellamy (pseudonym) family were travelling by car from Dunstable to Milton Keynes on Saturday 8th August 1992 at 10.30am. The weather was dull, cloudy and humid, but not raining. The family were in a good mood and the children were singing Beatles' songs in the back. Mr. Bellamy remarked that his daughter was "murdering" the song. Just prior to this, Mr. B. had swerved to avoid a car driving straight towards him on the wrong side of the road at the Hockliffe junction. Both parents mentioned this more than once, as if it were important. Perhaps there is an underlying significance.

They continued on up the hill after Hockliffe, and found themselves in a sudden torrential downpour, which they both felt was in some way unusual. At this point a bank of mist or fog suddenly appeared in front of the car (Mrs. B did not see this) and the husband had no option but to drive straight into it. On being asked by me whether he had seen the mist from some distance, Mr. B. said no, and that it had just suddenly appeared and that it extended all around them. Everything was quiet at this point and there was no other traffic around (unusual for this road on a



Saturday morning – Oz factor). They have no memory of driving through the fog, or of coming out of it.

Their next memory is of driving through woods on the outskirts of Woburn Sands. They both recollected that at this point Mr. B. had turned to his wife and remarked that they were in “Aslan Country”. Perhaps this was a conscious expression of an unconscious feeling on Mr. B’s part that somehow reality had shifted, as happened to

the children in Narnia. (The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis).

Mr. and Mrs. B. remember nothing after this until they drove into Woburn Sands itself, about one mile further on. They both then remarked on seeing a road worker in bright yellow doing something at a manhole cover, and then seeing two white cars with bright headlights pointed at them, manoeuvring. Ken asked them if they felt there was anything unusual about this, but both said no. However, this particular small “normal” incident was discussed at least four times during the interview and I felt at the time that Mr. B. particularly was puzzled by it. Could it be a “cover-memory” and that in fact the witnesses did not return to reality briefly in Woburn Sands?

By this time almost eight miles of their journey had been lost (fifteen minutes approximately). They had missed Woburn, the railway crossing at Woburn Sands and a very busy garden-centre, all familiar

landmarks to them.

After their brief memory of Woburn Sands, there was a further blank period which lasted until they reached the Fishermead roundabout outside Milton Keynes, where they stopped to fill up with petrol. Mr. B. remarked that when she “came-to”, her husband seemed to be driving very fast toward the roundabout but at the same time didn’t seem to be actually driving the car. He also maintains that he felt like he was on autopilot, but that his awareness was elsewhere. He remarked at this point that they hadn’t gone over the “bumps”, humps in the road, which the children liked to go over quickly to give them a funny feeling in their stomachs.

They pulled into the petrol-station at 10.50am., twenty minutes after the start of their journey, which is the normal time it would have taken. Both adults at this point experienced icy-cold tingling in their heads, necks and shoulders, which was decidedly unpleasant and uncomfortable. When Mr. B. got out of the car, he found his co-ordination was awry, and had great difficulty in unscrewing his petrol cap and inserting the pump nozzle. Mrs. B. couldn’t find the door handle to get out of the car.

Both adults were feeling peculiar, and “knew” that something strange had happened to them. They realised that they had missed major features on the familiar journey. They drove on into Milton Keynes, wondering why they had come there. The people around them look “funny”. Mr. B. in the transcript says that her husband remarked that all he could see were faces coming towards them. During the interview in a part which was not transcribed, Mr. B. said that the people looked funny because he could see no faces, and it appeared that everyone was walking away from him with their backs towards them. Does this discrepancy have any significance? Mrs. B. at

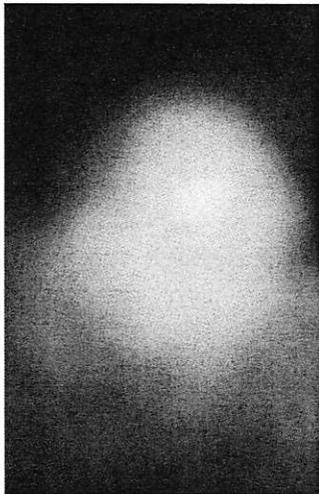
this point speculated that they had been taken away on a flying saucer. All the family seemed to be behaving slightly out of character, especially the youngest daughter who was unusually quiet (5 years).

They decided to cut short their outing and come home, because they were feeling disturbed. The feeling of unreality persisted on the return journey, and Mrs. B. actually wondered if they had all died and were ghosts. She half-expected to find their car in a ditch on the way back.

The children haven't played much part in the story so far, but on the way back the mother decided to question them. On asking them what Mummy and Daddy had been doing all through the journey, the children replied that their parents had been totally silent, something very unusual – except for a remark about “Aslan” and about “a man in the road”. This silence had lasted for eight miles (15-20 minutes). The parents also noticed that the children were unusually quiet, no bickering or squabbling and one of them complained of a headache. The children maintained that they remembered the whole journey, including the “bumps”, but when I specifically asked about this, Mrs. B. stated that she didn't believe them! Unfortunately we had no chance to speak to the children.

There was another sudden rain shower at exactly the same spot on the way back.

On returning home, they immediately went to Mrs. B's mother to relate their experience and to confirm that they were “real”.



That night there was a terrific electrical storm. Continuous lightning went on all night with little thunder and no rain.

The family retraced their journey the next day (Sunday) in an effort to make sense of it, and in fact have done so several times. Also on Sunday, Mrs. B. noticed a red mark like a burn on the back of her neck. It was diamond shaped and about one inch square. It was painless. It was seen by her mother and a friend, and remained visible for about one week. Also around this time, Mr. B.

noticed a fairly large square-shaped red area on his abdomen. It was an outline rather than a solid patch like his wife's. The mark was still visible, but faded, at the time of the interview. Interestingly, at no point during this whole experience did the witnesses feel any fear, only puzzlement and disorientation.

Mrs. B. was completely pre-occupied by the experience for several days, to the extent where she felt she was neglecting her household duties. She also suffered from sleep-onset insomnia. Mr. B. recovered from the experience more rapidly, but was sufficiently affected at the time that he (not Mrs. B.) tried to report it that same evening.

Witness Profile collated by Judy Jaafar

I have very briefly summarised Judy's written investigation and notes on the background profile to this case and this follows below...

Mr. B. had never had any other strange experiences, but was obviously considerably affected by this one and was instrumental in obtaining phone numbers to report this

incident. Both parties had the “peculiar” feeling once in a while that they shouldn’t be telling anybody about this and that they should drop the whole thing. Judy felt this could be significant for various reasons, which are referred to later on. Mr. B. had little or no interest in UFOs or the paranormal and did not read any literature, but admits to gaining some knowledge of the subject through listening to his wife’s views on the subject.

Mrs B. presented a very different profile and Judy believes that the whole experience is centred around her. She had also had a number of strange psychic experiences throughout her life. She freely admitted that she is interested in UFOs and has many books on the subject. In her report Judy wonders whether the interest is a result of her experiences or could the UFO encounters be a result of her interest? Mrs. B. was particularly fascinated by the ‘Janos People’ and showed the book to Judy and Ken, therefore Judy asks whether it was a just a coincidence that she had visited the site of this case only one week before the Hockliffe experience and whether this could have triggered something in her mind?

Although it appeared that Mrs. B. was looking for an explanation for her experience, Judy strongly felt that she believed she had been abducted and was hoping for them to suggest using regression hypnosis.

Judy also comments that Mr. B. was frank and open about the experience, genuinely puzzled but ready to laugh. In addition to this he was very open to finding a non-exotic explanation for his experience and asked if there were other people in the same situation. He was interested in Judy’s comments that atmospheric conditions on that day could be an important factor and that most of what they experienced could have been the result of

their being exposed to an ionised electromagnetic field and that the bank of mist and the phenomenal electrical discharges of that evening could well be important, although this would not explain the marks on their bodies.

In her profile, Judy has examined the psychological aspects of this case and whilst she accepts that all the evidence suggest that this experience was very real particularly regarding the physical traces on their bodies and the intrinsic strangeness of the case, she also explores the possibility that Mrs. B was actually instrumental in creating this experience in that she was hoping for something to happen and it did happen – to her husband as well.

Footnote:

An interesting addendum to this case study is that Judy Jaafar met up with Mr. & Mrs B again during the time she facilitated the Witness Support Group (WSG) together with Ken Phillips in 1993. On the first occasion in March 1993 Mrs. B. reported having nightmares and “funny feelings” in addition to what she perceived as an unusual observation on the same road. She also remarked that their youngest daughter had recently been seeing shadows in her bedroom and on the stairs at night. Judy remarks that it would be difficult to judge how much of this is ‘real’ and how much it maybe the product of the imagination of a sensitive child, who has possibly overheard snippets of discussion from her parents.

In September of 1993 Judy had the opportunity to meeting up with the B’s once again at the WSG and Mrs. B. discussed some further strange occurrences that had been happening to her. Once again these included strange and disturbing dreams, some of them prophetic and some of them with a UFO/

spaceship theme. Her daughter had been sick for some time in February and had eventually been sent home from school. Her teachers were rather concerned about the pictures she had been drawing of funny people with pointed ears. Judy points out that this may not be significant as imaginative eight-year-olds draw funny pictures. Mrs. B. also discussed an old photograph with a strange face on it. This was taken in 1983 outside a holiday home, where she experienced some very frightening events. She mentioned that there were new faces appearing on a ten year old photographic print. This has not been verified, although Judy and Ken did see the photograph at the time of their initial investigation and could discern a peculiar feline face in the foliage of a tree. However, this could most certainly be a trick of the light and shade and just an optical artefact.

Conclusions

Obviously this case cannot be definitively evaluated and this experience was a subjective one for both Mr and Mrs B perceived in their own way, but certainly something occurred that they could not understand or explain and so moved them to contact BUFORA in the hope of trying to identify what happened to them on the road that day. This experience turned their lives upside-down particularly for Mrs. B who has searched for an answer to this experience for many years. Jenny Randles has documented this case in her excellent book *Time Storms*, which examines the nature of time and space, collating some of the strangest cases from around the world. She shows remarkable parallels where witnesses report encounters with mysterious mists, which produce a sequence of missing time physical and physiological effects. These mists appear to interrupt the witness' perception of the flow of time producing an effect of 'timelessness' where all familiar sounds cease and an unnatural stillness

prevails. As a witness told me in 1995 it was like 'one step below silence'.

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Investigators, please do not forget the planned forthcoming meeting in London. All investigators welcome including those on the PTC. Details follow:

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For details of the location and travel to this venue, please contact Judy by telephone or email and she will give you the relevant information.

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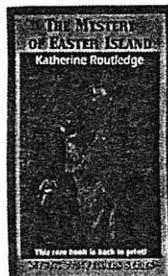
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