

THE SPIRIT OF CLEY HILL

One may travel within a radius of ten miles or more of Warminster whilst rarely losing sight of that isolated, pudding-shaped chalk tor which raises its head to an altitude of 800ft above those woodlands which linger around it where once stood the Forest of Selwood. It is the heart of the neighbourhood. There is a double line of trenches encircling its brow, and on the crown a huge barrow or burial mound.

Big Cley Hill do wear a hat,
Little Cley Hill do laugh at that.

Cley Hill, on the summit, a beacon was lighted in 1588 to warn the surrounding districts of the coming of the Spanish Armada. It was suggested in 1965, as a natural landmark of great value as a means by which incoming aerial craft could obtain a directional "fix" to guide it to a pre-arranged rendezvous on Salisbury Plain. A 'homing device' buried in Cley Hill for UFOs to guide onto, is the 'modern tale' of Cley. Olde Legend has it that buried deep inside Cley is the Golden Ram, anyone being the first to secure it being able to have any wish they wanted. The Devil's wish. The Hill was once used as a place of Pagan worship, the Witches and the like, today, the hill is used by tourists, and is sometimes used in parts for cattle to graze upon. And, for the energetic amongst us, is used by skywatchers.

Ah illiterate woman, a native of the place for eighty years, has alone preserved a tradition of the man who farmed the valley and fought on the hill.

Inside the barrow there once lived the guardian spirit of the Bugley folk. One day he heard the trickle of water beneath him, and, entering into the spring, he directed its course underground until he reached a convenient spot which is now called Hog's Well. He told the folk not to drink the water, but to use it only for curing weak eyes, with which complaint the people were much afflicted. One day a woman who was gathering sticks near by ignored his warning, and drank of the water. She was found dead in bed next morning.

Another time a cow polluted the water by standing in it. The spirit was angered and caused the animal to sink in the mire. When the cowherd saw this he dug a ditch to drain the water away, but it was of no use - the cow sank until it was drowned.

Notes: Both the names Cley, pronounced Clay, and Hog if spelt Hogg, denote a hill, but hogg is a young sheep. Quite likely it was once St. Oswald's Well. Emwell is near by. Norse, haugr = hill, mound.

Until recently sixpence a bottle was paid for the water if a boy also brought some flowers called Ground Ivy to be brewed in it, with which connection the eyes were bathed. The genuine nature of this legend is shown by its primitive animism, i.e., belief in spiritual beings pervading nature, in which the stream is the "embodiment or manifestation of a spirit" and the barrow "is the habitation of spirits more or less separable from their dwelling place and visible, if at all, in other shapes."

The Folk Lore Journal, Vol XII tells the following story about the ORIGIN OF CLEY HILL.

The Devil was angry with the folk of Devizes, so he went down the country, (that is into Somerset) and found a big hump, and put it on his back to carry it and fling it at them. On the way back he met a man and asked him the way to Devizes. The man replied, "That's just what I want to know myself - I started for Devizes when my beard was black and now it's grey, and I haven't got there yet." The Devil replied, "If that is how it is, I won't carry this thing no further, so here goes." and he flung the giant hump off his shoulder, and there it is!



Part 2.

In my previous article I raised the question - 'How can we, the ordinary people, help to facilitate a UFO breakthrough forming a link between such visitors and ourselves?' This is a vital question and if we are at all honest with ourselves it is a question - as far as ufologists are concerned - which is at the core of our innermost longings and secret desires.

However there are many who, although devising the most fanciful and ingenious ways of bringing this about, are immodest enough to suppose that they themselves have been chosen specifically to bring in the New Age, each one as a sort of latter day Messiah. But if one is to credit the extra-terrestrials with any judgement at all, I am sure they would at all times avoid contact with such ego-centric individuals like a Medieval pestilence.

Open contact will not come about through the efforts of one privileged individual alone. It will be through the endeavour of a large group.

We must realise that it is not the person who, after a five minute course in Ufology, followed by a hurried reading of some Occult magazines, can automatically claim to be qualified to pursue the ideal of a harmonious fusion with Firkon from the Planet X.

Precious jewels of wisdom do not lie like pebbles on the sea shore, waiting for a passerby idly to pick up. The intellectual, spiritual even physical prerequisites are extremely demanding and require, like any other serious labour, a great deal of time, dedication, diligent study and serious thought as well as an intensification of our basic power of intuition and the sixth sense.

In order to have an ideal contact we must deserve it. It is not personally very satisfying to hear about contacts made by other people who claim to have intimate conversations with beings from other planets. These second or third hand accounts will rarely touch our hearts or inspire us to seek a better world. If we are to serve as the instrument, the receptive vessel, whereby the extra-terrestrials can have communion with us on the earth plane, we must use our own authority through our own experiences and not be dependent on someone else's word. This communion is bound to come if we play our part. We have to believe intuitively in our efforts to achieve this result and not feel the need to go to others who say they can make contact for us. If they can legitimately do this so surely can we. We should believe in the nobility of man's destiny and the heroic nature born in all of us which permits us to dare and do in life. In the final analysis no single person or group of persons will have a primary stake in open contact. Everybody will have a hand in it according to his worth and effort.

This is a much more mature attitude than the ignorant ones have displayed who even go so far as to exclaim, 'But why haven't those outside forces, the extra-terrestrials, not made themselves known to us?' The waggish amongst us have gone even further by saying, 'Why don't they land in Hyde Park and drive in a glorious cavalcade to Buckingham Palace for tea with Her Majesty, and, as the Queen of Sheba did to Solomon, present her with ivory, apes and peacocks!'

Let us realise that open contact depends more on us than on them. We have to reach up to them and while they are reaching down to us, we can meet halfway.

..... It is in the West Country, with Warminster as it's centre, more than any other place in Great-Britain, where so many groups of people are engaged in ardently seeking ways of making meaningful contact with the UFO phenomena which has baffled serious investigators for many years. Because of the increasing interest and the wide-spread public education in Ufology, the time is now drawing near to take the next step. The child has been weaned and now stands ready to be emancipated.

I will continue through this column to release all necessary information to help us in our quest towards making a desired contact with other life forms in the Universe. Then, in due time, we will help where possible to give a lead in how we can proceed.

A directional movement will no doubt emerge, born out of people's labours, hopes, and their pre-destination.

JOHAN H. QUANJER.

PLEASE PARK PRETTILY

As a regular skywatcher on Cradle Hill I have noted with consternation that, of late, considerable chaos has been caused by a few individuals who have parked their cars in an inconvenient manner right up by the white gates. I suspect that it is the result of thoughtlessness rather than deliberate premeditated obstruction of the road.

Owing to the narrowness of the road the area by the gate is the only turning place for cars. Thus, if someone obstructs this area it becomes impossible for any cars to turn around. This can have serious results as was evident recently when local skywatcher John Dunscombe had his stationary car damaged as a result of other cars being forced to reverse up the hill.

If cars parked sensibly on the right hand side, leaving enough space by the gates at the top for vehicles to turn round, this kind of thing need never happen.

So skywatchers - park prettily - PLEASE.

Merilyn Carey.

RESEARCHER SEEKS 1952 UFO REPORTS

CAN YOU HELP?

UFO researcher Bob Skinner is cataloguing ALL 1952 UFO occurrences worldwide. If YOU have knowledge of a UFO report that occurred in the year 1952, whether personal, a friend's, or from an old newspaper cutting, would

'Terrorists' were just looking for U.F.O.s

When a crowd of people armed with binoculars and telescopes gathered at the Warminster School of Infantry fence several nights running, the soldiers, The Irish Rangers, became a little worried.

With thoughts of the Aldershot officer's mess bombing and I.R.A. reprisals they investigated and took the people back to the guardroom for questioning.

But the interrogation only revealed them to be skywatchers looking for unidentified flying objects from their Cradle Hill haunt.

"We have stiffened up our security considerably," an Army spokesman said. "The potential threat on any military establishment is that much greater since Aldershot, but I don't think that the presence of the Irish Rangers would aggravate it."

Mr. Ken Rogers, editor of the Warminster U.F.O. Newsletter, has printed a full-page warning in his latest edition.

EXPLAINED

"They probably thought we were I.R.A. terrorists but I explained to them after they'd taken me to the guardroom," he said.

Mr. Rogers said he was on civilian land when they came for him, although some of the skywatchers had just strayed on to Army property.

Now the Army has erected white gates on the roads leading to the School of Infantry, he said, and in his newsletter he has appealed to skywatchers not to go beyond the gates.

SEPTEMBER NIGHT SKY

: NEW SERIES :

As the Newsletter readership expands, so the Newsletter with your support, must develop and expand also. We have thus introduced this new series on ASTRONOMY AND SPACE TRAVEL.

Skywatchers during August 1972 were occasioned to seeing the meteoric shower PERSEIDS originating from the constellation Perseus.

There are no showers during September.

During October the ORINIDS shower is due from the constellation of ORION.

In November the LEONIDS shower from Leo.

December 14th the GEMINIDS shower from the constellation Gemini in the zodiac named after Castor and Pollux (The Twins)

Approximately 55 meteors per hour can be seen.

THE PLANETS

- MERCURY On 19th September will be 128 million miles from Earth on the far side of the Sun. Not visible.
- VENUS On 4th September Venus will be 72 million miles from Earth at 45 degrees, due south at 10am. May be visible in clear skies.
- MARS On September 7th will be 248 million miles from Earth on the far side of Sun. Not visible.
- JUPITER On 15th September will be 465 million miles from Earth. At 20.15hrs will be 10 degrees high, south-south-west, very bright at mag: -1.8.
- SATURN 22nd September will be 818 million miles from the Earth. At 23:15hrs will be 10 deg high, east-north-east, magnitude 0.2.

EQUINOCTIAL FULL MOON

At midnight on 22nd September, the Sun will be on the equator, marking the Autumnal Equinox. The Full Moon will be 4 degrees above the southern horizon, occupying that part of the sky which was occupied by the Sun at the Spring Equinox.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

The total eclipse of the Sun by the Moon will be on JUNE 30th 1973. The eclipse will totally black-out at 11.00hrs Maritania, Algeria, Nigeria, Sudan and Kenya. The eclipse will last for 7 minutes, the longest ever known. It will be seen partially from the United Kingdom.

MAN'S Quest Into SPACE:

DECEMBER 6th is the date set for the launching of the last of the APOLLO series to the Moon. Meanwhile Russia have launched fourteen earth satellites since July 20th in their Cosmos series. the latest being on August 30th.

The curious and the hopeful descended on Cradle and Starr Hills, Warminster on the night of August 26/27th. The many fine people from all over the country made the pilgrimage were unrewarded, for there were no spectacular manifestations on this date this year.

This particular weekend has become popular because of the factual experiences we reported which have been occurring on August 27th every other year since 1965. We have already suggested that August 27th 1973 could be a date of value in respect of the pattern that has emerged over previous years.

It came once more to our attention on Sunday night (27th August) that some playful individuals had invented an entertainment, perhaps as light relief to the serious preoccupations of the ufologists assembled in the Warminster area. The devices used were simple batteries concealed in thorn bushes and fireworks; the result of which was a feeble pyrotechnic display in the night sky. Perhaps the perpetrators of this trick (we will spare their blushes by not naming them here) meant it to be more of a red herring than light entertainment, and if so let them be assured that any terrestrial efforts on their part could be matched a million fold by extra-terrestrial arrivals!

We sincerely hope that no further attempts to obscure sightings will be made. R.I.P.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Friends,

I found No. 8 UFO Newsletter full of interest. Best wishes for all the enlightenment you are spreading.

Yours sincerely,
Miss K.M. Woods,
ANDOVER, Hants.

Dear Friends,

Thanks for Warminster Newsletter - it's good to find contact again. Nice to see it becoming so much fuller and varied.

thanks and love,
Tadj van Dam,
STARCHILD,
c/o 103, South Street,
Lancing, Sussex.

Dear Editors,

Good luck with your investigations in Warminster and to the continuation of the NEWSLETTER.

Richard Colborne,
WOKING, Surrey.

Dear Friends,

Many thanks again for the Newsletter. Each issue gets better and better both in content and style.

E. Pumer,
ACTON, London W. 3.

Dear Sirs,

All of a sudden I thought of a possible explanation for the repeated amazing ufological & Fortean facts which has beaten Warminster for years.

In the world there are a few hundred 'contactees'. Again and again with a surprising monotony, "extra-terrestrials" tell to contactees about the dangers of the war, the earth self destruction and nuclear holocaust.

If the alleged beings from outer places are telling the truth, they' can be worried for the insane behaviour of Homo Sapiens. In consequence they could be applying on our unfortunate planet a careful plan in order to advise and 'reprove' us concerning our anti-pacifism conduct. One of their steps for improving the human race would consist of symbolic instructions refusing fratricide struggles.

Warminster is equivalent to WAR minster. Have chosen Warminster the archangels, shrines and dominations by semantic motivations? Are the God assistant striking Warminster for learning us to brake our destructive tendencies? In order to men endowed with eyes can see and people with ears are capable of hearing?

Yours sincerely,

Ignacio Darnaude,
SEVILLA, SPAIN.

THANKS ALSO TO ALL OUR MANY KIND FRIENDS WHO HAVE SENT LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT CAN WE HAVE SOME NEWS AND VIEWS NOW?

NEXT MONTH: STARTLING EXPERIENCE OF A WOMAN TV employee's encounter at
Warminster Railway Station.KEEP IN TOUCH WITH EVENTS.

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