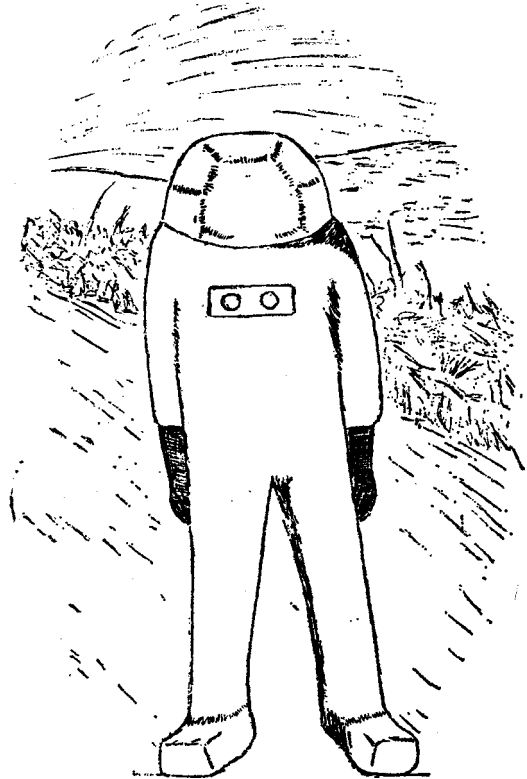


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This has meant an excessive call on the time of *Bufora* council members, officers and investigators, many of whom have been hard put to keep up with the constant demand for information, interviews, photographs and background material. Nevertheless, though excessive it has been welcome, since in almost all cases, for once, Ufology has been treated with something approaching respect. We trust the same attitude will continue to prevail after *Close Encounters* becomes little more than a distant memory to the general public.

*Norman Oliver.*

## Editorial

### Close encounters of the 'fourth estate' kind

The last few months have been a 'flap' period, not only for UFO reports, which have continued to maintain a high level, but a journalistic 'flap' also as Press and the media generally have caught on to the appeal value of the film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, not only following fast on the heels of *Star Wars*, but also being chosen for the Royal Premiere of 13 March.

**There is still time to arrange a visit to the Bufora Conference at the George Hotel, George Street, Nottingham, on Sat/Sun, 15/16 April to hear Richard F Haines, PhD, consultant to the Center for UFO Studies, Illinois and APRO, Arizona, and many other speakers. Details from Conference Organiser, 5 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield, Newark, Notts. Tel: 0623 882 680.**

### London Lectures

Saturday, 6 May 1978, 7 pm: Exobiology—The Search for new Life-forms in Space. *Speaker:* John Armitage, BSC, FGS, FRAS, FBIS.

Saturday, 3 June 1978, 7 pm: Celestial Dynamics & Levitational forces. *Speaker:* Robert Kingsley Morison.

Meetings are held in the lecture theatre of Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, London W8.

## Lecture Summary

*Ley Lines in relation to UFOs—*

*Paul Devereux, BA.*

The meeting at Kensington Library on 4 February was very well attended, and those present were fortunate in hearing Paul Devereux, editor of *The Ley Hunter*, give an exceptionally interesting talk on Leys: his personal UFO experience: Ley connections with the Winchester contact claim of Mrs Bowles and a detailed study of correlations of Leys in Leicestershire.

I do not recall a speaker—with the possible exception of C Maxwell Cade—who spoke for so long whilst still completely 'holding' his audience. With the aid of more than 100 slides, many showing in detail the markings and artifacts constituting various Ley Lines and following point by point along them, Paul's enjoyable 'marathon' ran well into 'overtime'—and judging from the applause, his listeners would have been fully prepared to stay later still.

Paul's experience when a student of witnessing a glowing shape approach

in the sky, then apparently change into what to him appeared as an 'angelic' form, whilst reminding others of the fourteen witnesses of an artistic creation made a complete change from the 'extra-terrestrial hardware' type of report and Paul emphasised his personal opinion that UFOs are not in fact extra-terrestrial craft—a view that is by no means currently without support.

Diagrams were shown to illustrate the discovery that the scene of Mrs Bowles encounter along the road to Chilcomb was in fact at the exact juncture of two Ley Lines, though Paul gave it as his opinion that Ley Lines themselves had no direct connection with the UFO phenomenon.

As the meeting's Chairman, I have rarely less 'chairing' to do. Our thanks to Paul for a most enjoyable evening: it is to be hoped he will be able to speak to Bufora again on a future occasion. A special mention, too, for Steve Gamble, whose 'stint' at the projector lasted throughout the evening!

*Norman Oliver.*

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**Bufora Conference guest speaker Richard F Haines, PhD** is a specialist concerning scientific research in the area of human vision, optics, illusions, perception and related subjects who completed a 17-page study of UFO appearance recognition in August 1976. He has developed a simple set of steps to be followed by field investigators to obtain from the eye-witness a more accurate and computer compatible description of the outline shape and details of a UFO. A copy of the study has been distributed to a great many UFO organisations throughout the world in the hope of fostering co-operation towards a standard approach of data gathering.

With this in mind, Dr Haines suggested that Bufora make his illustrated study available to members. We highly recommend this, especially to those who have already purchased a copy of the *Investigator's Handbook*. Copies can be obtained from Newchapel Observatory at a cost of 30p to cover duplication and postage.

*A R Pace.*

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# The UFO Phenomenon— An Australian Perspective

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*Mr Chalker and Mr Smyth are coordinators of UFOIC. Mr Chalker, an industrial chemist, is a scientific consultant for ACOS, the organisation coordinating reports from Australian civilian research groups.*

In the few decades subsequent to World War Two, there has been a proliferation of reported observations of unknown aerial objects on a world-wide scale. The reports are of a persistent and patterned nature, suggesting stimuli of an unconventional nature, beyond the collective experiences of this technological age.

Although the majority of reports consist of misinterpretations of mundane stimuli, such as terrestrial and celestial artifacts and weather and celestial phenomena, a significant proportion of reports are of an unknown nature.

J Allen Hynek, Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University, Chairman of the Center for UFO Studies and for many years Astronomical Consultant to the United States Air Force Investigators, defines a UFO in the following succinct manner:

*“ We define the UFO as the reported perception of an object or light, seen in the sky or upon the land, the appearance, trajectory and general dynamic and luminescent behaviour of which do not suggest a logical, conventional explanation and which is not only mystifying to the original percipients, but remains unidentified after close scrutiny of all available evidence by persons who are technically capable of making a common sense identification if one is possible.” (1)*

Several basic types of UFO observations have been determined. Hynek presents the following categories: (2)

*Nocturnal Lights (NL)—Lights in the night sky.*

*Daylight Disc (DD)—Reports of UFOs seen in the daytime.*

*Radar Visual (RV)—Radar and visual mutual confirmation of a UFO.*

The close encounters—‘ UFO sighting reports that speak of objects or very brilliant lights close to the observers—in general less than 500 feet away’—fall into the following types:

*CE 1—Close encounters in which no interaction of the UFO with the environment or the observers is reported.*

*CE 2—The reported UFO, generally a brightly illuminated ‘ craft’ leaves a visible record of its visit or encounter with human observers. ‘ The physical effects reportedly include tangible marks on the ground . . . , the scorching or blighting of growing things, discomfort to animals as evidenced by their behaviour and such physical effects on the human observer as temporary paralysis, numbness, a feeling of heat and other discomfort.’ Other effects include inertial variations and vehicle interference.*

*CE 3—Encounters in which the presence of ‘ animated creatures’ is reported.*

For years the phenomenon has been interpreted as essentially an American experience, because the American media have been largely responsible

for popularising the subject. At the same time, the extra-terrestrial hypothesis for the origin of UFOs has been popularised, mainly because the phenomenon has been suggestive of alien intrusions by unknown aerial machines and because we ourselves have stepped into our own space age.

In Australia, the progress of the UFO phenomenon has been surprisingly similar to that observed throughout the rest of the world. As with other countries research has suggested that a similar phenomenon has existed for some time. In fact, in Australia, possibly the first UFO report was documented during the final days of the fateful Burke and Wills expedition in 1861. Quoting from Wills' journal:

*"Near daybreak, King reported seeing a moon in the east, with a haze of light stretching up from it; he declared it to be quite as large as the Moon and not dim at the edges. I am so weak that any attempt to get a sight of it was out of the question, but I think it must have been Venus in the zodiacal light he saw, with a corona round her."* (3).

One of the earliest recorded close encounters occurred in central New South Wales in 1893. A farmer observed a saucer-shaped object land in one of his paddocks and a 'strange being' emerge. This 'being' shone a beam of some kind onto the farmer, whose hand where the beam had struck was allegedly paralysed for life. (4).

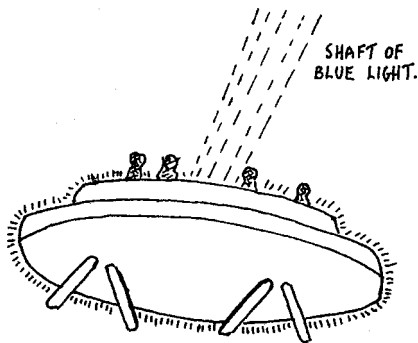
The outback ghost lights, such as the Min Min light (5), the Yatton light (6), the Blairmore light (7) and the Orrorro and Moonta 'Jack O'Lantern' reports (8), were common at the turn of the century and became popularised almost into myth status. Some are still seen today and several explan-

ations have been offered. 1903 had widespread 'fireball' reports (9) and the New Zealand reports of 'airships' in 1909 featured at least 3 occupant cases (10). Similar reports were made throughout Australia at about the same time (11).

Scattered reports were made up to 1947 when the 'flying saucer age' came into being. Although there was world wide interest, Australian reports were few and far between and general opinion here at the time seemed to be that the phenomenon was largely American both in scope and in origin. Reported activity increased significantly after about 1963, perhaps because of improvements in investigation techniques and documentation. Since then, Australia has appeared to exhibit the entire range of UFO observations from numerous nocturnal light reports to many close encounter reports of all three types (12).

In general, patterns within Australia follow those documented elsewhere in the world. Most close encounters with the phenomenon (the unknowns) occur at night in isolated country areas with only one or two percipients present (13). The majority of type two close encounters (or 'trace cases') exhibit approximately circular ground effects, with anti-clockwise swirling (if the crops are affected) (14). Most of the Australian type three close encounters consist of human-like entities, be they small, normal or large in terms of stature (15). 1966, 1969, 1972 and 1975 were years in which UFO activity was recorded on a generally high level throughout Australia and 1959 saw a major 'flap' (or high level of activity in Papua, featuring the extraordinary occupant reports of Bioanai Mission.

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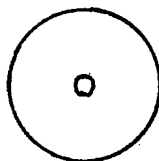
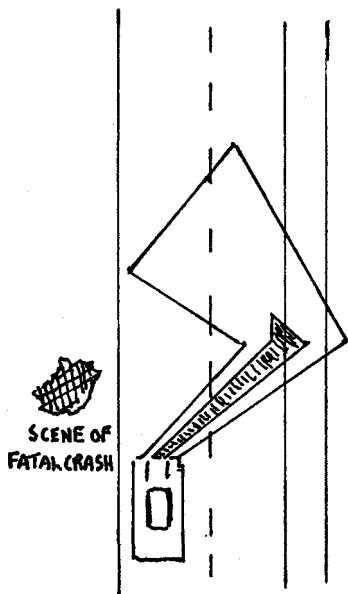
waves (16).

1966 exhibited major activity on the east coast of Australia, centering on Tully, Queensland and Central Victoria. For example, the widely reported Tully UFO 'nest' was found on 19 January by farmer George Pedley after he observed a blue-grey object rise from the spot in Horseshoe Lagoon. The 30 foot diameter 'nest' consisted of a circular area of reeds, swirled around in a clockwise manner (17)\*.

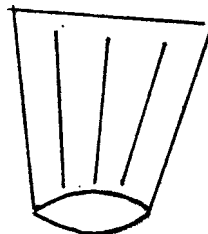
**OBJECT AT BOIANAI WITH MEN' 26.7.59**

An Anglican missionary, the Reverend William Gill and many natives observed on two consecutive nights—26 & 27 June 1959—animate beings on a large aerial object which hovered for two and three quarters and one hour respectively on these nights. The witnesses at Goodenough Bay on the second night reported that they observed the 'beings' responding to their

At Bourkes Flat, in Victoria, on 4 April, Mr Ron Sullivan had the bizarre experience of having his car headlights 'bent' towards an unknown object shaped like an ice cream cone of coloured light, with an associated brilliant white disc. The headlight effect almost caused Mr Sullivan to lose control of his car. A depression in sandy soil was found in a spot where the UFO appeared to be. The incident had a frightening aftermath. Two



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**BOURKES FLAT 'BENT HEADLIGHTS' 4.4.66**

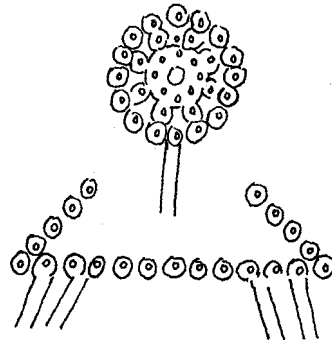
nights after Mr Sullivan's experience, a young man was killed when his car swerved off the road 'for no apparent reason.' The site of this accident was the same spot at which the UFO encounter had occurred (18).

The year 1969 featured a wave of 'nest' (or ground trace) reports, sometimes associated with UFO events, centred on the north coast of New South Wales (19). New Zealand also experienced a similar wave of 'nests' a few months later (20).

1972 had an extensive Australia wide 'flap,' unfortunately largely sustained in the public eye by misdirected media publicity of Taree observations of the planet Venus. The year saw a number of probative close encounters, including the Mooraduc Road case and the central Australian car pacing.

On Mooraduc Road, on the Mornington Peninsula in July, a UFO took control of a car, and the driver—Mrs. Puddy—allegedly received three messages while in a 'vacuum effect.' (21). Late in August, two women and three children in a car, driving across central Australia, were followed by a UFO which eventually landed near the group when they were near Pimba (22).

Although 1975 had very little media coverage on UFOs, it could perhaps be termed a 'silent flap year.' Many good cases were reported, particularly of the close encounter type. Near Nebo, in Queensland on 22 March, 1975, five people observed an unusual object hovering in a gravel storage area on the Mount Flora to Dingo beef road. Ground trace marks were confirmed (23). Five young men in a car chased a bright orange and green aerial object for several miles until it apparently landed on Harwood Island on the north coast of New South Wales on 3 June (24).



IMPRESSION OF OBJECT NEAR MT. FLORA RD. QLD. 22.3.75

Within Australia, certain areas appear to have more than average numbers of UFO reports over a fairly short period of time. Within each of these areas there have been similar trends of events. Usually one or two isolated reports are followed by a flood of others over a short interval of time in a confined area. Publicity seldom gets beyond local media coverage (if even that), and it is usually only by chance that an investigator encounters a flap whilst it is in progress.

It is possible to extract certain characteristics pattern in flap situations. These, we suggest, include:

- 1 *A preponderance of nocturnal light observations.*
- 2 *A significant number of low level aerial object observations, often of quite bewildering variety.*
- 3 *Limited landing events.*
- 4 *Few occupant encounters.*
- 5 *Other anomalous phenomena, possibly of a psychic nature (25).*

Some of these areas include: Tully, Queensland (1966); Clare, South Australia (1968); Kempsey, New South Wales (1971-2-3); Corrigan, Western Australia (1969); Tyringham, New South Wales (1973); North-east Tas-

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mania (1974) and Maydena, Tasmania (1976) (26).

The Tyringham area involved a personal study of a UFO flap whilst it was in progress. About 70 UFO sightings were made between late May and August 1973 (including a few in the period from September to November). Of these, 44 were nocturnal light observations, 23 were of reconcilable aerial objects and at least 5 landing events were reported (27).

The Maydena UFO flap of February 1976 consisted entirely of nocturnal light observations occurring with almost nightly frequency. Further nocturnal light reports occurred in March and April 1976 (28).

Investigation organisations exist in all Australian states and have been documenting cases to the best of their ability for many years. In 1973, Professor Hynek visited Australia, and subsequently at his request an *Australian Co-ordination Section (ACOS)* for the *Center for UFO Studies* was established. The main function of ACOS is to act as a 'clearing point' to which all Australian UFO reports are sent by the major UFO organisations and research elements throughout the country.

Several hundred reports are received by each of the organisations annually, these being thoroughly investigated from all scientific aspects. Of these, between 10% to 20% are usually unidentifiable and are therefore referred to as UFO reports. It is these reports, which are then forwarded to ACOS—copies being despatched to the *Center* in the United States for further scrutiny and correlation with reports from world-wide sources.

The UFO phenomenon is as evident and as elusive within Australia as it is in other parts of the world. Even

though we have only a population of approximately 13 million spread over a vary large country, UFO activity is quite extensive, and civilian groups are carrying out scientific investigations to document the phenomenon.

Australia, therefore, is playing it's part in contributing information about this phenomenon, which has been puzzling mankind for the past few decades (and possibly over the centuries). This Australian documentation will provide some degree of help towards the eventual solution of the UFO enigma.

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# Report—Extra!

Presented by Norman Oliver

## The continuing Saga of Ripperston Farm

Inw R Jones Pugh

### “What on earth is THAT?”

On Sunday, 30 October 1977, around 3 pm, Mrs Pauline Coombs and her mother, Mrs Gryez, together with the four Coombs' children were returning to the farm by car: the day was warm and sunny. Engrossed in conversation with her daughter, Mrs Gryez suddenly exclaimed ‘*what on earth is that?*’, and pointed upwards. Mrs Coombs stopped the car and everyone got out to watch what Mrs Coombs described as ‘*a round flat disc, whitish in colour*’ move across the sky in a seawards direction. It was, Mrs Coombs agreed, difficult to estimate the height of the object, but she ultimately concluded it must have been around 200 feet: her considered opinion was that it was travelling ‘*at the speed of a motor boat going fast across the bay*’, which might suggest something in the region of 20 mph.

The family watched the disc gradually lower itself to the height of the nearby Stack Rocks and then, without altering speed, literally ‘crash’ into the face of the rocky islet itself, disappearing into it completely. At this point Mrs Coombs insisted that both she and her mother fully expected to see some sort of explosion and to hear the noise of the supposed crash, but, she emphasised, ‘*it just disappeared into the rock.*’ She then related how she, her mother and the four children were so intrigued that they decided to investigate at a much closer distance, so the family crossed two smallish fields which brought them literally down to the water's edge. From where they were now standing on the headland sloping down to the edge of the sea itself, they

had a perfect view of the side of Stack Rocks facing the mainland, since the stretch of water separating the Stacks from the head of the peninsular is only some 400 yards wide.

The young farmer's wife described how, as she and her mother approached the sea, they could see ‘*two men moving about on the rock.*’ Their immediate reaction was that they were witnessing two skin divers going about their business in the deep waters surrounding the rocks.

### ‘Rectangular heads’

Both women, however, soon realised that whilst the two figures had the requisite numbers of legs, arms and feet, their heads appeared to be very elongated and far larger than the average human head. Indeed, Mrs Coombs described the heads as being ‘*rectangular in shape with the corners rounded off.*’ When I queried as to whether or not she was quite convinced they were not skin divers or fishermen, I was assured that whilst they were ‘*human in shape, they were definitely not human beings.*’

For some 15 minutes, the two women watched, entranced, as the silver-clad figures moved about on the uneven surface of the Stack Rocks. At this juncture it's necessary to point out that the rocks themselves rise abruptly out of the sea to a height of some 60 to 80 feet, possibly even higher, and that the sides of the rocks are pitted and uneven, so that the average climber would have to move extremely carefully in finding feet and hand purchase if he were not to fall into the sea.

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## Doors . . . .

Mrs Coombs' story went on . . . . As they all watched, they could see 'a door opening and closing fairly rapidly in the right-hand side (the Broad Haven side) of the rock.' There appeared to be a 'shimmering haze around the doors,' which seemed to be of a size commensurate with that of the ordinary household door, but whose sideways movements reminded them of the doors of a restaurant serving hatch. The interior of the space behind the doors was 'quite black.'

As the doors opened and closed rhythmically, the family saw a silver-clad figure (humanoid?) walking up and down as though it were surmounting a series of stairs and then descending again. This is indicative of the motion of this individual, since whilst no steps were visible as such, the actions were such that the head would appear, then the shoulders and chest, to about waist-high. Then the motion would cease, and without changing position, the figure would descend again.

### ' . . . . walking upon the water '

The figure to the left of the Stacks was not entirely inactive, since it walked about 'with a normal gait as though walking on a flat surface.' This particular humanoid, from Mrs Coombs' taped description, seems literally to have 'walked upon the water,' or at least, at water level, though it also seems to have given the impression of having blended with the very consistence of the rock-face itself. This figure, which was kept under strict observation, though possibly to a lesser extent than the 'opening-shutting doors,' eventually disappeared by climbing behind the left side of the rocks—that is, the side facing seawards. Ultimately, the doors and the energetic humanoid abruptly disappeared.

## Why that route?

On 1 December 1977, in company with David Allen, the local BBC reporter and also a journalist, I interviewed Mrs Coombs and her family at Ripperston Farm. Initially, both Allen and myself were aware of a certain, perhaps not unnatural reticence on the part of the adults to discuss the events, and indeed, it must be accepted that their story of such a grotesque series of occurrences was not received without reservations. However, as Mrs Coombs stated, she just could not fathom why she decided to take that particular route that day. 'For some reason or other' she explained, 'I decided to come down Broadmoor Way,' when normally, even routinely, she takes the main road down to Ripperston Farm itself. The implications of this statement must be taken within the context of the whole paranormal history of the farm itself and the Coombs family in particular, since it is my own personal and considered opinion that Pauline Coombs possesses that deep psychic ability to see things not perhaps normally visible to all and sundry.

## Just one small facet . . . .

This episode is, of course, just one small facet of the enigma which constitutes Ripperston Farm and indeed, which is represented by that small area of the Dale peninsular. Indeed, a newcomer hearing for the first time the quite bizarre history of the paranormal events in which the Coombs family have been implicated, might well be forgiven for doubting the veracity of the witnesses, but this latest event has been corroborated by the fact that when the family had returned home, they had barely divested themselves of their clothes when the telephone rang, and a neighbour, a woman who lives in Broad Haven in a

position directly opposite the Stack Rocks, telephoned to ask whether anyone had seen any figures on the Stack Rocks. This particular witness refused us permission to divulge her name and address.

Quietly and efficiently, Mrs Coombs and the others were probed and questioned by David Allen, who is an experienced and thoroughly competent newscaster, and, literally, their testimony could not be shaken. In fact, the young farmer's wife stated that she was not at all upset or bothered by the sighting and indeed, if anything, felt 'quite excited.'

Having known the family for some appreciable time, I have always accepted their testimony as literally being true in the light of their own experience. However, I was indeed most amused to find that whereas my old colleague David Allen had been more than sceptical about the event which we discussed as we drove down in his car, he was very thoughtful and exceedingly quiet on the return journey!

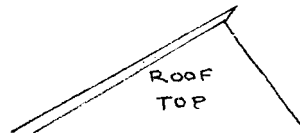
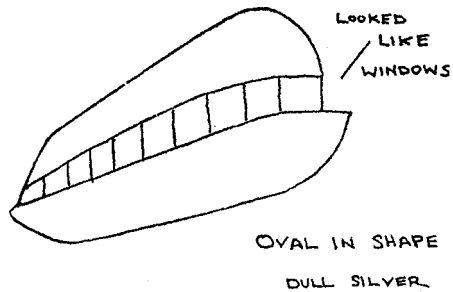
*Randall Jones Pugh.*

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### Nantwich oval

*Inv Steve Cleaver,  
FUFOR*

On 24 August 1977, between 11.30 and 12 midday, the witness, of Nantwich, Cheshire, was going down to the shops when she noticed a large, oval-shaped object in the sky at a 45° angle above some bungalows. It was huge, seeming to have windows and to be dull silver in colour. Witness then called her mother to the scene and the object was observed by both of them for a further four or five seconds before accelerating away. During the sighting period, the normally busy streets (off Coppice Road, Willaston) seemed

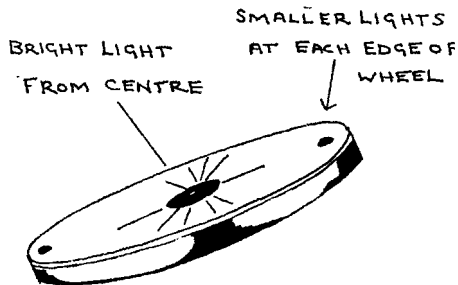


empty and strangely quiet. Although the witness stated her young son, with her at the time, did not see the object, when interviewed he claimed to have done so. Whilst not eliminating the possibility of a UFO sighting, the investigator feels the facts might have been slightly exaggerated.

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### Halifax wheel

*Inv T Whitaker,  
Buforia, Yorks.*



First reported in the *Halifax Courier* of 8 October 1977, this unusual sighting claim of Mr F Scarborough of Halifax—a well-known local authority on the

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Bronte family—was straightway followed up by Trevor Whitaker of Bufora, Yorks.

Just after nine o'clock on the evening of Friday, 8 October, Mr Scarborough noticed what at first seemed to be an orange speck: this became bigger and brighter until it appeared as a big orange wheel, sharply-defined in the sky about half way between the horizon and the point overhead at an estimated height of around 1000 feet.

From the centre of the wheel, there were 'spokes' fanning out to the rim of the 'craft.' Also in the centre was a very bright orange light with two smaller lights opposite to one another near the rim. The object changed direction as it approached, going across Mr Scarborough's field of vision from left to right till it faded away altogether. Altogether the episode lasted some fifty seconds, the wheel approaching for twenty seconds, then moving across until disappearing in a further thirty seconds. There was one other witness, but so far attempts to locate her have proved unsuccessful.

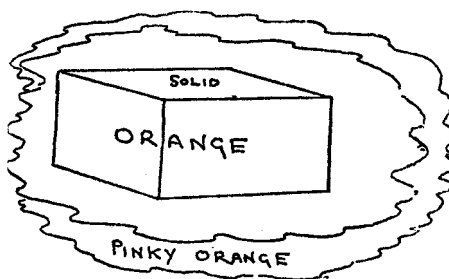
The investigator checked that weather conditions—clear with a slight frost—were as stated by the witness: the Leeds-Bradford Civil Airport was also contacted, but were unable to be of assistance as this occurred during a strike period! He also commented that he was unable to think of any normal event which could give rise to a report of this type.

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### Rectangle over Barming

*Inv J Castle*

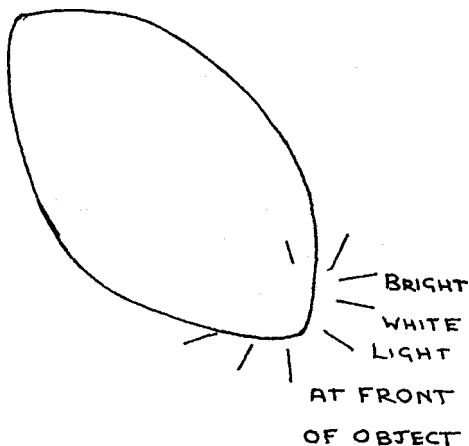
Judy Longhurst aged 21, of Maidstone, Kent, was sitting in a car near her home on Saturday, 10 September 1977, when she saw a large, bright rectangular orange-shape hovering about twenty



feet above the rooftops in Long Rede Lane, Barming. The object was 'about half the size of a house.' It had a glow around it of a pinky-orange colour which 'spread over two houses.' After hovering in this position for at least a minute, the rectangle went down behind a house. The pinky glow remained for a while, then went out like an electric light goes out—quite suddenly. The brightness of the object was likened to that of the setting sun. On its disappearance Judy went straight indoors and checked the time. The object had made no sound of any kind.

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### Stafford 'Egg'



A Staffordshire experience in December 1976 has recently come to hand.

The witness, Birmingham shopkeeper R Woolley, was staying in Stafford over the Christmas period and on the evening of 28 December between 4.30 pm and 5 pm looked out of the window and in a very clear sky with a full moon, saw an oval-shaped object 'like an egg' which had a bright, white light at the front moving rapidly across the sky until obscured by a building. The 'egg' flew without a sound and its oval shape was very clearly-defined in the moonlight. Witness states it was quite unlike anything he'd ever seen before and definitely was not an aircraft.

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### **Cumbrian 'cloud'**

*Inv R Hall*

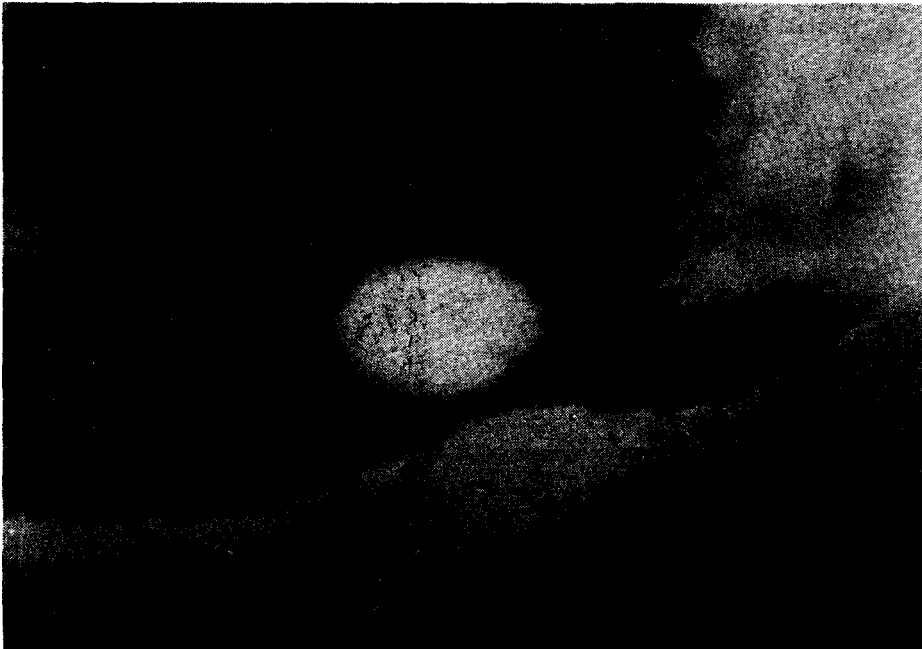
On 7 July 1977, a witness at Stainton in Cumbria chanced to look up and observed what appeared to be a large cloud spinning in an anti-clockwise

direction. The main bank of cloud was moving from north-east to south-west, but the position of the UFO was stationary. Witness called his 19-year old son—who also observed the object—whilst he dashed into the house for his camera—one of his interests being photography.

When he returned he managed to snatch a shot, but unfortunately it was the last frame on that piece of film so no more could be taken. The 'mass' then spun slightly faster: its diameter grew smaller and it suddenly disappeared. There was a flash of bright white light at a great height between the receding cloud bank and the original UFO position.

The time of the sighting was 7.20 pm, and the object had been visible for something between 16 and 26 seconds including the time taken to dash in for the camera.

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Witness commented that whilst water-spouts, whirlwinds, etc, are narrow at the base and wide at the top, the reverse was the case so far as this sighting was concerned.

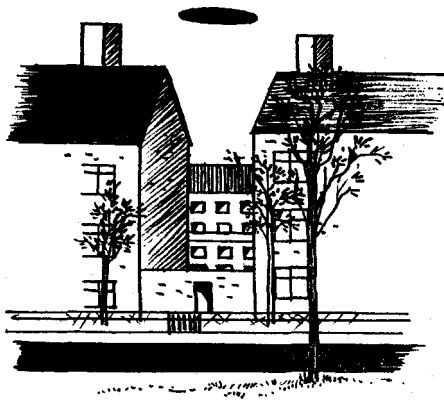
Bufora member A Dougan examined the actual negative and reports:

*'There is no evidence on the glass or emulsion of the negative that would suggest any form of retouching and no chemical splashmarks. Under great magnification, the grain of the film is constant and clear. There are no obvious markings or shapes to suggest anything other than a cloud, under high magnification. There are a few scratches caused by careless handling and the backplate of the witness's camera, together with some drying marks not in the area in question. At this stage it is safe to say the negative itself is not the basis of a hoax . . . .'*

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### 'Zeppelin' at Milton

*Inv N Maloret,  
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It was a warm, clear afternoon—around 3 pm in mid-June 1977, and the witness, whose flat is on the ground floor of a three-storey block, took a look out of the west-facing living-room window.

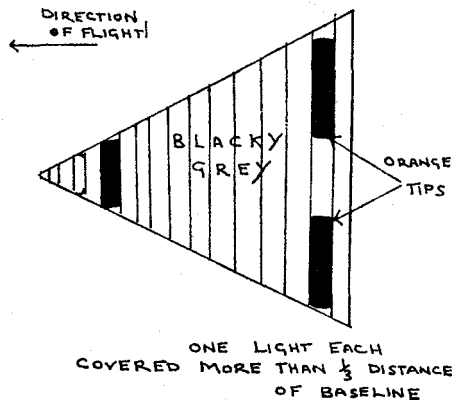
Immediately she noticed an object 'hanging' in the western sky at an estimated elevation of about 40°. Witness was elderly and compared the object to the Zeppelins of World War 1—except that it was minus an 'under-carriage.' On seeing it the witness opened the window and, not believing her eyes, looked away several times, but the object remained: she even took off her glasses to check that these could not be at fault.

The object was silver in colour and reflected the sun brilliantly. It was quite stationary and emitted no sound. In line of sight it appeared above a nearby four-storey block of flats, but it may in fact have been farther away. As the witness watched, it suddenly vanished: there was no movement whatsoever, it just instantly disappeared. The episode lasted some 25 to 30 seconds.

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### Tunstall triangle

*Inv A Pace*



On the night of 9 August 1977, at about 23.30, Paul Mottram, aged twenty of Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent was observing the Perseid meteor stream. It was a very clear night and he watched

in the area of the constellations Cepheus and Cassiopeia. These were to the right of his field of vision as he faced the northern sky. From the area of Cepheus flew an object which was thin and gave the impression that its flight was curved: Paul at first thought it to be a bat. Then three white lights appeared in front of him at roughly 80° and they seemed too low for an aircraft. They flew in unison so Paul decided to view them through his 10 x 50 binoculars.

The lights were oblong-shaped with rounded edges. It seemed that the 'inside' part of the light was orange. However, each light was in the corner of a dark flying triangle: one in each of the triangle's three corners. Other than lights, the triangle was just a dark mass. Just prior to lowering the binoculars, it seemed to Paul that it veered to the left. He lowered the glasses and on looking for the object and lights, they had gone. It 'went out' below the handle of the Great Bear.

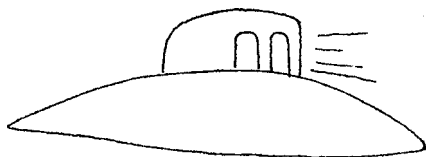
A friend of Paul's and his sister also saw the object, which in all was seen for something between one and three minutes. Its height was estimated at 'about three or four houses high'—approximately 100 to 150 feet.

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### 1973 'Giant clay pigeon'

*Inv J Castle, L Dale*

Peter Hildebrand and a friend were fishing on the beach at Grain, Kent on 24 November 1973: the time was around midnight. They were on the army ground's beach opposite Southend on the other side of the Thames estuary and had been there about two hours when Peter's friend remarked that a fishing boat was out there—apparently about a mile away. A very



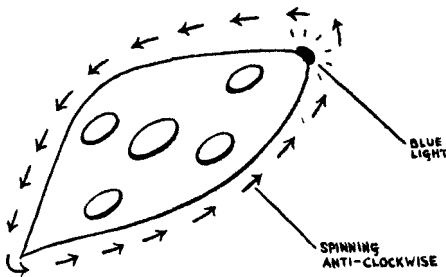
bright light was coming from it—something like a Tilley lamp that Peter had with him. For a short while the two took no further notice, but then found the light was coming towards them: they watched it for a few seconds then again resumed fishing.

Looking to their right some minutes later, however, the light was seen to be in line with the beach at about the height of an army lookout tower: they then realised it was turning and coming towards them. Peter said that it reached to within 60 to 70 yards of them and 'I looked at it and was amazed: I have never seen anything like it.' Both witnesses then quickly darted to the bank, lying down and watching the object. It stopped directly above John's Tilley lamp on the beach.

No sound was coming from it: there was not even a down draught. The thing resembled a giant clay pigeon with a dome on the top. There were oval windows and the very bright light was projecting through them: in colour it appeared as 'a dirty, silvery grey.' For about five or six minutes the object hovered above Peter's lamp, then moved off very slowly—at a walking pace—along the beach towards Sheerness and finally disappeared out of sight.

## UFO over cemetery

*Inv A Pace, B Hartley*



Gail Webster and her friends Rosemary, Sandra and Caroline were in Nelson (Lancs) cemetery. It was 1 pm and they were visiting Sandra's grandfather's grave. The date was Tuesday, 21 June 1977. Gail had just looked at her watch to check the time, when two of the others looked up and saw an object they thought at first was a plane. However, they then realised it had no wings and was making no noise. They all watched it for about two minutes as it hovered above the nearby church steeple: it appeared to be oval in shape with a dome on top and had a flashing blue light at one 'end.' In colour it was silver-grey and was spinning anti-clockwise: there were also 'little oval shapes' round it which could be seen quite clearly and a silver 'plate' on the bottom. The object began to rise from its position about 40 feet above the steeple after two minutes and dipped slightly, then went slowly upwards into a cloud and disappeared.

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## St Brides Bay object

*Inv & Witness R Jones Pugh*

In addition to the numerous reports he has investigated over the past eighteen months, Mr Jones Pugh has also seen an unusual object himself: this is his own report of the occurrence:

"At about 10.30 pm on an evening in July 1977, prior to retiring I pulled aside the curtain of my bedroom window which overlooks St Brides Bay, Pembrokeshire, and saw that a fairly thick sea mist was coming in.

Across the main road, some thirty feet wide, lies the Pembs National Park and it was in a field directly opposite my window that I saw a crescent-shaped object with a pipe-like stem sticking upwards for a distance of some three feet. In spite of the near-dark conditions, I could see the outline of what looked like the upper half of a 'dome'—the right-hand side being obscured by sea mist. However, as soon as I'd pulled aside the curtain and allowed the bedroom light to show, the object took off vertically at a very fast rate. The 'tube,' which to me appeared to be of glass or plastic, flashed a very bright, red light three times, and so bright was the light that I could perceive the filaments in the 'tube,' which looked like those seen in ordinary electric-light bulbs, quite distinctly. The 'thing' took off very quickly, but I was able to count these three very distinct flashes at perhaps one-second intervals, the intense, pulsating red light showing up the 'filaments' vividly."

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## Newington 'Skate'

*Inv V Martin*

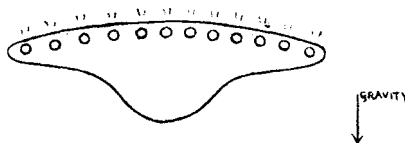
Kent member (and 'Points from the Press' compiler) Valerie Martin has investigated quite a large number of reports—as indeed have other Kent investigators—over the last six months or so. Many have been LITS reports, but several have been much more unusual; the following case is representative of the latter.



The witness, aged 25, who has a special interest in aviation and model aircraft, was riding his motor cycle along the A2 away from Sittingbourne towards Newington and was approaching Key St crossroads on Friday, 30 September at about 7.20 pm. He saw two bright lights in the sky shining through the trees by the side of the A2 the other side of the crossroads. About 100 yards from the traffic lights he could see a large shape moving towards him in the sky in line with the road. This had red and yellowish lights around the outside and two very bright white beams, like headlights, in the front: the beams were moving about, but not together. As he came up to the traffic lights they were red and he stopped. The object then passed directly overhead making a humming sound 'like a Hoover vacuum cleaner.' Witness thought its

height was about 1000 feet. It hovered above the traffic lights and he described its shape as like that of a flatfish—a skate. It was very large—'twice the size of a Jumbo jet.'

The red and yellowish lights reflected on a dome-like protuberance underneath and the object appeared to be of a dull metallic silver colour. The traffic lights changed to green and the witness rode on glancing over his shoulder at the sky. The object suddenly moved off very quickly in the same direction as previously travelling: the white beams of light appeared



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to flicker and go out: witness could see them no more, neither could he discern what shape the object was on top. There was no effect on street lights or vehicles. Street lights were on and there was traffic behind him, including his wife and father in a car. They saw nothing and did not believe him at the time. However, when a week later, other similar sightings were reported in the East Kent Gazette, they revised their opinion. In fact, the object was seen only an hour before an almost identical object was reported only two miles away, whilst others reported the humming noise.

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*An incident on the M4 which has some remarkably similar characteristics to the Kent reports, but where the object was observed at very close range indeed, will be included in the next Report Extra.*

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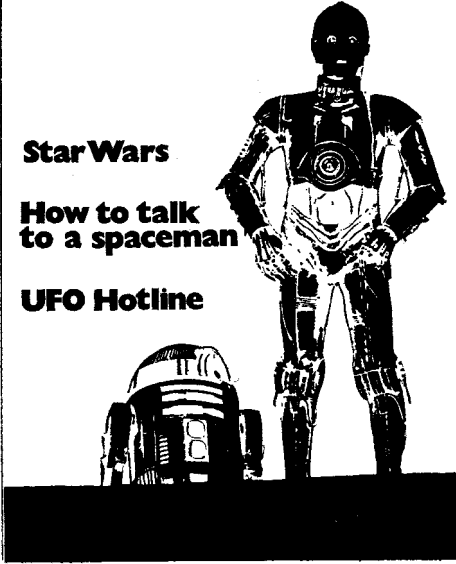
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## **Humanoid at Rainford**

*Inv A R Pace, Buforia  
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### **Summary by Tony Pace**

On the evening of Monday, 2 January 1978, Stephen Simpson, Geoff Hale and their friends Glyn Mathews and Keith Thomas, decided to go out for a drink. They'd been to a party the night before, arrived home early in the morning and did not feel inclined to make it another late night. Apart from Keith Thomas, the other three twenty-one-year-olds lived on the out-

skirts of Liverpool and had known each other from their schooldays.

They left the Golden Lion public house in Rainford just after 11 pm. Geoff Hales was driving his Triumph Herald and both he and Stephen stated they had drunk no more than two pints of cider. They crossed the main A570 road and travelled south-west down an old coach track used by local farmers which would take them through to Kirkby. The evening was cold and windy, and though there was a lot of cloud, visibility was good.

*" We drove down the dirt track and*

came to this 'T' junction, said Geoff "I was supposed to turn left, but because I don't go down there very often, I turned right by mistake. I was doing about 20 to 25 mph and the car just skidded round." He realised his error and the car came to a halt on the damp road.

"Geoff was the first to notice the figure in white—he was looking forward as he was driving" said Stephen. All four were shocked at what they saw and although descriptions naturally varied somewhat, a 'composite' of the figure could be described as follows:

The human-like figure stood in the middle of the track about 30 feet from the car. It was estimated to be between six and seven feet tall and was clad in a pure white 'one-piece' suit. The figure was well built—very big for a human, and in the dipped headlights the witnesses could see no texture in the matt-white material.

Probably the most startling feature was the 'massive head' or 'helmet' which seemed to stretch across the shoulders so that only the tips of these were visible at the top of the arms. There were no features or 'visor' on the squarish 'helmet.' Geoff Hale thought the headgear about two feet wide and approximately one-and-a-half feet deep. It was not round or square, but had both curved and flat areas becoming more flattened at the top. They could see a definite boundary between the 'helmet' and the body.

The arms hung motionless by the sides. Stephen noticed that the sleeves ended short with forearms and hand protruding from the suit. Unlike the rest of the figure both forearm and hand were dark grey or black. The arms may have been a little shorter than ours and Stephen remarked that he noticed fingers on each hand.

On the figure's chest were two bright red flashing lights surrounded by a rectangular area. These lights seemed to alternate like a 'strobe,' but more slowly. The figure had 'big white boots' that seemed to be squared off at the front.

Geoff shouted "What's that, What's that?" and Stephen began screaming at him "Get the bloody car out of there." "I tried to select gear," said Geoff, "But I could not—my nerves had gone." As he frantically searched for the right gear, the white figure started to walk towards them taking three or four small careful steps. "I selected reverse eventually." Geoff continued, "And the car skidded round, just missing backing into a tree."

They turned left and sped off down the track—Stephen Simpson could still see the white figure through the back window before it was lost to sight around the bend. They tried to flag down a passing car but to no avail—and pulled up at a farmhouse a little way down the track.

Although at first reluctant, the farmer and his wife let Geoff and Stephen in and they phoned the police at Kirkby. The other two witnesses remained in the car outside. In about ten minutes the police arrived in two Escorts—three of them, including a sergeant. Geoff and Stephen then went with the police to the scene of the incident, but after about half an hour of searching, could find no evidence for the presence of the white figure. The police returned to the farmhouse and Geoff and his friends followed them back to Kirkby police station. There, the police questioned them for some time and wrote out a report of the incident. They confirmed that none of the men were intoxicated, and just after 1 am on Tuesday morning, all four left the police station for home.

# Points from the Press

Valerie Martin

The *Somerset Standard* of 30 September published the idea by a group of Frome business men for making the town, near Warminster, a centre for UFO spotting. A package tour aimed also at tourists from Europe and America would include information on sightings and tours to Cley Hill.

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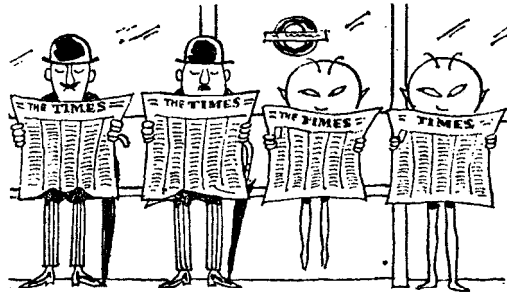
In the *Liverpool Daily Post* of 30 September, the chairman of the *Isle of Anglesey Society for Psychic Research* disclosed that a UFO form for pilots had been sent to him by the MoD. An accompanying letter stated that no correspondence on the subject of UFOs will be undertaken nor statistical analysis of reports be available. A MoD spokesman said the forms were first issued several years ago and about 1631 had been returned in the past 4 years. Only 106 objects were not identified and this was due to insufficient information.

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The *County Express* of 7 October had an article on *Ufosis*, the UFO Information Service which works in liaison with *Bufora*. During 1977 there was a host of sightings over the West Midlands and latest ones include a large cigar-shaped object seen at Kingswinford and West Bromwich, and at Dudley several people saw 4 shapes changing colour from red to green and yellow and white, the latter hovering and flashing overhead for a few minutes.

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The *Times* of 13 October and other



papers reported that a leading Soviet astronomer said that mysterious balls of light sighted over Karelia and Leningrad recently were probably satellites, or rockets burning up. TASS reported that on 20 September, 'a huge star suddenly flashed out of a dark sky sending shafts of light impulses to earth.' It spread like a jellyfish 'sending out numerous thin light rays like a downpour of rain.' After 10 minutes, it turned into a bright red circle and moved on. Meteorological workers of Karelia had never before registered similar phenomena.

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The *Kent Evening Post* of 14 October had an account of the boom in UFOs in mid-Kent in the autumn, extending from Dartford to Herne Bay. *Bufora* investigator Jim Castle of Rainham said he had never known it so busy. Sightings included a cigar-shaped object with metal panels, riveting visible and one section coloured red; a white object with 2 black holes; and twin lights beaming down from the sky.

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The *Sunderland Echo* of 20 October had an item on Raymond Drake, author of many UFO books, and *Bufora* member, who was to lecture at the annual meeting of the UFO association, *Contact*.

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The *Dartford and Swanley Chronicle* of 18 October printed an appeal by *Bufora* investigator, Maureen Weaven, for further witnesses of a UFO sighting previously reported by the newspaper.

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The *Evening Argus* of 26 October refers to the *Portland (Hove) Centre for the Investigation and Exploration of Paranormal Phenomena*, which has arranged a series of lectures, the first one by Charles Gibbs-Smith being held at Brighton Pavilion.

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The *Leicester Mercury* of 29 October and 2 November had articles on the Leicester UFO Group—*The Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation*, and chairman Trevor Thornton, who are investigating recent multi-sightings of a large bright object described as banana-shaped.

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The *Evening Telegraph and Post* of 28 October tells of a policeman spotting a flying saucer 500-700 feet above Salisbury Plain. It was oblong with rounded top, flat bottom, and travelling very slowly.

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The *Evening Sentinel* of 3 November announced that a 'completely objective and scientific' lecture on 'The Astronomer and the UFO phenomenon,' was to be given by Tony Pace, Research Director of *Bufora*, at the *Stafford College of Further Education*.

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The *Daily Express* of 28 November had a somewhat incomplete account of a huge orange saucer flying low over Staten Island and landing in New Jersey. Two young hospital workers saw the object, which was rounded on the bottom and convex on top, fly

past their car. They stopped a police car and led the policemen to the scene.

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The *Herald Express* of 29 November, 2 December, and other papers, had articles on the proposed monitoring of the Devon Skies by members of *Torbay Sun and Air Society*, a naturist group, with the aid of 6 atmosmega-meters supplied by 2 universities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Similar to those used by electricians to test current supplies, the machines are claimed to designate the type of craft, dimensions and shape from its vapour trail, and to have been successful in Japan. But the head of *Torbay UFO Centre* has warned the trackers to work together to avoid the risk of radiation burns. If the equipment is delayed in the post, the *Sun and Air Society* intends to go ahead with a substitute—a tin can containing special paper mounted on a stick.

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The *Sun* of 2 December quotes the latest case of the American lawyer who defended the Watergate burglars; he is to sue the CIA on behalf of *Ground Saucer Watch Inc*, to reveal all it knows about flying saucer visits to Earth.

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The *Worcester Evening News* of 2 December had a page feature on *Skyscan*, a small dedicated group which approaches the UFO subject scientifically and passes on completed investigation forms to *Bufora*. Reported UFOs in 1977 were always seen travelling NE to SW, following a main ley line and taking in Worcester Cathedral, and there had been 2 major flaps over the Malverns.

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*Reveille* of 9 December has the story of a Teignmouth hotelier's scheme to

build a rooftop UFO landing pad. He was sent a spaceage application form—a blank sheet of Perspex, which he returned blank. The Chief Planning Officer said that it was the most unusual application ever, and correspondence has stopped now.

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The *Lancashire Evening Post* of 10 December reveals that the *Lancashire Society for Psychological Research*, the largest outside London, plans a detailed survey of psychical phenomena including sightings of UFOs.

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The *Daily Telegraph* of 15 December reported that Nasa would reply soon to the White House on whether to establish a programme to investigate UFOs. President Carter's enthusiasm and pledge to release government files has embarrassed the agency which now has a reduced budget and considers that to repeat the USAF's investigation would be waste of money. Popular interest in the subject has been rising since the release of 2 science fiction films.

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The *Daily Telegraph* of 24 December had an article on the high-altitude atmospheric blasts or 'airquakes' occurring recently off the Atlantic coast of the US. About 10 blasts have been recorded on microbarographs, and after the latest, at night, a red flash was observed. Scientists agree that they occur 50 miles offshore between Connecticut and the Carolinas, and it is not known whether their origin is natural or man-made. Theories range from methane gas leaks from oil deposits under the Continental Shelf, New York's refuse which is dumped at sea, natural static electricity, to the possibility of extra-terrestrial origin. Earth tremors and supersonic flights

have been ruled out, and the Pentagon has denied it is conducting tests or research activity that might result in offshore explosions. NORAD has discounted theories that they may be the result of vehicle entry from space.

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The *Daily Telegraph* of 4 January published a letter from the Earl of Clancarty, a Vice-President of *Bufo*, in reply to an article on the possibility of life in the Universe by its science correspondent, on 19 December. The latter had debunked the idea of UFOs in connection with extra-terrestrial life, assumed that those who believed in UFOs thought they emanated only from outer space, and denied that any landings could have taken place in the US or France, as claimed. The Earl pointed out that he had studied the subject in depth for over 30 years, and that the French MoD with a more enlightened attitude had a special study group under the direction of the head of the French equivalent of Nasa, Claude Poyer. The latter had recently met 30 scientists in America who are studying the UFO problem. The Earl's letter concluded with a list of eminent astronomers whose names are on record for sighting UFOs.

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The *Daily Express* of 4 January reported that a family driving their car in the New Forest, near Fordingbridge, saw a huge flying saucer hovering at less than a 1000 feet. It had 7 red and blue lights flashing around the rim and a tank-like turret on top. After 10 minutes it glided horizontally away. At Kirkby on Merseyside, 4 men driving down a lane saw 'a faceless monster with square head and red and white lights flashing on its chest,' lurching towards them. They told the police who treated the incident seriously and started a hunt. (See Report—Extra).

## Uforum

I recently attended Mr Jones Pugh's interesting lecture on the *Welsh UFO Wave*. A week or so later I was reading a book by *Aidan Chambers* entitled *Ghosts and Hauntings*: a chapter on poltergeists recalled to my mind one of the cases related by Mr Pugh.

If I remember correctly, this concerned sightings of UFOs and their occupants on the land of Mr and Mrs Coombs of Ripperston Farm. There were also other paranormal happenings such as inexplicable humming noises and the telekinesis of cattle from locked enclosures.

According to Mr Chambers, it is a less common feature of poltergeist activity for objects and even animals to be moved into places where they wouldn't ordinarily be found. Indeed, he relates an example of a case being discovered in the inaccessible (for a large animal) hayloft of a Lancashire farm—block and tackle were employed to lower the beast to terra firma! Perhaps poltergeists could have caused the mischievous pranks to the Coombs' cattle? Again, as poltergeists are well known for their noise-making (the word 'poltergeist' means 'noise-spirit'), perhaps they could be responsible also for the humming sounds.

I think it also emerged at the lecture, that Mrs Coombs is psychic (which I take to mean the ability to see or feel the presence of spirits). Her psychic power, possibly harnessed to the presence of her children, could have the effect of attracting poltergeist activity to the farm. The ghost-like nature of the visitations was enhanced for me by the fact that the Coombs children apparently saw a 'silver-suited being' walk through a field fence as though no material barrier existed, and also that, although physical traces, in the form

of foot-prints, were left in the mud, they seemingly materialised from nowhere.

I think it is worth considering the possibility that this Welsh 'ufocal,' at least, could be haunted (if only temporarily) by very much Earthbound poltergeists.

*Henry Chester, London, W5.*

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Referring to M J H Elli's letter in the November/December issue, the time travel theory in relation to UFOs may explain how some craft 'switch off.' Presumably, in some cases, they could slip from one time period to another without moving.

'Time Warps,' 'Holes in the sky' and 'Other Dimensions' are mentioned in *The Bermuda Triangle* by *Charles Berlitz* as possible explanations for the disappearances of ships, aircraft and people. This suggests two-way traffic. My own view is that UFOs are from more than one source. (Early records indicate that disputes arose between some of our visitors). Time travel will not explain all sightings, but a detailed study of the theory would undoubtedly produce some interesting results.

*David Medina, London, SW19.*

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- (26) *Material on area flaps from diverse sources including the group files of QUFORB. SA UFO Research. UFOIC and TUFOIC and publications such as FSR (UK), AFSR (UFOIC and VUFORS editions) and UFOs over the Southern Hemisphere, M Hervey (1975 edition).*
- (27) *Personal investigation. See The Tyringham-Dundurrabin Area Flap, William C Chalke.*
- (28) *TUFOIC investigation and ACOS Bulletin No 6, June 1976.*

\* *The Tully case is one of the few exceptions to the generally exhibited characteristic of anti-clockwise rotation in affected crops.*

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# Sighting Summaries

Presentation by Pauline Grego

Code No.	Date	Time	Place	Report	Class	Investigator/ Credit
Uncoded	10.9.66	2240	Crewe	2 glowing green objects	C3b	S CLEAVER, FUFOR
Uncoded	Aug 1967	2200	Nantwich	' Cigar ' with dome	C3b	M TYRELL, FUFOR
Uncoded	1.6.68	2230	London SW15	2 Circular objects	B4b	S SALMON
73-104	12.6.73	1930	St Ouen, Jersey	Saturn-shaped object	C1b	D PRESTON, UFOJA
74-104	Dec	0420	Edinburgh	Bright light cluster	C3c	S CAMPBELL
74-	10.12.74	1530-1600	Dollar, Clackmannan	Glowing saucer shape	C4b	S CAMPBELL
74-115	22.7.74	0045	Isle of Lewis	Star-like object	C4c	—
75-267	April	0810	Moffat	Round black object	C3c	S CAMPBELL
76-396	18.7.76	0600	Carreg, Clwyd	Gold fireball	C4c	C & J BORD
76-397	March	2230	Arbroath	White lit	C4c	S CAMPBELL
76-398	29.7.76	2315- Midnight	Dinnet, Gordon	2 Silvery lits	C4b	S CAMPBELL
76-399	29.7.76	"	"	White lit	C4b	S CAMPBELL
76-400	29.7.76	"	"	2 lits	C4b	
76-402	24.4.76	2000	Chingford, Essex	Round glowing object	C3b	A COLLINS
77-006F	26.2.77	1945	Crewe	White/orange ' dot '	B4b	M A & P CLARKE
77-008F	14.3.77	2000	Crewe	Flashing light cluster	B4b	M A & P CLARKE
77-009F	3.2.77	1950	Crewe	Flashing lits	B4b	M A & P CLARKE
77-010F	7.2.77	2000	Crewe	Red flashing light	B4b	M A & P CLARKE
77-011F	3.7.77	0020	Crewe	Buzzing orange/gold object	C2b	S CLEAVER
77-012	5.7.77	2350	Crewe	Glowing orange sphere	C3b	M A & P CLARKE
77-013F	5-6.7.77	2355-0012	Crewe	Orange and red lits	B4b	M A & P CLARKE
77-017F	9.9.77	2030	Crewe	Lits and light beams	C4b	M A TYRELL
77-018F	July 77	2315	Valley, Anglesey	White object with coloured band	C3b	M A & P CLARKE
77-019F	1.1.77	1630	Middlewich	Silver cigar	B4b	D MOSES
77-020F	14.7.77	2300	St Columb Major, Cornwall	Cylindrical object	C3c	D MOSES
77-021F	17.7.77	0245	Nantwich	Bright lits	C4b	D MOSES
77-022F	2.7.77	0350	Nantwich	Large bright object	C4b	D MOSES
77-023F	24.8.77	2327	Crewe	Shapeless white object	B4b	M A & P CLARKE
77-024F	10.9.77	2405	Shavington, Crewe	Rectangular object	C3b	M A CLARKE
77-025F	10.9.77	2215- Midnight	Crewe	Bright round object	C4c	M A & P CLARKE
77-026F	26.8.77	2030	Crewe	' Squarish boxy ' object	C3b	S CLEAVER
77-027F	8.9.77	2106	Sandbach	Dull white object	C3b	M A & P CLARKE
77-031F	25.10.77	2240	Crewe	Large flashing light	C4a	D MOSES

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77-032F	31.10.77	2010	Leighton	Bright round object	C4c	M A & P CLARKE
77-035F	3.9.77	2230	Nantwich	Starlike object	C4b	M A TYRELL
77-122	28.9.77	1750	Carrog, Clwyd	White 'bowler hat'	C3c	C & J BORD
77-123	31.8.77	2115	Corwen, Clwyd	Red & yellow 'mush-room'	C4b	C & J BORD
77-124	Jan/Feb 1977	1230	Cardiff	Bright silver cigar	C4c	—
77-125	2.9.77	2220	Peterborough	3 Dim cigars	C3b	—
77-126	26.8.77	1945	Reading, Berks	2 Rectangular objects	B4b	D PEARSON
77-127	22.7.77	2245	London E17	Coloured dome & ring	C3b	A COLLINS
77-128	24.5.77	2245	London E17	Dome & 'coloured band'	C3c	A COLLINS
77-129	6.11.77	1702	Hendon, London	White walnut shape	C4b	K PHILLIPS
77-130	6.11.77	1702	"	"	C4b	
77-131	6.11.77	1702	"	"	C4b	
77-132	28.8.77	2240	Stourbridge, Worcs	Flat yellow/red object	C4c	—
77-133	12.10.77	0730	Skipton, Yorks	Cylindrical yellow lights	C4b	T WHITAKER
77-134	Mid June	App 1500	Milton, Portsmouth	Silver cigar	C3c	H KEBBLE
77-135	14.7.77	2315	Dalmellington, Ayr	Manoeuvring light	C4c	A DOUGAN
77-137	4.5.77	2300	Garelochhead, Dumbarton	Bright spherical object	C4b	A DOUGAN
77-138	15.10.77	0420	Glasgow	Huge bright light	C3c	O'NEILL
77-139	12.10.77	1845	Peebles	Bright object with tail	C3c	O'NEILL
77-140	17.5.77	2140	Livingston, Scotland	Circular object changing colour	C3b	J DOUGAN
77-141	27.1.77	1925	Haddington, E Lothian	2 white and red balls	B4c	A A SINUKS
77-142	27.3.77	2100	Edinburgh	Pulsating lit	C4b	S CAMPBELL
77-143	27.3.77	2330	Rutherglen, Glasgow	Luminous blue triangle	C4b	A DOUGAN
77-144	27.1.77	1850	Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset	Manoeuvring lit	C4c	WCUFORA
77-145	1.2.77	1750	Weston-Super-Mare	Yellow oval objects	C4b	WCUFORA
77-146	1.2.77	1800	"	Red/orange flashing object	B4b	
77-147	1.2.77	1915	"	Orange-white cigar	—	
77-148	1.2.77	2030	"	Orange and red light	B4b	
77-149	4.10.77	1545	Crumpsall, Lancs	Hovering disc	C4b	P D'ARCY
77-150	Mid Aug	0100	Eccles	Round object with spikes	C3c	P D'ARCY
77-151	Aug	2130	Salford, Manchester	Spinning oval object	C3b	P D'ARCY
77-152	July	2200	Weaste, Lancs	White spherical object	C4c	P D'ARCY
77-153	August	2100	Bristol	White spot	C4b	P D'ARCY

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Code No.	Date	Time	Place	Report	Class	Investigator/ Credit
77-154	August	2245	St Ives, Cornwall	White round object	C4c	P D'ARCY
77-155	June	0200	Bacup, Lancs	Manoeuvring object	C4b	P D'ARCY
77-156	28.8.77	2240	Stourbridge, W Midlands	Red and yellow 'teatray'	C4c	M PRITCHARD
77-157	Early 77	0100	Ashford, Kent	Object with red and white lights	C4b	A HALL
77-158	26.7.77	2220	Bredhurst, Kent	„	C4b	J CASTLE
77-159	4.9.77	2025	E Farleigh, Kent	Whitish-yellow disc	C2b	J CASTLE
77-160	10.9.77	2025	Maidstone, Kent	Round orange-red object	C4b	J CASTLE
77-161	19.7.77	0349	Maidstone, Kent	2 white pear-shaped objects	C4b	J CASTLE
77-162	15.6.77	2330	Ashford, Kent	5 glowing pyramids on lawn	C1b	V MARTIN
77-163	16.7.77	2030	Bexley, Kent	Black bobbing disc	C4b	L DALE
77-164	16.7.77	2030	„	„	C4b	
77-165	7.7.77	1215	Westgate, Kent	'Bowl with golden light'	C4c	L DALE
77-166	28.8.77	2145	Faversham, Kent	Brilliant orange light	C2b	M ABBOTT
77-167	31.8.77	2120	Dartford, Kent	Orange cigar changing shape	C4c	M WEAVERN
77-168	14.8.77	Various	Deal, Kent	Manoeuvring lits	C4b	A HALL
77-169	17.9.77	2115	Gravesend, Kent	White object and lits	C4b	B BASTER
77-170	2.10.77	1930	Cobham, Kent	2 lits with beams	C3b	J CASTLE
77-171	?	2110	Sittingbourne, Kent	'Very bright light'	C4c	J CASTLE
77-172	2.10.77	1930	Luddesdown, Kent	Lits with beam	C3b	J CASTLE
77-173	17.8.77	2130	Gillingham, Kent	'Traffic lights in sky'	C4b	J CASTLE
77-174	10.9.77	2210	Maidstone, Kent	Orange object with vapour trail	C4b	J CASTLE
77-175	10.9.77	2330	Barming, Kent	Orange rectangle	C3b	J CASTLE
77-176	10.9.77	2030	Maidstone, Kent	Light dropping verti- cally	C4b	J CASTLE
77-177	10.9.77	2015	Maidstone, Kent	Red/purple object descending	C4b	J CASTLE
77-178	Sept.	0630	Hollingbourne, Kent	White/orange cigar	C3c	J CASTLE

77-179	Sept	0630	Hollingbourne, Kent	Yellow/orange object	C3b	J CASTLE
77-180	30.9.77	2030	Sittingbourne, Kent	Manoeuvring circle of lights	C3b	J CASTLE
77-181	10.10.77	2215	Chatham, Kent	White triangle	C3c	J CASTLE
77-182	7.10.77	1525	Herne Hill, Kent	Grey 'bullet'	C3c	J CASTLE
77-184	13.8.77	1500	Dartford, Kent	Brilliant lits	C4c	M WEAVERN
77-185	Sept	2330	Tonbridge, Kent	Descending orange object	C4b	L DALE
77-186	30.9.77	2000	Sittingbourne, Kent	Humming object with lights	C3b	V MARTIN
77-187	6.11.77	1800	Sittingbourne, Kent	Vari-shaped object with lights	C3b	J CASTLE
77-188	1.10.77	2000	E Farleigh, Kent	Manoeuvring lits	C4b	J CASTLE
77-189	9.10.77	0725	Gillingham, Kent	White and red cigar	B3b	J CASTLE
77-190	1.10.77	2330	Chatham, Kent	Bright oval shape	C4b	J CASTLE
77-191	11.10.77	2050	Minster, Kent	Cigar shapes and Catherine wheel	C3b	J CASTLE
77-192	11.10.77	0100	Rainham, Kent	Ball with red tail	C4c	J CASTLE
77-193	17.10.77	2000	Sittingbourne, Kent	Orange/yellow lits	B4b	V MARTIN
77-194	11.10.77	1900	Herne Bay, Kent	Disc-like light	C4b	V MARTIN
77-195	23.6.77	1500	Maidstone, Kent	Revolving object	C4c	L DALE
77-196	12.10.77	1840	Sittingbourne, Kent	Brilliant object with tail	C4c	V MARTIN
77-197	1.10.77	Midnight	Canterbury, Kent	Yellow light	C4b	V MARTIN
77-198	30.9.77	2030	Sittingbourne, Kent	Roundish object with lights	C3b	V MARTIN
77-199	7.10.77	2125	Sittingbourne, Kent	Lits and 'star-emitting' object	C3b	V MARTIN
77-200	30.9.77	2030	Newington, Kent	Cigar-shaped humming object	C3b	V MARTIN
77-201	30.9.77	2030	Newington, Kent	Irregularly-shaped humming object	C3b	V MARTIN
77-202	2.10.77	0415	M2 App Gillingham	2 hovering lights	C4c	V MARTIN
77-203	12.10.77	1830	Tonbridge, Kent	Orange-silver cigar	C4c	L DALE
77-204	7.7.77	1920	Stainton, Cumbria	'Spinning cloud'	B1b	A DOUGAN
77-205	1.9.77	0030	Hereford	Pear-shaped object	B4c	J DAW

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