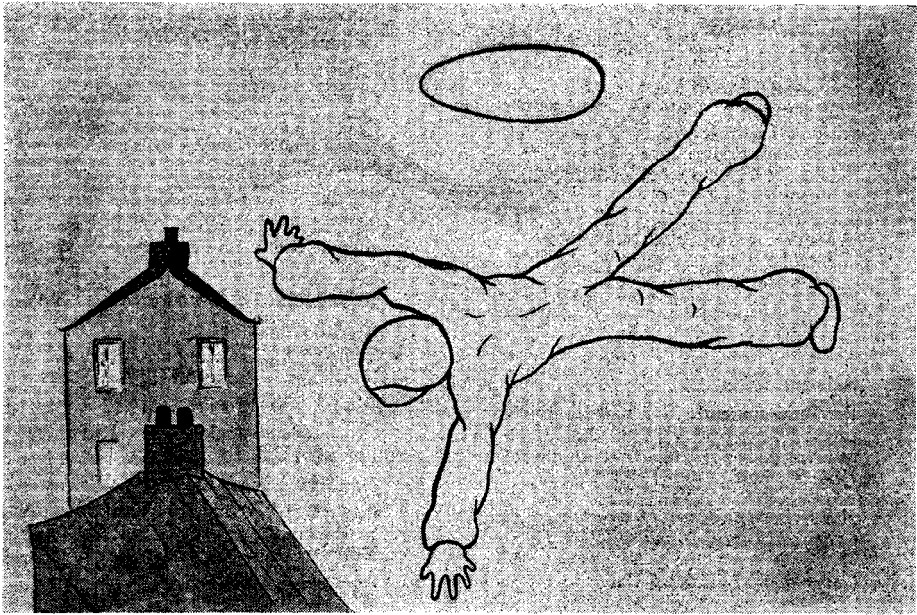


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Editorial

Irrational Sceptics?

Many publications are currently carrying items referring to the group of scientists, magicians and others entitled *The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims for the Paranormal*, whose members include such well-known names as Isaac Asimov and Carl Sagan. Publishing a magazine—*Zetetic* (Sceptic in Greek)—their overall object appears to be to refute the claims of 'pseudo-science,' under which heading they include Ufology. This, though, is not all. Philosopher Paul Kurtz, their Chairman, indicates they are also concerned with the danger of such 'irrational thought' growing and spreading into social and political areas lest it should lessen society's resistance to the 'programmes of ideological sects.' The

Committee has already complained of bias in an NBC TV Documentary featuring psychic surgery and filed a formal complaint with the Federal Communications Commission in the USA as well as with two congressional sub-committees, suggesting that the NBC should be threatened with the loss of its licence.

Now, clearly, in areas where claims of scientific backing are made which are false such a body has a right to complain and take appropriate action. Where scientific views are misrepresented or speculations on causes of various phenomena are stated as fact there would also seem a case to be made out. If, however, they intend attempting to suppress presentation and discussion of paranormal possibilities or to tell us that because, in some cases, magicians can 'duplicate' psychic effects and abilities, this proves they cannot exist, then it is they themselves who are guilty of irrational thinking. One can but trust a MacCarthy-style witchhunt will not be the end product.

CCE111s?

I well remember the number of different researchers who visited the late Ernest Bryant, the Devon contactee claimant of the sixties following his original 'contact' report to myself.

More recently, the number of ufologists interviewing Winchester claimant Joyce Bowles must have been of an order worthy of inclusion in the Guinness Book of Records! Nevertheless, in such CE111 cases, to my mind the more people who see those concerned

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Bufora Conference 1978



Left to right: Guest speaker Dr Richard Haines from Los Altos, California, specialist in human vision and perception and consultant to The Center for UFO Studies; Lionel Beer, FRAS, BUFORA Director and Council Chairman; Jean and Allen Stevens of MURO—The Midlands UFO Research Organisation, which hosted the Conference.

The National UFO Research and Investigations Conference held at the George Hotel, Nottingham on 15-16 April, sponsored by *Bufora*, was a resounding success. All thirteen speakers were well received and papers were of a high standard. About 175 people attended for the whole or part of the time, which was above expectation and *Bufora* was particularly indebted to the Mansfield based Midlands UFO Research Organisation (MURO) for so ably hosting and stewarding the Conference.

Papers reflected various hypotheses and ranged from a contribution from the Skandinavisk UFO Information (SUFOI) demonstrating a Danish Time Law Analysis of UFO Sightings through to the guest speaker, Dr Richard Haines, MA, PHD., who reviewed UFO shapes, together with variations in witness description and artistic interpretation. **A full report on the Conference, together with photographs will appear in our next issue.**

Calling all members

Bufora subscribes to a Press Cutting Agency in order, amongst other things, to obtain details of sighting and other reports from all over the country so that they can be followed up and investigated.

However, there is something in the region of 1,000 local papers in Britain and it by no means follows that all UFO reports are spotted. Also, there is inevitably a delay of days, and occasionally weeks, before the appropriate clippings are received. It is in everyone's interest that UFO reports are followed up as soon as possible whilst the facts are still fresh in witnesses' minds.

So, if YOU see a report in your local paper, we would be glad to receive either a cutting or a photocopy from you. Address cuttings either to L W Dale, 11 Wimbourne Avenue, St Pauls Cray, Kent BR5 2NS or to Norman Oliver, 95 Taunton Road, London SE12 8PA. Please ensure, though, that the name of the paper and its date of issue are shown. **THANK YOU.**

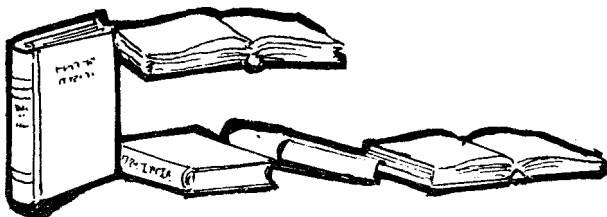
Book Reviews

**Gods and Spacemen
Throughout History**

W. Raymond Drake

235pp Paperback,

Sphere Books 75p.



Another welcome paperback from the pen of W Raymond Drake who, though sometimes dubbed 'the British Von Daniken,' actually had manuscripts completed on the Ancient Astronaut theme before *Chariots of the Gods* first appeared. Also, whereas Von Daniken's researches have been assailed from many directions as being shallow and his facts frequently open to dispute, Raymond Drake has clearly researched deeply, and I, for one, would not have the temerity to challenge the validity of the numerous thematic historical and mythological references and reports. Whilst himself considering there is no doubt that world-wide visitations from Space have

now become completely—though not irretrievably as his researches demonstrate—intertwined with religious and mythological references, Raymond avoids the pitfall of stating disputable areas as proven fact, and in this and other spheres—such as Atlantis—on which he touches, he is careful to quote a variety of viewpoints and sources.

Originally published in hardback by *Neville Spearman Ltd.*, the paperback edition still incorporates two essential features which are all too often omitted elsewhere—a bibliography and an index. Definitely recommended.

Norman Oliver.

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PHENOMENA :

A Book of Wonders

**John Mitchell and
Robert J M Rickard**

Thames & Hudson, London, £1.95.

Completely fascinating quick run-around of all the main Fortean areas of mystery covering, apart from UFOs, all fringe attractions such as the Surrey Puma, Black Dogs, Bodily Elongation, Freak Plagues and Mass Panics, Little People, Phenomenal Highways and so on. With many illustrations, roughly 60 different chapters cope with almost every mystery you can think of, all written in the lucid and economical style one associates with the authors. Apart from what must have been a fairly vast amount of research, the authors have done quite a bit of original thinking, and each separate chapter holds the interest while painlessly imparting the main facts and figures. Very good value for the price; one warning, though—some details are decidedly gruesome, such as the item on Human Combustion—so don't give it to anyone nervous!

Betty Wood.

The Cosmonauts 1977

**Written and Published
by Gordon R Hooper**

Duplicated 75pp.

Published privately, this 75-page

'handbook' must be unique, giving as it does full personal and career details of thirty-nine Russian Cosmonauts from Yuri Gagarin in *Vostok 1* to Yuri Glazkov in *Soyuz 24*. Other information includes crew assignment details and selection dates, and there is even a section on 'unconfirmed cosmonauts.' An updated issue is envisaged at two-yearly intervals. Really first-class detailed background material and information. *Obtainable from: Gordon R Hooper, 88A Connaught Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex CO13 9PT.*

Editorial

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the better. How often, for example, on reading about a case have you wondered 'Why wasn't that question asked?', or thought of a line of approach that appeared to have been overlooked?

Current investigative methods by some individuals, it has been suggested, appear to be based on the principal of first catching your contactee and then isolating him/her/them from all other investigative bodies. Where this is known to have occurred, one is tempted to suggest a new classification—CCE111—Copyright Contactee!

Bufora (Edinburgh Branch) held its second public lecture on Saturday, 1 April, 1978 in the University of Edinburgh. A well-informed audience attended and Stuart Campbell, Investigations Co-ordinator for Scotland gave a slide-illustrated talk on *UFO Activity in Scotland*. The Edinburgh Branch, now having held successful meetings two years running, intends to hold further public meetings of a similar nature and to increase their frequency if possible.

The Naas UFO

This report scarcely comes under the heading of 'Scientific.' Nevertheless, there are obvious reasons for quoting the background to the sighting as well as the incident itself, since, in one way or another, it could well have relevance.

A number of members have connections with various esoteric bodies and I feel that the possible associations inherent in the occurrence should not just be ignored. This is not to say I propose introducing occult elements as a regular Journal feature—I do not. But where, as in this instance they appear to be an integral part of the whole, I feel it is wrong to omit all reference.

At the time, the four people concerned were members of the Irish Branch of Bufora. John Hind is currently investigating for the UFO Investigators Network. The report is taken from Isian News No. 3 the Magazine of the Fellowship of Isis (based at Huntington Castle, Eire) and is presented in that magazine by Olivia Robertson, to whom acknowledgements.—Ed.

On the morning of 31 October 1976, four members of the (then) Irish Branch of Bufora visited Huntington Castle. They were John Hind, Thomas Higgins, Chris Gaffney and Brendan Meddlar. Nobody at Huntington had met any of them before and this was their first visit. They came unexpectedly that day . . . and explained that their Society, of which I am a member, had been investigating a 'Contact' claim of a psychic nature by a Mrs H. They themselves told me they had not previously considered psychic connection with the UFO mystery. But they had heard that in my book *Call of Isis*, I had described a psychic experience connected with a 'Mother ship' and an occupant of this ship. One of the young men asked for a technique for 'astral projection.' I replied that one needed training and serious intention for any such experiment.

However, I said that what we could do was to sit in meditation and offer receptive minds to 'UFO' contact. This, I said, was as reasonable a way as any to contact possible 'space people': the possibility of telepathy has not been ruled out by contemporary science. I asked for their concurrence

in a short Rite. I lit two candles on my small altar in the Drawing Room, lit an incense stick and then invoked Deity. I expressed our intention, which was to contact 'space people.' I then put Holy Water from our Brigid's Well on the brow of each of the young men.

I asked them to shut their eyes and visually follow my words. I told them we were climbing up a hill. At the crest of the hill was a mist. We passed through the mist and stood on the top of the hill. We looked around: the mist had covered the surrounding landscape. Now I said we looked up into the sky. We became aware of a bright light. We watched this light. It became larger and larger as it approached us. It became a golden disc. In silence we watched this disc.

I waited for a quarter of an hour approximately. Then I reversed the procedure. I described the golden disc retreating until it became a point of light and finally disappeared. I described our climb down the hill and our 'return' to the Drawing Room. I then asked for reports.

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Each young man had been able to visualise the scene I had described, including the light. But in the silence, though they had felt peaceful, they had experienced nothing visual and no ideas at all I had the impression we had been contacted by a UFO occupant. My feeling was that he was young, with longish fair hair and dark clothes. He was looking after them. After lunching in the village they went down the avenue in their car.

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Extracts from a letter from Thomas Higgins, on Bufora Branch paper, dated 4 November 1976 are then quoted, including the following:

“ Following later discussion it was generally agreed you had mentioned something about some protective entity which you said was following us round. . . . There were some other points which I wanted to mention as well, one of these being about an indirect remark you made about us witnessing a UFO. I do not remember your exact statement, but you mentioned the word ‘reward.’ Well, after we left you we were engaged upon discussing the interview when, much to our surprise, a certain picture became clear. Perhaps it was a totally incorrect conception of what you were attempting to convey to us during our meeting, but two of our group at least were sure you were really trying to tell

us something.

“ that evening, in Naas, as we were about to interview a man in connection with a UFO sighting in the area, we were ourselves witnesses to a UFO. I spotted it first across some fields. It seemed to hover over trees. We left the car and from outside could see it clearly as it went out of sight behind some trees. We followed the object for some twelve miles in the car and saw it once more before returning home.

“ Later that night as the other lads left Naas for their own homes, they came upon the object again. This time it was much larger and came right at them down the centre of the car windscreen. John Hind pulled the car to a rapid and rather erratic halt and jumped out. Chris Gaffney had the colour camera on his knee (*as he later told me he had a premonition that he would see the object again and for that reason had kept the camera in his possession*) the others piled out and then watched as Chris ran forward and took two shots of the UFO. Another man also pulled his car in and was too frightened to leave the car. The UFO was extremely large and very bright red and noiseless. It was spilling rain at the time and the UFO vanished into the distant mountain mists ”

*From an article by Olivia Robertson
in Isian News, No 3.*

A meeting of the *British Flying Saucer Bureau* which is affiliated to the *North Bristol Institute of Adult Education* and is also a *Bufora Member Society*, will be held on 28 June, 1978 at Monks Park School, Filton Road, Bristol, from 7 pm to 9 pm. Subject: “Humanoids on Earth.” Speaker: Capt E L Plunkett. Further details from the Hon Secretary, G F N Newstub: Phone Bristol 421360.

Points from the Press

Valerie Martin

The *Hinkley Times* of 27 January reported that *Hinckley UFO Society*, whose secretary Mrs Pat Berry is also a *Bufora* member, was investigating the sighting by 3 shaken youths, of a blue glowing object over Higham which shot off at great speed. A later edition had a further description of an oval saucer-shaped object with a dull red glow.

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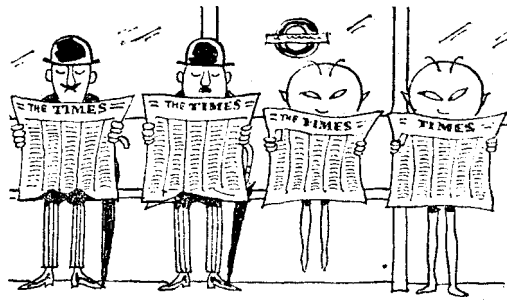
The *Leicester Mercury* of 1 February had an account of a noiseless delta-shaped object with red, blue and yellow lights, seen by many people the previous week as it flew over the Braunstone area heading towards Hinckley. Leicester's *Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation* was investigating, and checks with RAF Waddington revealed no Vulcan bombers or other aircraft in the vicinity.

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The *Northampton Chronicle and Echo* of 6 and 7 January had reports of strange objects seen hovering over Duston. In December, a white illuminated cigar shape was sighted above houses, before vanishing. The previous week, 6 people saw a ball of orange fire only 100 feet up, with a piece of silver metal sticking out, which manoeuvred back and forth as though controlled, before shooting upwards. Another witness while driving, saw a slowly moving object of 'terrific colour.'

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The *Surrey Herald* of 12 January in an illustrated article, recounted the exciting life of Sqn Ldr Denis Shipwright, *Bufora* member, ex first world



war pilot, ex racing driver, former MP, and his exploits in the last war. Also his own sighting of a UFO from Newlands Corner in 1967. A strange feature was the appearance of the same object in two photographs which he took on two later occasions at the same scene, which he did not notice on these visits.

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The *Herald of Wales*, for 21 January had an article on Clive Edwards, a Swansea school teacher and *Bufora* member, who has prepared a blueprint of instructions for UFO spotters, hoping their experiences may be placed on permanent record in a London computer bank.

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The *Herald Express* (Torquay) of 1 February revealed that the UFO reported over Shaldon a few weeks previously, moving north to south one evening, was probably the Russian satellite which later crashed in Canada.

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The *Northern Echo* of 2 February, and other papers tell of Paul Lewis, Harrogate Council's deputy director of resorts services, having the most frightening experience of his life while driving from Harrogate to Ripon, near Daffodil Bends, an accident black spot. In his rear view mirror he saw a bright

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white light several hundred feet up approaching very fast. It moved over his white car, bathing it in an orange light and causing the bonnet and interior to glow yellowish red for about 5 seconds. Then the object shot ahead and when Mr Lewis got out of the car there was nothing to be seen. He felt a tingling sensation but said it could have been due to fright! RAF Leeming and RAF Topcliffe had no aircraft up at the time.

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The *Yorkshire Post* of 3 February had an article on Yorkshire's UFO investigators and their leader, *Bufo* member, Trevor Whitaker. It outlined methods of procedure and a few examples of the many cases they were involved with last year, as well as the latest one, mentioned above.

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The *Kentish Independent* of 2 and 9 February had accounts of 2 cigar-shaped objects seen low in the sky by passengers on the south bound Woolwich Ferry. They were of similar size, silver-grey with regular outlines, one horizontal which drifted behind an office block, the other vertical, which tilted, moved upwards and shot away westerly up the Thames, leaving a vapour trail. Two witnesses another evening in Woolwich, saw a cigar-shaped object with 3 white lights on it, travelling very fast which disappeared behind a cloud. A man two nights later saw two objects in the sky following the river westwards.

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The *Sevenoaks Chronicle* of 11 February had a brief item on the bright stationary light seen by two couples, which faded out leaving a vapour trail.

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The *Essex Chronicle* of 3 February described how a young couple driving in Chelmsford the previous week, saw a bright light in the sky in front of them, which came closer until they could see the outline of a 'conventional flying saucer.' The girl said she could see shapes through the 'viewing window.' The object had a green light, and other cars slowed down to watch before it moved off rapidly. A man at Hatfield Peveril saw strange lights in the form of goal posts another evening. Stansted and Southend airports said there was no aircraft activity in the region on these nights. However, the edition of 17 February published a letter from an investigator of *EUFOSG* stating that he had discovered that a DC8 had landed at Stansted, passing over Chelmsford, and its headlights could have made it look unusual, but this did not account for all the phenomena.

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The *Thurrock Gazette* of 10 February reported a 'saucer circus' over the area. A man and his son saw a silver object above Stanford, and the next morning the boy and 20 other pupils of Hassenbrook School saw a silver object with 'long lumps' sticking up at each end. A woman driving in Tilbury one evening at 7.20 pm saw a large spotlight in the sky and as she got nearer noticed 2 white and 1 red lights. Another woman said she had seen a number of mysterious objects during the past few weeks.

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The *Hereford Times* of 3 February had an explanation of the UFO seen over the Bromyard area recently. It was a weather balloon with a long silver box below, and it had crashed into a field at Pencombe.

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The *Derbyshire Times* of 10 February tells of two schoolgirls seeing a saucer-shaped object hanging in the sky, and four other people also saw a bright white object hover noiselessly before moving slowly away towards Sheffield. A woman saw a bright red object displaying white lights, and a spokesman for *Bufora* said they were investigating.

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The *St Helens Reporter* of 10 February had a long article on UFOs. Two readers, while out cycling one night along Sankey Valley, saw a boomerang-shaped object, glowing white and hovering, which then picked up speed and shot out of sight. A man in Concourse Way on 31 January saw two huge bright gold objects, larger than aircraft, flying in a straight line slowly towards Liverpool. Another man claimed to have seen the star-shaped UFO seen recently by two police constables.

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The *Huddersfield Daily Examiner* of 9 February had a description of a UFO seen by its reporter while driving to work a few days before. It was a bright pink light moving east towards Saddleworth Moor and it inspired him to write the article on UFOs. A number of policemen claim to have seen UFOs over the moors, including one like a bright star giving off red and blue sparks from its base. A 12 year old boy saw an object about 50 feet long and 10 feet high with beaming red lights, hovering above a house. Trevor Whitaker of *Bufora* commented on instances of mistaken identity but admitted that no ready explanation was always possible.

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The *Daily Express* of 13 February reported more activity from the 'Welsh Triangle.' Two company directors while driving between Carmarthen and Newcastle Emlyn one bright morning, saw a large cigar-shaped machine at least 20 feet long, cross their path 100 yards ahead. It made no sound and was flying as low as the top of a bus as it passed out of sight into a field. Expecting to hear it crash, the shaken men were amazed to find nothing as they drove by.

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The *Western Mail* of 17 February had an illustrated account of Randall Jones Pugh, *Bufora's* South Wales co-ordinator investigating strange quartz-like crystals, believed to have dropped from the sky during a severe hailstorm in Haverfordwest the previous week. Some up to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch long were said to change colour and generate their own heat, and had been found by a young man on his path, window sill and the adjoining road. Preseli Council said they did not have any gritting lorries around at the time. Mr Jones Pugh thought there was nothing paranormal about the crystals and they were probably a meteorological quirk. *Bufora* is analysing them.

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The *Sussex Express* of 17 February had a double page spread on UFOs citing many cases including that of a bright glow seen over Hailsham, which emitted a humming sound. One witness described it as oval-shaped with 3 red lights across the centre and a ring of lights around the outside. The article gave prominence to *Bufora* with comments by Larry Dale, NIC and RIC for Sussex and Kent, and Ken Phillips, former NIC.

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Both *The Sun* and the *Daily Express* of 21 February commenced series on UFOs. The latter serialised the film "Close Encounters" and quoted many UFO cases old and new, some being supplied by *Bufora*. Readers were invited to send in their experiences; the response was overwhelming and within a few days the *Express* announced that it was handing over the correspondence for analysis by the experts, *Bufora* and *FSR*.

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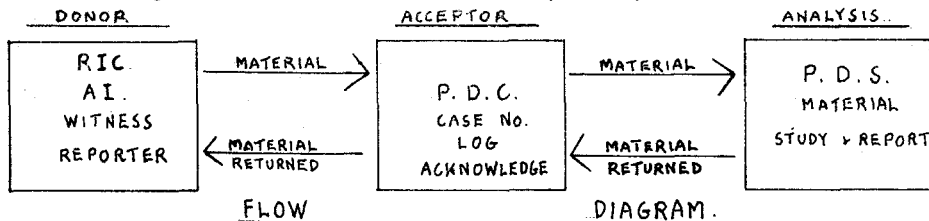
The *Surrey Herald* of February referred to a mysterious object, long and rounded and giving off a shimmering light, being described as 'highly unusual' by Norman Oliver. The sighting was by

a woman passenger in a car travelling down Coldharbour Lane, Thorpe. The UFO was flying very low much faster than normal aircraft, and the car driver who is a pilot, said it was not a plane.

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Finally, the *Evening News* of 28 February, and other papers, had a short article on Britain's 'only official UFO investigator,' a MoD female clerk, who with the help of a junior, scrutinises the 30 or so reports received every month at Dept F4D, in the form of letters from the public. The MoD does not investigate UFO reports further, unless they are relevant to the country's defence.

The Physical Data Section (PDS)



Until recently *Bufora* had, within its R & I network, two separate departments to study material evidence relating to the UFO phenomenon. One, the Traces Section, dealt with environmental effects characteristic of 'close encounters of the second kind.' The other component, PAID, appraised alleged UFO photographs and films.

Like many other well-intentioned schemes, it worked well in theory but not in practice. Accordingly, the departments were closed, all traces work being delegated to individual members with the necessary expertise, and, following its demise, it was decided to make a fresh attempt at forming an *effective* Traces Department. There were a number of problems: little cash was available for initiating new projects or purchasing adequate equipment, also the discontinuance of the training programme meant that *trained* personnel to deal with contingency situations were few and far between.

As a partial solution, it was decided to inaugurate the PDS, with myself, Ken Phillips as the 'Physical Data Co-ordinator.' It is the PDC's responsibility to accept all incoming evidence (soil samples, flora, photos, films, etc) and forward these on to the relevant qualified person for analysis. All materials will be allocated a unique number and all major data bits entered into a log book so that, should delays occur, the PDC will know exactly whom to chase. Once analysis has been completed, the material and a report synopsis will be returned to the donor.

Report—Extra!

Presented by Norman Oliver

Motorway Monster

Inw Colin & Janet Bord

On 25 October 1977 just before 12 midnight my phone rang: since I'd been in bed for half an hour and over the previous week had received three phone calls around one o'clock in the morning reporting LITS, to say I was not best pleased would be putting it mildly! My annoyance evaporated, however, as I listened to the breathlessly narrated story of a Close Encounter the callers had experienced only hours previously—indeed, quite possibly one that had lasted until mere minutes prior to their phone call. (My number was obtained via an enquiry to a national newspaper for information on who to contact).

Investigation of the claim was passed to Bufora Investigators Colin and Janet Bord (authors of Mysterious Britain and other books), and the following are extracts from their report.

Norman Oliver.

Witnesses:

Colin Stone, age 28. Lawrence Hill age 23.

Date and time of sighting:

25 October 1977, from app 7 pm to around 10.30 pm.

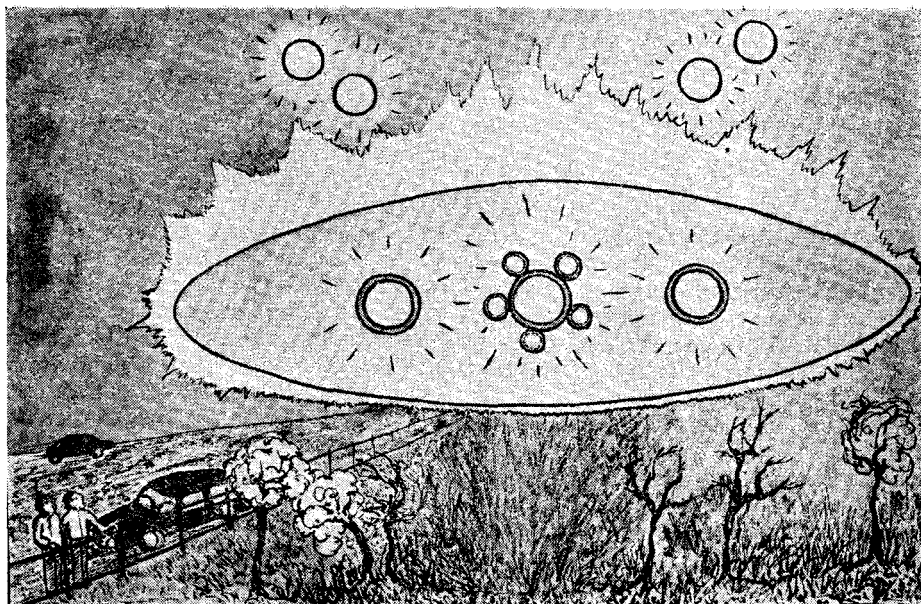
Location:

The M4 motorway from the Berks/Wilts border to the Bristol area, then in Herefordshire between Monmouth and Dorstone on the B4347 and B4348.

Mr Stone and Mr Hill left London at the Albert Bridge around 5.30 pm, Mr Stone driving his Daimler Sovereign. For a while their progress was very slow since there was a power workers' strike

and many traffic lights were out of action. By about 7 pm, however, they were in the M4 and approaching the Berkshire/Wiltshire border. About five or ten miles before entering Wiltshire a very bright light was seen in the sky ahead which they at first took to be Venus, but suddenly it 'zoomed' towards them and they could see it was a huge elliptical 'craft' with three bright white lights surrounded by red and green lights on the underside. It swung across in front of them and took up a position to the left of the motorway and 'paced' them as they were driving between 70 mph and 80 mph: they now drove onto the hard shoulder, stopped and got out of the car with the UFO now stationary beside the motorway about two hundred feet above treetop level (At this point the motorway is on a raised embankment and the treetops in the fields are about at eye level). Lawrence Hill judged it to be about five hundred metres away and estimated it to have a visual width of two spread-out hands side by side at arms length (a massive size). The large white lights could be clearly seen and the red and green lights were flashing. The thing gave out a 'low pulsating hum' (also described as 'a suction vibration') and there was a cold rush of air towards the object. The weather was windless and there was a low lying ground mist: the ground below the UFO was not brightly illuminated by its lights, but the trees stood out from the landscape 'in a sort of ghostly light.' The two stood and watched the UFO hovering for between five and ten minutes, then the UFO moved off at a slow speed, circling over distant fields.

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Jennifer Cook

The witnesses then returned to their car and rejoined the traffic on the busy motorway—they themselves remarked that it was very strange no other drivers appeared to have noticed the UFO at any time and that no-one had stopped. They continued along the M4, varying their speed from 20 mph to 80 mph, but the UFO returned to keep alongside them. They stopped for a second time on the hard shoulder and got out. The UFO again stopped and hovered, but this time was slightly higher in the sky. The same 'pulsating hum' and 'drawing of cold air' was noted and this time there was also an 'electrical discharge' bouncing away from its top: this ceased and two smaller red spheres equidistant from each side of the hull were seen: these came towards them across the fields and through the ground mist, then veered off to the left.

After a short while the UFO moved off

again and the witnesses returned to their car and restarted. (On both occasions as they restarted a 'rough pulling' of the engine was experienced). The object maintained a position alongside the motorway to their left, though higher than previously, until they were approaching Bristol when it moved across the motorway behind them and disappeared rapidly to the right. Both men were by this time, not unnaturally in a somewhat shaken state. They continued across the Severn Bridge, then turned off towards Monmouth and once past Monmouth on the B4347 they again saw the UFO. This time it was very much farther away, appearing as a very bright white light, but again 'pacing' them in front and to their right. For twenty or thirty minutes they continued along minor roads and during this time Colin Stone, who was driving, had the recurring feeling he should turn right, away from their normal route, but his

companion disagreed. At this point they stopped to check whether they might now be mistaking the bright object for a star or planet, and aligning it up with a fence post, found it was most definitely moving like 'a dance in the air' as Lawrence Hill described it and 'a light trying to write' according to Colin Stone. They continued their journey; this time, when Colin Stone felt a 'compulsion' to turn off right his companion agreed and they drove along very narrow winding lanes with the light still ahead and almost directly above them. They passed a sign reading 'Arthur's Stone Ancient Monument' and stopped by the Stone (a Neolithic burial chamber, Ordnance Survey Ref. SO 318431) and got out but the light was no longer to be seen. They then returned home—some miles away—and Colin Stone first phoned a friend, who suggested phoning the *Daily Mail* reference desk, which he did, partly to see if anyone else had reported a similar experience and also to find out where to report his own. He was then given the *Bufo* number.

C J Bord.

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An 'Alien Eye'?

Reports received via the *Daily Express* are being investigated and details of some of the more interesting will appear in these columns in due course. I cannot see, however, that after twenty five years, much more information will be obtainable concerning this particular incident reported by a lady from Slough who wished to remain anonymous

" I heard an unusual 'tap, tap,' so I opened the front door and found no-one there. I looked around and then saw on the ground a yard or so away, a black box—about 2½ in. cube. The side nearest me had a bulge like a

closed eye and as I looked I saw it flicker.

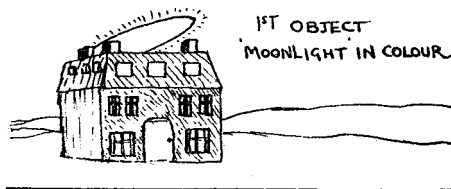
"Thinking this might be a meteorological instrument, I'd just thought I would pick it up when it rose at an amazing pace straight up with only a slight arc till it disappeared in space. It appeared to be on a retractable cable similar to one used on a camera with a plunger, but it must have been extremely long and strong to control it to the front door to knock.

" This happened in daylight near Slough Trading Estate in 1953 " Well??

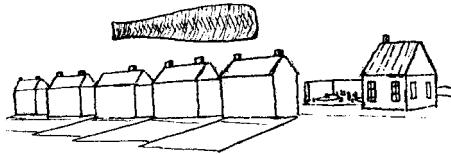
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Huddersfield 'Silver Fish'

Inv T Whitaker



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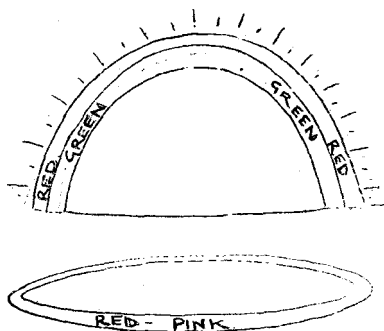
At two o'clock in the afternoon of 11 May 1977, Mrs Kathleen Brearley, aged 57 of Cowersley, Huddersfield, was looking out of a window when she saw an object disappear behind a house: it was 'bright moonlight' in colour. She continued to watch and about ten minutes later a silver-grey object—'just like a silver fish'—appeared at the opposite end of the row of houses, gliding slowly along very close to the housetops till it reached a school.

There it turned sharply and from the back appeared as a large black ring: it turned again, went back to the houses and vanished at the spot where she had first seen an object disappear. This first object was much brighter than the second, though some connection between the two is clearly probable. Witness was impressed by the apparent closeness of the object(s) to the houses since this, together with the 'instant disappearance' would seem to minimise the possibility of any conventional aeroform.

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Walthamstow Dome

Inv A Collins



Charles Hayward, aged 48 was watching television at his Walthamstow, London home on Friday, 22 July 1977, at 10.45 pm when, noticing a glow through the window, he got up, walked across, pulled back the curtain and saw a dome-shaped object, white in colour at an estimated height of around twenty feet. It had a band of green around the top and sides, and outside that was a band of blood-red. Some way below a halo or ring, pinky-red in colour could be seen, but this did not appear to be attached to the dome. The object descended vertically at a slow pace and was lost to sight behind some old factory buildings.

Witness considered the object might well have come down in playing fields or the vicinity of a reservoir some four hundred yards away. His wife also saw the object which was '*brighter than the Moon*' and soundless: the night was clear and cool with a slight breeze and the Moon was half full.

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Glowing Green Circles

Inv M Lewis

Whether this report should come under the heading of UFOs, Psychic Phenomena, Ball Lightning, or indeed anything else other than the general appellation of Fortean Phenomena appears to be questionable: there seem to be reasons why it should not be put into any particular pigeon hole. However, there was a minor 'flap' in the area at the time and certainly no-one will deny it was an unusual experience.

The witness, a Barnet, Herts housewife who wishes to remain anonymous reports that on 30 August 1977 at about 5.30 am she woke to attend to the baby and on walking out of the bedroom noticed two green, glowing 'circles.' Thinking she must be imagining things, she went to the baby, but on coming back they were still there: they were of tennis ball size and she touched one and the light shone through her fingers as it would if one were holding a torch under them. Thinking her son, who had a luminous liquid chemical torch might have broken and spilt it she returned to bed but the following morning the torch was found to be intact.

Bufo member Michael Lewis, who investigated the report, tells us that the '*balls*' were apparently two or three inches apart at the foot of the witness's bed and she had felt no sensation of warmth or coldness when she touched one of them: they were

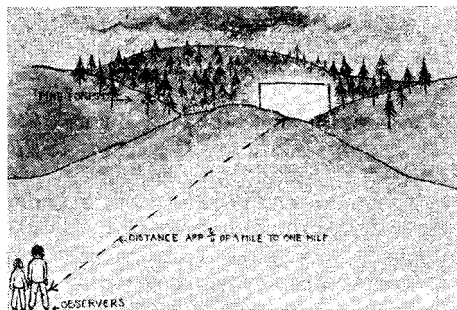
transparent and apparently without substance. The bedroom window had been open and the objects could well have entered through it: when she returned to bed they were still in exactly the same position.

Witness also reported that over the following two weeks a number of electrical appliances failed, though considered this might well be co-incidental. Electrical appliance failures included the following:

- 1 *A tumble dryer failed to cut out and overheated.*
- 2 *A valve went in a television set and it, too, overheated.*
- 3 *A pair of curling tongs failed to work—reason unknown.*
- 4 *Their car's electrical system failed—trouble traced to the battery alternator.*
- 5 *A jukebox failed due to valve trouble.*
- 6 *A fuse blew in the washing machine.*

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Melberby 'Aluminium van'



On 12 April 1977, Mr K Morton, a farmer, of Melberby near Penrith in Cumbria, had been feeding lambs accompanied by his daughter. Both were walking to the gate in the field when, on looking towards a forest of pine trees just under a mile away they saw 'something that looked like a large

aluminium van.' Since there are no roads at all in the area they stopped to watch, checking the time as they did so as being 7.21 pm.

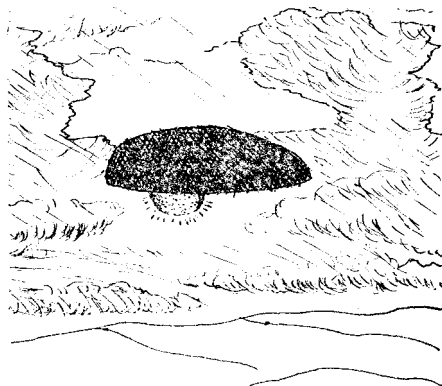
At the end of thirty seconds the 'van' rose, vertically, sank, rose again, then finally sank below the horizon. They described its brightness as comparable to that of the Moon, further saying that the object 'shone like aluminium in sunlight'—odd, since at the time it was around dusk and was also raining. Both witnesses were struck by the appearance of such an unusual object in these surroundings—despite the distance it was very clearly defined and obviously of some considerable size.

The following day Mr Morton went to the area where the object had been seen and found that the tops of spruce trees in a nearby wood had been broken off some twenty feet above the ground.

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Kirkintilloch Black Oval

Inv N Stephenson



On 13 December 1977, a twenty-year-old amateur astronomer of Hillhead, Kirkintilloch, Scotland, was in front of his house just after 6 pm, when he glanced up and saw what he des-

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cribed as a black oval shape fairly high up. A few seconds later the shape came down towards the house and when an estimated 200 yards above rooftop level it circled once, then shot away very fast to his right, climbing towards the clouds with a 'burring' sound.

Protruding from the underside of the object a 'kind of domed light' could be seen: this glowed with an orange colour which changed in intensity during the latter part of the sighting which lasted in all some one to one-and-a-half minutes.

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Barnoldswick Object

Inv B Hartley

Having just returned from night shift, Anne Pickover, a Rolls-Royce process worker, was pegging out washing in the back yard of her Barnoldswick, Lancs home, one morning in 1977 at around 8 am, when she noticed the sun glinting on a silvery cigar-shaped object. Struck by the absence of any sound, she watched closely, but the only noticeable thing about the object apart from its colour and shape, was a dark band around its centre. In view for some five minutes, it passed slowly out of sight from the point nearly overhead where it was first seen and moved towards the village of Gisburn. There was still no sound, nor was any kind of vapour trail visible.

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Gillingham V-Shape

Inv J Castle

An early morning sighting was reported by a number of people at Gillingham, Kent around 6.30 am on 12 December 1977. To begin with, this was of 'a very bright light which grew dimmer until nothing was visible':

then a small dot of light became very bright indeed and 'a small piece came off it and moved slowly away.' Staying in this position for a few minutes, the lights again merged and the 'object' moved across the sky, stopping for a few moments to assume a 'sideways V-shape with small lights around it.' Altogether it was observed for around three quarters of an hour, finally disappearing behind cloud.

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'Easter Egg' and Hovering Humanoid

(See cover illustration by Jennifer Cook)

Inv R Jones Pugh

Surely one of the most unusual reports on record—even for the Milford Haven area is the aerial activity observed by this 64-year-old witness on 7 April, 1977.

At a quarter to five in the morning he was making a very early start to the day since he was taking a group of senior citizens to London at 6 am: suddenly he realised there was a very bright orange light pulsating on his bedroom wall, and, looking out of the window, he could see a large area of orange light enclosing two silvery-coloured objects.

The first he described as being 'like a very large Easter Egg.' Estimated to be about four feet in diameter, it was moving back and forth a little above and behind the chimneys of the house opposite some fifty or sixty feet away: its movement was horizontal and rather like that of a pendulum: no sound could be heard.

Witness then realised there was another object to be seen, this one being about forty feet above his bedroom window. This 'object' appeared to be a 'man' in a silvery boiler suit, at least seven* feet tall, stationary and on a level with the 'Egg' in the position of a free-

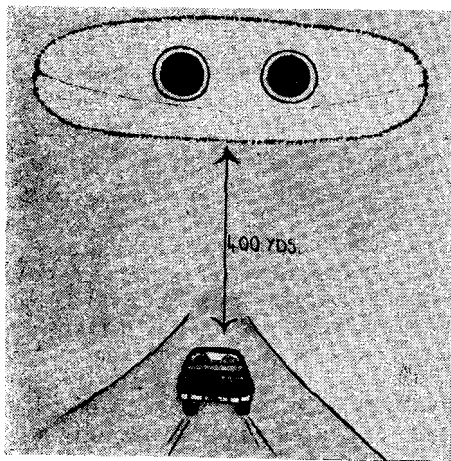
falling parachute jumper—motionless in the sky with arms and legs outstretched. The head was 'normal' in shape but witness could not see the face. This 'motionless humanoid object' remained in its hovering position for over twenty-five minutes—during which time the 'Egg' was continually pursuing its pendulum-like motion. At the end of this period, the 'Egg' moved up above rooftop level and glided away sideways—as did the 'Man' and both gradually disappeared from view.

* Witness has also given height as 3-4 ft.

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'Bridge Roll' over Borough Green

Inv of Castle



On 3 September 1977, Mrs Pamela Bance was travelling home to Borough Green near Sevenoaks in Kent when, four hundred yards in front of their car they saw a 'large, Bridge-roll shaped object.' This was a very bright orangey colour and estimated to be 'about the size of a terrace house.' Two black holes, described as 'two black headlights at the front, as on a car

only blacked out' were seen on its surface. At first it hovered, then moved away. It was like nothing they'd ever seen before and they started to follow it, but 'lost' it as it disappeared over the railway. They continued as far as Borough Green station, then turned back and on spotting it again pulled into a school car park next to the railway where they watched the object decrease in size to that of a pin-head and then vanish.

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Bexhill 'Cereal-bowl'

Inv Philip Taylor

Philip Taylor, who researched the 'Trident Visual UFO Identified?' article in an earlier issue has been busy in Bexhill recently and submits the following reports:—

At about 4 am on Tuesday, 3 January 1978, Mrs H, a 33-year-old housewife was returning to bed at her home in the Sidley area of Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex; she had just settled her baby daughter to sleep again. As she sat down on the edge of the bed, she became aware of something unusual outside. Her bedroom window overlooks fields and woods to the north of the house, which is on the outskirts of the town and this is her own account of what she saw:

"There was a funny shape with lots of orange lights hovering over some houses and lower than some trees. I could not believe my eyes . . . after a short time it generated up, becoming brilliant, took off like a discus being thrown . . . some trees caught fire as it started off. The lights were so brilliant that they seemed to stay all the time it was travelling . . . the lights (were) brilliant one minute, then gone . . . it was a marvellous sight."

Questioned in more detail about the incident, Mrs H said that to begin with, as the object hovered motionless, the lights were 'dull, orangey-red': as it

took off they became a dazzling white. The object was shaped like an 'upside-down cereal bowl.' There was no sound at all while she watched it.

As the object 'generated up', the tree seemed to be enveloped in flames for just a moment: it then glowed red, then white for a second or so. Mrs H did not think the tree was properly alight. The whole incident lasted only a few seconds: the witness said she had never seen anything like it before.

The local newspaper heard of this sighting indirectly. While the reporter and photographer were in the area where Mrs H had reported seeing the object, a 10-year-old schoolgirl, Lisa D'Warte told them she had seen something unusual there several months previously; at this time she knew nothing of the other report. Several months before, she and two friends had seen a red sparkling light hovering over the trees before disappearing 'like a light being switched off.'

I have interviewed the witnesses to these two UFO sightings. They seem to be completely independent and are both backed up by their husband and father respectively. The locations of the object they reported seeing are within a hundred yards of each other, but connection between the incidents can only be a matter of speculation. The tree being enveloped in flames and its glowing remains the most unusual aspect of the report by Mrs H. The account published in the local paper purported to show the tree involved in the UFO sighting.

However, this proved to be a tree which had been damaged for a number of years and is not directly visible from Mrs H's home. A search of the woodland in the direction of where the object was reported to have taken off,

revealed no unusual damage or burning. Nevertheless, I remain convinced of Mrs H's sincerity: she is obviously not seeking publicity and seems genuinely worried about what she saw.

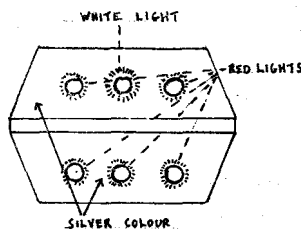
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UFO near Bentley Colliery

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On Tuesday, 3 January 1978, at 6.50 am, Paul Strutt (age not given) was awakened by thunder and lightning

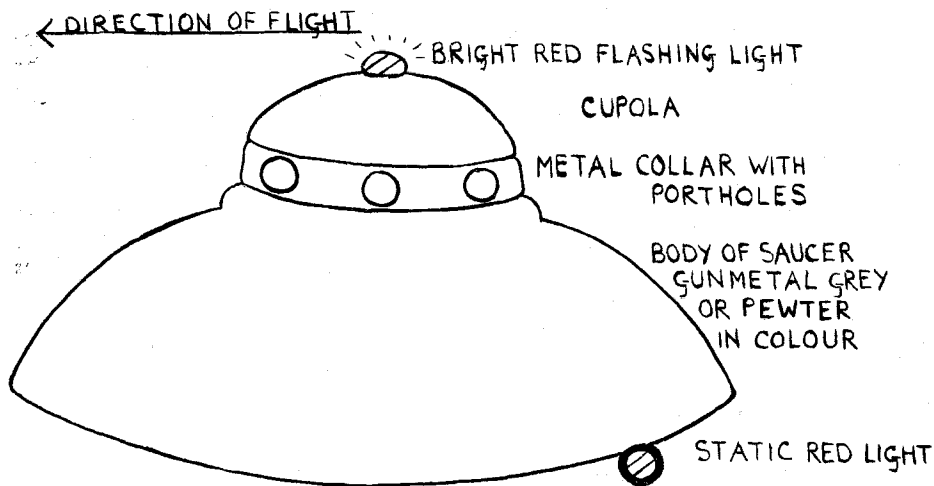


and got up for a drink. Looking out through the upstairs window, he noticed a very large object with red lights on the ground some 250 yards away. The top half was spinning and a bright light in the centre flashed on and off.

The thing 'made a noise like a Hoover' (subsequently found also to have been heard by neighbours): It is said to have been 'heard landing and taking off,' but no mention is made of it actually having been seen to do so.

Paul ran to his parents but at first they didn't believe him, so he roused his sister who persuaded them to look. Paul's mother saw a half-circle of green lights and then, in the distance, the object apparently 'took in a red light in the lower region.'

The weather was very windy with some unusual lightning effects—Bawtrey Meteorological Office said the disturbances experienced were very unusual for the time of year. The map reference of the 'landing' would be 568072—very nearly that of a previous Doncaster report in *Bufora Journal* 6.2.



Heywood 'Saucer' 1972

This report has only recently come to my notice, but despite it being by now a little 'dated' it is certainly well out of the 'LITS' class and merits full mention in these columns.

On 21 March 1972 at 8 pm, Alan Brown, aged 31, was walking with his dog along a country road in the vicinity of Heywood, Lancs. Looking up, he saw two red lights approaching from the North-east about 200 ft up. These then turned, and about 200 yards away an object, caught in the moonlight, came into full view. It was shaped like an inverted saucer with a cupola on top. Between the 'saucer's' body and the cupola, there was a collar of metal in which three portholes or apertures were visible: there was no noise and the object was large—estimated diameter 80-90 feet.

Atop the cupola there was a bright flashing red light and on the lower rim to the rear was a dimmer static red light. Though clearly visible, the cupola and 'portholes' were not illu-

minated. There were no exhaust emissions. The object flew above, and followed the line of electricity pylons in the neighbourhood. For about one minute it was clearly visible, flying at a tilt with the rear slightly down, 'like a car with a heavy load in the boot.'

The object was very sharply defined and the colour was described as 'pewter,' though obviously at this time the moon would be the only major light source. After executing a turn it continued on, finally passing out of sight. Mr Brown checked to see if the incident had affected the behaviour of his dog—a beagle, but the dog was acting perfectly normally.

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The Hale & Pike 'Non-UFOs'

Inv K Phillips

Ken Phillips, until recently *Bufo*'s NIC and now in charge of the *Physical Data Section*, has himself been putting a great deal of time into investigation work. The two cases recounted here are notable, because neither, in the

literal sense, concerned a UFO. In one case a grounded object was reported and in the other, vehicle interference, but no associated 'craft.' Indeed, it is interesting to speculate on the number of reports that have come to light over the last few months which have not directly involved UFOs and I am thinking in particular of the variety of 'humanoid'—if that is really the right term—appearances where no 'craft' of any kind appears to have been in evidence. Back though, to these two 'Non-UFOs.'

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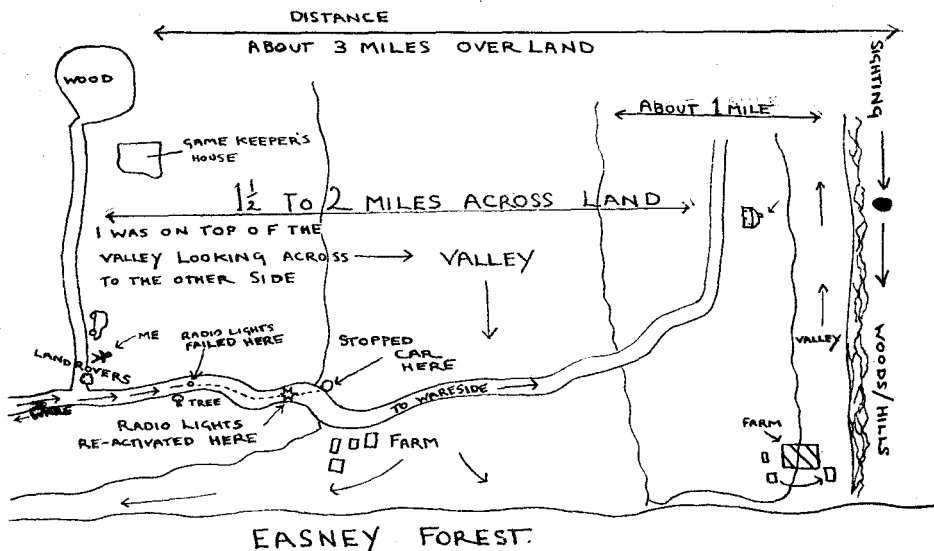
On the morning of Monday, 31 October 1977, Mr Hale, aged 32 of Brickendon, Herts, was returning from work on his motor cycle. About half way home on the Hertford/Brickendon Road his attention was caught by a strange rectangular structure resting in the middle of a ploughed field. He slowed down a little and was able to see two rows of dark areas on the object which was

otherwise off-white in colour. He did not stop, but continued at a moderate speed past the field keeping the object in view for a few seconds longer until it was obscured by hedgerows.

On reaching home and thinking further about the incident, Mr Hale thought the object was sufficiently strange in appearance to report the incident to the local press. Extensive enquiries were subsequently made by Ken Phillips but the object could not be positively identified, nor, indeed, the sighting independently confirmed.

. . . . Now you don't !

Our second 'Non-UFO' relates to a report from Dennis Pike, aged 25. On 31 October 1977, he claimed to have seen an oval amber light around 8.30 pm, and again seeing a similar LITS during the evening of 2 November, he decided a closer inspection was warranted. He got into his car, a



THE OBJECT TRAVELLED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE WOODS, ABOUT 8 PLANES WERE CIRCLING THESE WOODS, BUT DID NOT GO NEAR THE OBJECT.

1977, 1275cc GT Mini, and drove eastwards along Wedbury Hill towards Wareside, Herts. On arriving at the spot where he estimated the light(s) he had seen should be hovering (*though by this time they'd disappeared*), he noticed two Land Rovers parked in the spot where he had intended to stop himself. He then continued on down Wedbury Hill, but had only gone about a further 100 metres travelling around 35kph, when suddenly the car's lights and radio failed totally, though the ignition remained effective. For nearly fifteen seconds he was unable

to re-activate the lights or radio, but at the end of this time they came back on of their own accord, but during the period he was 'blacked-out' he states there had been an extremely high-pitched whistle in his ears. The witness then halted the car and a few moments later, the two Land Rovers passed him at high speed, which he thought strange. By now somewhat perturbed, on seeing a car approaching from the opposite direction, he elected to follow it back to Ware, thinking 'safety in numbers,' and so returned home.

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The UN and UFOs

Early this year, our Chairman wrote to the United Nations with the object of ascertaining their exact position regarding the much-publicised request made by Sir Eric Gairy, Prime Minister of Grenada, that UFOs should be the subject of top-level enquiry by the UN. The following reply, dated 1 March 1978, was received from Lubos Perek, Chief, Outer Space Affairs Division, UN:—

" Dear Mr Beer,

Thank you very much for your letter of 31 January 1978, addressed to the Secretary-General, which has been forwarded to this office for reply.

The General Assembly decided to canvass the views of Member States concerning the subject of UFOs for possible future consideration of the matter. A copy of Decision 32/424 is attached for your information. Accordingly, no further action is being contemplated by the United Nations until a further decision is made by the General Assembly at a future session.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) LUBOS PEREK

Decision 32/424 reads as follows:—

32/424 *Establishment of an agency or a department of the United Nations for undertaking, co-ordinating and disseminating the results of research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena.*

At its 101st plenary meeting on 13 December 1977, The General Assembly adopted by consensus the following recommendations of its Special Political Committee: 5|

" 1 The General Assembly has taken note of the statements made in the Special Political Committee by the Prime Minister of Grenada on 28 November 1977, 6| and by the Minister of Education of Grenada on 28 and 30 November and 6 December 1977. 7|

" 2 The General Assembly has also studied the text of the draft resolution submitted by Grenada. 8|

" 3 The General Assembly requests The Secretary-General to transmit the text of the draft resolution, to-

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I have intended to write to you for some time What many people have seen in the South of England is an aircraft being flown privately. This is powered by jet engines on arms attached to a steel cabin. At night the type of ozone engine fitted emits a light blue gas when in use. This ozone jet engine was built in the 30s by a relation of mine and another Huddersfield inventor: I am the patentee of this jet motor. (*Mr Murphy includes a rough diagram which shows several motors on arms on each side of a central 'cabin'*).

. . . . in flight the gas circulates around the aircraft, variation of flight movements being obtained by turning the jets. The aircraft is undetectable by radar as the ozone gas surrounding it absorbs the radar beam and will not give a reflection. The jet force from one of these devices is tremendous: on test they can burn deep holes in the ground

. . . . pilots of this type of craft have their separate air supply as they work in an atmosphere of poisonous gas. The suit is made of metal coated with a special compound. The ozone gas can cause skin rot and affect the lungs the jets must not be handled due to the high voltage—24,000, and the aircraft not approached as the gas can kill.

G Murphy,
Huddersfield.

I'm quite sure Mr Murphy's letter will give rise to a considerable number of comments—one reason why I have published extracts from it. The only comment I will make myself is that I cannot recall seeing a report form over the last six months or so containing a sighting which would be consonant with the type of craft Mr Murphy describes.—Ed.

Now that the film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* has been released, let us hope it heralds the start of a 'sensible' era of opinion regarding UFOs. Most people, I suspect, now realise this is a serious and ever-present subject and are prepared to accept the fact that extra-terrestrial intelligent life does exist. The main reason, I think, why there is a biased ratio of 'first kind' as opposed to 'second kind' encounters may be that extra-terrestrial beings are, at the moment preferring to keep Earth under surveillance.

Where do they originate? Other dimensions?—Perhaps. Also, these craft could, in some cases, operate from bases in the Earth and under the oceans (which would account for a large proportion of UFOs being seen entering and leaving the open seas). Fantastic? When one considers that probably 90% of the world's oceans—an area covering three-quarters of the Earth's surface—has not been explored, who are we to deny this possibility? Maybe the first 'official' encounter is not so far off

A Pitts,
London, SW17.

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I was pleased to see printed in the *Jan/Feb 1978 Journal* some items on the fringes of UFO study, viz, the book review on *The Twelfth Planet*, the letter making observations on one of *The Long Search* programmes and especially the mention of recorded 'voices from nowhere' reported from *Reveille*. I note also, that the editorial warns people to maintain an open mind towards reports—avoiding the tendency to accept as credible only those that seem rational and which are recommended by experts.

This introduction is intended to show that when we start asking questions, it is hard, if not impossible, to honestly set limits to our imagination. For my part, I have become heartily sick of the 'nuts and bolts' of flying saucers—and of the odd encounters with strange beings. While ufologists limit themselves to the pedestrian, materialist, 'scientific' level of enquiry, they are restricting themselves to the intellectual and very worrying mechanistic view of the Universe.

The questions one can ask of the Universe place UFOs in the large bag of 'fringe science' together with Uri Geller and disembodied voices. It is only when we get off the ground, which bears the imprints of strange feet and crafts, and up into the spacelessness of non-material beings, thought forms and unknown energies that we will be able to see the UFO experience as part of the expanding consciousness of what has been termed this 'New Age'

R Gaskell,
Dorset.

The following extracts are from a personal letter to myself, hence I have omitted the writer's name—and also confined the extracts to those of general relevance which might provoke comment.—Ed.

Although I would not pretend to be any kind of authority on Ufology, I am taking an on-going interest in the complex problems set by Quasi-Corporeal Manifestations (Cleary-Baker's Humanoids) and their relationship to parapsychological models and the archetypal symbolism of the possible collective unconscious.

Earlier this year I amassed details of the Winchester sagas which are probably due to a 'component' of the percipient's unconscious and ego-consciousness acting upon a second party. Case histories of certain forms

of *Folie a deux* seem to throw at least some light on the situation My private researches are mostly concerned with the manifestation of certain kinds of phenomena, also symbols which are found in ancient cultures, literature and paranormal experience. Often the material gathered requires at least some form of interpretation and it is at this juncture we seem to run into dogmatism, confusion or just plain error. What can be said, however, is that such interpretation is singular rather than pluralistic, but what is more it is 'apperceptive' in the Herbartian sense in that it is based on the totality of former conscious and unconscious sensory and reflective forms which are evoked in the eventual attribution of meaning, if not exactly an error at least temporal chauvinism as Sagan would have it. The interpretation of Quasi-Corporeal Manifestations is not a question of the 'interior' or of the 'exterior,' for both of these notions are spatialised concepts, which is fine when we are dealing with the real world.

Causality and its antithesis would follow accordingly and so it would seem that we must seek beyond apperceptive modes of apparent interpretation, beyond the real world, as conditioned by psychologically cognitive paradigms of 'reality' to the antithesis, the 'unreal' that Western sanity affirms does not exist. The contents of the 'unreal' can be said to modulate the background of universal symbolism, the structure of mythologies and the inherent content of dreams . . .

P W, Essex

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AWARENESS—the Journal of Contact UK. Details from: The National Chairman, Contact UK, 59d Windmill Road, Headington, Oxford.

For a long time now I have been extremely interested in CE111 cases and am now head of Research and Investigation for the *British Flying Saucer Bureau* (Est 1953). I would like to contact anyone else who is interested in the UK or overseas who would be interested to actively set up smaller groups in their area under the *BFSB* dealing with CE111s, help translate reports, investigate, help collect cases from magazines and books for our files, etc. Details from the address below.

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Downend, Bristol.

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gether with the above-mentioned statements, to States Members of the United Nations and to interested specialised agencies, so that they may communicate their views to the Secretary-General.

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Presentation by Pauline Grego

Code No.	Date	Time	Place	Report	Class	Investigator/ Credit
Uncoded	1974	1350-1400	Winscombe, Somerset	Silver reflecting object	B3c	BRIT. F.S. BUREAU
Uncoded	26.8.74	1745-1755	Bristol	Bright red diamond	C3c	„
Uncoded	21.10.74	2230	Wotton-under-Edge, Glos	Orange/red round object	C3b	„
76-401	?	2130	Northfield, Warks	Manoeuvring lights	C4b	A PACE
76-403	Nov	1700	Peckham, London	Elongated oval	C3c	N OLIVER
76-404	?	?	Barnet, Herts	Bright light	C4c	M LEWIS
76-406	10.8.76	0505	Iron Acton, Bristol	Round object	C3b	P TATE, BFSB
76-408	6.6.76	2230	Stroud, Glos	Blue-white object with tail	C4b	T HOOPER, BFSB
76-410	?	2100-2230	Stroud, Glos	Ball-like silver object	C4c	T HOOPER, BFSB
76-411	6.8.76	0322	Thornbury, Bristol	Manoeuvring lits	C4b	B.F.S.B
76-412	October	Early Evening	Bristol	“ 3 saucers atop one another ”	C3b	G KNEWSTUB, BFSB
77-105	3.8.77	0330	Thaxted, Essex	2 orangey objects	C2c	A COLLINS, B KING
77-183	3.9.77	2240	Borough Green, Kent	“ Bridge roll ” with lights	A3c	J CASTLE
77-206	21.10.77	0050	Bodorgan, Anglesey	Pink object with dome	B3b	N OLIVER
77-207	9.10.77	0723	Gillingham, Kent	“ Star to airship ”	C3b	J CASTLE
77-208	31.10.77	1745	Sittingbourne, Kent	Manoeuvring lits	C4b	V MARTIN
77-209	6.7.77	1400	Crowle, S Humberside	Dull white object	C3b	B TAYLOR
77-210	28.5.77	2130	Dereham, Norfolk	Metallic saucer with lights	C3b	J COPSEY, DUFOSG
77-211	11.9.77	1900	Potters Bar, Herts	Silver object	C3b	K PHILLIPS
77-212	24.5.77	2330	Chester	“ Blob of bright light ”	B4c	P WHETNALL
77-213	26.10.77	0245	Broctor, Staffs	2 round lights	C4c	A PACE
77-214	7.3.77	1930	Huntington, Staffs	Red and green lits	C4c	A PACE
77-215	6.4.77	0230	Newcastle, Staffs	Starlike object	C4c	A. PACE
77-216	6.4.77	0230	„	Round red and white object	C4c	
77-217	14.4.77	1730	Chester	Orange-white circle	C4b	P WHETNALL
77-218	4.6.77	2330	Tunstall, Staffs	Object with beam	C4b	A PACE
77-221	5.6.77	2130	Lewes, Sussex	Round white object	C3b	A PACE
77-222	13.7.77	2230	Dereham, Norfolk	Fluorescent white lit	C5b	A PACE
77-223	9.8.77	2330	Tunstall, Staffs	3 red lights	C4b	A PACE
77-224	7.8.77	2330	Tunstall, Staffs	Black object	B4c	A PACE
77-226	31.10.77	1745	Sittingbourne, Kent	Manoeuvring lits	C4b	V MARTIN
77-227	19.10.77	2045	Bapchild, Kent	Brilliant flashing lits	C4b	V MARTIN
77-228	25.10.77	1815	Bapchild, Kent	Red/white flashing lits	C4c	V MARTIN

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77-230	7.10.77	1900	Bapchild, Kent	Brilliant flashing lits	C4a	V MARTIN
77-231	7.10.77	2010	Sittingbourne, Kent	' Portholes of light '	C4b	V MARTIN
77-235	17.11.77	2105	Canterbury, Kent	Sparkling orange light	C3b	V MARTIN
77-236	17.11.77	2100	Canterbury, Kent	Orange-red ball of fire	C3b	
77-239	4.5.77	2045	Billericay, Essex	' Indeterminate shape with lights '	C3b	A COLLINS
77-240	31.10.77	2350	Hertford	White light	C4b	B KING
77-242	31.10.77	1630?	Stanstead Abbots, Herts	Silver-grey cone	C3b	B KING
77-244	31.10.77	1915-2010	Stanstead Abbots	Manoeuvring lits	C4b	B KING
77-245	11.7.77	2255	Mundersley, Norfolk	Blue ball	C4c	A COLLINS
77-246	2.6.77	2213	Hinckley, Leics	Pink and white lights	A4b	P BERRY, HAPI
77-248	17.7.77	2330	Hinckley, Leics	Bright moving object	C4b	P BERRY
77-249	21.7.77	2315	Hinckley, Leics	Flashing bluish-white lights	C4b	P BERRY
77-251	1.8.77	0345	Nuneaton, Warwicks	Orange/yellow lights	C4b	P BERRY
77-253	4.8.77	0450	Hinckley, Leics	Lits	C4c	P BERRY
77-254	9.8.77	2045	Sharnford, Leics	Intense light	C4c	P BERRY
77-255	11.9.77	1850	Potters Bar, Herts	Metallic grey object	C3a	K PHILLIPS
77-256	11.9.77	1850	"	"	"	
77-257	29.9.77	2200	Box, Glos	Group of lights	C2b	G BAKER
77-259	20.11.77	1830	Bexley Heath, Kent	Lights and blue beam	C4c	L DALE
77-260	3.7.77	0010	London, W7	Hazy manoeuvring lit	C4b	K PHILLIPS
77-261	13.10.77	1930	Tonbridge, Kent	Hedge-hopping whirling shape	C3c	L DALE
77-262	28.11.77	1710	Colne, Lancs	Round vari-coloured object	C4c	
77-263	Various	2300-0100	Fleetwood, Lancs	Manoeuvring lits	C3c	B HARTLEY
77-264	June	1300	Nelson, Lancs	Domed silver object	C3b	B HARTLEY
77-265	7.8.77	2245	Billinge, Lancs	Brilliant lits	C4c	B HARTLEY
77-266	23.7.77	1230	Sunderland	Round silver object	C3b	B HARTLEY
77-267	3.8.77	2130	Newcastle-on-Tyne	Bright elongated light	C4b	B HARTLEY
77-268	25.11.77	1545	Denbigh, Clwyd	' Black flat egg '	C3b	
77-353	29.12.77	0715	Watford, Herts	Bright white object	C4c	G H ROBERTS
77-257	21.10.77	0130	Folkestone, Kent	' Shimmering white mushroom '	C3c	A HALL
77-358	Sept.	0100	Folkestone, Kent	White ' pudding basin '	C3c	A HALL
77-359	7.10.77	2345	Barnet, Herts	Round objects with lights	C4c	M LEWIS
77-360	August	2245	Barnet, Herts	White ' headlamp '	C4b	M LEWIS
77-361	16.9.77	2050	Barnet, Herts	Oval light	C4b	M LEWIS
77-362	11.9.77	1940	Barnet, Herts	Hazy orange triangle	C4b	M LEWIS
77-363	13.9.77	2120	Potters Bar, Herts	Orange and green lights	C4b	M LEWIS

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77-364	10.9.77	1800	Barnet, Herts	Sparkling twisting 'blob'	C4c	M LEWIS
77-365	4.9.77	2300	Potters Bar, Herts	Circular white object	C3b	M LEWIS
77-366	2.9.77	2340	Barnet, Herts	Fluorescent green ball	C3c	M LEWIS
77-367	9.10.77	1645	London, N12	Light and grey disc	C4c	M LEWIS
77-370	26.8.77	2100	Barnet, Herts	Round grey object	C3b	M LEWIS
77-386	4/5.7.77	0015	Norton, Avon	Dark blue oval	C4c	J CASEY
77-387	28.5.77	0200	Cadbury Heath, Bristol	Red humming object	C3c	G KNEWSTUB, BFSB
77-389	29.12.77	1635	Milton Keynes	Flashing white light	C4b	
77-390	28.12.77	1635	"	"	C4b	K PHILLIPS
77-391	29.12.77	1635	"	"	C4b	
77-392	31.10.77	1920-1940	Ware, Herts	Four bright stars	C4b	K PHILLIPS
77-393	31.10.77	1930	Redbourne, Herts	Six spherical objects	C4b	K PHILLIPS
77-396	27.5.77	2130	Haifa, Israel	Two bronze-objects	C3c	J CASTLE
77-397	9.11.77	1831	Southall, Middlesex	White object changing shape	C4c	L DALE
77-398	26.7.77	2215	Yate, Avon	Humming lit	C4c	G KNEWSTUB, BFSB
78-001	1.1.78	1532	Mereworth, Kent	Erratic white light	C4c	J CASTLE
78-002	1.1.78	0015	Maidstone, Kent	Oval 'fluffy rings'	C4b	J CASTLE
78-004	2.1.78	1830	West Farleigh, Kent	6 symmetrical lights	C4c	J CASTLE
78-005	11.1.78	0830	Aylesford, Kent	'Blazing light'	C4c	J CASTLE

Betty Hill and a Cornfield

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Betty Hill, of *Interrupted Journey** fame who, with her late husband Barney—under subsequent regressive hypnosis conducted by Benjamin Simon MD—recounted their apparent abduction and physical examination aboard a spacecraft on 19 September 1961, is again in the news.

"Regular landings"

Now 57, Betty, of Kingston, New Hampshire, USA, claimed last October that UFO landings were becoming a regular feature in the Kingston area. She had herself been to the spot many times and had seen many UFOs both aerial and landed. She had no intention of giving away its location publicly, though, as 'bumper to bumper'

traffic would inevitably result. At the same time Mrs Florence Barrett, Betty's mother, was reported as confirming her claims and also to have seen UFOs at the alleged 'landing field.'

Cornfield vigil

So—on the night of 9-10 October 1977, a reporter from the *Daily Democrat* of Dover, NH, was taken to the site on condition that he kept its exact location quiet: an *Associated Press* representative was there too, as also were a University of New Hampshire student with his wife and children who had previously visited the spot—a cornfield five miles from Kingston—with Betty Hill. This graduate—psychology instructor David Leuser—stated

that on earlier visits 'we saw some very strange patterns of light . . . like spot-lights coming up from the ground and shooting up into the sky . . . I couldn't say it was a UFO but I don't know what caused it' On one occasion, David's wife Maria reported a light illuminating the car as they drove away from the site, a light which seemed to follow the car for some distance: one which was in an area where no other lights were to be found.

Reddish object

Woods and swamps surround this cornfield: the two reporters saw a number of lights, some were identified as planes, others—including one reddish object with a bright white light which approached the area and then vanished—remained unidentified. Neither reporter, though, would admit to sighting a UFO. (By literal definition, they would seem to have done so). After they left around midnight Betty Hill continued her vigil.

Refuted

Investigator for the Illinois-based *Center for UFO Studies* John Oswald of North Hampton, however, though considering UFOs exist and that they appear to be piloted space craft, does not go along with Betty's claims. He accompanied her to the site on a number of occasions and is quoted as saying: "She is seeing things that are not UFOs and calling them UFOs" and she "couldn't distinguish between a landed UFO and a streetlight." Des-

pite this opinion, though, Oswald still considers the Hills' original 'abduction' to be highly credible.

"Hamburger"

Clearly the controversy will increase. Betty's claims of seeing something like eight UFOs a night will obviously be hotly disputed by many researchers and it may well be that the great majority are, in fact, misidentifications, though some—such as "seeing one that looked like a giant Hamburger bun burping out little burgers" (*New Englander*, December) may well be possible to swallow!

Another "Warminster" ?

Several years ago, when over visiting, I made a trek to your noted Warminster. The place impressed on me a mixture of thoughts and feelings. Some claims sounded outrageous: others were mistaken reports of ordinary objects: some 'researchers' were almost overtly preparing hoaxes! Yet—I felt there to be a residue of 'hard-core' cases and incidents—and at certain times and places there was surely a 'spooky' feeling to the place I've seldom come across elsewhere. In my book, if any place is going to be a 'Warminster' in the States, Kingston it will be—and if that cornfield's locale isn't common knowledge by the time this appears in print, I'm a monkey's uncle!

* *The Interrupted Journey* by John G Fuller. *The Dial Press*, 1966.

May I apologise to those who have written to me recently and not received a reply. The recent flap period has proved most time-consuming and my choice was between answering correspondence and ensuring that the Journal would be published at least somewhere near its due date! Your letters are, of course, always most welcome and their contents given careful consideration.—Ed.

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