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faith. Rather I consider there to be sufficient evidence to show that UFOs do exist, and, indeed, should such evidence be present in only ONE case (for example, the 1958 Trinidad Island report), that would still be enough not to bring faith into it!

The 'UFO Believer' tag also immediately suggests not just a 'belief' in UFOs, but also recognition they are extra-terrestrial vehicles, which does not necessarily follow. Certainly a proportion of claims would suggest this is the case—and I must admit I would like it to be so, but we must always remember that if the answer to the UFO enigma were known and accepted, there would be no need for us to research anyway!

Editorial

Do you believe in UFOs?

—Are you a UFO 'Believer'? Well, do you? Are you? These questions are frequently put to me when lecturing or being interviewed by the media, and my answer is 'No!' Now, before anyone, not to put too fine a point on it, demands my guts for garters, let me elaborate

'No,' I say, 'I'm not a UFO believer: using the word in that sense implies an act of faith and I don't take them on

Hypotheses abound and, to give just one example, neither should we neglect to consider implications raised by the not inconsiderable number of cases that evince psychic effects or associations. Well, Do YOU believe in UFOs?

Whether your answer is 'yes' or 'no', a very happy and rewarding 1979 to all.

Norman Oliver.

London Lectures

Sat. 3 February 1979: 7 pm: Close Encounters, Space and Sanity.

Speaker: Norman Oliver, FRAS.

Sat. 3 March 1979: 7 pm: Ball Lightning and UFOs. *Speaker: Mark*

Stenhoff, BSc FRAS AFBIS.

Sat. 7 April 1979: 7 pm: Research Evening. *Chaired by Anthony*

R Pace, FRAS, Bufora's Research Director.

Meetings are held in the Lecture Theatre of Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road entrance, London, W8.

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Owing to pressure of space, some items—including Personal Column advertisements—have had to be held over to the March/April issue. We trust this will not have caused any inconvenience.

Special Announcement * * * * *

Under the sponsorship of *Grand Metropolitan Hotels*, THE FIRST LONDON INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS, jointly hosted by *Bufora* and *Contact International (UK)*, will be held in the Hyde Park and Edinburgh Suites of the Mount Royal Hotel, Marble Arch on the Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday, 26 and 27 August, 1979.

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Motion for Debate

Thursday 18 January 1979 saw the long-awaited debate in the House of Lords on the Earl of Clancarty's Motion: "*To call attention to the increasing number of sightings and landings on a world-wide scale of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and to the need for an intra-governmental study of UFOs; and to move for Papers.*"

Lionel Beer and I had been invited to attend by the Earl of Clancarty, and, though earlier proceedings were protracted by amendments to the Arbitration Bill, the Debate got under way at 7.7 pm.

Months earlier, the Earl of Clancarty had told me that prior to putting down the Motion he had done quite a lot of lobbying among peers, finding a surprising number interested and prepared to speak. This proved to be the case, and his Lordship was ably supported by the Earl of Kimberley, Liberal Spokesman on Aerospace; Lord Kings Norton, a distinguished scientist and former President of the Royal Institute; Lord Davies of Leek, whose Welsh whimsicalities—"If I . . . said I had seen the Virgin Mary springing out of a rock, some devout religious people

would believe me; but if I had seen a Flying Saucer they would not believe me. What is the difference?"—and natural eloquence was both stimulating and entertaining: the Bishop of Norwich, who, whilst considering a scientific study of the subject desirable, had reservations regarding possible religious associations, and others. For the Government, Lord Strabolgi stated that no governmental study was warranted, nor was there any 'cover-up' by the Ministry of Defence.

One felt, however, the main purpose—that of giving UFOs an 'official' airing and showing that even such august bodies as the Upper Chamber included many interested in 'clearing the cobwebs'—had been achieved and in accordance with usual practice the Motion was withdrawn at the end of the Debate.

Lord Trefgarne, the Viscount of Oxfoird, Lord Gladwyn, Lord Rankeillour, Lord Gainford, the Earl of Halsbury, Lord Hewlett, the Earl of Cork and Orrery, and Viscount Barrington also spoke.

Norman Oliver.

John Larcombe, a recently elected Bufora member and manager of the Rochester *Odeon* cinema, has received an award from the Rank Organisation for his publicity work on the film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. To quote a Director of the Organisation, "*To say that his publicity is excellent is an understatement.*" Members will recall that our last issue referred to a Bufora exhibition in the foyer and to NIC Larry Dale speaking immediately prior to the showing of the film.

UFO INSIGHT, the new 20-page magazine of *Federation UFO Research (Fufor)* of Crewe is obtainable from Fufor, 24 Cavendish Road, Crewe, Cheshire. Six-issue subscription £1.20: single copies 25p (including P & P).

Points from the Press

Valerie Martin

Weekend of 9 August had an item on Southeast Missouri State University's week-long course in UFO detection which includes a scientific kit and field trip to Piedmont, scene of several sightings in 1973. Professor Harley Rutledge, head of physics department, says sightings are more numerous now than ever.

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The *Daily Mirror* of 18 August reported that air traffic controllers at Gatwick airport had spotted a strange object in the sky, and a spokesman said they definitely saw something, but have clammed up over exactly what it was. People living near have seen a saucer-shaped object giving out a piercing white light.

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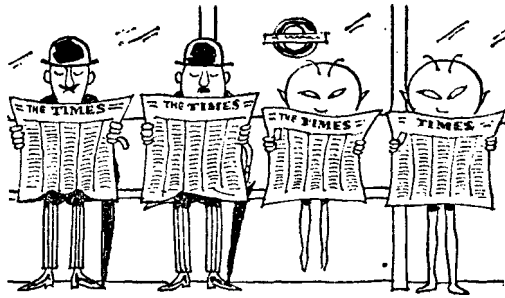
The *Journal* of 21 August had a report that according to the Madagascar Interior Ministry, a UFO had crashed and exploded in the market place of Fort Dauphin. The local radio said the cigar-shaped object lit up the whole town before plunging to the ground.

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The *Croydon Advertiser* of 25 August tells of a man claiming to have seen a circular white shape hovering over a playground one evening the previous week. A group of four children were looking up and after about ten minutes, the light began to move up and down then flew off in the direction of Mitcham Common.

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The *Telegraph & Argus* of 26 August quoted space flight analyst of Bradford Astronomical Society, Philip Clark's opinion on the UFO seen over Clayton



Golf Course earlier that week, as being the Russian satellite *Salyut 6*. It was launched in September 1977, its altitude is about 220 miles and it is visible for about four or five orbits every day. In June 1978 two cosmonauts were sent up to it in *Soyuz 29*. Two teenage boys described the UFO as very, very white and twice the size of a star.

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The *Liverpool Echo* of 29 August had an article on unexplained phenomena over Merseyside. An elderly woman had seen around 1 am an intensely-lit object like a 'dinner plate' moving at terrific speed; this would stop suddenly as if looking for something, then disappear to a pinpoint of light. A couple driving on the Burscough to Prescot road saw a cone-shaped object moving in a north-south direction, bobbing up and down, gradually losing height and keeping pace with their car at 60 mph. They pulled up and waited for more cars to come along before driving off. The previous month, a nurse was walking along the beach behind Crosby Marina with her boyfriend, when they heard peculiar frightening music, than a rumbling sound. They turned to see a brilliant white shape which rose to about 50 feet and glided back and forth along the beach. For periods it would disappear, then reappear just hanging in mid-air.

The *Evening Times* of 30 August had a report on a UFO seen over Wishaw one night about 9.30 by a man and his wife. It appeared to be a red ball of fire, too big for a plane, and they watched for a few minutes before it started to fall, but it disappeared before reaching ground level. Norman Oliver said he had heard of similar sightings in different parts of the country and thinks this is an atmospheric phenomenon rather than any manufactured object. In the absence of other distinguishing features, it might have been ball lightning which is not necessarily connected with a thunder-storm.

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The *Sunday Mirror* of 27 August had an account of people living near *Concorde's* West London flightpath, claiming to have seen lights near the supersonic jet. One witness looking out of her flat towards Heathrow airport saw a huge reddish ball appear in the sky in *Concorde's* path, and to her amazement, when the 'plane arrived a few minutes later, it passed straight through it. The next evening her husband watched and saw a 'shimmering object' which stayed in the sky for about 17 minutes. A Heathrow official said that nothing had been picked up on radar.

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The *Hendon Times* of 31 August mentioned the illustrated talk given by Lionel Beer, *Bufora's* Council Chairman, to members of the *After Eight Society*, North Finchley. He gave the history and photographic evidence of UFOs, but emphasised that *Bufora* is a researching body and not an organisation trying to persuade people that we are having visitors from outer space.

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The *Leicester Chronicle* of 1 September had a photograph of Dr Hynek who

estimates that two to three million of the 15 million American UFO sightings could not be explained, and there are approximately 100 sightings worldwide each 24 hours.

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The *News of the World* of 3 September reported that police were treating seriously the story that three silver-clad figures were said to have landed from a space-craft in a field of cows, at Llanerchymedd, Anglesey. This was one of three separate UFO sightings involving eight different people, and police said although too many saw something to dismiss the matter, they could take no further action. (*See Report—Extra!*).

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The *Bromley Times* of 7 September continued its articles on the flashing and pulsating light seen at 3.45 am on 10 August, explaining that it may not have been caused by a locomotive running into a discarded seat cushion, as stated by British Rail. Another witness who lives near the line said she saw a light coming from the opposite direction and there was no sound of a train. On 15 August, a six year old boy saw from his bedroom window that night, a black flat disc with blue, green and red lights, which circled the open space behind his home five times then flew off.

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Weekend of 13 September announced the opening of the latest flying saucer airport, a 14 acre site in the foothills of Mount Rainier, under the spot of Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting. Opened by the *New Age Foundation* and declared an interplanetary zone, observers claimed that on opening day they saw a formation of four 'space-craft' overhead—but none landed.

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The *Guardian* of 15 September had a report on a 'flying saucer' seen before dawn the previous day over Sicily, Rome, Tuscany and Sardinia. It appeared to be triangular, torpedo-shaped and in one case changing colour and size.

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The *Evening Gazette* of 1 September reported that a woman walking her dog in the Coulby Newham area of Cleveland, saw an oval object with a criss-cross patterned dome that had a flashing light on top, which was pillar-box red.

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Lastly, the *Sunday People* of 8 October had a short article on the flashing blue object with a silver centre, flying beside, above and below a BA TriStar near Zagreb on 21 September. The crew claimed they were shadowed by a 'flying saucer' but the captain said it was a weather balloon which ground control Zagreb had mentioned. Which leaves the mystery of how a balloon managed to keep up with a speeding jet for 150 miles.

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Uforum

I do not wish to appear hypercritical, but I read the letter from E Sears of Portswood, Southampton, in the Nov/Dec issue of the Journal, first with interest, then amazement, and finally dismay.

Firstly, because this is precisely the type of credulity which makes every LITS a UFO. Secondly, because this is precisely the type of credulity which finds a difficulty for every (logical) explanation. Finally, because this is precisely the type of credulous mind which rejects a normal and scientific explanation in favour of the over-imaginative, the proofless and the wholly unscientific approach to the UFO problem. So let me please reiterate the history of those Dartmoor ponies.

When I first read the account of the incident in my daily newspaper, I *immediately* phoned the veterinary surgeon concerned (NOT Bufora in the first instance), since I am myself a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and as a ufologist, my interest was not unnatural.

Now, whilst those Dartmoor ponies may be regarded as being semi-wild, they have by law, to be ear-tagged as a means of identification. Furthermore, any tagged animal found dead must also, by law, be buried to a required depth. Therefore, when these ponies were discovered, it followed that the owner(s) should either have them removed immediately, or have them covered with a sufficient depth of earth to prevent the possible spread of latent infection by flies.

However, the summer that year was long, very hot and very dry, so in these circumstances it follows that grazing for the ponies was both scant and thin. In effect, therefore, they were reduced

to eating anything available to fill the stomach, and here they chose—because there was nothing else to eat— forage and roughage which, in better grazing periods they normally would have ignored. It so happened that it was this particular material which must have been so heavily impregnated with worm-infested faecal contents over the years that it was inevitable that when eventually it was consumed, and the ingested worm-eggs hatched out within the gut of the animal, a very heavy toxæmia and/or aneurism formation resulted.

It was this which surely killed the ponies, because, since they always tend to move around in groups, inevitably they all must have grazed at the same time. Therefore, absorption from the intestinal tract of each and every animal would also occur roughly at the same time.

In any case, there were *two* groups of ponies affected, and not one as stated by Mr Sears (I do wish people would get their facts right!).

The first group, comprising 6 animals, were found together near a stream, whilst a second group of 7 (foals, mares and, if I recall correctly, a stallion) were found some 50-100 yards away, but also near the gully.

As for the shattered bones, I feel that a far more logical and sensible explanation lies in the fact that the carcasses were pulled by tractor or land-rover from the point where they died to the place where they were found, and the resulting impact against the bone(*sic*!)-hard ground literally fractured the long bones of the legs. Once despatched, the ear-tags were removed to prevent identification—ie the ears were cut off.

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Indeed, one can but sympathise with any pony owner having to rent a JCB to dig a hole deep enough to cover a total of 13 ponies, so of necessity, presumably they took the easiest way out. The skid mark is surely coincidental. It could easily have been produced by a vehicle pulling along a carcass.

My veterinary colleague did not mention the effect a high acid soil content might have had on the bodies, since they were, of course, unburied and not in direct contact with the moorland soil other than the side on which the carcass lay. However, this aspect must not be forgotten.

So I must echo the words of Peter Hill in his letter to Uforum when he wrote: "*this brings sharply into focus a common weakness of some UFO research workers, which does great harm to UFO research and brings discredit on the subject as a science. It is indeed time that we outgrew such sensationalism and learned to make investigations before making assumptions. To do otherwise is scientific irresponsibility and is deserving of our strongest condemnation.*"

R Jones Pugh MRCVS,
RIC S Wales.

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As Bufora's Logistics Adviser, I would point out that Randall Jones Pugh's comment re *Godel's Theorem* (Uforum, Vol 7, No 3, Sept/Oct '78) is not entirely accurate and may give a false impression. Godel did give proofs for 'completeness and consistency' (along with other Logicians), for formal systems of the so-called 'lower calculi,' but Randall's statement is true for high ordered calculi. Proofs of such do exist but are not as yet accepted

L Dale, NIC.

Having read Paul Devos's two-part article in the *Journal* (Vol 7, Nos 2 & 3) I was somewhat disturbed by the lack of objectivity in attributing the malfunction of Mr Pike's car to the electromagnetic effect of UFOs.

There must be few motorists who have not experienced Mr Pike's first incident whereby the engine cuts out and refuses to restart, but when left for several hours, shows no hesitation in starting. I see no reason to seek a supernatural explanation for this particular stoppage when the likely cause is a temporary problem either with the fuel supply or ignition system.

Although Mr Pike investigated and found no obvious fault, we do not know how competent he is at diagnosing such faults and therefore we should not interpret his 'no obvious fault' as meaning there was no fault, especially when remembering that the investigation was only of a visual nature and carried out at night with the aid of a flashlight. Indeed, even if Mr Pike were qualified to perform such fault-finding, there would still be insufficient grounds to conclude that the malfunction was caused by some agency external to the vehicle.

Turning to Mr Pike's second incident: here again, I find nothing in the report to suggest other than natural causes for the behaviour of the side-light. In order to keep production costs low, motor manufacturers adopt a 'single lead polarizing' method of distributing electrical power to the vehicle's auxiliaries, with the bodysell providing the return path for the current to the battery. Unfortunately, this system has a major weakness in its design, and that is its dependence on having good earthing points throughout the vehicle's structure. These earth points are subject to attack from erosion, corrosion and vibration, and are therefore

liable to failure. When this happens, some rather unusual effects can manifest themselves, the obvious one being non-operation of equipment. Alternatively, equipment may function erratically when switched on, or in extreme cases, operate when not switched on. This latter effect is a result of the vehicle's auxiliaries not being electrically isolated from one another in the single lead polarizing wiring system. Mr Pike's apparent mystical operation of his sidelights is therefore easily explainable using every day engineering experience.

To the inexperienced, the faults that developed on Mr Pike's car may appear to have an air of mystery about them, but when viewed with an object

ive, or experienced eye, the mystery disappears. This does not mean that I totally reject the possibility of a UFO causing the faults: all I am saying is that it seems very unlikely, especially in view of the absence of a CE1 contact in either case.

The fact that the incidents took place in the Warminster area should encourage us to be extra cautious when trying to evaluate the report, because there is a very real danger of being 'caught-up' in the atmosphere of an allegedly active location and attributing otherwise insignificant events a relevance out of proportion to their true value.

*T Fisher,
Alvaston, Derby.*

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Annual Award

Bufora has now established an Annual Award for services to Ufology. As announced by Bufora's President, C A E O'Brien, CBE, the 1978 Award goes to J Bernard Delair, BSc. Bernard Delair is the editor of Contact UK's magazine *AWARENESS* who, as a professional geologist, has a special interest in the promotion of educational publications, figuring prominently in the production of *THE UFO REGISTER*, an important annual catalogue of sightings. Few people have such a depth of knowledge of Ufology as will have been evident to those attending Kensington meetings when he has lectured. This year the Award—as with last year's recipient, Arnold West—Life Membership of Bufora.

From the *Australian AFSRS* July 1978 Monthly Summary: "Are you helping with the solution, or are you part of the problem?" Well??!!

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

Report—Extra!

Presented by Norman Oliver

Entities from the Past

The following three cases have been condensed from reports received from Andy Collins—and certainly they demonstrate the extreme variety of the UFO phenomenon:—

'Kojak-headed entities' in a Brighton garden

The witness in this case, Mrs Sheila Burton, was, at the time of the incident—which occurred on the 4th or 5th September 1951—unmarried, though in fact it took place only a few days before her wedding.

At the time, she was in her late teens and was staying with her parents at Withdean, on the outskirts of Brighton in Sussex. She woke up at about 6.30 am, got out of bed and walked over to the window that overlooked the long tree-bordered garden from a height of perhaps 15 feet. The sun had just risen and a ground mist still lingered lightly on their own and neighbouring gardens. Suddenly, she saw something large and flashing descend at incredible speed onto the lawn: a large dome-shaped object settled down, panels like large doors opened, and 'men' got out from the fluorescent silvery craft.

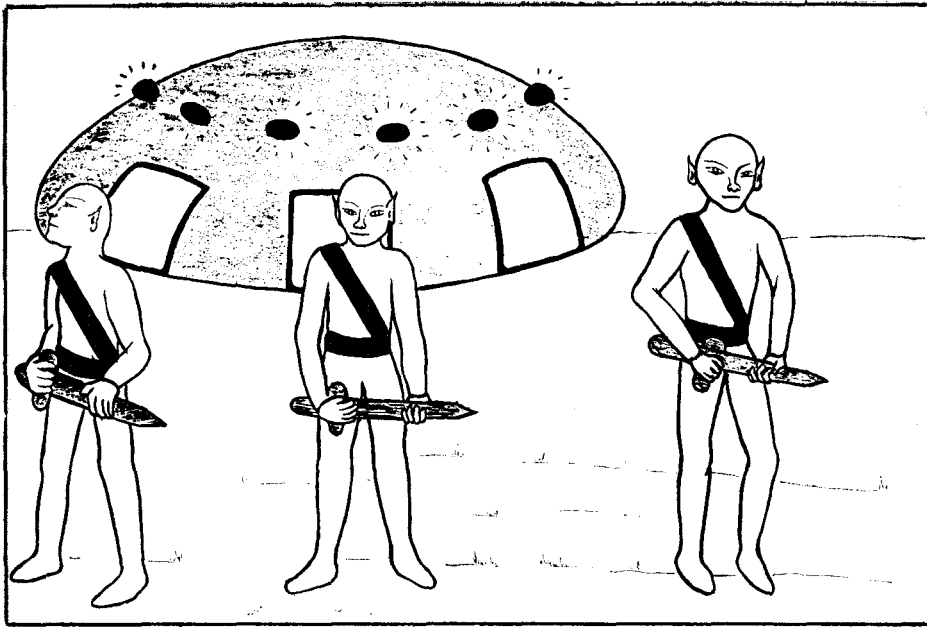
There were three 'men' in all and each moved in a straight line across the lawn away from the vertical, central axis of the craft. They were 5 to 6 feet in height and had bald 'Kojak-style' heads. Each wore a dark green or khaki one-piece garment and held a 'machine-gun-like' device. These 'men' continued walking for perhaps 30 feet, then stopped simultaneously and began walking backwards towards

the craft in synchronisation, re-entering their respective panels and disappearing inside. The panels slid across the openings: red flashing lights restarted and the mass shot upwards vertically and was lost to sight. The whole incident lasted some 40-50 seconds and had been in total silence. It had occurred so quickly that the witness had not even thought of calling her parents.

The object was described as dome-shaped and fitted well into the large garden; accordingly an estimate of its diameter as about 40 feet and height about 25 feet can be made: its colour, 'silvery-green, light green or lime' remained constant. The red flashing lights were about 6-7 feet below the apex, equally spaced around the perimeter of the dome. Once on the ground, the three square-shaped panels slid open, these being proportionally spread across the dome at its base, one facing directly towards the witness, the other two towards the sides. They slid open towards the left-hand side as viewed and once totally closed no sign of them could be seen. Nothing could be seen either of the interior of the craft. As the 'men' walked in their respective directions, they seemed completely oblivious of their surroundings and of the witness.

These 'men' had appeared identical in every respect: their one-piece suits included their feet, but ended tightly at the wrists, and at the neck in a 'mandarin's collar.' Their bodies were rather thin in proportion to their size and their legs seemed thick but short. Their arms were long, with hands and fingers apparently similar to our own.

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Object and 'men' seen by Sheila Burton, Brighton, Sussex.

Faces were expressionless and 'odd.' The nose was small and pointed: the mouth was small with no lips: eyes were small and deep set: ears also were pointed. Their heads were bald 'Kojak-style.' Skin was similar in complexion to our own.

From their right shoulders, down to the left-hand side were thick, black bands which joined onto a stomach belt, also black, of the same thickness. Each held a device described as 'like a machine-gun' in shape. This consisted of a black cylinder some 20 inches long and 3 inches in diameter, rounded off at the rear end and pointed at the front. About a third of the way along the cylinder from the rear end, was a black rectangular shape fitted onto its underside like a magazine. Another shorter, wider rectangle protruded from the top above the 'mag-

azine.' Both rectangles seemed to have vertical engraved lines running down them.

The devices were carried with both hands, but they appeared to do nothing with them. Their movements away from the object were as though they were mindless robots carrying out a pointless duty, this impression being strengthened as they all stopped and retraced their steps like a film played backwards. Immediately they re-entered the craft, the panels shut, then the red lights started flashing and pulsating brightly and the vehicle ascended vertically. Although craft and 'men' had appeared solid enough, no subsequent physical traces were to be found.

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1956 Landed object and 'Frogmen' (see cover)

The witness, Mr Venerbles of Aveyly, Essex, at the time—in 1956—a teenager, woke up at about 0015 to 0030 and saw an orangey-yellow light flashing in the corner of the ceiling. He slipped out of bed and went to the window from which, not 100 yards away, he could see lights of various colours rotating around a dark form. On top of this form was a large orangey-yellow light turning round, flashing like a police car light. Underneath it, more orangey-yellow lights were spinning in the opposite direction, and through these lights, horizontally oval windows in a line could be seen, emitting a bright yellow-white luminescence. Inside these windows, several 'people' in 'frogmen's suits' were casually strolling around continuing their work—or whatever!

Behind that row of lights was another much wider circumference of colour coming from what could possibly have been a rim-type base. This (from the position of the witness) looked as if flames were swirling round the circumference of the form at the sides, and where the flame should have continued around the front, was what was described as 'gas fire blue flames' spewing out towards the ground almost like gas jets in appearance. Although no real shape could be discerned, due to the mass of bright colourful lights and flames, the boy was sure that the object was either hemispherical or a rim-type base with a dome on top. No noise was being emitted. To get a better view, he opened the window, but in doing so made a noise, after which the object suddenly shot off into the air at a fantastic speed, being seen only as a 'silver pencil line' moving off into the heavens. The whole encounter had lasted between 2 to 3 minutes.

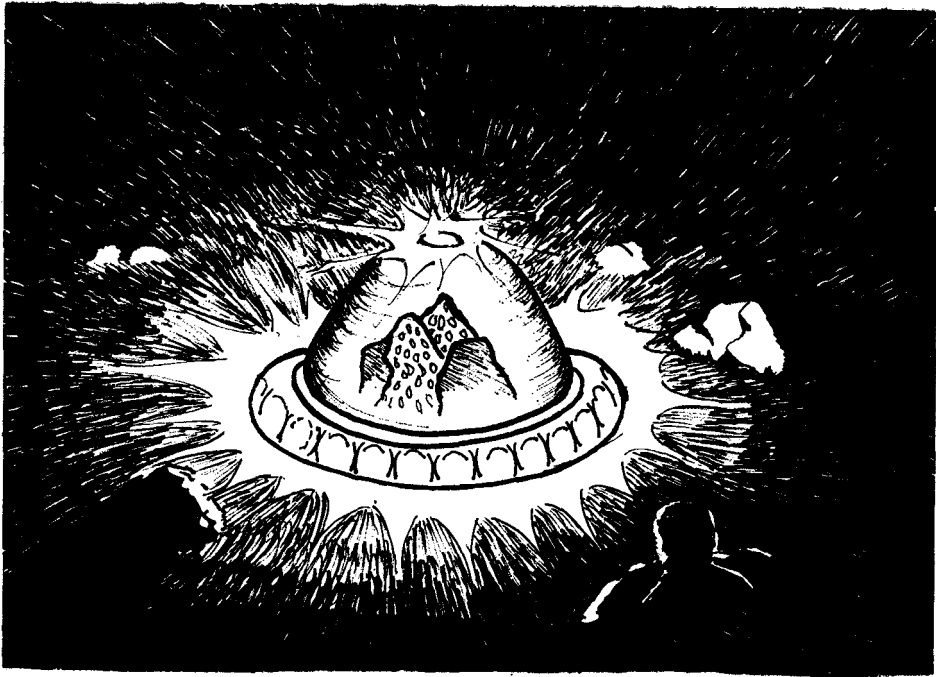
The entities or 'frogmen' had been silhouetted against the intense yellow glow from inside the object. There had appeared to be at least three or four of them and each appeared to be 'going about their business' leisurely. Their height and description was difficult to determine due to the distance from the witness, but their heads appeared to have 'little or no hair' and to be of a proportionate shape to their arms and shoulders. Witness could not make out what the 'frogmen' were actually doing, but one appeared to be holding an 'instrument' of some kind. The object's size was uncertain, but was described as 'considerable.' No check was subsequently made for traces. The same night, Mr Venerbles' mother got up in the small hours, walked into the living-room and, on glancing outside, saw a red glowing orb moving closer and closer to the house and increasing in size until it appeared it would hit the house. Amazed and frightened, she fetched her husband, but by the time they returned to the living-room, the shape had disappeared from view.

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Machynlleth 'Jellentities'

In July 1975, Trevor P, aged 14, his parents and brother, were holidaying in Mid-Wales. Around 5 pm on 22 July, they were in the area of Dovey Vale near Machynlleth in Montgomeryshire to view a cottage: this was located on the A487(T) road near Wyfla Hill (OS map 135, ref: 738999). Trevor went for a stroll up a 250 ft hill to the south, and on reaching its brow he saw a strange object apparently some 50 feet away resting on the ground. He promptly leapt behind one of the many boulders in the area and watched carefully.

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The object had a large circular base ('like a paddling pool') about 40 feet in diameter and 7 or 8 feet high, there being circular lights about 5 feet in diameter positioned around the base: each was intensely bright and not of a colour recognisable to the boy. Between each light were what appeared to be deep grooves or curves set into the base, which itself was 'silvery' in colour and rounded at the edges. On this base was a hemispherical transparent dome. At the apex of the dome was another large light, apparently fitted from the inside and not interfering with the curvature of the dome: this, too, was about 5 feet across and again the colour emitted was unknown to the boy. The dome had a lesser diameter than the base by perhaps 8 or 9 feet and appeared to be 'slotted' into the base. In the centre of the base inside the dome was a 'big metal'

unit of irregular shape, roughly 15 feet long and 7 feet tall at its highest point: this looked 'silver' in colour. No marks or 'controls' could be seen.

Also inside the dome were two forms or entities like pieces of jelly—large irregularly-shaped 'lumps' of a jelly-like substance. They were a white translucent colour and inside them were hundreds of white discs (like doughnuts), each about 6 inches across. The forms themselves were an estimated 7 feet across, with a similar height, but they were constantly changing shape, though from the movement of the discs, their centres remained inactive. Their mass seemed to stay constant. One form was in front of the metal unit, the other half-obscured behind.

Trevor watched for 20 to 25 seconds, still crouched behind the boulder:

then, he noticed a panel or section begin to open on the extreme right of the base. This, about 7 feet by 7 feet, slowly pivoted down towards the ground, and after 7 or 8 seconds the entity in full view 'floated' towards the section, gradually lowering itself down a possible duct or hatchway and out of the opening. At this Trevor ran back over the ridge and down the hillside, spoke something he cannot remember to his father and then, for no apparent reason, ran back up again. The entity was now in its original position and the panel had closed: a strange constant noise 'like a car revving up but quieter' was coming from the craft.

At this point, the discs of light on the side and the one on the apex flashed together in a chameleon-like manner, and began to blend in with the colours of the surrounding countryside. The flashing accelerated faster and faster, becoming larger and larger until eventually the whole craft completely blended in with the background as it was enveloped by the lights and became invisible. Trevor then again ran back.

Trevor's father said that when his son had rushed back the first time he had said, 'You won't believe me—come on.' Then he had run back up crouched down for a short time, then again ran back to his father 'really petrified' and shouted 'A jelly man got out of it.' The only thing his father noticed on going to the spot was a strange noise being produced as the wind passed through the grass.

Subsequently, Trevor experienced very considerable psychosomatic after-effects: these commenced the following day when his speech was impaired. Three weeks later he became blind in his left eye, the blindness changing to his right eye, then becoming almost

total before easing. His personality also changed and up to mid-1978 he was still being seen by a psychiatrist. The boy and his parents were interviewed in March 1978, a second investigator and a trained psychologist/hypnotist also being present.

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'Floating Battleship' over Liphook

Inv L Dale.

Having completed her performance in London, a young lady cabaret artiste was being driven back to Portsmouth by a friend on 27 August, 1978. Between 4 am and 5 am her friend noticed a bright bi-lobed object (*like a figure '8' on its side*), and thought at first it was a warning light on top of a new pylon—he used the A3 frequently and hadn't noticed it before. However, to his surprise, the light 'paced' the car: he then aroused his companion who noted the object which then, maybe due to the movement of the car, went out of view.

They were near Liphook in Hampshire and a couple of miles on, both had astonishing experiences. The driver observed a 'massive object' motionless above trees on the opposite side of the road. He stopped the car and saw what he described as a 'floating battleship'—dark, with a bi-lobed light low down on one side: he was speechless because of its awesome size. It hovered soundlessly, spanning many trees, and its size was estimated in terms of 150 to 200 yards. His window was wound down: all was quiet, and just as he was about to get out, the object 'wavered' and vanished.

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The young lady, though, saw something quite different and said, 'Although I did notice something very large, I could in fact only see sets and sets of panels.' 'During this time,' she continued, 'I felt a fascination that I cannot recall having before, and I felt a deep interest in the panels. Then I noticed a definite shape and the object moved slowly and vanished, going approximately North, though it didn't move out of view, but seemed to vanish at a certain point. Here, I suddenly felt terrified and couldn't get away fast enough.'

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Southowram Bank Sighting

Inv T Whitaker.

Driving up Southowram Bank in the Halifax, Yorks area at 8.40 am on 26 May 1978, David Green, a press photographer, caught sight of a long, flat,

white object to his right. He kept his eye on it, turned down Old Southowram Bank and stopped the car. As he got out, the object started to turn away to the right and head towards the radio masts at Pole Moor.

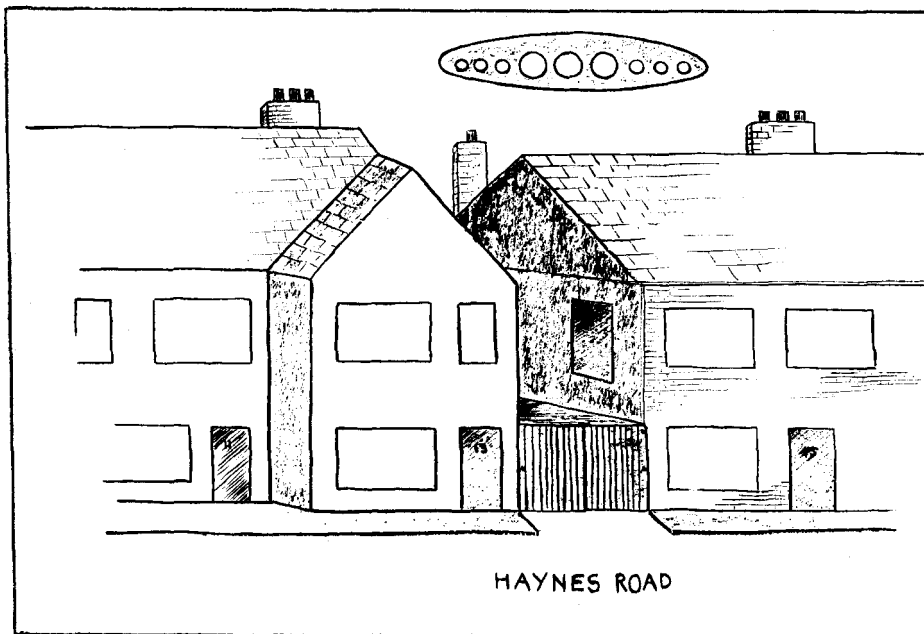
The moment it started to turn, it went from white to black and narrowed to half its original length: then, it banked slowly around and after turning away, vanished very quickly over the horizon by the masts. There was no sound and the object was bright like the sun shining on it.

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Northfleet 'Orange Cigar'

Inv M Weaven.

Drawing back her curtains at 9 am on 11 December 1977, Mrs B H Stickland, of Northfleet, Kent, wondered what her paper-boy was watching. She



UFO seen by Mrs Stickland of Northfleet, Kent.

looked up herself and into view over the tops of houses came a 'long orange cigar'—sharply defined. In its middle were three large brilliant orange lights whilst on either side were three smaller brilliant orange lights.

The object hovered above the houses for about five minutes, then, all of a sudden, 'there was nothing, just as though somebody had switched the lights off.' Subsequently, she asked the paper-boy if he thought it had been a flying saucer. His reply was, 'I don't know, but it was there and, all of a sudden, it was gone.'

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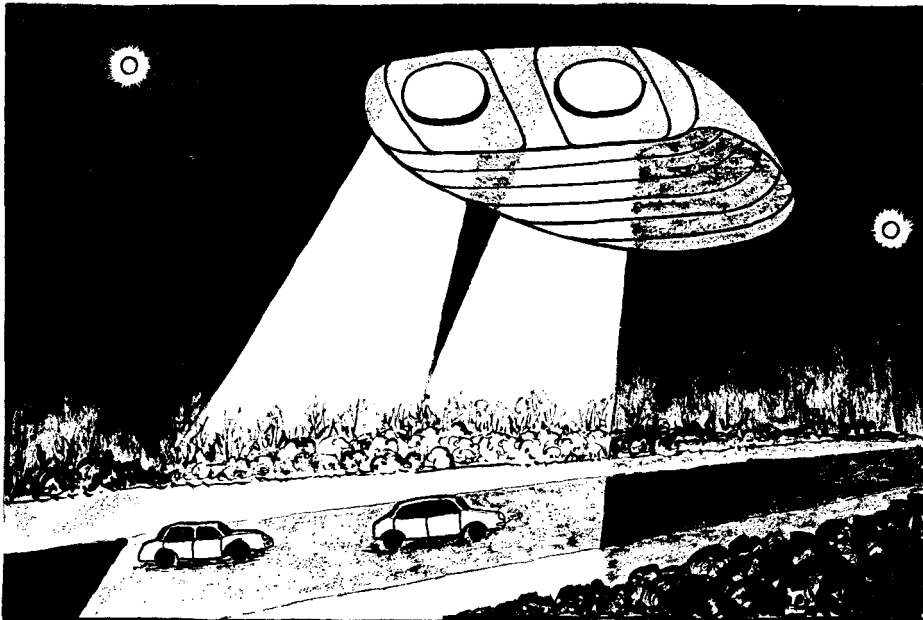
Staffordshire 'Searchlights'

Inv A Pace.

Stephen Colclough, aged 20, was travelling by car from Cheadle, Staffs, towards Blyth Bridge with his girl-

friend driving: the time was 1.50 am on 16 September 1978 and they were following the car of two friends some two hundred yards ahead.

As they came over the brow of a hill at Dilhorne, Stephen noticed two lights in the sky, one red, one white, and as he watched, the red light moved away from the white one and a dark shape appeared between the two: two brilliant white lights like searchlights shone down from it onto both cars, then went out and Stephen's vision was blurred, but after a moment, he had a quick glimpse of the object moving away. His friend's car in front stopped and all four witnesses agreed on what had occurred: they then continued on, but after a short while agreed to return to the spot: car headlights were flashed to see if the object could be signalled, and it seemed that the original red light was still circling the



UFO sighted by Stephen Colclough at Blyth Bridge.

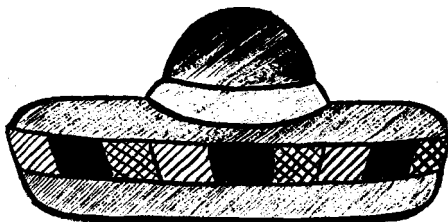
area. Nothing further occurred, however, and after about ten minutes they continued on their way home.

The object had been 'massive' and oval in shape. It could not be said whether it made any noise since the car engine might well have drowned it. The night was bright and clear and a full moon lit up the countryside.

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Hovering 'craft' over Holtspur

Inv Lennox Adams, Contact UK.



On 25 February 1977, Mr T Rolfe, 54, and his son, Mr E Rolfe, 24, had the following experience—which was not reported at the time since they thought they would not be believed.

It was twilight—and a clear evening, and Mr E Rolfe went into the garden of their home at Holtspur, Beaconsfield, Bucks. After a few minutes, an object 'came out of the sky from nowhere': he called to his father and they both watched the 'craft' for some minutes as it hovered soundlessly above the rooftops at an estimated height of not more than 200 feet some distance away. Both witnesses gave its apparent size as that of a ball* at arms length, which, though it might be perhaps considered a high estimate, certainly shows it made an impression. The object was oval in shape with a central dome, an interesting feature being a band around the 'body' which contained red, green and blue* lights, flashing on and off with a circular movement.

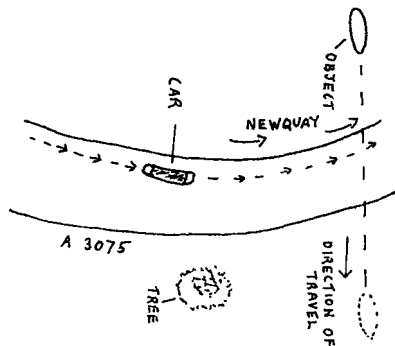
Under observation for between eight and ten minutes, the object, which, according to Mr E Rolfe, had appeared from the south, made off in a north-easterly direction and disappeared.

**As noted by the investigator, the two reports contained several discrepancies—for example, one comparison was with a football, the other with a rugby ball: one mentioned red and green lights, the other red, green and blue. However, some degree of witness error is normally to be expected and the report was made some eighteen months later. Indeed, it could be said that witness accounts which agree in every detail are far more suspect than those that do not!*

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A3075 'Glowing Ellipse'

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Driving towards Newquay on 23 July 1978 along the A3075, Mr F Morton and his wife had reached a point about 1½ miles from the village of Penhallow, when they caught sight of a very bright glowing elliptical object coming from the sea on a horizontal flight path inland. The object was clearly defined and no sound could be heard though all the car windows were wide open, since

it was warm and dry. There was no traffic either in front or behind as the object passed above the road at right angles to the direction of travel—left to right—at a constant speed. Looking out of the open offside car window, witness stated the object abruptly disappeared, but just a second before this it seemed '*tenuous to sight*': it did not suddenly diminish in intensity or size, or fly off at high speed. Total sighting time was six to eight seconds.

During the sighting, radio reception (on 1500 metres) faded for a moment, but no other electrical effects were apparent, and this was considered at the time to be probably a temporary broadcasting fault.

Witness is an experienced observer, having had an interest in the subject since 1958. Since that time he has observed many natural phenomena from marsh gas to ball lightning as well as identifying hoaxes, but, as he writes, '*During that time I have never seen anything (else) that could positively earn the title of UFO—let alone Flying Saucer!*'

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Odd Object over Cove

Inv Andy Collins.

Cove, Hampshire, is quite near the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. The witness, Mrs E S moved from the area to south-west London only a few weeks after the incident which occurred in early May 1974, when she was walking her dogs in the garden at 6.15 am. She glanced up and observed a grey or silver object stationary in the sky '*not very high up.*' It was discoid in shape with a row of square windows around its circumference which emitted a reddish glow. Witness '*felt*' there to be '*movement and shadows*' within. No sound was to be heard as the object slowly moved

in a circular fashion. Witness became scared, collected the dogs, went in and bolted the door and consequently did not observe its manner of disappearance.

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'Startled' Saucer in Shropshire

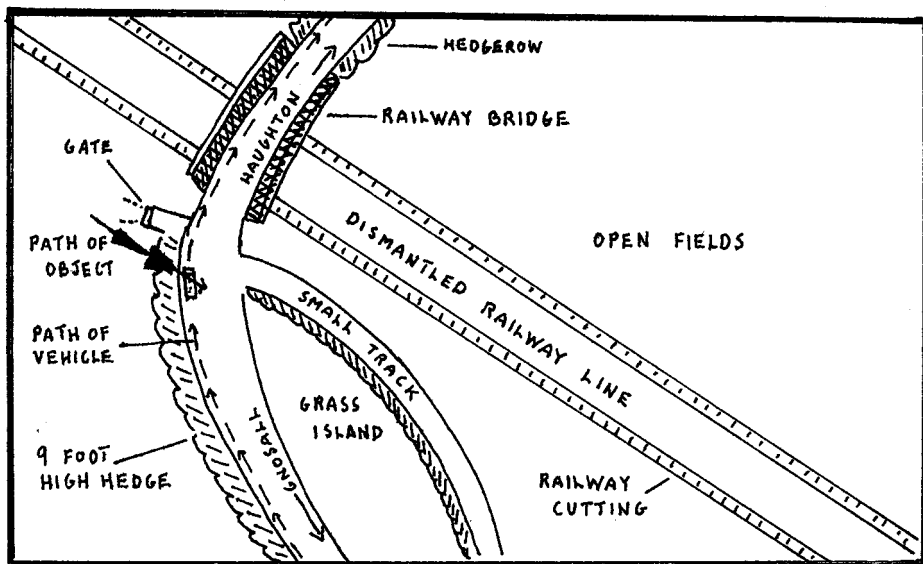
Inv M Keatman.

One Sunday in June 1976, Mr and Mrs Clarkson and a friend visited Llangollen for the day with a Volkswagen club. The '*convoy*' of cars stopped to refuel at Betws-y-Coed and our witnesses' car was last in the queue; as they had been given no directions and all the other cars had left, they decided to return home to Stafford.

On the A518 between Haughton and Gnosall the headlights were switched on: it was twilight, getting dark, but visibility was good. Mr Clarkson slowed down to 35 mph to negotiate a bend across a railway bridge over a disused line, but before they reached it, a large, circular craft came up from behind a hedge and passed low over the car, moving upwards.

This object was dark, silent and about thirty feet in diameter with numerous lights or jets along the perimeter of the underside: the lights, orange in colour, were not very bright and did not give off sufficient light to illuminate even the underside of the craft properly, just giving it a faint orange luminosity. The duration of the sighting was not more than ten seconds: no windows in the car were open and there was no vehicle or radio interference or other effects. Mr Clarkson had the impression that his car headlights might have startled the craft and caused it to take off from the nearby field.

(see illustration overleaf)



Anglesey Again

As I mentioned in the last Journal, several extremely interesting reports have already been published in the Journal from this part of Britain. FUFOR—Federation UFO Research—of Crewe, have conducted a full investigation into the most recent happenings there at Bufora's request, and I am grateful to Mark Tyrrell, Editor of FUFOR'S publication UFO INSIGHT, for permission to reproduce much of the report appearing in its first issue. A 'follow-up' will be given when this becomes available.

The incidents occurred on 1 September 1978 and investigations were carried out on 5 and 12 September. The *Fufor* report reads:—

Although most probably coincidental, it is worth noting that about 2½ hours prior to the sighting of a UFO and the Humanoids (at Llanerchymedd, Anglesey), something strange was happen-

ing in the Anglesey skies. At 1800 hours, on the evening of the 1st, a Mrs Roberts and a Mrs Hughes were walking a dog near their homes when they noticed the strange appearance of the sky. The whole sky was coloured red except for a strange looking black cloud which seemed to be attached to a white cloud above it. The atmosphere seemed very heavy and the area quieter than usual.

At about 2015 hours, Mark Hesketh (aged 11) was playing football with others next to fields at the rear of the Maes Athem estate. One of the boys suddenly shouted that a helicopter was landing in one of the fields. As Mark went for a closer look, he could see that the object was unlike any helicopter he had ever seen. It was bullet-shaped, coloured white all over, but had a red glow around its edges: a band of red light appeared to go across the object. At the same time, Carmen Burford (aged 12), was baby-sitting at a flat on the estate and spotted

what would seem to be the same object, though she described it as being cigar-shaped.

In the meantime, some of the boys had run to the Estate and told a Mrs Owen and Mrs Parry what was happening. Mrs Owen went inside her house to go upstairs and get a better look at the object. Mrs Parry went to the field to see for herself. When she reached there, she saw a spinning white light she thought was a helicopter coming in to land at RAF Valley: she went to tell her husband and then returned to the field. As she approached the boys started to shout that the object was going to land, but although she ran the last few yards, she failed to get a glimpse of the object as it went behind some trees. She then went back indoors.

Mark Hesketh then noticed that some horses two fields away were running riot and saw two quite tall men 6 feet or more in height. One seemed to be waving his arms about above his shoulders. Meanwhile, Mrs Owens had reached her bedroom and claimed to have seen three men in the same field, each dressed in a one-piece suit with a hood covering their heads. She shouted to the boys to get the police and Mark Hesketh ran to do so. In the confusion, no one noticed what finally happened to the strange-looking men.

Later that evening, at 2230, Jeremy Burford and three others were driving outside Llanerchymedd and saw a purple star-like object which made a close pass at them.

On Sunday, 3 September at 2300 hours, a Mrs Garnett, together with her step-daughter, saw a circular, silver object—again on the Maes Athem estate. It seemed to hover for a few seconds before shooting off into the distance in less than a minute.

Some nearby dogs and horses apparently made a racket lasting some hours.

At 0230 hours on 3 September and again on the morning of the 4th, helicopters were observed hovering over the fields where the humanoids were allegedly seen. Flares were dropped to light the area up. Later, *Fufor* received an assurance from RAF Valley that there were no military air or ground manoeuvres either at the time of the humanoid incident or, indeed, over the whole weekend. An indication of deeper 'authority' involvement in the UFO phenomenon perhaps?

A field near to where the object was seen to go down contained an area of flattened barley. *Fufor* considers there could be two plausible explanations for this, however. Firstly, the presence of helicopters low over these fields on the Sunday and Monday and, secondly, there had been high winds in the area over this particular weekend: there were small areas of flattened grass in the field where the humanoids were seen, but these did not seem in the least mysterious.

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As a postscript to the British reports, it is interesting that in early September 1978, an object very similar to the one reported over Cumbria by many witnesses, including police on 28 August 1977, appears again to have been in evidence. This time the reports came from Kendal, where, it is said, hundreds of people watching Kendal's annual torchlight procession saw the object which, as with the earlier one, had two bright 'headlights' and moved slowly and noiselessly above and away from the startled witnesses.

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Overseas Reports

'The Ibiza Triangle'

Cr M J Underwood.

There were at least eight witnesses to this sighting by people holidaying in a villa near the town of San Antonio Abad in the Ibiza area of Spain. One of them, who has requested anonymity has sent in the following account:

Eight of us in the villa at the time, had just finished our evening meal. I was lying on the bed in the front room reading a paper: it was a warm night and we had the windows wide open. I looked up and saw a very bright light over Conejara island and said, 'That star's bright tonight.' It went dull and then very bright again. Intrigued, I went outside on the porch and called a friend out with me. The light suddenly disappeared and we called everyone else out—three Londoners, two Irishmen, two Swedish girls and a Canadian girl. We began to argue over what it was and suddenly the light reappeared, but this time it was red: it stayed in the same position for about three or four minutes, then moved in our direction: as it got closer, the red light seemed to pulse. One of the girls said, 'It's a plane,' and at this time we all agreed.

A few of the crowd had lost interest and drifted back inside, but as the craft came nearer, it was seen there were too many lights for it to be a plane. All the others came out again and as it came nearer still we could see that it was in the shape of a triangle with lights at the front and down the sides. We were all shouting that it was a UFO, when one of us called out, 'Everyone keep quiet.' Then a very eerie feeling came over us because there was no sound at all: it just drifted over—not fast, not slow. For a plane to have been so large it would

have been only about 500 feet above the ground and the noise would have been deafening.

As it went over the top of us, it went behind buildings that surround the Patank Square. I ran down the road and everyone followed, hoping to get another look, but it was gone. The duration of the sighting was between five and ten minutes. Lights at the front of the 'triangle' had been red: others were green and white.

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Middle East 'Jumbo'

'The size of a jumbo jet'—a description given to several sightings reported in recent *Journal* issues. This time, though, the scene is not England, but Kuwait, where, in November last just such a giant craft apparently landed near a satellite tracking station. The object was said to have descended in a brilliant ball of light, watched by seven men who walked to within 250 yards of the 'dish-shaped' UFO. After only a few minutes the object took off again vertically at high speed. The Kuwaiti government are said to be conducting an enquiry into the affair, but few additional details are as yet known.

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Australia : The Valentich Affair

At 7.12 pm on Saturday, 23 October 1978, a light plane—a Cessna 182 'Delta Sierra Juliet'—piloted by Frederick Valentich, went missing following a remarkable radio conversation between Valentich and air traffic controllers at Melbourne, from where the plane had taken off en route to King Island.

Over Bass Strait, at 7.6 pm, Valentich reported to control that there was a large 'aircraft' below 5,000 feet with four bright lights like landing lights:

he could not identify the object which had passed about 1,000 feet above him. The following conversation then took place:—

7.6 p.m:

Valentich: ' . . . Are there any RAAF aircraft in the vicinity? '

Flight Service Unit: ' Negative. '

7.8 pm—:

V: ' It's approaching from due east towards me—seems to be playing some sort of game. It's flying at a speed I can't estimate. '

FSU: ' What is your altitude? '

V: ' 4,500 feet. '

FSU: ' Can you confirm non-identification of aircraft? '

V: ' Affirmative. '

7.9 pm:

V: ' It's not an aircraft ' (transmission break).

FSU: ' Can you give description of aircraft? '

V: ' It's flying past. It's a long shape: I can't identify more than that. Coming for me now it appears to be stationary. I'm orbiting and the thing is orbiting on top of me also. It has a green light and a sort of metallic light on the outside. '

The object was then reported to have vanished.

FSU: ' Confirm that it has vanished. '

V: ' Affirmative: Affirmative. Do you know what aircraft I've got? Is it military? '

FSU: ' No—no military traffic in the area. '

7.12 pm:

V: ' Engine is rough-idling and coughing. '

FSU: ' What are your intentions? '

V: ' Proceeding to King Island. Unknown aircraft hovering on top of me. '

FSU: ' Acknowledged. '

There was then a metallic noise over the radio and contact with the aircraft was lost

Valentich was due to arrive at King Island at 7.28 pm, but failed to do so. A visual and radio search was instigated and an RAAF *Orion* from Edinburgh, South Australia, spent all day on the Sunday searching the area off Cape Otway where the plane had disappeared. A small oil slick was observed and a boat subsequently picked up samples for analysis. Wreckage was also sighted some 25-30 miles off Cape Wickham, but this was later found to consist of partly submerged fruit cartons and plastic bags. The search was called off the following Wednesday after eight civil planes as well as the *Orion* had been involved.

Valentich's night flight had been for the purpose of building up night flying hours and experience and to collect crayfish from King Island. He had flown with the RAAF Training Corps for some three years.

Some interesting points then began to emerge:

Valentich's father said that his son had been interested in UFOs and had in fact seen 'classified material.' (This was denied by the Australian authorities). . . .

The suggestion was made (though strongly contested) that Valentich could have been flying upside down and had seen the reflection of his own lights in the water

Valentich had not asked King Island airport to switch on the runway lights: this is a very small strip and it would be impossible to land without them . . . Police on King Island could not find anyone who was selling crayfish to Valentich. (One of the stated reasons for his flight). . . .

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According to his girlfriend, Rhonda, he was supposed to have picked her up at 7.30 pm that night to go to a disco, and from his flight plan he could not possibly have returned to Melbourne before 9 pm.

The night, incidentally, was clear and not too dark. Air safety experts are understood to have the tape under examination.

Well, was Valentich abducted by a UFO? Did he crash-land near Cape Otway? Did he come down in the sea? Or was the whole thing an elaborate hoax? As things stand at present, your guess is as good as mine!

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Australia : Brighton 'Classic UFO'

At 2.43 pm on Sunday, 12 November, ship's captain Frank Jolly, formerly a sceptic on the subject of UFOs, observed a dome-shaped object fly over his house in Brighton, Melbourne. At the time, Captain Jolly, aged 50, a Port Phillip Bay ship pilot for seven years, was sunbathing in his backyard: he noticed the object at a height of around 3,000 feet and estimated its speed as between 100 and 200 knots. About 60 feet in diameter, it seemed to have brown stripes on its underside. The dome was a dark grey and Captain Jolly thought it was of a thin metallic substance as he noticed a slight buckling. The object made no sound. It was a cloudless day. Checks were made with Moorabbin and Tullamarine airports, but there was no record of any aircraft in the area.

Norman Oliver.

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Report-Extra illustrations by Jennifer Cook and David Cragg.

Apologia

In Vol 7 No 2, when referring to *Bufo* and *Contact UK* as the country's two longest established investigational bodies, I omitted to include the *British Flying Saucer Bureau* which celebrated its Silver Jubilee in 1978. Sorry BFSB! I hope this acknowledgement, together with the reference on page 27 of our last issue, puts the record straight.

Lionel Beer, writing in Part 1 of the *History of Bufo* (Vol 4 No 11, Jan/Feb '76) stated that Denis Plunkett was killed on active service. Denis has written to me to confirm that he is, in fact, very much alive and currently Chairman of the *British Flying Saucer Bureau* above.

John Rimmer has pointed out that much of the review by Bryan Hartley of the book *Prelude to the Landing on Planet Earth* appearing in Vol 7 No 3 was couched in near-identical terms to that of his own earlier review in the *Metempirical UFO Bulletin*. Our apologies to John that this similarity escaped scrutiny.

Norman Oliver

Sighting Summaries

Presentation by Pauline Grego

Code No.	Date	Time	Place	Report	Class	Investigator/ Credit
DE-133	1953	pm	Hayes, Middx	6 stars in rows	C4b	R FISHER, CONTACT UK
DE-168	Feb '77	0830	N Cornelly, S Wales	' Long streak '	C4b	J DUNNING, CONTACT UK
DE-287	Feb '78	1900	Lydd, Kent	' Bright light '	C4b	A HALL
DE-289	11.7.75	Midnight	Folkestone, Kent	' Saucer shape ' with red lights	C3c	A HALL
DE-291	1960's June 24	2330	Warminster, Wilts	Bright pulsing ' satellite '	C4c	I CLOKE
DE-293	16.11.62	0110	Gravesend, Kent	Elliptical object	C3c	I CLOKE, M BARRON
DE-295	1970	2300-2400	London, SE15	Orange-red cigar	C3b	M BARRON I CLOKE M WEAVEN
DE-301	August 1953	pm	Coventry, W Midlands	Silver disc	C4c	A HALL
DE-313	5.9.77	2300	Blithbury, Lincoln	Grey-white ' hat shape '	C3b	A HALL
DE-314	Sept '77	0100	Ramsgate, Kent	Orange ball	C4c	A HALL
DE-320	20.8.77	2200	Tunbridge Wells, Kent	2 yellow round objects	C4b	M WEAVEN
DE-325	Sept '77	1900	London, SE20	' Half-string necklet '	C3c	M WEAVEN
DE-380	Aug/Sept 1971	1630	London, SE15	Round red/orange object	C4c	M BARRON I CLOKE
DE-513	31.10.77	2100	Dunmow, Essex	Separating and fusing Lits	C4b	E LUFF
DE-514	Nov/Dec	—	Colchester, Essex	Bright white light	C4c	E LUFF
DE-517	April	0215	Saffron Walden, Essex	White light ball	C4c	E LUFF
DE-519	May '77	Midnight	Spain	2 brilliant square lights	C3c	E LUFF
DE-523	July '76	0200	Wickford, Essex	Dull yellow ball	C4c	E LUFF
DE-579	—	Evening	Hull, N Humberside	4 objects with lights	C3c	H FOSTER
DE-683	Summer	1430	Henley-on-Thames	5 round silver objects	C3b	I CLOKE
1930	?	Daytime	Cotswolds	Silver ' Zeppelin '	C3c	R LAKE
1945	22.3.45	Midnight	Holland	Lits in formation	C4c	R LAKE
1964	Nov	0100	Preston, Lancs	Curved white/grey diamond	C3b	—
1965	Summer	Noon	Bingham, Notts	' Descending branches, roots '	C4c	—
1965	August	0030	Weston-super-Mare, Avon	Manoeuvring lit	C4b	C EDWARDS
1970	?	Midnight	Barlaston, Staffs	3 ' moon discs '	C4b	M KEATMAN
1971	October	0300	Blackpool, Lancs	Oval with coloured flashes	C4b	B HARTLEY
1973/74	?	2100-2200	Glasson Docks, Lancs	' Roundish objects '	C3b	M KEATMAN
1974	25.2.74	1900	Weston-super-Mare, Avon	' Separating object '	C3b	I VINTEN

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1974	21.10.78	1715	Exmouth, Devon	Round object with tail	C3b	J JEFFREY
1974	October	1645	Bristol	Very bright white lit	C4c	
1974	29.10.74	pm	Frampton Cotterell, Avon	Circular object with red flash	C4c	
1974	Dec	1905	Lichfield, Staffs	2 yellow-white cigar shapes	B4c	
BR 52	Sept '52	1715	Brighton, Sussex	Revolving 'tablet'	C3b	
GY 56	July/Aug 1956	1600-1800	Gt Yarmouth, Norfolk	Silver-grey disc	C3b	
75-277	30.9.75	2230	Rotherham, Yorks	7 'star-shapes'	C4c	
75-280	29.9.75	2008	Weston-super-Mare, Avon	Manoeuvring lit	C4c	
75-281	17.8.75	2145	Avon	Round red 'fire balls'	C4c	WCUFORA
75-282	24.8.75	2130	Weston-super-Mare, Avon	Round object	C3c	
75-283	20.8.75	pm	"	Greyish object	C4b	
75-284	8.8.75	2130	Pill, Avon	White object	C4c	
75-285	6.2.75	1745	Yeovil, Somerset	Oval shape with lights	C3b	
76-420	2.8.76	0022	Bristol	4 round hazy objects	C4c	
76-425	22.11.76	2105	Torquay, Devon	2 dark grey objects	C4c	J WEBBER
76-429	7.11.76	1930	Wednesbury, W Midlands	'Oval' with dome	C3c	M PRITCHARD
76-430	Late July	2200	Belhos, Essex	4/5 long thin objects	C4c	—
76-431	11.10.76	2050	Weston-super-Mare,	White star-like lit	C4c	
76-432	30.5.76	2300	"	Sharply defined 'star-like' object	C4c	WCUFORA
76-433	20.10.76	0600	"	Small ball of bright light	B4c	
76-434	15.12.76	1430	"	'silver cigar'	C4b	
76-435	27.10.76	2230	Barlaston, Staffs	White/green object	C4c	M KEATMAN
77- —	27.5.77	?	Barkingside, Essex	2 silvery-white cylinders	C3c	R LAKE
77-432	26.3.77	Midnight	Churchdown, Glos	Cloud, blue light	C3c	G BAKER
77-440	29.12.77	1800	Anglesey, N Wales	Gliding and hovering 'shape'	C4b	C BORD
77-445	16.1.77	1230	St Helens, Merseyside	Pulsating 'star'	C3c	B HARTLEY
77-446	23.7.77	0200	Sildon, Co Durham	Cigar with 'squares'	C3c	B HARTLEY
77-452	Nov	0915	Tilgate, Sussex	Flat red oval	C3b	P O'GRADY
77-456	27.12.77	1910	Basingstoke, Hants	Orange glows	C3b	A COLLINS
77-481	31.10.77	1855	Glenrothes, Edinburgh	3 flashing multi-coloured lits	C4b	S CAMPBELL
77-482	October	2100	Ty Coch, Swansea	Yellow/blue oval	C3c	C E EDWARDS
77-483	8.12.77	0100	Algeciras, Spain	Round yellow-red object	C3b	—

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77-484	Dec	2155	Tittensor, Staffs	Cigar-shape with dome	C3c	M KEATMAN
77-487	9.9.77	2030	Salisbury, Wilts	Dome with flat bottom	C3c	I VINTEN
77-498	14.12.77	2200	Halifax, Yorks	Red and black object	C3b	T WHITAKER
77-499	June	1600	Dagenham, Essex	' Pencil-shape '	C4b	A COLLINS
77-500	?	1600	Hainault, Essex	5 objects in ' arrow-head '	C4c	B KING A COLLINS
77-505	4.3.77	1255	Bristol	White oval object	C4c	WCUFORA
77-506	14.5.77	2100	„	Silver/orange object	C4c	
77-507	23.6.77	0235	Weston-super-Mare, Avon	White oval object	B4c	
77-508	24.5.77	2300	Frampton Cotterell, Avon	Bright lit	C4c	
77-509	20.5.77	2300	Bristol	White/hold lit	C4c	
77-510	26.1.77	1630	„	Lit with vapour trail	C4c	
77-511	8.5.77	2300	Weston-super-Mare, Avon	Bright lit	C4c	
77-512	25.10.77	1900-2230	M4 Motorway	Huge elliptical craft	C3b	COLIN and JANET BORD
77-513	7.7.77	1328	S Woodford, Essex	' A '-shaped object	C3c	R LAKE
78-023	8.1.78	0620	Torquay, Devon	' Off-white cigar '	C3b	—
78-063	24.6.78	1900	Swanley, Kent	Silver ' ball '	C3b	M WEAVEN M BARRON
78-067	10.6.78	2345	Warminster, Wilts	Pulsating white object	C3b	G ROBERTS
78-069	22.4.78	1205	Taunton, Somerset	Round white object	C4c	WCUFORA
78-071	Feb	2245	Yeovilton, Somerset	White lit	C4c	—
78-073	22.5.78	2210	Kingsbury, London	Indeterminate shaped object ' breaking up '	C3b	C R ROWLANDS
78-075	11.6.78	2200	Leeds, Yorks	' Long galleon shape '	C4c	T WHITAKER
78-076	22.6.78	0030	Clifton, Beds	Multi-coloured disc	C4b	B KING
78-078	June	0200-0400	Dagenham, Essex	White object with green tail	C4b	A COLLINS
78-080	2.1.78	1530	Thurrock, Essex	' Splitting ' silver sphere	C4c	A COLLINS
78-081	13.8.78	2240	Malden, Essex	' Fuzzy irregular glow '	C4b	A COLLINS
78-084	11.1.78	0710	Blackpool, Lancs	Two grey-white oblongs	C4b	B HARTLEY
78-085	10.5.78	0017	Ware, Herts	White lit	B4c	B KING
78-086	25.3.78	2115-2120	Dagenham, Essex	2 multi-coloured objects	C3b	R LAKE
78-087	Jan	pm	Kidsgrove, Staffs	White/yellow oval	C4b	—
78-088	9.8.78	Midday	Scunthorpe, Humberside	Black inverted saucer	C3c	S. TAYLOR
78-090	9.9.78	0519	Skipton, Yorks	Round yellow/orange object	B4b	—
78-091	23.7.78	0015	Glasgow	Hazy silver object	C4c	S CAMPBELL
78-093	24.7.78	2330	Barry, Glamorgan	Manoeuvring coloured lit	C4b	—

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78-094	5.4.78	1635	Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs	' Silver cigar '	C4b	—
78-095	5.4.78	2215	„	White/green oval	C3b	—
78-097	15.7.78	2328	Bridgwater, Somerset	White diamond	B4c	WCUFORA
78-098	6.8.78	Midnight	Langford Crest, Avon	Intense white light	C4b	WCUFORA
78-099	21.8.78	0100	„	„	C4b	WCUFORA
78-100	26.6.78	2225	Stafford	Round yellow object	C4b	M KEATMAN
78-101	Feb	pm	Macclesfield, Cheshire	' Cigar with shapes of light '	C4c	M KEATMAN
78-102	July	Early afternoon	Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs	Spherical yellow/white object	C4c	M KEATMAN
78-104	12.1.78	1815	Dagenham, Essex	Massive cigar shape	C3c	B KING

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