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however, we are—as indeed with many other hypothetical solutions—merely replacing one unknown with another, for the terms ‘Devilish,’ ‘demonic’ etc, will conjure up different conceptions (or no conception at all) in different people.

I feel it should be emphasised—and by no means do I refer solely to suggested angelic or demonic origins—that far too many researchers commence with a set view of what constitutes the UFO problem and then proceed to produce cases, facts and figures supporting their own particular preconceptions, whilst ignoring or giving the minimum of attention to other aspects. Certainly, no possible solution should be neglected: on the other hand, neither should any hypothesis be treated as fact and elements tending to support other viewpoints treated with indifference.

Agreed: the religious aspect should not be ignored, but neither, however, should it be regarded as the heavensent (?!) solution to the UFO enigma.

*Norman Oliver.*

## Editorial

### The Devil of a problem!

The Rev Eric Inglesby has introduced the religious aspect of UFOs—and possible demonic origin in particular—to our pages (see Uforum), and since we do not know the origin of the UFO enigma, it is only right that all possible solutions should be taken into consideration. That said,

## London Lectures

- Sat. 5 May 1979:** 7 pm: Probing the UFO Timetable  
*Speaker: Roy Dutton, C Eng MIMechE, MRAeS.*
- Sat. 2 June 1979:** 7 pm: Shamans and Silver Discs  
*Speaker: Stephen Jenkins, TD, MA, FRGS*
- Sat. 23 June 1979:** 7 pm: The New Zealand UFO Flap—1978/79  
*Speaker: Rocky Wood, President ECRA (New Zealand)*

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

**NB**—The meeting on June 23 is additional to those shown on the current lecture card—see details elsewhere in this issue.

# Points from the Press

Valerie Martin

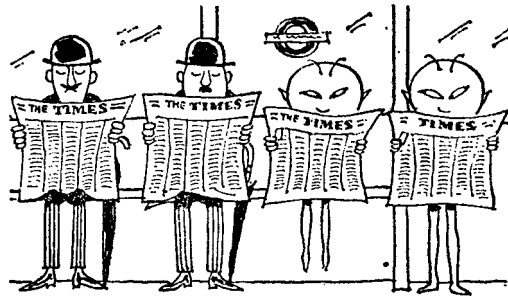
The *Bucks Herald* of 5 October had a drawing of the large spherical object seen by several people, circling the Vale of Aylesbury. A Rowsham woman first observed from a window, a prominent bright light displaying red lights, and running into her garden saw a metallic-looking craft with different shades of grey which were dimly lit, pass over rooftops. Some boys at Wingrave saw a saucer-like object gradually moving upwards slowly around the same time.

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The *Stafford Newsletter* of 13 October reported the flood of sightings received by our research director, Tony Pace. Most occurred the previous Thursday evening and varied from a circle of flashing lights surrounding a line of red and green ones, to a horizontal line of one green and two red lights surrounded by yellow and red flashing ones, which shot off appearing in another part of the sky, making up and down movements. A couple saw two bright lights going up which lit their garden like daylight.

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The *South London Press* of 17 October recounted the strange experience of a dustman, who, driving to work early the week before, was frightened by the sight of a triangular black object with a silvery sheen underneath and flashing lights at two corners, above Streatham High-road. Described as eight or nine times the size of a plane, it hovered silently for 10 to 15 seconds, then twirled around and slowly went in the direction of Mitcham, making a roaring noise. Norman Oliver, FRAS, commented there had been nothing



like this among several reports from the area lately.

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The *Grimsby Evening Telegraph* of 14 October published a letter from *Bufora* member Stephen Draper, in reply to correspondence, some critical, on ufology. He advised those interested to join *Bufora*.

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The *Sunday Mirror* of 22 October had a report on a Chard, Somerset, woman twice seeing a UFO, following other sightings of strange objects. It shone a strong light in her bedroom and was floating above a hedge some 200 feet away. Beneath, she could see two metal legs like an upside-down V. There was no sound, then it began to rise and the light went out.

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The *Express and Echo* (Exeter) of 17 October tells of its reporter studying UFO literature in Devon's libraries, and gave a list of books including '*The Scoriton Mystery*.' As a result, Norman Oliver was contacted and described as a down-to-earth chap, who would not easily have the wool pulled over his eyes by practical jokers!

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The *Bideford and North Devon Gazette* of 27 October, and other Devon papers, gave coverage to the proposed form-

ation of a *North Devon UFO Study Group* based at Bideford. Mr H L Coble, vice-president and founder member of the *British Flying Saucer Bureau*, who is also a *Bufora* member, organised a meeting at the Strand Cinema, with the co-operation of the Manager, Mr J Goodall. Mr Coble told the audience including *Bufora* members, that there had been several unreported close encounters.

(Credit—Harold Coble has asked us to point out that in the *North Devon Journal-Herald* item in the November-December Journal, it was not his son but the son of the newspaper's feature writer who had a UFO photo poorly reproduced in the *Journal-Herald*).

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The *Manchester Evening News* of 6 November had a feature on Jack Webb, former star of TV series *Dragnet* and now producer of NBC series "*Project UFO's*" which shows cases from the USAF *Project Blue Book*. Webb had not only obtained a microfilm of the documents, but also the services of the chief spokesman, William T. Coleman.

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The *Evening Advertiser* of 2 November had the story of a young UFO watcher who photographed a red object moving across the sky. Swindon's *Aerial Phenomena Investigation Club* produced an image of a blurred ball of light, insufficiently clear to print in the newspaper.

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The *Watford Evening Echo* of 24 October and many other papers, mentioned the disappearance of the Australian pilot following the sighting of an object with green lights. Since then there had been hundreds of UFO reports around the Victorian coast, but senior pilots said that Venus had tended

to change colour when viewed at altitude.

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The *Whitstable Times* of 24 November reported that a UFO was spotted by local weather expert, Percy Hatton, who accumulates data for Bracknell weather centre. While making his daily observations the previous Thursday at 7.15 am, he saw a block of light grey vapour moving rapidly from east to west across the sky. Then a glistening silver plate-shaped object appeared in front of the vapour which increased in size, accelerated and disappeared. Four staff members of an old people's home later said they had seen a stationary oval orange-shaped object around the same time.

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*News of the World* of 17 December had a report that French police are investigating an engineer's encounter with a UFO which nearly caused him to fall off his motorcycle, near Chapelle-de-Suxleu in the south. It had aerials, four legs and looked like a '*giant luminous hedgehog*.' It swooped quite close and tried to follow him, his wife and family. It was also seen when he arrived home.

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The *Birmingham Evening Mail* of 30 November reported the mysterious events along Italy's Adriatic coast for the past six weeks. First, the bodies of two fishermen were found beside their capsized boats, their deaths attributed to unknown causes. Then a series of eerie sightings, 60 ft columns of foaming water burst from a glassy sea, red lights rocketed skywards up to 200 ft and white '*globes of fire*' were seen travelling at high speed underwater. Unidentified echoes on radar followed trawlers back to port, broke the fishermen's nerves and they demanded naval escorts.

The *Sunday People* of 7 January continued the strange happenings in Italy. Seven near Naples claim they watched an 8 ft tall 'Martian' in shining suit walk up and down for five hours and repeated their story several times to different hypnotists. Three A1 Italia DC-10 pilots saw a 100 yd long UFO travelling at 1500 mph. A Naples professor of meteorology watched one for 10 minutes perform aerobatics no plane could manage. Three soldiers in Sicily claim to have seen strange men getting out of a saucer on Mount Etna, and on Christmas Eve, a station technician was temporarily paralysed as a glowing red UFO partially blinded him.

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The *Daily Telegraph* of 2 January had an article on the New Zealand sighting. Sir Bernard Lovell and other astronomers were quick to refute the idea that the UFOs were from other planets. In its leader on 3 January, the editor criticised the scientists for overstating their case, in contrast to it's science correspondent's continuing crusade against the existence of UFOs now extended to witnesses and investigators. Subsequent reports mentioned the Earl of Clancarty's debate and the large demand for seats for it.

On 5 January, an account of an alleged landing appeared. In South Africa, a former nurse and her son unable to sleep, went for a midnight walk west of Johannesburg. They saw a pink light and suddenly came across a thing in the road with five or six beings in front of it. She told her son to fetch his father, then the creatures, who were wearing white or pink suits and one a helmet, jumped in the air and vanished through a door into their craft. The long steel-type legs began to stretch out and with a humming noise, the object disappeared into the sky.

Further January editions reported a spate of UFO sightings from Israel, ranging from a red ball over Haifa, to sparkling red, blue and purple lights above Jerusalem. The air force said nothing showed on radar screens.

A UFO was seen over Poland. Two Krakow residents claim to have seen a big ball beaming red light, which disturbed their car engine.

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With mass media in the grip of UFO fever at New Year, probably because of lack of news of industrial unrest, due to Christmas shutdown, prominence was given to the UFO sighting over the North East. The explanation later was the burning up of the rocket-launcher of satellite Cosmos 1068, sent up the previous week.

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The *North Norfolk News* of 5 January had an article on the large 'spaceship' seen off Cromer and Skegness simultaneously on 31 December at 7 pm. First impressions were of an aircraft about to crash, but this was discounted by air traffic control at West Drayton, who said there were no planes in the area at the time. Coastguards at Cromer saw what at first looked like a big light then an airship, which looked about 200 yds long and 2 to 3 miles out at sea. It had bands of whitish light coming off in all directions and a line of red and green lights down one side. It was also reported by pilots flying to Amsterdam and further sightings were from Tyne, Teeside and Humber. The current popular explanation that it was re-entry of space debris was discounted because it was travelling horizontally along the coast from north to south.

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The *Tunbridge Wells Advertiser* of 10 January had a report by a woman and

her fiancé who were driving down the A21 near Hildenborough and saw something 'like a huge headlight' in the sky. They stopped the car further on and observed a cigar-shaped moving object, with wings like an aircraft, which were lit up right along. Although high in the sky, they said it looked enormous.

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The *Folkestone Herald* of 27 January had an account by local postman, Paul Hillier, who while delivering mail early the previous Tuesday, saw a yellow flashing light behind rooftops which

lit up the sky. It got nearer, turned orange and stopped flashing. It was noiseless, but massive and travelling very slowly about 100 to 200 ft up. He described the shape as diamond-like and really 'funny' but he felt frightened. It headed out towards Dover and then suddenly vanished without a trace. Coastguards and RAF Manston had no report of the incident and the latter said their radar system would not record a low-flying object over Folkestone. Strange lights over Dover had been reported some days earlier.

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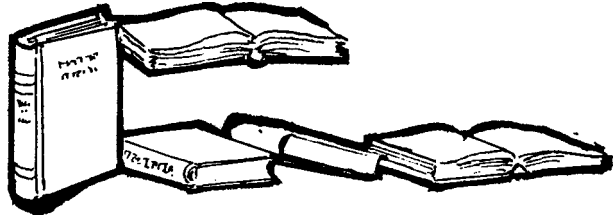
*AWARENESS*—The Journal of Contact UK. Details from: The National Chairman, Contact UK, 59d Windmill Road, Headington, Oxford.

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## Book Reviews

### "UFOs: WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING"

by John Wheldon



On the whole, I found this book interesting, and overall it gave a fair picture of the UFO phenomena in general, together with various viewpoints. However, there was some emphasis on one aspect of the Occult side of this, referring to demonic activity, which led me to criticise the author's viewpoint inasmuch that he might have overlooked the atrocities in past ages of man's inhumanity to man, and on comparing UFO phenomena in relation to Demonic activity, and earth's past history, it would seem that 'demons' have their 'being' in all aspects of Life, possibly UFOs also to a degree. Therefore, it is as well to keep a balance in our approach.

There is an abundance of evidence of possible demonic activity throughout the ages on earth between our own kind but I doubt if anyone can prove the same where UFOs and occupants are concerned.

Perhaps 'ignorance' might be a better term to use, instead of demonic activity, ignorance that is, on the part of some aliens from Space, and ignorance on our part, but not necessarily evil intentions. Maybe, we see a reflection of our own fears of the 'unknown,' when confronted with such mysterious objects.

S. Kellard.

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**ALL ENCOUNTERS HAVE BEEN MASTERMINDED BY THE PUBLISHERS  
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## Uforum

'Ouch' was my first reaction on reading Mr R Jones Pugh's letter in the last Journal, and I can only say that my own 'facts' on the 'ponies' incident were culled from what I had hitherto regarded as fairly responsible and factually accurate newspapers.

Naturally, as he is a member of the *Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons* as well as a most able UFO investigator, I accept his own more knowledgeable comments—but I **would** have liked it far more had Mr Pugh actually seen the evidence first hand and not from a colleague, and I say that with the greatest respect—my reaction stemming from the newspaper reports was, I hope, understandable, not only to those who have studied the **other** 'animal mutilation' reports from many parts of the world over the years, but also, taking Mr Jones Pugh's other comments into consideration, because I have always regarded myself as a fairly 'logical' person, not given to flights of fancy; this 'logic' has been further enriched by my personal sightings of what we still have to call UFOs over the years, in circumstances and situations—multi-witness or not—which my mind at first refused to accept as being anything other than normal mundane objects or incidents.

Each of these has had me racking my brain for an 'earthly' explanation—to the extent of contacting local Air Stations, MOD, Police, etc, whose answers have actually only served to make one feel that there actually IS a mystery!

Of course I have an 'imagination'—surely we all have some traces of this mental ability which might well separate us from other denizens of this world—but other percipients will, I feel sure, vouch for the literally mind-

wrenching trauma that one endures after one has gone through the various 'earthly' explanations and found oneself in a corner which admits no exit or escape other than the one that discloses with absolute finality that we are very small fry indeed, struggling at the bottom of a murky pond, with tantalising and sometimes encouraging hints of what we **might** become if we throw away our environmental conditioning.

Once a percipient—and whether he or she is a ufologist at the time is irrelevant—has passed this milestone, light dawns where others may still be donning their glasses for a closer look!

I can assure Mr Jones Pugh that I have **never** accepted a pure 'LITS' as anything **other** than just that, unless circumstances change my opinion—they remain **just that** in some cases but how would one imagine or explain in 'logical' terms a small white 'blob' witnessed by myself and a colleague at a different location (I had time to phone him), which rose slowly in the Southern night sky in 1978 until almost overhead, was then 'lost' through telephoning my colleague and re-located travelling the opposite way pursued (or followed, since the distance remained constant), by a small jet aircraft whose noise contrasted to the 'blob's' silence. This 'chase' went on for up to forty-five minutes, criss-crossing the sky, by which time, I had to leave for an appointment.

Next day my colleague reported that either the **same**, or a new aircraft, took over the chase for a further period until all disappeared over the horizon. My mind said 'satellite' in the early stages (I was studying Mars at the time and the object first appeared low down

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beneath this planet), but, in the end, watching the 'chase,' I telephoned the local airport, since the craft were almost directly over in that direction, although very high, and they suggested, after a detailed description, that 'it' was a 'meteorite'! . . . Incredible! No, Mr Jones Pugh, I would suggest, in all humility, that it is **not** my own mind which is credulous: it is not my own mind which 'rejects a normal and scientific answer in favour of the over-imaginative'—to quote your words—as you may well agree from the foregoing incident, one of many. I find that it is the 'official' mind that serves to nudge one into thinking that there is 'more in it than meets the eye,' a quotation I've heard from many former sceptics made suspicious by 'official' and 'expert' answers.

Finally, I have been forced to believe, until shown otherwise, that it is **not** the 'answer' to it all that is urgent or important, it is the **searching** we do in the process that matters.

E Sears,  
Portswood,  
Southampton.

In your brief review of the *House of Lords Debate* (Vol 8/1, p 3), you were quite right to record the remark of Lord Davies of Leek: '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.?'

I attended the debate and consider that these words were quite the shrewdest of all. The way in which they were emphasised by the speaker (and the way in which the Bishop of Norwich reacted) brought home to listeners that the religious dimension of UFO-ism is all-important.

The fact is, we are dealing with

'belief structures.' What we see we tend to believe, or to interpret in accordance with our beliefs; and, more importantly, what we believe we are certainly prone to see. In the case of the Virgin Mary, for example, it is historical fact that 'she' was seen by some psychic girls at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, and that 'her' appearances have since been linked with UFO sightings. Roman Catholics, in general, accept that the apparitions were indeed the Virgin Mary. Non Roman Catholics, on the contrary, believe no such thing and consider the whole affair was some sort of psychical confidence trick. In their judgment, most Roman theology concerning the Virgin Mary is spurious anyhow, which lends weight to their conclusions that the Fatima miracles and messages were definitely not of God, but quite the opposite—a point of view consistently held by the original priest of the parish, incidentally. In other words, these psychical/UFO phenomena, it is argued (I argue it myself in my book *UFOs and the Christian*), were engineered to destroy straightforward belief in Jesus Christ alone as the Saviour of all.

I hope *Bufora* will not dodge the religious dimension of Ufology merely because it is awkward; (it is extremely awkward). In many respects, as you know, the modern spate of sightings is intrinsically similar to the classical Fatima case. The psychological/physical/religious aspects are identical in all essentials. On the one hand there is the pseudo-theology of extra-terrestrials, highly intelligent beings; benign elder brothers coming to save us, or at any rate to oversee us for our own good. This belief structure, increasingly absorbed by the younger generation, is then 'confirmed' by more and more sightings, even including messages, as at Fatima.

Of course, I regard this sort of development with ever greater apprehension, because I am a minister of Christ, the only Saviour of mankind. You may disagree with this view, but I submit that it can no longer be disregarded. It may well be the heart of the matter.

*Rev Eric Inglesby,  
Fairford, Glos.*

*The Rev Inglesby has requested his letter be printed in full, and, having examined it carefully, I must agree that to omit any portion would have detracted from its content. The possibility of religious involvement in the UFO phenomenon is a legitimate field for speculation, but I*

*would ask correspondents to avoid including comment that could be construed as using these columns for the purpose of attacking other religions or denominations.—Ed.*

Maureen Weaven, now Secretary to NIC Larry Dale, was featured in a 'spread' in *The Reporter* of 26 January 1979. Maureen, whose phone number appears on the inside front cover, should be contacted concerning investigational matters at times when the NIC is not available.

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## **Chairman's Notes**

### **Volunteers Needed**

We need a volunteer to help on the publicity front: someone who can prepare and distribute the occasional press release. Also we need someone who is able to follow up material in the press to Bufora's advantage, ie: write letters and send off publicity material to editors. Essential qualifications are the ability to write and type good clear English. Please get in touch either with the Chairman or Hon Secretary if you think you might be able to help.

### **New Information Leaflets**

The membership - cum - information leaflet has now been revised, and members holding stocks of the old membership forms or publicity leaflets are asked to throw them away as they are now out of date. If you would like a copy of the new leaflet for your

own information, or copies to pass to prospective members, please write to the Publications Officer, Mr Arnold West. (*Address on inside front cover*).

### **Bufora Annual Award**

Bufora has established an Annual Award for 'Services to Ufology.' The recipient of the award need not be a member of Bufora, but should be someone who has devoted a lot of time to the furtherance of Ufology over a number of years. We are not especially looking for someone well-known, such as an author or editor. In 1978 the award went to Arnold West: in 1979 to Bernard Delair. If you would like to nominate someone, please write to the Hon Secretary of Bufora, Miss Betty Wood, 6 Cairn Avenue, London W5 5HX.

*Lionel Beer.*

# Report—Extra !

Presented by Norman Oliver

## Object dropped from M3 UFO

Inv K Phillips

Security manager Paul Brown and his step-brother, David Barrowcliffe, an immigration officer with many years of aircraft observational experience were driving along the M3 motorway in the general area of Walton-on-Thames: it was a few minutes after 1 am on 18 December 1978. Suddenly they noticed an object in the sky to the left which had large red lights at each end: it approached their car and was seen to have more red lights round it and to have the shape of a disc.

Something 'dull silver like a ball' then dropped from the object, floated across the motorway and landed in a field on the other side. The UFO was now in level flight about two hundred feet up

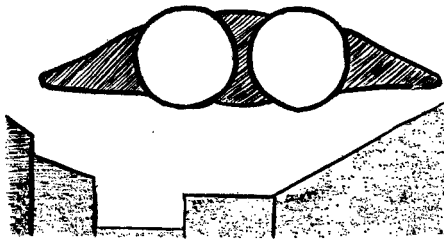
and Paul drove on to the hard shoulder, switching off the ignition to listen: the sound the object was making was similar to that of an electric train boosting its motor. Four red lights surrounding a dark grey disc could now be clearly seen as the object moved off in the opposite direction to that in which they'd been travelling. First it went slowly, then faster—up to an estimated 200 mph, staying in line with the motorway and showing two small white lights at the rear.

Although there had been a fair amount of traffic about before the incident, the M3 was completely clear when the sighting occurred.



## 'Rooftop Report' from Chelmsford

*Inv A Collins*



It was between 6.45 and 7.00 am on 31 January 1978, a very clear morning without a cloud in the sky. Mr Bartrop was walking along Whittle Road, Chelmsford to get his morning paper when he saw a bright light high in the sky: this moved downwards and disappeared from view. Fifty yards farther on he reached the newsagents on the corner of Crompton Street and then saw an object appearing very slowly from behind the end of the roof of the 'Crompton' Works.

First a wing came in view, then two very large, bright, yellow-orange lights and finally, the other wing-tip so that he had a full front view. It was about 50 feet above the ground and only about 60 feet away from his position. As it hovered he became scared, thinking it might crash on top of the shop, but by the time he managed to move, the object had disappeared behind a row of houses. No noise of engines was heard.

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## UFO Tracks Car

*Inv B Taylor*

Driving back to Scunthorpe from Skegness on Monday, 3 July 1978 with his wife and sister as passengers, Mark Smith stopped the car when his wife saw two bright lights hovering in the sky shortly after passing through Market Rasen at about 11 pm. Thin-

king it was probably a Harrier jump-jet, although puzzled by the absence of noise, he restarted and they drove off along the road to Caister: the object first followed, then hovered overhead.

Mark stopped the car again, and the object 'flew backwards' and disappeared at great speed, so the journey was again resumed. The UFO returned—each time it appeared on the passenger's side—and 'paced' them till Caister was reached: here, it again left them, but reappeared once more as soon as they were in the open on the other side of the town. The same thing occurred at Bigby and at Brigg (where they stopped to report the incident to the police); finally, on the Scunthorpe road they entered a heavily wooded area where it was lost to sight. Once home, the police were again contacted and they checked with Kirmington airport where it was confirmed that no planes or helicopters had been in the area.

The object was dark and roundish: the two very bright lights were its main feature, but at one point when it hovered low overhead, numbers of red, green and orange lights were seen also. No vehicle interference was experienced.

*See illustration 'A'*

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## '67 'saucers' over Southend

*Inv R Lake*

Currently a Police Sergeant, one Saturday in June, 1967, Christopher Beard witnessed what was apparently a visitation by two UFOs.

The time was 11.50 pm, and he was fishing alone in the village of Canewdon, eight miles to the east of Southend when directly ahead and about five

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miles distant he noticed two red lights approaching. Thinking they were aircraft lights, he continued fishing for a few minutes whilst they moved towards him between 50-80 mph, around 1500 to 2000 feet up.

When they were half-a-mile away, he could see they were not lights on one aircraft, but were two independent flying objects. There was a Full Moon and the things looked like 'traditional flying saucers.' They were propelled by what sounded like 'whining turbines,' and at the rear of each craft were amber lights which appeared to pulse in synchronisation with the upward and downward turbine droning. Both craft then maintained their course slowly and unswervingly towards Southend, until they disappeared from sight.

*See illustration ' B '*

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### **South Norwood Hexagon**

*Inv K Phillips*

Ian Vincent, aged 14 was travelling in his father's car at about 8 pm on 16 December 1978: they were going in the direction of the Crystal Palace TV mast in Norwood, SE London, when he saw a 'sizeable object' with flashing lights. This moved slowly over the top of the car, where, for a few seconds, it was lost to view: then, his brother saw it again and they watched it for about twenty seconds until it disappeared from sight.

The object was estimated to be only between 50 and 75 feet above ground level, seeming to be hexagonal with red and yellow flashing lights: its body was black, but there was no difficulty in making out the edges. Ian adds: "I believe I saw a UFO, but not necessarily an extra-terrestrial spacecraft."

*See illustration ' C '*

### **South Downs ' Circle with Spokes '**

*Inv R Fisher,  
Contact UK*

Mrs Doreen Trevor was motoring from Eastbourne to Eastdean on 5 August 1977, when, on looking to the right across some fields, she saw the top of "what could have been a UFO." It was circular in shape, brilliant gold in colour and was marked with equal triangular sections like the spokes in a wheel, and there were 'strange markings' in each section. A certain amount of mist was about and Mrs. Trevor could not tell whether the object was on the ground in the valley below, or hovering. The road then suddenly dipped and the object was lost to view.

*See illustration ' D '*

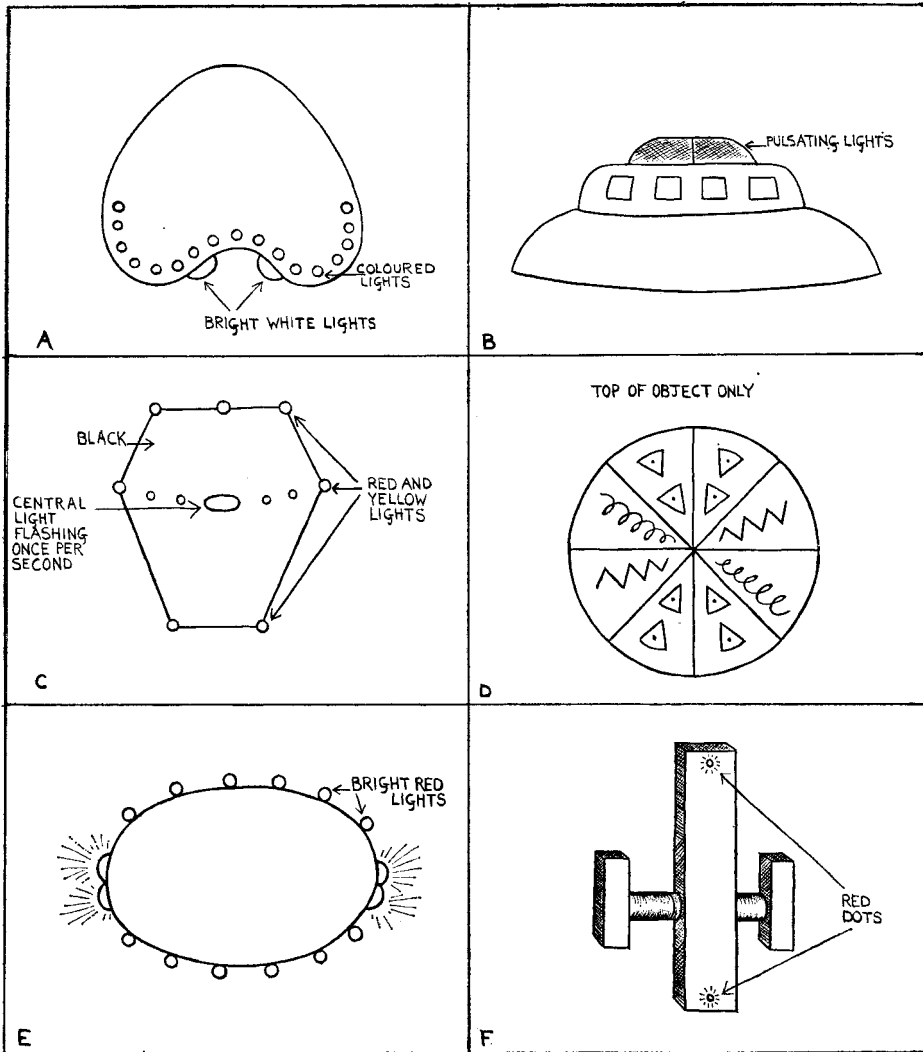
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### **Portslade Object**

*Inv Tony Fox  
Contact UK*

Mrs Duke was walking up the road from the bus stop with a friend, returning to her Portslade, Sussex, home: the time was about 5.20 pm, and as they stopped for a moment to chat at the junction of their two roads, they saw an object coming towards them from beyond the hills. As it came closer, they could see it was no plane. Two very bright white lights were at the front, and as it passed overhead, they could see bright red lights all round the edges of its circular shape. When it went by there were seen to be another set of two white lights at the rear. The object was not moving as fast as a plane and made a quiet humming sound. The date—26 November 1978.

*See illustration ' E '*



*References*

A—UFO Tracks Car

C—South Norwood Hexagon

E—Portslade Object

B—'67 'Saucers' over Southend

D—South Downs 'Circle with Spokes'

F—Hornchurch 'Boxes and Pipes'

## Hornchurch 'Boxcs and Pipes'

*Inv A Collins*

Certainly this is a most extraordinary report and one cannot help feeling that if the boys concerned had wished to perpetrate a hoax, something rather more conventional would have been claimed.

The two boys, Anthony Chapman, 15 and a friend, were playing on the old aerodrome at Hornchurch, Essex, at about 3.30 pm in April or May 1978. Glancing up, Anthony saw a strange object stationary above them and gives this extraordinary description . . . .

A large rectangular box, possibly 100 feet long, with two connecting pipes protruding from each side, slightly off-centre: these pipes were spherical with a possible diameter of 6 ft. At the end of each pipe was a smaller rectangular box, maybe half the size of the larger one. The whole object was silver in colour 'like metallic tinfoil.' Underneath the main 'box' were two red 'dots' at the front and rear flashing on and off alternately.

Anthony became scared and called out to his friend, who was about 100 yards away to look up. He did so and also saw the object. Both then walked away looking back every so often: each time they thought the object had moved a little east-wards, but this could have been due to their own movement. They then left the airfield for home, the sighting having lasted ten to fifteen minutes.

Andy Collins comments on the apparently non-aerodynamic shape and, remembering the comments of one TV 'expert' on the non-aerodynamic shape of the 'conventional' saucer, one cannot help wondering what he would have made of this one!

*See illustration 'F'*

## Cairo Craft '73

*Inv D Osman*

On 14 February 1973 in Geza, Near Cairo, Egypt, Richard Stubbs walked onto the balcony of the apartment where he was staying and saw three craft with flat undersides and domes on top, moving slowly towards the pyramids not much above ground level. He watched them for about ten seconds, then went in to call his friends to look, but they had gone out. The time was 7.30 pm, the day clear and sunny and the brightness of the objects was compared to that of the Moon. On all three craft, a number of windows were seen, these being lit up. Subsequently about a dozen Egyptians they spoke to said that the objects had been seen before.

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## Portsmouth 'Giant Mushroom'

*Inv E Sears*

. . . . or so ran the headline in *The News* of Portsmouth, Hants on 11 November 1978. It is included here and not in *Points from the Press* since Bufora member E Sears made a follow-up investigation: he found some details to be at variance with the press account, but these were comparatively minor ones.

On Tuesday, 7 November 1978, at around 7 pm, Mr & Mrs Mailing, with their daughter Karen (7) and son Kevin (5) were travelling towards Droxford in their red Austin 1300. As they approached Nelson's Monument on Portsmouth Hill, a bright light—at first thought to be a star—was seen in the sky: this travelled downwards from ASWE (*the Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment*).

As they drove on, two red lights became visible as well, then the shape

of a huge dome-shaped object with luminous green lights around the bottom giving the appearance of windows. Continuing on, they found the object was hovering above the car, and its size was compared to that of a building in the course of erection along the Southampton road. (Mr Sears found this building to be in the region of 200 feet across, so either the object was enormous or its dimensions were considerably over-estimated). Its height above them was a mere 20 feet, and Mr Mailing then found that although the car was travelling downhill and he had his foot right down on the accelerator, no speed could be gained.

After hovering for a few seconds, the object then shot off towards Fareham at terrific speed. In Mrs Mailing's words: "*All we could see was this object floating in complete darkness. It appeared to be black with very bright glowing lights on it—a bright white glowing light on top, like a searchlight, then just below, two red lights with numerous green lights all around the bottom.*"

No sound came from it.

This area is devoid of buildings other than a few huts and two or three houses on the perimeter of neighbouring fields, but Mrs Jessie Burley, a mile or so away in South Portchester, also reported an object with very bright lights by the Nelson Memorial at the same time, as did Sidney Dyer, who stopped his car some three miles away to watch the "*so terribly bright light over Portsdown Hill.*"

The investigator is familiar with the area, and this route in particular, which is unlit, and not one that would be travelled along at more than 20-30 mph, and he points out that the possibility should not be overlooked that in the confusion of the sighting

Mr Mailing MAY have absentmindedly braked whilst trying to accelerate. He also points out that whilst the object was described as noiseless, any noise might have been obscured by revving of the engine.

*See cover illustration*

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## Strange Encounter at Church Stowe

*Inv R Percy*

This experience of Mrs E Oakensen, Head of a Teachers' Centre is certainly one of very high-strangeness. Her own account of what occurred covers all the points of the incident so completely that (other than the headings), I am quoting from it verbatim.

### "Hour-glass" over A5

"On Wednesday, 22 November 1978, I left Daventry for home at approx 5.15 pm. That afternoon I had collected my car from the garage and before leaving checked that my lights were in working order. I found that one of the front side-lights was not functioning. When I reached the traffic lights at Weedon, I turned right on to the A5. Ahead of me I could see two very bright lights immediately above the road. The left one was red, the right one green. My immediate thought was that this was a very low-flying aircraft which would soon zoom over my head. However, it seemed to be stationary and as I drove towards it with my nose practically pressed on the windscreen, I looked hard at it and realised that very soon I was going to drive directly underneath it.

"There were wispy clouds in the darkening sky and I could see a form I would describe as an hour-glass or egg-timer shape on its side. A light was under each circular end. The 'thing' was no more than 150 feet up.

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It was not a dark colour: it blended in quite well with the sky . . . . I could hear nothing at all unusual and drove immediately underneath it . . . . the two lights were directly above the road by the layby at the bottom of Stowe Hill.

**Engine stopped . . . .**

“Completely intrigued by this situation, I made a point of looking back when I turned off the A5 at the top of Stowe Hill. Church Stowe is a very small village high on a hill, and travelling along the road towards it I was able to look back and observe these lights which remained in the same position. In the half-mile or so of road, I looked back three times: each time the green light was flashing and the red was not. About half-a-mile from the A5 I turned right into the village in second gear. I changed up

to third—and the next thing I knew, my foot was hard on the accelerator pedal which was flat on the floor of the car. There was no sound from the engine at all: my lights were still functioning, but the engine was dead. The car was slowing down and had almost reached the point of stopping. I told myself not to panic but start from scratch and see what happened. I did NOT switch the engine on (the red ignition lights were not on): I changed from third to first, depressed the accelerator and the car started normally. I drove about 100 yards to a right-angled bend in the road and was, by that time, in third gear again.

**“Piercing circles of light”**

“The next thing I knew my car was stationary: everything was in absolute blackness: my engine had stopped: the lights were out. Everywhere was



black, real black darkness, not like that on the A5. Suddenly, piercing, brilliant white circles of light about a yard in diameter came from nowhere, on-off, on-off, on-off, starting to the left of my car, round in front of it, to the right back again in front and to the left, again in front and off to the right and the last one disappeared into the air: there were about a dozen flashes in all and when the lights hit the ground, they lit up the farmyard to my left, the road in front of me and the path and garden of the house to my right. After the last light had gone out, the whole area was in complete darkness. I have never seen Church Stowe in such darkness: it was absolutely black: I could not even see the houses at the side of the road.

### **Time lapse ?**

“ My car was stationary . . . . but . . . . the next moment I was driving my car quite normally in third gear and I drove myself home. I did NOT stop my car. I did NOT switch off my engine. I did NOT switch off my lights. After these piercing white light circles had gone out, I did NOT switch on my ignition. I did NOT put my car into gear. I did NOT depress my accelerator pedal. I did NOT start the car. I found myself just driving along normally. I can remember coming to that corner. I do not remember stopping, but I had stopped: I was stationary whilst the lights

flashed in front of me. I did not start my car off after that, it all happened as if by remote control.

“ I drove home, put the car in the garage and looked out of the bedroom window (we are very high up) over to where I had seen the red and green lights. By then, clouds were thickening, but I could see a yellow, flashing light approximately where they had been.

“ I cannot explain any of the happenings of that journey. I arrived home around a quarter to six. That journey had taken about 10 minutes longer than normal. The next day the same journey took me 15 minutes and on rounding the corner where the lights had flashed, my own headlights lit up the road, the houses and farm buildings and everywhere seemed light although I was arriving at a later time in the day.

“ I believe there was a time lapse the previous day. I don't understand the blackness, complete blackness in the village the day before. Incidentally, the bulb in my sidelight now functions normally. It might also be relevant that at approximately 1.00 pm and again about 7.00 pm on that Wednesday I experienced a tightness in my head, which could be likened to a shrinking hat which I could not remove. On each occasion this lasted for about a minute, stopping as suddenly as it had started.”

## **Taunton Close Encounters—Part One**

Several months ago I received a very full and detailed account from Barry King of a complex claim first referred to by John Hind at the last Bufora Conference in Nottingham. Dating from October 1973, it alleges vehicle interference, a robotic encounter, abduction and physical examination

aboard a landed craft, rape by one of the occupants and subsequent visits by ‘*Men in Black*.’ Whilst it includes some sensational aspects, the report examines the claims very closely and I had already decided to include the full account in the Journal so that these

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more sensational aspects would not appear out of proportion to the whole, when, to my complete surprise, a report arrived from a totally different source, which, whilst not paralleling the first, did include elements such as paralysis, hypnosis, sexual contact and 'Men in Black.' The extra-ordinary thing was, that although occurring in 1978, the location was the same—Taunton in Somerset. I therefore decided to include both accounts and expand the article into two parts. *Part One*, in this issue, takes the first account up to the point of abduction into the craft. *Part Two*, in the next issue, will relate events inside the craft and also feature the second report. Clearly everyone will have their own views on the degree of reality of the encounters, which, like so many others, are not provable, but I feel they should be published as they DO form part of the overall background to the UFO enigma. Whilst witness details are on file, in view of the type of experience alleged, initials only will be used in both cases.—*Ed.*

## **Account One: Terrifying Ordeal in Somerset**

*(Condensed from original report).*

*by Barry M King*

### **Phone calls . . . .**

On 12 October 1977, I received a phone call from a woman with a foreign accent, speaking in broken English, who first wanted to know if I was interested in UFO research, and when I confirmed I was she went on to relate a sighting she had had some years before, saying she had previously only told a doctor and psychiatrist who had put it down to hallucinations. She asked if it was possible to check whether other sightings had been reported in the area at the time: I told

her I would see what could be done and she said she would ring back.

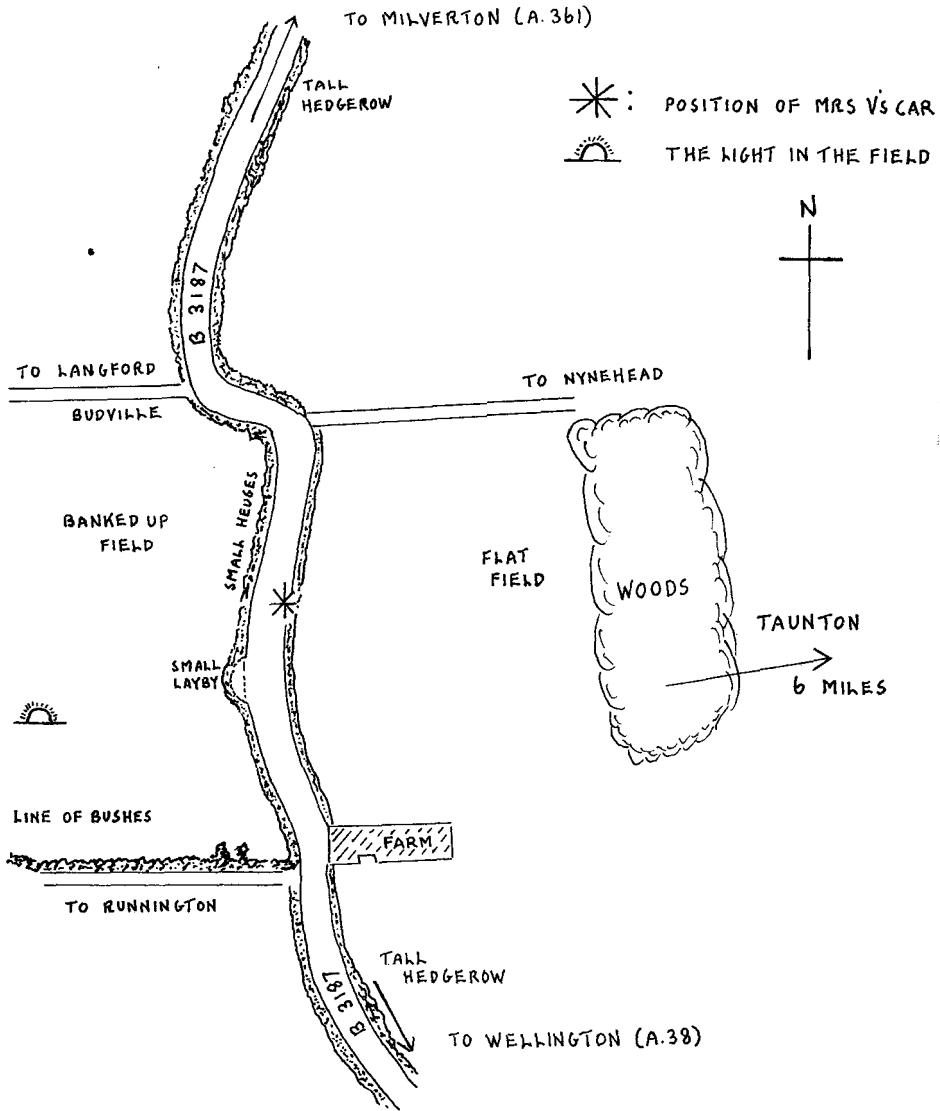
On 19 October 1977 and over the next few weeks, she phoned several times, becoming more relaxed and giving further details. Her husband also spoke to me and both sounded sincere and truthful. During these calls I tried to impress upon her that this type of report must be fully investigated and published in a scientific journal. Both (I shall refer to them as Mr and Mrs V) seemed astonished that anyone would want to write about or publish such things—they only gave me details to get it off their chest, so to speak. A certain amount of persuasion was necessary before they would agree to the episode being officially recorded, and at this stage, there was to be no publication. Eventually I managed to get them to agree that I bring a colleague as well, pointing out that at least two people should work on a complex case of this type. Accordingly, Andy Collins accompanied me on the investigation.

### **Background data**

The 'V' family came to England in 1963: they originated from Torino, Italy, both Mr and Mrs V being born there. Mrs V is an ordinary housewife and 37 years of age (*report compiled in 1977*). Mr V is aged 53, is self-employed and frequently around the house. They have one child, a daughter aged 14. They seem an ordinary family who keep much to themselves. Both have had an ordinary education and neither have any academic or technical qualifications to speak of. They both appear sincere and truthful, albeit nervous . . . all in all they appeared a nice, honest family, certainly not the type to concoct (or be capable of concocting) a story of this proportion.

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THE ABDUCTION LOCATION NOT TO SCALE



### Events prior to the encounter

On the evening of Tuesday, 16 October 1973, Mrs V was preparing tea in the kitchen. Shortly after 6 pm, a loud knock at the door made her jump. Putting things down on the stove, she answered the door, found her friend's daughter on the doorstep and let her in. She had called on Mrs V as her mother was very ill and had asked her to drive over and fetch Mrs V back to Wellington. Mrs V said that she would come over as soon as the tea was ready, telling her: "*Give me around 20 minutes and I'll drive over—OK?*" The woman left, but even when she had finished the tea, Mrs V was delayed for a long time by unexpected callers—in fact, it seemed almost as though the delays were deliberate. Eventually, however, everyone went, she hastened to her car and drove off, having first told her husband the purpose of the visit. The time had reached 10.45 pm as she pulled away from the kerb and—living on the A361 side of Taunton—she decided to by-pass the town centre, go straight to Milverton, then turn down a minor road (B3187) to Wellington itself and it was along this road that her ordeal took place.

### E-M Effects

After turning off the A361 at Milverton Mrs V drove along the small, winding road to Wellington. There was little traffic about, in fact the road was completely deserted once she had left the Langford Budville signpost behind. She was worried about her friend and the long delay, but was determined to get to Wellington. Then, in the pitch blackness she glimpsed a very bright light over in the fields ahead and to her right.

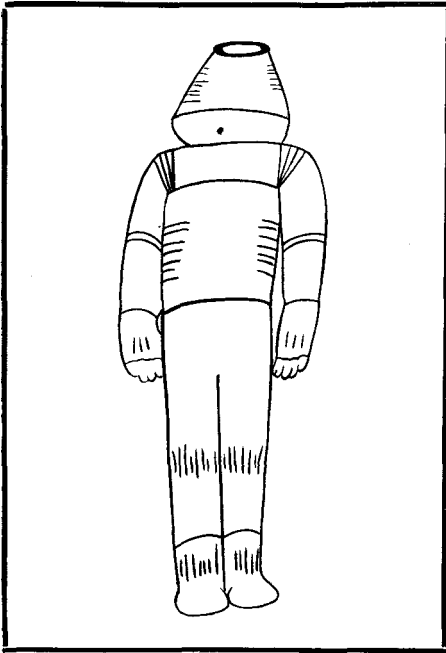
At first she paid little attention to it although she was sure there were no buildings about. Then her car—a

white BMC Mini saloon 'F' registration—began to malfunction. The full beam headlights dimmed, flickered, then went out, came on again, finally dimmed considerably before going out: at the same time the engine jolted and began to splutter and judder as though going uphill in too low a gear. Finally, the engine faltered, stalled and cut out altogether: the car rolled forward, coasted to the side of the road and abruptly stopped. Mrs V tried to restart the engine several times without success, then she switched off the ignition, put it in neutral gear and applied the handbrake.

As the car glided to a stop, she had glanced over to the light, which for some reason she had connected with the malfunction. This was half-moon or hemispherical in shape, flat on the bottom, rounded at the top. It was an almost brilliant white, bright as an arc welder's lamp: this brilliance was constant and did not flicker or pulsate. The light was definitely at ground level as Mrs V could see light being thrown out and illuminating the grass around: this was noticed when, after sitting alone in the darkness for some moments, she got out and lifted up the bonnet in the hope it was just a small fault. When her head was under the bonnet, she became aware of a humming sound, not unlike a generator, not too loud, but seeming to come from everywhere around—the whole area was permeated by it.

### The robot . . . .

Glancing towards the light again, she became more panicky, put the bonnet down and was about to open the driver's door, when a very heavy hand came down on her shoulder, her left shoulder, pushing her body down a few inches: she turned slowly round, panic-stricken, to face a tall, dark-coloured metallic robot!



This robot reflected the light from the bright source behind it in the field, and from this and subsequent encounters with it, Mrs V gave the following description:

Tall, over 6 ft—perhaps 6 ft 6 ins. It seemed to be composed of some form of metal: it was shiny, though the metal was dark—more of a dark blue. Each time it moved it made a knocking sound. On its head was a small, oblong box device with a glass panel on the front containing a small velvet-coloured light which flashed—not on and off, but across the panel lengthwise fairly rapidly, about one flash per second. The head—or helmet—had no human features, just small vents or openings on the side: similar vents were to be seen on the side of the body. It had glove-like coverings on the

hands, and on the palms was a chain mail type thing as on suits of armour. The robot had big boots with thick soles and walked with a very stiff movement of the legs, arms at the sides. She is not sure if the body moved or swayed, but when it moved the knees bent slightly. The only sound made was this knocking noise. Its hands were about twice the size of Mrs V's and when it removed its hand from her shoulder, it did so very clumsily.

A few moments after the robot first placed its hand on her shoulder, she passed out.

### **Outside the craft**

The next thing she remembers is standing in the field next to the robot in front of a large object—the rounded half-moon light—but now she found the light had subsided to a faint glow all around it and it was clearly some form of machine. No rivets or seams could be seen, but it seemed to be silver-grey, not unlike aluminium, and was supported by thick legs about 2 ft 6 ins high by 2 ft across: she saw only two but there may have been more. Comparing it to her car, she estimated the object's size to have been two car lengths high and about four across (20 ft x 40 ft). It had large, oblong windows round the middle from which emanated a yellow light. The humming sound was coming from the object itself. At this point, Mrs V blacked out a second time.

### **The craft's interior**

She next found she was—presumably—inside the object, strapped to a table in the centre of a circular room. Her clothes had been removed and she was covered by a large, light-blue blanket. Her wrists were held against the table

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by large 'rubber bands,' as were her spreadeagled legs, with the same bands around her ankles. The blue blanket was cold and the interior of the craft was icy cold.

The interior was uniformly lit and she could see the robot over to one side of the room—which had a domed ceiling. The floor was completely covered in black coloured rubber matting in sections about 3 ft square, covered in 'pimples' like car rubber mats. On the walls were scattered pieces of equipment, variously shaped. Some had wire coils attached, whilst others had odd bits of metal on them. Over to her right was a console, with many buttons, dials and levers on it. Everything seemed to be grey, though the console controls were red, yellow, blue and green. Above her head were two tubes which looked like transparent plastic about one foot apart and these were pointed down towards her head, the upper parts being fixed to the curved ceiling. The uniform lighting seemed to come from both wall and

ceiling. Other than the items described, the room was totally bare.

The table she was strapped to was about 4 ft wide by 6 ft long. Its upper surface, on which she was lying, was covered with soft rubber, black, but smooth, not 'pimpled' like that on the floor. The edges and sides were grey-coloured. The table's support was out of sight from her position, but as far as she can remember, it was about 2 ft off the floor. A tubular rail was fixed to the side of the table in two positions by tubular joints and the rail terminated in a flat end by her head: the other end curved around and went into the far end of the table near her feet. This rail was smooth and shiny and about 3 ins in diameter.

Mrs V could not see directly behind her, but felt sure that a door of some kind was situated there. Then, as she was lying on the table, three men came into view . . . .

*To be concluded*

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### **Extra—to—Programme Lecture**

**On Saturday, 23 June, 7-10 pm, at Kensington Central Library, Mr Rocky Wood, President of ECRA, Paraparaumu, New Zealand, will be holidaying briefly in the UK, and will be presenting an illustrated lecture on the Kaikoura reports, controversial 'UFO' films and RNZAF involvement, etc. The small meeting room has been reserved and the lecture theatre will also be available if required. We hope you will be able to come and welcome Mr Wood.**

Thomas O'Neill, Bufora member and Hon Research Officer ISTR(UK), has asked me to point out that the *Interplanetary Space Travel Research Association* is also an investigational body which was founded in 1957.

# Sighting Summaries

Presentation by Pauline Grego

Code No	Date	Time	Place	Report	Class	Investigator/ Credit
1942	Summer	0900	London SE5	' Shallow inverted tea-cups '	C3c	R LAKE
1944	Early '44	2200	France	3 luminous circular objects	A3c	R LAKE
1952	? .	1900	Glasgow	Black domed object	C3b	R LAKE
1956	1.6.56	noon	Aberporth, Wales	Silver sphere	B3b	G BAKER
1960	14.11.60	?	Ashford, Middlesex	Silver ' frankfurter '	C3b	—
1962	Nov	2130	Cambridge	Hazy white object	C4c	—
1962	Nov/Dec	1800	Hungerford, Berks	Silver disc	C3b	R LAKE
1965	Sept	2100	Romford, Essex	Elongated triangle of lits	C4b	I CLOKE
1965	?	2000	Hornchurch, Essex	' Silver-grey saucer '	C3b	K PHILLIPS
1966	March	2315	Biddulph, Staffs	Glowing orange cigar	C3b	C F LOCKWOOD
1968	July	2200	Brigg, Lincoln	Red/white round cloud	C4b	—
1971	Sept	2130	Swinton, Manchester	Bell-shaped object	C3c	—
1973	July	0010-0025	Swinton, Manchester	Circular white object	C4b	—
1974	Early May	0610	Cove, Hants	Discoid object with square windows	C3c	A COLLINS
DE-116	25.2.77	Night	Beaconsfield, Bucks	' Ruby ball ' with lights	C3c	L ADAMS, CONTACT UK
DE-126	June '76	2230	Ford, Bucks	Glowing orange ball	C3b	L ADAMS
DE-129	Nov '60	2330	Cuxham, Oxford	White ' circle disc '	C3c	L ADAMS
DE-131	1956	2230	Ifford, Essex	Manoeuvring orange light	C4c	L ADAMS
DE-134	Aug '76	2330	Bedford	Glowing pear shape	C4b	L ADAMS
DE-139	June '66	2000	Abbeville, France	White/red ' inverted keyhole '	C3b	L ADAMS
DE-309	11.12.77	0900	Northfleet, Kent	Orange cigar with lights	C3b	M WEAVEN
76-442	8.11.76	0832	Weston-Super-Mare, Avon	Intense white circle	C4c	WCUFORA
76-444A	28.5.76	0110	Leeds, Yorks	Amber/white objects	C4b	T WHITAKER
76-444B	28.5.76	0110	"	"	"	
76-445	4.1.76	am	Acaster, Yorks	Reddish/white lit	B4b	T WHITAKER
76-447	30.6.76	2215	Wakefield, Yorks	Circular orange object	C4b	T WHITAKER
76-448	Sept	2200	Chatham, Kent	Reddish/orange lit	C4b	—
77-514	Dec	1800	Llanfachraeth, Anglesey	Orange object	C3b	C BORD
77-532	Oct	2200	Ross, N Ireland	Descending, glowing object	C4c	A COLLINS
77-533	11.11.77	1830	Braintree, Essex	4 flashing lits	C4b	D OSMAN
77-534	25.10.77	2230	Halifax, Yorks	Circular silver object	C3c	T WHITAKER
77-535	Nov	2130	Dartford, Kent	Bluish-white ball	C4b	M WEAVEN

Code No	Date	Time	Place	Report	Class	Investigator/ Credit
77-536	20.5.77	2115	Thornton, Lancs	Grey ' bus tyre ' with dome	C3b	B HARTLEY
77-537	May	Afternoon	Cape Point, S Africa	Hemispherical shape	C2b	B KING
77-538	14.5.77	2330	Whitechapel, London	Black & silver disc	C3b	R LAKE
77-540	Jan	1800-1900	London EC2	Red orange sphere	*C4b	B KING
77-541	11.9.77	2000	Sandy, Beds	Gold/red round light	C4b	K PHILLIPS
77-542	14.10.77	1900	Sandy, Beds	Multi-coloured fireball	C4b	K PHILLIPS
77-543	6.4.77	2320	Newbold, Derby	Red/blue/white bell shape	C3b	C F LOCKWOOD
77-544	28.4.77	2240	Sutton, Notts	Round, red object	C4b	C F LOCKWOOD
77-546	30.5.77	2135	Blidworth, Notts	Long, flat white object	C4b	C F LOCKWOOD
77-547	?	2050	Harworth, Notts	3 white ovals	C4c	C F LOCKWOOD
77-548	10.10.77	1950	Mansfield, Notts	Flat, round white object	C4b	C F LOCKWOOD
77-549	12.11.77	1930	Bulwell, Notts	Flashing white lit	C4c	C F LOCKWOOD
77-550	25.11.77	1620	Bulwell, Notts	Two white lights	C4c	C F LOCKWOOD
78-070	23.5.78	1730	Kingswinford, W Midlands	Round, gold spinning object	C3c	M PRITCHARD
78-074	26.5.78	0840	Southwram, Yorks	Long flat white object	B3b	T WHITAKER
78-089	23.7.78	2145	Penhallow, Cornwall	Glowing elliptical object	B2b	N OLIVER
78-096	20.9.78	2010	Chingford, Essex	Octagonal object	C3b	M WEAVEN
78-103A	16.9.78	0150	Cheadle, Staffs	Dark object with brilliant lights	C3b	A PACE
78-103B	"	"	"	"	"	
78-103C	"	"	"	"	"	
78-103D	"	"	"	"	"	
78-104	10.8.78	0345	Bromley, Kent	Bright blue object	C4c	—
78-105	13.8.78	0030	Wombourne, Staffs	Lits & flashes	C4b	M PRITCHARD
78-106	13.8.78	0050-0115	Stourbridge, W Midlands	4 flashing lits	C4b	—
78-107	13.8.78	0100	Coven, Staffs	' Comet-shaped flare '	C4c	M PRITCHARD
78-108	27.3.78	App 0704-0740	Manchester	Black oval with fins	C3c	B HARTLEY
78-109	25.5.78	2245	Bangor, N Wales	Bright dome-shaped light	C3c	C BORD
78-113	May	2330	Finedon, Northants	Manoeuvring lits	C4b	—
78-115A	10.6.78	0030	Hertford	Fluorescent round object	C4b	B KING
78-115B	10.6.78	0030	"	"	"	
78-116	11.7.78	2315	Buntingford, Herts	Golden-orange globe	C4b	A FAULKNER
78-117	5.7.78	0530	St Agnes, Cornwall	White-yellow cigar	C3b	B KING
78-119	20.8.78	0040	Brentford, Middx	2 round, orange objects	C4b	K PHILLIPS

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78-120	2.10.78	1940	London E6	2 round, yellow lights	C4b	G RUYTEN
78-121	23.9.78	1930	Derby	3 round blue-white lights	C4b	—
78-122	4.10.78	2100	Lower Belvedere, Kent	Brilliant white/pink light	C4b	M WEAVERN
78-124	2/3.10.78	0750	Crayford, Kent	Round silver object	C4c	M BARRON
78-127	16.7.78	2130	Chatham, Kent	Orange light	C4b	M UNDERWOOD
78-128	1.11.78	1835	Birmingham	Red & white lits	C4b	—
78-130	12.8.78	2230	Prestatyn, N Wales	3 white lits	C4b	M KEATMAN
78-134	25.9.78	0615	Edinburgh	Hazy orange ball	C4c	S CAMPBELL
78-136	9.10.78	1830	Linlithgow, W Lothian	Flaming object	C3b	S CAMPBELL
78-137	12.8.78	Midnight	Gartmore, Stirlingshire	Multi-coloured lit	C4b	S CAMPBELL
78-138	27.8.78	2215	Edinburgh	White light	C4b	S CAMPBELL
78-140	24.5.78	2245	Ponders End, Middx	Manoeuvring lit	C4c	M LEWIS
78-141	14.4.78	2230	Brookmans Park, Herts	Circular peach blob	C3b	M LEWIS
78-142	30.8.78	1950	Crewe, Cheshire	White round object	C4c	—
78-145	26.5.78	2200	Groveland, Lincs	2 black objects with lights	C3b	P R HUDSON
78-149	5.3.78	2000	Minthead, Somerset	Orange-red circle	C4b	WCUFORA
78-150	3.11.78	1830	Scunthorpe, S Humberside	2 flashing silver lights	C4b	B TAYLOR
78-152	10.8.78	2300	Bridlington, E Yorks	Flashing lit	C4b	T WHITAKER
78-153	25.4.78	0650	Leeds, Yorks	Pink cigar-shape	C4c	T WHITAKER
78-154	8.3.78	1905	Leeds, Yorks	Round or cigar shape	C4c	T WHITAKER
78-156	13.8.78	0230	Stafford	Numerous ' shooting stars ***	C4b	M PRITCHARD
78-157	13.8.78	0145	Darlaston	Star-like lit	C4b	M PRITCHARD
78-159	17.7.78	2120	Harrogate, Yorks	Silvery-grey disc	C2c	T WHITAKER
78-160	14.4.78	0415	Southowram, Yorks	White globe	B3b	T WHITAKER
78-161	28.3.78	1810	Halifax, Yorks	Circular white/red object	C4b	T WHITAKER
78-162	6.9.78	2000	Bournemouth, Dorset	Long, thin object	C4b	C JAMES
78-163	?	2130	Poole, Dorset	Oval flashing object	C4b	C JAMES
78-164	Aug	1930	Charminster, Dorset	2 round yellow lights	C4b	C JAMES
78-165	Summer	0900	Birmingham	Bright object	C4c	—
78-167	29.4.78	1940	London E7	Crimson cigar	C3c	B KING
78-168	3.7.78	2300	Bishops Stortford, Herts	Half-obscured spherical light	C4b	A FAULKNER
78-170	20.6.78	2205	Ingatstone, Essex	Silver cigar shape	C3b	B KING
78-171	8.11.78	0715	Chelmsford, Essex	Grev cigar shape	C3b	K PHILLIPS

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78-172	3.9.78	2130	Anglesey, N Wales	Manoeuvring lit	C4b	A HUDSON
78-179	18.2.78	2029	Haslington, Cheshire	Circular white object	*C4c	S R CLEAVER
78-183	19.9.78	0635	Sinton, Worcs	Elongated cone	C4c	M PRITCHARD
78-184	21.9.78	0530	Kidderminster, Worcs	Bright, circular object	C4c	M PRITCHARD
78-186	18.12.78	1330	Dover, Kent	Vanishing cigar-shape	C3c	—
78-189	26.11.78	1700	Portslade, Sussex	Brilliant round object	C4b	TONY FOX CONTACT UK
78-190	25.11.78	2230	Crowborough, Sussex	Hazy white object	C4b	TONY FOX CONTACT UK
78-191	8.11.78	1830	Leeds, Yorks	'Butterfly shape'	C4c	—
78-193	23.11.78	1645	Chislehurst, Kent	Red/green cigar shape	C3b	L DALE
78-194A	18.11.78	1750	Kinnerton, Clwyd	Two indeterminate- shaped objects	C4b	C BORD
78-194B	"	"	" "	"	"	
78-194C	"	"	" "	"	"	
78-194D	"	"	" "	"	"	
78-195	27.9.78	0840	Darlington, Co Durham	Metallic spherical object	C4c	J WATSON
78-196	29.9.78	0940	Darlington, Co Durham	Metallic saucer- shaped object	C4c	J WATSON
78-197	27.10.78	1730	Erith, Kent	Orange ball	C4b	—
78-198	7.9.78	2030	London N20	Bright white star shape	C4b	M LEWIS
78-202	10.10.78	1126	Renfrew, Scotland	Pink/purple round object	C4c	—
78-203	13.11.78	0740	Pencaitland, Edinburgh	1 round and 1 tubular object	C3b	—
78-204	4.5.78	1955	Cumbernauld, Glasgow	Orange square	C3b	S CAMPBELL
78-205	1.3.78	1950	Tynefield, Dunbar	Brilliant white round object	C4b	A A SINUKS
78-206	19.11.78	2000	Various points on A3	Vari-coloured lits	C4b	L DALE
78-207	7.10.78	1915	Chertsey, Surrey	Two square star shapes	C3b	N OLIVER
78-210	24.11.78	1750	Wrexham, Clwyd	Multi-coloured object	C4b	C BORD
78-211	18.10.78	1850	Exeter, Devon	Red and white circular object	C4b	—
78-215	6.11.78	0715	Edinburgh	Bulbous orange lit	C4b	—
78-217	10.2.78	1840	Worksop, Notts	Oval, white light	C4b	C F LOCKWOOD
79-001	3.1.79	1650	Bradford, Yorks	White 'half-circle'	C4b	K PHILLIPS

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