

..... CENTRE TEN YEARS OLD

The main item of interest as we write the September News sheet is that TUFOIC was conceived ten years ago this October. The group has seen its share of ups and downs but has persevered until today when we find interest in the subject widespread.

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9.8.75 STANLEY..About midnight on Saturday a large light 20 times star sized was seen out over the sea north east of Stanley. It was first seen by Mrs V.Brooks who saw it close by shinning a beam down in a neighbour's garden. The light was called to the attention of Mr B.Cox by which time it was out over the sea.

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Sightings may now be reported to the Centre on 72 7479 (daytime) or after 6pm to 23 6009, please note the new numbers.

Correspondence to be sent to the Secretary, 366 Huon Rd, Sth Hobart. 7000.