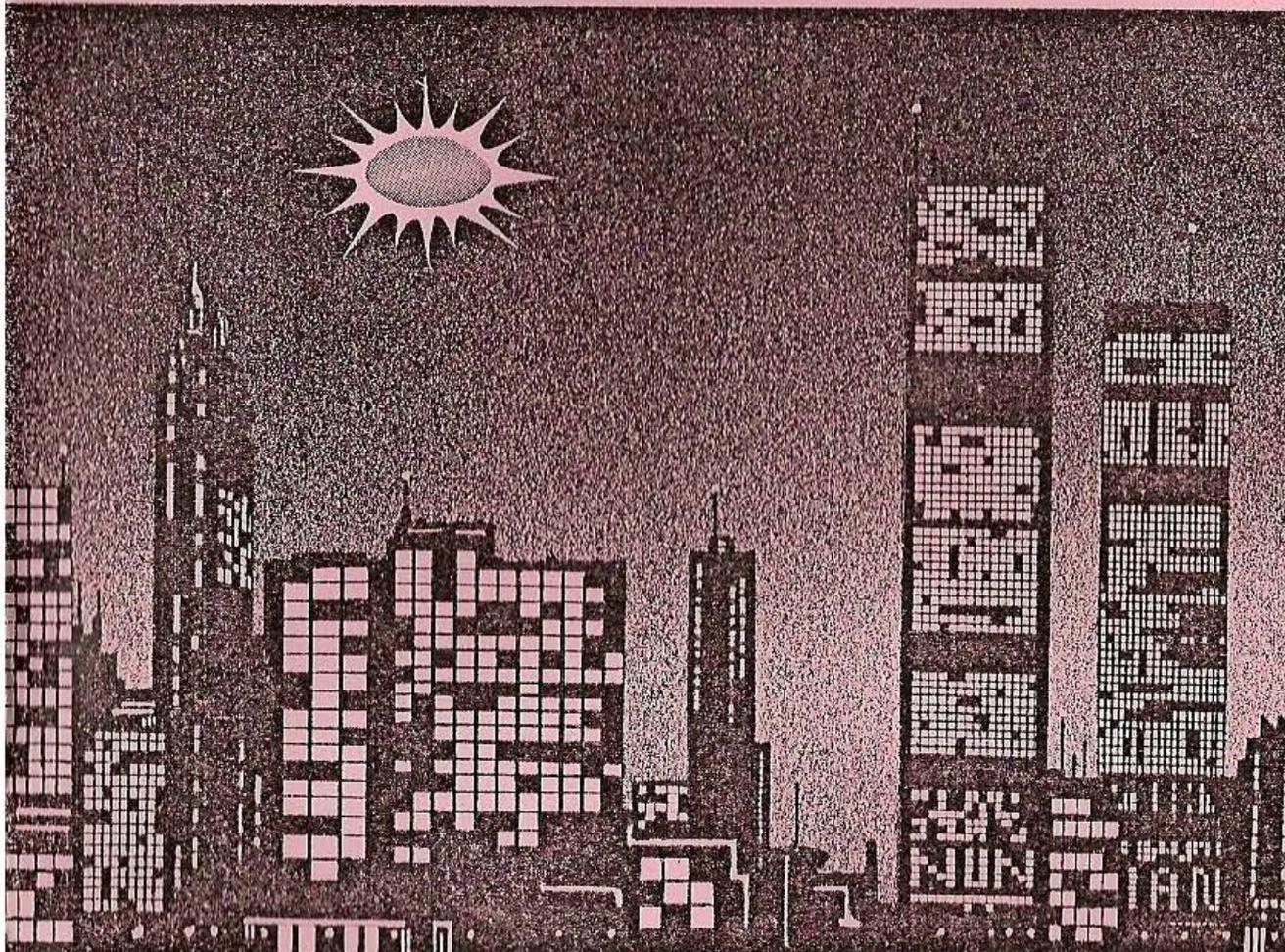


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J. R. Comments...

Press cuttings about UFOs increased threefold during July 1983. But there was no new wave. It was all thanks to a media circus which bears some discussion. I think the headline given by the Swindon Advertiser (Jul 19) is very apt.... "Fraud of the Rings!"

I must admit that the events of this month have rather shaken what little faith I had left in the Media, where UFOs are concerned, and severely dented my impression of the average British UFO buff. Indeed I have been astonished by the number of investigators, whom I consider to be intelligent, who asked me what I thought of the Wiltshire circles 'mystery'. Astonished because they displayed an ignorance of the excellent investigation/research carried out over the past two years by Ian Mrzyglod of PROBE. His work with meteorologist, Dr Peter Meaden, has been published (in both PROBE REPORT and THE UNEXPLAINED, to name but two) and ought to have meant no serious ufologist would be unprepared for a new outbreak of circular madness.

Very briefly this work set out to ascertain if there could be a natural explanation for the very regular circles of flattened corn (or barley) which were found in fields in Wiltshire, especially near the infamous Warminster! Nobody saw a UFO create these marks. They were just found. But in Warminster what other answer could there possibly be? With Peter Meaden's help it was (at least to my mind) categorically proven that the circles were the product of wind-vortexes. Short-lived, stationary whirlwinds. These form most often in the lee of hills after hot weather and tend to stand out in corn-fields at this time of year, July/August, principally because the tall, coloured crop easily shows such traces. Once this was demonstrated for the previous circles, past UFO records indicated this phenomenon had long occurred. FSR (and many national papers) carried accounts 20 years ago. In the hot summer of 1976 NUFON had recorded some visual observations that were now very evidently whirlwinds (both stationary and on the move). And it was even speculated that so-called "UFO nests" (especially prevalent in Australia a few years ago) were probably created in the same way.

This was marvellous UFO research. A credit to the subject. What is more it afforded predictions. Each July/August there was the probability that similar marks would turn up and, in a climate of UFO madness, be grossly misinterpreted. It happened!

On Monday, July 11 it seemed like all the national dailies in Britain were calling me requesting quotes. I spent hours getting more and more frustrated, telling them the same story over and over, with varying degrees of credulity on their part. The marks had reappeared (as they had every July/August since 1980) in a farm at Westbury, Wilts, the week before. This year, however, they were more remarkable. Instead of the usual three rings there was a large central one, 45 feet in a diameter, and four smaller ones, arranged in a perfect compass-point pattern around it. Each one was very regular and contained corn swathed in a clockwise motion. Luckily Ian Mrzyglod had communicated this news to me and explained that, despite the unusual pattern, Dr Meaden was still satisfied the stationary-whirlwind hypothesis made sense. It goes without saying that nobody in Wiltshire had seen a UFO causing the marks. Indeed nobody had even reported a UFO anywhere near the place of their discovery, either in time or space.

The Wiltshire Times (Jul 8), who set the media ball rolling, simply reported that "Theories Buzz over Corn Circles". They did say "the pattern, according to "UFO believers", resembled "the landing pads of a giant flying saucer." But much more time was spent on farmers theories that varied from helicopter downdraft, through "deer acting out their mating instincts" (???) to "the weather". (There had been a spell of hot sunshine). The next day the Western Daily Press were less conservative. "Watch out! Martians are back." they rather presumptuously told their readers. Locals were apparently "keeping an eye out for little green men". This had to be the birth of a lovely national silly-season story. And it was the Daily Express who had picked it up first and whose Jul 11 page three (!) story pictured a pin-up of ET, a fine aerial photo of the rings, and the heading "ET-Phone the Express", by Jack Hill (for coincidence lovers Virginia Hill wrote the Western Press item and Hills are, it seems, crucial to the genesis of the phenomenon - both the real one and the media one!)

The Express used the fact that Westbury lies within "the famous Warminster Triangle" as the excuse for the ET explanation. It is "to UFOs what Cowes is to yachting". Perhaps I have been asleep for a few years but I have never heard of this "famous Warminster triangle"- have you?

The next day (Jul 12) local media announced the discovery of some new marks (exactly like those at Westbury), this time at Winchester, Hampshire (in previous years Hampshire, including the Isle of Wight, have produced rings too). By now the media, plus often cited, but never quoted, "UFO enthusiasts", were the only ones promoting the ET theory. As the only investigators to whom the nationals had spoken had told them what I had, I think it highly likely these 'enthusiasts' were invented by the media. This was the fraud. Anyone who did not accept the whirlwind theory (which the initial farm owners always had!) believed it now to be a deliberate hoax. This is possible (especially in the second case) but unlikely, as the first photographs at Westbury clearly show no trace of other marks that inter-connect the rings. If it were a hoax it would take remarkable dedication too - the sort that only the national newspapers seemed to have by this point!

The Express this day carried two articles. One "We've found enough white holes to sink a flying saucer" (curious use of mixed metaphors there!) reviewed the other circles and added new theories (including hedgehogs making love!!) It also alleged (rather hopefully I think) that the nation was "holding its breath" awaiting ET. I was quoted with the whirlwind explanation. On an inside page could be found a picture of Lord Clancarty. He told how "430 unexplained sightings" have occurred in Warminster and speculated that ley-lines and a landed spaceship were the answer. I shall skip lightly over this, but would like to hear from anyone who can direct me to these 430 super cases, because I seem to have slept through them too. I was happy with the extensive quotes made from what I told them, explaining why Warminster has its reputation, discussing UAPs, and the cause of the circles. Jeremy Gates is to be congratulated for first-class truthful representation. As for elsewhere. Well! I turned down the offer to appear on the IBAs 'Breakfast TV' when it was made clear what they intended to do with the item. And the Daily Star, under the heading "It's All Hot Air!" announced "Star solves UFO riddle".... What was the source of this amazing discovery? It seems, just as I told their reporter Charles Langley to do when he clearly did not believe my whirlwind answer, they spoke to the Met. Office in Bracknell and were informed that the answer was... wait for it... whirlwinds! (Perhaps that heading should have been BUFORA solves the UFO riddle, or the Met Office does... but then we are not fighting all the other newspapers are we?)

When on July 13 the Western Daily Press (now also speaking of the "Warminster triangle") finally decided to interview Dr Peter Meaden, and he showed with due simplicity why the answer had to be whirlwinds, then that should have been that. Sadly, not so. For Ken Rogers, quoted for the British UFO Society, maintained that a vigil was to be kept at Warminster... "I am sure these circles mean something spectacular will happen this year", quoth he. He was followed by the intrepid David Briggs who became a member of "the UFO cult" (ugh!) after a personal sighting. He proposed the use of infra-red photography to show up the outline of the object that had caused the rings. Speaking in the Winchester Gazette (July 14) he seems to have rather missed the boat as surely he would not expect any heat traces to still be there.

That day Jean Rook visited the circles again for the Express. Her lovely, poetic article romantically came out in favour of ET (largely, it seems, thanks to a poppy she found in the middle of the big ring) (All say, aaah)

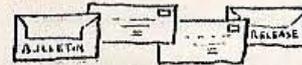
More circles have continued to turn up, as they will now that people are looking for them. Oxfordshire has some now. Yet the media fuss seems to have died. But for how long?

Meanwhile an investigator (who had travelled 200 miles to see the circles) wrote to attack my "ridiculous" remarks in the press and demanded an explanation. He actually told me, "before you make silly statements to the press make sure you know what you are talking about". For him ET clearly was the culprit... but I did ask (so far without reply) if he might not find it slightly peculiar that with the now several circles in existence nobody had seen a UFO anywhere near them, either before or since their appearance. You can be sure if they had the media would have loved it. Skeptics take note. A media hype of the most extreme kind did not create masses of spurious sightings. Not even one sighting. Interesting eh?

Perhaps the saga of the rings did some good after all.

Jenny Rook

NEWS ROUND-UP



:: It is nice to be able to announce that the Australian Centre for UFO Studies, which coordinates most serious research in that country, have adopted a slightly modified version of the Code of Practice for mandatory use amongst their workers. Dare we hope that Britain and Australia is just the starting point?

:: Those of you who find it hard to afford UFO books will certainly appreciate Bob Girard's ARCTURUS BOOK SERVICE (263 N Ballston Ave, Scotia, NY 12302 USA) Some marvellous bargains on old and brand new books. Well worth a look at his latest comprehensive booklet. It will be sent by airmail free if you request it.

:: Walter Reid of the Junior UFO Club has a new address. It is now:-
15 Belle Isle Circus Belle Isle Leeds West Yorkshire LS10 3DU

:: Finally a request for Kevin McClure, currently researching a project into the famous Fatima, Portugal, visionary experience. He would appreciate hearing from anyone who has obscure information on this affair or who knows of any pre-1940 references to it:- c/o 56 Ring Road LEICESTER LE2 3RR

This is also the new address for the invaluable magazine COMMON GROUND.

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PROJECT GAIA UNDERWAY

Project GAIA is a new project, largely initiated by Paul Devereux following the publication of his important book "Earthlights". It involves ufologists, earth mystery researchers, ASSAP members and geologists, amongst others. Phase One (now in operation) involves the geiger monitoring of stone circle sites throughout Britain. This will produce maps (with dummy sites used for comparison checks). Work should be completed by early 1984. Phase Two will involve properly equipped skywatch operations. These will take place at prime target circles (as the survey suggests), plus other prime target geological sites (where there are no stone circles), plus some dummy sites for comparison work. This phase of the project will hopefully be operational from Spring 1984, and will rely heavily on assistance from ufo investigators (ie YOU!). Two subsidiary projects within the GAIA compass involve attempts to create recordable PK effects by (a) creating earthlights under control conditions and then (b) using psychic subjects to attempt some degree of manipulation. (This has commenced also). The other scheme involves a full statistical reworking of the UFO event-fault line-geological trigger hypothesis. This is only partially underway and Jenny Randles, who is coordinating this, would welcome any helpful suggestions.

Offers of help for all phases of GAIA would be most welcome. Those wishing to work at circle sites in monitoring, or to assist in the PK effects aspect, should contact Paul Devereux. Those wishing to participate in the skywatch programme or the statistical correlation work should contact Jenny Randles..... A.S.A.P.

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FOR YOUR PERUSAL: -

Major articles elsewhere

UPIAR RESEARCH IN PROGRESS Vol 1-2 (£15, US, 3 issues PO 11221, I 20110, Milan, Italy) Winner of the 1983 US award for the best contribution to UFO research. This is the first international scientific UFO journal (in English). Issue 2 (88pp) is a vast improvement on issue 1 and contains reports on the radiation levels in bright lightbeam cases, solid light phenomena, the Livingston case and ball lightning and some excellent and invaluable extensive bibliographies (eg photo analysis). Superb.

BUFORA BULLETIN June 1983 (Subscription C/O 30 Vermont Rd London SW19 3SR) Best issue for some while. Full report on Ken Phillips investigation of the March 1982 Milton Keynes PCs sighting. Paul Norman updates the investigation on the vanishing of Australian pilot Frederick Valentich. Nigel Watson discusses a 1926 sky phenomenon in Yorkshire. Betty Wood on UFO abduction imagery....plus more.

NON-PHYSICAL appearance and behaviour of UFOs and alleged occupants. The strange thing about Paul's theory is that the main-core phenomenon is still made out to be objective after the author has gone to great lengths to show the opposite.

It has so often occurred to me how big a part light plays in the UFO experience. It acts as a signal to herald what follows. It is one of the few constant factors in reports. We must question if light is merely a by-product of the process which brings these events into manifestation or an actual content of the encounter itself.

Paul's theory of proto-entities is also interesting. I assume he regards these mental impressions as originating partly from the cultural sci-fi ideas and partly from the unconscious mind of man. Something along the lines of Jung's archetypes. Nothing in what Jung said, however, even hints at the possibility that these images might be capable of taking on objective form or acting as the motive power behind PK effects upon an electric plasma energy-field. These images are a reality, but not an objective one. Maybe UFO encounters are of a similar nature?

The result of this postulated PK effect, on a very fine and plastic energy which is objective, is the two-explanation theory. There would be, as Paul proposes, an objective hard-core event and a shadow mental component. Whilst this is an important line of thinking it is not without problems. Projecting images from the unconscious into conscious awareness is a very different thing from projecting them into external, objective reality.

What if both the cause and effect of the UFO phenomenon were internal and subjective; the result of the mind and brain producing a series of electrical imagery superimposed onto objective reality. Whilst it remains in view it will be taken to be objective reality, which will be what is "seen". I therefore do not think that the main earthlights hypothesis of Paul's is greatly significant for ufology - but there do seem to be parts of it which ought to be considered.

(PS) It seems to us (IC & GO) that the phenomenon is a question of intelligence working within the structure of the collective unconscious, conveying imagery (of a symbolic nature perhaps) from the depths of the psyche into conscious awareness. The motivation appears to be one of testing our ideas and concepts of reality through our search for the origin of the imagery itself.

The exact kind of intelligence could be that of the human race itself, or of some other kind which with careful thought we might call alien (although not in the usual ET sense). It is possible it has used other forms of imagery over the years and we feel (assuming it is not just human) that it is closely tied in with mankind. Perhaps it needs him for full expression... (like a parasite? JR)

The driving force seems to be a form of energy akin to the electrical one which might be called "psychic". But we stress not in the lay use of this term. More in the concept used by both Freudian and Jungian psychology, talking of 'energies' at work within the psyche of man. It is like a seed planted into the unconscious by an intelligent act and then powered into awareness, where it appears as a series of formulated images centred on the theme of UFOs and aliens. Images which are totally subjective.

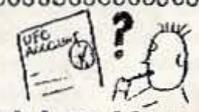
The control centre for this activity is the brain, which decodes all incoming sensory information and constructs our view of what we call objective reality. If superimposed (non pathological or psychotic) images were received in this way they could be processed and so appear to our conscious awareness as indistinguishable from objective reality. Perhaps no part of the UFO phenomenon is objective.

(Note... This article seems to gell rather well with my own evolving ideas, as expressed in The Pennine UFO Mystery and the forthcoming UFO Reality and summarised in the July Probe Report. Ian and Granville's arrival at the concept is certainly independant. Once again evidence of simultaneous conception, or an idea finding the right time to blossom? JR)

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IFO CORNER:- WITH THE INVESTIGATOR IN MIND

SPOT THE IFO... Test your powers of investigation



Two men were stood outside a cottage in Warwickshire around 9 or 10 pm one night in August 1973. Suddenly a ball of "glowing gases" was seen to travel across their

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view at a speed "in excess of the many low level jets we see round here doing close on the speed of sound".It was flourescent in colour with two tones,green and red.It had a short tail.It was in their sight for 10 seconds and moved on a horizontal path seeming to vanish into cloud,There was no sound at any point. Next day newspapers claimed to have solved the mystery, although these witnesses do not accept that solution. What do you think??? (See page 10)

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SKY NOTES (August & September 1983)

Compiled by: Peter Warrington FRAS

How useful do you find these notes? Please advise NUN and suggest any additio (Note how last time they may have solved two of 1982s best unknowns!!!)

NB Times are GMT 24hr clock.Latitude 52N is a line through Milton Keynes & Ipswi 56N through Edinburgh.Liverpool is approximately 53½ N. (Summer time GMT + 1h (Cases in NUN are normally quoted as local time,ie summer cases not in GMT)

August	Date	Rise	52N	56N	Set	52N	56N
SUN.	1	4.20		4.01	19.52		20.10
	7	4.29		4.13	19.41		19.58
	14	4.40		4.26	19.28		19.42
	21	4.52		4.40	19.14		19.25
	28	5.03		4.54	18.59		19.08
MOON	1	22.53		22.44	12.12		12.19
	7	2.07		1.40	19.21		19.46
	14	11.58		12.03	22.10		21.59
	21	18.51		19.14	2.02		1.36
	28	20.58		20.50	10.02		10.08
Sept SUN	1	5.10		5.02	18.50		18.57
	7	5.19		5.14	18.36		18.42
	14	5.31		5.27	18.20		18.23
	21	5.42		5.41	18.03		18.04
	28	5.54		5.55	17.47		17.46
MOON	1	22.50		22.24	15.02		15.29
	7	5.20		5.11	19.16		19.22
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	21	18.20		18.26	4.22		4.12
	28	20.46		20.20	12.53		13.18



UFO ALERT!!!

12 SEP 1983

see below

Phases of the moon: The moon will be New (N) and Full (F) on: 8 AUG (19.18) (N) 23 AUG (14.59) (F); 7 SEP (02.35) (N); 22 SEP (06.36) (F)

Prominent planets...Venus: For first week of August visible setting just after the sun.Then it becomes invisible.During this week it will be at its brightest ever magnitude (-4.0).It reappears the beginning of September in the east before dawn.By the end of the month it will be in view 2½ hours pre dawn.Never underestimate its brilliance.The low elevation will enhance the illusion of movement it is prone to.So watch out!...Mars is not particularly bright but will be fairly prominent from late August onwards appearing in the east from about 03.00.

Jupiter is visible as a bright 'star' low in the SW.Magnitude -1.8.(See Note *)

Saturn also in SW in evenings,though dimmer.By late Sept will set before darkness

Note* On the evening of 12 SEP Jupiter is occulted by the moon,soon after dark. The crescent moon (almost first quarter) will seem to approach Jupiter (seen as a bright 'star') and pass in front of it.Thus for some time the two objects will appear close together in the sky. Try to observe this unusual event (easily visible to full beauty in binoculars). AND BEWARE!!!

From experience we know that the public frequently are taken unawares by the unexpected proximity of a bright object near the moon,even though it has been visible elsewhere in the sky. Reports of a UFO near the moon are expected.

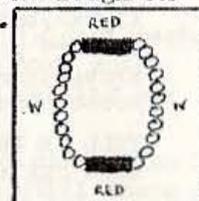
IRISH ENCOUNTERS OLD AND NEW... With thanks to Miles Johnston & Belfast News

Aerial activity in Ireland inevitably gets compared with the present day military situation. Could it have been a helicopter, for instance? But at least we can rule out all possibility of such an explanation for this first case.

"The great light"...It was Spring 1796, long before the word UFO was invented. George Blackler was returning to his home at Seagoe, near Portadown, as darkness fell when he saw a great, glowing light in the sky which made him fear his home was ablaze. But as he reached Seagoe he found startled villagers looking up at the bright object passing majestically across the sky. Several ran after it but it outpaced them all! It headed off towards Lurgan. The countryside was allegedly kept awake much of the night swapping tales from those who saw "the thing", as it later came to be called. People at Bannfoot, the western side of the River Bann, the surrounding hills and at Drummakelly all observed it. Much alarm ensued. A religious interpretation was put onto the event at the time, not surprisingly. The only obvious 'rational' explanation would seem to be a meteor. However, Armagh Observatory have no records that confirm this...and it seems unlikely that such a prominent meteor, if it were high in the sky and not therefore local to the Portadown area, would have been missed for what it was. Of course, if UAPs exist now then presumably they must have done in 1796 too!

"The UFO in the trees"...April 1980 and the observatory at Armagh, after a gap of 184 years, are back in the UFO investigation business. Donal Strain (aged 23) and two colleagues were relaxing in their kitchen at Ballinaskeagh after a day spent manuring. It was 3.30pm. They suddenly saw a grey, shiny object floating down out of the sky. On a windless day it came low down over a ditch and hovered, held at an angle. When the sun peeked out it simply shone reflectively, very bright. The three men went out into the yard, and then alongside it in the road. Their close-up view did not resolve the issue. It appeared like a grey car wheel but flatter. The 'UFO' then seemed to get caught up in a neighbour's tree. The neighbour and a friend were working in the garden so they were called to watch the object too. As they looked it freed itself and climbed higher and higher into the sky until the five bemused witnesses were left staring at thin air. Armagh Observatory were unable to explain it but added, "It certainly was not a flying object - such a craft would be picked up on radar long before it entered earth's atmosphere." Remarkably he went on to comment that he had not got a clue what it was... "but it certainly was not a flying saucer". I wish we had this ability to be so sure that Armagh Observatory seem to possess! As a thought - what about a balloon, such as those which SCUFORT and PROBE investigated in their indispensable UFO/IP booklet. (£1 from 16 Marigold Walk, Bristol BS3 2PD...if you don't have it GET IT!

"The Lough Neagh UFO"...Coming right up to date, March 22 1983. Armagh Observatory are at it again! Their resident skeptic adamantly announced, "Most sightings of lights in the sky can be given some rational explanation and we certainly don't believe in flying saucers. But I couldn't really say what these lights were witho seeing them for myself." Yet several witnesses did see them, especially on the shores around Lurgan and Craigavon. Two men in a car-park here at 19.00 saw 10 red lights "swarming like bees over trees in the south east of the lough". A larger light was seen above these flashing red, yellow and white. At 8pm they decided to drive home. As they passed down a country lane an object shaped like a rugby ball and twice the size of a helicopter began to 'buzz' them. It had two long, rectangular red lights and white lights in a circle between them. As they got to the main road the object left them. The army were insistent that it was not a helicopter and "I cannot give you any explanation. But it certainly wasn't the army". Readers might like to compare the close encounter object depicted above with the one shown on the next page, which also seemed to inspect a car on a country road (in England three months before.) The far from minor similarities are most interesting.



When you see 'coincidences' like this you do have to wonder if there might not, after all, be a real craft behind some of the strange reports!!

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The case came to my attention following a Radio City programme about UFO abductions. On Jan 6 1983 I received a hand-written note without address, signed simply "B.I.R.", which said that "there is a family on the Wirral who are going through similar experiences to the Sunderlands. Unfortunately, they do not wish to be known at this time". The well written and reasoned letter referred to how my serious programme had helped their research. It looked too interesting to let go and so the next week I mentioned after my programme that if B.I.R would like to contact me I would promise anonymity.

On January 12 B.I.R. (whom I shall from now on call Bob) turned up at my front door. The next several hours (some of which I tape recorded) saw him regale me with a fantastic tale. The family ("as I expect you have guessed" - he said) was his own. He followed this with other visits and I also received more hand-written material and confirmatory data from his wife (Bess). Their two children are both too young to be interviewed as yet.

To even summarise the claims this man makes would fill many pages. Briefly, he is 32, of nervous disposition, but seemingly rational (unless one counts as a prerequisite of rationality non-involvement in intergalactic wars!) At present he is unemployed although he has been in the army (he left after frequent psychic experiences seem to have made his colleagues hostile towards him). He has also moved around a lot (being born in Scotland and growing up in Nottingham). He presently lives with his wife in Rock Ferry, Wirral (although he eloped with her, he says, and they are not actually married).

His experiences began in 1959 (aged 8) when something he calls "Green eyes" - a manifestation like a ghost/vision that formed out of green mist - appeared in his bedroom and told him he 'did not belong here - you belong somewhere else'. His family put it all down to imagination (he admits he had a vivid one) and when a pixie (with a flute!) appeared one day as he went to the toilet this was too much for his father, who threw him against the wall in anger. The 'pixie' told him he would prove his reality and suggested if he climb on a chair he would find a bottle of whiskey on top of a cupboard. The pixie vanished and Bob did as suggested. There was a bottle (it was empty!)

I will skip over his youth (when amongst other things his life was saved by a 'being' after he was flattened by a truck and told by doctors he would never walk again... He did - the next day!) Although he had several (what seem to be) metachoric visions, or lucid dreams, involving ETs (as he calls them!) it was not until he moved to the Wirral in 1975 that his UFO encounters began. This is apparently because there is a "window" on Bidston Hill (a quite small hill and scene of several encounters over the years, it is true - eg see the first case in UFO REALITY) (I will avoid his complex theory about windows too - although of course to him it is a fact - it links the UFOs with their 'home', the Pyrenees in Spain, with a Deeside window and one in the North Sea... they use water, you see)

His many close encounters between 1976 and to date (several of which Bess supports) cannot all be mentioned. They include the time he went 'on impulse' (he does most things this way as he gets telepathic messages which he does not know about consciously) to the sea-front (ie beside the Mersey Estuary). Here a veritable UFO fleet paraded in front of them, and one (a concave disc) flew over their heads (to the chagrin of an old man nearby, who lost his hat in the sea in shock!) Said UFO hovered above their house and beamed a light ray down, before departing for the Bidston Hill window. The neighbours saw none of this, it seems. On arrival home two white 'spots' were found on the carpet (physical traces from the beam). Over the next few days these spread out and cleaned the carpet so it was all white and shiny (and the traces had of course gone).

His most recent escapades involve frequent visits to Bidston Hill (where there is a windmill and an oceanographic station). Here he sees UFOs, transparent little creatures with beaks (they carried him down off the hill once when he was 'zapped' by an alien ray-gun!). He has also encountered ETs in the forms he calls 'The Hairy Balloon' and 'The Hairy Pillar-box' (he killed one of the latter with PK!) But the most usual UFO occupant (if that is the right word - they tend to sit on top of the UFO and wave to him!) is called Algar. Bess has seen him too.

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Unfortunately Algar no longer is. He was killed (on October 4 1981) in a cosmic war that is going on! Earth sits in the middle (for now!) as a team of scientists fight with military leaders for possession of us. Bob, knowing so much, is a prime target of the 'baddies' and attempts on his life have already been tried but he has responded by killing at least two aliens. But he says he is not stupid enough to think he will survive for long.

But probably the weirdest of all experiences (if you forget the time he and Bess were 'abducted' from their beds to an alien storage depot beneath a lake near Bolton... at Abram, in fact, see Jan/Feb NUN!!) is the time he and Bess went shopping in the Tesco hypermarket in Birkenhead. Here they met two 'aliens' in brown suits, who were frantically piling tin after tin of dog meat into the large shopping trolleys. Just dog food, masses of it (apparently they were studying the kind of food we eat!). Telepathically they called themselves XY4 and XY5, but he did not answer and he heard one say "They must be sending someone to spy on us" Bob somberly advised me, "I did not tell anyone because you know what ufologists are like. They would have all gone to Tescos waiting for them and they were busy. That would never do." I could not help smiling and adding... "Mmm, but it wouldn't have done Tesco's any harm - would it?"

What to make of all this is hard to say. Clearly, it is more than a little hard to believe that any of this is real in an objective sense. But that Bob (and to a point Bess) are caught up in all the fantastic things that continue to 'occur' (on some level of reality for them) seems unavoidable. I have refrained from inflicting the full, complex story on you as some readers might feel it is of dubious relevance to ufology. However, if any specialist magazine is interested in an in-depth review of the case then, upon request, I will provide it. For it might well prove instructive to somebody, somewhere. And I get the feeling that Bob and Bess would wish someone to take an interest.

I was offered the chance of becoming an 'apprentice', which I turned down. The side-effects seemed unacceptable. Bob continued to visit with 'messages' for me for a few weeks until he made the mistake of coming once whilst I was out all day and Paul was in. Paul, who is less tolerant of 'looneys' (his term, not mine) was at first reasonable, but when Bob was insistent and said he wanted me to see 'them', glancing at the sky, Paul told him if he did not go then he would be seeing 'them' himself, first hand... from "up there"! I think he got the message.

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