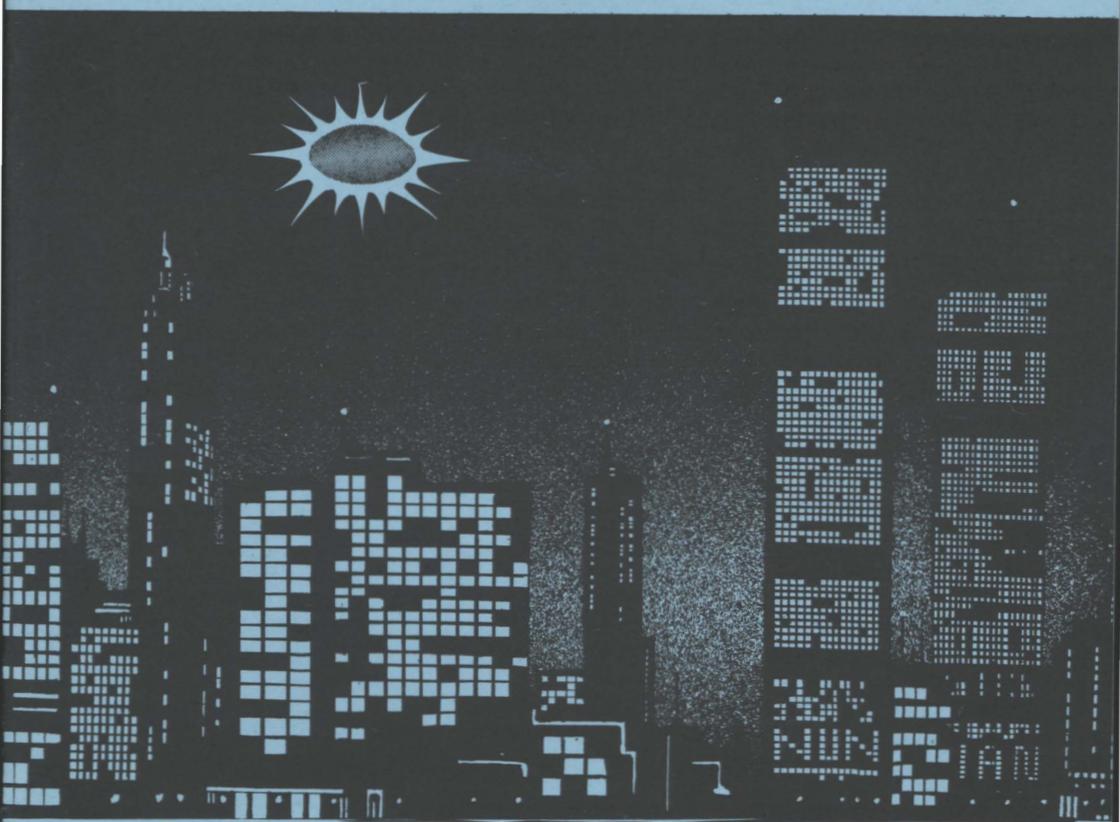


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JR Comments... I remember as a child being in love with John Wyndham's books. Last year ITV dramatised his "Chocky" (reshown as a full-length movie at Christmas). Currently they are serialising Anthony Read's sequel "Chocky's Children". It goes out on a Monday at 4.45pm and its relevance to ufology may not be obvious. But it is there!

"Chocky" (in Wyndham's book, penned decades ago, and in Read's updated serials) is the name of an alien explorer who contacts a young boy (Mathew Gore) via his mind. The intention is to help him become a clever scientist who will one day develop a new energy source. But Mathew is manipulated by a greedy psychiatrist (who finds out what is going on via hypnosis) and Chocky determines to leave him because the risk factor is too great. But she (it is not clear if it ought to be he or she as Chocky is really asexual) tells Mathew that other children will be contacted and the tuition of planet earth will be done more gradually, with the dangers spread more thin.

The sequel "Chocky's Children" takes up this theme by showing how Mathew (and other children) obtain what look like psychic powers as the ET source communes its information into their subconscious. It is a theme of which Wyndham would have approved, since it has similarities with one of his other filmed novels "The Midwich Cuckoos".

Why am I raving about a science-fiction serial for children? Because I suspect that it may not be science-fiction! Doubtless you will now be thinking me the Warrington Cuckoo! However, astute readers of "Alien Contact" may seem what I am driving at.

The comparisons between "Chocky" and the children's experiences at Oakenholt, especially Gaynor's, are obvious to me. "Weekend" magazine (2 Jan 1985) have just featured a fascinating update article on the Sunderland family "Friends in Space and Psychic Messages" which reviews the events from "Alien Contact" and "The Green Stone" and sets it in the context of a Gaynor who is now 17 and studying hard for her "A" levels. It does not mention "Chocky", even though it came out the same week the film-version was shown on TV! (Neat coincidence that). But the parallels must have been clear to any thinking mind who read the article and saw the series.

Gaynor's contacts began at a similar age, and were often of a mental communication type, just as in the novel. They included visual perceptions and her aliens (a male and female, Arna and Parz) similarly advised that they were helping to direct her life to a specific purpose. Her schoolwork improved dramatically (a feature of the "Chocky" story). Then the aliens left her to press on with her adolescence. Yet she was left with an amazing talent for psychic performance (first expressed in her adventures in the Green Stone saga).

I know that the majority of the UFO movement dismisses the discovery of the stone as a great big con trick. Having not been involved in it in any way I cannot state absolutely that it is not. However, I do know that it is folly to dismiss it simply because it seems fantastic. The same reaction was shown against "Alien Contact", far and away the most controversial thing I have ever written. But to me the single most important one. Because it showed me the path so far as my ideas about the real UFO phenomenon (as opposed to UAPs - an entirely different thing). I will forever be grateful to the Sunderland family for that. And I know that they are part of something of major significance to the future history of this planet. I am not yet sure exactly what, or how. But the clues are there if you have a mind open enough to look.

Time and again, since I worked with the family between 1979 and 1981, I have probed the childhood background of CE4 or CE5 witnesses (like Gaynor). Almost as one they repeat a similar genesis; bedroom lightballs (or "Psychic Toys" as I call them, because I think they represent just that - something to help the child grow psychically and

develop his inherent abilities, in the same way as physical toys help him learn about the "real" world), time-lapses and UFO events at an early age, bedroom visits by guardians or tutors. There is a pattern to all of this, which I am only just beginning to see. And part of that pattern is the implantation of information into the minds of a selected group of young people who are being prepared for the future.

Doubtless this will sound like rambling sensationalism to many within ufology. And when I finally get around to figuring out what I am really trying to say and then publicly say it I can envisage the hostile reactions now. But the truth of this phenomenon is there for those prepared to look. (See the way the case from the Wirral began - page 12). All you need to do is ask the right questions often enough and not throw the answers in the bin.

It does not worry me too much these days what people say. I recall the words of one of these witnesses, Mike Sacks. He simply said to me that UFOs were real and all that he tried to convince others of had happened. If they did not believe it that was their privilege. But history would prove him right.

Tomorrow is almost here. But tomorrow's civilisation is here already. The trouble is that too few of us have woken up to that fact. Look at nurseries, not the stars!

NEWS ROUND-UP



• I have been able to obtain a small supply of brand-new (ex warehouse) copies of my book "UFO STUDY", which Robert Hale have decided not to reprint. This 1981 hardback was aimed specifically at newer ufologists and presents a kind of teach-yourself course in researching and investigating. There are chapters on all types of case (photo, contact, ground traces) plus a great deal of background to the phenomenon, from its origins to a summary of research in the 1980's. The book is meant to be used as a reference tool. It has 271pp (about 80,000 words) with many illustrations and photographs. In the shops it retails for £8.50 but I can offer it at a price of just £3.50 (with postage included), making it little more expensive than a paperback. If you would like a copy please make cheques/pos to "Jenny Randles" and a copy will be immediately sent. If there is heavy demand it will have to be first come, first served. US or overseas readers can obtain a copy for \$ 7 US. If you wish it to be autographed please ask and I will be glad to oblige.

• Bob Rickard of the Fortean Times has launched a Fortean database project. A large (and expensive) IBM computer has already been bought, and the plan is to have a network of contributors pouring data in on all strange things (from falling frogs to living dinosaurs). The most urgently required thing at present is funding! The plans look marvellous, and I am sure Bob will gladly supply a copy of the press release to enquirers (send an SAE). Otherwise donations would be gratefully received and will be acknowledged in F.T. Cheques to:- Institute for Fortean Studies at 1 Shoebury Road East Ham London E6 2AQ



FOR YOUR PERUSAL:-
Major articles elsewhere

FORTEAN TIMES 42 (£6, 4 issues, 1 Shoebury Rd, East Ham, London E6 2AQ)
Usual 76 packed pages crammed with everything you ever needed to know about everything. The only magazine where the words "absolutely indispensable" are not just written by editors wanting to continue getting free copies. Includes an interview with Michael Persinger on his new theory of UAP origin, the earthquake connection.

FSR 30 - 2 (£7.50, 6 issues, West Malling, Maidstone, Kent ME19 6JZ)
Bill Chalker with an impressive article describing the state of investigation into the Valentich aircraft abduction. A new article from John Keel on cattle mutilations. And an Italian "Bentwaters" encounter from a NATO base. Some good stuff.

INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER 9 - 5 (\$ 25 , 6 issues, PO 1621, Lima, Ohio 45802)
The pro side of the "Westchester boomerang" sightings which have been the talk of the US in 1984. Plus Hynek explains the truth about the money and the move to Phoenix. The move is on, but the £1 million (as I guessed in NUN) is just a dream.

APRO BULLETIN 32 - 8/9 (\$ 18, 12 issues, 3910 E Kleindale Rd, Tucson, Az 85712)
After carrying the other side of Westchester (claiming, quite sensibly, that the UFOs were trick-fliers in formation) here we have pieces about the mysterious "shadow agent" trying to unify ufology to aid the government, and another strange critique of Allen Hynek, whom I have already had to defend in BUFORA Bulletin. I understand nobody who can attack quite obviously the most important ufologist the world has ever seen. Interesting update on research into extraterrestrials by the world's leading astronomers. Are we alone - or not?

BOOKS OF THE MOMENT

SPACE by James Michener Corgi, 1984 816pp £2.95



This is a marvellous book which blends fact and fiction. Ostensibly the history of the conquest of space, beginning during WW II, following the race for the moon and reaching on into the shuttle and planetary expeditions of the eighties, it is told through real events and people, but built about the lives of a group of imaginary scientists and astronauts. In this way it captures the mood and essence remarkably well.

SPACE has been highly acclaimed since its 1982 American publication, and rightly so. As the pagination shows you get plenty of reading for your money too. But why review it in a UFO publication?

Of course, there is good reason to link the progress of the UFO phenomenon with the quest for space, since their rise and fall have followed closely similar paths. Sociologically and psychologically there may be good explanations for that. But more so because Michener sees this point and uses it.

I was saddened by the way in which he did manipulate UFOs. An obviously cranky doctor (with some loose comparisons with Hynek) is shown as creating an Aetherius type society to fool the world (and make money) over the UFO mystery. Despite showing admirable grasp of the space business Michener so distorts ufology that the impression he creates is that it is all the product of bizarre, dim or criminal people who yearned for something that was never there. Even his scientists are often made to laugh at the UFO phenomenon.

Much as we may abhor this it is important to see why Michener does it, how easy we ourselves have made it for him to do it plausibly, and to accept the grains of home truth in there somewhere. Otherwise it's just a darned good book.

THE EVIDENCE FOR PHANTOM HITCH-HIKERS by Michael Goss Aquarian Press, 1984
160pp £2.95

Another in the series on the modern "folklore" tales of the hitchhiker who disappears like a ghost from a moving vehicle. A valuable examination because of the way it uses this mystery to evaluate the links between fact and fantasy, truth and rumour. Lessons here to be applied to the UFO subject without any doubt. Worth reading,

PULSED LIGHT-TRACKS by Janet & Colin Bord

NE Janet & Colin were dismayed by the publication of an article "A note on pulsed light-tracks", published in FSR Vol 29 No 6. They wrote to editor Gordon Creighton to complain. He never answered, but next issue Janet & Colin found their names taken off the masthead. In view of my own experience that seems to be the editor's way of replying to letters which offer any criticism of FSR. Anyhow, I am glad to publish some of the comments on this effect by two of our best-loved researchers, who run their own photo library, and so certainly know what they are on about! (Editor)

This well known photographic effect (depicting pulsed tracks of light as if caused by a moving object) has been promoted as a 'strange phenomenon' numerous times in past years by those with limited understanding of the photographic process, and the correct explanation has also been published more than once (see *Magonia*, 13, p.13, in connection with the notorious Jennings 'Ball lightning' photograph). Light traces are caused by point light sources (eg street lamps) registering on film whilst the camera shutter remains open and the camera is moved about erratically. The pulsing effect arises from the 50 cycles a second fluctuation of the alternating current. When the effect is produced from a steady light source such as a candle, the light streaks are steady not pulsed.

In his article Florin Gheorghita refers to research on this effect, as in the Jennings photo, by D.W. Davies and R.B. Standler and published in *Nature* 240, 1972, p.144. He correctly states that they 'proved that it was not a case of ball lightning at all'. But he fails to tell the readers what conclusion Davies and Standler did reach (that it was caused by a sodium vapour street lamp). Both we and Stuart Campbell concur with this (Campbell published an article on the Jennings photograph in the 'British Journal of Photography' in 1981). If Gheorghita knew of Davies & Standler's paper in *Nature* and could tell us that they did not think the effect was caused by ball lightning, he must have surely known how they did think the effect occurred. But nowhere in his article is such an explanation referred to.

As consultants to FSR, and as professional photographers of some repute, many readers will assume that we will have been consulted on the supposition promoted in the FSR article and endorsed its feasibility. This will place us in an unfavourable light in the view of our ufological and photographic colleagues. We would like to state that we were not consulted, nor have we ever been, although our knowledge in the fields of photography and publishing would willingly have been made available.

(PS Janet and Colin have sent me several photos they took "very easily" with the camera shutter open on 'B' setting, waving in front of a street lamp for a couple of seconds. The comparisons with the Gheorghita 'strange photographs' are obvious to anyone. Colin Bord even superimposed one onto an internal shot of a building creating a very convincing UAP or ball lightning picture. I personally thank Janet & Colin for this research, for their other criticisms offered to Gordon Creighton, and their brave decision to stand up to the crumbling edifice of our once proud international magazine. Would that some of the international consultants acted in the same way. As Janet said to me "I really cannot understand why the other consultants seem happy to remain so - surely they do not approve of Creighton's views?" Please listen and take note Allen Hynek, Richard Haines, and all the others. (Editor)

ROUND IN CIRCLES TO WHERE WE BEGAN

A summary update on the southern England "UFO Nest" mystery.



Ufologists will be only too aware of the "mystery circles" which have appeared for the past few July's in Hampshire, Wiltshire (and also Sussex last year). I have reviewed them in this magazine, and in the media matters column, and shown how Ian Mrzyglod & Probe (working with meteorologist Dr Terrence Meaden) were reasonably satisfied that the original large flattened circles of crop were caused by fair-weather stationary whirlwinds, in the lee of hills in hot, stable spells of weather. In the wake of this the UFO hype generated by the media has led to some hoaxes (including a pathetic failed hoax concocted by the Daily Mirror in 1983 to try to fool the Daily Express, who have been the principle promoters of this 'mystery' over the past three years, although the Daily Mail took up the mantle in 1984).

Unfortunately, Ian Mrzyglod's ufo retirement seems to have ended all hope of catching any culprits, or filming a whirlwind in action, to settle the mystery. And it is a fair bet that July 1985 will generate yet more circles, yet more hoaxes and yet more "it was a giant UFO" twaddle from the media. Unhappily it is not just academic (given that nobody has ever seen a UFO anywhere near these wretched circles) so many ufologists and ufo journals (who ought to know a lot better) are giving vent to speculation about the prospect of massive landing pad marks. One US comic/newspaper even invented a completely false story about a farmer having seen the UFO (hundreds of feet wide) which landed and created the marks.

In 1984 one of Britain's best investigators, Philip Taylor, investigated the Sussex circles and effectively demolished that as a hoax. Not that it stopped the Daily Mail from getting Dennis Healey to film it and talk some tripe about how the locals were baffled. (With his eyeballs it's a wonder he could see the field, let alone the circles!)

Philip has been working with Chris Wood, photographer for the Daily Express on the case. Chris has kindly sent me some of his delightful aerial shots of the circles. And Philip has forwarded a copy of the status report sent last year by the journalist to his editor.

Chris Wood proposes four main theories, "none of which is entirely satisfactory". These are (1) A hoax. The explanation he first felt probable, until he realised the diversity and long duration of these circles. Because of their proximity to Warminster he does suggest that they might be created by somebody "who deliberately wants to sustain the UFO interest with the public (in order) that he/she sells books on the subject or promotes sky watches from the hill tops in Southern England". This scenario, all too possible, seems to demand our exploration, because if it is true we must expose the culprit ourselves. If the media do it, ufology in general will be shown in very bad light. On this matter Wood also suggests a university or government experiment to test whether the public would report landing marks by a foreign or alien aircraft. But he illustrates how the Mirror hoax (they paid farmers to fake some circles with a stake and chain and then waited for the Express to go to town - but they ignored them!) was the only northern hemisphere circle which has an anti-clockwise rotation, as would be produced by right handed people. The 'real' ones all rotate clockwise.

Theory (2) Ceremonial worship, eg by Druids. The circles do appear just after summer solstice and in an area noted for its monuments (eg Stonehenge). Compass bearings taken by Chris Wood suggest that the smaller circles surrounding the main circle, as usually found, appear to align exactly with rising and setting sun! But the problem is the lack of footprint marks leading into the fields where the circles originate. Why would all the cultists involved take such care to prevent them?

He then examines (3) the whirlwind hypothesis and finds it interesting (especially as Australian circles rotate anti-clockwise, just as they ought to if the weather is to blame). But why have they only just been recognised, he asks? Perhaps they haven't. NUFON investigated several fair-weather whirlwind stories in 1975/1976.

Finally he examines the landing of unidentified aircraft (4). He rules out conventional craft (eg helicopters) for many obvious reasons. But he takes UFOs seriously, with some general remarks about car-stop cases and UFO formations which seem to me clutching at straws and not relevant to the circles under consideration. As he rightly points out, any UFO causing these circles would have to be the size of a block of flats and even at night its repeated return would hardly be missed by everybody on every occasion.

Ultimately he seems to settle for a hoax, but suggests that the Express follow the story through to conclusion. It is hard to say what 1985 will bring, but from early June onwards we had better all be on our toes!



MEDIA MATTERS:-

A look at UFOs in the public eye

Readers of "Quest" will know that YUFOS have been doing sterling work on a spate of LITS observations around Leeds on 23 July 1984. Their research has taken them all the way to the MoD and the conclusion seems to be that helicopters were being used, possibly as a military exercise to plan action if called into the coal strike by the government. Leeds/Bradford airport as a nocturnal military base when it was closed to civil traffic was one daring (but well supported) scenario they mooted. Excellent ufology. Not chasing little green men, but getting to the real truth about baffling events. Helping the community. Just what we need.

Bradford Telegraph & Argus (31 Dec) carried their press release with a large headline "Mystery of UFOs over Yorks pits", and a good story quoting Graham Birdsall "I would not be surprised if the operation to pinpoint power stations and mines in our region had not been repeated up and down the country". The Police and MoD denied it, naturally. But oddly Leeds/Bradford Airport refused to comment, despite having responded to YUFOS with concern and apparently genuine consideration of the problem.

But then the Yorkshire Post (4 Jan) came up with "Fancy That!" a light-hearted editorial column. The Post have supported YUFOS well in the past and obtained some first rate stories from the group. This time they let them down atrociously with some stupid remarks, such as that the army would have bought maps instead of using helicopters to pin point the trouble spots. They even get Graham Birdsall's name wrong (calling him Gerry) which shows how well they read the press release and the Telegraph article, which they sneer at. They then make some inane remarks about shy aliens too scared to get OS maps from bookshops, annoyed because of Scargill's action threatening their coal-powered flying saucers! In conclusion they add, "but it is far more likely to be a severe case of uninhibited fanciful observations".

Just what can we do if first-rate objective research such as that YUFOS conducted is jeered at in this fashion? We may as well all support the little green men!

Only one UFO event made it to any newspaper in Britain over the past 2 months, an impressive Dorset case reported in the Evening Echo, Weymouth (19 Dec). Many witnesses saw the domed disc at Rampisham in an area where, according to the BUFORA investigator, Frank Marshall, "the ignition and lights of cars often cut out completely for no reason... a few years ago three cars went dead for something like half an hour before they could be restarted." Next day the BBC (who have a local transmitter) denied any responsibility, and the MoD were still silent, although the investigator commented "official explanations are often more ridiculous than any sighting report".

Meanwhile the Bristol Evening Post (4 Dec) offers a sad reflection on the demise of the UFO age. Frome had tried to make itself the country's leading flying saucer

centre, using a campaign "Frome is Flying Saucer Land". But the brochures showing martians admiring local beauty spots are in the bin. The guided tours of famous UFO spots received the grand total of nil applicants to go on them. And the campaign has been abandoned by the local tourist board.

What was that about those circles being hoaxed by someone in the south-west out to promote the UFO mystery???

BRIEF CASES:-

Some current investigations

SPOT THE UFO...

August bank holiday, 1983. The time of the BUFORA international Congress in Bucks. But for Mr M in South Yorkshire it was the time when he saw something odd in the sky. "I have waited and waited to hear something about it on radio or TV or in the papers" he told me. What did he encounter? Between 15.30 and 17.30 he was in the garden looking skywards when he saw the sun, but to its right a second orange ball of similar size. It remained there, doing nothing, and as clear and visible as the sun itself. Then it began to move towards the sun and vanished. There was no sound, and as he says "it was no mirage, as there was something like 50 or 60 yards between the object and the sun". Two other people saw it with me - could you tell us what we witnessed, he asks? Well - could you???

METEOR WARNING...

A brilliant green fireball meteor passed over Western Britain on New Years Eve. Reports of the object, seen for several seconds, came as far apart as Belfast, the Isle of Man and Liverpool. If you have any cases recorded for that night please bear this solution in mind.

WHEN A UFO IS NOT AN AEROPLANE BUT IS AN AEROPLANE...

The Wilmslow Advertiser (4 Oct) reported how "UFOs not ours say MIA and BAE". (Eh???) You may well be saying!) MIA is Manchester International Airport and BAE British Aerospace, Woodford; both airports being near to Nether Alderley, Cheshire. "A resident" had apparently complained that during the last two weeks in September UFOs had passed over "every day and all day" and "even as she spoke" to the paper "yet another one buzzed over her home". She had called the two airports and been told "not us". And the paper then called them to also be advised they were not responsible. MUFORA sent investigator Roy Sandback on what we assumed was a wild goose chase. There were no UFOs, but plenty of light aircraft - which was in fact exactly what the old lady "resident" had reported them as. These lightplanes were taking advantage of the fine weather and doing a "naughty" by following the Manchester-Alderley Edge railway line, which apparently offers the perfect turn in to Runway 24! As it is against the rules this explains the official denials. UFOs get blamed for anything these days!

ANSWER (Spot the UFO)

This effect is, of course, a "mook sun", an optical reflection of the real sun and not unlike the mirage Mr M was sure it was not. It is fairly rare in Britain, but not unheard of. It is one of the many strange things we ufologists have to be prepared about.

SOMETHING NASTY AMONGST THE GRAVES

Report from Nigel Lockwood, SSPR

Readers familiar with the Ken Edwards 1978 "entity" sighting by the Atomic Energy plant at Risley, Cheshire (see NUN 109 for its aftermath) will find this "ghost" story of interest. It occurred in autumn "many years ago" to a group of youngsters (age about 8), and as dusk fell (around 21.00 hrs). They were playing in gardens which overlook, somewhat aptly named, Graves Park, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, when they all saw a strange sight. It was a figure, but with little clear shape (ie no separate fingers or toes, no obvious clothes, and no facial features). It stood about 6.5 to 7 feet tall and "glowed" with a strange white palour. It moved out of some woodland and "lurched" forward in a strange stiff gait, then turned suddenly and walked straight through a tall hedge of prickly growth. The hedge was impossible for any normal person to get through or over (too tall, no gate) and upon inspection nothing was found at the other side. Nor was there any evidence of the passage of a material object through the bushes. Obviously there is no UFO connection here. But the appearance, strange movements and curious mode of disappearance all mirror the Risley case perfectly. How many other apparitional encounters overlap so much with ufology, I wonder? As Hilary Evans notes in his super book "VISIONS" - we ought not to be so casual in our dismissal of interlocking phenomena, especially with so many parameters in common.

ALIENS AT THE CO-OP

Case 79-160 Jan/Feb 1979 21.00 Gleadless Town, Sheffield, S. Yorks David Clarke

Do you remember the recent TV adverts about the alien (called Jenny!) shopping at the co-op and an astonished passer-by being advised upon their dramatic departure "Don't worry - they come from out'a Mace!" (Mace being the name of the store!) As these were current on TV I received a letter from a Mrs F who wanted to tell about her encounter with aliens over the co-op.

Suspicious as this seemed (there were no other connections with the Mace advert and she was claiming a sighting some years before) one intriguing thing stood out. That same week that I received her letter two others had reached Peter Warrington and I (thanks to our books) both describing other sightings of UFOs landing or hovering over flat-roofed buildings! This weird coincidence is shown to be strange because I don't recall any other reports, either before or since, with the same motif.

One of these cases (involving a Blackpool hotel) was dismissed quickly as stars. The other will be reported in due course by Peter Warrington. SSPR member David Clarke (BUFORA investigator for the area) took on the third case. Here is his report.

Mrs F was 33 at the time of encounter and is a ward assistant in a local hospital. She was married at the time, but her husband died 12 months after the events. A second witness, whom she only knows as "Ken", was allegedly with her at the time and saw the whole thing. But Ken, who was her neighbour, has since moved from the area (from where Mrs F has also now moved) and he cannot be traced. Yet again, because of the time gap in reporting, a potentially significant case is much decreased in importance. CE3 observations by independant witnesses (she did not know Ken other than by sight and casual acquaintance) are very uncommon.

Mrs F was walking to a phone-box as she was not on the phone at the time. This was by a chip shop adjacent to the flat roofed co-op. As she says "it was just going dark" and her time estimate is, she believes, accurate because it is based on a TV show she had been watching, the estimated month seems hard to equate. It would surely have been dark some time at 21.00, even in late February.

She stopped to chat with Ken and they both saw the weird object over the co-op for no more than 2 mins (probably a lot less). It just vanished as it had arrived.

"Into a time-limit" is how Mrs F describes its disappearance. At no point did it move and it seemed to be about 100 yards from them and directly over the roof, a few feet up. The disc-like object was dull grey and about 30 ft wide. Underneath was a red light that looked as if it had been turned down. In the centre of the disc was a long transparent panel or window. It was through here that they saw two entities, apparently male and wearing ice-blue all in one jump suits. They wore blond hair "cut in Cleopatra style" but were otherwise normal looking. One stood at the front, as if resting his hands on a rail and was looking down at them. The second stood to the side with hands behind his back "like a soldier on parade". She also saw what she calls "big computers" all around. The panel was lit by what looked like ordinary room lighting.

Mrs F refers to the fact that during the experience everything seemed very quiet, and no cars or people seemed to be around. Although after it had gone there were cars and people and some noise. This seems to be the classic Oz Factor symptom.

Mrs F appeared to David to be sincere and said she would never forget her experience. Her bias is shown by frequently using the term "spaceship" and "space people" to describe what she saw. She also has read several UFO books but calls their content "unbelievable". Astute readers will notice, as David has, that her hovering UFO and entities is virtually a rerun of the famous October 1954 Jessie Roostenberg encounter at Ranton, Staffs, which has featured on several TV programmes about UFOs. He ponders if some kind of hallucination, dramatising this, is feasible, and has any link with her husband's sudden death, ~~after~~ the supposed sighting but before its reporting.

In the wake of the encounter, few ufologists will be surprised to hear, Mrs F claims repeated psychic experiences (not undergone before it). These include bedroom apparitions of her husband and the almost archetypal interference to her TV set. Can these apparent manifestations of unconscious psychokinesis and the ability to visualise a vivid "hallucination" be unconnected with her CE3?

As David Clarke says, we have no reason to doubt her veracity, and no proof it was subjective (especially without Ken). But there is also no proof that a 30 foot wide object hovered over a co-op on a busy housing estate!

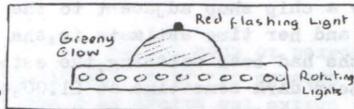
Indeed either this is the classic subjective experience of a UFO vision, or an objective observation of an alien technology able to perform magic. Or is it not just similar to the Roostenberg UFO and entities. Was it the same craft? Perhaps a time-travelling tourist trip from 2085, taking in the delights of Staffordshire in 1954 and Sheffield 25 years later? (If so where will they be in 2004???)

WE'RE NOT GETTING THERE - THANKS TO A UFO

Case 8090 Summer 1980 British Rail West Coast Main Line

MUFORA

BRs new slogan "We're getting there" may look a bit sick if one takes this story (from five teenagers) seriously. It professes to be the first "train-stop" case! Allegedly their BR electric was pursued all the way from Leighton Buzzard to Crews by a Tiger Moth aircraft being chased by a UFO. After conking out the engine (replaced by diesel), then blacking out all the power at Rugby station, the UFO tired of the game and shot into the sky at 5000 MPH! Aside from the fact that none of these things have any evidence behind them (and they ought to have made the press), the rather tricky



difficulty we have in explaining how the aircraft kept pace with the train for over 2 hours, and the surprising lack of witnesses across half of England, MUFORA soon suspected a hoax. Especially when the lads compared their UFO with the "Starship Enterprise" and explained how it was able to reach a speed of "Warp Factor 10" to visit the sun in 48 seconds! Not to mention how it had teleported poor Genette Tate off her bicycle several years ago. We think BR can rest easy.

Case 8091 May 10?? 1980 03.00 Sheffield, S.Yorks Inv: David Clarke

Two independent witnesses, an elderly lady and an ambulance man, at two separate locations in the city, observed a brilliant orange/red ovalish light in the west. It was stationary for some while, although the ambulance man thought he saw it shoot upwards. David rightly suggests it has to be an astronomical object, but wrongly concludes that it had to be Venus. Venus was well below the horizon at this time in May 1980 and rarely looks orange/red. A check with astronomical records is a must in cases of this type. These show an optical conjunction of the bright planets Mars and Jupiter occurred around May 10. Both were low in the west at 03.00. The unusualness of this rare event, plus Mars's orange colour, seem to well explain this particular sighting.

THE APPLETREEWICK PHOTOGRAPH

Case 8328 May 30 1983 17.30 Appletreewick, N.Yorks Inv: WYUFORG

You may recall the Cracoe Fell photo case investigated by YUFOS, which made the national press in 1983. Opinions on that remain divided, was it a strange reflective glw off the cliff face, or something odder? Certainly there has been a great deal of UFO activity in North Yorkshire in recent years. Appletreewick is a dales village just 3 miles from Cracoe and close to the NSA establishment at Menwith Hill. The Pennine UFO Mystery will explain the relevance of that and its many UFO sightings. Both Cracoe and Appletreewick lie virtually on the Craven Fault, which earthlights supporters will recall produced the April 1982 earth-tremor and associated UAP flap.



If you attended the WYUFORG conference at Saltair last October you will have seen the Appletreewick photo. Technically it has no immediate importance, and I am highly suspicious of anything which turns up on film with nothing having been seen by the cameraman (or woman in this case). However, the area in question is interesting, plus the fact that there had been several UAP sightings around this date locally, eg May 26, at Burnsall (just 1 mile away). Descriptions have something in common with what was captured on the Appletreewick film. (See several recent NUN issues for reports by Nigel Mortimer, and others at WYUFORG, on these).

This photo is of a group of Morris dancers on a country lane. The woman who took it saw nothing. None of the dancers (facing away from it) reported anything. But in the background a tree clearly has a round pink object floating beside it. The size is considerable (if at the same range as the tree indicating an object a few feet in diameter) and the circular shape very uniform and precise. A light umbra surrounds it. The photographer thought nothing of it until she read a story in the press about Nigel's local investigations. Several processing labs and photo experts have seen it, and some suggest it is a film fault of unusual type, others are baffled. A professional report commissioned by Harry Harris suggests it is a real balloon.

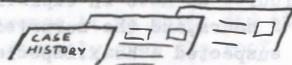


WYUFORG intend to pursue more investigation to try to decide between options. One postscript. The leader of the Morris Dance group died just minutes before the photo was taken!

CASE HISTORIESBORN TO SEE UFOs

NUFORA Investigation by Jenny Randles

Case 8174



This case began very innocently, with a letter from Mr D, now aged 32 and currently unemployed, but trying to make it as a professional writer. He had read "Alien Contact" and wanted to describe a possibly relevant sighting, so he wrote it out in much detail before going any further with reading my book. Subsequent lengthy correspondence has produced masses of background testimony from him, his wife, his parents, plus RL forms. What began as a LITS case has become much, much more.

Origins:

Mr D is the middle child in a family of seven, born and raised in a large, rambling house in the Tranmere area of Birkenhead, Merseyside (although he now lives in the south-west of England). This house was supposedly the scene of countless strange phenomena witnessed by most of the family. This includes an apparition on the stairs, the bathroom light repeatedly turning itself on, a young girl crying, and so on. D had checked past records of the building and found that it had been owned by a doctor and young daughter, who seems to have died young. After that it remained empty until his family purchased it (several years afterwards).

During this childhood time D had numerous vivid dreams (a faculty he has never lost). Blending allegorical imagery several appear to be precognitive. He has given me much detail of about five such dreams, which include things from the minor (knowing he would bump into a friend he had not seen for years the next day) to the serious (a telepathic image of his grandfather's death and a rescue of a girlfriend from a house fire).

One of the earliest childhood dreams is still vivid today. In this he found himself in a strange yellow room with a number of small creatures in green uniforms. One told him off for having long hair. Others forced him into a glass container, through which an electrical current coursed. When he came out he knew he was now an alien! Next day he got his hair cut!

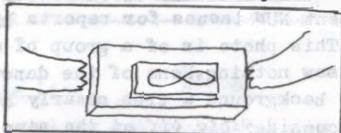
About this dream he adds "Maybe this is irrelevant, but the fact that it is so vivid makes it relevant to me... it may detract from your opinion of me, but it was honestly a turning point in my life."

D's father (who still lives on Merseyside) confirms the details about the house and describes many of his own experiences there. These include a heavy sighing/breathing sound, a "fight" he had with an invisible oppressive assailant on the landing when he went to the toilet and blacked out for several minutes, and the apparition of a black-suited figure holding a book or box in front of it with an inlay silver design like a mobius strip. He says he felt calm "as if a friend had come to call" and adds about these assorted encounters... "I am not in any way a what-do-you-call it, but I felt these happenings intense -ly, whether happenings of the mind or real." One of the ways he learnt to control them was to turn his gaze away and look at something normal (eg the TV set). When he looked back the apparition had gone.

His mother and sister observed a brilliant lighted UFO hovering over the house in the middle of the night when D was asleep. But he recalls nothing of this.

UFO encounters:

It is impossible to relate all of D's, let alone the family's, experiences. But shortly after his little men 'dream' D had a conscious outdoors experience of some



interest. It was winter, around 4.30 pm, and he had just returned from school. There was an incredibly thick fog all around and he was walking a couple of hundred yards to visit a friend. As he neared there a very strong "rushing sound" passed overhead. It was so loud he thought a plane was about to crash. He threw himself to the ground and covered his ears but the sound diminished in no way. Then suddenly it stopped. On reaching his friend's house he blurted this out. His friend had heard nothing and lead him to the door. There was not a trace of any fog, nor had there been any so far as his friend was concerned.

So alarmed was he by all these childhood encounters that he visited a psychiatrist in an effort to have them explained. The psychiatrist had no answer, but D learnt to accept that they just "were" and he would never obtain proof so there was no point in worrying about his inability to convince others.

In Summer 1971 (aged 19) he was hitching with a friend through Delamere Forest near Chester at 3am. When suddenly an electric blue light appeared in the trees. It danced about erratically making a high pitched buzzing and his friend fled in terror. But he set off walking towards it. His next memory is of facing the other way and going back to his friend "in a sort of trance". The blue light was dancing off down a mud path and vanishing into a "garage" at the far end. A few minutes later, when they both dared to go back to the spot, there was no garage. Intriguingly D says that he spent several hours after this unable to distinguish reality from imagination and kept thinking that bushes were animals or people. He knows he was hallucinating, but could not prevent himself from doing it. It just cleared up as it had come.

And so to his experience which lead him to me. He was camping with a friend and a party of children at Thurston on the Wirral around July 1981. It was 2am. He and his friend were sat talking, watching the stars and looking out over the Dee estuary towards Oakenholt! They spotted a bright yellowish light over a factory on the far bank (in Flint) and thought nothing of it, until they realised it was below the hill line so not a star. Assuming it was a light over the factory to warn off aircraft they were not perturbed until it started to move south east (over the Sunderland's house probably - JR!). Then it shot skywards at an incredible speed and vanished.

D and I are making attempts to find his friend (whom we think still lives on the Wirral) and to check the date. This is potentially very important because D does not realise (it has never had publicity) that, as NUFON case 8169 shows, at 02.30 on July 12 1981 a Dan-Air cargo plane allegedly made a visual sighting over this same stretch of Welsh coastline with a similar LITS that was supposedly recorded on radar at Liverpool Airport! D has estimated his sighting duration as taking it to 02.30!

Mr D today:

There is far more to this story than can be summarised here. D still has strange experiences, including frequent OOBs, some of which are verified by others. His mother claims to see his apparition by her bed fairly often. At the time we began to correspond his wife had a UFO sighting almost identical to one described by Marion Sunderland in "Alien Contact", a UAP over power lines. And D has had insights via dreams and impressions that he is being lead by alien powers who are concerned about the future of our planet. He has great fears about nuclear holocaust and describes one dream of a nuclear explosion over the Mersey between Liverpool and Birkenhead.

Obviously, one can suggest that D is mentally unstable or is making these things up to boost his career as a would-be writer. However, he has shown no objection to my writing about them, but prefers anonymity and wants no publicity. He seems genuine. And his "bomb over the Mersey" dream is almost identical to one I have had myself (often) and which he certainly does not know about.

I think we may not have heard the last of Mr D, and I intend to continue trying to verify/or support any of his claims, if that be possible.

A SECRET ABDUCTEE? MUFORA investigation by Linda Agnew, Harry Harris & Jenny Randles

Case 7605: January 23 1976 Bolton, Gtr Manchester

Nine years ago Northern UFO News published an account of this sighting by a then 17yr old girl "Shelley". Arthur Tomlinson of DIGAP had investigated it, although it was the local police who had called the media and Shelley herself had refused to cooperate with the press (and turned down an offer of a TV spot about her case). Aside from adding to the authenticity of the story this was not considered too important at the time; although Peter Warrington and myself thought the case of sufficient merit (and we were sufficiently impressed with the investigation) to mention it briefly (under the title "Rumworth Lodge Reservoir") in our book UFOs A BRITISH VIEWPOINT. The truth seems to be Shelley's reluctance was very important.

Shelley did not know the case was in "British Viewpoint", but she did see "The Pennine UFO Mystery" in a bookshop and through that telephoned me to describe her story. I let her go through it, although I immediately recognised her name. The details offered were almost exactly the same as in the book, except that she thought the lights had been red and green and in 1976 she had said both were amber/red. Her 1984 memory of the date was in error too (by 12 months - and she could not narrow it down other than Jan/Feb). However, I surprised her by being able to tell her the precise date when she had finished talking.

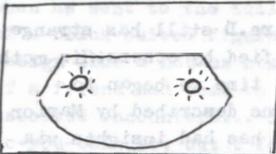
Apart from telling me of the story, which she of course did not realise I knew about, Shelley had decided to explain the full version. In 1976, when she helped Arthur Tomlinson, her chief concern was avoiding the press and TV. At 17 she was unable to cope with what had happened and knew that the real truth would not help in her aim of quietly forgetting all about it. Now, at 26, living in her own house and about to be married, she felt more able to talk openly about her sighting.

After video-filming her initial interview MUFORA launched psychiatric research via Harry Harris and a St John Street, Manchester, doctor. However, the demise of Harry Harris and his hypnotic research from MUFORA left the case in abeyance, as did Shelley's marriage. Although (witness willing) MUFORA intend to conduct further exploration in 1985.

Firstly a brief summary of her 1976 version of the story. Working as a receptionist she had got off the bus from Bolton centre to walk the 10 mins or so to her then home (now parents home), on what was at that time a new, isolated housing estate but is now much more built up. This was close to the Rumworth Lodge Reservoir. She saw two lights over the reservoir (like back lights on a car) which suddenly swept towards her and hovered overhead. Now they were seen as on the side of a strange

object with flat top and curved underside. A horrible vibration began and she could feel it shaking her teeth (ultrasonic sound was our guess at the time). In panic she fled home and at 6.10pm her mother called the police. One woman PC arrived at 7.00 and although not ridiculing her plainly did not believe her and suggested it had been a low flying plane. Shelley flatly insists this is not so.

Now, the other facts which Shelley says she decided to keep to herself. As the object hovered it was the size of a house and at rooftop level. It spun round very fast and then flipped onto its side, spinning more slowly. She is sure it was made of metal and pouring out light from within. A tremendous force was pressing down on her head from above, pushing her into the ground. Suddenly she was running away and the object vanishing high into the sky. She ran into the house and dragged her mother out, paralysed vocally and pointing at the sky. Her mother thought she had been attacked, or raped. It was some minutes before Shelley was calmed down.



Shelley had got off the bus at 5.15 pm and arrived home at 6.05. At least 35 mins of time are unaccounted for.

The next day, whilst having a bath, she noticed a burn on her arm and side. Her parents confirm this. Then her eyes began to hurt and she became nauseous and dizzy. A doctor was called on the Sunday, but not told of the burn or the UFO. He diagnosed a severe cold. The symptoms lasted about 2/3 weeks. Over this same period her fillings began to turn to powder and all those in her top mouth fell out. Bottom fillings imbedded into her gum and she needed extensive dental repairs. Her dentist (whom we are trying to trace with Shelley's help) said he had never seen anything so bad before. The pain in her mouth began within an hour of the sighting.

Nine days after the sighting her mother got a phone call while Shelley was at work. A man just saying "I am someone who investigates these things" began to ask about health problems after the sighting. He would not say how he had traced her. The following day he arrived at the house with a friend and interrogated young Shelley for over two hours. Her father does not know why he let these men in because he knew Shelley did not want to speak to anybody and especially that she had no desire to discuss the medical after-effects. And when they treated his daughter very badly he does not know why he did not throw them out. Both he and his wife were present during the whole interview and say they sat there mutely watching!

The two men were in their late forties and wore smart business suits. They had very sophisticated tape recording equipment but refused to say who they were or where they were from, but insisted they were not press. They told her that if her father intervened they would come back again and have to force her to speak to them!

Only one of the two actually spoke. The other man, whom Shelley recalls as having only one arm but both her parents disagree (the only point of major discrepancy in this weird saga), said nothing at any point - not even 'hello' or 'goodbye'. He was like a dummy, the mother suggested! The other man who asked all the questions, would only say he was called "The Commander"! He said he knew about DIGAP and the visit by Arthur Tomlinson (just three days before this), but he called the group "meddlars".

The Commander was very stern with her and seemed to expect incredible accuracy in her estimates of time and size. When she told them she could not be that precise he got angry! He did not just suggest explanations to her he tried to browbeat her into believing them. He was particularly insistent on getting her to believe "it was something the army was trying out" and repeated this several times. Shelley refuted this and said she was sure it was not, and eventually he gave up. They also made repeated attempts to get her to talk about burn marks on her body, and refused to believe her when she denied having any. They demanded to see her arms and side, but she refused.

This remarkable interview terminated, none of the family seemed to find it odd until later when they started to talk about it. A week later the man called again and over the phone, under intense pressure, Shelley admitted to the burns (now faded away). The "Commander" said thank you and put the phone down. They never heard of him again! Visitors very similar to this were reported to MUFORA by two other witnesses (in 1978 & 1980).

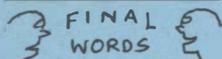
Because of the time-lapse Shelley was put under regression hypnosis and video filmed. She described the encounter very well, and with a few new details. For example, when running away she said it felt like she was in a slow-motion film. But there was no way round the barrier. She repeatedly felt the pressure, saw the UFO slow down, her mind went black, and she was suddenly running away. No abduction or enthes emerged.

Shelley was also regressed to the visit by the two men. She described it, but was far more petrified than during the UFO experience. She said that the men were talking to her "twice" (ie in the mind at the same time as verbally). But her heartbeat and pulse rose to such alarming levels that the doctor had to curtail the experiment.

Shelley also related the now expected psychic history, including the seemingly ludicrous statement that as a child she could levitate herself at will! We tried to persuade her that this was probably a hallucination, or form of OOB, whereupon she insisted we drive round with her to talk to her mother. We did - and her mother claimed it was true. She had once seen Shelley float down the stairs right in front of her! We regressed her to childhood and with the video camera rolling tried to get Shelley to float off the psychiatrists couch. Sadly the experiment failed!

I have not the slightest grounds for doubting the veracity of this case. As you can see both parents independantly verified much of the background. And if we fail to get the medical support from doctor and dentist it will not be for want of help by Shelley, who is bending over to assist us in finding them. Incredible as it all is it has to make one wonder just how many other apparently mundane cases mask something a whole lot stranger at a subconscious level.

My suspicion is that if we recognised this possibility we would be well on the way to understanding the mystery of the UFO close encounter.



No NUFON group has come forward to stage a conference in 1985 as yet. Is there any one willing to take up where WYUFORG left off? It would be nice to see someone to the west of the Pennines this time - but we may need to take whatever offers there are!!

A VERY HAPPY 1985 TO ALL READERS OF NORTHERN UFO NEWS. Let's hope it brings more sightings than a rather ordinary 1984. Although there were some cases of note - as those of you who pay your subscriptions will discover next issue. Watch out for the case of the "Virgin Mary" who lead a witness towards a flying saucer!

CALENDER Mar 2 BUFORA lecture "The death of ufology" Paul Devreux vs the rest!
(Plus at 2.30, same place, BUFORA Investigations meeting - all UK ufologists welcome)
Mar 23 YUFOS conference "The Cover-Up" (contact:- 68 Buller Crescent, Leeds LS9 6LJ) Venue: Central Leeds (Graham Birdsall, Tim Good, Jenny Randles et al)
Mar 23 UFO/OVNI Anglo/French 3rd annual conference at Le-Toûquet, France
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Apr 13 BUFORA lecture "UFOs: Property or Possession?" Ralph Noyes (ex head of the MoD UFO department, DS 8 - but he won't be talking of cover-ups, he says)
(All BUFORA lectures, 6.30pm, LONDON Business School, Sussex Place, Nr Baker Street)

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