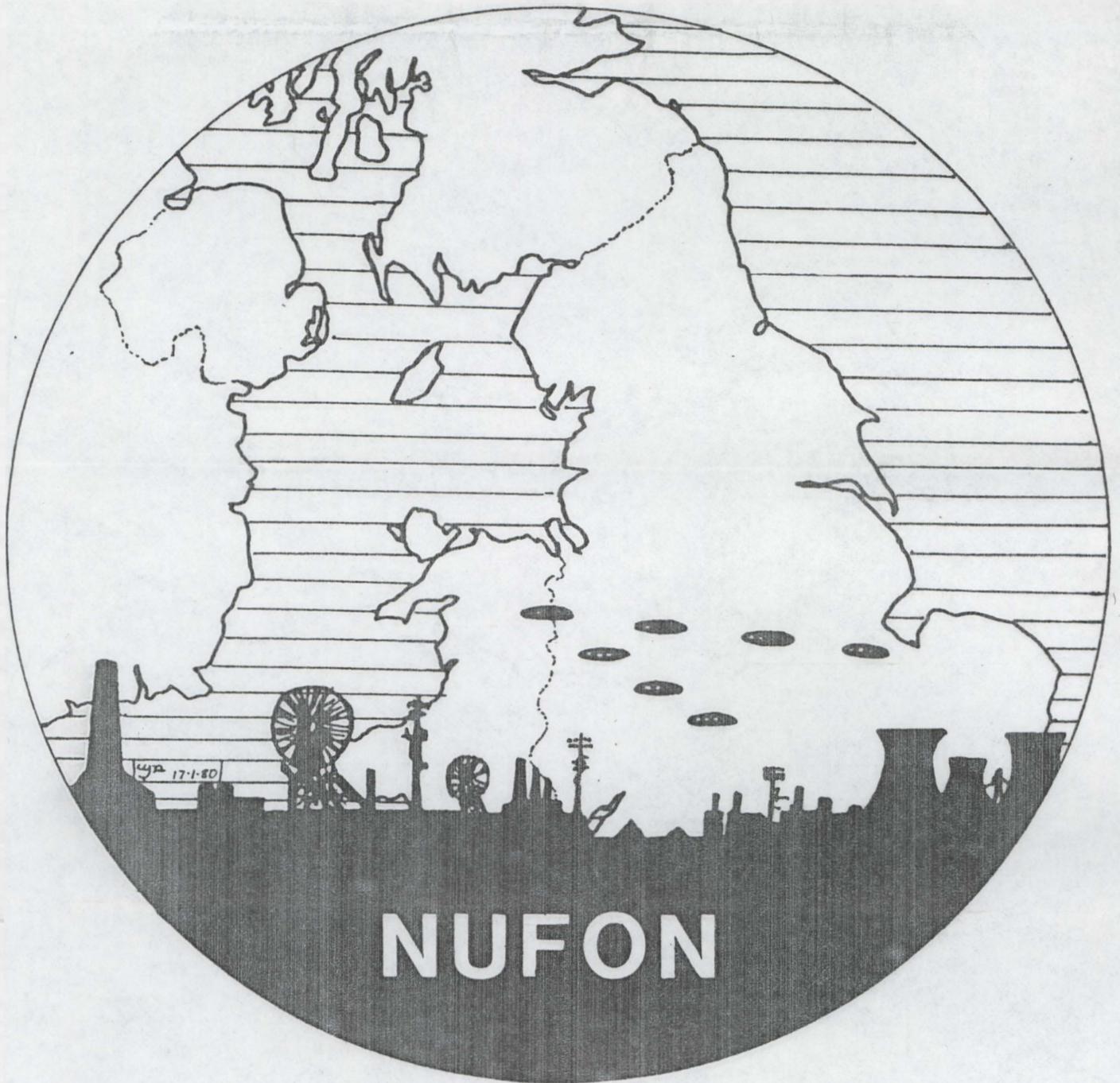


NORTHERN UFO NEWS



NORTHERN UFO NEWS is the publication of the NORTHERN UFO NETWORK (NUFON)
Published eight times a year in monthly series with NORTHERN UFOLOGY
Edited by: Jenny Randles (MUFORA) Cover Design by John Watson (CHRYST.S)
Address: 8 Whitethroat Walk, Birchwood, Warrington, Cheshire WA3 6PQ

APRIL 1980

Issue 71

Apologies are once more in order. Your editor is still having house-moving problems, I am afraid, and so the planned NORTHERN UFOLOGY has had to be held over until the next possible issue (we hope it will be next month) Do not worry you will not miss out on an issue and four will still be produced in 1980. Meanwhile many thanks are due to Martin Keatman for his help in producing this issue. Without him it would not have been possible. Note that mail should not be sent to the Warrington address as yet (but still to Irlam), as it cannot be collected from Warrington until the move - which is not yet in sight! Again apologies for any delays this might incur temporarily. JR

EDITORIAL: "The Cow Jumped Over the Moon"

A great deal has been written of late on the subject of ethics in connection with UFO investigation. MAGONIA has opened up a debate forum on the issue, to which I have contributed, and I have also produced an article on the theme for the first issue of UFOINs magazine "INVESTIGATION" (see p 2) However, it was MAPITs SKYWATCH which set the ball rolling with an interesting piece from Australian researcher Mark Moravec, and in issue 35 (March/April) they continue with words from editor David Rees at the conclusion of a reprinted article. (pp 9-11).

David is commenting on an evaluation report from the 'Institute for the Evaluation of Anomalous Phenomena' You might well ask who they are, since this one piece of evaluation appears to be their sole contribution to Ufology and it was written 3 years ago! This report was circulated at the time to various people with mysterious anonymity, following the publication in FSR (Vol 23 No 1) of an article by myself on a late 1976 flap in Staffordshire. The relevant part of that article is reprinted by SKYWATCH with one interesting omission. Whilst the two UFORA Staffs investigators (Derek James & Chris Bourne) are included with credits the other person involved (who was Tony Pace....BUFORA Research Director) is not. My article was based entirely on their submitted data, which is included on file with NUFON at Nottingham.

The Institutes evaluation report attempts to prove that one of the cases in the flap (an alleged CE3 at Bignall End on December 31 1976) was a misidentification of the moon (which was not full) Whether it satisfactorily does so is not too important, although I feel that it does not despite making some useful points. What is significant is the underhand manner of presentation of this report, attempting to denigrate the abilities and integrity of the Ufologists concerned. I have no doubt that whatever the truth of this case those involved made every effort to evaluate it fairly (including talking to Dr Ron Maddison at Keele University - a noted Lunar astronomer!) That is what counts - so why the cloak and dagger tactics of this phantom institute?

So far as I was concerned there was no purpose in arguing this out but David Rees has decided it should be resurrected because it has a bearing on the question of UFO ethics. He did not elaborate on this (I hope he will), but it seems to me that the ethics concern whether this is the correct way to question ufological motives or standards.

I accept, of course, that Ufologists have a responsibility to do their job thoroughly and to publish objective conclusions. In the main this happens, although we must be always prepared to upgrade our efforts (and that is what UFOIN is all about) I see nothing wrong with criticising any work done, where justified (and do not deny that some of the points made by this 'evaluation' were valid) Bob Morrell of NUFOIS showed the correct way to go about this with his FSR critique of the Rainford, Merseyside CE3 case. Whilst I do not concur with his view that what was here seen was a cow his arguments were fair and purposeful. More to the point they were made openly and were freely debatable. It is of interest to note that I have a suspicion that one of the people implicated by Bob's comments on the Rainford cow was himself a party to the phantom institute and its evaluation. I wonder how he felt with the boot on the other foot?

Comments on this affair should, I think, be addressed to David Rees at SKYWATCH. Let this be my final word on the saga.

DO NOT FORGET: NUFON MEETING YMCA, Mt Pleasant, LIVERPOOL APRIL 19 (1 - 5.30)

:: Please - no more articles for the theme for the held over issue of NORTHERN UFOLOGY! We have seven, and some most interesting thoughts on UFOs and the Paranormal. If you want to get writing try articles for the JULY issue (or planned JULY issue!) The theme is to be: PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:- Its extent and its validity.

:: I note that Lionel Beer has resigned as Chairman of BUFORA, to be replaced by a name unfamiliar to me (Leslie Bayer) As readers will know Lionel and I have had our differences, but I recognise his contribution to the national group and wish him, and his successor, well.

SOMETHING NEW FOR THE INVESTIGATOR

If you have a friend who is a Ufologist and his birthday is coming up buy him a novel birthday present - a subscription to INVESTIGATION. What's more treat yourself too! INVESTIGATION is produced by the UFOIN team and excellently edited by Martin Keatman. It looks at investigation and research from the mature Ufologists viewpoint and as such is unique. If you want to brush up your standards then you had better get a copy of this. It will be published irregularly (when material of the required standard is available), but probably 2 or 3 times a year. ISSUE ONE, out now, includes: Terror in the House of the Dolls (repeater witness investigation); physical trace investigation; alien photographers; ethical factors of investigating a CE3; bio-luminescence at landing sites; the case of the persistent Ufologist (how a case should be followed through) and the UFOIN guidelines on content and organisation of reports

Copies 50p (post inc) (3 issue subscription for £1.50) (cheques, p/os to Martin Keatman)
:- 31 Stuart Close North; Walton; Stone; Staffs ST15 0JU.

MAGAZINE REVIEWS

FSR Vol 25 No 4 is out at last with the continuation of the Sunderland family saga; MAGONIA No 2 has two interesting pieces:- an exciting new research proposal from John Hind and a repeater case from Nigel Watson. John's UFO Motifs idea should be studied by you all. (MAGONIA was MUF0B and is available from the MUF0B address) SKYWATCH Mar/Apr has already been referred to this issue. It also has pieces on graphology and psi-UFO interlinks from Australia, plus comments by John Hind on the definition of 'UFO Report' adopted at the recent BUFORA congress. ASWR, No 8, the reviews magazine, reviews earthmystery & UFO books and magazines. From the south the BFSB produce UFO NEWS BULLETIN with an interesting potpourri of cases plus a good article by Geoff Falla on vehicle interference cases. SIGAP have produced two issues of PEGASUS with Surrey cases and some interesting comments on a personal appraisal (on site) of the incidents described in the Clive Harold book "The Uninvited" Finally, EARTHLINK, now apart from the erstwhile Essex UFO Study Group, has just published a Summer 1979 issue! Rather esoteric these days, but with an interesting article from Dr Leo Sprinkle.

VISITORS FROM THE WORLD-MIND? "Miracle Visitors", Ian Watson, Panther 256pp £1.00

This book is fiction - a science fiction story that reaches towards the boundary of belief; but it is more than that. For within these pages is an amazing new theory about UFOs which should be considered by all of you. You will not be able to comprehend its full implications until you have read it several times.

The story is set in Britain and contains all the standard elements: contact, MIBs regression hypnosis - the lot! The Ufologist, psychologist and witnesses search for the answer by means of various 'new' Ufology byways and end up, with frightening reality, at the position we find ourselves in:- multiple solutions which the phenomenon sets up itself and then immediately knocks down. Ufology is a cosmic Aunt Sally. In the process some important questions are posed and a fascinating new concept of the enigma. Had you ever wondered, for example, whether UFOs are intrinsic to our world or a universal phenomenon? Ian Watson's ideas on that might well astound you.

It intrigues me that there is an element of the phenomenon in the very creation of this novel. It is based very much on ideas proposed as fact by Peter Warrington and myself in "UFOs: A British Viewpoint" and alluded to also by Lyall Watson and Colin Wilson in recent books (note Wilson, Watson, Warrington and me... and even I am engaged to a man whose name starts with W!... typical Fortean coincidence) Seems like Jungian synchronicity is at work allowing five of us to come up with the same concept at the same time... or is it another false trail! Read this book anyway. It is one of the most important contributions to serious Ufology even though it was not meant to be!

This idea came to mind when I was studying UFOs and the paranormal in my files. I came upon a connection between ghosts and similar acting ufonauts. As Charles Bowen said on the Hugh Burnett TV documentary 'Out of This World' when some UFO occupants seem to glide or hover above the ground this may suggest that they are a form of projected image into the minds of the percipients.

I take another version of this view. I propose that when we have 'astral travels' (or OOBES) in dreams etc we are able to see things which our normal body cannot. When certain witnesses state that during their UFO experience they felt paralysed or in a trance state I think that at this state the real, physical body may be left behind in a sort of suspended animation. The astral body can only witness the event as it is happening in another time continuum. Therefore, only hypnosis can retrieve the event, and the loss or gain of time is a factor in it (eg the Betty & Barney Hill abduction)

Returning to ghosts and the UFO occupants who seem to act in the same way. One notes that UFO events may happen without prior warning. In some cases the UFO may be called the projector and we the screen (receiving the projection or hologram instantly) When abductees are taken on board the alleged UFO hardly a sound is often heard. Ghosts are also supposed to be silent in their movements - like a TV picture without sound. Dreams may seem real and vivid enough to remember but I also think it possible that they are sometimes mistaken for UFO events. I have had a few dreams of UFO events which seem very real, but one can usually tell the difference cannot one?

One might wonder what happens when two people are abducted aboard a UFO (eg the Aveyley abduction) I think the event might be a double projected image - two people seeing the same image. It may seem complicated or far fetched but it is just one view. I would be interested in hearing your opinions, via Northern UFO News.

INVESTIGATION
DATA

LOW DEFINITION

Ref	Date	Time	Location	Investigator	Level	Evaluation
79-118	AUG 2	00.30	Tunstall, Staffs	Parasearch (S Banks)	A	Aircraft
Two W LITS moving as one in a southerly direction for about 1 minute						
79-119	SEPT	08.00	Gt Barr, W Mid	UFOSIS (B Pedley)	C	Insuff data
79-12	SEPT 22	12.15	Castle Bromwich, Wks	UFOSIS (E Westley)	B	Insuff data
Two W LITS seen to come across sky, hover and then fade out..... high cloud?						
79-123	OCT 22	22.00	Stafford, Staffs	Parasearch (S Banks)	A	Satellite
Red LITS moving very fast across sky. Seen for 30 seconds.						
79-124	OCT 22	22.30	Stoke, Staffs	Parasearch (S Banks)	A	Aircraft
Two sets of witnesses to 2 W LITS. Manchester ATC confirm a Boeing 707 was in area						
79-125	OCT 28	16.00	Stoke, Staffs	Parasearch (S Banks)	A	Insuff data
Group of large W LITS seen stationary for several minutes. Just blinked out.						
79-127	Nov 6	18.00	Wednesbury, W Mid	UFOSIS (B Pedley)	A	Insuff data
Two W LITS seen. One moved away slowly. The other 'shot away'.						
8002	Jan 13	17.45	Bromsgrove, Worcs	UFOSIS (E Westley)	C	Insuff data
Three witnesses saw blue LITS moving slowly across sky.						
8003	Jan 31	17.15	Woodchurch, Msy side	MIGAP	C	Pos Aircraft
W LITS followed by Red LITS moving slowly and silently across sky.						
8004	Feb 1	18.00	New Ferry, Msy side	MIGAP	C	Pos Aircraft
W LITS and Orange LITS moving across Wirral towards Liverpool. No sound.						
8005	Feb 12	19.40	New Ferry, Msy side	MIGAP	C	Pos Aircraft
Brilliant flashing W LITS moving up and down across sky. Liverpool ATC said it was an aircraft but witness does not think so.						

8003-8005 are part of a Wirral flap that is under investigation by MIGAP.

Cases: 11 Insufficient data 5; Aircraft 5; Satellite 1 UFO= NIL

MEDIUM DEFINITION

Ref	Date	Time	Location	Investigator	Level	Evaluation
-----	------	------	----------	--------------	-------	------------

79-121	SEPT 16	23.10	Stafford, Staffs	Parasearch (S Banks)	A	UNKNOWN
--------	---------	-------	------------------	----------------------	---	---------

A 16 year old boy was returning from a night out at his girlfriends. He was walking past a site upon which gypsies camp their caravans, looking eastwards towards the RAF Stafford base. He caught sight of an unusual object, at an elevation of 60 degrees, which was the apparent size of a one pence piece at arms length. This had a red oval centre and a surrounding rim of about 15 steady white lights forming a circle. The object hovered and then moved to one side slightly. It then returned to its former position before shooting away towards the east at a very fast speed. Total duration of the sighting was 10-15 seconds. No identification found



79-123	NOV 12	19.40	Various (Midlands)	Parasearch (S Banks)	B	Aircraft
--------	--------	-------	--------------------	----------------------	---	----------

This incident involves five separate sightings, but all seemingly interconnected with a similar description, and occurring within five minutes of each other. Basically they were described as a diamond shape made up of W LITS (plus some orange) which was high and moving slowly E or SE. One witness near Stoke was adamant that it looked like an American B52 bomber. Other witnesses were in Milton and Cheadle, Staffs and also in Codnor (Derbyshire) and Radford (Notts) A USAF bomber flying to a base in East Anglia seems the most plausible solution although the MOD were unable to check this out. It is interesting how this correlates with report 78-149 which occurred at the same time on November 1 1978 (see NUN Dec 1978) This was not then identified.

79-129	DEC 9	15.40	Halesowen, W Midlands	UFOSIS (R Tolley)	C	Insuff data
--------	-------	-------	-----------------------	-------------------	---	-------------

Three small silvery oblongs with a pinkish glow seen at various points during a five minute spell on a sunny afternoon. Objects seem to enter or leave a bank of cloud. No positive identification made but possibility of reflective birds must not be discounted.

79-130	DEC 30	??PM	Tamworth, Staffs	UFOSIS (B Pedley)	A	Insuff data
--------	--------	------	------------------	-------------------	---	-------------

Two men observed two starlike objects moving towards each other. These joined and then separated. One object remained stationary whilst the other moved towards the witnesses. It then hovered above them and was seen as a cigar shape with a band of red LITS along the middle. This object then moved away. Total duration 25 minutes.

8006	FEB 13	13.10	Coldstream, SCOTLAND	BUFORG (A Price)	B	UNKNOWN
------	--------	-------	----------------------	------------------	---	---------

59 year old William Mowitt was driving six teenage students home in a mini-bus when one of them drew his attention towards an object hovering over some nearby woods. He stopped the bus and turned off the engine. Winding down the window they could observe the object over Dundock Wood. It was cylinder shaped and about the length of a ballpoint pen at arms length (but twice the thickness) It was dark in colour. At each end was an orange light that flashed on and off at one second intervals. Estimates were that it was 500 feet above the trees. As they watched the object moved very slowly to the N. It was seen for 3 minutes before they drove off, but it was still clearly visible as they did so. There was no sound despite the proximity and no effects on the engine (this was deisel operated).



78-262	NOV 8	18.15	Maltby, Sth Yorks	Under SUFORS Investigation	D	Insuff data
--------	-------	-------	-------------------	----------------------------	---	-------------

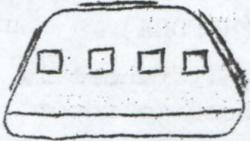
Damion Harte (24 yr old hairdresser), and his wife, were returning from work to their home by car. They observed a light rising from behind a church and presumed somebody had launched a late rocket (from Nov 5). But the object levelled off as a hazy mass of light surrounded by a red glow and moved towards the village. (N) The object was pursued for several minutes through country lanes, seemingly slowing down. It was then lost temporarily behind a hill. It seemed to have dropped down to hover just above trees. Damion now saw it clearly as a row of lights (two W and one R) with a surrounding hazy dome shape. Turning towards it he drove to within 200 feet and saw it hovering just 50 feet up, obtaining a good view. The engine was switched off and the window wound down. There was no sound. His wife, who could not see it well, became frightened and urged him to drive away. He did, but as he turned she saw it spiral upwards and away giving a clear view of its dome shape. It was about 3 times the size of their car (which was a Jaguar).



A REALLY CLOSE ENCOUNTER CE 1 Psycho Investigated by Stephen Banks (Parasearch)

26 year old Lynn Noga a lithographer and mother of several young children is the principal witness to this case, along with her ex-husband (who we must just call AF). The events happened around Spring 1974 (or 75) in Fenton, Stoke, Staffordshire.

After a normal nights sleep Lynn woke at 03.30 wanting to go to the toilet. As she got up to do so she noted through the curtainless window a strange object in the E. It was large and dome shaped with a flat base. As she watched four rectangular window type lights (yellowy white) came on in sequence. Next the base lit up and then the right, left and top edges. At the end the whole object was a spectacular blaze of light (hardly a UFO on a covert mission!) It then went out and the whole sequence began again. In all this repeated about 20 times in a sighting duration which lasted 15 minutes. AF was awoken mid



way through the experience and observed the phenomenon also. During the encounter the object approached the witnesses very slowly and came to within 5 or 6 feet of the window itself! At this point, fearing the worst, they hid their faces - but no collision occurred. A few moments later they dared to look out and the object had gone. Needless to say there was great fear prevalent, but no other apparant effects.

Lynn claims to be very psychic, recounting numerous experiences - eg hearing a voice calling her name, pronounced telepathic ability, precognitive dreams and several instances of OOBES (where she floated above her body). Whether this has any relevance is not known, but it is difficult to believe that it was coincidental that she awoke when she did to find the object homing in on her! This is a factor found very often in the Close Encounter. One also must note the existance of a 'sphere of influence', otherwise such an incredibly prominent object (estimated as about 30 feet by 10 feet in size) would have been seen by many people in and around the city (which is quite densely populated) despite the hour of day.

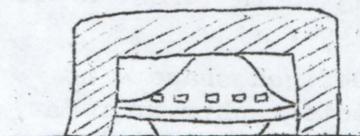
MYSTERIOUS BLOB PRECIPITATES ENCOUNTER Andy Collins & Martin Keatman (Parasearch)

September 6 1979 02.30 Stafford, Staffs CE 4

This case appears to be quite unique and certainly bizarre. One might be tempted to dismiss it as a dream (and it may have been - or at least a form of hallucination) Nevertheless its similarities to other CE 4 experiences makes it worth recording.

The witness is 48, works for the local council, and is single. He is respected and intelligent and interested in philosophy. He had retired to bed late on this night and was not asleep when he felt a sensation on his lower face. It was as if a blob of plastercine were spreading all over the contours. He could make out that it was pink and amorphous and could smell a sweet and unpleasant odour. It thickened and seemed to harden. Meanwhile he had the impression he was to be 'scanned' by UFO personnel. He did not panic, but felt discomfort. He cried out loud "what the hell is going to happen next" and the substance then abruptly vanished as fast as it had appeared.

Immediately following this he found himself walking across a grass field in sunlight and approaching a wood hanger within which was a domed disc of grey metal and a row of windows on the side. He came to within several feet of this whereupon the UFO simply faded away into nothingness, leaving the hanger still intact. He then proceeded to turn around and walk back across the field in the opposite direction until he reached the point where the 'vision' had begun. He then found himself wide awake but noting the time found that it was two hours on from when he believes the experience with the pink substance began.



He fell asleep and awoke refreshed in the morning none the worse for the experience. He suffered no after effects. This is the only UFO experience he has had to date (although he believes he is being prepared for something further) He does, however, claim numerous psychic experiences - eg seeing a ghostly form in an old house, OOBES and clairvoyance (he is a Spiritualist and once secretary of a branch of the Society for Psychical Research).

Clearly his presuppositions and background must be relevant to some degree here, and several things point to a hypnopompic hallucination. (the time loss might just be a normal feature of dream sleep) Nevertheless he is convinced the pink substance (he sensed more than saw the colour) was physically present. Undoubtedly this must be classified as a CE4.

As a final point note how similar his UFO was to that seen two months later by Bob Taylor at Livingstone, Scotland (NUN Dec 79) Not only that but it was in a WOOD hangar (Bob Taylor's was in a WOOD) and it became invisible (as did Bob Taylors in part).... Fortean coincidence maybe, or a precognitive inspired dream image?

WIERD EVENTS IN A WALLASEY GARDEN Jenny Randles & Paul Whetnall (MUFORA)

Only a brief summary of this experience will be included here as a full report is due to be included in the next issue of MAGONIA. The witness was advised to report it to us by the Society for Psychical Research.

Daisy is a very old lady (in her eighties) and with a long history of psychic experiences (poltergeist phenomena with objects disappearing; sickly sweet smells pervading the house; frequent visions of ghosts and several precognitive dreams and 'waking dreams' - as she calls them) Her UFO experiences began in late 1977 and were still occurring (she claims) in early 1980.

Basically what she sees is just a series of white lights in her rear garden. Sometimes she sees these attached to the head and arms of a six feet tall 'spaceman' in a silver suit. He stands at the rear of the long garden in a stooped fashion, and sometimes approaches the window (which has a greenhouse attached) On one instance he was seen to fly over trees.

In early November 1979 a red cigar shaped object about 8 feet by four feet in size was seen to come down from above the trees and land in the corner of the garden. As she usually does she left this there and went to bed. Next day she found an oval patch of crushed weeds covered in a grey fungus, but this was not evidential on analysis.

Overall the investigators found no reason to accept that the events described were objective, and there were factors that suggested a psychological interpretation (see the MAGONIA article for details)

WHERE HAVE ALL THE UFOs GONE?

A quarter of 1980 has gone already and only 6 reports are on file for the year. This is by far the lowest total at this stage for any year since NUFON began (by this time in 1978 we had 27 and in 1979 21 for example) Total reports for years since 1975 now stand at: 1975 (158); 1976 (166); 1977 (322); 1978 (262); 1979 (130) Although on present evidence 1979 will eventually push the 1975-76 totals 1980 will, if one extrapolates from the present figure (assuming no major flap) only reach about 50 or 60 cases! Has anyone any suggestions as to why the numbers should be falling so dramatically?

CASES IN THIS ISSUE: 20 Insufficient data 9; Aircraft 6; Satellite 1;
Psychological 1 UFO 3 (15%)

NOTES ON THE NUFON CLASSIFICATION:

The classification used is that proposed by Randles and Warrington in "UFOs: A British Viewpoint" as a modification of Dr J Allen Hynek's famous system.

LOW (No defined shape - no effects or interaction); MEDIUM (Defined shape - no effects or interaction) INST (Instrumentally detected - ie photographic or radar) CE 1 (Transient effects or interaction); CE 2 (Semi-permanent effects or interaction); CE 3 (Entities associated); CE 4 (Psychic or reality distortion interaction)

LEVEL refers to investigation depth viz: A (on site investigation), B (witness interviews), C (Standard report form only), D (Written statements) & E (Third hand data only eg press cuttings)

The case number enables all cases to be traced at the HQ in Nottingham where copies of all files may be studied: 443 Meadow Lane; Nottingham; NG2 3GB