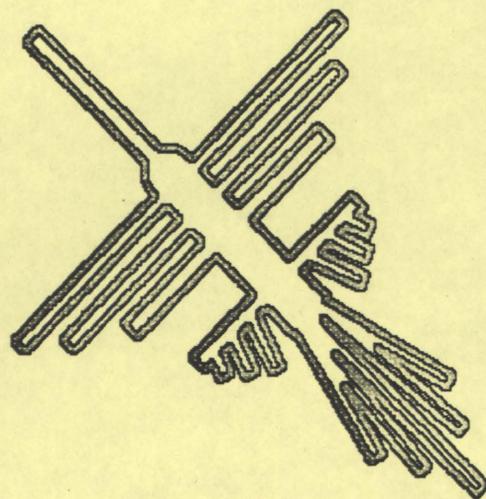
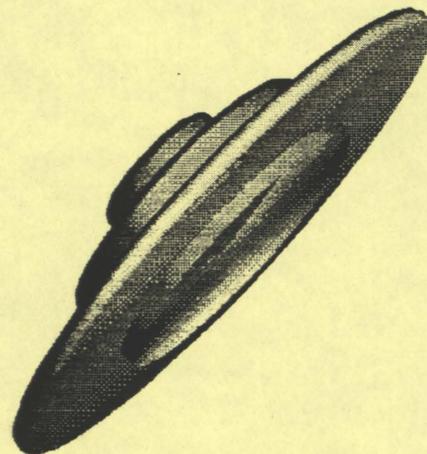
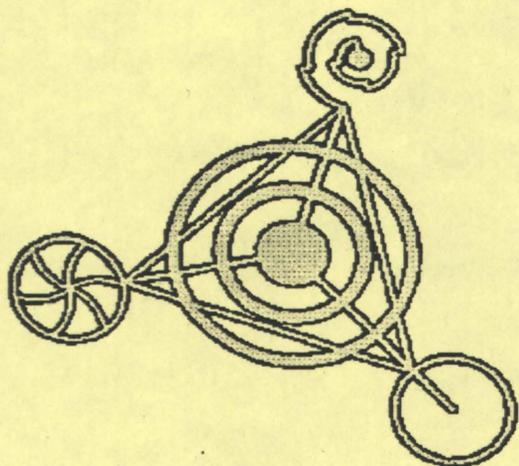

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BUMPER 'FLYING TRIANGLE' ISSUE

We are at present being inundated with Flying Triangle reports as the result of the widespread sale of 'The Flying Triangle Mystery'. This A4 booklet, produced by your editor is now going into its first reprint as the result of continuous high sales. This in turn has resulted in FT witnesses becoming aware that an intensive study is being carried out on the FT subject and that there are people '*out there*' who are treating the subject seriously.

As a result of this publicity, many past FT witnesses are now making themselves known and disclosing details of their sightings and close encounters. Many of the reports go back several years, but are non the less of extreme interest. A number of the FT reports have been printed in this issue of the OVNI, but unfortunately due to the shortage of space in this publication there is a restriction on the number of incidents that can be included.

We have also received enquiries from a number of new sources about our activities and our research. Our stated aim is to *exchange* information with any group interested in the subject. We are quite willing to publicise our latest findings, but in return we expect to receive the latest FT reports from other area's.

The response to this has been extremely encouraging and we must mention in particular the keen co-operation of the **SHEFFIELD UFO RESEARCH ASSOCIATION**, which has been good enough to supply us with their latest Flying Triangle reports as soon as they have become available.

We are pleased to say that the SUFORA group are not alone with their interchange of information. A number of other associations have sent in reports and all such groups are receiving full credit for their efforts. The curse of the UFO fraternity has always been the petty squabbling and in-fighting that has taken place. If there are intelligence groups working to dislocate the study of UFO's (*as is rumoured in the USA*), then the continued petty squabbling of UFO groups can do nothing but assist them in disorganising our research.

The M.O.D. man of the moment, Nick Pope has disclosed, that as far as the M.O.D. is concerned there appears to be little interest in the UFO subject, as it does not represent a threat to the security of our country. In his own way, Nick Pope is doing his best to publicise past UFO events and to raise official interest in the phenomenon, but by what he has said, it is an uphill task.

We do not believe that the FT's are a threat, if they were, then we had better raise our white flags right now. ***The technology that they exhibit leaves no doubt that they can do exactly what they want, when they want to!***

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT!

The last issue of the OVNI carried the news that nothing had been seen on the night of the International Skywatch on the 17th August, held near the village of Bretby (the scene of strange lights and FT's).

However after having the skywatch film processed it became obvious that although nothing had been *seen*, something strange had occurred! The photograph printed below, was taken on the night of the skywatch, or rather in the early hours of the morning.

At first glance it might appear to be a fault in the film, but as your editor has extensive experience of film processing, we can eliminate a number of speculative questions.

Could it be:-

(a) A fault in the film emulsion?.....No, the white streak appears only in the exposed frame and does not carry across the entire film surface.

(b) Could it be a finger or obstruction across the lens?.....No, the object (?) is illuminated and the flash is situated above the lens. A finger would have closed off part of the exposed frame.

(c) Could someone have waved, say a handkerchief in front of the lens?.....No, the electronic flash would have 'frozen' any movement.

The white object appears to be moving across to the right. A white double tubular shape seems to be moving to the right and leaving a wider trail on the left. There appear to be two white tubes on the right, leaving a wider open light on the left.

Does any reader have an idea what it might be? (send your answers on a postcard).



The mysterious light, also visible in the picture, the Microdet H/F detector and an ionisation detector.

ARTHUR SHUTTLEWOOD

We regret to announce the passing of one of the most prominent figures on the UFO scene in the early 60's.

Arthur Shuttlewood's name was synonymous with Warminster during the period when 'The Thing' was being continually reported over Warminster. The Wiltshire town gained fame overnight as reports flowed in about the strange happenings going on in the area. Together with his friend 'Bob Strong', Arthur could often be seen organising sky-watches on the nearby 'Cradle Hill'.

Arthur, former Grenadier Guardsman, policeman and town councillor had been a newspaper reporter for over twenty years. He said of his interest in UFO's: "It is a labour of love, but our humble findings may help the people of our world during these troubled times. That will be our reward."

Arthur Shuttlewood possessed a likeable personality and was a prolific writer of UFO books.

Two of his best sellers were 'The Warminster Mystery' and 'Warnings From Flying Friends.'

He was often seen on the media of the day and was a well known speaker on the conference circuit.

We lament the passing of one of Ufology's most colourful and best known characters.



KEN PHILLIPS

We have recently heard the news that another well know UFO researcher Ken Phillips passed away on the 19th July this year.

Ken was well known for his study of the psychological aspects of the UFO phenomenon and in particular his study and support given to UFO witnesses. He formed the WITNESS SUPPORT GROUP in an effort to help witnesses who suffered stress from their experiences.

Ken had a caring attitude and a good sense of humour, which made him popular with his fellow researchers. He also developed an interest in the UFO activity going on at Warminster, which at that time was one of the most publicised events in the world.

He join the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) in 1957. He was soon recognised as a prominent investigator for that organisation and later became the National Investigations Co-ordinator.

He died suddenly at the age of 57. We extend our sympathy to his wife Ann and his family.

SEEN OVER BIRKENHEAD 1982

A report only recently received, reveals that 'boomerang' craft similar to those seen over the Hudson Valley USA in 1982, were also visiting Britain during the same period!

A Mr TD related details of his sighting, which took place in February 1982 about 7.30pm.

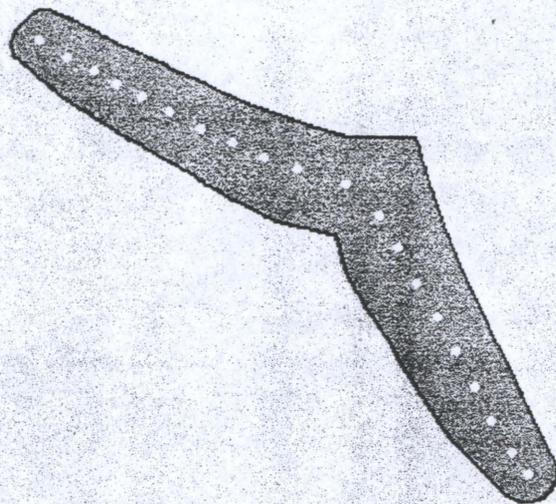
I was walking to meet a friend at a local bus stop. This involved walking through an alleyway between a housing estate and a building site. This area of Birkenhead is quite high up and the road climbs slightly, before dipping down.

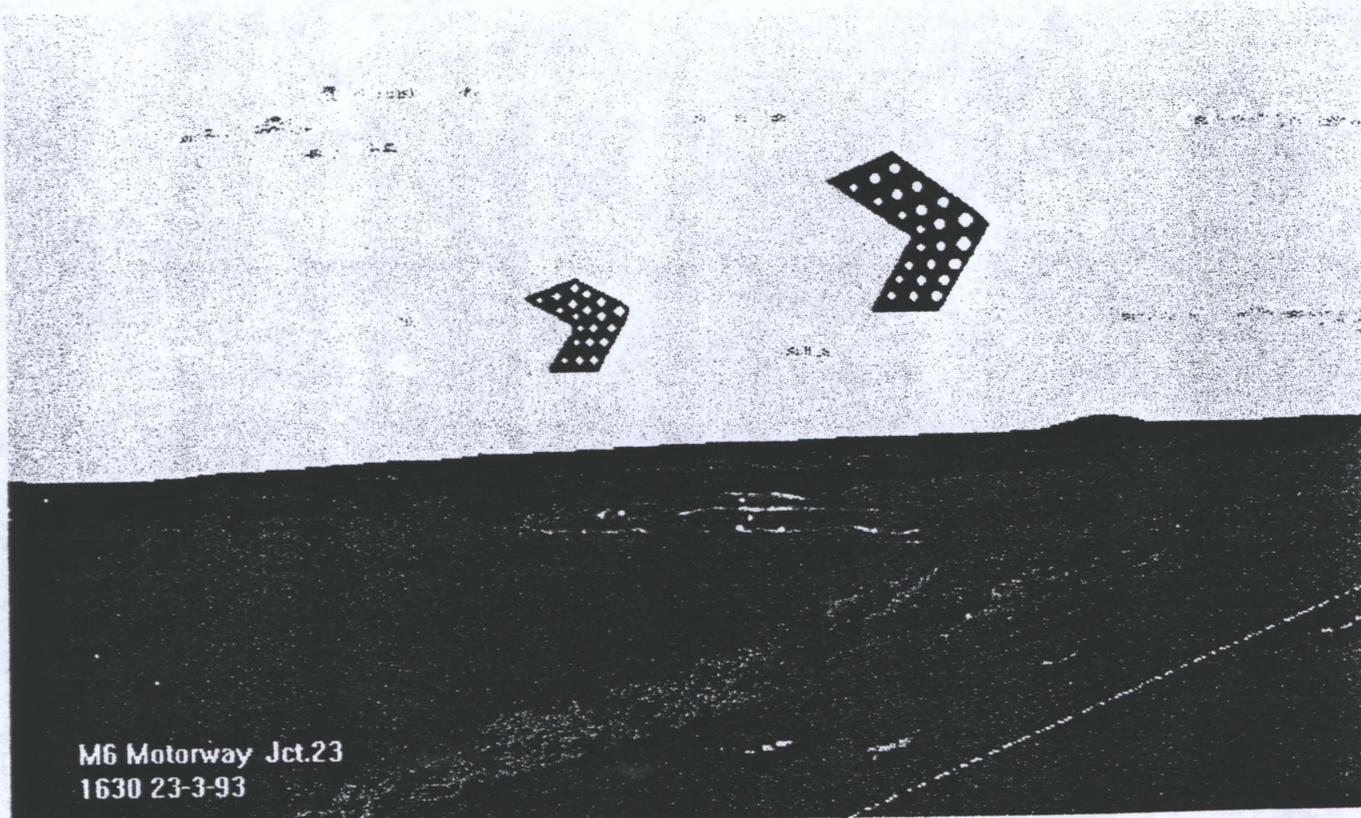
As I reached the top of the alleyway, I happened to look upwards and saw a series of bright lights coning towards me. The lights appeared to be in a straight line, but as they became closer, it was obvious that they were actually in a 'V' shaped formation.

The lights were white, slightly bluish in colour and the impression I got as they passed overhead, was that the lights were attached to a larger object which blotted out the sky as it moved along. The only sound was a faint 'swish' as it went through the sky. There were about twenty to thirty lights underneath the object and it moved away like a huge 'flying wing'. The description of a huge 'boomerang' shaped object sweeping the countryside sums it up.

After seeing this I was amazed and had a feeling of awe and respect for whoever was in control of the object. It seemed laughable that this object was gliding around the night sky, seemingly unconcerned about being seen or noticed.

I hope that I may have been some interest and help in your studies. T.D.





23-3-93 1630 M6 Motorway Jct.23

Mr Mark Ward contacted us to relate his experience of sighting two boomerang shaped craft:-

I was driving down the M6 motorway heading South at a speed of 55 mph. when I saw when I saw what I thought was a large plane flying low, with powerful lights underneath it. The motorway at this time was quite busy. As I got closer, I realised that there was no way that this could be a plane because it was hardly moving.

Following closely behind was another identical object moving at exactly the same speed. It was very low down in the sky and as I got closer all the traffic on the motorway started to slow down. The drivers were paying more attention to the two objects in the sky rather than their driving, because cars started to wander all over the motorway from lane to lane.

As I passed under the objects, the speed of the traffic picked up and I could still see the two objects in my rear view mirror, even as I left the M6 and went onto the M62 motorway.

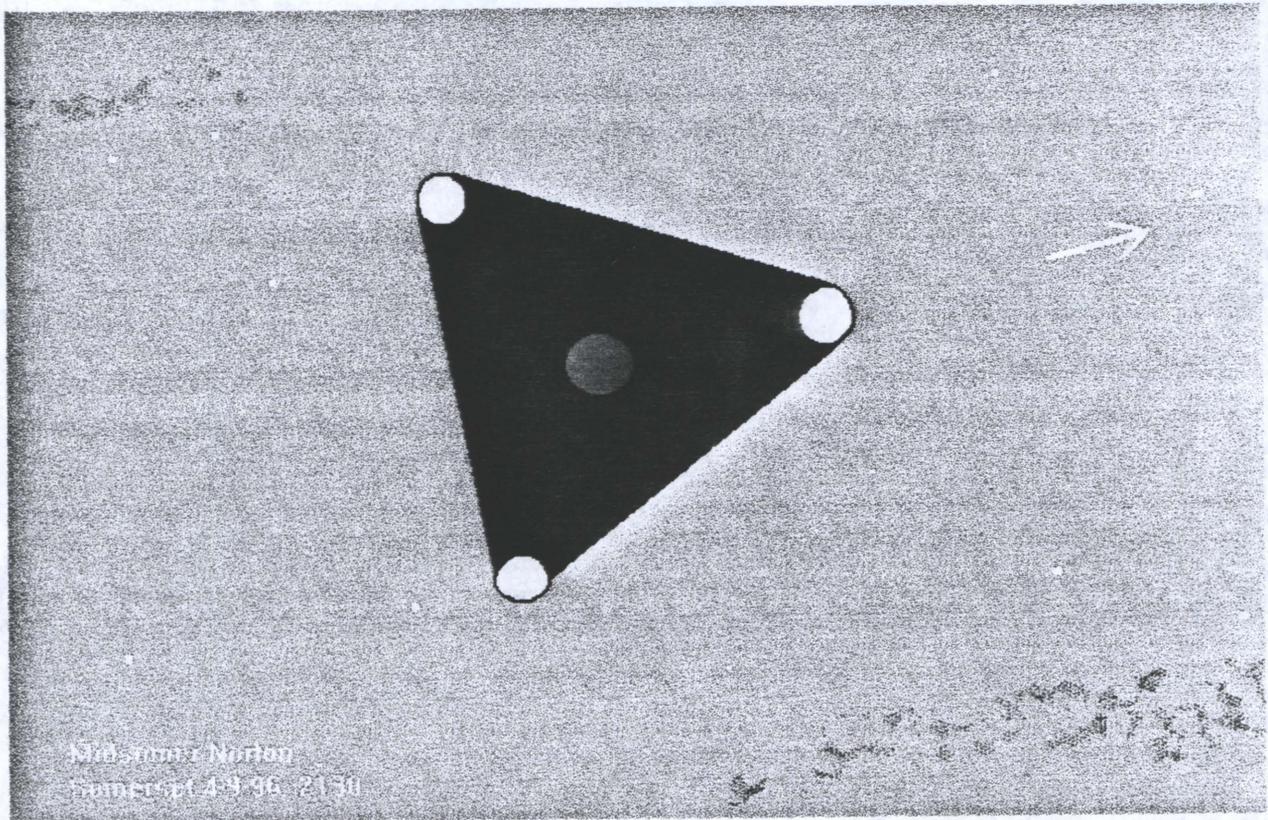
The objects were chevron shaped and much larger than a normal passenger plane. The lights underneath the objects were pointing directly down and were sunk very deeply in the objects.

The objects were black and sharply defined, they appeared in front of me and appeared to be moving very slowly NE to SW. The lights were white and very powerful and the objects appeared to be 2-3 times larger than a passenger plane.

We have just received brief details of a similar object from the Chris Davis of the 'Search' group in Bristol.

A boomerang shaped object emitting an orange self illuminating glow, was observed on the 15th July and estimated to be at a height of 30,000ft. It was seen for a period of about 15 seconds and was said to be about the size of a 747 jumbo jet. No sound was heard.

We will report this fully when more details are known.



4-9-96 2130 Midsomer Norton, Somerset.

Mrs A.C. went out into the garden with her dogs at about 9.30pm on the night of the 4th September 96. The sky was clear and there was no wind. It was then that she spotted an object in the sky moving slowly towards her. It was travelling too slow to be an aeroplane and within a few minutes it was directly overhead. Mrs A.C. turned towards the object and at first noticed three white lights, then she observed a dull red large centre light.

Looking closely at the object, she was able to make out the shape of a triangle, with slightly rounded corners. The three white lights appeared to be 'crystallised and watery' and were set into the corners. As it came nearer Mrs A.C. heard a low droning sound.

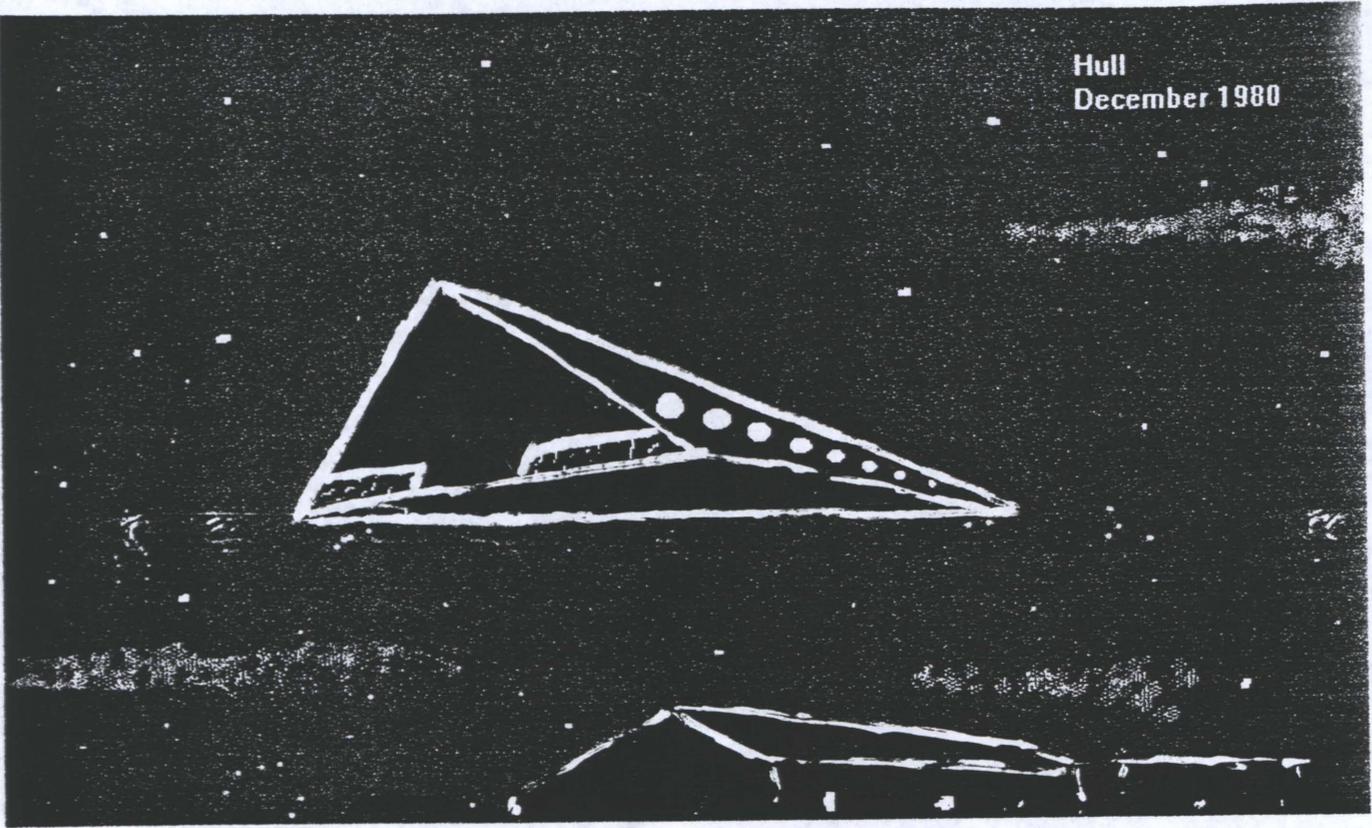
Mrs A.C. carried on looking at the object as it travelled overhead and into the distance until it was out of view. I had observed the triangle for about 1 - 2 minutes and I had a clear view of it. This object's shape, sound and lighting struck me as being very strange and unusual. It was black and travelled very slowly at about 5 - 10 mph.

An identical FT has been reported by Margaret Fry in Wales:-

I have a number of reports of Black Triangles. The FT shown above was also seen over a farm on the 26th June 1996 over *Trefnant/Tremeirchion, near Denbigh*. The FT was black with a red central light and a white light at each corner.

On the 21st December 1992 at *Bodfari near Denbigh*, two boys were cycling near the village at about 6.30pm, when they saw a white triangular star-like object. It was bluey/green and was descending. As it did so, little bluey/white sparks were observed coming out of one side of it. The FT was very large, about the size of 'two houses across'. There was a red 'blob' in the centre of the FT, which seemed to 'fall out'. The boys cycled home quickly.

Hull
December 1980



1980 - 81 Winter's Night

In the winter of 1980/81 Mrs 'A' was woken up in the early hours of the morning at her home in Newbridge Road, Hull. She had been woken by the bright lights flashing in her window. She thought at first, it was a helicopter going to the Hull Royal Infirmary, but the light did not move away and continued to shine through the curtains and into the room.

Thinking that a helicopter might be on fire, Mrs A went to the window and looked out....she was shocked at what she saw. She then went and woke up her son 'Billy' (aged 15) and they both returned to Mrs A's bedroom. Billy was also greatly shocked when he looked out of the window.

"I saw about 150ft away, a glowing orangey red triangular object over the grassy area of park behind our house. It was only about 80ft above the ground! The whole craft was fiery red and glowing like hot embers. It appeared to throbbing in and out, but in fact going brighter and then duller, similar to the way an ember does when you blow on it. It went from red to orange, then back to red hot again and with dark patches appearing between the red."

"I opened the windows so that I could see more clearly and I saw port-hole shaped windows running the full length of the object. A very bright yellow light was coming out of the portholes. The craft was slightly higher than we were, but close enough to see inside the porthole windows! It was bright yellow inside and appeared to be empty."

"When my mother first saw the object it was stationary, but when I saw it, it was moving slowly at about 10 to 15mph across the park. At the back were two panels which were glowing very brightly, it was like looking into a furnace, the same sort of colour. The glow inside seemed to flicker in lines/waves up and down. It made no sound as it moved."

"We watched the object travel across the park, heading towards a high rise block of flats. We watched the object until the light disappeared from view."

The Evening Sky

October 1996

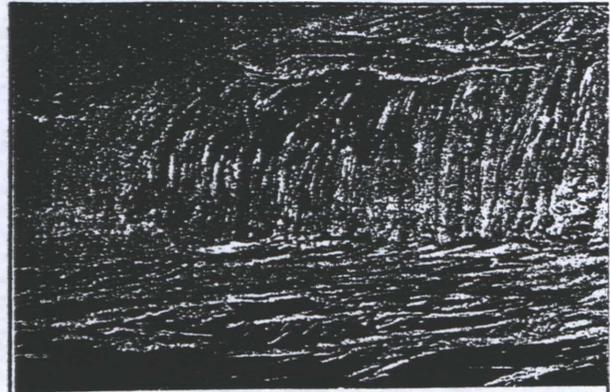
By the time you have finished reading this paragraph the Earth will have travelled 200 miles in its orbit around the Sun. The Sun will have travelled 3,000 miles in its rotation around the galaxy and 350,000 miles more of empty space will have opened up between the Earth and a distant galaxy as the universe relentlessly expands.

The atmosphere of our great little planet Earth has an average temperature between freezing point and boiling point. 15 miles below the surface of the Earth lies a fiery red hot mantle. 15 miles above the surface and the temperature plummets to minus 75 degrees. Yet a dense, oxygen-rich atmosphere only 5 miles high supports life in abundance.

We at last know our place in the cosmos. We live in the tenuous atmosphere of a small ball floating in the cold, lonely unfeeling emptiness of a universe whose immensity we can barely begin to grasp.

When you lie on your sunbed in your garden overnight and smell the Earth beneath you and look up to the stars above, are you not amazed, astonished, moved and humbled to be here?

A partial solar eclipse occurs around 1pm on October 12th. Up to 60% of the Sun will be covered by the Moon at maximum. On no account look at the Sun directly. The safe way to view is to use an approved solar filter such as (shade 14) welders' glass. Do not look at the Sun through smoked glass or any other filter. The really safe way to view the eclipse is to project the Sun's image onto a piece of card.



Venus

Temperature:	900° F
Pressure:	100 Earth atmospheres
Weather:	rains sulphuric acid

Venus still dominates the morning sky and is easily identified shining high in the eastern sky. Mercury and Mars are also visible but not so bright as Venus.

Saturn shines for us all night in the constellation of Pisces and is easy to identify: a 'star' shining with a steady yellow light in the southern sky. Jupiter is low in the southwestern sky, disappearing soon after sundown.

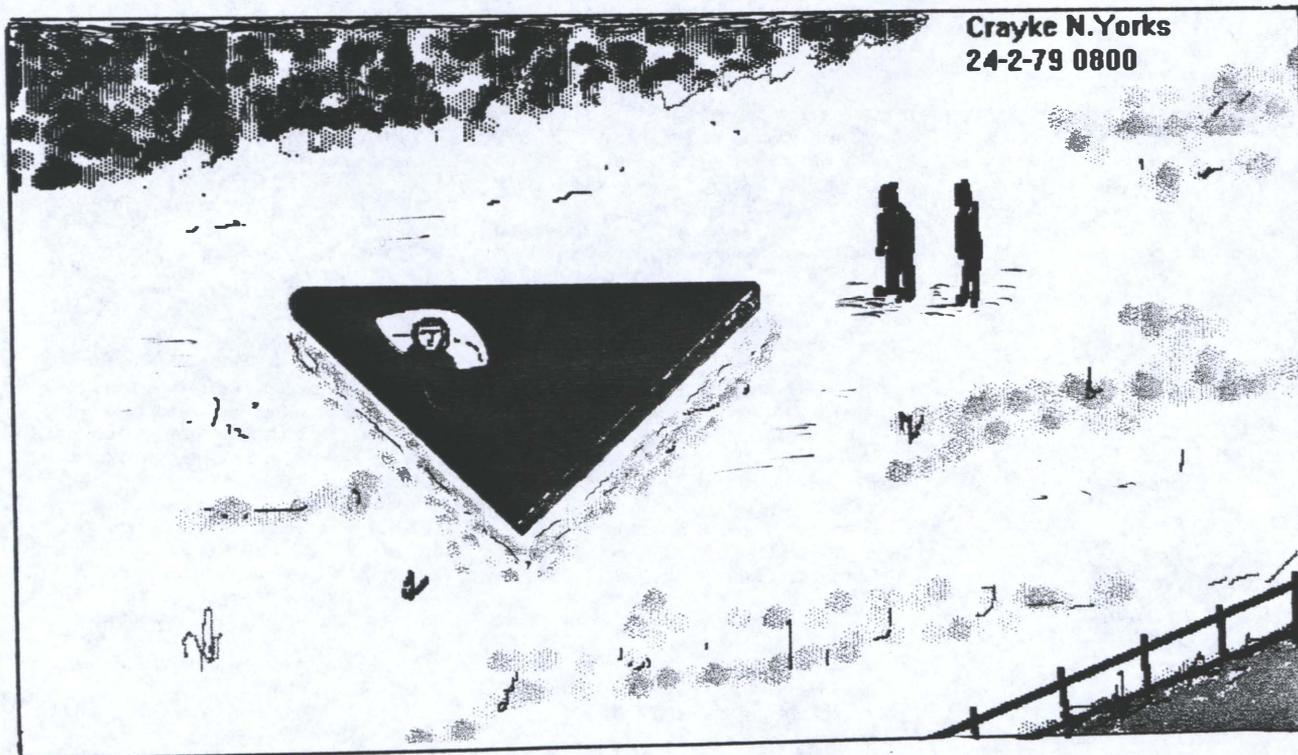
The Orionid meteor shower peaks on October 21st. The shower is linked with Halley's comet and about 30 meteors an hour may be observed if conditions are ideal.

Is there life on Mars? The announcement that a primitive micro-fossil has been discovered in a meteorite that originally came from Mars has sent the price of meteorites sky high. Meteorites from Mars (there are 12 altogether) would have cost \$150,000 two months ago are now fetching \$2,000,000. It is believed the price will rocket to an 8 figure sum.

Full Moon : October 26th.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

'The Evening Sky' - P.O. Box 4002 - Milton Keynes - MK13 7ER - U.K.



A MINI-TRIANGLE LANDING IN 1979

The time was approx. 8am on the 24th February 1979 and the encounter took place on a road near the village of Crayke, N.Yorkshire.

A Mr P.S. was driving to work on his moped motorcycle through the Yorkshire countryside, a journey that he undertook every working day. As he turned a bend in the road, he looked over to his left into a small field and saw only a few yards away, a black triangular shaped 'peculiar' craft, about the size of a small van. Mr P.S. relates his experience: "It had no markings was dull in appearance, at the top was a cockpit canopy and inside was a helmeted figure in black. At the side of the craft were two crouching figures. I felt over-awed."

"The figure in the cockpit appeared to turn to look in my direction, the two figures too, stood up and looked in my direction. I remember that the craft was hovering just above the ground, but the grass beneath it was not wavering or moving in any way."

"For some unknown time, I was transfixed. I felt that some form of deep 'personal' contact was made. Everything seemed surreal, the birds seemed to have stopped chirping, it seemed as though I had entered a silent world of my own. I am not certain what happened next, as everything went blank, but I remembered that the small triangular craft flew at great silent speed over the nearby trees, flying in an easterly direction."

Mr P.S. continued on his journey, under the impression that he was on time for work, but in fact he arrived late, much to the relief of his colleagues who were becoming concerned.

For many years Mr P.S. pushed the incident to the back of his mind. "I knew it was there in my mind, but I just didn't want to think about it."

"I had not visited the spot for years, but I visited it recently. I walked over to where the craft had hovered and there is a triangular mark there, even after all this time, nothing will grow in that part of the field!"

'The Wigan Reporter'

IT'S all happening in Wigan at the moment.

After months of silence there have been two remarkable cases to report.

Case One:

Bill Eatock, official UFO investigator for Quest International, reports:

"At 1.30pm on Monday, August 12, a number of people in the Wigan area heard a very noisy helicopter overhead.



LOW FLYER: A Chinook

On rushing outside to look at the copter, they found that it was a Chinook twin rotor machine flying extremely low. It was following a small matt black triangular object about a quarter of a mile in front of it.

The Chinook was moving very slowly and was followed about two minutes later by a Jaguar fighter aircraft that passed overhead as low as the copter - with its undercarriage down (a strange thing to do over such a densely populated area)!

The Jaguar followed the exact same course as the triangle and Chinook.

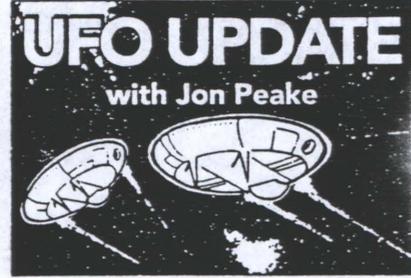
One witness stated that the only time they realised that something was overhead was when they heard the Chinook, the triangular object must have passed silently overhead a few seconds earlier.

Fortunately I was in the area at the time and also witnessed the sighting, from my position (Wigan town centre) it would appear that the triangle and copter were heading in the direction of Bury/Rochdale. I didn't see the Jaguar but most definitely heard it."

Case Two:

On Friday, August 16 a mystery object was sighted over the Hindley area of Wigan.

Three fire engines and a police helicopter were scrambled after reports of a plane in trouble over Hindley Green.



Witnesses said they saw the object break into a fireball before bits began to fall off it.

Neither the police or fire engines could find any wreckage. They searched for more than an hour.

Leading fire fighter Peter Johnson of Hindley Fire Station said: "There was an oily smell in the area but we could not find anything. We went as far as the edge of Bolton and the police helicopter came out to search over the fields but nothing was found.

"After about an hour we called off the search and logged it as a UFO."

DID you witness this incident or the one in Wigan a fortnight ago? If you did contact Jon Peake, tel 01942 228000 or write into UFO Update, Wigan Reporter, Martland Mill, Martland Mill Lane, Wigan WN5 0LX.

THE DORSET EVENING ECHO

DORSET EVENING ECHO Tuesday, August 27, 1996

UFO MAY HAVE BEEN TOP-SECRET PLANE

AN unidentified flying object seen by dozens of West Dorset residents could have been the top secret Stealth fighter plane, national researchers claimed today.

Investigators all over the country are trying to find an explanation for last week's sighting near Dorchester.

Now experts at the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) believe trials for the radar-invisible American fighter plane could be at the root of the mystery.

Regional investigations co-ordinator Roger Lowless said: "At this time there is a line of thought that it may well turn out to be a new type of American aircraft on trial, for example the Stealth Fighter Bomber."

Echo offices were flooded with calls after a Dorchester family reported seeing a UFO hovering



DAVID KINGSTON.

50 feet above their car on the Puddletown to Dorchester dual carriageway.

Mr Lowless said: "The triangular shape seen near Puddletown has only come on the scene quite recently", he said.

"Increasing reports are coming in all the time from around the country.

"These could well turn out to be sightings of the Stealth, which was not

admitted publicly by the American authorities until after five years in service."

Local researcher David Kingston has spent the last week interviewing everyone who witnessed the Puddletown UFO.

Now he is challenging BUFORA's claims that the American bomber is behind the sightings.

He said: "The Stealth can't fly at 50 feet and it certainly can't hover.

"It was seen flying through the trees near the Puddletown to Dorchester dual carriageway, but there was no damage.

"Everyone said the craft was silent - the Stealth would definitely make a noise."

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

There were a number of close encounters with aircraft during the 1979/80 UFO 'Flap' over New Zealand. Captain Bill Startup the SafeAir pilot who featured in the Wellington and Kiakora UFO sighting, was plagued by visiting 'strange phenomena' at his home in New Zealand for several months after his encounter. This included seeing strange figures close to his windows at night. *Source: R. Thornewell N.Z.*

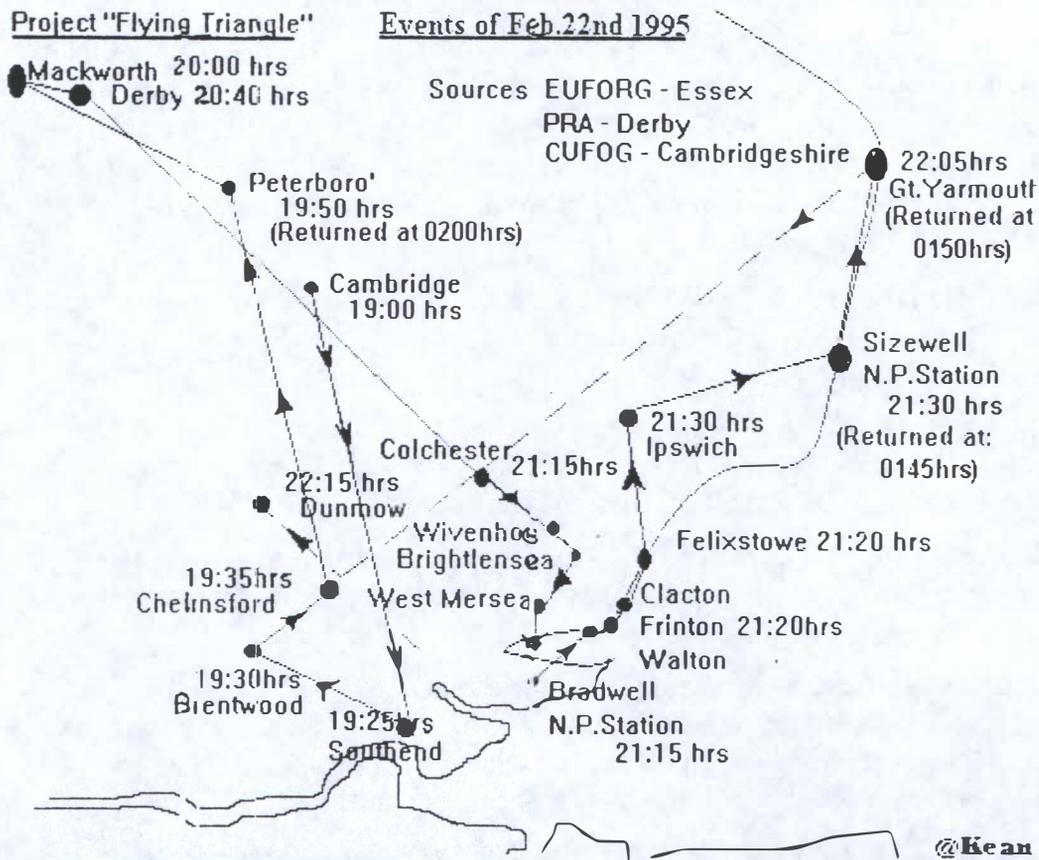
Our colleague Victor J.Kean has now substantial FT entries on his international database:-

Totals: Pre-1995 : 57

1995 : 1337

1996 : 912

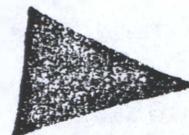
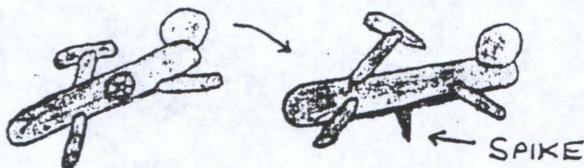
Victor is also tracing FT activity through the database: example below.



BUFOSC (Winsford, Cheshire) Source: Bob Higgins

The 'Intelligence' Newsletter states that on the 3rd June 96, a number of UFO's were observed over the Leftwich Estate, Northwich. A woman witness saw three UFO's in total, in a variety of strange shapes (see below). Watching from her window, she saw two appear from behind a tree and she likened them to the long thin balloon's used to shape animals when a number are tied together. The third object was seen when the others had disappeared from view and was triangular shaped and looked small. There appeared to be something in the centre.

FIG. 1 OBJECT CHANGED ATTITUDE FIG. 2



TALE ENDERS

EAST COAST UFO! The Ministry of Defence and the RAF were today investigating 44 sightings of a UFO. Reports of a bright white shining object were received by the Boston and Skegness police forces in Lincolnshire and over the Norfolk coast near the Wash. RAF Neatishead near Roxham in Norfolk, confirmed that they had tracked a mystery signal on its Radar. Flight Lt. Keith Sweatman said, "the object appeared on our Radar's and stayed there for a number of hours." *Source: Derby Telegraph 7-10-96.*

A BOMBSHELL FROM MICHAEL NEWARK: The well known dowser and Crop Circle researcher has recently written to the PRA and included a detail study of numerous 1996 Crop Circles. Michael states: "**All of the large Crop Circles this year are hoaxes! It must have taken several hoaxers to have made them in one night. It does look as though some hoaxers have joined up to make a group, so they can do the bigger Crop Circles this summer, that's how I see it!**"

LATEST UFO REPORT 7th OCTOBER: A Mr Moulton of Totton, Nottingham, reported that he observed two black discs through binoculars about 5pm. They were revolving slowly as they moved silently together in a southerly direction. The black discs appeared to have a tail section which also rotated as they flew slowly and smoothly along. Almost immediately, a military helicopter appeared and was seen following the two discs at the same height and speed. *A full report will be given in the next issue.*

'FLYING MILK CHURN' SEEN HEADING FOR BRETBY on the 16th of September at 11pm, by a witness driving on the A38 towards Derby, in the area of the Littleover exit. The object was described as having small lights around it and was flying parallel to the A38 road.

STAFFORDSHIRE UFO GROUP will be given a talk and slide show on UFO's by Omar Fowler on the evening of Thursday 17th October. Any PRA members interested in meeting fellow Ufologists at Rugeley can be given a lift from the Derby area. *(Contact O.Fowler.)*

ARTHUR TOMLINSON gave an interesting slide show to PRA members at the last meeting held in the British Legion. The large social room was more than adequate and Arthur showed a number of new slides of ancient artefacts recently found in the Middle East.

A UFO LANDING IN BRAZIL near Varginha, is the current story buzzing around UFO circles. The landing which included the possible seizing of Aliens by the military authorities has been investigated by Prof. John E. Mack, Stanton F. Friedman and Quest Editor Graham W. Birdsall. The September/October issue of UFO Magazine carries a full report.

FLYING TRIANGLE OVER PENSACOLA U.S.A. was seen by a local witness while driving home from work at 10.30pm on 17th June 1996. "It was a large black triangular craft with white lights on each corner shining down towards the ground. The lights were perfectly round and there was a red blinking light in the centre of the triangle." As he watched, the craft came over his truck and he pulled over to the side of the road. The witness found himself directly below the large craft for about twenty seconds and then the craft moved off gaining speed until it was out of sight. *Source UFO Sightings by Carole Baker.*

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