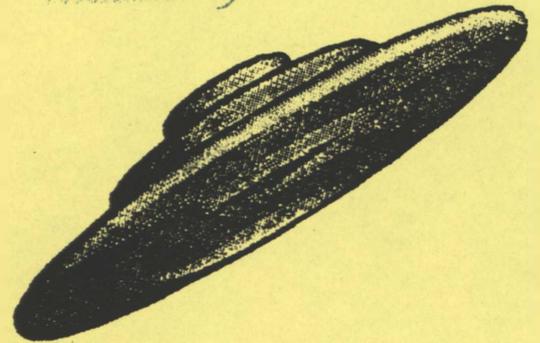
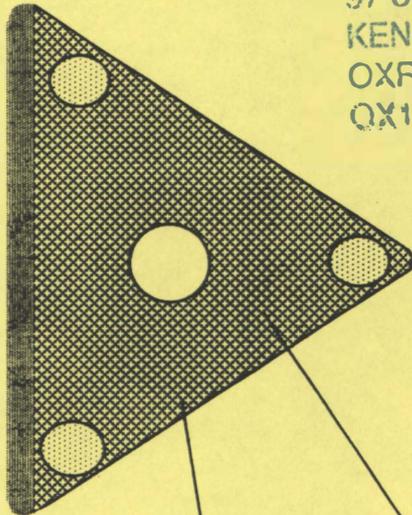
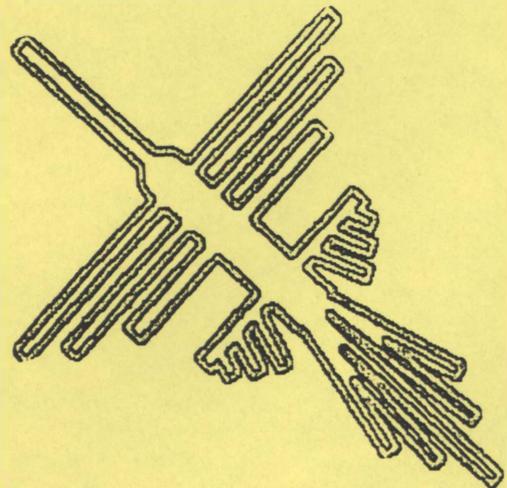
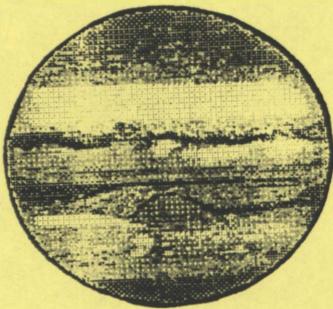


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## THE EXPECTATION OF ALIEN CONTACT IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

By Omar Fowler

**Will our entry into the "New Millennium" offer us the increased prospect of Alien contact throughout the world?**

First of all we should clarify our understanding of time and the calculation of our present-day calendar. It is generally understood the Christian "New Millennium" does not commence until January 1<sup>st</sup> 2001. Taking into account other religions of the world, the year varies from 1420 to 4635. In other words, as many Alien contactees' claim to have been told, "Time is of your own making".

As the 20<sup>th</sup> Century draws to a close, we can reflect on the changes that have taken place in the general public's acceptance of the UFO phenomenon. At the beginning of the 1900's, there was little reference to the possibility of Alien visitation to our planet Earth, although the science-fiction thriller "War of the Worlds" by H.G.Wells, had promoted great interest in the possibility of Alien life existing on the planet Mars.

In the 1930's a number of science-fiction magazines appeared on the news-stands. The "Astounding Magazine" arrived with spectacular covers and sensational stories from a new brand of science-fiction writer. This was followed by a succession of cinema film serials, such as "Flash Gordon" and "Buck Rogers" which gained great popularity at the time.

A few years ago, I interviewed an old retired Major and WW1 flyer, who had seen a glowing UFO plasma ball over the South Downs in Hampshire in 1938. He thought that it was a secret weapon being developed at Farnborough, a few miles from the incident. However it was WW2 that really changed matters, when things began to get deadly serious!

Survivors of WW2 related a series of bizarre incidents, for instance a British soldier who was at the "Battle of Tobruk" (1942) told me how the British troops and the surrounding Germans were fighting each other with great ferocity. It was then that both sides realised that silver coloured globes high above the battlefield were observing them. The British thought that the globes were German observation craft of some kind and the Germans thought that they were British! The result was that both sides commenced firing on the silver balls, which then zoomed skyward and out of sight. However it was in the air war that things came to a head, when British night bombers and American night fighter aircraft reported seeing balls of light following their planes. I recently received a letter from an ex-Lancaster bomber pilot, now living in South Africa. He related how his aircraft had been followed by a number of lights, while on a bombing run over the Ruhr in Germany. The rear gunner of the Lancaster has started firing at the balls of light, but without any effect and he eventually gave up and decided to save his ammunition.

It was when WW2 finally ended and peace came at last, that the UFO phenomenon really began to materialise in earnest. The now famous sighting on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1947 by American pilot Kenneth Arnold, really started the ball rolling. He saw a number of scimitar-shaped objects flying at high speed near Mount Rainier U.S.A. and described them as behaving like a saucer skimming across water and so the word "Flying Saucer" was introduced into our modern vocabulary.

Although in the 1950-60's we were in the midst of a "Cold War" with the Eastern Bloc, the public were completely unaware that both the NATO and Russian forces were becoming increasingly concerned by their defence radar units tracking high-speed, disc shaped craft, flying at high altitude across the "Iron Curtain". In one instance the radar tracking of unidentified UFO's nearly starting WW3! It was not until many years later that a courageous American ex-serviceman called Bob Dean blew the lid off the world-shattering events that had taken place at that time.

Bob Dean had been an American Army; Master Sergeant based in SHAPE headquarters in Europe and had the highest "Cosmic Security" clearance. It was during 1963 that he discovered the UFO incursions were becoming such a major problem that a secret study of the UFO's had been initiated by British Air Marshall, Sir Thomas Pike. The study took three years to complete and was carried out by some of the world's top scientists. Their final conclusion was that *"The Planet earth is and has been, the subject of extensive, massive and very thorough detailed survey by several extraterrestrial civilisations. These civilisations have demonstrated an extremely advanced technology, possibly hundreds or even thousands of years beyond ours!"*

Bob Dean was not the only American ex-serviceman to reveal UFO events that had previously been kept under wraps. It was another American ex-serviceman, Larry Warren who disclosed the astounding events that had taken place in woods near the American Air Force base of Bentwaters in Suffolk in December 1980.

Larry stated that he base at Bentwaters held the largest Nuclear arsenal in Europe and he was one of the armed American Air Force police stationed around the base to protect the Nuclear arsenal from intruders. On the night of the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1980, an American forces police patrol observed lights in the direction of the nearby Rendlesham Forest and Larry Warren, in company with other security forces, boarded a military truck and drove off to investigate.

Larry recounted the incident: "We came over a rise in the ground, I remember we saw this illuminated field and in the centre of this field was a huge light. There was a flash and in place of what had been an illuminated mist stood a more solid looking object. It was about thirty feet across and about twenty five feet in height." "The object was surrounded by our security police at intervals of about ten feet. Then a light moved out of the side of the object and split into what appeared to be three individual beings of some kind. I saw clearly what looked like eyes, facial features, clothing and some other device, but I couldn't make out the legs and the lower extremities, it was almost as if the light was translucent at that point." Then one "being" moved towards the front and was approached by the senior base commander. There was no sign language, no handshakes and a meeting that could only be described as a "face off".

*(Full details of the incident are revealed in Larry Warren's book "Left At East Gate.")*

These have been just a small selection of well-documented UFO encounters that have occurred over the years, but what of the future?

One of the more intriguing type of UFO craft that has appeared more recently has been the arrival of the "Flying Triangle" craft which have been reported in increasing numbers World-wide.

They were initially seen in Missouri and Kansas in 1980, when hundreds of witnesses, including policemen, watched a huge craft, displaying a triangular pattern of lights, move slowly over the countryside for a period of four hours. The whole event was tracked on Radar during the period and must rate as one of the most awesome sightings to date

The American incidents were followed by the "Belgian Flap," when huge triangular craft visited this small country during the period 1989/90. The Belgian UFO group 'SOBEPS' were inundated with hundreds of reports during this period. Such was the efficiency of their organisation, that at one stage the Belgian Air Force asked for their co-operation and assistance! This resulted in two F16's intercepting the "Flying Triangles," although they were completely unable to match the speed and manoeuvrability of the FT's, as subsequent cockpit radar film footage showed.

On the night of the 26th September 1993, the residents of Bakewell, in Derbyshire, were treated to the sight of a huge black silent craft flying slowly over their town. With a bright white light on each corner of its triangular shape and numerous smaller lights running along the edges of the craft, it flew very low and at a speed of only 30mph. (A witness driving his vehicle at 40mph overtook it!) The FT craft then performed several slow manoeuvres over the town before returning to its original course and flying slowly out of sight. Just over three months later a British Airways passenger aircraft was 'buzzed' by a glowing triangular craft as it approached Manchester Airport.

The 'Flying Triangles' then began to arrive here in force, with 52 FT incidents being recorded in and around Derby from December 1994 to May 1995. This included FT craft hovering at night and shining down white beams of light onto the countryside. They have been observed close to the Rolls-Royce engine works at Sinfyn and one was reported hovering over the A5111 roundabout "Spider Island" at Allenton. Numerous witnesses have also reported seeing them over and around the Derbyshire countryside late at night.

While nobody knows what the future may hold, it appears quite likely that Derby could well be in the forefront of Alien visitations in the New Millennium!

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From The 'Daily Record' Friday 3-12-99

## Star student discovers nine new planets

A STUDENT who loves surfing and clubbing but hates sci-fi has found time to discover nine previously unknown planets.

Kevin Apps, 26, studies astrophysics at the University of Sussex but he also helps a NASA-sponsored team find new planets.

The group is based at San Francisco University and

looks for stars that may have planets orbiting them.

Using the giant Keck telescope in Hawaii, they found six planets outside our solar system. Five of them could have extraterrestrial life.

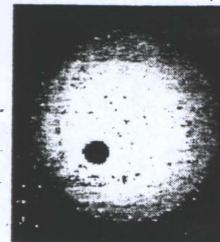
The whizz-kid from Crawley in Sussex e-mailed the team in 1997 for the list of stars they were looking at.

He gave 30 new sugges-

tions to replace some of the 300 on the list. Some of the stars he put forward were discovered to have planets.

Kevin said: "We look at the stars and look for a wobble, which is the planet's gravity pulling on it. It takes years of study to confirm the planet's existence."

He has been invited to do a PhD in America.



**STAR:** New planet

## AMAZING REPORTS FROM THE PAST

The continuing revelations made by witnesses of hitherto unknown events is one of the intriguing aspects of UFO research. Many of the reports have been discovered as the result of Radio/media coverage given to your editor in recent weeks. A selection of reports have been included in the following pages.

### HOVERING 'BOW TIE' OVER LONDON IN 1996

On the 9th of November 1996, Mrs Woolley in the company of her son and her two grandsons left their home in Derby and made their way to London to see the 'Lord Mayor's Show'. They later moved on to Waterloo Bridge, over the River Thames, where they watched the firework display, which commenced at 5pm and lasted about half an hour.

As they were making their way towards the southern end of the bridge, they noticed that the people around them were pointing to something in the sky. They looked up and saw a 'butterfly' shaped object, with very bright lights, moving around the area above the water.

"It was spinning around very fast, whilst moving slowly towards us. It seemed to come right down to within a few feet of the water, then at lightning speed, it went out of sight, making everyone gasp. A lot of people moved away, saying that it was part of the firework display, but we stayed there and within a few minutes, it came back again. It came right down to the water again and I remember saying how strange it was that we could see no reflection or shadow. It defied logic and I felt that we were witnessing something most unusual. I hovered slowly around over the water and then again at lightning speed it moved away, but without disappearing. It did this several times. It was eerie and the children were afraid, because we as adults didn't know what it was. We observed it for about half an hour, then again at great speed it disappeared, first down river, then very high above the South Bank complex, until it had gone out of sight. We waited another ten minutes or so but it did not return."

"It was not like a spaceship that you see on TV, more like some sort of apparatus, housing equipment. It appeared quite flat, no depth to it. It also seemed to move randomly and appeared light (not heavy). It was as if something had come to have a close look at what was going on."

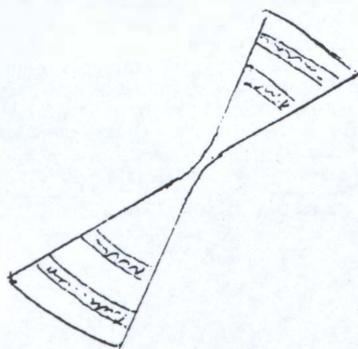
"I was concerned and bought the paper the following day, but there was no mention of it."

### *A similar incident took place in 1998*

On the 23rd May at 8am Mr & Mrs. MJ were about to set off to work from their home in Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire. It was then that Mr MJ noticed a strange object travelling into view, a matter of only 200/300yds. away. The object was dark brown in colour and shaped like two pyramids facing point to point, with vertical stripes showing on their surface. The movement of the object was side to side and also an up and down motion (very subtle movements).

The object remained in view for about 1-2 minutes and then slowly moved out of sight behind trees. After a short period of time, I observed it flying slowly away southwards, at the same height. I had time to look at the object through binoculars and noticed that it flew with the same movement previously described.

According to Mrs. MJ, the stripes were more like ridges and it flew at an angle (as shown). It remained almost static for about 2 minutes, before it flew out of sight behind the trees. It moved slowly and was 'bow-tie shaped'. Mrs. MJ commented "It was definitely not natural, but a machine of some sort."



## A Saucer Sighting in 1986

It was about 4.30pm on Sunday the 7th of September 1986 and Mr 'DR'. was sitting, facing due East, in his back garden at his home in Cumberland Avenue, Derby. It was a bright warm day, with a clear sky.

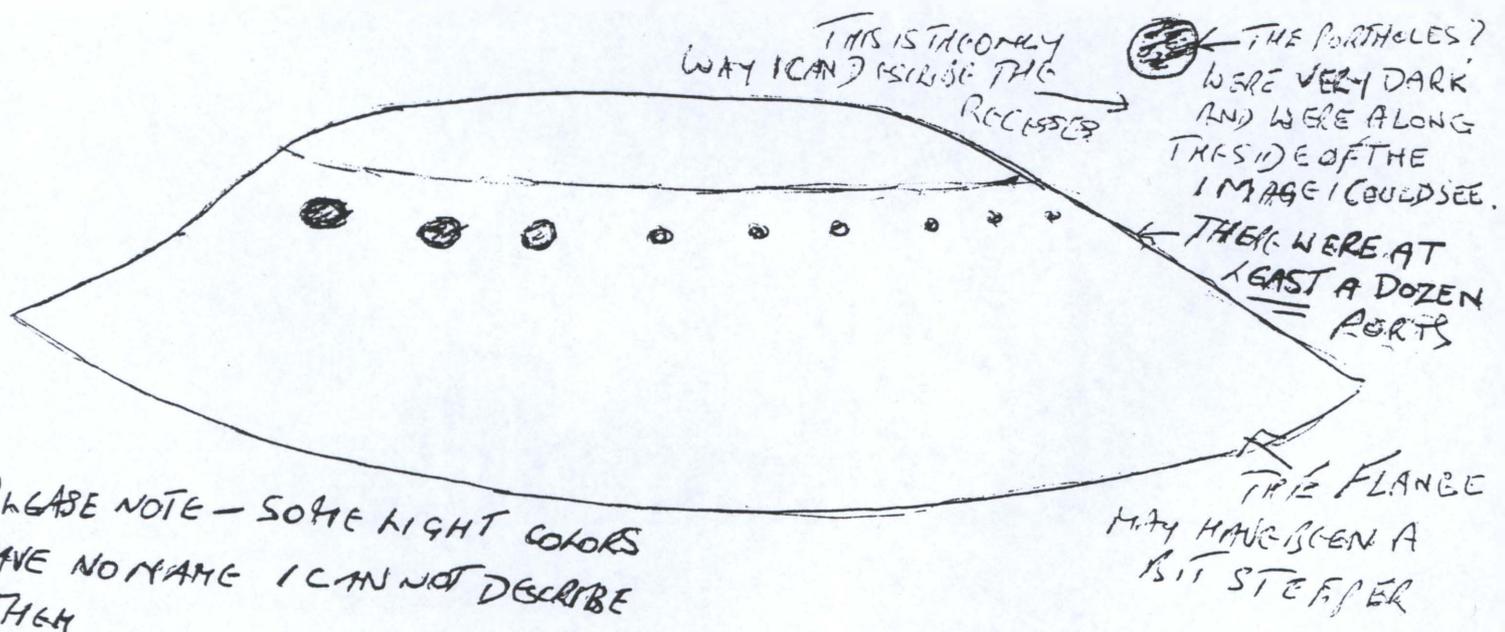
Suddenly his attention was drawn to a large saucer shaped object that appeared over the rooftops of a house just a few doors away. "It was at double house height, about the size of a car and a burnished silver colour, I could see it sharp and clear" commented Mr 'DR'. "There was **total silence** and I noticed that all the birds that are usually in the garden had gone!" ( *The "OZ Effect" ref. Jenny Randles*).

"I clearly saw the underside, which was egg-shaped and there were brilliant lights of such strange colours that I couldn't describe them." "It's hard to describe them, as they were brilliant and yet stayed within its form and did not flash beyond its edge." "Then it turned on its side and I saw what I thought were dark portholes, there were at least a dozen of them." (See sketch).

The observation took place over a period of two to three minutes and the 'saucer' moved away slowly in a straight line and then suddenly rose vertically and was soon out of sight. One of the strange effects experienced by the witness, was that he 'hyper-ventilated' and had a desire to communicate with 'them'.

Mr 'DR'. later telephoned the East Midlands Airport, who confirmed that they had no trace of an aircraft in that vicinity. "I did not believe them, because soon after, about 30 mins. maximum, the sky was full of military aircraft vapour trails."

"I hereby declare that what I have described is clear and the total truth." (Mr 'DR.' 12-1-2000)



Mr 'DR's' drawing of the craft.

### A 'FLYING TRIANGLE' REPORT FROM THE FILES OF TIMOTHY GOOD

We are indebted to well known author and researcher Timothy Good for the following 'FT' report.

"Whatever anyone will say, both my son and I will never forget the 19th November 1987" wrote Mrs Barbara Forrest, in a letter to Timothy Good, describing a sighting at Brierley Hill, West Midlands. On that evening (7pm-7.15pm) "The craft came so very low, to enable us to have a very close look. It was massive, wonderful and frightening."

"There was some kind of mesh visible when it was directly overhead and black serrated edges, which looked as though they were grills. The inner part of the craft was a grey or silvery colour. There were stripes underneath. The lights were like fluorescent, very white and bright. I also think the whole craft was able to light up." "As it went 'floating' silently away, one could no longer see the individual lights, or the shape of the craft, just a very bright light. When it was going out of sight it looked just like a bright star."

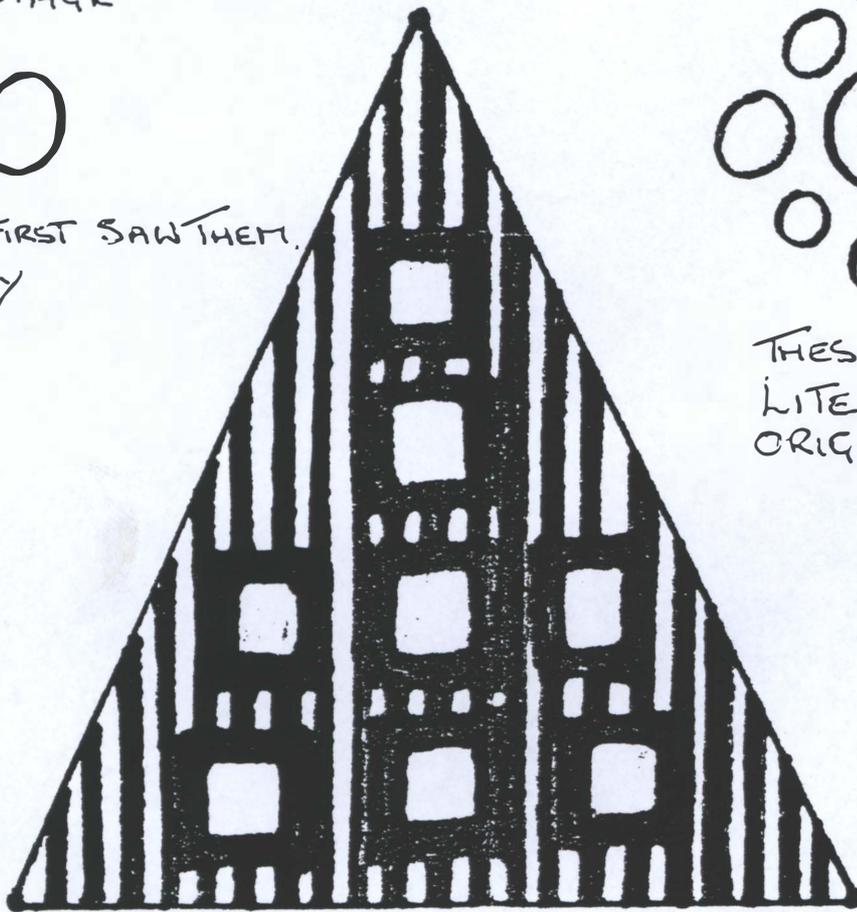
Timothy Good wrote: "I was impressed by the FT sighting of Mr Saunders (PRA), particularly because the model resembles, to an extent, the drawing by Barbara Forrest, which she sent me."

1ST-STAGE



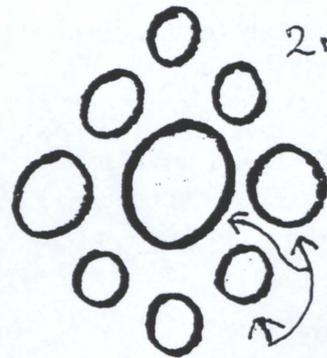
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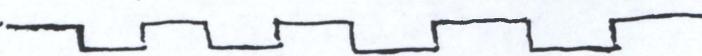
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THE THICK LINES ARE GROOVES WHICH  
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2ND-STAGE



THESE OTHER LIGHTS  
LITE UP AROUND THE  
ORIGINAL TWO

EXAMPLE →



F. B. FORREST (M.E)

## A SPANISH NIGHT VISITOR

*Our thanks to PRA member Colin Saunders, for bringing this unusual incident to our attention.*

On the night of the 6th July 1999, two friends Mrs D.Walker and Mrs E.Wilkes from the Leicester area were staying in a villa in a small Spanish village near Jolon on the Costa Blanca. The time was about 9.45pm when their attention was attracted by a large star-like light in the sky.

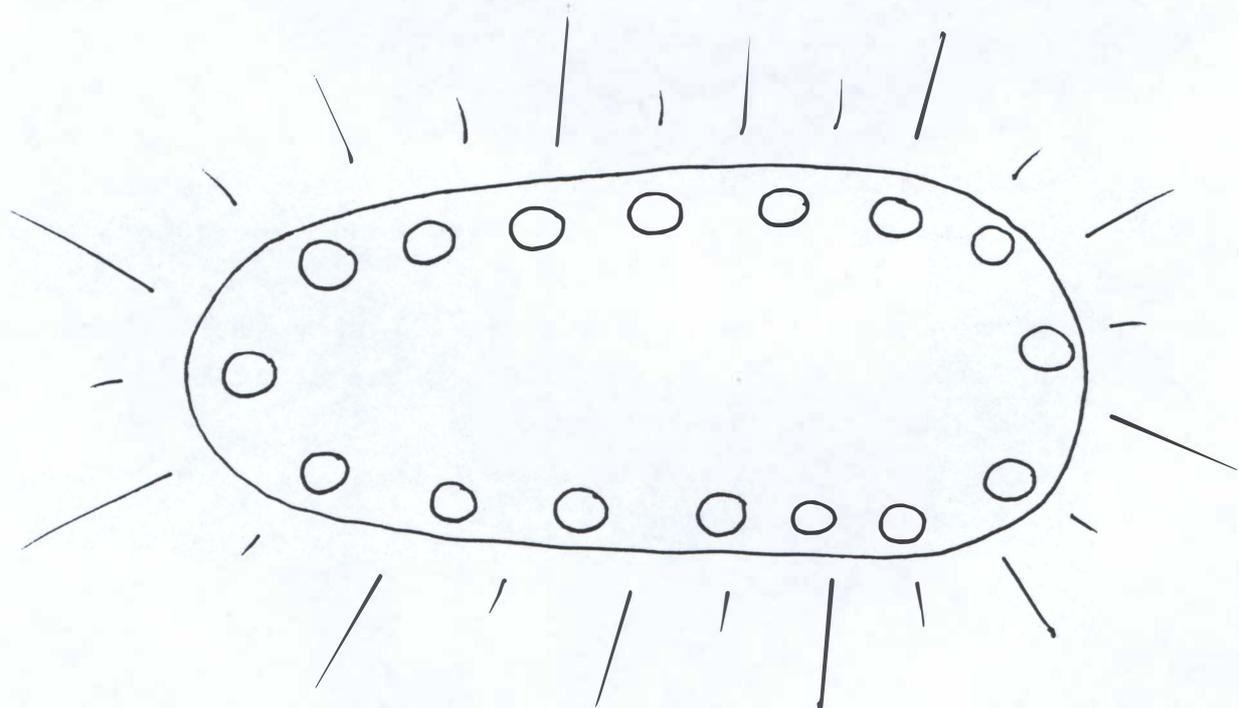
“We were sitting on the steps of the villa, overlooking the pool, it was just getting dusk. I looked up and said ‘that’s a big star’, we looked around but there were no other stars in the sky. It was a very clear, hot night and it was very still.”

“We kept on looking up at this star, it was a bright silvery white. We thought that maybe it could have been a plane, but it didn’t move. We then thought, could it have been a helicopter with a bright light at the front (like the Police have), but even that would have been flickering and this was stationary.”

“After about half an hour, the colour started to change to a cream colour and the shape started to change, it became oblong, longer and thinner. By now all the other stars were out and it looked nothing like them and it remained in the same spot.”

“After about another ten minutes, you could see a red haze or mist around it. Everything was so quiet, it was weird. Even the Village dogs which are normally barking non-stop, were silent. We could hear some German neighbours shouting to each other as they watched it as well. It then started to get dimmer, as though it was going up and in within seconds it was gone completely. Shortly afterwards, the village dogs started barking again.”

“I would say we had watched it for about 3/4 of an hour. It was clearly defined and gave us such a weird sensation. We didn’t experience any time loss, but it was so strange.”



A drawing based on Mrs Walker/Wilkes sketch



## A SIGNIFICANT REPORT JUST RECEIVED FROM PETER GREGORY (Mablethorpe, Lincs.)

### LOW FLYING TRIANGLE CHASED BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT?

Date. Thursday the 13th of January 2000.

Time. Approximately 9-25pm.

Location. Approaching Ulceby Cross roundabout on the A1104 from Alford.

Observers. Earl and Ayesha Wheatley.

After a visit to Ayesha's parents in Mablethorpe where they had spent the evening the couple left the resort just after 9-05pm to start their journey home to Great Steeping.

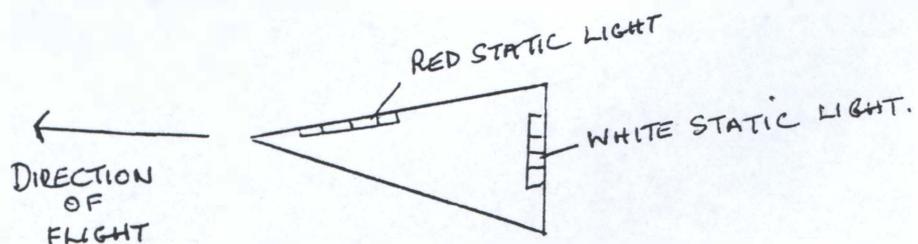
At Alford they turned on to the A1104 and then up Miles Cross hill towards Ulceby Cross.

As they emerged through trees near the first turn off to Ulceby village they noticed a red light moving towards the road from open fields to their right.

They kept the light in constant sight as they approached Ulceby Cross. They were about two hundred yards from the roundabout when to their surprise the light suddenly flew very low across the road some distance in front of their car. As it moved between the car and the lights of the roundabout they could clearly make out the shape of a small triangle. They could now see two static lights, one red strip at the front edge and another white strip light on the trailing edge, there were no usual flashing lights seen.

Both young people said the triangle was slightly smaller than a jet plane. They estimated the distance of the craft from the ground to be about tree top height.

As the object sped off towards the coast they lost sight of it in the trees near the junction.



After the lights had disappeared Earl quickly turned left at the junction on to the A1028 Skegness road hoping to catch another glimpse of the lights but they saw nothing, the triangle had completely vanished.

Approximately two minutes later as they passed the village pub in Ulceby they heard the roar of a jet plane coming up behind them. The military jet was flying so low and fast that it almost shook the car as it passed by. It was at a similar height and flight path as the triangle. (The plane was showing ordinary navigational lights which were plainly visible.)

Could the jet have been pursuing the triangle? Ayesha and Earl seem to think so. Earl said, "He was in a hell of a hurry because his burners were switched on and he was going in the same direction as the triangle shaped object."

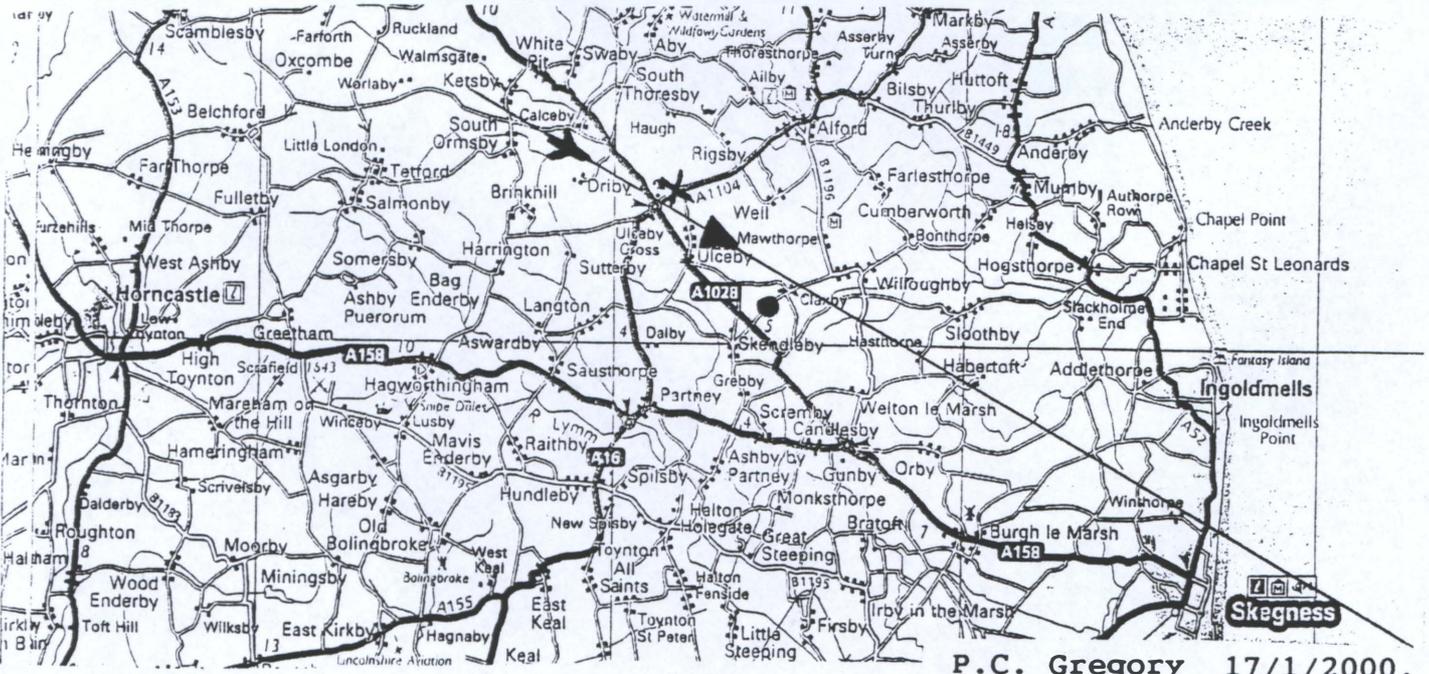
The rest of Earl and Ayesha's journey was uneventful, they saw nothing else.

When they arrived home Earl phoned his mother in law and told her about the sighting.

Enclosed with this report is a map of the area showing the flight direction of the triangle and the jet plane.

This course would have lead both craft to Skegness and out over the north sea.

Just as a matter of interest the underground base at skendleby is close to the flight path of both craft.



P.C. Gregory 17/1/2000.

FLIGHT PATH OF PLANE TRIANGLE

X POSITION OF EARL'S CAR ON A1104.  
O UNDERGROUND BASE AT SKENDLEBY. P.C. Gregory

## STRANGE GOINGS-ON DOWN UNDER!

A newspaper cutting from our Australian correspondent Bernadette Pattison

Q. S.M. 12/12/99

# Udder confusion!

## What's sending the cattle wild out west?



SHAKEN MILK: Mundubbera farmer Gilly Webb, one of the from the mystery stampede. Photo: GARY BELL SA

IT WAS 5.30am when Gilly Webb realised something was wrong.

In the half light the farmer, 58, filled two feed trays and wandered out on to his 20,000ha property to call his cows. But they wouldn't come.

Instead the normally docile beasts were standing in a strange formation at the highest point in the paddock.

The cattle were wide-eyed and some were stamping and howling.

"They were acting very strangely," Mr Webb, who ignored his milking duties to watch the herd, said. "They were definitely spooked."

Then the animals took off. The herd, and another in a paddock 300m away, thundered away from the eastern point of the paddock and would not return. They stood close together and shook with fear.

"I thought it might have been a dingo," Mr Webb, a councillor in the isolated Mundubbera region west of Maryborough, said.

But when the other herd took off at exactly the same time I knew it wasn't an animal. Whatever spooked them can't be seen by the human eye.

Mr Webb isn't on his own. More than 50 farmers on the Darling Downs reported their cattle had also been "spooked" at the same time on the same day. They reported similar activity over the next two days.

By LOU ROBSON

Phone lines in the area ran hot. Neighbours wanted know if other farmers' herds were going crazy too.

Zora Poulsen, who lives 200km from Mr Webb, said some of her cattle "cut themselves up really badly" trying to get away.

Ms Poulsen, 53, who was raised on the cattle property she now owns, says her animals, like Mr Webb's, ran to the west at 5.30am on Tuesday, November 23, and would not return. Some animals tore through barbed wire fences to get away from whatever was

Whatever spooked them can't be seen by the human eye

menacing them and others have still not returned to the east fence line.

"For three days the cattle became scared early in the morning and tried to run further west," Ms Poulsen said.

"These animals were not just frightened they were terrified. Some will not come back to the eastern fence."

Her sister-in-law, Robyn Aisbett, also reported "stampedes" over the three days.

Calls flooded into radio stations and newspapers. Some

believe UFOs are responsible. Others believe the legendary Yengarie lion — an escaped zoo animal — has returned.

Some say top-secret Army weapons testing has been going on in the isolated area.

Even a clairvoyant has joined the debate, with former Chinchilla resident Lyn Conway saying the spirits of three dead Aborigines have been terrorising the animals.

Others stick with the earthquake theory. "It could have been a tremor," Mr Webb said looking around at the never-ending hills. "But I sure didn't feel it."

University of Queensland seismologists say sensitive equipment in the area failed to pick up any unusual activity.

"It's a mystery, but it doesn't seem to be a seismic one," seismologist Steven Jaume said. "I can't help."

The Army's Major Michael Lyons, of Brisbane's Victoria Barracks, is in the same boat.

"I'm absolutely stumped," he said. "I can tell you that we have nothing going on and if we did we would notify the people in the area."

So the debate continues.

"I'm sticking with the UFO theory because it's a bit more exciting," Anthea McCarthy who often takes a collapsible chair into her paddock to watch the skies, said.

"If only cows could talk."

What spooked the cows is at present unknown, but a seismic event of some kind cannot be ruled out.

It was interesting to read that the cattle made for the highest point in the paddock, as though they were fearful of a flooding disaster?

A small meteorite recently fell next to the Dam at Guyra and is believed to be imbedded in soft granite, under mud and at the bottom of the local town water supply.

Regular OVNI readers will recollect the sudden failure of the power supplies down the East Coast of Queensland in March 1998, due to a sudden earth movement. Ed.

## A Report From Anthony James (EMUFORA)

### TRIANGULAR UFO OVER BT INSTALLATION

To relieve the boredom one evening, Mark Hulcombe decided to go for a drive to pass some time. It was a Sunday evening in mid November (either 14th or 21<sup>st</sup>) between 21:30 and 22:00 and it was a clear night. He was heading South on the A5 towards Towcester, Northampton, and planned to turn round at the Towcester Island and head home Northbound. A familiar drive for Mark that would give him time to think and pass the time.

The A5 would take him through the middle of a B.T. installation with a huge array of masts on either side of the road. These masts range from about 10ft to about 200/250ft in height and the taller ones have red navigation light mounted on them.

The drive was like many before as Mark headed South and through the BT installation. He arrived at the Towcester Island and headed back North to go home. As he approached the BT installation again, he noticed a strange formation of lights above the tallest and furthest mast from him. (The first mast on the right heading South). "It was about 30 feet above the mast and it stuck out like a sore thumb, but it wasn't there minutes earlier when I drove through the first time".

Mark slowed down and noticed that the formations of lights were moving at walking pace above the mast. "There was a bright white light in each corner and a smaller red one in dead centre. There were three smaller white lights, each one positioned between the large corner ones. Although I couldn't see the body of the craft, these lights had to be fixed to a structure and I assume that this was triangular, with the lights on the underside near the edges". He said "My eyes were just drawn to the lights and I knew that they weren't suppose to be there".

The sighting lasted about 3-4 minutes as he slowly drove through the BT Installation, he also noticed that an articulated lorry had pulled over and the driver had obviously seen the same thing. Mark also looked for the lights in his rear view mirror but couldn't see them as he drove away.

Mark works for a computer company as an I.T. (Information Technology) Support.

### CYLINDRICAL UFO HOVERS OVER SHANGHAI

A large light grey cylindrical UFO appeared over the Western end of Shanghai, the largest city in China, and hovered there for over an hour on Thursday 2nd December 1999.

The hovering UFO was seen by hundreds of people and was reported in two large newspapers, the Shanghai Daily and the Wenhui Daily in their Friday 3rd December editions.

Upon receiving a telephone call from an eyewitness, a reporter from Wenhui Daily hurried to the 43<sup>rd</sup> floor and claimed that he saw an illuminated object stationary in the sky for ten minutes before it disappeared.

Two TV stations in Shanghai broadcast colour video footage of the UFO, described as 'an object darting through the sky with an orange flaming tail'.

A former researcher at the Shanghai Observatory, Professor Jiang Xiaoyuan, was one of the witnesses but could not offer an explanation. Initial reports said that the UFO hovered over the city for about one and a half-hours.

Radar operators at Hongqiao International Airport near Shanghai said they detected 'nothing out of the ordinary' on their radar screen.

### POLICE OFFICERS SEE UFO

Columbus, Ohio. U.S.A. – November 18<sup>th</sup> 1999.

I am a Police Officer for a suburb of Columbus, Ohio, and on the night dated above, I had a 'ride-along' passenger, who is a reserve officer from another agency in the area. We were attempting to find a dark area within the city to observe the Leonid Meteor Shower as it was a slow night. I stopped the cruiser and after a short while, I noticed a dark object coming from the east to west; just west of downtown Columbus at 01:50. As it grew closer, I noticed that it was triangular in shape. It made a banking turn and continued north and out of sight.

At first I assumed that it was an aeroplane, I quickly realised that this was not the case. It appeared similar in shape to the F-117A Stealth Fighter as it approached head-on. I say this because it seemed to have similar sharp angled features. After watching it for about seven seconds, I told my partner to get out of the car as I was doing the same. I pointed in its direction and said, "do you see that thing?" He spotted the object just before it began to make a slow right banking turn. As it turned, it showed its underside that had some sort of distortion to it, almost as if it were camouflaged. It appeared to be an equilateral triangle in shape. There were no flashing lights and absolutely no sound. It appeared to be relatively close to us, so I tried to shine my spotlight on it to light it up but it was too far away to be illuminated by it. We often have the police helicopter fly by, and making a comparison, the craft was much larger in size.

After completing a 90-degree turn, it levelled off and continued north. It travelled slower than our helicopter on patrol. It just seemed to glide to the north like a Stingray does through the water. I called another officer to meet us and we told him about the incident. I also called the Port Columbus Airport Police and identified myself to them, and asked if there was anyway that they could find out if the tower had anything unidentified on their radar. The dispatcher advised me that she'd been in touch with 'Tracon' and they had nothing unusual on their radar in the time frame that I'd reported.

I've seen the F-117 fly and I know that they are quite loud. It was close enough to us that we could distinctly see its edges and shape, although it was not self-illuminating. I am truly baffled by what we saw.

# The Evening Sky

## January 2000

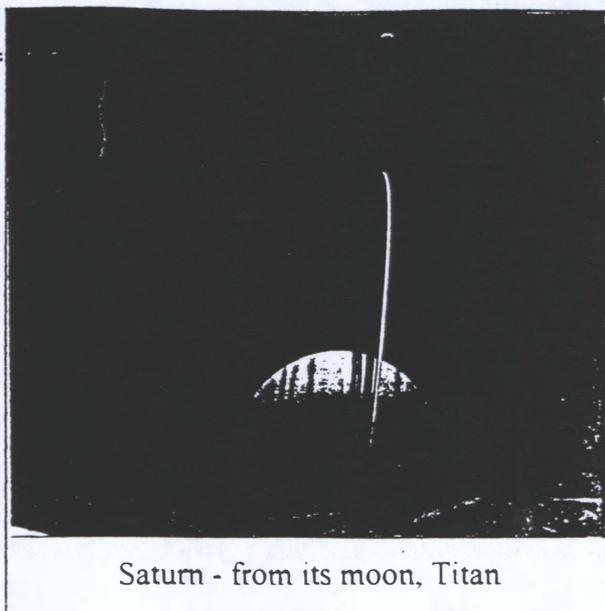
The first month of the long awaited year 2000 brings a glorious eclipse of the Moon. The world's first total lunar eclipse since 1997 is visible across the UK on the evening of January 20th (morning of the 21st). It begins around 3 am; maximum total eclipse occurs at 4.45 am and the eclipse ends at 6.25 am. I shall be observing and hoping for clear skies. Incidentally, it is Full Moon on January 21st!

Brilliant Jupiter is trailed by Saturn in the southeastern sky as evening twilight falls. Dimmer Mars is much lower in the southwest. If you rise and shine before the Sun you will see Venus already high in the southeastern pre-twilight morning sky.

We are in the middle of Winter and yet the Earth is closest to the Sun for the whole year on January 2nd. Strange how the Earth is closest to the Sun now and farthest away from the Sun in July!

The Winter star constellations are breathtaking to behold and centre around the magnificent constellation of Orion, the Hunter. The brightest stars of all the seasons appear now and their brilliance is doubled because of very dark nights and clear frosty skies.

The marvel of the 20th century for me was the photograph of 'Earth Rise' taken from Apollo 8 when orbiting the Moon in 1968. Earth's place in the universe and humankind's venture into the cosmos were both dramatised by this one single photograph. The Earth is a little blue dot alone in the blackness and emptiness of an uncaring and unfeeling universe.



Saturn - from its moon, Titan

What have we learned about the cosmos during the past century? In 1900 astronomers held views of the cosmos quite different from ours. Their picture of the universe was not wrong by today's standards. However, their comprehension of its size was limited being untouched by history's greatest scientific century. By 1920 we learned we were not at the centre of the Milky Way galaxy but lay insignificantly off to one side. In 1924 we discovered other galaxies existed and the Milky Way was not the whole universe. By 1929 we found the universe to be expanding and in 1965 the discovery of the cosmic microwave background radiation provided the final proof of that expansion.

The scale of the universe is unimaginable. Over the last century we have mapped its history and we know its future. It is bleak! We are not the centre of the universe and our epoch is not even special. In 1.2 billion years time the Earth will be irradiated and no life will exist on its surface. Within 10 billion years, our Sun will completely die. In inconceivable numbers of trillions and quadrillions of years time, all matter will have evaporated and nothing in the entire universe will be left. Still, never mind, eh. It's a long time off!

**Enjoy Your Evening Sky!**

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## TALE ENDERS

**THE MILLENNIUM (Flu) BUG** caught up with your Editor over Christmas and the New Year, hence the late OVNI issue. Apologies to those members that did not receive a greetings card from me and thanks to everyone that submitted material in time for this issue. Unfortunately our publication space is limited.

**OLD SOLDIERS TALE** was mentioned during the discussion of a 'fuzzy ball of light' seen thirty years ago. The witness a Mr Rogers, mentioned that when he was in Germany shortly after WW2, he was stationed near the River Elbe. During a thunderstorm, he heard a terrific crash and later discovered a 16ft. diameter Crop Circle in a nearby field of wheat...*stranger and stranger.*

**YELLOW SPHERE SEEN NEAR STOCKPORT** on the night of 2nd Jan. this year, when Kathryn Wales reported how she had seen a huge, yellow, spherical object floating past her lounge window. "It was weird and I haven't been able to get it out of my mind", commented Kathryn. (*Stockport Express-David Cayton*).

**GIGANTIC UFO SEEN IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC** according to 'UFO Roundup'. On Thursday November 4 1999, a gigantic UFO was seen by thousands of people on the large islands of New Britain and New Ireland in the South Pacific. A huge craft with bright lights was seen hovering low over the sea.

**FT's HAVE BEEN SEEN IN ESSEX**, according to the Essex UFO & Paranormal Research Group. At 1815hrs. on the night of November 4 1999, a silent FT first appeared as a circular green flashing light in cloud and then appeared as a triangular craft over St. Osyth. On the 1st December 99. over Clacton, a FT was again sighted at 1815hrs. with a red pulsating centre light and one yellowish light at each corner.

**AREA 51 -THERE REALLY IS NOTHING THERE!** According to Jack A Schulman CEO, of the American Computer Company. Area 51 is simply an empty plot of desert on the unoccupied flood plain, next to Groom Lake. On the 'occupied' side is something called Johnson Airbase, Nevada Experimental Test Facility, also known as JANET. Originally it was called GLANET (Groom Lake Airbase, Nevada Experimental Test facility). What you have seen in telephoto photographs and called 'Area 51' by the press, is actually the above ground portion of the JANET facility. For the past three years the testing of the supersecret high powered Super Stealth Transatmospheric Hypersonic Warcraft. The rumours perpetrated by the likes of Bob Lazar and Glen Campbell have continued to circulate, creating the perfect SMOKE SCREEN to cover these flights. (*So now you know! Ed.*)

**BREAKING NEWS:EARTH CHANGES** - The 'M-Class' flares have occurred on the 18th January 2000, says Mitch Battros. The M-Class flares have occurred within 72 hours of a very high sunspot count of 268. This is a count of 118 over the highest apex, which was not predicted to occur until March/April 2000. We are not in the predicted 'Cycle 23' 11 year Cycle, but in a 'Mega Cycle' which occurs every hundreds of thousands of years. If calculations come into fruition we will see sunspot numbers that will double or triple the predicted (150) by its apex in March/April. What does this mean to us on Earth?....Severe weather like we have never seen!

## NEXT MEETING

Will be at the **Royal British Legion**, Allenton, Derby (Off the 'Spider Bridge' on the A5111 Ring Road).  
at 8pm on Tuesday 25th January.

A video show of the **very latest** World-Wide UFO video footage.

Non-members welcome (£1 on the night). Please Note: **NO SMOKING** in the meeting room.

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