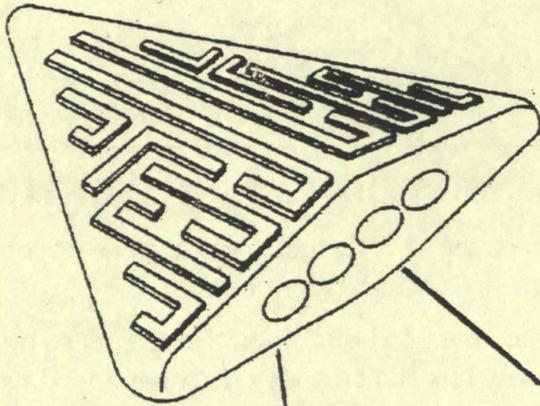
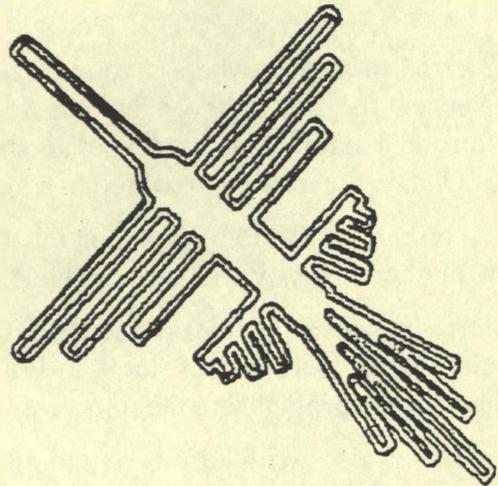


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GREAT INTEREST SHOWN IN LAST MONTHS PSYCHIC FEATURE

After leading with the Mrs 'WPM' story in the last issue of the OVNI, there was a great response to the invitation for readers to give their opinion and also to share any similar experiences.

As a UFO study group, we have preferred to consider the 'nuts & bolts' hypothesis, a case of 'I won't believe it until I can go up to it and kick the tyres!' Obviously this can be a very narrow-minded view of the UFO mystery and the readers response has shown a great interest in what appears to be the psychic side of the phenomenon.

A comment from 'Deb' sums up the general view of the readers: "Thanks for putting such an unusual story in the OVNI - I thoroughly enjoyed it."

A number of the leading pages have been devoted to readers experiences and comments, but because of space limitations it has been necessary to edit these extensively. Those printed are only small selection of the many letters received and one can only briefly thank everyone for their contributions. A number will be held over until the next issue of the OVNI.

In particular I would like to thank Tommy Dunford for his most interesting article on 'voices-on-tape' which detailed the experiences of Parapsychology researchers attempts to record the messages from 'Dead Souls'.

Tommy referred to a story where a young girl had been travelling with her boyfriend in a car and for an unknown reason the car swerved off the road and hit a tree. She recollected the whole incident in slow-motion and Tommy wondered whether she had in fact had an out-of-the-body experience? The subject of another 'OOB' experience is covered in a story on page 5.

The veteran researcher Ernie Spears a member of the Southampton SUFOG group has kindly written to us detailing a number of his own experiences and these have also been included in this issue.

Readers stories have referred to a number of events similar to Mrs 'WPM' and the question has been raised as to whether these could be put down to Poltergeist activity? There seems to be an indeterminable line between ghostly happenings and the intervention of alien activity.

Peter Gregory has also written to us regarding the Mrs 'WPM' article and commented "It is extraordinary and fascinating, especially the piece about souls and the aliens."

"As a matter of fact some of my recent channelling has to do with the 'Greys' apparent obsession with the human soul. One of their present priorities seems to be an attempt to gain access to the subatomic structure of the human spirit."

"They now believe the human psyche may be more advanced spiritually than they ever realised and part of us may be superior, even to them? But their continued interest in humanity is more to do with our essence than mere abductions and retrieving our DNA."

"If what I have been told is correct it also means that we have a strong defence against any kind of mind intrusion but aren't able to use as yet. I will send a full explanation when my notes are completed."

THE WPM CASE: THE READERS RESPONSE

Dear Omar,

Date: 21/01/03

Many thanks for the latest issue of Ovni received yesterday.
Fascinating stuff.

Yes, regarding the story of the W family, it does ring true. The orbs (I see a lot of these at home - the white/ultra violet ones especially) as flashes of white/blue light near the ceiling, something like a bright glass ball coming through the ceiling of the bedroom (or disappearing back through it), a bright white light from inside a clothes cupboard!, orange balls of light outside the window and within the bedroom, the whole wood outside illuminated by a bright light in the middle of the night with the blackbirds singing, the shadowy/smoky figures, visitations, strange sounds and voices, the feeling of drops of water, the occasional failure of electrical equipment, especially several light bulbs going at the same time, strange dreams, etc. Speaking of this, I had a dream of you-know whats on Sunday evening of this week and said to whoever I was talking to in the dream that there were a lot of the little beings miling around that me that we couldn't see. The dream then ended abruptly. Fortunately, no mention is made by the family of the peculiar red marks/scratches/cuts which can appear mysteriously overnight and which you only find out about when they hurt whilst you are showering in the morning. Perhaps the family is spared these, if so, lucky things! Interesting about the bright hands - probably signifies great healing potential, which so often comes with contact. Yes, the spiritual and teaching aspects are very important, and always has been with my own experiences. Probably more so than the "examinations" if they do occur. It comes as no surprise that she sees hooded beings - I am often watched by one standing behind my right shoulder, who will not identify himself - perhaps I haven't asked him properly! As we already know, time does not exist, the soul is immortal and these beings appear to transcend all known laws of physics, boundaries, both physical, time, spiritual, etc. You are quite right in what you say and I agree with your conclusion. However, I already thought you knew about the soul links, as P and I seem to have been aware of this for a while and thought we had mentioned it to you independently of this lady. So, yes, I can identify with this lady's experiences (maybe not quite to the same degree of intensity as she has encountered) and feel that what she says is genuine, if radically mind-blowing, to the logical human mind. It opens all sorts of fields of enquiry about things we cannot possibly understand in our current state of incarnation.

F.

28-1-03

Dear Mr Fowler

Thank you very much for sending me your magazine. I found it very interesting.

The story of Mrs W on page 2. She seems to have had a very similar experience to myself. I too did not know what was going on but I know that it changed my life. I was always a very practical person but my experience with these people in 1987 changed my life. I became very aware that I should recycle all I could, My psychic ability became stronger, and I became a Healer. I was also told at that time that we should learn to rely on nature for our energy such as electricity. When I questioned this I was told "Solar" energy and it was insisted upon that it could be done. "It works" they said.

The reason they cannot alter a situation is because of KARMIC LAW which operate in absolute perfection for everyone and cannot be altered.

You note that I called them friends - well some are but don't ever make the mistake in thinking they all are as they come from different planets. Some have progressed spiritually more than others just as we have on this planet.

R.G.

Tuesday 11th February 2003

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May I begin with your Analysis. Omar, of the local family's experiences when you conclude that to your knowledge, the implications that the Aliens are not only interdimensional but interactive with our human "souls" is an entirely new concept. Not so! I myself (Whitley Streiber too!) became "involved" with spiritual dimensions etc back in the days of 1960 when I visited a spiritual "church" in Gosport, Hampshire, with some friends who were regular attendees. My reason was that my first "encounter" in March of that year involved a craft that hovered for some time and then "vanished" when two Meteor jets were "scrambled" from the nearby air base. Apart from the incident, in daylight, and over a highly secret Admiralty establishment, it was totally denied by the air base control tower within ten minutes. I was puzzled how the object could just "vanish". Other dimensions came into my remit for the first time ever. Since "spooks" were alleged to appear and disappear the same way...? I stayed with that "church" for six months, saw, learnt, amazing things...most amazingly that the "dead" could "communicate".. my deceased grandfather was described as standing behind me almost on my first visit. Since he was a Regimental Sgt Major in the Gordon Highlanders in kilt, sporran, bushy, moustached and big, and since this is how the "reverend" as he was called described him...stunned was the word. Later I recalled childhood incidents that now look "different". Over many years, "mediums" would allude to my "grandad" and the "gold watch" incident that the first such also described. OK...in January 1978, after some years of involvement in "flying saucers" and thence to "ufos" I had three very close and almost consecutive encounters of a huge, silent, dark with "funny" lights object over my Southampton city centre home. My then wife was with me. Slow moving and quite low, the event was witnessed by others, unknown to me..printed in a small paragraph in the local Southampton "Echo"

On the third occasion...I'd already had, by the way, a daylight sighting of a "triangular" object the previous November, 1977..(found FIVE witnessess five miles away who confirmed all details of hovering and vanishing of the "metallic" looking craft, denied by all authorities)...but my 1978 encounter left me changed for life. While watching it until it was right overhead, I had the odd feeling that a "ray" flashed from it to me..I laughed afterwards..ridiculous! But somehow I found myself in "space", among a forest of brilliant stars, with a big light to my right that I couldnt quite get my head around to. Next second I was back on the ground musing how wonderful nature was..I suddenly "knew" everything was alive!..even the stones beneath my feet and the flowers and birds etc. At 53, quite a change! Whiteley Streiber says in one of his books abductees or even percipients often acquire various "psychic" attributes including "talking with the dead" and quoted his own visible contact with his deceased father.

Ernie Sears contd:

I had article(s) on links with alien and spirit dimensions published in Psychic News. (copy enclosed, hopefully) Met up with local family of a group member who live just "up the road". For years they'd had similar happenings to your OVNI family. Briefly: french windows shaking so hard they BENT but didnt break. TV turning on. Kitchen waste bin lid banging up and down..night time. Picture flying off the wall..hook still firm, didnt smash. Voices from ceiling. One said `go to bed`...husband no longer sits up late on his own! Footsteps overhead. All these multi witnessed by family. Husband, Wife, two grown boys...all fairly blase about it. I've dowsed the place twice..terrific energy in kitchen. Never seen dowsing rods go round like helicopter blades! Had to dodge `em! Tiny palmprint INSIDE bathroom window recently..no children in house. Did a requested "sitting" in 2002 there for three people..family and friend..quite significant..two names of "dead" people, one died two weeks before, daughter of unknown woman met in bus who confided in that group member. Finishing session, all three of us plus husband who had walked in saw heavy metal cigarette lighter fly from the settee and crash against the skirting board! No surprise that couple had TWO close encounters of huge object with two pink lights hovering outside in their drive..they watched it through lounge window before it shot off. BOTH on Boxing Days two years running. History of previous paranormal at a tower block within sight of here. Coming home to flat there..TWICE..found lounge furniture piled up centre of floor. Coincidence(!) that my ladyfriend moved into that same block in January 2002..she has a history..finally confided in me..of childhood strange incidents and an "impossible" pregnancy and much else...her daughter frightened at 14 by a bright light and humming noise through bedroom window...witnessed by mother. HER tower flat has "sprites", blue and white., darting about the hall and bedroom..her latest fairy I bought her the only one of a dozen ,turns completely around over the course of a day a bit at a time...a heavy knocking noise which I also witnessed..her top flat has none above her..a delicate plate which moved silently as I caught sight of it and came to rest a few inches away from it's normal support..and..I thought I'd seen EVERYTHING!.. her saying thanks for a bathroom scales battery which I'd promised to get her and forgot! I denied it. Found in her kitchen waste bin, on top of the rubbish! BRAND NEW AND WORKING! My lady, incidently, and frightening at first, will go into an unseeing trancelike state when seeing a depiction of a "grey", on TV etc..I am wary of showing her such. "TAKEN" she finds `scary`.

Alright, Omar..rushing to get finished..all this and more in my 400 plus page book WHEN it gets published! 20 YEARS to write and AGAIN rewriting . Publishers, I've concluded after three, are SCARED! At my place? Oh, well..my baseball cap floating silently off a chair as I sat reading one evening, landing with a soft thud.

*Best Wishes
Ernie.*

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AN UNUSUAL 'OUT OF THE BODY' EXPERIENCE

THE W.F. TWEEDY STORY

The following article is an account of Mr W.F. Tweedy's memories after a motorcycle accident on the night of 28th February 1984. (Transcribed by Omar Fowler)

At a time between 19.30 and 20.15hrs. on the night of 28th February 1984, I was involved in an accident on my motorcycle. A car hit me and I was thrown off my motorbike, I was unconscious before I hit the ground. My last clear memory was of a bright light up to my right in the sky.

At the time, there were low clouds and a light drizzle coming down. It was completely overcast and there was no way that any stars or aircraft lights could be seen. I do not believe that the moon was full, but I could be wrong about this.

As I came to, I could see a bright light around me and as my eyes began to focus, I became aware of three 'beings' standing next to me and looking at me. The first thing that I can remember about them is their oversized head. They had no hair and they were quite pale, a sort of off-white, light grey pigmentation. They also had a small slit in place of ears and nostrils, as well as having a pointed chin and a small mouth.

The next thing I noticed was their eyes. They were quite similar to human eyes, however the eyes were tilted up slightly and the pupils were a slight diamond shape and were at about a 45 degree angle.

I could not estimate their height at this time, as I was on a 'bed' of sorts. I then looked over to my left and I could see another 'bed' in this room. There was a body on it and it was not moving and appeared to be unconscious. *The strange thing was, that it looked remarkably like myself!*

I had the impression that there were only two of these 'beds' in that room and possibly a raised control panel of some kind in the centre of the room. It was in such a position, that when someone was standing in front of it, they could observe both 'beds'.

The 'beings' were standing behind the console. One appeared to be operating it, while the two others stood behind him. (I had the strange impression of a 'leader' and 'helpers' in this room.)

I could hear words in my head, they were telling me that they were going to heal me and that I should not worry, I noticed that their mouths were not moving! I now believe that these 'beings' were communicating with me by means of telepathy.

I could sense no malice or hostility from them and I understood that they only wanted to help me. I laid my head back and I then fell asleep.

When I awoke, I was told that my injuries had been extensive, but they had been able to cure them. They also said that I was lucky that they had been observing the area and that they had been able to help me. I was told that I would feel tired for a while, I then laid back and fell asleep.

When I awoke, I noticed that the other body (*I am now convinced that this 'person' was dead*), had been removed from the room. I had no recollection of seeing any other people, wherever I was. I noticed that I was dressed in some clothing, possibly of the same material that they were wearing. I noticed that all of the beings I saw were wearing these metallic 'jumpsuits'. The clothing I wore had a metallic sheen to it, was of a greyish colour and had no buttons or zips.

I have the feeling that the corridors did not have any form of lighting, such as we use. The walls and ceilings emitted light by themselves and there were no shadows.

I also have the impression that there was a control bridge, circular shaped, with one, possibly two entrances. One 'being' stood at a raised panel of some kind and two others were working at controls of some sort. I remember that there was a form of display on one wall.

W.F. Tweedy contd:

I cannot remember much else, but I do have the feeling that I did not see any other people (humans), only the 'beings' were on board. I saw other doors, but I do not recall entering them.

At no time do my memories indicate any hostile act, maltreatment or any intention by the 'beings', of acting harmful to myself. I have one very strong impression and that is of the 'leader' asking for my help in something. I agreed to help, but I do not know what I agreed to.

I was told that they would have to break my arm, so that it did not look too strange for me to 'walk away with no injuries', from an accident where I had been hit head-on by a car and thrown off my motorbike into some trees. As I have said, I agreed to all of this.

Apart from these memories, I cannot remember much else, apart from vague feelings that I cannot put into words.

Immediately after the accident, I was taken by ambulance to Epsom District Hospital. There, I was asked if I had been unconscious. (*I remember almost panicking about having a head x-ray, I am not sure why I felt this*). I said that I had not been unconscious.

I had received the following injuries: severe fracture of the upper third humerus (right arm), possible severing of the nerves in my right arm (now almost fully healed) and finally, I lost most of my right elbow, due to a severe infection.

After I had been treated for the broken arm, I was placed in a private room and I regained full consciousness approximately 5-6 hours after the crash.

I had the impression that the hospital staff were surprised when my parents came to pick me up. I discharged myself and although I could not walk, I felt well enough to travel.

There has been some puzzlement as to why I only had a broken arm, as my motorcycle received the following damage: Right side handlebars bent right back, fuel tank dented, footstand bent back, seat torn. Finally, the rear wheel had to be removed using a sledge hammer, as it had been bent into an 'L' shape. It is strange that I suffered so little injury, when the bike had been damaged extensively.

I believe that I should have died in that accident, but for some unknown reason, I did not!

The sketches are based on my impressions, but I am not a good artist.

W.F. Tweedy.

(Farnham, Surrey. February 1993)

The proportions are as best I can remember, 'Suit' was of a silvery/grey material which reflected light.



* I awake in this one, there was a body to my left.
* These being were behind the 'control panel'.
The beings were always in two's or threes.

HUGE UFO CRAFT SEEN OVER DERBY IN 1988

This incident took place over the Blagreaves Lane area of Littleover, Derby between 6pm - 9pm during the month of September 1988 and came to light as the result of a listener telephoning in to the BBC Radio Derby 'UFO phone-in' programme which featured your Editor and presenter John Holmes.

Mr 'JC' an electrical engineer, related what happened on that night.

At about 6pm, I first noticed a light in the sky, over a bungalow adjacent to my house. Over a period of the next three hours the light slowly changed its position in the sky until it finished up over another bungalow on the other side of the road.

At about 8.45pm, I spoke to my next door neighbour at number 19, about the light. Then at 9pm the light started to move towards us while at the same time dropping in altitude.

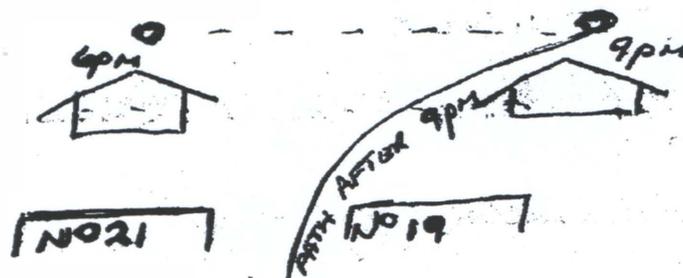
It was now so low that it seemed to go between the houses at a very slow speed, like an airship but without any noise as it passed over. Then suddenly it accelerated and disappeared in an instance.

As we were watching this going on a police car pulled up and I noticed that the two policemen were watching the object. When it (the UFO) had gone I asked a policeman if he was going to report this, he laughed saying "you must be joking!"

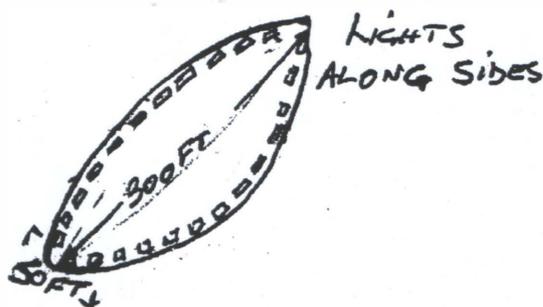
Mr JC later added more details, saying that the craft had been brown in colour, made no noise and the speed from practically standing still made him realise that the craft was highly unusual.

He had been able to observe what seemed to be very bright lights along either side of the craft, which he estimated to be about 300 feet long.

The weather conditions at the time were; no wind with a clear sky. The light/craft had appeared in the West and disappeared towards the East.



Mr JC's drawing showing the movement of the 'light'.



Mr JC's drawing of the craft

EX-OBSERVER CORPS WITNESS DESCRIBES UFO CRAFT

The time was about 5.45pm and it was late autumn in 1986 when Mrs JML and her daughter had a close encounter with a UFO. That is to say, the encounter was close enough for the witness (an ex-Royal Observer Corps member) to give a clear description of the craft including the windows, shape and what appeared to be some kind of landing gear positioned under the craft.

"I was in my own backyard of my home near Ashbourne" said Mrs JML. "My daughter had just arrived home from work, when she ran up the yard and said 'Look Mum that is not a plane' we just stood and watched it go right over our head until it was out of sight going North."

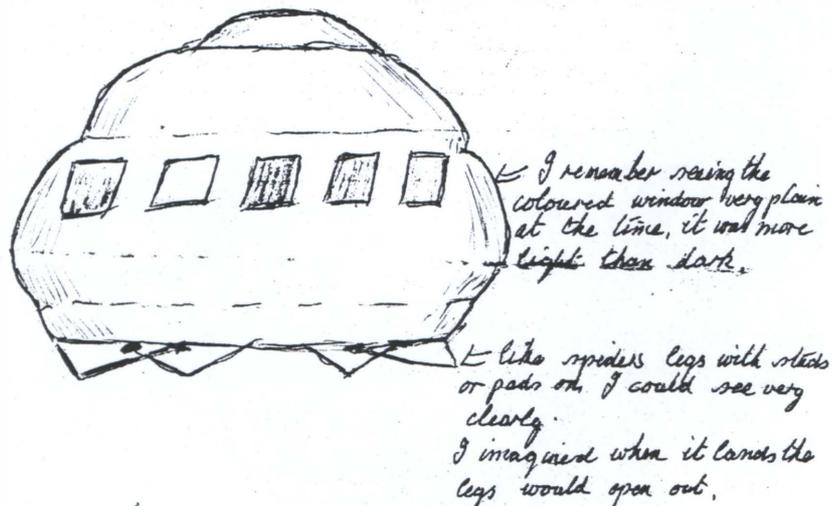
"Then we both ran inside the house and drew the object, we drew the same but my daughters drawing was better than mine."

As previously mentioned, Mrs JML had been a member of the Royal Observer Corps for 3 years, a group of dedicated aircraft observers at one time stationed throughout the country and linked directly to an aircraft plotting centre. Their training was strict in that their expert spotting knowledge was relied upon by a number of military groups in times of crisis.

The sighting of the craft lasted for about one minute and no sound was heard as it passed overhead. "It was not dark and there was still sufficient light to see details of the craft clearly. "It travelled about the speed of an old Wellington bomber" said Mrs JML (approx. 250mph).

"I thought it was unusual because the craft was deep, round with a dome on top. There were lights around it and legs like spiders legs with pads on could be seen clearly, also it made no sound."

"It appeared from the South and passed directly overhead and I could see square lights around it. It was heading North until it finally disappeared out of sight."



A drawing based on Mrs JML's sketch showing the square 'lights/windows' and 'spider leg' gear underneath.

A 1964 UFO REPORT NEAR MASTIN MOOR, DERBYSHIRE.

It was quite late when Mrs SV and her friend were walking home from a Guides meeting along the B6415 Bolsover - Renishaw road, heading towards Mastin Moor. It was a dark but clear night and the stars were visible.

The two ladies had just past the Woodthorpe turning and were quietly chatting to each other, when they both felt that "something or someone was watching us". Mrs SV commented later that she had some psychic ability as she had "a very good ESP understanding with her husband".

They stopped walking, paused and looked around but could see nothing to account for this strange feeling. Then they looked skywards....There above them they saw a "saucer shape, hovering" (see drawing).

The 'saucer' had lights all around it and could be seen quite clearly, as it was stationary almost overhead. Then as they watched "the lights seemed to merge together, as though it was spinning". It then moved quickly away and was soon lost from sight.

Mrs SV later remarked "I had the sensation that something was watching us. Based on our human development at that time I did not think we had developed enough to produce such an object." "It was stationary at first and then went away very fast."



Drawing of 'Saucer' by Mrs 'SV'

Editor's Comment:

Even though this event took place many years ago, the experience was so unusual that the details remained clearly in Mrs SV's mind.

Once again we have a report of the witness(es) feeling that someone or something was watching them. This is not unusual as witnesses often report this eerie feeling before they look up and discover a UFO craft hovering silently above them. Added to this is the comment that Mrs SV believes she has some ESP faculty.

Although the object was described as being clearly defined, the shape was described basically as that of a 'saucer'. There was no mention of a dome being visible although being a dark night it might well have been impossible to tell.

The light configuration is well known and could be described as 'standard' for a saucer craft. There are numerous cases on record describing how a saucer object may hover with stationary or slowly rotating lights, then as the lights increase in their rotation the craft moves off at incredible speed.

The 'saucer' may hover silently or if the witness is close enough, a low hum may be heard.

Finally Mrs SV's observation that she did not consider we had the technology to produce such a craft, is fair comment and although she is no aeronautical expert her common sense told her that she was looking at something strange and out of the ordinary.

AN 'FT' REPORT FROM 'DOWN UNDER'

With thanks to Keith Roberts, Secretary of the 'Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre'

SEPT/OCT 1997 LILLICO, TAS. 1930HRS (CE 1)

Following publicity in the Advocate newspaper the Centre received a letter from the witness detailing events of a sighting a couple of years earlier.

Mrs L and her husband were travelling to Devonport to drop off a friend. between Lillico and Don they noticed lights on a low flying object approach from the sea and crossing the highway ahead. It did not look like a usual aircraft but they thought no more about it until on the way home.

Mrs L says that when driving past the same area near Lillico the same or similar object reappeared high to the left (west) of their car. Mrs L opened the car window to obtain a better view. She was rather surprised to see a large triangle shaped object.

There were three coloured lights, one on each corner of the object, which appeared as a dark mass. It was now low and close to the highway. Mrs L's husband (previously a non-believer in UFO's) could now see the object and accordingly pulled off to the side of the road. The astonished witnesses watched the triangle cross the road and move off towards the sea.

As it moved away from the road it suddenly changed shape into a red ball of light. The ball of light looked to be just over the roadside bushes.

Mrs L felt scared at the turn of events and asked her husband to drive on. As soon as they pulled onto the highway the red ball disappeared, just like a light being turned off. Mrs L said it was a weird experience.

Editors Comment: The description of the FT turning into a ball of light is not unique. During the 'Belgium Flap' 1989-90, a Belgian policeman reported a similar occurrence.

I researched our records and found that few triangle objects seem to have been reported in Tasmania, listed below are some notes on a few cases in our files.

Collins Cap Winter 1966 (9.30pm). Witness notices object low to north and approaching at 30m elevation. Appears to be a dark delta to triangle shape with an orange dome on top. Makes a 'wobble board' sound as passes overhead and disappears behind nearby rise.

Tunbridge 17/4/79 (2.15am). Three witness travelling by car see something hovering over trees some 200m distant. Upon stopping their car they can see a dark triangle shape and hear a humming sound. The object has a red or white light in the middle of each side. The humming decreases as the witnesses decide to drive.

Fingal 29/5/79 (9.15pm). Witness in stationary vehicle sees golden white triangle in NE sky. The triangle arches across the northern sky before dipping down behind mountains in the north-west. The UFO seems to light up the clouds and a project two light beams into the sky as it disappears.

Claremont Summer 1985 (9.30pm). Two witnesses notice low pitched hum outside. On going out to investigate they see a large triangle object passing overhead, There is a green light on the leading point, and red lights on the two rear points of the triangle. The object moves slowly away over hills to the west.

Lake Sorell 25/2/96 (3am). A light shining into the witnesses' bedroom wakes him up. Going out to check on possible intruders he sees a bright light source low through the trees to the east. This light then appears over hills in that direction as a bright white triangle to stealth bomber shape. It moves south in a wavy motion before being obscured by hills.

Trust you will find this of some interest.

Yours sincerely


Keith Roberts...Secretary

The Evening Sky March 2003

Let us all celebrate the Vernal or Spring equinox on Friday, March 21st. Let us hold an equinox party, for at precisely one a.m., the Sun crosses the celestial equator and moves into the northern celestial hemisphere. 'Vernal' means 'Spring' and 'equinox' means 'equal night'. On March 21st, night and day are of equal length, each lasting exactly twelve hours.

Ancient cultures celebrated Spring and associated the season with the return of life to the Earth. Spring's arrival was of more consequence than it is for us today. Winter food shortages ended, crops could be planted and people did not have to worry about staying warm as they had struggled to do during winter. In our modern world, more insulated from the progress of the seasons, we turn up our central heating and visit our local supermarket to buy vegetables and fruit, which are available all year round, no matter what the season.

At the time of the equinox we can observe zodiacal light. Try and spot it one dark evening. It is a strange, pearly coloured light caused by sunlight being scattered by dust, that is, the remains of comets and meteoroids, in the plane of the solar system.

By midnight, during March, the sky takes on its Spring aspect, with Leo, Hydra and Virgo clearly visible. The Winter constellations: Orion, Gemini and Cancer will soon disappear to return in Autumn.

Venus, like Mercury is not well placed for observation at this time. Both hang low in the morning twilight sky. Mars is quite bright, rising before three a.m. The orange/red planet is unmistakable for Mars outshines all other stars in the constellation of Sagittarius. Jupiter still remains visible throughout the night. Serene Saturn, the most distinctive of the entire planets is well placed for observation as the Sun sets. Saturn's rings are currently tilted towards the Earth and if you have access to a telescope, Saturn is truly a stunning sight. The other three planets: Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are only visible through a telescope. You will need at least a 20cm or 8-inch telescope to see them, but all three are visible each morning.

Full Moon occurs on the 18th. The Moon will look quite large, as it will be closest to the Earth on the 19th: 224,892 miles distance. A New Moon occurs on the 3rd and a few days later (the 7th) the Moon will be farthest from Earth at 253,125 miles distance. A difference of 28,235 miles - wow!

I enjoy being alive; I love our blue planet for it is a great little planet. I marvel at the night skies, the changing seasons and the mysterious elements. The birth of civilization began in Sumeria and some years ago I was fortunate enough to walk down from the Anatolia Mountains between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates to the ancient city of Babylon. It was a beautiful city and I marvelled at its architecture, its spirituality and the cuneiform written over five thousand years ago. I ask myself today, why war? I look deep into my heart and I search my soul for an answer.

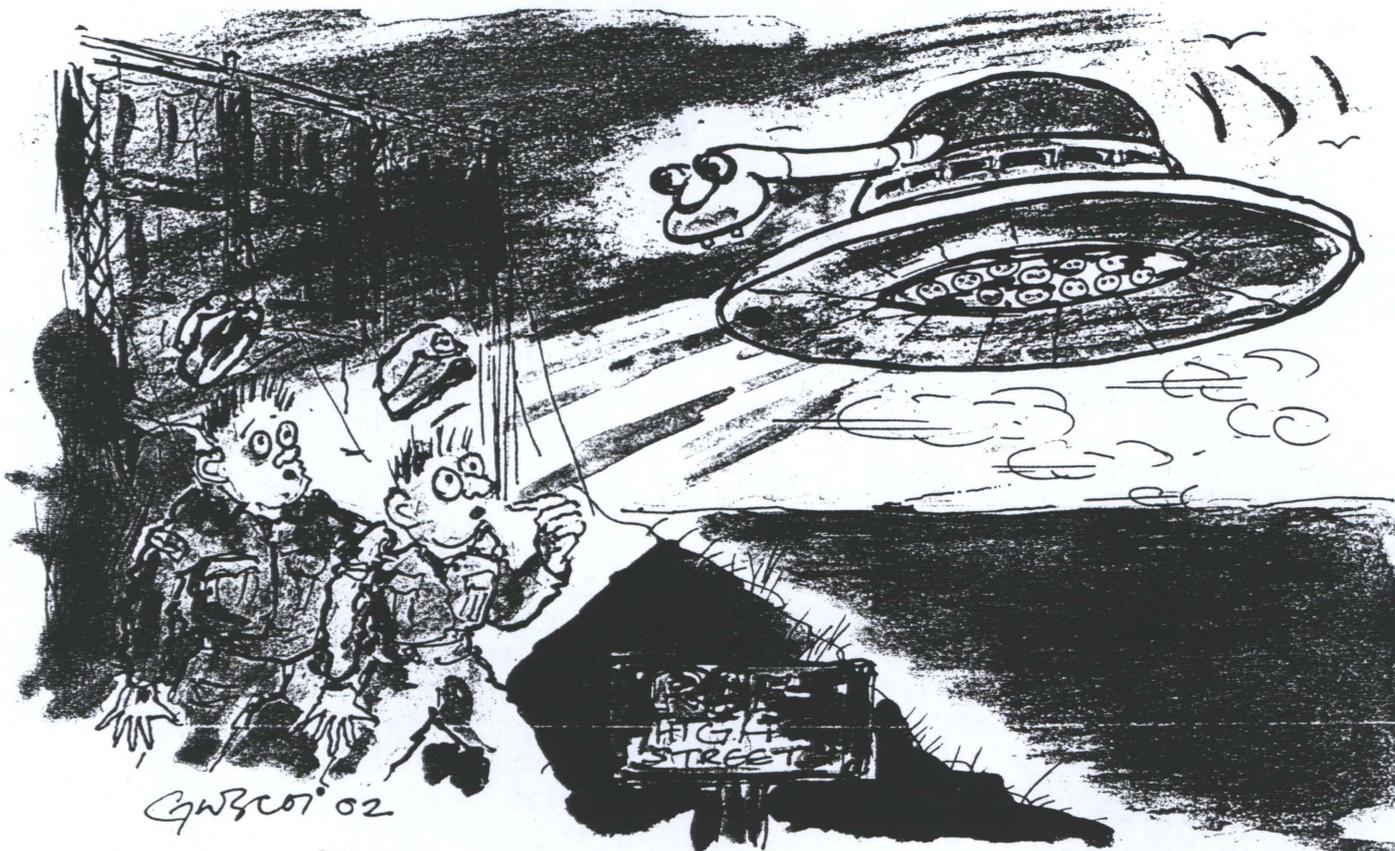
We are here on our little blue planet for such a short time. We are the custodians of our little Earth, so tiny and so fragile when viewed from the vastness of space. We should treasure the Earth and we should treasure each other. One hundred years from now we will all be gone and the next generation will be the custodians of our lovely little Earth. I hope they will treat each other and our home planet with more love and care than we do.

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Value & Vintage

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This month the possibilities of inter-stellar travel enters the story in the latest part of Charles Miller's Royal Air Force memoirs. Why?...believe it or not... it seems that RAF High Street tracked an unidentified flying object!



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Inter-stellar UFOs!

1952

I'm pleased you've joined me again as I recount my RAF memories! And Although I've spoken mainly of the radar transmitters at RAF High Street, we did, of course, have to maintain the receivers as well. This was nowhere near such an exacting task and it was actually quite pleasant to spend the occasional week coasting along in R Block.

Two or three radar 'ops' (operators) were on the strength at High Street to instruct the reservists when they came for their fortnight's training; in between they had nothing much to do apart from play cards with us. If this palled we used to spend the odd hour using the gear to watch for aircraft in the area, and this was how we came, one day, to track an unidentified flying object UFO (**I am not making this up!**). First, though, I need to give you some idea of how the tracking process worked.

Display System

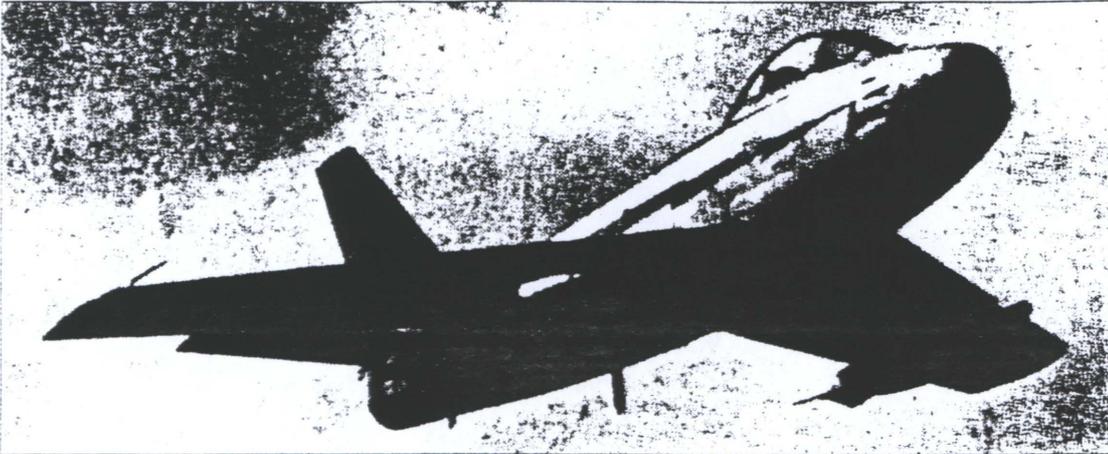
The receiver display system consisted of a vertically mounted large cathode ray tube (c.r.t.), in front of

which sat an operator (myself, in the event to be described). A horizontal trace across the screen of the c.r.t. was deflected vertically when a response was registered, i.e., the signal from the transmitter was bounced back off an object such as an aircraft.

I say 'such as', because other objects like ground features might also produce responses known as 'permanent echoes' or p.e.s for short. There was also likely to be clutter of spurious responses near the left hand side of the trace known as 'grass'. Experience soon familiarised an operator with the local p.e.s and they could safely be ignored.

The distance of a response from the left hand side of the trace was exactly proportionate to its real distance from the transmitter, and thus accurate ranging could be established. In the early receivers a mechanical pointer was employed, moved across the screen by means of a large control knob to coincide with the response.

Later on the mechanical pointer was replaced by a 'marker pip' displayed on the c.r.t. beneath the main trace. In either case the same control knob operated electrical devices which translated the



- A North American F-86 Sabre. It was fitted with a General Electric J-47-GE-27 pure jet engine which developed 5,800lbs thrust normally and 7,000lbs with water injection. It was capable of 680 m.p.h. at sea level and 630 m.p.h. at 35,000 feet. The service ceiling was 52,000 feet and the initial rate of climb 8,000 feet per minute. Compared with North American's famous P-51 Mustang this was pretty good, but not fast enough to catch a UFO!

range into signals fed to an enormous electro-mechanical calculator made up of a myriad of telephone type switches and relays. (It had in fact been installed and was maintained on a daily basis by the old General Post Office (GPO) telephone service.

At the press of a key the c.r.t. operator could set this behemoth working. Within seconds it would grind out positional information in the form of national grid co-ordinates to be displayed on a console and map table at which the rest of the ops were sitting.

The surface of the table was covered with a very large map showing the coverage of the particular radar station, divided into the squares of the national grid. When the calculator produced its figures, the position of whatever was producing the response could be determined again within seconds. (It was 1930s technology, devised without the dubious benefit of computers...and it worked).

Another basically simple but highly effective arrangement enabled the speed of a moving response to be calculated. It consisted of a large electric stop-clock which could be started and stopped by the c.r.t. operator.

To give a very simple example, if the clock recorded 60 seconds for a response to move an indicated five miles closer to the left hand side of the main trace, you knew that whatever was causing it was approaching at 300m.p.h. In fact, an experienced operator could estimate with fair accuracy from the size of the response on the screen what was producing it, from a single small aircraft to a squadron of bombers.

The UFO Sighting

The scene is now set for the UFO sighting. As mentioned above, I was sitting at the c.r.t., Derek and three ops were at the console. We were running the gear more to make sure that everything was in order for the next intake of reservists.

As usual, the c.r.t. was showing only grass and p.e.s, and we expected nothing more given the low level of air activity in that area at that particular time. Suddenly however, I was astonished to see a large response appear at a range of around 20 miles. It had not been there a moment before, so from where had it come?

Given that CH did not give low-level coverage, the only explanation appeared to be that whatever was causing it had suddenly ascended from near ground level to a stationary position. However, the sheer size of the response precluded its being

produced by the small helicopters in service at the time.

I hit the key to start the calculator and the co-ordinates it produced gave the position of the object as being off the coast near Aldeburgh. We had perhaps a minute to ponder what it possibly could be when it suddenly started to move away at speed.

I started the clock and clicked it off when the object had travelled 20 miles. The reading was a shade over 54 seconds, and had we not all seen this with our own eyes we would have said it was incredible, for it worked out at around 1,350 m.p.h., a speed far in excess of any aircraft of the period. Whilst we were still marvelling at this, the object disappeared as abruptly as it had arrived, presumably either by dropping to sea level or rising to an immense altitude.

We sat stunned for a long time. This was before the term UFO had come into general use and all we could only conclude that we had in fact tracked what had been some highly advanced top secret military device.

Because we were all subject to the Official Secrets Act, we were inhibited from passing on information of this nature except to authorised persons. And given the informality of RAF High Street, there appeared to be none who measured up to this requirement!

We then agreed unanimously that we'd better keep quiet about the matter...and as far as I am aware this is the first time it has been mentioned in print. In fact, it had all but slipped my mind when, some 30 years later I discovered that on the same day as when we had tracked the object it had also been located on radar gear on one of the American Air Force bases in Norfolk.

Jets Scrambled

In fact, F-86 Sabre jets had been scrambled in an attempt to intercept the UFO. Unfortunately, although these aircraft had a high performance for the day, with a maximum speed of 680 m.p.h. at sea level, they had no chance of catching up with it.

From the day I learned of the American action I've had no doubt whatsoever that what we tracked was a genuine UFO. I also think that the American's 'close encounter' was hushed up by the authorities to prevent the public knowing about it.

Finally for this time...if the story should prompt someone else to recall curious events off East Anglia in 1952, I would be most interested to hear of them.

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NASA SCIENCE NEWS: For more than a century astronomers thought the Great Red Spot was the biggest thing on Jupiter, but cameras on board the Cassini spacecraft have revealed something at least as large. A dark cloud twice the size of Earth swirling around Jupiter's north pole.

MYSTERY OBJECT FLEW BESIDE DOOMED SHUTTLE. The board investigating the Columbia tragedy is focusing on a mysterious object that almost certainly fell off the shuttle. The object was seen flying alongside the shuttle during its second day in orbit. Columbia had just gone through a major manoeuvre in orbit on January 17, when the object popped out of nowhere, said Air Force Brigadier General Duane Deal.

YORKSHIRE EAST COAST MYSTERY. Russell Kellett an ardent researcher and well known for his sequence of mysterious l.i.t.s. video's, probably has another 'scoop'. On the night of 11th March he telephoned your Ed. to say that he was videoing jet fighters chasing a glowing orb off the coast near Filey, Yorks. We are waiting for the latest info.

A COLD NEW WORLD. Oct. 7 2002, Astronomers have dubbed it 'Quaoar'. It lies a billion km beyond Pluto and moves around the Sun every 288 years. NASA's space telescope Hubble measured it and found it to be 1300km wide. It's the largest object in our solar system seen since the discovery of Pluto 72 years ago.

MARA OBTAIN 'INTERESTING' FOOTAGE. Merseyside Anomalies Research Association has obtained some excellent UFO footage from a train station time-lapse security camera. The video shows 9 lights in the sky in South Liverpool, taken on 9 November 2002. You can see the video on www.mara.org.uk.

BORROWASH, DERBYS. SIGHTING. From E.Birch. On or around 30th September 2002, I saw a bright light at 7.45pm. It was large and it moved rapidly away from me at such a speed, it was visible for 15 seconds before it disappeared. Apparently I was not the only one to see it in Borrowash. (*Source BBC Radio Derby*)

NEXT UFO BBC RADIO DERBY PHONE-IN, will be with your Editor Omar Fowler and presenter John Holmes at 11am on Monday 31st March.

FT SEEN OVER WAKEFIELD. A woman just going to bed at about 11pm on 29th January 2003 looked out of her window and saw an illuminated FT. There were white lights all the way down the sides of the triangle and it had green and yellow light in the middle. It made no sound and was seen turning around and hovering for some time before it moved away. (*Source MF*).

MARA PRODUCE NEW 'RESEARCHER' MAGAZINE. A new UFO magazine has hit the market place, the 'Researcher', produced by MARA has numerous colour page features and is an excellent buy at £2. Visit their website at <http://www.mara.org.uk/>

NEXT PRA MEETING

Will be held at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby, on Tuesday 25th March at 8pm.

A new video from 'UFO Magazine' will be shown: 'UFO's Hard Evidence VIII'.

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