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Editorial

1972 has brought with it a new lease of life for our group. In the 5 years that SIGAP has been operating and experimenting we have learnt at least one thing about running a small amateur organisation of this nature. That is - The elusive subject claims its victims. Will there ever be a conclusive answer to the question; "What IS the nature of UFO's?" I do not suppose for one moment that we shall find out in our lifetimes. The fact remains that the study of UFO's continues to be one of the most frustrating pastimes in the world, and it is almost inevitable that many researchers will say to themselves "An answer is impossible."

We must continue to document the reports we receive. Ideas are born out of knowledge and in turn creates stepping stones for furthering that knowledge.

It is with this in mind that we step out into 1972 with new ideas and above all, the medium to present those ideas. PEGASUS is that medium and the Committee of SIGAP hope that all readers will be able to contribute to the extension of this subject.

Write to us. Your comments, and opinions WILL be appreciated and published where possible.

BANBURY IN RETROSPECT

Richard P. Colborne

Having finished a large batch of reports from the Banbury area I decided to relax and get up-to-date with what some of the other UFO magazines are saying.

I smiled to myself when I read in one magazine, that shall remain anonymous, that several reports have been received from the Banbury area; and to make matters worse they were predicting that: 'It looks like we are in for another flap.' We are? I sincerely hope not, I haven't got over the last one yet. No, I'm not referring to the 1967 flap either. For the benefit of anyone who was out of the country last year, there was a flap in 1971 that looks like surpassing previous records.

Well, so much for some of the other UFO magazines, they leave me with serious doubts about their investigators and contributors, perhaps they were out of the country too.

Now that we have had four clear years in which to ponder over the 1967 flap, we can start to compare the figures of the more recent spate of sightings; and there are some intriguing parallels. Although only a few of the figures for 1971 are available as yet, it does seem that whoever, or whatever started all the fuss in 1967 has paid us a return visit. The UFO's themselves were as different for the two years, as they were from one another, it is in their behaviour where the similarity lies.

The year of 1967 got off to a slow start but by early summer there was an incling that something was afoot; then, in July and August it happened, at last we had a flap on our hands, but although we didn't know it, the best was yet to come. September was comparatively quiet; then, unsurprisingly after September followed October, but October was going to make July and August just a secondary peak on the ufological graph. Octobers figures doubled those already in for the rest of the year. If you are wondering what happened to November and December, well like the early part of the year, there wasn't much going on.

We have the same sort of picture for 1971; starting off very slowly, rising to a secondary peak in midsummer then levelling out slightly, only to explode in October.

Surprisingly enough even some of the dates match up. The closing days of October, especially the 26th, 27th and 28th were the most hectic for both 1967 and 1971 and it looks like other dates match up too. Similarities are suggested also, in the times of day, and the days of the week, but these patterns are not peculiar to these two flaps, they are suggested in most statistics on all other UFO and fortune phenomena.

There is no getting away from the facts; these allegedly extraterrestrial visitors adhere to a distinctly terrestrial timetable.

Although the figures for 1971 are far from complete and there is still some of the 1967 figures to add, it is pretty safe to say that last year will achieve parity with 1967's 700 plus reports if not leave it way behind.

Oxfordshire (especially Banbury) and adjoining counties featured very high last year, whilst Staffordshire to the north was top of the table in 1967. Also in 1967 Surrey and adjoining counties originated a high number of reports; but alas, SIGAP's immediate area seems to have been avoided last year apart from a couple of reports from the Bagshot locality.

One of the first cases to come to light in Banbury concerns three schoolboys, who, whilst walking home on the 28th September at 1650 hrs (BST), saw a cigar shaped object accompanied by four or five smaller objects. Although all the objects looked metallic and solid two of the boys said that the smaller objects merged to form the cigar before it was lost from sight into the distance.

An interesting feature of the Banbury flap is that most of the good sightings occurred during daylight hours and many of the objects seen were leaving a trail of smoke or vapour behind them. One such object was sighted at 0730 hrs on October 26th, the witness was amazed when the stationary orange ball that she had been watching for over a minute, suddenly moved off at a tremendous speed, traversing the sky in a few seconds with a delta shaped tail of smoke.

Just to bring home the point that they were in no mood for abiding by the laws of aerodynamics, another vapour trailing object gave a display for veteran RAF pilot Mr Ruck-Keene, at 1145 hrs on October 17th. Like many other reports this object produced a tail that fanned out towards the end before abruptly finishing.

Seen by a large number of witnesses a UFO which belched flames as well as smoke traversed the northern tip of Oxfordshire around noon on October 26th, estimated by another ex-RAF pilot to be travelling at 5,000 mph. This UFO stopped dead in its track, for durations of about five seconds at times and executed a few classic right angle turns as well, just to prove what Meteorological balloons are capable of! An ATV-Midlands camera team filmed this object as it sped through the cloudless blue sky. The film was shown at the 7th March SIGAP meeting when it was viewed with much enthusiasm by members.

There have been some close range sightings too, Mr and Mrs Alfred Burton encountered an object hovering near the ground obly a few hundred yards from the road at 1950 hrs the same day. This object had yellow window-like lights around one end and a redish

orange pulsating light at the other. After ascending slowly, and then moving a few yards to the right, the object suddenly vanished.

Besides the film taken by ATV there have been several colour photographs taken in the area. Mr Kimberley of Charlton (Oxon.), has kindly supplied a print of some of a number of flaming orange cigar objects, seen in and around the county at 1800 hrs on 27th October, and Mr Brian Birchell took three colour prints of a flashing red object at 0230 hrs on 19th October. These and others are presently being evaluated.

The wealth of reports from the Banbury area alone during the 1971 flap should inspire ufologists throughout the country and may even prompt some to investigate a few of the many outstanding reports. It is an unavoidable fact that the emphasis shifts, from one flap to the next and it would be foolish for SIGAP to investigate sightings only from Surrey. Perhaps it will be Surrey's turn again soon, but let us not wait until the UFO's come to us or until another flap has come and gone.

Remember 1967 and 1971 both started very quietly.

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GEOPHYSICAL DATA BROADCASTS

The amateur astronomer with a good short wave receiver can now listen-in to the latest information on the sun. On July 1st the National Bureau of Standards' short wave radio stations WWV and WWVH began voice broadcasts describing solar and geophysical activity. These announcements which replace those previously given in international morse code, are in addition to the regular time service signals. The Geo alerts occur 18 minutes after each hour on WWV and 45 minutes after on WWVH. Though the information is updated daily after 4.00 UT, an important solar flare announcement would be included at the start of these broadcasts. This data is provided by the Space Environment Service Center, which is operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Observational data is given on Solar Flares, A-Index, Solar Activity, Geometric Field, Solar Flux, Proton Events and Polar Cap Absorption. Following this observational data, a forecast is issued. This begins with the predicted level of Solar Activity, the state of the geomagnetic field, the expected dates of any geomagnetic storms and the solar co-ordinates of anticipated proton flares. This information is transmitted at frequencies of 2.5, 5, 10, 15 and 20 MHz from both stations and at 25 MHz from WWV.

Tim Childerhouse

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ON THE LOCAL "SEEN"

In recent weeks SIGAP has investigated a number of interesting cases, one of them (No. 199) is quite extraordinary and has therefore been reported in detail.

Case S196

A Miss W. of West Clandon near Guildford, was sitting in a car outside her home at 1-30 am on the morning of Friday 11th February 1972, when the whole sky seemed to light up green.

Then quite suddenly a bright green ball of light appeared falling from the sky. It was described as being about the size of a 'bowling ball' and the whole incident was over in a few seconds.

The conclusion of this report would indicate that the witness had seen a large meteorite entering the earths atmosphere and burning up. The greenish light is typical of meteorite reports.

Case S197

On Monday, March 20th at approximately 6-45 pm, a Mrs O. of Guildford saw what appeared to be a large patch of smoke drifting across a field. Mrs O., who was driving to her nearby farm home said that as she drew nearer the object took up the shape of a large smoke ring.

The ring was enveloped within the smoke, but as the witness slowed down to look at the object, she found that the ring was actually outlining the grey coloured mass. The ring resembled an inflated, perfectly even bicycle inner tube. Mrs O. then stated that as she watched it, the ring began to darken to a black colour and the ring began to narrow and changed its shape to an elongated ring, about 25' long.

The witness then stopped her car to view this sight more clearly, the ring then appeared to stop for about 10 seconds and slowly changed into a cloud. The cloud then went through a series of colour changes from grey to pink/grey to yellow/grey, it then appeared to evaporate within seconds.

Mrs O. stated that there was no perceptible wind and the following day the witness checked with the nearby farmer who confirmed that there had been no burning of rubbish etc., that could account for the phenomena. Mrs O. is absolutely certain that the cloud was something out of the ordinary.

Case S198

While out walking with her nephew on Sunday March 19th at 8 pm, a Miss B of Jacobswell,

Guildford, noticed a bright object travelling from the Woking area (North). As they were near their home, the couple ran back and collected a pair of 10X binos.

Miss B. states that the object was in fact disc shaped and a silvery yellow colour, with a little green light on the left hand side.

The other witness in the case, young Neil B., also watched the object through the binoculars and confirms that the thing was disc shaped.

The witness had reported seeing a number of UFO's and this case is still under investigation.

Case S199

DISC MOTHER SHIPS?

Two witnesses at Bracknell Berks., may have witnessed what may have been a liason between reconnaissance 'saucers' and Disc shaped mother craft; depending upon your own theories on the subject.

On Friday March 24th (72) Mr M. of Bracknell walked out to his car to pick up some documents, the time was about 4-10 pm on a clear sunny afternoon. Mr M. states that for some reason he was forced to look up and then he saw in a North East direction a single circular white object high in the sky.

The object appeared to be stationary (Mr M. lined it up with his car) and then he noticed that small pieces were breaking away from it. Mr M. called over a nearby workman, who could not see the object (or more likely did not want to get involved), but the workman could see nothing and went on his way.

About 4-20 pm Mr M.'s next door neighbour, a Mrs E. arrived home. Mr M. called her and after following his directions, she was able to locate the disc. While she watched, Mr M. ran indoors for his 10x50 binoculars.

Mrs E. continues ... I located a bright shining circle very high in the sky. As I watched I saw several bright lights breaking away from the large object. One in particular, which appeared larger than the rest, but not as large as the main object, broke away from the right hand side and travelled very quickly away from the main object. As it moved, it flashed lights or the sunlight reflected off some very shiny part of the outer metal. Eventually it just disappeared.

All this time the object remained stationary. I saw at least four, possibly more, lights on the left hand side. These though, were smaller and less bright.

The disc seemed to gather speed and started to move slowly towards me. It was still very high and after a while started to climb even more. I did wonder if this could possibly be a tanker refuelling jets in the air, but having seen this happen on two occasions, I was able to eradicate this idea very quickly.

Mr M. then returned with his binoculars ... Mr M. was able to focus on the disc and was surprised to find that there were in fact two objects. The time was now 5 pm and the objects were seen to move through about 40 degrees and returned to their original position. Their altitude by now was so great, that they were barely discernable to the naked eye. At approximately 5-16 it was observed that the original disc was now surrounded by a circle of smaller discs. Then quite suddenly nothing could be observed at all.

Mrs E. described the final stages as follows:- On the return journey of the two discs, prior to the small lights appearing again, the two large discs moulded together to become one disc. After remaining stationary for a short time, it then proceeded to climb to a great altitude, travelling in a straight southerly direction for a while and then just seemed to disappear completely ... I watched this performance for a little over 55 minutes and although I am a little scepticle as to the existance of UFO's I undoubtedly believe that what I witnessed was not any terrestrial movement, of weather balloons, aircraft or the like. I will always consider myself to be extremely fortunate in being able to see something that will probably never be explained.

N.B. Mr M. has a business association with aircraft and has many hundred flying hours to his credit. This case is now under active investigation.

O. F. Fowler

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AERIAL PHENOMENA GUIDE - Part 3

Richard C. Beet, FRAS AFBIS

Clouds

The common types of cloud are likely to restrict an observers vision and prevent the observation of high altitude UFO activity. Clouds may normally vary in height according to the nature of such; they may range from the low altitude nimbo-stratus rain cloud to the cirrus at heights of up to 30,000 ft. However, certain cloud formations are rather more unfamiliar and these have been enumerated below.

1. LENTICULAR CLOUDS are, as the name implies, symmetrical and circular in shape and are normally formed over mountains where the ascending air is formed into saucer shaped objects.
2. NOCTILUCENT CLOUDS are of unknown composition and occur at altitudes of up to 50 miles. They resemble thin cirrus and are blue, silver or orange standing out against the night sky. These clouds are visible when the sun is 5° - 13° below the horizon.
3. OPALESCENT CLOUDS are common cloud types which, by a freak of light refraction are tinged with the colours of the spectrum.

Comets

A bright comet appears as a diffuse luminosity in the sky often associated with a tail. Although the true motion of comets through space may be very fast, they are generally so distant from earth that the apparent motion is small. About two or three new comets are observed by astronomers each year in addition to those which return in their eccentric elliptical orbits around the sun. The nucleus of a comet is considered to consist of sand particles, frozen carbon dioxide, methane, cyanogen, ammonia and water. On approaching the sun, comet nuclei are affected by the increasing radiation effects from the sun which vapourises a portion of the gases, forming a vapour trail. The pressure of the solar wind, emanating from the sun's corona, draws out a comets tail away from the sun, often resulting in a tail, whose length may measure millions of miles.

Cometary Debris

Particles of matter which separate from the nucleus of a comet and consequently enter the atmosphere of the earth are known as cometary debris. They are thought to be fragile, and with their high volatile content lead to fragmentation in the atmosphere. Many of these objects, which have drifted in from the outskirts of the Solar System have a very high velocity.

Condensation Trail

See Aerodynamic Trail

Coronae

These appear as rings of light which, under certain atmospheric conditions, surround the sun or moon and are caused by the refraction of light by ice particles in cirrus and cirro-stratus clouds in the upper atmosphere. The prismatically coloured rings have a radius of 22° although there maybe a second and concentric ring of 46° radius. Coronae are generally white, but often exhibit the colours of the spectrum with red on the inside. The phenomenon is often observed around the moon on cold nights and when it is veiled by thin cloud.

Coronal Point Discharge

It has been theorised by certain American scientists that atmospheric electricity may be the cause of a number of UFO sightings. Coronal Point Discharge (also known as St Elmos Fire) is a particular manifestation of atmospheric electricity and may be likened to Ball Lightning. The ionisation of a neutral gas in a large electrical field produces this phenomenon which can appear as a hovering ball of light.

Counter glow

This phenomenon, also known as zodiacal counter glow or gegenschein may be seen in this country shortly before sunrise or after sunset. It appears as a round or elongated spot of light in the sky at a point 180° from the sun and measures some $5-10^{\circ}$ angular diameter. Sunlight is refracted by the earths atmosphere which acts as a lens, and which focuses the light on to extraterrestrial dust particles. The diffuse nature of the phenomenon, together with an associated lack of movement should be recognised by the enlightened observer or investigator, and categorised accordingly.

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FACT OR FOLKLORE

(A Special Article on Pegasus)

Dan Butcher

The title PEGASUS, and the emblem of the winged horse, has been appropriated for our journal which is devoted to the investigation of unknown aerial phenomena. I wonder if fellow readers know just how closely the lore of the mythical flying horse parallels the reports of the modern UFO.

Firstly we must note the affinity of the UFO for water. Water, somehow or other, usually manages to get a mention in most of the detailed reports, as my booklet on the subject illustrates. The flying horse of the world's myths has this same affinity for the element, Pegasus being no exception. He is said to have been sired by the sea god Poseidon (Neptune), who was not only the father of its rider,

Bellorophon, but also the sire of another magical horse, Arion. Furthermore, Hesiod tells us that Pegasus got its name because it was born near the sources of the Ocean. (Pegasus = 'of the wells', or 'sources'.) Ocean, in Greek myth, denoted the waters of space which surrounded Earth, as well as the earthly waters, and it is, of course, in these aerial waters that Pegasus habitually lived. But this is not all: every so often, the winged horse would descend to drink at the spring which it struck when it first touched earth. Does this not conjure up an image of a UFO coming down to a lake, river or reservoir, or any other water source on earth, for the so-called siphoning operations mentioned in the reports? We find a similar connection between the horse and water in other myths: the horse of the Irish O'Donoghue which glides over Lake Killarney; the horse of the Cornish Dando which plunged into the river Tamar, making it boil; and the Vedic god, Surya, who as a horse emerged from mist or water. There are many other instances, including the Scottish kelpies. The Black Glen kelpie sailed right up out of a loch and disappeared.

Many of these flying horses have a fiery aspect. The steed of Gabriel, who is 'made of fire', crossed over the Red Sea; and the fiery aerial phenomena attending the disappearance of Elijah was described in terms of horses and a chariot of fire. The aerial steeds of the Wild Hunter have eyes that glow like carbuncles (the so-called portholes), and nostrils which breath fire and smoke. On some occasions they were said to have disappeared in smoke and flame before the eyes of the startled onlookers. In this respect, it is interesting to note that 'colt pixie' is a name for the Will o' the Wisp. The Will o' the Wisp, in turn, is a hob-goblin, and the word 'hob' is akin to 'hoby' meaning a small horse. In other words, aerial lights were once termed 'horses' - flying horses.

The aerial steeds of the Valkyries had glistening manes, suggestive of trails of ionised air; but moreover, from these so-called manes dropped 'hoarfrost' and 'dew', equally suggestive of the UFO phenomena of 'angel hair'. There is even an account of a huge piece of foul meat falling from the train of the Wild Hunt.

We know of several instances of UFO activity over cornfields. When the shadow of the wind passed over the bending corn, the Germans used to say: "There runs The Horse!"

Many of these spectral flying horses are described as headless. Do we see in this description the UFO shape supported by its landing-gear?

But to return to the myth of Pegasus. It points to the possibility of the legendary 'flying horse' being a vehicle of a person who is projecting from his physical body, which condition, like that of a UFO encounter, could be a veritable night mare

for the one who undergoes the experience. The Chinese, according to Frazer, the author of The Golden Bough, attribute certain fits and convulsions to spirits which draw the souls of men out of their bodies. These spirits are named, significantly enough, 'celestial agencies bestriding galloping horses'. Bellorophon, the rider of Pegasus, could well represent the soul drawn out of the body by an encounter with such a 'celestial agency'; only, unlike the average astral projector and UFO contactee, he deliberately courted the experience. In order to do it - that is, to mount Pegasus alias the Flying Saucer - he slept at a sacred site where he received in a dream the bridle of the winged horse. It is said that when he woke up, the dream-bridle remained in his possession. This we take to be what is called a false awakening, an occurrence of some frequency among dreamers of projection-like experiences and lucid dreams. The bridle, I think, represents the astral cord which links the exteriorised consciousness of the projector to his physical body. That is to say, Bellorophon was in a trance state, somewhat dissociated, and perceiving the cord. The bridle corresponds to the beams of light, antennae, 'weapons' and other appendages of the UFO and their occupants. This magic bridle is common in the mythology of the flying horse: Splendid Mane, the steed of the sea-god Manannan, son of Ler, possessed one - it is attributed to the Wilcox family, in modern folklore, and it has the property of causing its owner to see clairvoyantly in a pail of water - clairvoyance being a faculty of astral projection.

To continue the story of Bellorophon and Pegasus. When the bridle was received, Bellorophon erected an altar to the goddess of the place where he had dreamed. This altar we may take to have been a standing stone like that which was re-erected by Jacob after having experienced some sort of aerial phenomena at Bethel. It seems that the sites of UFO-projection experiences were marked by the percipients in the beginning, and that people visited these sites to obtain similar visions. Bellorophon next waited for Pegasus to come to the spring to drink; and when the horse arrived, the bridle was recognised and Bellorophon was allowed to mount. That is to say, the projector attained full exteriorisation: he flew away from his body as Pegasus mounted into the air.

Thereafter the hero performed great deeds: deeds of an unworldly kind, such as slaying the Chimaera. His career ended in the following way: attempting to achieve the very heights of Olympus (i.e. projecting further than he should), Zeus became annoyed at his presumption, and sent a gadfly to sting Pegasus. The horse bucked and flung Bellorophon ingloriously to earth, blinding him in the process. In the episode of the gadfly we see yet another element of the UFO-projection experience. UFO witnesses and astral projectors alike have suffered such stinging sensations, or jolts. They are due to the repercussion of the exteriorised vehicle with the physical frame when re-entry is rapid. As for the blinding, this too is an observed

UFO phenomenon. Many witnesses complain of eye trouble after a sighting. Many of the riders of the legendary aerial horse suffer blinding in one eye, as did Odin, and the son of Kassib in the Third Kalandar's Tale of the Arabian Nights. In the last case, it was the horse's wing which caused the trouble, flicking the rider's eye as he dismounted. The wing corresponds to the astral cord via which the projector suffers these repercussional effects.

Incidentally, if we follow the inferences to be gained from the myth of Pegasus, it would appear that the UFO's are the sources of water as well as the takers of water. Pegasus 'of the sources' not only drank from the spring, but created it. I have shown in my booklet on the water symbolism of the UFO how frequently both the UFO occupant and the witness are engaged on seeking water at the time of contact. The water is, of course, at bottom the legendary Water of Life; and the 'earth' from which Pegasus struck the spring is, from the spiritual viewpoint, the barren field of the percipient's narrow attitudes; and, from the psychic viewpoint of astral projection, the physical body which confines the mobile centre of consciousness which is the winged horse who sports in the Waters of Space.

* N.B. 'Water Symbolism in UFO Encounters' by Dan Butcher is available from SIGAP 25p, by post.

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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

PALMERS PALINGENESIS

The Daily Express of March 21st informed its readers that Mr Keith Palmer who has masterminded the International U F O Research Association from a back bedroom in Banbury has been taken for a ride. Not as one might suppose in a flying saucer, but by two colleagues who had the good fortune to observe and photograph two hub-caps as they overflowed Banbury. Palmer who has announced the dissolution of his organisation, together with a statement denouncing UFO's as 'rubbish' was once the saviour of free radio and prior to that position held the purse strings of CONTACT UK. Perhaps his next return to the UFO scene will be accompanied by more maturity and less chat.

NO COMMENT

SIGAP has received a request from the Ministry of Defence (Army) to provide a lecture on UFO's to the Parachute Regiment at their HQ at Aldershot.

UNO AND UFO'S

I was greatly heartened to hear Mr Charles Gibbs-Smith, the leading British aviation historian, agree with my suggestion during question time at his lecture to BUFORA on March 4 that there would be some advantage in the commissioning of a UN enquiry on UFO's. I have felt for some time that perhaps the United Nations, through the existing machinery of the Outer Space Affairs Committee, could achieve something approaching an impartial enquiry on the subject. The Condon fiasco in the USA and the existence of the Official Secrets Act in this country constitute sufficient evidence to negate any useful parochial discussions.

SIGAP, BUFORA AND ALL

Suffice to say there is healthy disagreement among certain members of the Executive Committee about the future role of SIGAP. While I can appreciate the difficulty of explaining away the presence of SIGAP investigators in Banbury or Warminster, I have become aware of the many advantages in being identified with a local organisation, aware of prevalent local conditions and local prejudices. After all, one of the functions of SIGAP is to collect, collate and disseminate local reports and to co-operate with BUFORA and/or similar organisations throughout the world. We can play our part in national UFO research and retain our identity - an identity which I for one am proud to be associated.

AND THEN WERE THERE THREE?

Mr Gibbs-Smith in his recent BUFORA lecture recalled an amusing incident that occurred during an Apollo Lunar Mission. After conducting a geological survey around the lunar module one of the two astronauts returned to the vehicle and knocked sharply on the hatch alerting the occupying astronaut. 'Who's there' came the cautious reply.

R. C. Beet

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NEWS AND VIEWS

A tenth planet, between Mercury and the Sun may have been discovered by AST in Cambridge and the Naval Observatory in Washington. The last planet discovered in our Solar System was Pluto, discovered in 1930 by the Lowell Observatory. The new planet is thought to be in an orbit nearer to the sun than Mercury, meaning that it will be impossible to photograph. The presence of the new planet has so far been inferred from the slight disturbance it causes to the paths of the other

planets. Senior observers at the observatories point out that the cautious prediction of a tenth planet is the result of preliminary work.

PROSPERO - the first British LAUNCHED Satellite - Black Arrow from Woomera, has proved a difficult object to observe. This is because it is painted black, a requirement for the 'heat balance' of the satellite while in space, and the misty winter skies have prevented any observations until recently.

Prospero was seen in the Farnborough area on 19th December. As Prospero passed high in the west at a magnitude of 8 and altitude of 950 Km, the solar cells carried on the centre panels of the structure could be seen flashing as the satellite passed between the observers on the ground and the sun below the horizon.

Tim Childerhouse

SIGAP NEWS AND FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

In accordance with Article 6(e) of the Constitution, final notification is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena will be held on TUESDAY 9th MAY, at 7-30 pm in the POWELL ROOM of GUILDFORD HOUSE. Access is obtainable via the railed passage at the side of the Library in North Street, Guildford.

The following nominations have been received and accepted in accordance with article 3(a) to serve on the Executive Committee 1972-73.

R. C. Beet, Esq., R. P. Colborne, Esq., O. F. Fowler, Esq., Miss C. Godsell, M. Mercer, Esq., M. G. Prewett, Esq.

SIGAP LECTURES

On the 23rd March, SIGAP gave a slide and tape lecture to the Guildford Young Conservatives Meeting. Approximately 40 people were present who interrogated us with a high standard of questioning at the conclusion of the lecture. We have recently received a letter of thanks from their secretary expressing his surprise at our scientific approach to the subject of UFO's.

On the 10th April, and at the invitation of the Rev. G. Harris, we gave the same lecture programme to the Junior Parachute Regiment at Malta Barricks at Aldershot. We were surprised to meet afterwards a young man, who lived in Banbury prior to joining the Army, who had seen some of the elusive UFO's there.

Our next lecture, in May, is to be given to the 18+ Group at Guildford.

SIGAP DUPLICATOR (EQUIPMENT) FUND

Fortunately for us a Duplicator of suitable price was more forthcoming than we had anticipated.

SIGAP is now in the possession of a RONEO 750 Electric duplicator but it has not yet been fully paid for - so please help us, what about some donations. Remember PEGASUS is the organ by which members of SIGAP can air their view.

All donations are gratefully received.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, May 6th at 7 pm.

BUFORA LECTURE at Kensington Central Library, W.8.

INVESTIGATIONS OF 'LANDING CASES'

Lecture by Roger Stanway, Chairman of BUFORA, a Solicitor and an amateur astronomer of some repute being a Director of the Newchapel Observatory and co-author of the 'FS REPORT' internationally acclaimed as a blue-print for efficient investigation.

Tuesday, May 9th at 7.30 pm.

SURREY INVESTIGATION GROUP ON AERIAL PHENOMENA Annual General Meeting.

Guildford House, Guildford.

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Although Guests are welcome, only members, whose subscriptions are current may take part in voting.

It is hoped to have a Lecture in the second half, this is being finalised at the moment. Anyway we should have something interesting for you.

SURREY INVESTIGATION GROUP ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

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The Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena is a voluntary research organisation formed in May, 1967 to investigate reports of Unidentified Flying Objects, better known as UFO's or flying saucers.

UFO's have been seen for thousands of years. They are even mentioned in the Bible and the ancient Sanskrit books, although the number of reported sightings has increased substantially since the late 1940's.

SIGAP's aim is to investigate ALL sightings, no matter how bizarre they may be, in the hope that one day we, and groups like us, will eventually get to the bottom of this tantalising mystery.

The affairs of SIGAP are controlled by annually elected officers. Special consultants, including an optical physicist, and a satellite expert in the Space Department of the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, help us to evaluate sighting reports.

SIGAP publishes 'PEGASUS', a bi-monthly Journal containing details of topical news, comment, investigations, information about the Group, many articles by members and other interesting news items.

SIGAP is affiliated to the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, and close co-operation is maintained between the two.

Members receive FREE of charge the Journal, have the use of a book, magazine and tape library, and can attend the Group's meetings held in Guildford. SIGAP also takes part in a number of organised Skywatches held each year.

If you are genuinely interested in the UFO enigma, and would care to join our ranks, please complete and return the application form below to the above address, together with the Annual Subscription of £1, made payable to SIGAP. Applicants over the age of 14 but under the age of 16 need only pay 50 new pence.

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Full Name: _____ Prof./Dr./Mr./Mrs/Miss

Address: _____

Age: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Academic, Technical or Professional Qualifications: _____

Do you have any observing or detecting equipment, If so what? _____

Would you be prepared to act as an

Investigator for your area: _____ SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

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