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Editorial

One thing that remains beyond our understanding is how to predict where the next ufo is going to appear. It has long been suspected that ufo sightings increase as the population decreases, we can therefore surmise that most sightings will be in country districts. However, ufo groups usually operate only where the population is concentrated and liable to take an interest in various activities.

SIGAP was formed in 1967 to handle reports in the Surrey area, as there was extensive ufo activity in that year. Surrey having both town and country has enabled SIGAP to function in a variety of ways, without too much difficulty. However in order that SIGAP should survive, it is necessary to take an interest in sightings from all over the country.

During the hectic '71 flap, ufo's were rarely conspicuous in and around Surrey, so SIGAP Investigators therefore went "where the action was".

If SIGAP is to undertake investigations in other parts of the country and to publish the reports, then PEGASUS will undoubtedly gain a wider readership. This would hopefully enable the magazine to make a profit and to assist in financing further research.

SIGAP - THE FIRST FIVE YEARS

Omar Fowler, MISM.
Research Director

In May 1967 a group of enthusiasts living in Surrey decided to launch a new UFO study group: The Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena.

Since those early beginnings just a short time ago, the group has spread its wings far beyond the county borders. Initially when the group first began, it became necessary to limit the membership to 100 members, as we decided that if the membership increased above that figure, then our time would be spent 90% on administration problems and 10% on our true aim, the study of UFO's.

As many of you may recollect, 1967 was the year of the great "flap", commencing with the policemen in the West of England chasing the "flying crosses". During this time SIGAP received wide coverage in the local papers and we even became involved in the wide publicity given to the six mystery "spaceships" dotted across southern England. These "bleeping glass fibre monsters" were found to be the result of a student hoax, but never the less, we were on the ball and as time passed, we were to find ourselves going farther afield in a quest to find an answer to the UFO mystery.

Within a few months of starting the group, we were to find ourselves involved with investigations in Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, Berkshire, London and the Midlands and so the groups activities grew and grew. We began to exchange information with foreign groups, at one stage Radio Moscow planned to discuss one of our UFO questions on its English broadcast, we took part in a BBC Panorama TV show and now our views were appearing in the more widely read papers such as the "Sun", "Evening News", "Daily Express" and the "Guardian" etc. Apart from this we were able to express our opinion in various BBC home and overseas broadcasts and we were finding it increasingly difficult to keep up to date with the large numbers of letters and exchange magazines arriving daily.

Then as the UFO "Flaps" passed, we experienced what has been the downfall of many groups, a falling membership and general lack of interest in the subject, save for the "hard core" investigators. Thanks to the devotion of such members, we have weathered the storm and for the last six months, have once again taken our place as a leading UFO group. We have for instance during this period, I believe, given more public lectures on the subject than any other group in the U.K. Just have a look at our busy agenda since January:

- Walton-on-Thames Round Table
- Chiddingfold Young Wives Group
- Guildford Young Conservatives
- Junior Paratroop Regiment Aldershot

Guildford 18+ Group
Ashtead Young Conservatives
South West UFO Society Newbury

At this point it would be an opportune moment to mention the sad loss of one of our greatest contributors, Dan Butcher. It was thanks to him that we were able to build up two interesting lectures, based on witness reports and Dan's excellent paintings of the UFO's concerned. He will also be remembered for his series of "Fact or Folklore" stories. This series was also published by an American UFO group who also recognised Dan's talent in this field, but time passes and new authors have stepped into the breach.

Ron Toft contributed a great deal of professional thought to PEGASUS, as our magazine became known and his contributions from International fields became widely read. However with increasing commitments Ron was unable to continue with his work as Chairman and Editor and the running of the magazine has been ably taken over by Mike Prewett. In view of the heavy financial burden placed on the group by the large numbers of exchange copies given away plus the very high postage bills, we have been forced to prune the issue of such copies by some 90% in order to set the group on a proper business footing. The setting up of an Editorial Board to control the contents of the magazine has proved most successful. No doubt the number of article contributions will improve, with more members giving their points of view on their pet theories. This is after all the life blood of group activity and members participation is most welcome.

Finally after five years of activity in the UFO business, our thanks go out to all of our members of long standing and the many names that have not been mentioned here but are none the less just as worthy of praise as the few mentioned in this article. For the statistically minded, we have listed below the total number of investigations and results carried out by the group in it's five years of existence.

Group A.	Landing Investigation:	1
"	B. Recognisable Shape:	50
"	C. Moving Light in Sky:	78
"	D. Possible Logical Explanation: (Satellites, Aircraft Etc.)	31
"	E. Natural Phenomena:	10
"	F. Insufficient Information:	31
TOTAL NO. OF REPORTS INVESTIGATED		201

What of the next five years? It is a difficult task to forecast all the future, but we believe that our group, by remaining a small compact unit, will be able to offer many benefits that a larger organisation might well ignore. The members can count on a more personal approach in our policy decisions, we are for instance considering how

to pay expenses to members involved in UFO investigations. We consider it more important to spend money on direct UFO investigation, rather than to hoard it away in a deposit account for the rainy day that may never come. If we do end up with very little in the Bank, then at least we know that the money has been well spent in a good cause - UFO Study.

THE SKJERVØY CASE - 1963

UFO-INFORMASJON in Oslo, Norway, has received a report of a particularly interesting norwegian sighting from 1963. The observation took place at a small island named Skjærvøy on the coast of the northern part of Norway. The following is a summary of the incident as told by the observer himself, Helge Mikalsen of Skjærvøy:

On August 21 or 22, 1963 at 5 pm, I took out on a fishing trip in my boat to the sound called Kagsund near Skjaervøy. The weather was clear and there was no wind. At about 6-30 pm I was going to change my fishing location to near the "Skjaervøyskjaeret" (sunken rock), and was looking west towards the island Arnøy. I suddenly saw a flame, as from a rocket shooting out from the mountain. I thought the Navy was performing some kind of training mission, but if so they would have to be testing something new, because I saw a 6 feet wide orange colored flame. I then saw an object which went straight up in the air, but the speed was not as fast as that of a rocket being launched! At a height of about 6 000 ft., the flame was gone and I saw the sharp outline of a gray object. I figured it to be some sort of balloon or parachute. The object then started to move eastward straight against the wind, and keeping the same altitude it passed over a mountain top (2350ft.), and a small village. As it moved out over the sound, approaching me, it came lower and I realised it was certainly no balloon or parachute. Then the thought struck me that it was a UFO. I now observed 2 objects one large and one small. The large object had 5 big windows on the side towards me, which were oval on top and about 6 ft. high. The distance to the object was 450 feet, and it hovered about 40 - 50 feet above the water. Suddenly, what appeared to be 2 rails came down out of the large object, and the smaller one hooked on to these and was drawn into the larger one. The small thing was oval, about 6 by 9 feet. No smoke or flame was observed and there was no sound.

The time was now 6-40 pm and I must admit I was feeling nervous and afraid. For a short moment I had looked around for other witnesses, but could see no other boats. The wind had now increased and the sea was dark, but underneath the object the water was calm and shiny. In one of the objects windows, I saw a green light beam which

was directed at me. The round light (about 1ft. in diameter) was changing colour, light and dark green, and something seemed to be moving behind the light. I tried to lift a fish into the boat, but could not manage it. I seemed to be paralyzed. Whether this was due to the excitement or something else, I do not know.

I judged the large UFO to be about 30 feet high, and 105-120 feet long (diameter?). I cannot say for certain if the object was oval or circular, as it had the same side turned towards me during the whole observation. It was flat underneath, but had a dome on top. The object had stopped right over a large sunken german cargo ship which shipwrecked here in 1944, and which carried ore and quicksilver. I watched something which I am not certain of, either being drawn out of, or dumped into the sea. Several little dark things were seen between the object and the sea surface. To me it seemed that something was coming up, out of the sea and entered in through the bottom of the object. It hovered motionless during this time which was 10 minutes. The UFO then tilted a little to one side and started to accelerate. Suddenly the large objects' speed increased tremendously, and in one minute it had disappeared in a northerly direction out of the fjord of Kvenangen.. The colour of the object was metallic or silvergray.

On the basis of the investigations carried out by: TRONDHEIM UFO FORENING, Trondheim, & UFO-INFORMASJON, Oslo, it is considered that this person is reliable, and that the story very likely is true. Mr. Mikalsen has agreed to the story being publically known.

Material kindly supplied by our Norwegian correspondent.

CAROL'S INITIATION

The newest member of the SIGAP Executive Committee, Miss Carol Godsell of Guildford, had a rude awakening on the morning of the Annual General Meeting. As if to herald her induction into the world of aerial phenomena she was almost struck by a natural one.

At some time between 7.15 and 7.30 on the morning of 9th May, I was awoken by a loud whistling noise not unlike a plane crashing or bomb dropping. As I opened my eyes the room went bright red and almost immediately there followed a tremendous crash of extremely loud thunder. On investigation I found that a ball of lightning or thunderbolt had passed over the roof of my house and struck the tree in the garden

of the house next door. The tree escaped damage and so did the neighbour though this thunder bolt bounced off the tree and smashed through the kitchen window at which point it dispersed.

All the houses in the vicinity where electrical appliances were in use had their fuses blown. It is interesting to note that a natural phenomena had a similar effect to that of one type of UFO and that is, that it effected the electrical supply system. I found also that a friend who lived on the outskirts of Godalming complained about a momentary power cut about the same time.

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AERIAL PHENOMENA GUIDE - Part 4

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Projects Director - SIGAP

Erratum to Part 3

Coronae It has been pointed out to me by John Adams BSc, FRMetS, that my description of coronae is more pertinent to halo phenomena. I thankfully accept his description which is printed below and which should be associated accordingly.

Coronae are usually formed by water clouds and take the form of a ring closely surrounding the sun or moon. They often show a brownish colour.

Debris

Debris may be classified under two headings.

1. It is possible that observations of unusual objects may be due to atmospheric or windblown debris. Turbulance in the atmosphere may cause displacement of plants, tissue paper or burnt material having risen from a fire.
2. Space debris on re-entering the atmosphere may give rise to reports of fast moving glowing objects observable over large areas. Decaying satellites, rocket stages, other disposables and who knows, even alien spacecraft in difficulties may constitute space debris.

Dispersion

Combined refraction and dispersion of the atmosphere may cause a celestial body to appear at a different location and can also distort its natural colour. When an object is at a low elevation this condition is particularly prevalent. Aircraft and

balloons may assume apparent characteristics of erratic behaviour, unusual shapes and changing colours.

Dust Devils

These normally occur in dry sandy areas and are comprised of a rapidly rotating column of air carrying dust, leaves and other light material picked up from the ground. They can form as the result of strong convection during sunny, hot and calm conditions. Dust Devils can measure several metres at the base, narrowing at the centre and expanding again like two cones, end to end. Their height may vary from 100 to 2000 feet.

Eclipse

1. A reduction in visibility or disappearance of a non luminous body by passing into the shadow cast by another non luminous body is exemplified by a lunar eclipse.
2. A cutting off of the light from a luminous body by a dark body passing between is exemplified by a solar eclipse.

It is unlikely in these enlightened days that such phenomena, although relatively rare, is likely to be interpreted as a UFO.

Fireballs

These are bright meteors with a luminosity which equals or exceeds that of the brightest planet. See also Bolides and Green Fireballs.

Foo Fighters

The name foo, probably derived from the French 'Feu' (fire) was first given by 2nd world war pilots, and related to small balls of light which accompanied aircraft during flight. It is thought that foo fighters are a manifestation of coronal discharge, and consequently have been related to the phenomena known as St Elmos Fire. These small balls may vary in size from 2 inches to 18 inches in diameter and freely move along the surface of an aircraft interfering with radio reception.

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According to a recent advert in Exchange & Mart, a book written by author-occultist J H Brennan reveals how YOU, can (among other things) become invisible.

We would be interested to hear from anyone who has had any success with Mr Brennan's method.

Please write of telephone as we will be unable to see callers.

R.P.C.

FLOATING LIGHTS ON THE SACRED MOUNTAIN OF WU T'AI SHAN IN CHINA

Dan Butcher

"On the southern peak of this mountain there is a tower from which pilgrims have an opportunity to witness a strange phenomenon which many people suppose to be a manifestation of the Bodhisattva himself.

A vivid description of this phenomenon has been given by John Blofeld, who spent many months on the sacred mountain: 'We reached the highest temple during the late afternoon and gazed with great interest at a small tower built upon the topmost pinnacle about a hundred feet above us. One of the monks asked us to pay particular attention to the fact that the windows of this tower overlooked mile upon mile of empty space. Shortly after midnight, a monk, carrying a lantern, stepped into our room and cried: "The Bodhisattva has appeared!" The ascent to the door of the tower occupied less than a minute. As each one entered the little room and came face to face with the window beyond, he gave a shout of surprise, as though all our hours of talk had not sufficiently prepared us for what we now saw. There in the great open spaces beyond the window, apparently not more than two or three hundred yards away, innumerable balls of fire floated majestically past. We could not judge their size, for nobody knew how far away they were. Where they came from, what they were, and where they went after fading from sight into the West nobody could tell. Fluffy balls of orange-coloured fire, moving through space, unhurried and majestic!"

(Lama Anagarika Govinda quoting John Blofeld's 'The Wheel of Life' (Rider, 1959) in 'The Way of the White Clouds', Huchinson, 1968.)

WERE SOME EARLY UFO SIGHTINGS IN USA FLARES?

T. C. Childerhouse,
SIGAP Consultant

Reading some early aviation books I came across a passage concerning 'flying saucers' as early as 1912. The sightings seemed to correspond with the early flying days when the aeroplane was a new sight in the sky but more interesting still was a description of a new flare developed for night photography during the early 50's.

This powerful new flare used at low levels and at high speed was probably, the device which sparked off many of the reports seen in the United States during the years 1951-3. When this 10-million candlepower flare was first tested secretly in 1951 near Windsor Locks, Conn., police and other officials were besieged with phone calls reporting flying saucers or aircraft in flames. Photographs released by the Pentagon showed a Douglas B 26 bomber, with a blinding flare streaming out from one wing.

Tagged the "Hell Roarer" and designed by a group of scientists and engineers of Wesleyan University, Middleton, Conn., the device was essentially a giant magnesium flare, attached to the wing of a photo-reconnaissance aircraft. Finely pulverised magnesium powder was burnt at extremely high temperatures. The powder contained in a torpedo-shaped canister 12 feet long, would burn for four minutes with intense light. It was under the control of the pilot, who could turn it on and off as he needed. Perhaps a few researchers might try to trace some of the sightings which might eliminate this flare as one of the early scares.

NOISE FROM UFO "UNBEARABLE"

(And light from same, illuminates worms lying on lawn.)

R. P. Colborne
Investigations Co-ordinator

One of the factors that vindicates the credibility of many ufo witnesses is their apathy towards reporting their experiences; with close encounters the witness may even keep quiet for years telling only their closest friends. It is only when an astute investigator hears a garbled account and ferrets-out the witness, that ufo-research benefits from the occurrence. Inevitably most of the good cases never come to light. A great deal depends on that intangible quality called luck. It was luck only, that brought the following case to the attention of the investigators.

While checking out a number of rather dubious reports in the Banbury area, Richard Colborne and David Oakley-Hill called at the umpteenth wrong address. The occupier apologised for not being able to help as he had not seen anything remotely like a flying saucer. In fact he was a bit sceptical about even their existence.

We were about to leave when the gentleman remembered a story he had heard. It had come from a colleague, whom he could not believe to be a liar, but found the story rather hard to swallow. He gave us a telephone number and added that the person in question has mentioned the sighting several times since its alleged occurrence.

We contacted the witness without delay and after my initial telephone conversation with this obviously genuine man whom I shall call Mr C an account was forwarded to us by post and after some further correspondence most of the information has been obtained.

It was the early hours of Monday October 18th 1971. Mr C and his family were asleep in their home at Middleton Cheney, Near Banbury. Mr C suddenly awoke, although he does not know what woke him but admits to being a light sleeper. He looked at the

clock, the time was 2.15 am and outside the rain was absolutely pouring down. Mr C closed his eyes intending to go back to sleep when a strange thought crossed his mind; he could see the clock and read the time at 2.15 am in the morning! Sitting up in bed he realised that the whole immediate area outside was illuminated by a very powerful light.

Looking out of the window Mr C realised that the source of the light was - close to the house and on the far (east) side. The house cast a shadow over most of the lawn, but though in shadow Mr C said he could "even see worms lying out on the lawn". (the length of the shadow approximately equals height of house indicating a 45 deg. elev.)

Mr C started to go through to the room occupied by his two sons, but on reaching the inter-connecting landing the light suddenly extinguished and Mr C returned to his bedroom and woke his wife.

Shortly the light came on again and Mr & Mrs C noticed that it had moved and was now slightly east of north; direct view being prevented by a neighbouring house. This time the light remained for seconds rather than minutes, as it had the first time.

As soon as the light went out, "an ear splitting, pulsating whine began - rather like a radio, off station but much more intense and with a definite pulsating rythm." (In fact two rythms, one of fairly low frequency modulated by another of a higher frequency) Mr C went on to say "Even with our hands clasped firmly over our ears the noise was unbearable it continued for several minutes but it was so disturbing as to make a clear memory of time impossible". The noise stopped briefly and then adopted a single note tone. At the same time the witnesses saw a light comparable in size to a street lamp at 100 yards but much more intense.

The light source was now to the east and further away than before so shedding relatively little light into the bedroom. It began to increase in brightness then appeared to recede and ascend from its 35-40 deg. elevation and vanished.

It seems that the noise was not heard by neighbours of Mr C nor did it wake either of his two sons. A fact that although difficult to explain has a great many parallels in ufo cases including others in the Banbury area.

Our story does not finish there for strange things were still going on in the area the next night. Several witnesses travelling the road near Middleton Cheney towards Charlton Oxen., reported seeing several bluish white light sources (the unilluminated object not being visable.) flashing spazmodically. One of which may have moved several times until last seen in a valley near Charlton.

The heavy rain that had fallen the night before and on into the day had ceased and the witnesses were able to watch this phenomenon in the open for some time.

The Middleton Cheney case is but one instance of what can come to light with a little effort. One begins to wonder if there are many people who do not see ufo's, may be there are even many more contactees than we realise.

Should we - study the people who do NOT see ufo's.

For a different viewpoint on the Middleton Cheney report see the next edition of GEMINI and watch for further details in these pages.

Credit for most of the work on this case: C. David Oakley-Hill
Managing Editor of GEMINI.

FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The fifth AGM of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena was held on Tuesday, 9th May, in the Powell Room of Guildford House, Guildford. Unfortunately attendance was low - only 10 or so people turning up including officers!

The following people were elected to serve as honorary committee members:

R. C. Beet, Esq., R. P. Colborne, Esq., O. F. Fowler, Esq., Miss C. Godsell, M. G. Prewett, Esq. The other nominee M. E. C. Mercer did not seek election at the present time due to pressure of personal commitments.

Omar F. Fowler was elected Chairman as R. C. Beet did not wish to continue in this position.

The Statement of accounts overleaf were approved at the meeting.

The above Committee will be constituted into the following Offices, which takes a new form.

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PROJECTS DIRECTOR
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Richard C. Beet, Esq., F.R.A.S., A.F.B.I.S.
Michael G. Prewett, Esq., A.F.B.I.S.
Miss C. Godsell

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30.4.72

<u>Receipts</u>	£	<u>Payments</u>	£
Balance from previous a/c	16.31	Duplicator part payment	25.00
Cheques in hand @ 1.6.71	11.42	Postage	17.31
Subscriptions	47.75	Stationery	16.47
Donations	5.00	Printing	33.70
Magazine & Book Sales	12.38	Meetings	12.57
Duplicator Shares	20.00	Misc.	6.23
Meetings	5.15	Balance	6.73
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I certify that the above statement is a true account of the finances of the Group.

M. G. PREWETT (SIGNED)

Administration Director

Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena

Audited and found correct:

R. C. BEET (SIGNED) Ex-Chairman (Acting)

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1971 and the early part of 1972 has been a year of mixed fortunes for SIGAP. To obtain a clear picture of the years events I have enumerated various classifications of activity.

1. Administration: Mike Prewett has ably steered the organisation and finances of the group through a difficult year. The necessity for SIGAP to 'stand on its own feet' resulted in the launching in January of the Equipment Fund, the object of which was to purchase an electric duplicator. By the end of March, SIGAP was in possession of a Roneo 750 electric duplicator. The machine is not fully paid for yet and I appeal for urgent donations to complete the balance of £15.
2. Membership: I have been aware recently of an increase in successful membership applications. A recent study of membership and annual subscriptions has shown that the cost of maintaining a member in the coming year will be in the region of £1.11. May I propose this evening, that remedial action be approved.
3. Personalities: Perhaps the most tragic event in the history of our group occurred in January this year, when one of our most active and respected members died following an accident at home. Dan Butcher will be remembered for his contributions to SIGAP and ufology, for his literary talents which resulted in the preparation of 3 excellent books, and for his artistic talents which were used in the preparation of UFO paintings, perhaps the only collection of its kind in the world. The paintings are assets which must be retained by SIGAP.

Ron Toft, due to increasing personal and business commitments found it necessary to relinquish his post as Chairman and Editor of Pegasus. I take this opportunity of thanking Ron for his assistance to the group during the past 3 years, and on behalf of all members of SIGAP wish him health and happiness on his forthcoming marriage.

4. Research: SIGAP participated in the June National Skywatch at Pewley Down. During the vigil, members carried out an experiment to determine whether an object observed and photographed from the dawn in 1968 could have been a coastguard flare which was apparently fired at a party in Hindhead, ten miles away. A camera photographed rockets which were launched at Hindhead, but the luminosity was far from satisfactory..

The BUFORA mobile research unit was used on an investigation at Bentley and at the skywatch. It was decided by a BUFORA Research Policy Committee held at Stoke on Trent in November that the vehicle be sold and in January it was handed over to the unaffiliated Cardiff based Interstellar Research Group for the sum of five new pence. While I would like to place on record our thanks to BUFORA for the use of the vehicle since November 1969, I must express disappointment that we were not consulted of the decision to dispose of the MRU until two months after the appropriate Committee meeting, and that as custodians of the vehicle and a member society of BUFORA, not offered first refusal. While we had the vehicle we used it on all skywatches and also investigations at Hindhead (reported landing), Blackbush (hovering ufo), Bentley (reported landing) and Epsom (landing).

The major research programme of the year was however carried out by Richard Colborne, who last October, conducted extensive investigations in the Banbury area with the assistance of Mike Prewett and Dave Oakley-Hill. You have all read by now, some of the excellent work carried out which has been published both in PEGASUS and GEMINI, a London based ufo publication. C.A.E.(Tim) O'Brian, the BUFORA Investigations Co-ordinator commended Dick in a recent copy of the BUFORA Journal.

5. General Activities: Omar Fowler continued during the year to present lectures to various organisations. Also Richard Colborne and Mike Prewett have taken part in ufo discussions with other organisations this year.
6. The Future: I conclude my annual report with the good news that renewed interest in SIGAP and ufo research in general has assured the future for our group. Recent committee plans for re-organisation should ensure the continuance of SIGAP as an important influence in the study of the elusive and multifarious UFO phenomenon.

Richard C..Beet
Acting Chairman, SIGAP
16th May, 1972.
c Cranleigh.

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In order to correlate the times of some reports our Investigator needed to know the date that the clocks had been put on.

After getting no reply from the AA or the London Weather Centre, in desperation he phoned the local Police. He apologetically explained to the officer what he wanted - but came the reply - "I'm sorry sir, but I've left my Old Moors Almanac at home today."

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SECRETARIAL REPORT 1971-2.

Unfortunately it has been another difficult year for SIGAP due both to the inactivity on the local scene - making it again difficult to maintain healthy membership numbers and also increased financial expenditure incurred in the groups administration.

Up to Journal Vol 3 No 2 the magazine and previous SIGAP Newsletters had been produced very cheaply with the production facilities given to Omar Fowler at work.

However now, as well as not being able to use the Plastic Coatings Factory canteen for our meetings, we have had to produce the magazine on a commercially viable basis.

To cope with the expenditure incurred with the magazine we have had to cut down our issue of free exchange magazines to other UFO groups by 75%. In fact we used to issue 60 copies to members and nearly 50 copies on a free exchange basis to other groups both at home and abroad. Also due to recent postal changes affecting the 2 and 4 ounce limits the magazine has to go for 3½p instead of 2½p and increase of 40%.

In fact with the re-introduction of the Journal on a bi-monthly basis if we cost each Journal at its selling price of 15p+3½p postage the total cost per annum comes to £1.11 without any further expenses like meetings and other circulars etc. In fact with the present £1 annual subscription we are actually paying people to join!

To continue the magazine on a bi-monthly basis we must have a sales drive to enable all copies to be sold as soon as possible to provide the funds for the next issue. To effect this we offer anybody a commission of 33⅓% if they can sell 10 or more magazines.

The other major change this year is that we are now using Guildford House as our venue, which means that we no longer have the free use of a meeting room. With the low attendance figures it is impossible to make any realistic admission charge to cover the full expenditure incurred. However I am sure that you all prefer the new surroundings with our break for coffee and biscuits preferable.

We plan to hold our meetings bi-monthly instead of quarterly as before and the Executive Committee is presently drawing up a list of speakers for forthcoming lectures. The Meetings will be held on months where the magazine is not due.

During the year we have lost our Chairman and Editor due to personal and business commitments and this was basically the reason for no Winter magazine - November '71. However we now have an Editorial Board consisting of four members of the Committee to decide the content of PEGASUS. You will see from the current Journal that we now include SIGAP affairs - at last - as well as the usual articles.

We have recently purchased an electric duplicator, but unfortunately due to virtually no success of the equipment fund £15 is still outstanding on this item. £1 and £5 shares are still available for this item if anyone wishes to help. This basically means that if the Group was wound up and the duplicator was sold shareholders would have their money returned with profits where possible.

Michael G. Prewett
Secretary, SIGAP

Camberley,
May 1972.

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WILL BE ON

TUESDAY 4TH JULY

7-30 PM

In the Garden Room, Guildford House, Guildford.
Access by railed passage at the side of the Guildford Library
in North Street.

THERE WILL BE A LECTURE BY:

JOHN ADAMS B.Sc., F.R.Met.S.

on METEOROLOGY

There will be ample time for discussion and also a break for Coffee and
Biscuits.

Please come and support YOUR group.

IN THE MEANTIME

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL NATIONAL SKYWATCH
SIGAP i.e. YOU WILL BE AT PULEY DOWNS GUILDFORD
SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

There is a circular enclosed with this issue referring to
this item.

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. The Annual Subscription to the Group is £1.50. Student Members between 14 and 18 years old, still engaged in full time education need only pay 75p. In this case some evidence of full time education is needed to support the application for candidates between 16 and 18.

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Application for Membership

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

Address _____

Age _____ Telephone No. _____ Academic, Technical or Profes-

sional Qualifications _____

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

Would you like to act as an Area Investigator _____ (This basically means
visiting people in your area if necessary).

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

PLEASE SIGN AND ENCLOSE PAYMENT

* Approved:
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* Membership No:
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* Date: