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BASINGSTOKE FLAP CONTINUES

UFOs continue to be seen in and around Basingstoke. Interest in the area is unusually high and this has resulted in some interesting multi-witness reports.

Reasons for a flap are always difficult to determine. A common school of thought is that UFO sightings increase proportionally to the amount of publicity given to the subject. In this case, both Sigap and UFOs in general, have received more than their usual share of attention. Chairman Omar Fowler has already given two Thames Valley Radio interviews, as well as a spot on Southern News (BBC) television based at Southampton. These interviews alone have generated a number of reports - add to these, the series of UFO articles in the new 'Star' newspaper, based in the Camberley/Farnborough/Aldershot area, the number of reports increases still further.

But whatever the reasons, one fact remains. UFOs continue to be observed, by all sorts of people, in all sorts of circumstances. Publicity about UFOs, whether good or bad, nearly always unearthes a hitherto unknown report. And the more reports we have to go on, the nearer we shall surely be to establishing the nature of the phenomenon.

ACTIVITY LOG - BASINGSTOKE AREA

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Witnesses (Prime)</i>
23/24 February	Twenty children saw a disc-shaped object fly across the sky. They later drew sketches of an orange object.	Elizabeth Olive(11) Margaret Lee(11) Deborah Knight(10)
<i>Observed from:Worting School, Basingstoke</i>		
14 March 22.00 hours	Two men saw orange red disc fly overhead at night.	Mr R Sheldon
<i>Observed from: Popley, Basingstoke</i>		
April 22.00 hours	Bright star-like object seen with beam of light .	Mrs Downes Mrs Neoll
<i>Observed from: Winklebury Estate, Basingstoke</i>		
24 May 22.55 hours	Whitish-silvery bright light, shaped like a half ball-bearing, travelled across Andover/Fleet/Aldershot area. Three independent reports received.	Mr R J Vincent Mr Dooley Mr Scott-Cree
<i>Observed from: Andover, Aldershot and Fleet</i>		

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ACTIVITY LOG - BASINGSTOKE AREA (continued from pl)

23 May 12.30 hours	Flying "black blob" changing shape watched by schoolboys through their binoculars.	C Huggett S Streak M Simson S Burke G Cleaver N Groom
<i>Observed from: Wokingham, Berkshire</i>		
27 August 22.58 hours	Large star which split in two. One section, shaped like a dustbin lid, flew over.	Mrs Downes
<i>Observed from: Winklebury Estate, Basingstoke</i>		
9 September 2020 hours	Ball of fire flew across sky west to east Two independent reports received.	Mrs Routledge Mr Tucker
<i>Observed from: Yateley and Bracknell</i>		
3 October	White round object	Mr Turner
<i>Observed from Odiham, Hants</i>		
7 October 2025 hours	White/red lights in diamond shape	Mrs Heggie & family
<i>Observed from: Chinham Popley, Basingstoke</i>		
11 October 1820 hours	Flying "dustbin lid" Silver with red glow	Miss A Brown (14)
<i>Observed from: Quantock Close, Basingstoke</i>		
(OCT)	(REPORT AWAITED)	MRS CABALLERO
14 September 2100 hours	Oval object with fins and changing colour	M Trott (10) C Rafferty (11) M Rafferty (10)
<i>Observed from: Popley, Basingstoke</i>		
7 October 2105 hours	Red and yellow flashing object travelling fast. Four objects, changing direction.	Mrs Dervin + Heggie family (see also above)
<i>Observed from: Chinham, Popley, Basingstoke</i>		
12 October 1830 hours	"Column of light" towards the west	Miss Helyer + friend
<i>Observed from: Farnham, Surrey</i>		
13 October 2130 hours	Fast white light travelling towards the south west.	Mr Bright (17) Mr Crabb Mr D Green Mr S Green
<i>Observed from: Stratton Park, Basingstoke</i>		
29 October 1745 hours	White light + red ball. White object changed to orange and began to pulsate with red object.	Mrs J A Robson Mr M W Robson
<i>Observed from: Overton, Hants</i>		

Are we alone?

Is spaceship Earth a solitary oasis of life in an otherwise barren universe?
Or are we heading for the most momentous event in the history of the
human race – contact with another civilisation.

Many people believe that we are already being visited by extra-terrestrials. Astronomers and scientists have declared that millions of planets beyond our own Solar System may be inhabited by intelligent life and that many civilisations may exist far in advance of Earth's in every way.

Unidentified flying objects have been seen for thousands of years. They are mentioned in the Bible and in ancient Sanskrit books, although the number of sightings has increased substantially since the late 1940s. UFOs have been seen in increasing numbers over every continent. Enemy and allied airmen encountered them during World War II.

A number of countries have already accepted the reality of the phenomenon, and many others have carried out or financed scientific investigations into the subject. It is believed that many authentic photographs and films are filed with the Defence Departments of various governments.

Persisting and gaining credence with the passage of time has been the growing belief that intelligent life exists in outer space. With this increasing belief has come intensified controversy. Reports of close encounters with UFOs, and in some cases, with their occupants, have brought fear and curiosity, conjecture and debate.

Would you care to join us in our search of the unknown? We cordially invite you to share our experiences of this, the most challenging and exciting phenomenon of our age. Membership brings you our newsletter, *Sigap News*, information about our free book and tape library, and details of our regular meetings held in Guildford and Ash Vale.

To investigate the UFO phenomenon locally, a small group of people got together early in 1967. The outcome – the **Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena**. Primarily founded to investigate reports in Surrey and surrounding counties, Sigap has contributed to studies in many parts of Southern England.

News of a sighting – often through the Sigap 'Hot-line' – Farnborough 41012 – triggers an instant and well-established course of action. This preliminary enquiry procedure is designed to eliminate obvious explanations. With so much going on in the sky today – much of it generated by man himself – over 80 per cent of reports can be explained in terms of natural and man-made phenomena.

If Sigap investigators find no immediate explanation as a result of preliminary enquiries, the group will send someone to interview the witnesses, and where possible, will visit the site from which the observation was made. Sigap then calls on the expertise of its own consultants in an effort to explain the sighting. The group liaises with similar organisations throughout the country, and often finds a pattern of activity consistent with that in other areas.

Our most significant reports are sent to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, USA. The Center is run by Dr J Allan Hynek, Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University, and for 20 years, was consultant to the US Air Force on UFOs.

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Please enrol me as a member of Sigap. I enclose £3 (cheque/PO) for one year's membership.

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