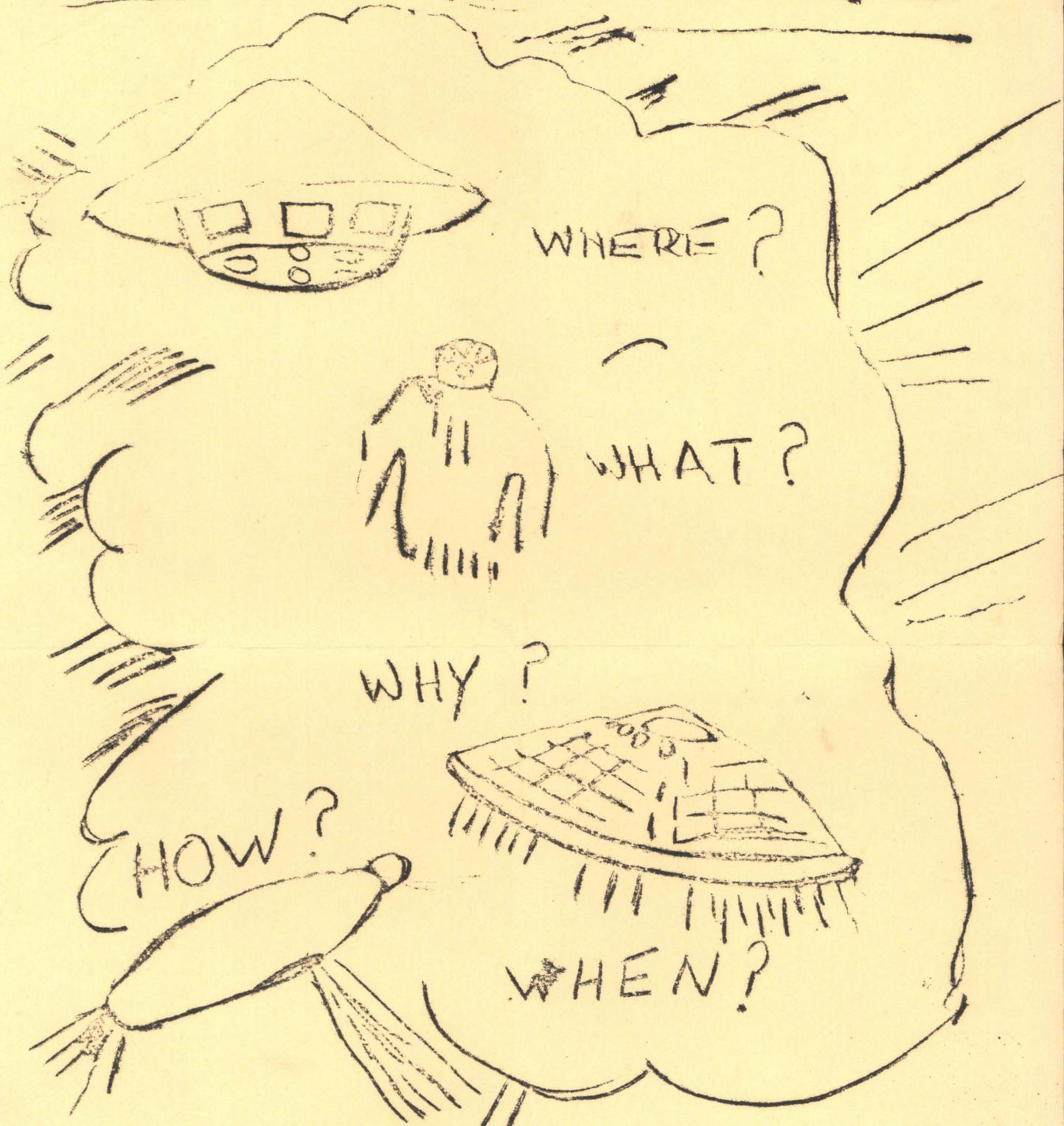


# SOUTH LINGS



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# NEWSLETTER

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Sighting Reports.

Sky Ball. Daily Express. 13.12.71.

A brilliant white flying "ball" seen over Exeter during the weekend is believed to have been a meteor or crashing satellite.

It Was No Pie In The Sky.... A Halifax paper, November 1971.

A Wheatley family twice spotted what they think may have been flying saucers last night.

Kenny King (17), was outside his home at 53, Dodgeholme Drive, when he saw an object in the sky and called the family out to look.

"It was a round, silvery object," said Kenny's 19 year old brother Steven. "It moved very slowly westwards towards Mount Tabor or High-road Well."

Their mother, Mrs. Irene King, also saw the "flying saucer", and she and Steven with his girlfriend Susan Kelly (17), of West Bank, Illingworth, went to a phone box to ring the "Courier" newsroom.

"On our way back", said Steven, "Susan and I saw about six red lights moving one behind the other in the same direction. They weren't flashing, and they moved about the same speed as the silver object - which had disappeared."

Mr. Jim King, a warehouseman, saw the silver object. "We are used to seeing aircraft flying over at night, and I'm sure any of us would have known if these lights were planes.

"There was no sound from any of the objects, and they seemed to be much higher than aircraft."

Report by Richard Thompson.

Object seen just outside Newark, (Lincoln side), on Friday, 17th December 1971. Witness' car engine had stopped for no apparent reason, but the car lights had not gone out. He got out and looked around and two fields away he saw an object the size of a bungalow front. He estimated it to be some 20 feet across. The colour of the spheroid was a kind of slatey grey and the outline was rather fuzzy as though glowing like heat haze.

The witness didn't pay so much attention to the object since he was more concerned in trying to find the cause of his engine trouble, and also the fact that he was on his way to keep an appointment. It wasn't until he was bent over the car bonnet that he saw lights moving across his car. Thinking it to be another vehicle, he could stop and ask for assistance, he looked up and then noticed that the object had disappeared. It was then he realised he had witnessed something very extraordinary which he couldn't explain. He says the object was at ground level, and whatever it was it was definitely there. The time of the sighting was between 8 & 10pm. 10 minutes after the object had disappeared his car, a 1970 model, started up as though nothing had been the matter with it. The strange thing is that on the night he related this report his car once again refused to start for another 10 minutes and struck up as before. Whether this has any bearing or anything to do with the sighting I wouldn't know. One factor remains though, a night or two later the witness refused to say anything more and completely clammed up, he also refused to put his name to this report so he must remain anonymous.

Saxilby Sighting. Report by Richard Thompson.

Object seen approximately one half mile east of Saxilby village on the morning of December 11th 1971, at 7.20am. Elevation and height of the object are unknown. The size compared favourably with that of a tennis ball. The colour was a greenish, yellow and there appeared to be bits of material glowing and dropping from the rear, as from a rocket. The weather conditions were very bright with a strong south westerly wind blowing. The object was travelling in a north, east to south, west direction against the wind, disappearing from view in a matter of two to three seconds. The witness couldn't be sure whether the object actually disappeared or just went out.

The witness who wishes to remain anonymous had just arrived at work and as he parked his car observed the object passing overhead. At first he thought it was something coming out of the acid plant

chimney, which is situated to the left of the car park. He could not detect any noise and he watched the object until he lost sight of it. He is rather puzzled why no one else saw the phenomena since there would be other people arriving for work at that particular period.

### Scunthorpe Wave of UFO Sightings. Nigel H. Watson.

In this article I should like to cover a veritable wave of UFO sightings made in and around the Scunthorpe region between Monday 25.10.71 and Friday 29.10.71. Much of the information has been obtained from one of the main local papers; the Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph, and from the witnesses themselves. For instance, my own grandmother saw one of the UFOs, although personally I saw nothing of the phenomena. Also since more information is needed on a lot of the sightings, in this particular article I am merely going to give a basic listing of the reports and deal with each separate case in individual articles etc.

Scunthorpe to my mind has been well endowed with UFO sightings, for instance see the SLUFOSG Newsletter June, July, August issue. Besides these I have recently been informed of further Ufo activity in past years after having a letter of mine published in the Scunthorpe Star. These I should like to relate in later articles, and I would like to thank the persons who replied to this letter.

Now for the listing:

1) Monday 25.10.71, some time during the night.

Whilst in High Lees playing field Mr. David Harrison saw a red oval object, which appeared to be over Messingham, he did not bother to watch it go away. Source, Mr. Harrison.

2) Wednesday 27.10.71, 7 - 7.30pm.

Whilst walking up Mary Street which is in the town centre, my grandmother saw a brilliant red light which looked like a balloon, go up and then go down changing to orange as it did so. Source, my grandmother Mrs. Towl, and the Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph 2.11.71.

3) Wednesday 27.10.71, around 8pm.

Paul Richardson of Dewsbury Avenue, aged 10 years, saw a "bright red light that seemed to come down, changed to an orange light and moved off terribly fast." Two other separate sightings were made by two brothers, Richard and David Langton, and Linda Robinson. Source, Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph, 28.10.71.

4) Wednesday 27.10.71.

A person whose name I don't know saw a red pulsating light to the west whilst walking his dog. I hope to gain further information later.

5) Thursday 28.10.71, teatime.

Mrs. Whybrow and her mother Mrs. Shelton, saw an object like two saucers, which was high in the sky and moving slowly. Source, Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph 29.10.71.

6) Friday 29.10.71, 8.45am.

Mr. Hills was driving towards Crowle Crossroads, and saw a hovering port-holed craft, which seemed to be tubular in shape. Source, Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph 2.11.71.

Supplementary List, these have no specified date reported.

1. Wednesday and Thursday.

Five boys saw a UFO with green, red and blue lights around it. Also they saw something which buzzed like a refrigerator and was red and flashing. Source, Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph 30.10.71.

2. Two girls both aged 11, saw a red thing which went from Lincoln Gardens across to the Redbourn sports ground. Source, Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph 30.10.71.

3. Mrs. Marsh of the Riddings estate, saw a UFO which was going slowly across the sky. It was oblong with two long exhaust pipes. Source, Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph 2.11.71.

4. Four boys saw a UFO chasing two geese. It split into six and flew away from the geese. The UFOs were silver with black patches on them. Source, Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph 5.11.71.

Obviously more information is needed especially on the sightings in the supplementary list, whilst the other reports are fairly well covered.

I should like to follow some of these reports up and as I have said they will be covered in this Newsletter.

It is my hope to compile a comprehensive list of Ufos throughout Lincolnshire, this will be a difficult task and I would appreciate any help. The reports will appear in this publication and Flying Saucer Review.