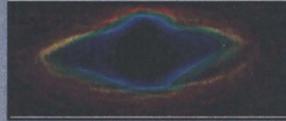


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Editors Corner...

I wanted the magazine to still reflect where its roots originated from here in Southampton, Hampshire UK and I intend continuing looking at UFOlogy from Hampshire. There is to be the usual mix of newspaper and magazine reviews from the UK, World reports and articles. I am glad to say that I have a number of UFO researchers who are happy to supply articles for the magazine. The main content of the magazine will not change from that of the closed Southampton UFO Groups magazine that I edited, but the layout may over the next few issues so please bear with me. I am very grateful for those researchers that have submitted articles and I hope that they will continue supporting the magazine in future issues. I am sorry for those that have submitted articles and have not appeared in the launch issue, but they will appear in issue 2 as this was due to space restrictions. I have listed a large number of newspaper articles so if you wish to obtain copies, then see the footnotes at the bottom of the relevant pages. I want the magazine also to be a research tool for others to be able access newspaper articles from around the world.

The change to just producing a magazine on my own has been a rather fulfilling one and one that I must admit has seen a lot of weight taken from my shoulders not running a UFO group single handed. This has also given me time to look at other avenues with regards to the magazine with its own website which I hope to launch in the coming months and also, a monthly 2 hr internet radio show dedicated to UFOlogy and those who are involved with it and its history (See page 9 of the magazine). I have been contacted by the local newspaper the Southampton Evening Echo, to help construct a UFO page on their web site. Also, the local radio station, Radio Solent are looking at doing a second radio program following the successful program on the 17th August (See page 3). I have been approached by a number of people to organise a skywatch and I am happy to do so, but this may not happen for a month or so. If you are interested in attending a skywatch in the Hampshire area, either Cheesfoot head just outside Winchester or Portsdown Hill overlooking Portsmouth, then please send me an email so that I can email you the details of when and where. I have been asked by SPI (Southern Paranormal Investigations) to have some input with their planned February 2009 conference in Havant, near Portsmouth. No more details as yet, but hopefully in the December magazine there will be more details available.

So as you can see, since the group closed I have in fact been somewhat busier with my UFO activities and I hope that it will not stop there and that more avenues and doors will be opened. Well, here is the first edition of UFONEWS UK Magazine and please, I am open to any criticism that you may have and any ideas or views would be gratefully received.

Editor : Steve Gerrard.

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Sceptic on the lose...

On Sunday 27th July, David Clarke appeared on Sunday Life and uttered the immortal words... **'The only way that I will be convinced was if we had a piece of metal from a crash or something, and got a group of scientists to study it and verify its origins'**... So ALL you UFO abductees and witnesses **DO NOT** bother contacting him, either he will laugh in your face or deny he works at Hallum University in Sheffield. So two questions..

Why doesn't he just call it a day because scientist will **NEVER** agree on any crashed material recovered from a supposed UFO (Or weather balloon?) and he also doesn't believe abductees and UFO witnesses.

Why is he making money (Author of a number of UFO debunking books) out a subject he obviously has no time for and does not believe in. Don't University lecturers get paid enough? One easy way to stop this is **DO NOT BUY HIS BOOKS...** Buy a copy of The National Enquirer instead, because the stories in there are much more believable!!!!

BBC Radio Solent with Mike Powell. 17th August 2008. Steve Gerrard & Richard Lawrence of the (Aetherius Society).

I was invited by Mike to appear on the program not knowing that there would be a second guest. I have been on previous Radio Solent programs with Richard Lawrence and I know of his connections with the Aetherius Society. Richard's views appeared to focus on a cosmic force and mine are more a solid force but the two I feel happy with on a personal level.

Anyway, we both gave an introduction to ourselves and then the phone lines were opened. There were the usual mixture of UFO sightings that listeners had had from the lights in the sky aspect to the full on landing and figures. It is such a shame that people were relating their personal sightings for the very first time and had never reported them due to the fear of ridicule.

Two listeners were introduced that both had apposing views, the believer and the none believer. There followed some 20 minutes of not that I would say all out arguments, but, both the listeners stood firm in their corners and both gave as good as they got making for a very interesting discussion. Anyway, the show was only due to run from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., but, due to the sheer volume of calls, emails and texts, Mike decided to extend the program for another 30 minutes... I hope Mike has still got a job! It was decided at the end of the program that there was further discussion needed and both myself and Richard said that we were both happy to return on a later show.... Time will tell.

Abduction: The Screams of Thousand Oaks.

by Paul Dale Roberts, HPI Ghostwriter, Ufologist.
Haunted & Paranormal Investigations, International.

Edited by: Shannon "Ms. Macabre" McCabe.

I meet most of my clients in a public place. That public place is usually Starbucks. I am sitting outside of Starbucks sipping on my caramel frappachino, wondering what I will learn this day. The air is gray, with the Northern California fires plummeting smoke into our atmosphere, but yet, I still want to sit outside and prepare for my interview. I am also waiting for another HPI Investigator/ Ufologist named Holly DeLaughter, who will assist me in this interview. Today is June 26, 2008, Thursday.

Our client Steve Campbell approaches me and shakes my hand. Holly gets comfortable and will interject questions during the interview if there is something that peaks her curiosity during the interview process. I ask Steve to create a time line of events and he begins with how everything first started.

Year: 1960 Location: New Mexico Steve and his brother are living in New Mexico with their parents. He remembers becoming paralyzed and seeing something by his brother. He was unable to describe what he saw next to his brother.

Year: 1964 Location: Arlington, Texas Steve experiences what Ufologists consider the Oz Factor. He is in a forest and everything around him is surreal. When this occurred he was either in the 3rd or 4th grade. He describes being sick as a dog a few days afterwards.

Year: 1971 Location: Thousand Oaks, California. He remembers walking up the hill at the end of his families dead end street smoking a cigarette. He felt an evil presence. After this happened he was sick for 2 months. The sickness felt like pneumonia. It affected his lungs. After the sickness was gone, he felt an obsession to play the guitar for 8-10 hours a day.

Month and Year: November 1975 Location: Thousand Oaks, California Steve and his brother were playing guitar with a friend at their house overlooking Thousand Oaks, they were with 3 other people. They witnessed a blue fireball come down into a horse field. When the impact took place, there were blue tentacles of electricity that covered the whole horse field. Later a pine tree burst into flames. The next day was normal, but when evening came, things became unusual. Steve and his brother heard an ungodly terrifying scream. The screaming sounds seemed to get closer. Steve describes it as a woman getting her throat ripped out. Steve and his brother went and got their father. While they were getting their father, they found it unusual that their two German Shepherds remained

silent. They witnessed two fireballs shooting into the neighboring hills. It appeared that the fireballs were traveling at supersonic speed. The screaming continued. Their father called the cops, and told them that they thought a woman was being assaulted in the neighboring hills. The cops came and there were no screams. When the cops left, the blood curdling screams started all over again. The time was 8:30 pm or 9 pm. Then the screaming stopped for a while and started back up at 11 pm. They then heard a strange electronic beeping sound. Steven was worried about his wife that was 5 months pregnant. Suddenly a blinding light filled the entire house and then everything went dark. The time of this incident was midnight. When the screaming stopped, the clock read 4:30 am. The brothers could not understand how 4:30 am came so quickly. They felt they were missing 4.5 hours of time!

Note: Many abductees feel they are missing time. The brothers felt they were missing 4.5 hours.

The very next day, the brothers discovered what appeared to them as UFO landing areas. Neighbors made claim of seeing a huge white light. Among the people that were experiencing this UFO phenomenon were Steve, his brother, his ex-wife, his mother and father. Then the next day Steven found himself in and out of the hospital for 6 months. He learns he has some sort of blood disorder.

Month and Year: January 1976 Location: Thousand Oaks, California One of Steve's two German Shepherds, that were no more than 2 years old, had trouble walking; it appeared his nervous system shut down. His other Shepherd started having problems and both dogs had to be put to sleep.

Steve's whole life changed, he became proficient in guitar, and became fluent in 23 computer programs. It was like he was awakened, something turned on in his mind. Everything excelled, even in the early years of his possible abduction; he became the fastest runner in the class. Before the abductions, hardly anyone would pay attention to him.

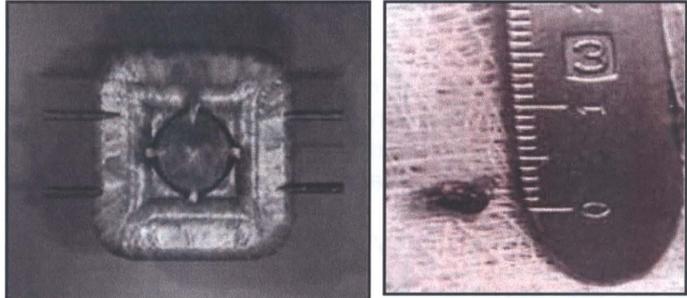
As Holly and I, continued our interview with Steve, he tells us that he has a vague memory of being in an oval room with orange lights that were shining from the floor. Through a bright light, a little girl appeared. A telepathic message told him to approach the young girl. He approached the young girl, she screamed, everything went black. Steve feels he is connected to this little girl.

Year: 1991 Location: Sacramento.

Steve is doing a musical gig and his bass player's, mother-in-law, shows him a picture of her daughter when she was 5 years old. He was shocked; it was the same little girl he saw in the oval room!

As this interview closed, I probed for some type of

tangible evidence. Steve reluctantly shows me his implant on his left leg. The implant actually is over his leg bone and it moves and shifts. Holly and I, were actually moving the implant with our index finger. The implant after being touched would reposition itself at the same spot over his leg bone. There were no tell tale scars of a possible projectile entering his leg. The implant reminded me of the kind of implant I saw in a woman abductee's arm at a UFO conference.



Examples of UFO Implants.

As I went over my notes, I had a flashback of when I was sitting in a coffee shop and a beautiful young lady sat close to me. She was wearing shorts and I couldn't help notice that she had beautiful tanned legs. Then I noticed something else, she had a hole in her leg; a hole that looked like a scoop mark. I gathered my courage and asked her the following: "excuse me, I know this is going to sound weird, but have you ever felt like you were visited by something you can't explain and taken against your will?" The woman looked at me with a stunned look on her face and said..."oh my god, how did you know?" Before I knew it she was explaining that she was an abductee. The scoop marks were placed there by Grays. They were taking skin samples from her. I asked Steve if he had any scoop marks and I learn that his ex-wife has a scoop mark below her naval and his mom has a scoop mark on the back of her leg.



Example of a typical "Gray" alien

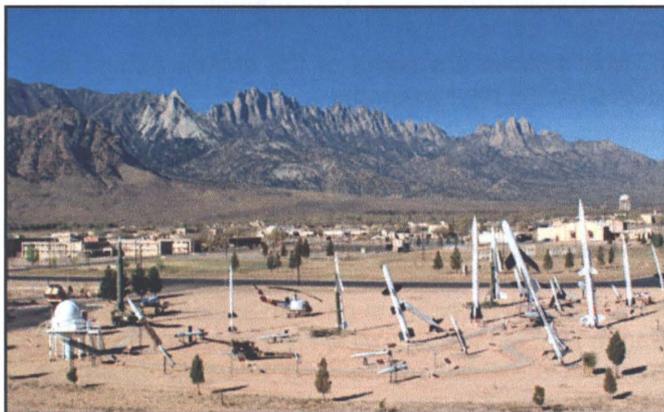
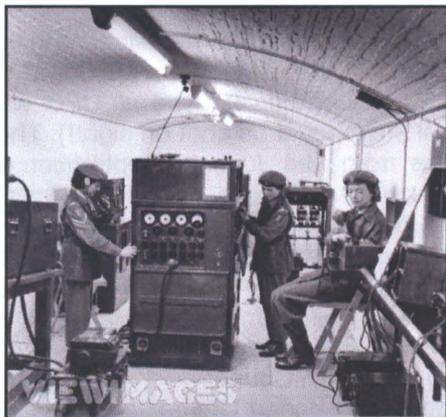
I tried to understand why possibly aliens would turn on something in Steve's mind. The only thing I could think that would motivate the Grays to give Steve certain gifts are the following:

1. Musical abilities. Music is a way to influence a culture.
2. Computer programming. Steven programs various government agencies' computers. Would this be a secret agenda of the grays to manipulate our own

government computers through Steve and others?

This is only an idea of what could be motivating aliens to allow certain individuals to have 'gifts'. This is a theory only.

Steve has an interesting background. His father, a sergeant in the Air Force, took Steve and his brother to White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. Their father escorted them to a small building located inside the base. Inside the building was an elevator shaft that took them beneath the ground, far below. They entered a huge computer complex with many computers and machines throughout a room. It was the size of 5 football fields. I only wonder if there was a UFO connection with his father.



White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

Could aliens have been monitoring the work activities of his father? Perhaps this is why Steve was targeted?

Steve tells me that in Iowa, a UFO was tracked by radar. The military base was close to Sioux City. His father was involved in the radar tracking of the UFO. When his father retired from the Air Force, he joined the Burroughs's Corporation, which is heavily involved with technology.

Holly DeLaughter, a Certified Hypnotist, trained and certified by psychic Sylvia Browne has offered Steve a session of regressive hypnosis to take him to the periods of his life that he was abducted. Steve is contemplating this idea and will keep in touch with Holly.

During this interview, I discovered it's a small world, because Steve knew Holly's uncle John Sheehan who was the lead singer of the rock band called Ian Shelter back in the 80s. Ian Shelter was a legendary local band that played with Huey Lewis and the News and Nightranger.

Holly was also personally connected to Steve's experiences, they both knew about the "buzzing effect." Where you feel like you are being downloaded with information. The "buzzing effect" affects your nervous system; you feel an interior vibrating that lasts only a minute. The feeling is exhilarating, but you feel you were given something that every day people in society don't receive. Holly can elaborate more about this in her section: HOLLY'S VIEW.

Steve wants to know more about the 'White Thing' or the 'Critter' that people that have experienced during abduction cases. Some witnesses describe it as a large white dog that stands taller than a man. Steven wants to know what this creature is. He believes the screams he heard in Thousand Oaks could have possibly been this creature.

Steve still has more to tell and will do a second interview with Holly and I. For right now, this is where I will end the interview process. I will now allow Holly to give her thoughts about this interview. Holly, take it away...

HOLLY'S VIEW:

What a great interview and thank you so much for including me. Steve and I do have a lot in common. Indeed we have both experienced the Oz Factor and internal "buzzing effect" but could this be the same sensation one gets with spiritual enlightenment, Reiki Attunements, etc? Or, is this something far different? Further investigation is definitely in order and I am truly excited about the prospects of meeting Steve's family for a second interview and possibly even hypnotic regressions.

The fact that Steve contracted a blood disorder after losing so much time and has what appears to be an implant in his left leg leaves plenty of room for scientific data. It would be great if he and his family could get copies of their medical records to aid in their investigation and what's more, new tests. I am certain there are doctors out there who would love to know if that peculiar little lump carries radio frequency. I'll bet Steve and his family would like to know too!

Here are a few other things we learned we have in common: I also lost time in the company of another and although we lost much less time (20-25 minutes), it was still a very freaky experience and we 'came back' with newfound talents and abilities. Steve and I are both able to channel writings we don't recall and don't initially understand. I too have seen UFOs and "fireballs" and probably a few alien beings. But enough about me! This is Steve's story.

Do I think Steve is telling the truth? I absolutely do and am ready for part two.

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UK UFO NEWS...

Dear All,

It is with regret that I have to inform you all that for the time being I have cancelled the bi-monthly SPI meetings at the Concordia Hall in St Leonards on Sea, this is due to a number of reasons all a combination of different things. So there will be no SPI meeting on Saturday September 27th and again no meeting on Saturday November 29th.

May I thank all of you who supported these meetings and SPI as a whole and state that all is not lost, there will be SPI 'Get Together' meetings that I aim to hold here in Hastings over the next few months. These will not have guest speakers, but will consist of discussion meetings where we all can get together and 'talk shop'. I will also be showing UFO & Paranormal related films and documentaries, and giving new lectures on subjects that I have never spoken about before.

One of the main reasons for the cancellation of the 2008 lectures, is that I aim to stage a major Conference in East Sussex next year (2009) and as such would prefer to use my time in organising such a venture.

This as you can appreciate, will take some planning and I would rather concentrate my endeavours on this one. I've never before put on a major conference, it's always been local meetings, at venues all over the UK, so this will be a first.

My thanks again for all those who supported SPI during our few meetings in St Leonards, and as I have said above, there WILL be local SPI 'Get Together' meetings that I will be holding in Hastings Old Town over the coming months.

With very best wishes to you and yours.

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UK UFO reports still hit the headlines and who said that there was no such things as UFO's... Oh yes, sceptics Dr. Clarke and co (Maybe all UFO witnesses are delusional and should be shot on sight!). The British regional press from Mid June to September ran with headlines such as 'UFOs Sighted Over Army Barracks...' (Shropshire Star - 25th June), 'Our Garden Was Buzzed By A UFO!' (The North Devon Gazette & Advertiser...30th July), UFO Sceptics Report Sightings In Kings Heath...(The Birmingham Mail - 5th August 2008), Riddle Of UFO Spotted In Sky Over Mytholmroy (The Halifax Evening Courier - 13th August 2008), Orange Rugby Ball-Shaped UFOs Seen In Winchmore Hill (The Enfield & Haringey Independent - 19th August 2008).

So, what follows are some of the stories behind the headlines for the past 3 months...

Basingstoke Gazette – 30.06.08... Mystery surrounds UFO sighting...

The mystery surrounding a dozen orange lights seen over Basingstoke at the weekend has deepened with aviation authorities unable to offer an explanation.

Strange lights in the sky were spotted by a number of residents in the Basingstoke area between 10.40 pm and 11.10 pm on Saturday.

David Osborne, of Loggon Road, Cranbourne, Basingstoke, said he saw lights south of Basingstoke, from his bedroom window.

He claims they were moving in from the Alton to Odiham direction.

He immediately phoned RAF Odiham but after staff at base said they would not investigate, the 47-year-old telephoned The Gazette.

He said: "I saw some eerie strange lights. They were bright orange and very high in the sky.

"I've never seen anything like it before in my life."

Mr Osborne, said they did not resemble any aircraft movements, as he was familiar with airfields at RAF Odiham, Lasham and Popham.

A flurry of UFO reports in Wales last week coincided with a wedding party releasing dozens of blazing Chinese lanterns, which rise into the sky like hot-air balloons.

The National Air Traffic Service has confirmed it had no recorded incidents that night.

Jane Johnston, spokesperson for the NATS, said: "There was nothing unusual reported that night that was reported that would necessitate logging it."

The Ministry of Defence said it took no active role in identifying UFO sightings.

In a statement, the MoD said: "Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported."

The South Wales Echo - Cardiff, Wales...

4th July 2008...

UFO Investigators Speak To Police About Sighting...

Leading 'alien hunters' today called on police to release more information about the South Wales UFO sighting.

A NASA expert and top professor said hearing details from two officers and a helicopter pilot who claimed they saw a "flying saucer-shaped" aircraft would allow people to make their own judgements.

The helicopter and its three-man crew were at 500ft above RAF St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan on June 7 waiting for clearance to land when they spotted the other craft hurtling towards them from below.

Speaking at an Astrobiology conference at the University of Glamorgan Atrium, Cardiff city centre, NASA's Helen Matsos said today: "Unless we have the full context we can't really draw any scientific conclusions."

American Ms Matsos, who edits NASA-sponsored Astrobiology Magazine, was a speaker at the four-day conference where scientists shared their latest research into life beyond planet Earth.

She said she believed in aliens in "terms of the microbiological level" where there was "likely to be other life abounding on extra-terrestrial routes".

Ms Matsos doubted if the unidentified craft seen near St Athan would have been piloted by aliens. She said: "They would have had to travel a long, long time. If aliens were looking for us it would be very difficult, based on transmission of communication and broadcast signals, for them to detect us."

She said disclosing more information about the incident could help people form opinions and explode myths.

Conspiracy theories on the internet have suggested secret aircraft are being developed at the airbase in the same way the F117 Night Hawk Stealth Fighter and B2 Stealth Bombers were tested in the US in the 1980s.

Ms Matsos said: "When you're dealing with the military or police they tend to be very closed-mouthed.

Publishing statements might reveal some secret research they don't want known."

Conference organiser Professor Mark Brake, of the Treforest-based University of Glamorgan, said scientists were unable to draw proper conclusions without all the available evidence.

He said: "We would look for Earthly rather than un-Earthly explanations as scientists and sceptics. There is a history of these being seen and being

terrestrial rather than extra-terrestrial craft.

"But it's very difficult to come to a sensible explanation without more detailed examination of the statements by the police officers and pilot. Without knowing the detail it's difficult to reach a grounded conclusion."

A South Wales Police spokeswoman said none of the crew made a formal statement - even though the incident was reported to the "relevant authorities", thought to be the Ministry of Defence and Civil Aviation Authority.

She refused requests from the Echo to speak to the officers or pilot.

The Daily Post - Wales...

7th July 2008...

Public Are In Denial Over UFOs, Says Investigator...

Margaret Fry has never doubted that beings from outer space visit the Earth, nor the existence of UFOs, ever since she says she saw one with her own eyes 53 years ago this month.

She has been investigating reported sightings and incidents, and trying to persuade the sceptics in our midst for the past 30 years that they are very real.

The veteran investigator and co-founder of the Welsh Fellowship of Independent Ufologists, and a grandmother of nine from Abergele, accepts it's a difficult task. But she is at a loss to understand how so many appear to be in denial about the issue.

"People are not taking it at all seriously, as far as I can make out. Not until they see something, and then they have to consider the possibilities.

Some people read about it as an interesting phenomenon and then forget about it. I don't now how, really, because we're being visited by beings from various planetary systems in outer space. How people can't take an interest in that, I just don't know."

Wales has long been a hot-bed of reported UFO activity, way before the recent reported buzzing of a police helicopter above Cardiff by an unidentified craft made headlines worldwide.

But Margaret Fry isn't impressed by claims that alien life forms are taking a particular interest in Wales. She insists that Welsh airspace only seems more active because the country has more dedicated ufologists compared to most other places.

"It's because you've got one damned good UFO investigator talking to you," she tells me. "We're a group of people who've gone out of our way to get UFO reports, and maybe they're not as strong in other places."

The most famous UFO incident in Wales was the one dubbed the "Welsh Roswell" reported to have taken place on the Berwyn mountain near Bala in 1974. Locals reported seeing strange lights on the mountain, amid reports of a huge bang, with the police and military immediately sealing off the area.

Mrs Fry has spent hours investigating the incident down the years, and says that reports of an object

crashing into the mountain are at variance with the evidence she's garnered.

"I've been investigating it since 1979, talking to the farming community. As far as I know, we have no evidence whatsoever of anything ever crashing there that night. But dozens of witnesses have told us they saw a craft sitting on the ridge known as Cefn Coch.

"The other thing we have evidence of is that it hovered in the sky for a long time and came down gradually. Therefore it wasn't a meteor, and came down deliberately rather than crashing. It stayed on the ground for an hour and a quarter before taking off again, and it was seen by the villagers in Llandyrnog. They definitely saw something that wasn't a conventional craft.

There was a meteorite shower that night, but it came from the north east side of the mountain, and would therefore have had to do a U-turn to crash on the west side as some reports say, which is quite impossible. We found this out, but nobody's ever written about it."

Her first encounter with a UFO was a well-reported incident in her native Bexleyheath in London, a seminal moment in her life that set her on a life-long pursuit of the truth.

"It wasn't just one UFO that landed at noon on July 17 1955, but two, They landed three or four streets apart. One was in Bexleyheath, King Harold's Way. All the people came out of their houses. There must have been at least 170 people standing around this thing."

While governments hold huge files on UFOs and reported alien visits, Margaret has her own theories as to why they prefer to keep their public in the dark.

"It would affect people's thinking, and religious doctrines and cause panic. I don't think we have anything to worry about at the moment. So far, none of these craft have been aggressive, but how are we to know?"

The Birmingham Mail...

5th August 2008...

UFO Sceptics Report Sightings In Kings Heath...

Former UFO sceptics have bombarded the Birmingham Mail with reports of sightings of mysterious lights above Kings Heath and Moseley.

Scores of people said they had seen bright orange and red lights hovering inexplicably in the skies over south Birmingham on Friday, July 18.

But even more sightings have been logged since our story ran last week - the majority by non-believers who have changed their minds on the question of whether there's anything "out there".

Coun Neville Summerfield, cabinet member for regeneration at the city council, was among the former non-believers forced to change their tune.

He said: "I was walking along Kings Heath High Street and saw a raft of people looking up. I thought 'what's going on?' I looked up and there was a brilliantly coloured orange and red object, then there was another one.

"It was absolutely amazing. I'm not quite as sceptical as I was."

Isha Chapman, of Bloomfield Road, Kings Heath, saw something the same night which has made her question whether there was alien life.

The 23-year-old housewife said: "There were lots of orange lights floating really high in the sky like Chinese lanterns, but in a direct line.

"It was really creepy.

"It's baffled me because I think there's normally an explanation for everything.

"I've got no explanation for this, though."

The Enfield & Haringey Independent...

19th August 2008...

Orange Rugby Ball-Shaped UFOs Seen In Winchmore Hill...

A stream of orange, rugby ball shaped UFOs making their way purposefully through the skies has been seen in Winchmore Hill.

Mystified Alison Moynihan, of Hillcrest, said she was watching television with her husband at 10.30pm on Sunday 10 when she first caught a glimpse of what appeared to be a procession of lights.

She said: "My husband saw this bright orange light. We ran up to the loft to have a look and it suddenly zoomed out and up. It was like a bright orange rugby ball and it had a sort of halo around it like a street light. It moved up and to the left quite swiftly."

Describing the lights as being only about 300 yards away, she said it wasn't until about half an hour later that she and her husband caught sight of the second light which also appeared to be travelling from the south to the north and appearing on the right hand side of their field of vision.

She said: "It disappeared into the clouds. Then soon after another one did exactly the same at the same point in the clouds. There were four in all."

Mrs Moynihan, who works for a city investment company, said she lived in a flight path but had never seen anything like that before. She said: "I got onto the internet after it happened and so many people have seen similar things. I don't think it was a Chinese lantern because we would have seen a flame underneath it. We thought maybe it was some military plane. But we couldn't hear any engine at all. I have never seen anything like it in my life. I hadn't been drinking alcohol I promise! I am the first one to be sceptical of anything like that."

Unfortunately the Independent has not seen any pictures of this baffling phenomenon.

Hebdenbridge Today - Hebden Bridge...

23rd August 2008...

Mystery Lights Fuel UFO Speculations Throughout Calder Valley...

It's not the first time that Calder Valley residents have seen mysterious lights in the night sky, but a number of sightings over the past few weeks are remarkably similar in description.

Between the end of July and this week householders up and down the length of the valley, from Todmorden to Mytholmroyd, have described seeing silently moving bright yellow or orange lights make their way across the sky in a way that does not seem like conventional aircraft.

And another possible explanation, that they are hot air balloons, seems unlikely because the lights are seen in the night sky.

First residents in the Burnley Road area of Todmorden saw patterns of lights on the night of Saturday, July 26.

Gemma Kipping said family guests were visiting. "Some of them left before the others and were walking home but rang us after they had set off to say 'there are aliens above your house!'

"So we went outside and I saw three bright orange lights moving uniformly with what looked like a straggler at the end. The three at the front looked like a triangle effect. They weren't making any noise," she said.

While the family watched, a dozen or so customers from the nearby Hare and Hounds pub on Burnley Road, Todmorden, were also watching the lights move across the sky, said Gemma.

"I didn't know what they were," she added. "The ideal explanation would have been that they were a hot air balloon, but surely not in the dark?"

Similar lights were also seen on the night of Saturday, August 2, at 11.15 pm by other Burnley Road residents including Sylvia Sinclair, who contacted the newspaper after reading about similar descriptions of lights in the sky from residents of Mytholmroyd in our sister paper the Evening Courier.

Sylvia explained that friends were leaving her home at Lineholme when they all saw the lights, which appeared to be coming over to the Whirlaw side of the valley.

"They came in twos and looked like big orange lights. They were making no noise and there were six, in pairs. The last one seemed to float over," she said.

Like Gemma, Sylvia wondered if they could be balloons but thought they were too high for that.

"While we were looking a teenager came down the street and said they were out at the Hare and Hounds looking at the lights. They were just silent, going slowly across the sky," she said.

The next sighting of strange lights came further down the valley, on Monday, August 11, in the Mytholmroyd area.

Cragg Vale resident Chris Granger told the Courier he was shocked to see six strange lights for two to three minutes before they disappeared, emerging from the cloud base in pairs and moving towards Hebden Bridge.

The ex-RAF avionics technician said: "They moved in a very erratic manner and did not display the flight characteristics of a conventional aircraft. Nor did they display the normal lighting array of a conventional aircraft - flashing white strobe and red

and green navigation lights."

Cleveley Gardens residents Peter and Marion Ackroyd also saw something spooky.

They also wondered if they were balloons but thought they were going too fast, in addition to the lack of any engine noise.

Earlier this week Mytholmroyd resident Mark Jeffreys said his wife Mandy called him and sons Matthew and Liam outside where they saw seven orange lights coming over, two together, another two, then one and then a final two.

Mandy said: "It couldn't have been helicopters because they were orange lights, not white. I've never seen anything like it, but Mark said he thought he'd seen something similar when he was a kid."

The Calder Valley is home to one of the world's most famous cases involving Unidentified Flying Objects, that of Todmorden's Alan Godfrey, then a serving policeman.

Alan's case, which dates back to 1980, was examined by a Channel 5 documentary only weeks ago. While on mobile patrol in Burnley Road he described and sketched in his police notebook an object which appeared to be hovering over the road.

He then cannot consciously remember anything for a period of time, coming round further down the road. Under hypnosis with a senior police officer present he described being taken aboard an alien spacecraft and examined - but remembers none of this consciously.

Police officers from two different forces reported seeing an unexplained object zip across the valley on the night in question and the amount of information officially logged made it one of the best documented cases in the world, and one which continues to fascinate people who discover it.

Can anyone explain the latest series of so far unexplainable sightings?

QUALITY BEATS RADIO FM... **www.qualitybeatsradio.com**

I have been invited to hold a monthly UFO radio show on Quality Beats Radio that is a community internet radio station based in Havant, Hampshire.

The idea of the show is to talk about the current UFO situation around the world. I also intend to play older UFO radio shows from the 50's - 70's with nostalgia slots. I hope to have live interviews with some of the leading British UFOlogists and also if possible leading international researchers. There will be the light hearted side with UFO/space themed music, live phone-ins and anything else I can think of. But, if there is anything you would like to be talked about on the program, then why not drop me an email and I will see what I can do.

So, log onto www.qualitybeatsradio.com at around 7 p.m. on Saturday 25th October 2008 and why not listen in. The program is a 2 hour slot and should finish around 9 p.m. I hope to be able to list the shows monthly contents on the Quality Beats Radio web site.

Your views and ideas for the show please email : ufonewsuk@fsmail.net



***UK NATIONAL
NEWSPAPER REVIEWS.***

The British National newspapers were a little busy over the past three months with the Sun newspaper taking the lead. They started with the announcement that the Government is to release thousands of UFO reports on their website at the National Archives, and thus, over 11,000 pages of documents have been released. They then went on to run a series of articles, from lights in the sky to abductions...

The other nationals came up with great articles such as The Sunday Telegraphs 3rd of August headline 'Aliens stole my brain'... hmmm. It appears that the sightings in the UK are at an all time high with sightings reaching a total of 150 so far this year (Well, I can say that there have so far been 32 reports from the Hampshire alone since 1st January so if you average the same for all the rest of the counties in the UK, I think someone has got their figures wrong somewhere! (Daily Telegraph 9th August 08)...

The Telegraph... 20th June 2008...
Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff...

The Sun... 23rd June 2008...
Britain's X-Files to open to public...

The Telegraph... 25th June 2008...
Soldier Spots 13 UFOs Above Barracks...

The Sun... 25th June 2008...
Alien Army...

The Sun... 26th June 2008...
Close Encounters on the A5...

The Sun... 26th June 2008...
The World's Best Ever UFO Vids...

The Independent... 26th June 2008...
Against The Grain: 'UFO Sightings Should Be Taken More Seriously'...

The Sun... 27th June 2008...
The green, green men of home...

The Sun... 28th June 2008...
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The Independent... 29th June 2008...
UFO Alert! Aliens Everywhere...

The Sun... 30th June 2008...
Twelve UFOs floated over Basingstoke...

The Telegraph... 1st July 2008...
UFO Spotted By Navy Engineer Above The M5 Motorway...

The Sun... 1st July 2008...
UFO On the M5...

The Sun... 2nd July 2008...
'I spotted UFO ball'...

The Guardian... 4th July 2008...
We Are The Alien Nation...

The Sun... 5th July 2008...
That's the moon, sir...

The Telegraph... 7th July 2008...
British UFO sightings At 'bizarre' Levels...

The Times... 8th July 2008...
UFOs: More Madness And Apocalyptic Fears...

The Sun... 24th July 2008...
ET's Real, says man on moon...

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UFO's : We Believe...

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Speeding Object Leaves UFO Experts Puzzled...

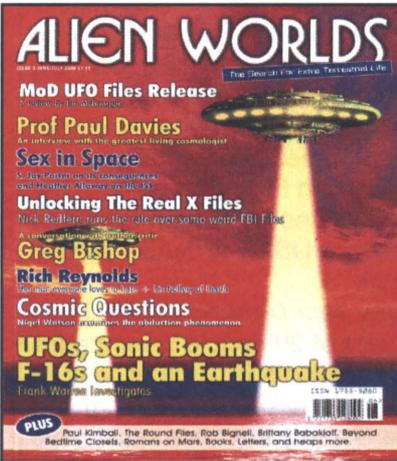
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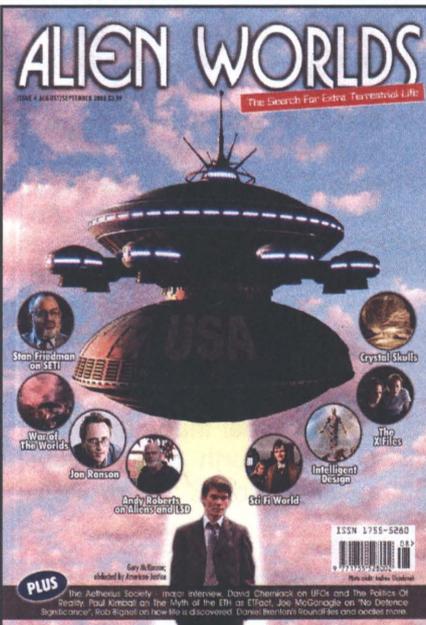
Copies of any of the newspaper articles (Word Documents) mentioned in the magazine are available at 10p each plus 70p postage up to a max of 20 copies. For more than 20 copies, postage is then an extra 10p per 10 copies ordered.

Magazine Reviews.

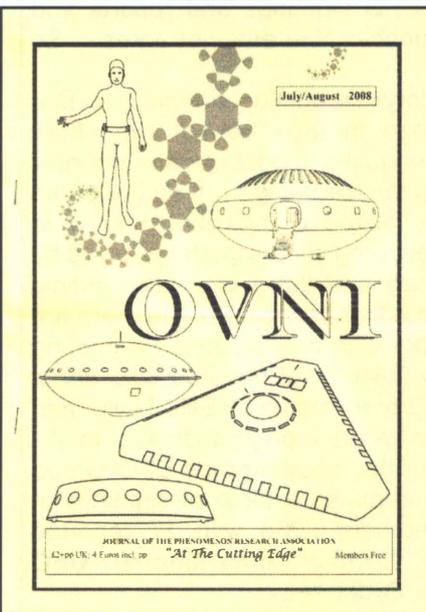


Issue 3, June / July 2008 : I think I must have upset the editor as since I reviewed the previous issues in the old Southampton UFO Group magazine, I haven't received any exchange copy and I have bought them out of my own pocket. Anyway, here goes again., This issue again is full of one to one interviews and I suspect you will be able to find the information within the interviews on the internet and most of the information I am aware of so for me not so good. The only bright bit for me is an article by Kevin Goodman on the Warminster Enigma. There are no UFO reports, news from UFO group from the UK and in fact it is just made up of a hand full of interviews. I suppose I am more of a 'UK UFOlogy Man' and a magazine packed from cover to cover with one to one interviews is not for me. Maybe in future editions this will change and there will be pages dedicated to current 'British' UFO reports and British UFO groups and I do hope so. Not only have I heard from people who have are not buying it due to the glaring background colours and then articles written in different colours on these backgrounds

making it very hard to read on the eye, but also the fact that it is a magazine of one to one interviews and no more. For more details write to : **Alien Worlds, The New House, Church Bank, Richmond Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 3NW UK.** Or in W.H.Smiths or your local larger newsagents.



Issue 4 August / September 2008 : As per the previous issue, packed with one to one interviews including Stanton T. Friedman and arch sceptic Andy Roberts (Aliens & LSD...?) and an interesting article by Richard Lawrence of the Aetherius Society. Nick Redfern certainly appears to have his own space within the pages and is a welcome read to some of the other articles in the magazine. One bright spot on the horizon is the including of an item spotlighting H.U.F.O.S (The Hull UFO Society) based in, yes you guest it, in Hull. They publish their own magazine as well as the usual meetings, speakers etc. Must admit though, not having heard of them for a considerable number of years, I thought that they had closed down... That will teach me. Anyway, back to the over glossy magazine. Yet another surprise, no coloured written articles on coloured backgrounds makes the magazine readable for once. I just hope at some point the magazine starts to look more at British UFOlogy and drops the cover to cover articles and include UFO sightings and reports from the UK and around the world. People want to read about UFO sightings. Only you the reader can decide on the future of this off the shelf publication. So, go and buy a copy and make your own mind up. As for, it is not a magazine I buy for enjoyment only to review in these hallowed pages...



July / August 2008... Back to earth and this is my type of magazine. Edited by Omar Fowler, The Journal of the Phenomenon Research Association is my type of magazine. Articles, sort of, interviews zero, just pure UFOlogy and no more. This edition covers recent press articles in the Sun newspaper, A UFO spotted by a police helicopter crew and UFO's over Southampton (With a bit from yours truly!). There is an article by Omar himself looking at the case of Alfred Burtoo who encountered alongside the Basingstoke canal near Aldershot here in Hampshire in 1983 who was taken onboard a landed UFO and 'rejected' by the crew as being too old... So there is some hope for some of us still then!!! There are local sightings and recent photographs from the surface of the planet Mars. Then there is finally the tale enders with Busty Taylor's new book launch in July 2008 (Missed that one.. Sorry Busty!) and strange lights over the town of Belper on 28/29th June 2008.

So there you have it... 14 pages of pure UFOlogists delight from cover to cover. I urge you to contact Omar and get a copy as quick as you can and at £2+pp it is the bargain of the century. Contact : **Omar Fowler, 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby. DE24 9HR.**

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STAR TELEGRAM - Fort Worth, Texas - May 19, 2008

UFO REPORT
Stephenville-area sightings still unexplained after investigation

Without UFO researchers, investigators say a video view of a meteorite strike.

What did you think? To just a comment on this report, go to www.ufonewsclipping.com

Close encounters of the second kind in Stratham
 Close encounters of the second kind in Stratham, N.H., were reported by UFO researchers in the 1970s.

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 The sighting of a UFO in Stratham, N.H., was reported by UFO researchers in the 1970s.

Was there a military conspiracy?
 The sighting of a UFO in Stratham, N.H., was reported by UFO researchers in the 1970s.

What is the message?
 The sighting of a UFO in Stratham, N.H., was reported by UFO researchers in the 1970s.

If you are a UFO researcher or just read for general interest then the UFO Newsclipping Service based in Washington USA is the publication for you. This monthly publication is 20 pages of newspaper articles, mainly for the USA, but also the United Kingdom and the odd article from elsewhere. There is also a Fortean section for those of you interested in Big Foot, Cattle mutilations and Loch Ness monsters around the world. I have received 4 copies in the past 3 months and the August 2008 (No. 469) features a front page article from the New York Times penned by our very own British Fox Mulder Mr. Nick Pope - 'Unidentified Flying Threats'... The article calls for America, who according to Nick is no safer than Britain or France to threats to security & air safety and the USAF or NASA should reopen investigations of the UFO phenomenon.

One might wince at a cost of \$90 dollars per year (Around £45.00 to us earthlings), but for this you get, 12 issues a year of 20 double sided pages that is longer in length than A4 paper in the UK. It is a great way of keeping up with what is going on in America and the United Kingdom and is a great source for research purposes. This is in my top 10 of must have UFO magazines. Contact : **UFO Newsclipping Service, P.O. Box 10950, Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110, USA.**

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January / February 2008 No. 79... The Editor Marc Bell does an incredible job balancing and editing the magazine with his health problems and I praise him for as I know how difficult this can be. This magazine is written by abductees for abductees and is another of those institutional great British UFO Magazines. Here I go, blowing my own trumpet, but it is true and there are very few around in the UK that I can give this praise to.

There is an obituary to the late Georgina Bruni who died in January of 2008. An article from their OZ Contact who has built his own UFO detector and numerous groups and witnesses stories of UFO reports. An interesting item / article is on page 13 (unlucky for some!) regarding the 1965 Kecksberg incident of the retrieval of a crashed 'SOMETHING' in the woods, which today there no definite proof as to the objects origins or where it is today (Has anyone looked in Area 51 yet? Just a thought... editor). All in all a very good read and one of those magazines you just put down and just keep going back to. For a suggested 'Donation' of £2.00 I think that Marc and the group should revise this as I feel that due to the contents and quality of the publication it must be worth £3.00 (Alien Worlds cover price is £3.99!!!). For more information contact : **Marc Bell, T.M.R, P.O. Box 3775, London. Se18 3QR.**

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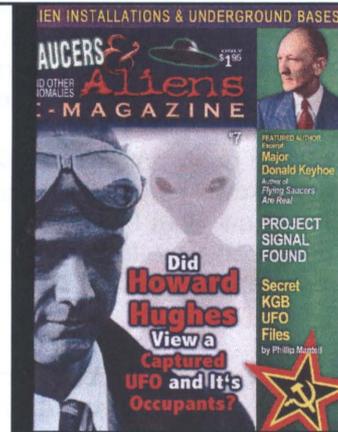
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Volume 29 No. 3 July 2008... This again is an institutional piece of UFOlogical magic. Why? Short articles, UFO sightings and reports and pure small in size but packs a hell of a punch... You may not agree... So buy it and see what I mean.

This editorial opens with cellular memory—abduction danger? In that organ transplant patients report a change in their normal lives from personalities and drinking preferences...Tunguska impact update and new missing time cases. A mention of the crop circles being on time but parse and I can vouch for that as I am only aware of possible 1 or 2 in Hampshire. There are 3 pages of very interesting UFO reports received by Contact International which is great to see and there is a short article concerning the attempted abduction of the editor as well! For me there are 7 pages of waste given to Dr. David Clarke who has produced a briefing document on the National Archives UFO Files. Well the less said about this article the better for me. There is part 2 of an article by Ellis Taylor and her adventures into the unknown. Yours truly has a page dedicated to 'An end of an era, or is it? With the closing of the Southampton UFO Group does this mean the end for me? Well, I produced a table of sightings in Hampshire from January 1st - 19th February 2008 with 17 reported sightings. For more details, contact : **Contact International UFO Research, P.O. Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1FL.**



No. 58 June 2008 - This German publication is all in German with no English translations. The magazine covers UFO reports and sightings, Philosophy, Crop Circles and much more. Unfortunately, my German is not that good although being born in Hanover in West Germany, I left at a young age, but I like to exchange publications around the world and this is one of those such publications. If you require more information, then contact : DEGUFORUM, Postfach 2831, Bad Kreuznach, Germany.



Saucers & Aliens issue #6 & #7 2008 and approx 80 - pages each. I think that the covers speak for themselves and I can supply copies of this full colour, A4 magazine at a cost of £6.00 per issue including postage to the UK only. If ordering, please state issue number required and make cheques or postal orders payable to S. Gerrard and send to the editorial address on the inside cover of the magazine.

Due to space restrictions and the sheer number of magazines I have received to review, I have not been able to review the following magazines. But, if you require copies, I can supply them again for £6.00 each to include postage in the UK only.

UFO Encounter... February / March 2008 N. 240 Published by UFO Research, Queensland, Australia. 20 pages, A4.

UFOlogist... Vol. 12 No. 2 July / August 2008. Published in Australia. 74 pages, A4 Full colour.

UFO Magazine (USA)... Vol. 23 No. May 2008... Published in the USA. 80 Pages. A4. Full colour.

I came across this very interesting news item on :

KATU-TV - Portland, Oregon, USA...
<http://www.katu.com/news/28222454.html>
September 11, 2008.

Fight Over UFO Photos Pits Family Versus Newspaper... By Dan Tilkin and KATU Web Staff...

MCMINNVILLE, Ore. -- Two shots of a flying saucer over McMinnville are some of the most debated pieces of Oregon history.

Paul and Evelyn Trent took the pictures in 1950, and now their children are trying to get the negatives returned.

But the negatives are in the hands of the McMinnville News-Register newspaper, who believes they should be part of a permanent historic display in Yamhill County.

The story of how this fight developed begins on the Trent Farm more than 50 years ago.

Evelyn Trent was feeding rabbits, saw something strange in the sky and hollered for her husband, who grabbed his camera and started shooting. And then the saucer was gone.

The photos were printed in the local newspaper, which sold thousands of copies across the country.

Critics have long said that the Trents pulled off one of the most elaborate hoaxes in UFO history - that they took a pie plate or a hub cap and dangled it from power lines that run in front of the property.

The Trents always maintained they saw something. But the ridicule took a toll on the family.

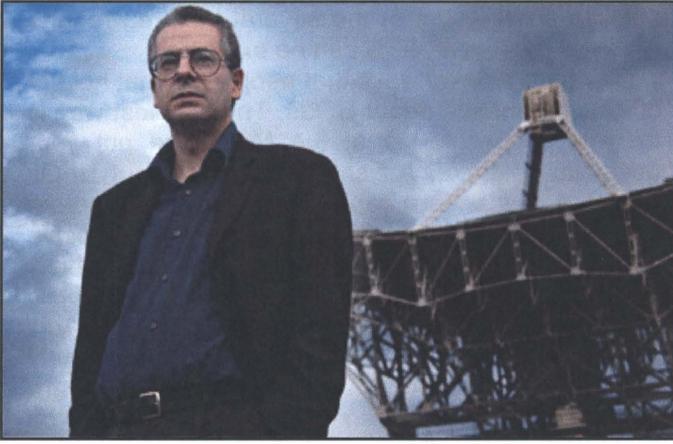
"We were the alien family," said daughter Tammie Gochenour. "That's all that was talked about was the alien family."

When her parents died in the mid-1990s, the location of the negatives was a mystery. Daughter Linda Saylor eventually discovered they had been in the hands of navy physicist and UFO investigator Bruce Maccabee since 1974.

He told KATU he had called the Trents and asked to borrow the negatives so many years ago, implying that he would return them in a few weeks. But it took him longer than that and he ended up keeping them for 25 years.

Maccabee agreed to return the negatives, and Saylor thought it would be safer if he sent them to the News-Register newspaper to pass on to her.

(Continued on page 26...)



UFOs - Conspiracy Or Indifference ?

Nick Pope details the British Government's policy and knowledge in relation to UFOs, and examines the evidence for a cover-up.

On 5 November 1990 a squadron of Royal Air Force Tornado jets were flying over the North Sea, on their way back to their base. Suddenly, and to the amazement of all the experienced pilots, their aircraft were overtaken at high speed by a UFO. None of these trained observers were able to identify the craft that made our most sophisticated aircraft look obsolete by comparison, and a report of this encounter was sent by signal to the Ministry of Defence. What happened next? Were the pilots visited by anonymous intelligence officers, threatened with the Official Secrets Act and warned to keep quiet about their sighting? Or is the truth of the matter somewhat different?

Many ufologists are obsessed with the idea that elements of the British Government are involved in a conspiracy of silence about UFOs, and are actively suppressing the truth about this phenomenon. Such claims have persisted for years, but are often taken on faith rather than evidence. As is often the case when one examines such allegations critically, the real situation is not quite as people suppose.

As far as we know, the earliest official British involvement in the UFO mystery was an intelligence study carried out in 1951. This study was mentioned in a 9 August 1952 letter from the Air Ministry to the then Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, who had asked for a report on UFOs. The study concluded that all UFOs could be explained in conventional terms, and was clearly based heavily on the data that had been amassed by the United States Air Force, who had been conducting their own official studies since 1947, under the Project names Sign, Grudge and Blue Book. Edward J Ruppelt headed Project Grudge and then Blue Book from 1951 to 1953. He made reference to British interest in UFOs in his 1956 book, *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*. He told of a visit by two RAF intelligence officers who arrived at Blue Book headquarters with six sheets of questions. The

answers they took back clearly influenced the reply given to Winston Churchill, and indeed the intelligence study referred to may have been based in part or in whole upon this data.

What lay behind the British interest in UFOs was actually concern that some of them might be an unknown type of Soviet aircraft testing the air defences of the United Kingdom. The Cold War was serious business, and the Air Ministry was more concerned with Russians than Martians. There was no corporate interest or belief in UFOs as extraterrestrial craft. It was simply the standard military philosophy that you need to keep a watchful eye on your airspace, and ensure that, to the best of your ability, you are able to identify any craft operating within your air defence region.

Government, the civil service and the military are naturally conservative organisations, and this mindset made it difficult for the Establishment to respond in any meaningful way to emerging speculation from ufologists, some of whom were arguing that UFOs were extraterrestrial in origin. Naturally conservative desk officers found such speculation difficult, and tended to ignore anything they couldn't explain. To illustrate this point it is interesting to note that the aforementioned Air Ministry letter to Winston Churchill failed to even make mention of Foo Fighters - strange balls of light that had been seen by Allied and Axis pilots during the Second World War. Had Churchill been deliberately kept in the dark, or was the omission indicative of nothing more sinister than the closed minded attitude of the Air Ministry?

A letter dated 24 June 1965 gave a further insight into the true attitude of the British Government. In a reply to the US Department of the Air Force the Ministry of Defence explained that their policy was "... to play down the subject of UFOs and to avoid attaching undue attention or publicity to it.". The whole tone of the letter betrayed the fact that the Ministry clearly regarded the subject as a waste of time.

Files now available for viewing at the Public Record Office in Kew shed further light on the British Government's policy and opinions on UFOs. On the one hand, it is clear that there have been some quite extraordinary UFO incidents in British airspace. The files detail numerous incidents where UFOs were seen by military witnesses and detected on radar. They tell of several incidents where RAF jets were scrambled in unsuccessful attempts to intercept UFOs. The Ministry have acknowledged for decades that UFO reports such as these defy explanation. Some 10% of sightings remain unexplained, even after a rigorous investigation. The problem is that these same files - some of which were previously classified Secret - strongly suggest that no further action is taken once an investigation has been completed. This applies even to cases of attempted interception. All this points to an attitude of indifference or incompetence, as opposed to anything more sinister.

Of course, the Ministry is in a no-win situation, and die-hard conspiracy theorists will always interpret the facts in ways that support their own viewpoint. In this way, entirely innocent events are twisted into something that fits in with what seems to be an almost psychological need to believe in a cover-up: UFO documents withheld under the standard thirty year rule that applies to all Government papers are described as being "suppressed"; the media's refusal to give airtime to various crackpot UFO stories is attributed to the use of a D-Notice, and Air Ministry officials who in years gone by paid the occasional visit to UFO witnesses in order to elicit further information about particularly interesting cases are portrayed as sinister Men in Black!

But let us return to the incident discussed in the opening paragraph. What happened to the report submitted by the pilots whose Tornado fast jets were casually overtaken by a UFO? The answer is that the signal was simply placed on file in Secretariat (Air Staff)2a - the MoD division charged with investigating UFO reports. Object unexplained - case closed. This lack of follow-up action was exactly what happened in the aftermath of the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident in December 1980. Lt Col Charles Halt submitted a report to the Ministry about UFO activity near the two military bases of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge. The report (dated 13 January 1981) told of how abnormally high radiation readings were taken from a site where a small, metallic UFO was seen to land. The Ministry of Defence never even acknowledged Halt's memorandum!

The official Ministry of Defence policy on UFO sightings is to examine them for evidence of any threat to the United Kingdom. It seems clear that if such examinations occur at all, they are cursory affairs, carried out with extreme reluctance. Many ufologists believe the Ministry of Defence should be taken to task for its stance on the subject, but increasingly, the complaint is not one of conspiracy. Some ufologists are concerned not that the Ministry knows too much, but that it knows too little. A cover-up would be deplorable, they say; but having your head in the sand because of the ignorance or prejudice of a few officials is far worse.

The Ministry of Defence has produced a form on which people should record the details of their sighting. The information requested includes the date, time and location of the encounter, together with a description of the object, and observations about the meteorological conditions at the time of the incident. These forms should be held by every RAF base, police station and civil airport in the country, as these are the sorts of places that receive UFO reports from the public.

The completed forms are then sent to Secretariat (Air Staff)2a at Ministry of Defence Main Building in Whitehall. They should investigate each sighting, in the first instance by trying to correlate it with aircraft activity, astronomical events or other conventional objects or phenomena. Sec(AS)2a are assisted in these investigations by specialist divisions who offer help and advice on matters such as radar evidence or

satellite activity. Out of the several hundred reports received each year, 95% can be explained.

There are several ways that people can get hold of official information about UFOs. The simplest way is to write to Sec(AS)2a at the MoD, and put your questions to them. A general enquiry about UFOs will elicit a standard reply, but under rules about Open Government specific questions should receive specific answers, where the information is available.

Another option is to pay a visit to the Public Record Office at Kew. Under the Public Record Acts files where the most recent paper is more than thirty years old are opened to the public. There are currently around a dozen UFO files which can be inspected, and these detail some interesting sightings from the Fifties and Sixties. They also give an invaluable insight into the way in which these cases were handled at the time.

Some ufologists are forging links with their local Members of Parliament, and asking them to table formal, written Parliamentary Questions about UFOs. There have been over thirty such questions tabled in the last year or so, and MPs do seem to be becoming increasingly aware of the serious defence and national security issues at stake.

The final piece in the puzzle may be provided by the introduction of a Freedom of Information Act. The Government has a commitment to introduce this legislation, and although this will take at least two years, it should mean that the public can gain access to much more UFO information than is currently the case.

Conspiracy theorists are obsessed with the idea that a number of military installations in the United Kingdom are involved in secret UFO research. The base most frequently associated with such stories is RAF Rudloe Manor in Wiltshire. This was first drawn to the attention of ufologists in Timothy Good's book *Above Top Secret*, which explained how he was picked up by the MoD police whilst walking around the perimeter of the base. Later, he encouraged Ralph Noyes, former Head of DS8 - the forerunner of Sec(AS)2a - to telephone details of a UFO report to the base, to see if they would accept it. They did.

Sceptics have pointed out that in view of the fact that military bases have frequently been targeted by terrorists, there is nothing unusual about the police taking a close interest in anybody with a camera who is loitering suspiciously around an RAF base. They also point out that as all military bases should have the MoD's standard UFO reporting form, there is nothing unusual in the fact that staff at Rudloe Manor were prepared to take details of a sighting.

While RAF Rudloe Manor have now confirmed that they had previously been involved in the subject, they state that this was only in a co-ordinating role. The reports were simply forwarded to Sec(AS)2a, and no further action was taken.

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CONFERENCE LINE UP.

Rosalind Reynolds

Rosalind Reynolds had her abduction experience in September 1983. Rarely has she spoken about these events in public. Her presentation will not only deal with the events in question, but the aftermath and how to deal with such experiences.

Kevin Goodman

Kevin is the author of UFO Warminster-Cradle of Contact. Kevin's presentation will feature the UFO events around the small Wiltshire town of Warminster along with his own experiences.

Alan Turner MBE

Wing Commander Alan Turner (RAF retired) was a career RAF officer. Here he speaks in public for the very first time detailing his observations of numerous UFOs on several military radar systems while on active service at RAF Sopley in 1971.

Russel Callaghan.

Russell is the co-editor of UFO DATA magazine and his presentation will concentrate on the various UFO reports, video clips etc that have come across his desk over the last 12 months.

Dr Roberto Pinotti

Speaking in the UK for the very first time since 1980 is one of Italy's foremost UFO researchers. An international lecturer, author and broadcaster he is the head of the C.U.N. organisation in Italy. Dr Pinotti will be sharing highlights of his long standing research into the UFO subject.

Brian Allan

Brian is one of Scotland's leading UFO & Paranormal researchers. An established lecture and author in this fascinating presentation entitled, 'The Hole in The Sky', paranormal investigator, Brian Allan, presents evidence that there a number of 'portals' and 'window areas' both here in the UK and in the USA.

Peter McCue

Peter McCue is a retired clinical psychologist who lives in Scotland. He has a Ph.D. based on research into the nature of hypnosis. In his talk, Peter will offer a critical appraisal of the way in which sceptics and debunkers deal with UFO cases and related anomalies.

Gary Heseltine

Gary is co-editor of UFO DATA Magazine. He is a Detective Constable with the British Transport Police. Gary's presentation will feature close encounter cases by UK police officers.

Haktan Akdogan.

Speaking in the UK for the very first time is Haktan Akdogan. Haktan is Turkey's leading UFO researcher. He is an international lecturer, writer and broadcaster on the UFO subject. Haktan will be sharing many new UFO cases and video film all of which are discussed in the UK here for the very first time.

For further details on any aspects on the conference please do not hesitate to contact us at: conf@ufopdata.co.uk or via the other contacts details on the UFO DATA web site: www.ufodata.co.uk

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Meet The Researchers... Introducing: Kevin Goodman



Steve Dewey [left] and Kevin Goodman

Kevin Goodman, along with Steve Dewey, are both considered by most researchers, to be the two leading experts on the infamous Warminster enigma.

Kevin states:

I began to show an interest in the UFO phenomenon at an early age, turning my back on my parent's strict religious beliefs. On reflection, this was probably my attempt at rebelling during my early teenage years.

Indeed, it was my father of all people who really opened the sluice gates regarding UFOs. He gave me my first book on the subject, Jay David's "The UFO Reader", way back in the early 1970s.

These were the days of the Tandem book reprints, when the Neville Spearman back catalogue of UFO and related books were being reissued almost monthly in paperback, bringing the subject to a wider audience. Such luminaries as Brad Steger, Brinkley Le Pore Trench and Donald Keyhoe were my staple reading diet during this time.

It was not until I came across another Tandem book, *The Warminster* mystery by Arthur Shuttlewood, that I realised that UFOs were not only an American phenomenon, but here in the UK we had had our own "flap". Although it was to be a few years before such a term was to become a commonplace phrase, along with "Focal".

I read the book in one sitting, and from then on, was hooked. Even at the tender age of 14, I knew that I had to visit this town. Despite badgering my parents to take a family holiday in Wiltshire, pleas which fell on deaf ears sadly. It was not until I was 17 that I first visited Warminster.

Repeated visits for the next few years, into the early 1980s, reinforced my opinion that something strange and unexplained did actually happen in the area. On a number of occasions, my friends and I saw and experienced strange events, and sightings, that even today I cannot find [or, for the more sceptical amongst you, possibly want to find] a rational explanation for.

As I grew up, and married, the events of Warminster faded, but never completely vanished.

When my wife died after a four year battle against

cancer, I found buried deep in a box of paperwork, the rough genesis of a book I'd started way back in 1983.

As I sat and reread it one night, I realised just how amateurish it looked, and decided that I could do better.

Suddenly, Warminster was again part of my life. Within a few months, through a set of coincidences, I was in contact with Steve Dewey [whom I'd met way back in Warminster during 1976] and Steve offered to edit my rambling jottings into some form of coherent shape, as he and John Ries had just had their own book on Warminster, *In alien heat* published.

Steve and I were both amazed that no-one really remembered Warminster, and that there wasn't any form of resource about the events that happened in Warminster on the internet.

So, with Steve's technical prowess, and my funding, the website was born.

I was amazed at the reaction once the site was up and running, as many people came forward with memories of their time researching and skywatching in Warminster.

Such was the interest that last year, the first proper skywatch was held on Cradle Hill for many years. As this fledging event was a moderate success, a second event will take place again this year.

For all my research into Warminster over the last few years, two things are certain: something strange did happen in this quiet Wiltshire town. I know. I saw and experienced it, and for a while, was part of the history of UFO research in the town.

Although now I find that most of it was down to media hype, there is, I firmly believe, a core of unexplained events behind it all.

It is up to you to make your own mind up.

Please visit www.ufo-warminster.co.uk for more details of the Warminster UFO phenomenon.

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Southampton Echo - 28th June 2008... Were being followed... saw the headline of a photograph taken of a 'UFO' following as helicopter. To be honest, I have seen many such images (Some taken in 2007 over Portsmouth) and I am happy to say that the image is of a bird caught in flight, nothing more, nothing less... Why don't. The second object, once the article mentions using a flash and 'zooming' in on the object, to me, yet again, shows the object just to be no more than an optical illusion with the combination of flash/zooming in on the image and there you have what appears to be a smiling face.

Southampton Echo - 5th July 2008 (Letter)... This is in answer to the above article of the 28th of June and the reader suggesting that in fact that the object was in fact a medallion attached to a chain... Yes, it could very well be an image much closer to the camera that the witnesses states. Yet another so called UFO photograph bits the dust...

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SOUTHAMPTON: Clearest shots yet of spinning black object over city

New evidence in hunt for mystery flying black triangle

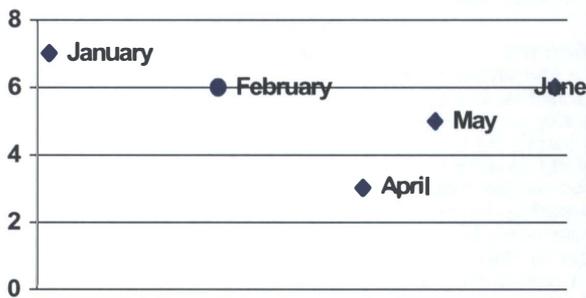


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SIGHTINGS: A black flying object over Millbrook, above, and the western docks, below. LEFT: UFO expert Steve Gerrard.

Hampshire UFO Reports...
January 2008 - June 2008...
(Prepared by Steve Gerrard)



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IT is the X Files style mystery that has left UFO spotters baffled.

A silent, spinning black triangle has been caught on film flying above Southampton three times in the past month - over Millbrook, Shirley and the Western Docks.

In the latest sensation development, is a new video - the clearest so far - captured on a mobile phone by a passenger in car travelling under the Millbrook fly-over.

"The footage - shot on Sunday, June 1 - has caused a buzz among UFO enthusiasts from across the country who have described it as the best they have seen for some time.

An investigation was even launched by Southampton Airport after a worried member of the public alerted bosses.

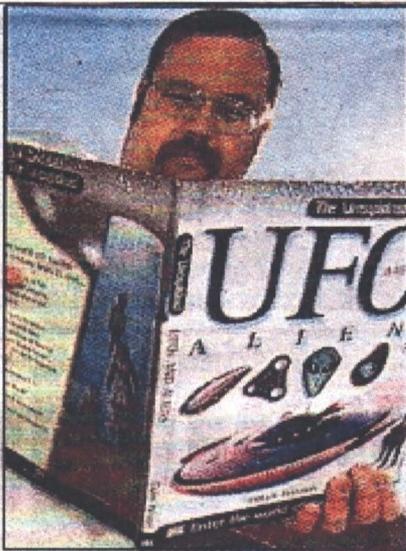
An airport spokeswoman said: "We received an inquiry about a UFO on Tuesday, they reported seeing a black triangle flying near Millbrook.

"We have used our web-track technology, which tracks the flight path of aircraft, but it found nothing unusual."

Southampton's flying triangle was first filmed floating high above houses in Shirley on Monday, May 5, by company director Will Campbell, 28.

He said: "We could barely see it with the naked eye, so I got my video camera out to zoom in to get a clearer picture of the object.

"At first it was slowly rising, but then seemed to stabilise at an altitude and move away into the distance. We could see it for about 15 minutes, before it eventually got



too far away."

Mr Campbell was confident the object was not a kite as there was "absolutely" no wind that day. He added: "Its large arc across the sky also means that it was not tethered to the ground in the way an advertising blimp would be."

Steve Gerrard, founder of the now defunct Southampton UFO Group, said flying black triangles were not a new phenomenon, but had always remained a mystery.

"I have no idea what it is, that footage shot near the Millbrook flyover looks almost too good to be true. When you get a video that is so clear and sharp you have to treat it with some scepticism," he said.

\$64,000 question

"However, it's very interesting as it looks too high to be a kite and it looks too crisp to be a balloon. Whether it is terrestrial or extra terrestrial is the \$64,000 question."

Mr Gerrard said he had received 23 reports of mysterious objects flying over the city since the start of the year.

SOUTHAMPTON EVENING ECHO : 12th June 2008 - Part 2.

He added: "If this was seen by three people then it must have been seen by more. I would urge anyone who has seen anything like this to report it as we need to corroborate all the evidence."

A spokesman for the National Air Traffic Service, based in Swanwick, said it passed on all UFO sightings to the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

The MoD was unavailable for comment yesterday, but it's the department's policy to only investigate sightings that pose a specific threat to the country.

Totton College psychology lecturer Craig Roberts, who co-ordinated Britain's first ever ufology course, said previous flying black triangle sightings had been explained by stealth military aircraft and tricks of the camera.

"There has always been in years gone by a lot of black triangles spotted, but it has been years since I have seen anything as vivid as this," he said.

Other popular theories include Chinese lanterns, weather balloons, micro-light and model aircraft, kites or even a secret military project.

The British UFO Research Organisation (BUFORA) said detailed information such as the make of camera, specific location, date, time and direction of travel was needed to further analyse the footage.

"There have certainly been many reports over the years of black triangles, particularly from the Derbyshire area," BUFORA chief investigator Heather Dixon said.

Comments from the Daily Echo website about previous sightings of a flying black triangle

Posted by: Sceptic, Southampton

I was playing football at Goals in Milbrook and we all saw this too. Its obviously not aliens but would be interested to know what the hell it was? The reason why it was odd is because it was stationary for so long just hovering. It did look like a kite but it was too high for that and seemed to have a white light on it. It looked more triangular from where I was but also 3d.

Posted by: Glimore, Shirley

I saw it too, it blatantly wasn't a Chinese lantern as it was too big. God knows what it was, maybe a weird-shaped balloon or kite or something.

Posted by: little green man

I saw this as well. I was driving back from town after work when I noticed it. It did look triangular like sceptic said and it hovered for ages.

Posted by: James Western

I have seen this too a few times over the past three to four months. I have seen something in the sky very similar. Once in the evening, I tracked it to Rowhams then lost it in the atmosphere, once in Millbrook on the main road I saw one again heading across Marchwood military base area. It's weird, maybe some sort of British Military experiment but who knows what it is. It's self-propelled I think.

SOUTHAMPTON: Investigating riddle with expert help and bin liners

The balloon goes up on the great triangular UFO mystery



I'VE BIN BUSY: Echo reporter Peter Law crafts a similar shape to that seen recently from bin liners. Inset a reader's picture of a UFO.

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IT is the X-Files-style mystery that has been puzzling people for months.

What were the strange black triangles spotted flying silently over Southampton landmarks?

Caught on video three times in the past few weeks, it caused a buzz among UFO enthusiasts from across the country who have described it as the best they had seen for some time.

It even sparked an investigation by Southampton Airport after a report from a worried member of the public.

Thousands of readers logged onto the Daily Echo website to watch the slow-moving objects twist and spin over Millbrook, Shirley and the docks.

Now we can reveal what we think was behind the phenomenon: A solar balloon.

The mini-hot air balloon can be made with just four black bin bags, sticky tape, scissors and a hairdryer.

Ingredients

Mix those ingredients with a warm, sunny day and you have a black triangular balloon which could easily be mistaken for one of the UFOs which have been spotted over the city.

Unfortunately, the Daily Echo's launch attempt yesterday was not too successful - an unseasonably cool and cloudy summer afternoon meant our solar balloon lifted only a few metres before crashing back to Earth.

However, Michael Lowe - organiser of this weekend's Southampton Kite



FLASHBACK: The Daily Echo last week.

Festival - agreed with the findings of our investigation.

"My opinion is that this is neither a kite or a UFO," he said.

"I think that someone, somewhere has made up a large black plastic square-shaped balloon that is inflated by the action of the sun on the trapped air inside and let it go."

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Identified flying object

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"The minimal weight of any tether line - which you would not be able to see by eye at altitude - would keep it stable, allowing it to float away on the slightest of breezes.

"These are different at different heights so even if you could feel no air movement at ground level, there could be movement at a higher level.

"You often see the long tubular types of this for sale, easy to make and cheap. I really think that this was just a variation on that theme.

"There might even be something similar at the Kite Festival this coming weekend, you never know."

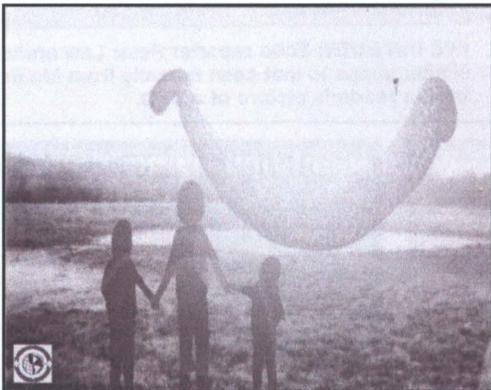
Freemantle resident Gary Moore contacted the Daily Echo to say he had a similar triangular balloon fly over his garden recently.

"It came right down over our roof, my wife spotted it out the window," he said.

"It was made out of a type of vinyl material and it was covered in dirt and mould. I would love it to be a UFO because I am a believer, but what I saw was not a UFO."

The Jones Abduction?
An interview carried out by Steve Mera.

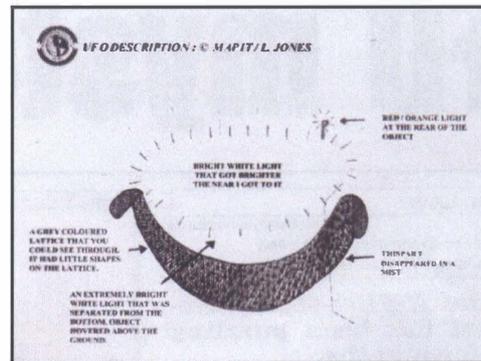
It was summer of 1979. Lynda Jones a thirty six year old housewife from Didsbury, Manchester was in her kitchen when she received a telephone call from an old friend. Lynda arranged a meeting and over a long leisurely lunch she and her friend chatted about the old days and lost acquaintances. It wasn't long before Trevor, (Lynda's Husband) had to leave for work. He was on a 2.00 pm till 10.00 pm shift at the local factory. Trevor left his wife and friend to chat away in the afternoon sun of their back garden looking over his children Christopher aged five and Lisa aged fifteen. Time quickly passed and Lynda's friend reminded her he had to be on his way before it gets dark, as he had visited on an old bike which had no lights on it. Lynda offered to show him a short cut home which would take them over the near-by fields. Lynda, her friend and children set off, it was around 7.30 pm when they had arrived at Simon's Bridge located near the River Mersey. After saying their goodbyes, Lynda and her children headed back, taking their time to look at wild flowers, which was one of Lynda's interests. With her Oxford Dictionary of Wild Flowers in hand they regularly stopped to examine an intriguing flower. There was no rush, as Trevor would not be home for at least another couple of hours.



Suddenly Lisa shouted out 'Mum, the Moon is coming towards us'. Lynda turned to see a strange object racing across the sky, travelling towards them. 'It was like the shape of a rugby ball only a lot bigger' and was a bright orange in colour recalled Lynda. It had come into view from behind a crop of trees on the golf course situated on the other side of the river. 'The object had a spinning effect and it seemed to be travelling towards us at an angle'. 'Get Down!', Lynda shouted out, get down in the grass'. As she crouched down in the tall grass with her two children next to her, she braced herself for an explosion, initially thinking it may have been a plane from the nearby Manchester airport in trouble or on fire. There was no sound what so ever. Slowly looking up out of the grass Lynda saw the strange object pass overhead and then suddenly drop in a vertical motion behind an embankment which was part of the flooding defence of the River Mersey. It was then she realised the strangeness of the total silence, not even the sound of birds nor the traffic from the

distant busy roads of Didsbury Centre.

Lynda stood with her children in hand, taking a few steps towards the embankment, wondering if what ever it was had crashed. Lynda had a compelling urge to move closer to the top of the embankment. First walking then running up. She was suddenly stopped dead in her tracks by an amazing sight. There, about 25 yards in front of her lay an object which she could only describe as biblical looking. 'It was so weird'. Lynda did not know anything about UFOs nor had any interest in the subject. With her children stood beside her, Lynda stared at the object taking in all the detail. 'The object was about sixty feet across and hovering about two or three feet above the ground. 'The object was disappearing and then re-appearing'. 'The object had a light on the top of it'. 'It was a bright white light that was somehow separated from the object itself'. Lynda felt drawn to light, and as she got closer the light got brighter. As Lynda got nearer to the object an orange ball of light appeared from the far side of the object and started to move towards her in a slowly rotating fashion. 'As I walked towards the object I thought I would soon be looking in at them and watching what they were doing, 'said Lynda'.



Suddenly Lisa shouted out: 'Mum, come back, come back'... The shock of hearing Lisa's voice jolted Lynda back to a terrifying reality. 'I had a feeling of Deja-Vu, really strong, then suddenly I realised what I was doing'. I thought 'Oh My God!' 'were going to die'. Lynda quickly turned and ran, grabbing her children by their hands and almost dragging them down the embankment. When they got to the bottom Lynda started running so fast that her son Christopher struggled to keep up. 'Oh No!', 'Its there again Mum screamed Lisa'. The object was now travelling along side them. Lynda too scared to slow down picked her son up and carried on. 'Don't stop shouted Lynda, keep going'. 'Mum look, there are two of them now, Lisa screamed'. On the edge of exhaustion, Lynda suppressed the urge to turn around and look. 'Keep going!', screamed Lynda. 'Don't look back Lisa, just keep running she yelled'. As they ran across the grassland, Lynda noticed something really strange. The experience was having some sort of odd effect on their surroundings. Lynda noticed that the grass was terribly overgrown

at least six feet in height and seemed to be folding down on itself as if it was being pressed down by some force coming from above and revealing an escape route. 'It was the strangest thing I've ever seen'.

Lynda found herself still running when they had reached the edge of their housing estate. 'We never stopped running until we were safe inside our house', said Lynda. Lynda looked up to see Trevor standing there who said 'What's wrong, what's wrong with your eyes?' Lynda looked in the mirror and could see that the skin around her eyes was red and scaly. 'Lisa had ran straight upstairs to the bathroom presuming she may had wet herself in fear and Christopher though shuck up seemed okay' Said Lynda. Trevor seemed concerned. Lynda told Trevor what they had seen from start to finish and afterwards Trevor asked us all to draw a picture of what we had seen. He was later startled to find all the pictures looked identical. Then suddenly, Lynda realised Trevor was home, he should have not been home from work until 10.30 pm. 'What time is it?' she asked Trevor. It was now around 10.50 pm. Lynda had lost around a hour and a half of her life. She had left their comfortable semi-detached home in Didsbury around 7.30 pm and had seen the object around 9.00 pm. She had ran a good ten minutes yet they had arrived home about 10.40 pm???

Lynda would have to wait until the winter of 1980 before discovering more about her experience. In the meantime, Lynda and Trevor told very few about the incident. The local Manchester International Airport reported nothing out of the unusual of that particular day and there seemed to be no other witnesses. Lynda eventually was talked into undergoing a series of hypnotic regression sessions. Each session was apparently recorded onto videotape and produced around ten hours of material. Lynda found the entire experience too disturbing and was so frightened refused to view the majority of the video recordings. Lynda said 'I was very upset watching myself under hypnosis'. 'At times I was becoming extremely upset by whatever I thought was happening to me'. 'It was just too much!' However, over the years Lynda had pieced together a vague account of what may have happened to her during the missing one and a half hours, based upon memories during her hypnotic regression sessions and numerous dreams and day visions. Christopher & Lisa also had recalled other events...

'I remember at the point when we had turned to run away from the object, I saw several people running towards the object'. 'These 'people' looked like men, dressed in long dark coats and wearing Trilby hats holding what looked like satchels'. 'There was also a strange mist that surrounded them and when they got close to the object, they simply disappeared'. 'Also, the children and I remember seeing another cloud of mist around two or three feet high and in the mist was some more men, all around five feet tall, dressed in a one piece jump-suit, all carrying something'. Lynda recalled how odd it was that they all looked identical. She then recalled floating or a moving sensation. 'The next thing I remember is being inside a room watching six strange beings coming in'. 'They were human looking, wore

dark suits with high necks'. 'They looked oriental, they had slanted eyes, dark hair and a yellow / olive complexion'. 'I seemed to know one of them'. Lynda then went onto report the impression of being physically examined on a table. 'I remember that they put something on my legs and they went really cold'. 'Every time I tried to see what was going on, a bright light would shine in my eyes'.

Even now... some 26 years later, Lynda still gets frightened about her memories of the event. She refuses to speculate about what was being done to her whilst on the table in the strange room. Over the years since her experience Lynda like many other alleged abductees has suffered from a real life medical condition. She discovered that her menstrual cycle had been affected after about a month after her experience. Lynda tried to get on with her life and forget what happened to her, however she would often find strange markings on her body which would disappear just as quick as they had appeared. 'The marks would just suddenly appear, but after showing them to Trevor, they would have disappeared before I got to show my doctor'.



'The weirdest thing was a few months after my experience. I had what only can be described as a 'Show'. 'It was some type of waxy material, I immediately made an appointment to see my doctor'. 'After talking with him, he told me that I had had a miscarriage; 'But I wasn't even pregnant I replied! He seemed adamant about his conclusion'. Lynda's

menstruation did not return and she was referred by her doctor to a gynaecologist. Many examination were carried out in hope of finding her problem. It was not long until Lynda had to see a specialist at her local hospital. Lynda was told that the results from the examinations were successful and that they had found 'something'. Her Fallopian Tubes had been examined and scar tissue was found on them. Lynda was told that the scarring was the result of an ectopic pregnancy. Even though this can be fatal and extremely painful, Lynda reported no discomfort what so ever. 'I don't know what happened to me, but something did'. 'To tell you the truth, it's made me realise about other odd things in my life' Lynda stated.

Immediately after her experience a strange mark had been found on Lynda's jeans. The strange mark mysteriously even looked the same shape as the object she had seen. The mark on the jeans were later analysed at a University Institute and concluded to be printer ink, however why was it in that same shape? and Lynda did not even own a printer. Over

the years Lynda has discussed the incident in depth with her children, There memories of that day have never altered, the only one thing of further interest is Christopher's memory of seeing a large TV type screen with a picture of his mother and themselves on it. Lisa also remembers the object jumping back a couple of times as Lynda approached it. As if to say 'Stay Away'.

During 1987, Lynda was working as a beauty consultant and was required to wear a plastic name badge whilst on duty. Her name mysteriously disappeared from the name badge within hours of wearing it. This happened numerous times to replacement badges without explanation. Lynda was now keen to report unusual things in hope of them never manifesting into anything disturbing. Investigators had arranged to have some analysis conducted on the name badge. The conclusion was rather odd... 'Radio Waves'. Scientists stated that the badge was adversely affected due to radio waves. Strange... It was not long afterwards Lynda left her job, due to the fact of feeling uneasy. 'Staff thought I was some sort of Witch or something! Lynda Stated.

After her experience in 1979 Lynda had to re-evaluate other odd experiences in her life, including a missing time episode she and her husband Trevor shared back in 1972 whilst out in their E-Type Jaguar. It was early evening and we had decided to go for a drink at the Swan Public house in Knutsford, Cheshire. They had taken the country route, but when they had finally stopped at traffic lights around 9.00 pm the car suddenly began to spin. One minute they were sat in the car going around and around and then the next minute they were sat at the traffic lights again on green. They turned the next corner to find that the pub was in darkness. They quickly realised that the pub had closed and that it was around 2.30 am. Lynda could not explain the car spinning as Trevor clearly had the handbrake on. Trevor also claimed to have seen bright lights behind them whilst spinning. A total of five and a half hours were missing with no explanation.

Other unusual experiences include a man wearing a Trilby hat seen numerous times. On one occasion Lynda had seen him in her back garden and had rang the police. When the police attended a couple of them went to the rear of her garden. Lynda noticed that they had been down there for quite sometime. Eventually on returning Lynda asked if they had found anyone down there. The police officer replied... 'Yes', 'There was someone down there but they simply disappeared'. 'Where did he go' said Lynda. 'No' replied the police officer, 'He really did simply disappear'. Lynda noticed that the officer looked shocked and confused. The officer quickly left and Lynda was no better off finding out who the mysterious man was. On another occasion Lynda was asked to attend hospital for a particular test and after having the treatment later found that there was no record of it, nor did the doctor exist. To this date, Lynda receives common telephone faults and unusual letters in regards to further tests to be carried out. Lynda has also been asked on more than one occasion if she had been in contact with radiation???

I asked Lynda to describe the object she had seen

back in 1979, simply for the fact that human perception does alter as the years pass and, I was privy to the original information reported. 'The object was nothing like what is generally reported as a UFO'. 'It was not a disc nor triangular in shape'. 'I have looked through many UFO books but never seen anything that looks remotely like what I saw'. 'The object was as if it was in two parts. The bottom of the object looked like the shape of a boat and seemed to be made of some type of lattice. It was grey in colour with small round things all over it. The top part of the object was just all 'light'. I have thought about this a lot and I believe there was something there but I could not see it because of how bright the light was. Directly above this intense light was a pole or rod of some kind with a strobing red or orange coloured light on it. I thought this to be at the rear of the object. Between the bottom part of the object and the light at the top part I could clearly see the field behind it, as if it was see through. You could also partially see the lattice as well and it hovered about two or three feet off the ground without making a simple sound. In fact, there was no sounds at all. The object was pulsating backwards and forwards. After a minute or so, or what I thought was a minute, the bottom right side of the object seemed to disappear and was replaced with a strange mist. At that point I grabbed the children and ran for it'. Lisa did give mention to when they were running away, the object flew off and followed a civil aircraft for a few seconds before rushing back towards them and splitting into to separate objects.

I quickly realised... Lynda's facts had never altered from its original reporting.

Around 1988 Lynda and Trevor had visited friends in Nottingham, and on heading back through the countryside the car headlights and interior lights started to fade. This apparently happened several times, fading then growing brighter then fading again. Trevor was becoming worried as his vision of the road ahead was becoming hard to see. At that time they were travelling in a borrowed Volzwagon Golf with a diesel engine. After a while Trevor decided they could not continue safely and pulled into a lay-by to wait for another vehicle to pass, so they could follow its tail lights through the darkness. Suddenly, Trevor shouted out 'Lynda, look up'. Though hesitant at first Lynda looked up to see a large bright circular craft slowly rising. It seemed as if the object had been directly over them before ascending so high it became a dot in the night sky. Thankfully, a red sports car slowly passed, a chance for Trevor to now follow its lights. They quickly jumped back into the car and headed off. They had followed the vehicle in front of them for several miles, its tail lights were bright and easy to see. Lynda tried to put the object she and Trevor had seen out of her mind, and thought to herself she can discuss it more in depth once they were home and safe. Then suddenly Trevor said 'Where the bloody hell is it?' The car they had been following in front of them had suddenly vanished from sight. There was

nothing but the darkness. At least the lights were working a little better now. Trevor recalled the strangeness of the event as he looked for a turn off, even a small lay-by where the red sports car they had followed could have turned into, but there was nothing. Just a straight road ahead. On arriving home they had both realised that the journey took around three hours longer than it should have. Over the next few days the car was checked out by a mechanic who could find no problems with any of the wiring. In fact, the lights never faded again.



During her driving test, Lynda recalled another strange incident when a dark coloured classic car suddenly drove out in front of her and the driving instructor. Luckily Lynda's responses were fast and she slammed on the breaks. She remembered seeing the driver and passenger of the classic car dressed in dark suits and wait for it..... wearing Trilby hats!!! The driving instructor was surprised at Lynda's responses as he stated 'I wouldn't have even seen that'. Lynda also recalls seeing a strange man when she had gone to the bathroom window only to see him stood there wearing a dark suit and Trilby hat, this time he was surrounded in mist and was somehow glowing from head to toe in a strange orange light. She watched him looking at her from the garden for a minute or so before completely vanishing. Lynda has been plagued with many unusual experiences including hearing a mysterious buzzing or bleeping noise, seeing strange balls of light and of course... the odd apparition. Approximately around 2002 Lynda's periods returned, even though she had been told by experts that she will never have them again. An apparent specialist also told Lynda that all her ovaries had been removed somehow. She has even been diagnosed with numerous fatal illnesses, one of which was a rare bone disorder which would result in her bones slowly crumbling. None of these illnesses have ever manifested.

So what about any official reports. Apparently a few weeks after Lynda's experience the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) telephoned her for a detailed report of the incident so that they could forward it to the Ministry of Defence (MOD). The gentleman from the CAA did confirm to Lynda that they were in fact aware of the object. Of course its no surprise to find that the Ministry of Defence claim to have no record of the event upon request.

Finally, when I asked Lynda if she could recall any unusual events taking place in her life when she was a little girl, she replied... 'Yes', 'I recall apparently going missing for a few hours in some near-by playing fields. My family were out looking for me. But I had not left the playing field and don't remember seeing anything odd except my parents reaction when they saw me. They said that they had been to the field several times but there was no sign of anyone there. I don't understand what happened, it doesn't make any sense. On another occasion I remember seeing a fare over near the fields, yet apparently I was the only one to see it. I remember seeing the spinning lights of the rides and fun-fare...

Lynda tried to find out what she had seen and began to question other local residents, however, she's yet to locate any other witnesses apart from herself and children that saw the object on that particular day, however, a couple of residents did say that they had seen something similar on other occasions. A few weeks after the UFO sighting, the location where the object was seen was apparently visited by parkland officials who, for some reason took up the old grass and re-seeded that particular area. About a foot of soil and grass was taken away. Now a divot can easily bne seen, especially after heavy rain where the divot fills with water.

All Lynda's has ever wanted is just a normal life, but her life is filled with anomalies which are anything but normal...

Notes :

After reading over and over Lynda's experience one cannot help draw upon the similarities to the alleged biblical experience of Ezekiel - 597 B.C.

After all, Lynda did say the object reminded her of something biblical. Ezekiel saw the object come from the North, just as Lynda did. Also, Ezekiel described the object as bright as fire and to consist of a wheel within a wheel (possibly two separate stages). Also, Ezekiel claimed to have seen angel like beings (or beings of fair complexion). Of course, one can see these similarities but it all comes down to interpretation of events. In Lynda's case, one thing stands out more than anything else. He experience is like no others and indicates a more profound encounter away from the stereotypical reported incidents that often involve small Gray beings with large dark eyes and silver coloured saucer shaped craft with a very physical appearance...

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That was 2001, and she's been trying ever since to get the newspaper to give them back.

Phil Bladine ran the paper when the photos were first published. A letter from 1970 shows he helped get the negatives back from United Press International when they disappeared the first time.

Bladine is also the man who lent the negatives to Maccabee with the permission of the Trents three decades ago.

The fact that Bladine had the negatives to lend is the crux of why the newspaper now wants to keep them.

The newspaper argues in a letter sent to the family in 2004 that Paul Trent left the negatives in Bladine's hands "with the indication that he wanted nothing more to do with them."

The letter states the newspaper "believes that the negatives should become part of a permanent historic display in Yamhill County, with a mediated settlement as to access and other rights."

That's even after Maccabee made it clear in an e-mail that he "sent the negatives to Phil Bladine under the assumption that he would return the photos to the Trent children" and they should be returned to the family.

"The Trents' children are clearly the rightful owners since Mr. and Mrs. Trent never signed any documents giving the rights to anyone else," Maccabee told KATU.

Phil Bladine suffered a stroke several years ago and passed away this spring.

When KATU tried to talk to his son Jeb, who is the current publisher of the newspaper, he declined an interview due to the possibility of legal proceedings related to the UFO photographs.

"We maintain our belief that the negatives should become part of a permanent historic display in Yamhill County," Jeb Bladine wrote in an e-mail to KATU.

The Trent children said they don't have money to file a lawsuit and feel it is wrong to be forced to negotiate over something they feel clearly belongs to the family.

"We're not going to take them and try to make millions off them," said daughter Tammie Gochenour. "We just want to put them in like a safety deposit box, and have them locked up so we know where they're at."

"It's just something that belongs with the family," daughter Linda Saylor said.

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THE RELEVANCE OF PSYCHICAL RESEARCH TO UFOLOGY

by
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INTRODUCTION

Many UFO incidents appear to involve paranormal phenomena (or what parapsychologists call *psi*). This is particularly so in 'high strangeness' and 'close encounter' cases. For example, cars have reportedly been stopped in the presence of UFOs, and there are accounts of UFO-related 'entities' communicating telepathically with humans, influencing their feelings, and levitating them. Even if entity encounters are mainly hallucinatory, there may be something paranormal about the process that generates the experience.

But hard-line sceptics regard *psi* as impossible or improbable. They ascribe the experiences of witnesses to factors such as misperception, misinterpretation, and fantasy-proneness, or they dismiss the reports as deliberate inventions (which some may, of course, be). The hyper-sceptics place considerable emphasis on 'psycho-social' or cultural factors. They argue, for instance, that exposure to films such as *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and television series such as *The X-Files* can predispose people to have illusory UFO experiences.¹

The sceptics may be right to some extent. Sci-fi books, films, and television programmes might well foster a fascination with UFOs and ideas of alien visitation. This could result in some people looking at the sky and misinterpreting ordinary aircraft, balloons, bright planets, etc., as alien spacecraft. With particularly imaginative and suggestible individuals, cultural stereotypes influenced by science fiction could, perhaps, engender fantasies and pseudo-memories with a UFO or alien theme.

Applied across the board, however, such arguments have a rather speculative and arbitrary character. Take, for example, the third episode of the recent four-part television series called *Britain's Closest Encounters*. It was screened on Channel 5 on 23rd July 2008, and referred to policeman Alan Godfrey's close encounter in Todmorden in 1980.² UFO sceptic Andy Roberts appeared on the programme and opined that Godfrey had gone into "some form of altered state of consciousness" and may have misperceived a bus! Now, some UFO sightings may be *paranormal* hallucinatory experiences, but I don't think Roberts was suggesting that Godfrey had experienced anything paranormal. It's noteworthy that Godfrey sat in his police car and sketched the object he was looking at, which is perhaps inconsistent with its being a fleeting illusion or hallucination. Moreover, Roberts' hypothesis doesn't account for the fact that other people reported UFO experiences in the same general area around the time of Godfrey's sighting. According to the television programme, Godfrey remained a police officer until 1985. That would

have been unlikely, perhaps, if he'd been prone to 'blackouts' and gross perceptual errors!

RESISTANCE TO BELIEF IN THE PARANORMAL

There's a mass of evidence suggesting that *psi* is real, but my impression is that the majority of hard-line UFO sceptics know little about psychical research and have little interest in it. This may reflect an arrogant presumption that genuine *psi* is impossible and that it's a waste of time looking at the evidence. But there could be an element of 'denial': deep down, some hyper-sceptics may know that *psi* exists, although acknowledging it could be uncomfortable and embarrassing for them. For example, if a 'rent-a-sceptic' publicly admitted that *psi* existed, he or she might suffer loss of face, and perhaps loss of fees for media appearances!

Like the followers of a religious faith, UFO hyper-sceptics tend to associate with one another, which may serve to reinforce their prejudices and wall them off from information that could puncture their complacency.

TYPES OF EVIDENCE FOR PSI

Broadly speaking, there are three areas in which evidence for *psi* can be found:-

Laboratory-type studies: Studies of this type permit a high degree of experimental control, and the outcomes can be quantified. Although it might be impossible to determine whether *psi* is occurring at any given point in an experiment, its existence might be inferred from statistical results obtained from repeated trials or experiments. Debate about the significance that can be placed on such findings often comes down to detailed matters of statistical analysis, experimental design and procedure. Consequently, the topic might seem rather technical and arcane to the non-expert.

Research in non-laboratory settings: This rather broad category includes, for example, investigation of the accuracy of statements made by mediums and psychics. (There's good evidence that some mediums and psychics do exhibit genuine *psi*.) Attempts to generate *psi* phenomena via home-based experiments, group practices, etc., would also fall into this category.

Spontaneous cases: These are events that 'just happen', i.e. they're not brought about intentionally by the percipients – at least, not consciously. They can be one-off incidents. For example, someone might see an apparition of a relative and then discover that the person concerned has just died. In other cases, such as hauntings and poltergeist outbreaks, there are recurrent phenomena. Of course, UFO incidents involving paranormal phenomena are also spontaneous cases.

EXAMPLES

Laboratory-type studies

The American parapsychologist Dean Radin has presented a readable account of laboratory-type parapsychological research in his books *The Conscious Universe* and *Entangled Minds*, and I would refer interested readers to them.^{3,4} As I say, though, technical issues loom large in this area. I don't know whether Radin reflects the consensus or mainstream view in

parapsychology, if there is one, but he certainly comes across as an intelligent and knowledgeable commentator.

Evidence for ESP has been sought from so-called *ganzfeld* experiments. ('Ganzfeld', a German word, means 'whole field'.) A ganzfeld experiment is conducted along the following lines, although there can be variations.⁵

A person designated as the 'receiver' – let's call him Bob – is seated comfortably. Continuous white noise is played into his ears via headphones, and with translucent hemispheres placed over his eyes, a red light is shone on his face. The aim is to foster a psi-conducive state of mind. (A 10-minute relaxation recording might be played, to help facilitate this.) After a while, the 'sending' process begins, i.e. the attempt to convey impressions of a 'target' item to Bob. A 'target pack' containing four possible target items (pictures, say) will have been randomly selected from a large pool of such packs, and one of the four items will have been randomly selected as the actual target. Another person (the 'sender') is located elsewhere and views the target item. The sending phase lasts 15 minutes or more. When it's over, Bob removes the eyeshades and turns off the red lamp. The white noise is turned off. Bob is shown copies of the four potential target items, one of which was the actual target. This is done by someone who doesn't know what the selected target was. (Alternatively, if an automated system is employed, a computer displays the four potential targets in random order to Bob via a video monitor.) Bob is asked to rank them from 1 to 4 in accordance with the degree to which they match the impressions he had during the sending phase. A direct hit is recorded if Bob ranks the actual target item as No. 1. A hit rate of 25 per cent is expected by chance. So, if Bob participates in 16 sessions, four direct hits might be expected. A significantly higher (or lower) hit rate could be indicative of psi.

Radin indicates that the overall findings from ganzfeld research strongly support the existence of psi. He refers to a study, published in 2001, that looked at a batch of recent ganzfeld studies. Experiments adhering to the standard format, and using visual targets, collectively yielded odds of 5,000 to 1 against the outcome being due to chance. But non-standard studies produced chance results.⁶

Can our bodies react to *future* events? Radin cites some research of his own bearing on this. The procedure was as follows: The subject, seated in front of a blank computer screen, pressed a mouse button. After five seconds, a computer randomly selected a picture from a large pool of images and displayed it on the screen for 3 seconds. The screen then went blank for 10 seconds, after which a message appeared, inviting the subject to press the mouse button again when he was ready. This sequence constituted one trial in the experiment. The subject completed 30-40 trials in one session.

Electrical skin conductance, which provides a measure of emotional arousal, was continuously monitored via electrodes attached to the palm of the subject's hand (i.e. the one that wasn't being used to press the mouse button). The randomly selected pictures were either 'calm' (e.g. landscapes or nature scenes) or 'emotional' (e.g. erotic or violent scenes). The study employed 24 subjects, and a 'presentiment' effect was detected: it turned out that during trials with 'emotional' as opposed to 'calm' pictures, skin conductance was, on average, higher even *before* the computer had randomly selected the picture! The odds against this being due to chance were 500 to 1. Radin conducted further studies of this type, with variable results, but he notes that the combined odds against chance, and in favour of a genuine effect, were 125,000 to 1.⁷ However, there has been some discussion about whether experimental artefacts could account for the findings.⁸

Research in non-laboratory settings

In 1972, some members of the Toronto Society for Psychical Research set about trying to generate paranormal phenomena. To facilitate this, they created an identity for a fictitious spirit communicator (a 17th century aristocratic Englishman they named 'Philip'). This was to help circumvent 'ownership resistance', a hypothesized reluctance that people might have to identifying themselves as the source of paranormal activity. They met frequently over an extended period and eventually elicited physical phenomena (e.g. raps and large movements of a table), but they didn't seriously believe that a disembodied spirit was behind the manifestations.⁹

Spontaneous cases

James Montgomery (pseudonym), an acquaintance of mine, has had three UFO experiences over the years, one of which involved 'missing time'. Two of them (including the one involving 'missing time') occurred when he was with a friend. In addition, he's had numerous other anomalous experiences (e.g. of the haunting or poltergeist type). Other people have sometimes been with him when phenomena have occurred. I think he may have been the source or catalyst for some of the manifestations.¹⁰

Some years ago, I investigated a haunting-type case in the east of Scotland. The principal informant was a widow. The phenomena began about nine months after her husband's death. In her initial letter me, the widow mentioned, among other things, that "light switches and plug switches [had gone] off by themselves." Interestingly, her late husband had had a 'pet hat' about people leaving switches on unnecessarily.

Another case from the east of Scotland concerned industrial premises. My informants, Lorna and Isobel (pseudonyms), had worked there as cleaners. The manifestations were fairly typical of hauntings. For example, at one point, Isobel and a male cleaner heard something being dragged across the floor of the main office above them. Isobel went upstairs and looked into the room, but saw nothing out of place. Lorna took a

dictaphone into the workplace on three occasions. It recorded sounds (of apparent swearing, talking, laughing, etc.) that she and Isobel didn't hear at the time. Unsettled by what was happening, the two women gave up their work at the premises.¹¹

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

If (as I believe) genuine psi phenomena do occur, we should be wary of dismissing high strangeness and close encounter UFO reports as the products of fantasy, misperception, mental illness, or fraudulent invention. Some reported events may, of course, fall into those categories, but many may not.

The findings of psychical research may help to make sense of some of the more enigmatic UFO phenomena. The 'Philip' experiment (see above) suggests that psychokinetic phenomena can be generated by living people, and can masquerade as communications from the dead. In many poltergeist cases, it appears that the manifestations originate from a living person (the 'poltergeist focus'). The same may be true in some cases of the haunting type.¹² In some UFO cases, it could be that the phenomena are generated, unconsciously, by human minds interacting telepathically and producing collective hallucinations, or by people unwittingly producing physical effects through psychokinesis.¹³ However, if there are visiting aliens, they may have heightened psychic faculties that are under their full conscious control.

Notes

¹ See, for example, <http://www.hedweb.com/markp/ufofilm.htm>.

² Shortly after 5.00 a.m. on 29th November 1980, Godfrey was in his police car when he reportedly encountered a diamond-shaped object on Burnley Road, Todmorden. It was, he states, hovering above the road surface. The case is discussed in some detail in Jenny Randles' book *The Pennine UFO Mystery* (St Albans: Granada, 1983). See, also, <http://www.ufoevidence.org/cases/case722.htm>.

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¹² For an in-depth discussion of the distinction between poltergeist and haunting cases, see *Poltergeists* by A. Gauld and A. D. Cornell (London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1979).

¹³ McCue, P. A. (2007). UFOs and the 'psychic internet'. *UFO DATA Magazine*, July/August, pp. 3-5.

Television : Britains Close Encounters... Channel 5...

After the second part of this dribble, I recorded parts 3 and 4 and watched this some time later as I could not face a further 2 hrs of boredom. This was obviously made for the masses and to in some respects, to destroy British UFOlogy even more than it is. After watching the first two programs, it soon became apparent that the program was a sceptics field day out to completely destroy good, very interesting and reputable UFO researchers..

One case covered was the Berwyn mountain case, which I know for a fact such respected UFO researchers such as Margaret Fry have investigated this case 100%, yet, she and other researchers (One spending all day filming for the program), were not featured on this program at all. This and future programs became the hunting ground of the sceptics, including Dr. David Clarke, Andy Roberts and Dr. Chris French. Dr Clarke, who with others investigated the Jersey April 2007 case and destroyed it with the publication of their report released the day after the 4th and final program that was based on the sighting. The report DOES NOT cover UFO reports before, on or after the event. From cover to cover it was a weather phenomenon and no more!!!

back to the program in general. I started comparing the number of genuine UFO researchers interviewed on the program against the total number of sceptic interviews. In the end I gave up because the split was around 40% UFO researchers to 60% sceptics. So there you have it, a program for the masses to destroy UFOlogy.

This was a series of programs that should be consigned to the scarp heap because it did nothing for UFOlogy just to destroy it more. It seems that the producers must have been struggling to get people to appear on the program (bear in mind that a number of researchers who were there at the time of the events or investigated them soon after, and were filmed for the program were not included in the program), Suddenly Jenny Randles makes a ghostly appearance as if brought out and dusted off to make an appearance...

I have added this program to my ever growing DVD collection (Now standing at over 850 DVD's with material and footage dating back to the 1950's) but for me it will never see the light of day. This was such a one sided program that any UFOlogist will see this for what it is... Ideal DVD for a coffee or tea coaster.

Editor... Steve Gerrard

RAF SOPLEY UFO – 1971

By Philip Mantle

At the UFO DATA conference in October 2007 I met up with veteran UFO investigator David Beezer. I've known David for many years and he has regularly attended many of our public events. David wanted me to read a report he had received from a for RAF officer but on the day I simply did not have the time. David made me a copy of the report in question and I read it a day or two after the conference had finished.



1984: This is Alan Turner with his wife Diane at Buckingham Palace receiving his MBE in 1984.

The report came from a Mr. Alan Turner MBE and concerned a UFO observed on radar at RAF Sopley in the summer of 1971. I subsequently contact Mr. Turner and have his permission to document the following. His report is published in full.

Alan Turner was aged twenty-five when he joined the Royal Air Force in 1966 and was commissioned that year as an Air Traffic Control Officer. RAF Sopley was a wartime bunker, which had been converted into a joint military/civilian Air Traffic Control Radar Unit (ATCRU): it closed in 1974 when both the civil and military ATC functions were transferred to West Drayton.

Alan Turner remained in the RAF eventually to command the Central ATC School from 1990 to 1992. In July 1995 he was discharged from the RAF in the rank of Wing Commander.

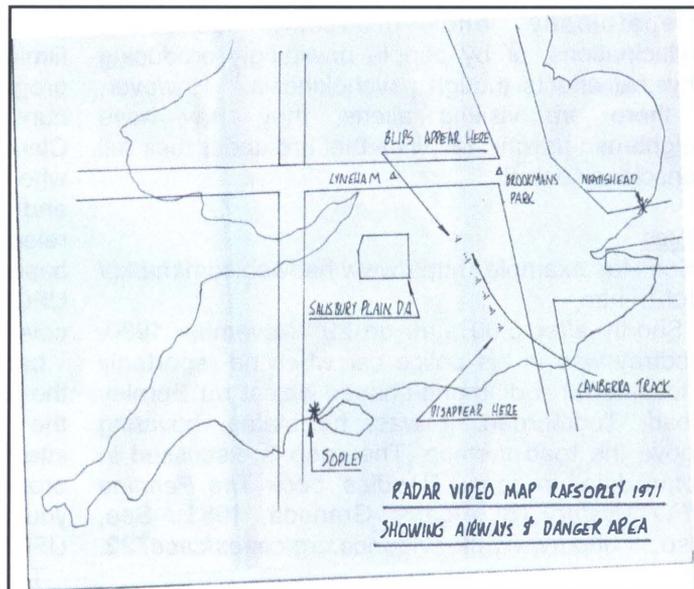
This is Wing Commanders Turner's account of what he personally observed at RAF Sopley in the summer of 1971 in full:

In the summer of 1971 I was the Duty Military Supervisor at RAF Sopley, which was a joint military/civil Air Traffic Control Radar Unit (ATCRU). It was a Tuesday afternoon but I cannot remember the exact date. The Duty Civil Supervisor drew my attention to a situation on radar the likes of which neither of us had ever encountered.



1982: This was taken in 1982 when Alan Turner was the Senior Air Traffic Control Officer at RAF Lossiemouth. He is pictured on the right.

Emanating from a point some twenty nautical miles east of the eastern extremity of the Salisbury Plain Danger Area were a series of six or seven blips moving on a south-easterly track each being separated from the other by about six miles. At about forty miles from the point they appeared on radar they disappeared to be followed almost immediately by a replacement at the point of origin.



Map of the area showing the track on the unidentified radar target. Map supplied by Alan Turner.

I put the FPS 6 Height Finder onto some returns to discover that they were about 3000 feet when they came into radar cover and climbing extremely rapidly so that, by the time they disappeared from radar, they were in excess of 60,000 feet. To climb to such a height in only forty miles was beyond the ability of any fighter aircraft at the time.

The phenomenon was witnessed by four civil and six military controllers on duty at the time. I called Heathrow Radar to discover that they, also, were seeing a similar picture. The same situation prevailed in the Fighter Control Operations Rooms at RAF Neatishead. The three units involved operated different radars from each

other thus different frequencies were in use. The weather forecast from the south of England was calm and sunny. I called the Met Office to confirm the strength of the upper winds to find that they were also relatively calm and were about fifty degrees off the southeasterly track of the blips; they also confirmed that there were not Met balloons/probes airborne at the time.

The winds were not strong enough, nor in the right direction, to cause the blips to travel on their observed track especially at the speed they were travelling. It was estimated that they were doing around 250 knots, but it must be borne in mind that this was a lateral speed as seen on radar – they must have been travelling very much faster to climb over 50,000 feet in less than forty miles. Equally the weather was such that there were no 'angels' to affect the radar picture. "Angels" was a euphemism for, what were believed to be, ionized pockets of air which, under very specific atmospheric conditions, were often seen on radar screens in those days: when seen, these 'angels' travelled extremely slowly simply drifting along haphazard tracks. In those days all radars were 'raw'. That is to say that, whatever was within the coverage of the radar envelope and capable of bouncing (returning) the radar pulse back to the receiver, would be seen on the radar tube. Today's radars are computerised thus such interference is processed out so as not to affect the picture.

Looking around for some other method of checking what was going on, I discovered that a controller had two Canberras on frequency returning from Germany. One of the pilots agreed to investigate so I assumed control of his aircraft and, having confirmed he was in good visual met conditions, I vectored him on to the blips keeping him regularly updated on their position relative to the Canberra. The aircraft was flying at around nineteen thousand feet and when it got within a mile or so of one particular blip, the pilot reported, in a very agitated voice, that his radar had picked something up heading down his port side by about a quarter of a mile and 'climbing like the clappers', it was on a reciprocal heading to the Canberra. The pilot admitted that neither he nor his navigator made any visual contact and confirmed that the weather conditions were such that they would have had no difficulty seeing something that close.

The whole episode lasted for twenty minutes or more before the blips stopped appearing. I impounded the R/T tapes and the Radar Video film and made appropriate entries in the log. Each person in the Ops Room who witnessed the incident was required to write a report. The Squadron Leader in charge of Operations collated the reports and informed higher authority. Within a couple of days I was interviewed in the Squadron Leader's office by two men who were not identified to me. I, along with all the others in the Ops Room on the day in question, were told in no uncertain terms not to relate what we had seen until cleared

to do so. About four years later I was serving at RAF Wattisham when the Station Commander asked to see me. I was told that he had a communication from the MoD about the incident at Sopley and that as 'nothing could be confirmed' the situation was such that doubt would be cast on anything I said about it. I took this to mean that I was no longer to remain silent.

I am at a loss to explain what I, and many other people, saw. In those days aircraft could not climb at such a rate. To be seen on displays by three different ground radars, plus the airborne radar in the Canberra, is also a mystery. The weather conditions were very definitely VMC or Visual Met Conditions; the aircraft was clear of cloud by at least a thousand feet vertically and with a forward visibility of at least five nautical miles.

Alan Turner MBE 10th November 2007.



1994: Alan Turner at a social function during his last appointment with the RAF in 1994.

In Mr. Turner's letter to be dated 10th November 2007 he apologised for not remembering the exact date of the incident and believes that there are those out there that will use this to discredit his account. I'll leave you with his final comments on the incident; "Please use the information in any way you see fit; I stand by what I saw because I know what I saw."

Colleagues and I intend to submit a Freedom of Information request to the UK Ministry of Defence, and should we obtain any further information we will of course publish it due course.

Thanks must go to David Beezer for supplying the information and contact details and special thanks to Alan Turner MBE for allowing me to publish his account.

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BOOK REVIEW

TITLE: **Fatima Revisited** (The Apparition Phenomenon In UFOlogy, Psychology, and Science.) **COMPILED BY:** Fernando Fernandes, Joaquim Fernandes & Raul Berenguel. **PUBLISHER:** Anomalist Books, 5150 Broadway, 108 San Antonio, TX, 78209 USA Web site: www.anomalistbooks.com **PRICE:** £9:99 **ISBN:** 1933665238

It's true to say that there are many books on the visions of the Virgin Mary and the Marion phenomenon doing the rounds just now, all of them equally detailing this subject. I can't of course vouch for those books, good though they may be but what I can do is to tell you that if they are just half as good as this one, then they will be doing just fine.

This book is different, very different; it's not your normal one author who has penned this work, no siree. This book has been written by a number of 'different authors' each of whom bring to bear their own take on what happened back in the Portuguese village of Fatima back in 1917. Or in other words, this is a compilation of essays each with their own author's spin, each providing a thought provoking insight into the many and numerous alternative explanations to account for what was seen on that eventful day. For me as a reviewer, I found this a pleasant and welcome change to just the normal one off explanation that is driven home by one singular author. The essays/papers in this book have been 'peer reviewed' and have been gathered together by a group calling themselves 'Project Marion'. Project Marion is co-ordinated by CTEC (Centre for Transdisciplinary Studies In Consciousness which is based at the University of Fernando Pessoa in Porto Portugal.

This book also features a number of the world's top UFOlogists and their theories as to what happened at Fatima. This book is the third of a trilogy of books on this subject which initially started off with a few e-mails between some researchers and it blossomed from there. The discipline of UFOlogy into Marion phenomenon is perhaps not that different when we look at what is described. The presence of an other worldly 'being', bright lights, and other such phenomena are to some degree, pretty much the same as this book shows. For those who may not know what happened at Fatima all those years ago, this brief synopsis will hopefully provide an insight.

THE FATIMA INCIDENT.

On October 17th 1917, an estimated 70,000 people gathered together at Fatima (a small town north of Lisbon in Portugal) to watch a phenomenon of which some described as '*The Miracle of The Sun*' People saw numerous things from a luminous ball of light, to the Virgin Mary, Jesus, Joseph and much more. A torrential downpour drenched all 70,000 people, however when this light phenomenon swooped down on the

startled crowds, each and every one of the 70,000 crowd found that their clothes became instantly dry. There was telepathic communication between the Virgin Mary and many of the witnesses which by modern UFO comparisons is quite similar. There was also a strange 'buzzing sound' which entered some of the witnesses ears, again similar to some UFO close encounters. One of the three main witnesses to whom these incredible visions occurred Lucia, stated that this apparition Virgin Mary call it what you will, told her that World War 1 would end that day, it didn't ! Again something similar to what some alleged 'aliens' claim to tell their startled human witnesses. Incidentally this phenomenon was witnessed from over 20 miles away!! And the light phenomenon was to some, quite painful! '*The images of Saints were seen along the edges of the luminosity in the region produced by the ionization of the air*'

During the months before this event, local villagers reported strange severe claps of thunder and odd pops and bangs, and a luminous ball was seen near the area where the later events would occur where it then headed off down the valley. This and many more events occurred around this time far too many to name here, suffice it to say, this book goes into all what happened that days and the days before in greater detail.

As stated above, after the book gives the reader the facts of this event and shows us how incredible these visions were, (real or not) One things for sure, there is absolutely no denying in any way shape or form that what was seen that day **WAS SEEN**. There was no mass psychosis no trickery. We're not talking about a few witnesses here, we're talking about thousands. Thousands of people from all walks of life and who were subjected to some kind of phenomenon, but what was it.

The book then goes into a roller coaster ride of theories, speculations and scientific fact on areas which all can fit in and to some degree in their own small way; possibly explain what happened that day. We look at seismic activity ball lightning, luminous lights, we also look at the stimulation of the temporal lobes of some of the witnesses (did this stimulation on some of the witnesses make them think that they had seen the Blessed Virgin Mary, from here on in the BVM)? One of the three main witnesses, little Jacinta sadly suffered a lung cancer shortly after this light phenomenon, was this due to her closeness to this luminous phenomenon? We also learn that some Canadian researchers did a test where they placed some people's head into a cone shaped device of which a short burst of microwave radiation entered their skulls after which they said they heard a clear 'buzzing noise' inside their head (just like the Fatima witnesses) So was some kind of short wave microwave radiation in play that day? Again the feeling by some of a 'close presence' alien presence call it what you will when the temporal lobes are electrically stimulated creates this feeling of a presence, again some authors ask, was there some kind of localized electromagnetic effect in place that day? Are some geographical areas more prone to emitting this effect than others, all of which can induce in the startled observer these peculiar feelings, something akin to the theories written about by an old mate of mine, Albert

Budden? In other words, can the Earth's own magnetic field, under certain conditions trigger electrical disturbances within the brain creating a false reality?

Another contributor to this book, Auguste Meessen Ph.D. speculates that we shouldn't rule out the Extraterrestrial hypothesis. He speculates that it's not within the bounds of credulity that perhaps the 'aliens' (call them what you will) may have undertaken some kind of 'experiment' that day (a psycho-social experiment) which was implemented to test our reactions and beliefs about Religious matters. Yes a bit far fetched I'm sure but nonetheless intriguing when we put all the other elements in this book together.

Did you know (I certainly didn't) that what happened at Fatima was not the only place where these 'Miracles Of The Sun' have occurred? For instance, here are but a few places where other such events have happened.

- (1) Guadalupe (Mexico 1531)
- (2) Tilly-sur-Seuilles (France 1901)
- (3) Fatima (Portugal 1917)
- (4) Onkerzeele (Belgium 1933)
- (5) Bonate (Italy 1944)
- (6) Espis (France 1946)
- (7) Acquaviva Platani (Italy 1950)
- (8) Heroldsbach (Germany 1949)
- (9) Fehrbach (Germany 1950)
- (10) Kerezinen (France 1953)
- (11) San Damiano (Italy 1955)
- (12) Zeitoun (Cairo Egypt 1968)
- (13) Medjugorje (Bosnia-Herzegovina 1981)
- (14) Tre Fontane (Italy 1982)
- (15) Kibeho (Rwanda 1983)

Did you know for instance (as Irene Blinston Ph.D) informs us, that from 1990 to 1999 at least 392 cases of apparitions of the Virgin Mary were reported and Investigated by the Catholic Church. 95 of those cases involved children. And let us not forget; as she goes on to inform us, that two of the world's religions were formed with religious apparitions, Islam and Mormonism. She also states that both Mohammad and Joseph Smith had visitations with an 'angel' Are we to disregard what has gone on before with other witnesses?

Author Auguste Meessen then tried something so dangerous in the name of science that had he continued to do this, he would have gone blind! He stared at the Sun (admittedly low on the horizon) and what was the results of this dangerous experiment? Well you'll need to read the book to find out. Another author, Raul Berenguel then postulates about ultrasound and informs the reader about ultrasound techniques that were implemented by the American troops on the Iraqi troops during the first Gulf War to induce fears of despondency and desperation. We also learn from this author that an American modified C-130 aircraft emitted a high potency microwave frequency towards the Iraqis to make them believe that what they were hearing was the 'voice of God' So dear reader, there is no denying that high microwave ultrasound, can, under certain conditions, enforce a change in the brain's mechanism to which it can falsely induce a state of fear and alarm through auditory and visual stimulus creating a sound or vision which 'really isn't there' Now

we didn't have this type of apparatus back in 1917 unless of course (as some authors suggest) that it was there but confined within the locus of the environment, something earth based, a tectonic strain a movement of the Earth's crust scarping together emitting balls of light (which as we know can happen, more so in fault zones).

The work and research of Michael Persinger who is well known to the research community is given an airing here in this book. Michael goes into great detail about his theories and places them into the arena of the Fatima Event. Eg, magnetic fields, temporal lobe instability. Another author, Mario Simoes Ph.D. takes us on an educational ride of altered states of consciousness and how this too could have played a part in the Fatima Event. Yet another author, Gilda Moura looks at a Multi-Dimensional perspective and other levels of reality. I'll tell you what readers; this book sure has it all. How I wish a lot of different academics, scholars and researchers would lend their expertise onto Scotland's famous 'Livingston UFO Incident' I'd love to read a book where they all came together with their own theories and speculations, boy what a book that would be.

Let us not forget also that light phenomenon is a big part of the UFO subject. There is a big part of the book that draws parallels with the UFO subject. David Jacobs for instance tells us that some theologians speculate that these wonderful experiences may not be so wonderful after all, that they may in point of fact be tricks of the Devil to trick humans into believing in the second coming. David goes into great detail on page 157 about **WHY** the Catholic Church **HAS TO** Investigate visions of the (BVM) read the book to see why. Janet Elizabeth Colli Ph.D then discusses angels, aliens, and near death experiences and goes on to inform us that Physicist Janusz Slawinski demonstrated that dying organisms emit a burst of electromagnetic energy at death.

All in all then this book is a marvelous pot pouri of theory, speculation, fact, and wonder and as stated, brings together a wealth of top people in their field all who in their own way, look at the Fatima event with their own fine tooth comb. It's certainly an interesting read and one can take from this book what they want from it. Some readers will believe one theory whilst others will believe another, that's as maybe, but what sadly we are no further forward in understanding, is 'What exactly happened that day?' Will we ever know?

Marion visions still occur to this day, but what would make it all so real and understandable, would be to capture a Marion vision by cam-corder, but until that day we can only speculate and wonder at the events on that October day back in 1917 to 70,000 awe struck people. The world ladies and gentlemen, is certainly a strange place made all the stranger by events like these.

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UFO Reports over Hampshire : June - August
2008...

UFO'S Over Hampshire...
(Part 10)

Havant - 8th June : Something emerged from the clouds.. It was round and black, approx. 50-70 feet round, reflective solid base (like highly polished marble), also silent.

Southampton - 14th June : It was 2 am, the night sky was clear, it looked to me a triangle shape craft was going south at a cruising speed ,and then went into a 360 circle this was 2-3 mills radius.

Chawton - 17th June : Unknown white object appears flying at low altitude then suddenly seems to disappear.

Chawton - 25th June : A moving white object flying at an altitude of 800-900 feet didn't appear to be a normal-looking Aircraft watched it for a short time before it disappeared.

Southampton - 26th June : Time: approx 5:30 pm, Appeared to alternate between Black Rectangle and reflective diamond shape, Weather Conditions: Clear blue skies with one or two small clouds...

Chilbolton Observatory - 1st July : a bright white globe same location, static and then took off at great speed.

Portsmouth - 21st July : Equilateral triangle shape red and white flashing lights.

Chilbolton Observatory - 26th July : 2 groups 3 bright orange globes in triangular formation followed by 2 singles ones behind each other. Moving slowly across the sky N - NE.

Gosport - 26th July : Me and my father were in the Garden and we saw what we first thought was a shooting star across the sky. Then as we watched it cross from west to east we noticed it was curving slightly. Time 22.25.

Farnborough - 30th July : 4 members of household witnessed an orange coloured orb, that produced no audible sound, flew over the house in the direction of Farnborough town centre from Fleet area.

Alton - 9th August : Strange Bright white light hovering over nearby wood.

Church Crookham - 1st August : Orb fly from Guildford area towards Fleet/Church Crookham area. It maintained same speed as before. On this occasion, it seemed to hover over Church Crookham area for some time, fading in and out of sight every 20-30 seconds. At 02:45 the orb disappeared again.

New Forest - 10th August : Travelling "faster than a plane" over the New Forest. J. Percy was packing up her tent to leave Ashurst campsite when she spotted an orange oval disc shaped object that appeared to be on fire. There was no noise or no sound and it was travelling faster than a plane.

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<http://www.beamsinvestigations.org.uk/ufo-reports.html>
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LOCATION : COSHAM.

Date : 26th MAY 1995.

TIME : 22.50 - 23.30 P.M.

WITNESS : PAUL READER (14YRS)

SW DIRECTION, COMBINATION OF SPINNING WHITE LIGHTS. ALT 1,000FT AND ABOUT 600FT IN SIZE. SHOT ACROSS SKY. NO NOISE. HUMMING NOISE HEARD.

SOURCE : SPI MAG. NO 4 06/95...

LOCATION : COSHAM.

DATE : 17th MAY 1995.

TIME : 22.30.

WITNESS : UNKNOWN.

AN ORANGE LIGHT THAT APPEARED AND THEN FADED.

SOURCE : ESSEX UFO GROUP DATA BASE...

LOCATION : COVE.

DATE : MAY 1974.

TIME : 06.10 A.M.

WITNESS : UNKNOWN.

DISCOID OBJECT WITH SQUARE WINDOWS.

SOURCE : BFORA JNL VOL 8 NO 2 04/79...

LOCATION : DIBDEN.

DATE : 19TH APRIL 1975.

TIME : 08.25.

WITNESS : UNKNOWN.

SLOW MOVING ROTATING DISC.

SOURCE : ESSEX UFO GROUP DATA BASE...

LOCATION : EASTLEIGH.

DATE : 8TH NOVEMBER 1967.

TIME : 21.10.

WITNESS : MR COLIN COX, MISS JACKIE MORE, MISS LINDA GROGAN, MR. PETER HARDING.

IN WEST, 2 OBJECTS, HOVERING, WHITISH IN COLOUR, FAIRLY HIGH ALTITUDE. THEY PARTED, ONE GOING FAST N AND THE OTHER ONE SLOWLY S, STOPPED TWICE & WENT UPWARDS & DISAPPEARED.

SOURCE : SOUTHAMPTON ECHO 9.11.67...

LOCATION : EASTLEIGH.

DATE : 3RD JANUARY 1974.

TIME : 19.10.

WITNESS : UNKNOWN.

GLOWING ORANGE CIGAR.

SOURCE : ESSEX UFO GROUP DATA BASE...

LOCATION : EASTLEIGH.

DATE : 6TH SEPTEMBER 1977.

TIME : 00.30.

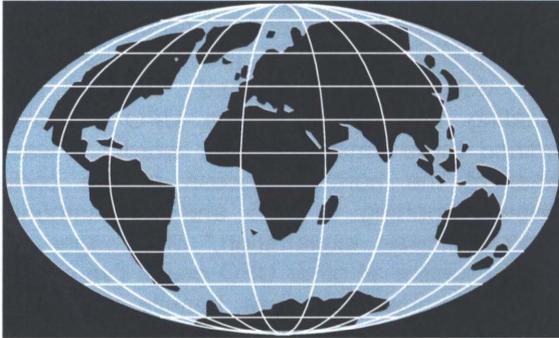
WITNESS : UNKNOWN.

SLOW MOVING GREEN/BLUE DISC.

SOURCE : ESSEX UFO GROUP DATA BASE...

UFONEWS UK...

WORLD REPORTS...



As you can see from pages 38 - 40, UFO's have certainly been making their mark around the world. The thing that kicks things off is that Edgar Mitchell came out with the following statements whilst doing a radio show...

The past few days have seen a viral explosion of stories about statements made by Apollo astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell, who walked on the moon in 1971.

The entire affair, which began with an interview at Kerrang! Radio, appears to be building a small mountain of momentum, with headlines like:

"Ex-Astronaut: Aliens Are Real and NASA Knows It"

"Aliens are out there, says former NASA astronaut"

"Astronaut reveals that aliens have better technology than humans"

"Ex-NASA astronaut 'sure' aliens exist"

Even Reuters has posted a video news report on-line.

A quick search of Google News pulled up more than 300 articles.

Curiously, the most important aspect of Dr. Mitchell's testimony to the "Spies, Lies, and Polygraph Tape" UFO affair has received little attention from most of the media outlets.

During the Kerrang! interview, Mitchell stated:

"But I've also been in military circles, and intelligence circles, that know that beneath the surface of what has been public knowledge, that yes, we have been visited."

It appears that Dr. Mitchell is referring to the so-called UFO "Core Story" of extraterrestrial visitation. (Source - American Chronicle 28th July...).

This was covered by the Daily Telegraph (Australia) on the 24th July, the American Chronicle of the 28th July and the Sunday Mail (Australia) on the 3rd August.

In an article in the New York Times of the 29th July, our very own Fox Mulder, Nick Pope lays into the Americans and wants them to do more about UFO's and to go as far as to start investigating UFO reports. In the article Nick ends with the following... 'The United States is no less vulnerable than Britain and

France to threats to security and air safety. The United States Air Force or the National Aeronautics and Space Administration should reopen investigations of U.F.O. phenomena. It would not imply that the country has suddenly started believing in little green men. It would simply recognize the possibility that radar alone cannot always tell us what's out there'.

But Nick, we know that the American government IS investigating UFO sightings, its just that they don't want anyone else to know!!! Or am I missing the point?

Oh yes, the mysterious carved rock found outside of Roswell, New Mexico (No, it must be a piece of weather balloon that has solidified into the shape of a rock, surely!!!)... Anyway, the story goes as follows (Extract from the Roswell Daily Record of 8th July)...

'A strange rock with unusual magnetic properties - deeply scored, with what appears to be moon phases, a solar eclipse and the depiction of a supernova - has been unearthed on the outskirts of Roswell. Its discovery has startled researchers, scientists and all who have examined it.

If proven to be of extraterrestrial origin, it will mark the second time in less than a century that the Roswell area has received communications from outer space.

The deep wine-red coloured rock, measuring less than two inches across, and weighing about 40 grams, was unearthed in September 2004 by Roswell businessman Robert Ridge, 50, who said he found it while deer hunting in Cedar Hill, 17 miles "as the crow flies" from the 1947 purported UFO crash site.

'Meanwhile, investigators claim the artefact mirrors crop circles that appeared in Liddleton, England, in 1996, indicating a possibility the stone bears a message from space'.

So it now appears that visitors from space have found another form of making contact with earthlings by carving images etc into solid stone... So, Crop Circles, hieroglyphics, rocks... What other ways can ET think of next to make contact with us? Why not send us an intergalactic email because surely they have mastered this by now?

The next item that amused me is how people are turning the UFO phenomenon into a money making venture to attract tourists... National Post Canada - 1st September...

Nova Scotia Village Uses UFO Sighting To Lure Tourists...

SHAG HARBOUR, N.S. -- Like all the picturesque

fishing villages strung along Nova Scotia's breathtaking south shore, Shag Harbour is a place of weathered cottages perched atop rocky cliffs offering vistas of the Atlantic.

But what sets it apart from other seaside hamlets (other than its frequent inclusion on lists of funny place names) are the little green men.

There is a little green man standing guard outside the post office named Alvin. And there is a three-foot-tall green man at the side of the highway - a plywood cut-out that beckons travellers to stop in at the Shag Harbour Incident Museum and Research Centre.

"The Incident" as it is referred to in these parts, is the strange occurrence of Oct. 4, 1967, when locals witnessed strange lights hovering in the sky before a dark object appeared to plunge into the ocean. Shag Harbour residents were convinced a plane had crashed and they jumped into their fishing boats to search for survivors.

But all the fishermen found was a strange fluorescent foam floating on the water that evaporated when they tried to collect it.

The navy, air force, Coast Guard and RCMP continued the search in the morning and for days to come before calling it off, saying they came up empty-handed.

"At least that was their story," said Cindy Nickerson, chairwoman of Shag Harbour Incident Society, chuckling.

Today the mystery of the Unidentified Flying Object endures - in both the literal and mythological sense - as Canada's Roswell.

With the dwindling fishing industry, some Shag Harbour residents are eager to trade on the currency of that legacy to attract visitors to their hamlet and boost tourism.

Museum and Research Centre is a fancy title for the kitschy display set up in the backyard shed of a director of the Incident Society.

There are laminated newspaper articles dating from the strange event, copies of original government, police and Coast Guard documents, television screens broadcasting interviews with witnesses, but also an array of alien-themed

For more in our Best of Summer series, including previous instalments, highlights from last year and cartoons by Gary Clement, visit nationalpost.com/bestofsummer memorabilia, from key chains with little green Martian heads to artistic paintings imagining what happened.

Courtney Banks, a university student hired to staff the museum for the summer, rattled off the yarn to a pair of intrigued passers-by on a sunny summer day, but said many visitors know far more about UFO sighting than she does.

"They tell me the story," she said.

The Incident Society has grand plans to erect a facility dedicated to the infamous event on the crest overlooking the watery crash site.

Ms. Nickerson said the group is hoping to raise at least \$150,000 for the new building.

In the meantime they hosted the first Shag Harbour

Incident Festival on Aug. 8 and 9, with help from a \$2,000 grant from the federal Department of Heritage that will feature such renowned ufology speakers as Stanton Friedman and Carl Feindt from the United States.

Don Ledger, a Nova Scotia writer who co-authored a book about The Incident a number of years ago, said two things set the Shag Harbour event apart from many other UFO reports.

"First, it was the RCAF [Royal Canadian Air Force] documents that had margin notes designating the incident as a UFO sighting - underlined three times. In other words, it was a reversal of the normal process of the civilian witnesses reporting a UFO and the authorities claiming a prosaic explanation," Mr. Ledger said. "Secondly, unlike all other UFO cases I've come in contact with, this case was heavily government documented."

Among locals - both those who saw the lights in the sky that night and those who have heard the tale, Ms. Nickerson said opinion about the incident varies. But perhaps all the little green men about town offer a hint.

"I guess it's kind of something that you have to make your own mind up about," she said.

(Before anyone accuses me of the same, this magazine does not make a profit and in fact is not intended to do so... Just before you jump down my throat. It is done out of the love for the subject... Editor)

Now, going round the other side of the world, it seems that currently Australia is being bombarded by UFO reports with headlines such as : 'UFOs Invade NT town' ... 'Chopper 'Chase' Joins UFO Files' ... 'Australian UFO Sightings Surge' ... 'Armada Of UFOs Buzzing Territory' ... Here is what the Australian Courier Mail of the 10th of August had to say...

Australian UFO Sightings Surge...

This year could set a record for UFO sightings across Australia as the new X-Files movie sparks renewed interest in extra terrestrial life-forms.

That's according to Diane Harrison, national director of the Australian UFO Research Network, which has recorded more than 50 apparent UFO visits across the country in the past fortnight.

Fact or fantasy: Check out our UFO sightings gallery.

"We usually only get between 10 and 20 reports a week", she told couriermail.com.au.

The release of the X-Files film I Want to Believe is being credited with encouraging the recent surge in UFO reports - which is all the more remarkable as sightings usually dip in the winter months as people spend less time out of doors.

The most likely place you'll see strange lights in the sky is in northern Queensland.

"There are a lot of sightings around the Atherton Tablelands, Ravensbourne, Tully and Dalby", she

said.

"I'd say that is because the sky is clearer and lights in the sky are easier to see. The Sunshine Coast also has a little bit of activity."

Closer to Brisbane, Ipswich is considered the southeast's alien hotspot.

Going back across the world, it appears that Chile is promoting its own tourism sites for UFO spotters. Like Shag Harbour, in Canada, San Clemente is doing its part... The following appeared in the South African Times of the 20th August...

Chile Promotes UFO Tourism...

Santiago - When it comes to attracting tourists to a remote region in central Chile, the town of San Clemente is aiming high - playing up its reputed connection to visitors from outer space.

The Andean municipality, 240 kilometres south of Santiago, has opened the country's first UFO trail, a 30-kilometre long stretch that takes in a supposed landing site for flying saucers and optimal lookouts for extraterrestrial craft.

Sernatur, Chile's tourism service, is backing the initiative.

"We support the creation of this UFO trail because experts say that it is a 'hot zone' for watchers," the service's director, Oscar Santelices, told AFP.

However, just in case hordes of foreign tourists of the terrestrial variety turn up expecting to get a close encounter of a first, second, third or - heaven forbid - fourth kind (alien abduction) out of their trip, Sernatur had a bucket of cold water.

"In no way can we guarantee that a tourist coming to San Clemente will see a UFO," it said in its brochure.

The Chilean town has long been an unofficial destination for UFO-watchers in the know, though mainstream curiosity-seekers looking for a bit of interplanetary mystery have been more often drawn to neighbouring Peru to see the Nazca Lines, those centuries-old gigantic representations of animals in a desert which can only be fully appreciated from the air.

UFO researchers say hundreds of UFO sightings have been reported in San Clemente since the mid-1990s.

Rodrigo Fuenzalida, president of the Chilean Grouping for UFO Research (AION), said between January 1995 and the middle of 1996 there was around one sighting per week.

The last unidentified flying object spotted was in the third week of February this year, he said.

"It was an orange object located about 400 meters (1,312 feet) in the distance, with oscillating movements," he said.

A site of special interest is a flat zone of huge volcanic blocks known as El Enladrillado, 60 kilometers (37 miles) from San Clemente and at an altitude of 2,300 meters (7,546 feet), which locals claim is a UFO landing pad.

"There, sightings have been made of shining spheres going into the water and into wooded zones without any human explanation," Fuenzalida said.

El Enladrillado, which can only be accessed after

hours of trekking over rough terrain, forms the central part of the UFO trail.

Other points along the path include signs detailing sightings, as well as restaurants, camping sites, hostels and cabins to serve hungry or weary Earthlings, Juan Carlos Cerro of the local tourist office said.

(My son is going to Santiago next year after finishing University and I have asked him to bring me back a stick of rock!!!)

Finally, The Cape Argus (South Africa) of the 26th August...

UFO Sighting In Zimbabwe...

American film-maker Randall Nickerson is in Cape Town this week seeking inspiration for a documentary he is putting together about a UFO sighting in Zimbabwe in 1994.

During morning break on September 14 of that year, 62 schoolchildren between the ages of eight and 12 saw a strange craft land 150 metres from the Ariel School in Ruwa, from which two small beings emerged which were described as having "big eyes like rugby balls".

The children's individual descriptions of the phenomenon were so similar that news of the sighting spread around the globe.

Nickerson was approached with footage taken by the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Professor John Mack, who travelled to Zimbabwe to interview the children after the event.

Nickerson said: "This is a story the world needs to see. Personally, I think it's moving. I've found hundreds, if not thousands, of people who believe it and couldn't find anyone who didn't. It blew my mind when I saw it."

Although Nickerson admits the footage of the event makes it difficult to disprove the phenomenon, he doesn't want his film to be biased.

"I don't want to steer the documentary in any direction at all. I'd rather present all the evidence and let people make up their own minds."

Refusing to believe so many people can be mistaken, Nickerson is visiting southern Africa to shed light on those events.

Having visited the school itself, Nickerson is now in Cape Town to track down some witnesses and investigate some "unearthly" sightings that occurred in South Africa, including two UFO sightings in Port Shepstone and Johannesburg in April.

Anyone who saw the event in Zimbabwe can contact Nickerson on 082 815 4731 or by e-mail at rsnick@gmail.com

(The reason I included this is that 2 UFO researchers who are no longer with us and were good friends, Dr. John Mack (USA) & Cynthia Hinds (South Africa) investigated this case and produced some very compelling evidence to this sighting and need to be remembered).

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