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ELEMENTALS? (MY DEAR W.A.T.S.U.P.)

The January/February 1976 edition of the B.U.F.O.R.A. Journal includes details of an intriguing local contact claim. Investigated by Omar Fowler of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, the report, if true, contains a strong element of Magonia.

The witness, Mr. Wally Churn, was on his way to work in Farnborough one morning in May 1974, when he was approached by a gentleman who introduced himself as Alfreka, or possibly Freka. During the course of the brief conversation the man shook Mr. Churn's hand and explained that he had come from the "Saucer People". Although otherwise normal in appearance and dress, the man had no trace of facial hair, and green eyes that seemed devoid of pupils. Eventually he disappeared in a somewhat mysterious manner, when the witness turned his back for a few moments. That day at work, Mr. Churn experienced pins and needles in his right hand and fore-arm, and later a red spot on his thumb, which persisted for two weeks.

Some while after seeing this account, I happened to read Hobgoblin and Sweet Puck by Gillian Edwards* - a book tracing the evolution of fairy names and beliefs through history. Among the list of Saxon elf-names in chapter three, I came upon "Aelfric, (translated), elf-king or elf-ruler, as Alfric re-borrowed from the French as Auberon or Aubrey."

It could be possible that we are presented here with yet another case of Keel's Ultraterrestrial name-juggling. Just as likely, the name could infer that stories recorded in folklore describing encounters with Elves, along with resulting elf-burn, had some literal basis in fact. However, we are still faced with the problem of why an "Elf" in the guise of a human claims to come from the "Saucer People"! One thing I am certain of, is that evidence goes far beyond the instance quoted above, of a subtle link between the ancient fairy belief and the modern U.F.O. experience. Tony Jones explores this largely ignored theme in his thought-provoking article "The Folklore Connection", Page (16). By coincidence, Malcolm Handley's critical appraisal of the Hollow Earth theory, Page (5) bears a great deal on this same subject.

Like this editorial, the road goes ever on, and at its end Thomas the Rhymer and George Adamski are perhaps alive and well.

* Published by Geoffrey Bles 1974.

Nick Maloret

INCIDENT ON CRADLE HILL.

DATE: SATURDAY 1ST MAY, 1976.

WITNESS: MR. PETER HILL (Past Chairman W.A.T.S.U.P.)
MR. TONY JONES (Southampton Secretary W.A.T.S.U.P.)
MR. TONY WELLS (Research Officer - Southampton Branch W.A.T.S.U.P.)
MRS. JOAN LAWRENCE (W.A.T.S.U.P. Member).

We had planned to hold a Sky-watch and daylight survey of Cley Hill, Warminster on May 1st, 1976.

The date had been chosen some time previously, for its significance in the pagan religious calendar. Unfortunately, it had also been chosen by the "Philistines of Football" as the date for the Cup Final to be played. This, coupled with the fact that Southampton F.C. had managed to get into the final, depleted the numbers who made the journey to Warminster that day.

After a rather wet and windy ascent and descent of Cley Hill, we decided, at about 9.30 p.m. to travel to Cradle Hill for a last look round as it were, for the weather had broken up rather badly by now. Arriving at Cradle Hill we were rather surprised that there were no other vehicles parked at the top of the lane. After a quick coffee, we began to make our way up the path which leads to the barn at the top of Cradle Hill. Upon reaching the barn, we paused and looked back over the Army Depot and the lights of Warminster. For about 10 minutes or so we scanned the surrounding sky but nothing unusual was seen.

Our party then proceeded on past the barn and copse, following the footpath which leads on to a second copse. As we reached the copse, we found that a new Ministry of Defence notice had been erected at the stile over which one normally climbs to continue along the footpath. The notice warned of unexploded shells etc., which, it seems, the Army leave lying about for unwary travellers to kick.

A discussion started as to whether we should go on, ignore the notice, or turn back.

This discussion was brought to an abrupt end when Tony Jones said he could see a pair of "eyes" in the copse. Immediately we all turned our gaze toward the trees which he had illuminated with his torch. I switched on my own torch and there in the beam was an object which can best be described as an "eye". (See sketch). All four of us were now watching the copse very closely now and for the sake of clarity, I have broken down the account into independent descriptions as follows:-

TONY JONES: Describes how he sees a pair of yellow eyes about 1 metre above the ground. The distance between these eyes appears to be approx. 4-6 inches. They move from side to side in a horizontal motion and appear to dart behind tree trunks and re-appear some distance away. He does not remember hearing any noise during the observation which lasted about 5 minutes.

TONY WELLS: Description differs somewhat as I did not see a pair of eyes, only one at a time. I first saw a yellow eye about 1 metre above ground. Moving my torch I picked up a red eye some 3 metres to the left of the yellow one. The "eye" darted from side to side with what I can only describe as a serpentine movement. Both "eyes" appeared to pass behind the trunks as described by T. Jones. I heard no noise coming from the copse during the observation.

JOAN LAWRENCE:

Described how she too saw a pair of yellow eyes. She Estimated the height of these to be about 4ft. above the ground. She cannot recall hearing any sound.

PETER HILL:

Peter viewed the area during the 5 minute period of observation with the aid of 7 x 40 night binoculars, and saw nothing.

Three members of our party, namely T. Jones, J. Lawrence and myself decided we had seen enough of the phenomena and it was agreed that we all return to the bottom of the hill, including Peter Hill. Arriving at our parked vehicles, we began to discuss the event. The three of us who had seen the "eyes" all confessed that we had experienced a considerable degree of unease during the observation period. Speaking personally, I felt the back of my neck literally tingling at the end of our 5 minute observation.

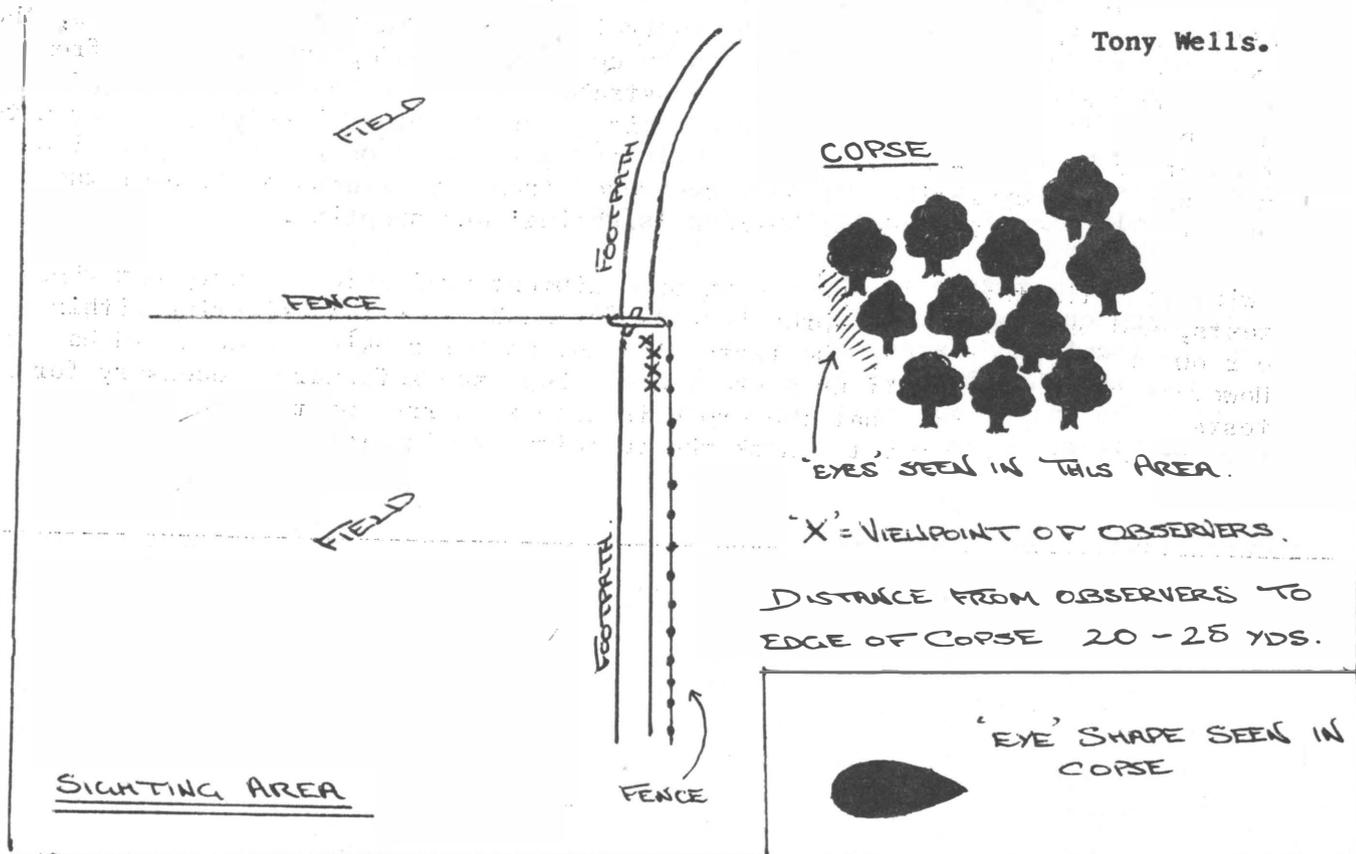
Peter Hill said that he had experienced no emotions at all during the whole sequence of events.

I think it is relevant to say that Tony Jones, Peter Hill and myself had all been through this copse on several occasions before, prior to the Ministry of Defence notice being erected, and had never seen or heard anything of an unusual nature. Obviously the question must be asked - what did we see? Torchlight reflected from nothing more than a harmless domesticated animal i.e. sheep, dog, pony? A wild animal, such as a deer, fox, badger? Having an interest in wildlife and spending a considerable amount of time in the New Forest both tracking and photographing deer etc., I cannot subscribe to this explanation. If it was an animal, why did not Peter Hill see it through binoculars?

Perhaps readers of this Journal can offer an explanation. I certainly cannot.

Postscript

The site was revisited in September 1976 by W.A.T.S.U.P. members. One member, Mr. Roy Goutte, stood in the copse at the spot where the "eyes" had been seen, together with his Labrador dog. Torches were then directed by other members into the copse from the position from which the original observation had been made. Both Roy Goutte and his dog could be clearly seen in the torch light.



BIOLOGICAL STUDY OF SOIL SAMPLES FROM 'LANDING' NEAR WINCHESTER.
By J.E. Goble, B.Sc., (Hons) and P. Woods.

Approximately two weeks after the reported sighting of a blond, pink-eyed 'alien' and a landed U.F.O., by a couple driving near Winchester, Hants., a group of W.A.T.S.U.P. members visited the informants and the area of the supposed landing. (Initial Bowles/Pratt contact claim of November, 14th, 1976 - Ed).

Samples of soil were taken from points approximately 15 ft. apart along the area - 27 samples in all. These samples were stored in a cool dark place to minimise the recovery rate of any organisms affected by any emanations from the craft or occupants.

One week after the taking of the samples, tests were carried out to try to establish if any differences in the soil micropopulation had occurred. It was decided to study one group of bacteria in order to minimise colony counting problems and hopefully to gain some data on any possible genetic changes within the bacteria themselves. The nitrifying bacteria were chosen for this purpose as they are fairly easily cultured and also constitute a major soil micropopulation chain.

Eight sterilised agar plates were set up containing the nitrogenous nutrient source necessary for growth of the nitrifying bacteria. Sample one was used as a control as this sample was furthest from the supposed landing. Samples 13, 19 and 27 were then chosen as the best to study; 13 and 19 being closest to the landing area.

Diluted soil suspensions of both controls and samples were made and equal volumes of each were plated out in duplicate (using normal sterile techniques) and incubated at 22°C for one week. Each day the plates were examined and the number of colonies counted. The growth of the said colonies was prolific on all plates and no significant difference in numbers was noted on any of the plates.

A soil macropopulation investigation also produced no significant differences in numbers between the control and investigated samples. Thus, the experiments show that if an alien/human contact was made, any emanation from the alien craft did not have any demonstrable effect on the soil micro and macropopulation studied or on the genetic ability of the nitrifying bacteria to recover from an eco-shock. This conclusion being made only with the proviso that the soil population may have recovered from any effects on it over the unavoidable three week delay between 'sighting' and sampling.

Owing to a limitation on the amount of equipment available to carry out these tests, and on a slight ill-preparedness for such a possible sighting within our own local study area, the tests were not as far seeking as we would have liked. However, they have taught us a great deal about the safeguards necessary for such tests to be valid, and that the Group is able to carry out the sort of investigations necessary to check the validity of sighting claims.

INVESTIGATION INTO THE HOLLOW EARTH THEORY
BY M. B. HANDLEY

I have for some considerable time, been making investigations into the Hollow Earth theory and I have found that as the ever increasing interest into the unexplained gathers momentum, so at the same time we see a surge in the publications related to it. Unfortunately, I have found that some of these works have been produced without any regard to the genuine sincerity of the undiscerning reader and some cases without any respect for their intelligence.

I have, since being a member of W.A.T.S.U.P., encountered many books on varying subjects of the unexplained and most, at least, make good reading. However, some are laughable. One book falling into the latter category being SECRET OF THE AGES, U.F.O.S FROM INSIDE THE EARTH by Brinsley Le Poer Trench, otherwise known as the Earl of Clancarty. This work supposedly looks into the (POSSIBILITY?) of a Hollow Earth. However, the research behind the facts (?) is positively NIL.

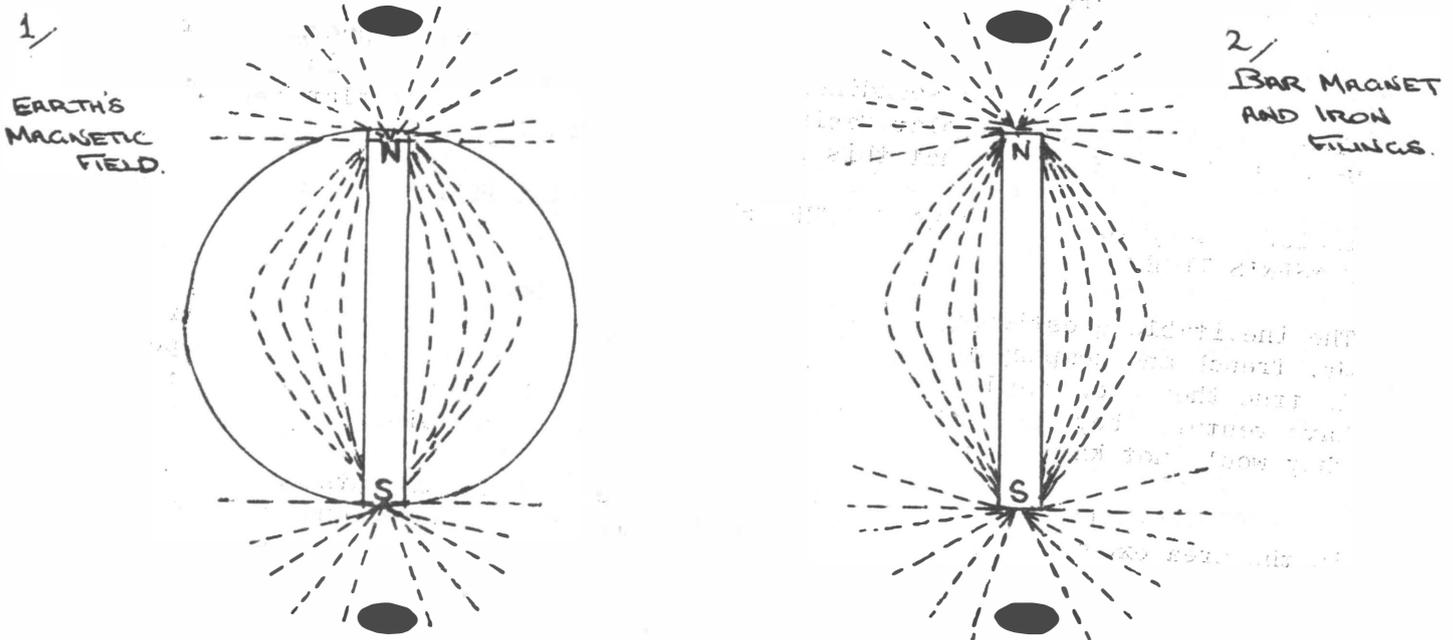
The work seems to have been born around a photograph taken by ESSA 7 on the 23rd November, 1968 which the author purports shows the openings at the earth's poles. Now anyone with any knowledge of the planet Earth at all, taking one glance at the picture, would see that if what is shown were a hole, then because of the area it covers, one half of the regions we know as Norway, Sweden and almost half of Scandinavia do not exist.

NASA were more than helpful in replying to my letter. They sent evidence by a more sophisticated satellite camera, namely NOAA 4, showing the globe in its more acceptable state - SOLID!

Mr. Trench and other supporters of the Hollow Earth theory have advanced other so called evidence and facts to support their beliefs. These are as follows:-

It has been suggested that there is a link between the supposed holes in the poles and the Van Allen Belts, applying the fact that there exist holes in the belts directly above the poles. Therefore, I believe this deserves more investigation than has been done.

The lines of force in an electromagnetic field are easily demonstrated by laying a sheet of paper over a magnet and dusting the paper with iron filings. The result would be gaps at the poles.....CHILDS PLAY. This, of course, shows the force in only one plane, but they exist in all planes at 90 degrees to the axis of the magnet. Therefore, this shows that the Earth is the centre of an electromagnetic field and is itself responsible for the Van Allen Belts.



The question naturally following is that if there were no core to the Earth, this would be impossible. Granted it is not certain as to the exact nature of the core, but evidence of a metallic core is at present substantiated firstly by the fact that the average specific gravity of the Earth is 5.5 this being twice that of any rocks we know, and knowing the surface as we do, this makes it again certain that the surface is made of something heavier than the crust.

I found the question of polar areas on Mars and Venus of particular interest in the hypothesis as these are claimed to be the entrances to those planets.

I contacted Patrick Moore on this aspect for his views, but the reply was rather short and I am afraid partially out of date now. However, other sources of information are available and I found that the polar caps are visible on Mars but they come and go with the seasons. (Someone put the lid on, maybe?) and those of Venus are only atmospheric cloud phenomena and in fact the planet is completely covered by cloud not allowing sight of its surface, polar or otherwise.

It has been suggested that records which are now available from the Russian archives covering hundreds of years of Arctic exploration reveal that the pole is not actually a point, but a line 1,000 miles long. The Hollow Earth theorists assume that the Russians were unable to plot this line on a globe and therefore, transferred their observations to a two dimensional area and squeezed it to make a line, and that rather than being a line it is actually a circle. Now, whereas I do not dispute that the Russians may have made discoveries in this area, the comment about this being related to the circumference of the hole in the pole does not stand up, mathematically. If the photographs did in fact show a hole it would have a diameter of approximately 3,050 miles which would give rise to a perimeter of 9,600 miles which with a quick calculation differs by some 8,600 miles from the Russians' calculations.

That eminent explorer Nansen who attempted to reach the pole in 1895 is quoted as being astonished that as he travelled toward his objective the climate became noticeably warmer, especially when the wind was blowing from the North. It is interesting to hear however, that this famous gentleman freely admitted that he was completely lost (FOR OVER A YEAR). I submit then that it was possible that he could have been travelling South and that the warm wind was blowing from the opposite direction. I also found that both he and his companion became lost because both had, at some point, neglected to wind their watches and as they were plotting their courses by the stars, this was now impossible.

Fridtjof Nansen did however record a higher than expected water temperature whilst taking soundings on October 4th, 1893, but his comments were, "There goes the shallow Polar Basin and there goes the cold Polar water." Nansen's impression was that this was the gulf stream.

INCIDENTALLY, THIS WAS KNOWN TO THE MEN OF THE WHALING FLEET LONG BEFORE NANSEN'S TIME.

The inevitable question then is have the poles ever been reached? Well, Mr. Trench and company think not and claim that compasses go haywire. If this is true then, how can he substantiate his own claim that a few (CHOSEN) people have ventured beyond. I would suggest that if their compasses were not reliable, they would not know where they were or where they were going.

I shall not devote much space to the various comments about animals in the area except to say that foxes and bears are not uncommon and that a female

bear and two cubs have been reported as far North as 88° (WELL INSIDE THE HOLE) on August 1st, 1937.

There is a vague suggestion that the Eskimo may be perhaps some distant relative of the inner world, using the word TROLLS as an ancient name for various sorts of supernatural beings. The dictionary definition in fact is GIANTS endowed with supernatural powers, and whatever the Eskimos are, they certainly are not giants.

The next query is related to the vast amounts of dust constantly found in arctic regions falling onto the snow and ice, colouring it black, and the various other strange phenomena of RED, PINK, BLUE, GREEN and YELLOW snow which, as the author states has been analysed and found to contain vegetable matter of an unknown kind.

In answer to my letter to them, the British Antarctic Survey gave answer to this phenomena; simply that - the dark coloured dusts are well known and occur through the freeze-thaw action upon various forms of volcanic rock and the sandy material thus formed is easily carried by the wind. Also that both red and green algae occur in the snow in some of the Northern areas of the antarctic peninsula.

To quote Mr. Trench:

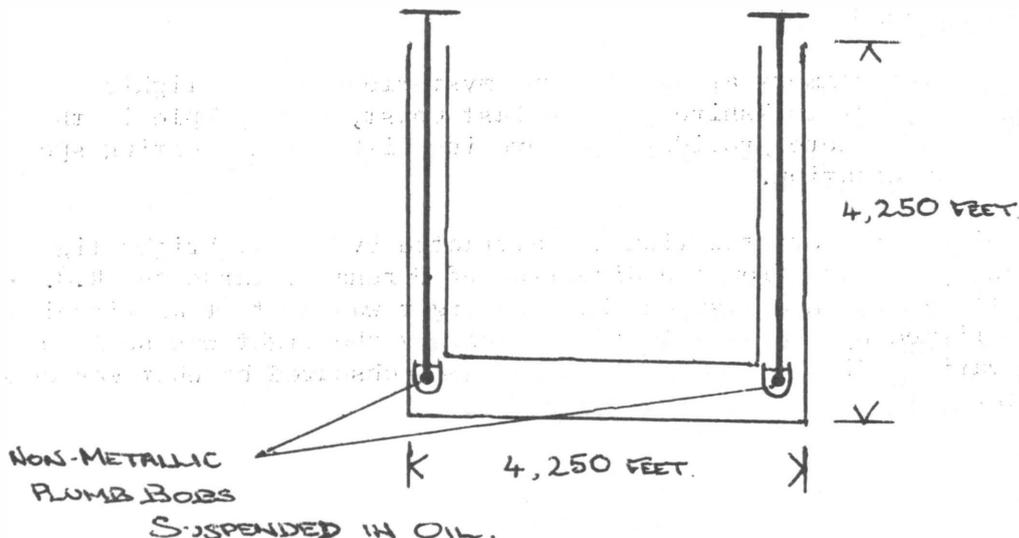
"Next question please."

"If no rivers are flowing from the inside of the earth to the outside, then why are all icebergs composed of fresh water?"

Has it never occurred to the gentleman that years of snow falling upon an already frozen base will build up a mountain of solid fresh water ice and in certain circumstances fresh water can actually float on saline.

I wrote to two airlines because it is said that they do not fly over the pole as is suggested. They were quick to reply to confirm that this is so. They do not fly directly OVER the pole, but there is nothing suspicious about this. They do fly over the polar region, obviously taking the most direct route to their destination.

One final point is the suggestion that of the mine shaft experiment supposedly carried out first in France and repeated in the U.S.A. where pendulums were suspended in two shafts, these being 4,250 feet apart, 4,250 feet deep and connected by a perfectly straight transverse tunnel, measurements taken at the top and the bottom suggest that the lower ends were 8.22 inches further apart than the top. I cannot get a reply to my letters to the Michigan College of Mines from where one Professor McNair was said to have repeated and confirmed this experiment at Calcumet.



To end then from Page 119 of Mr. Trench's book:

"It has been emphasised how important it is to look into every facet of our subject....."

Next time, perhaps he will.

To quote Patrick Moore:

"The Hollow Earth theory is quite fun but of course, nutty as a fruit cake."

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COVER PICTURE - GLASTONBURY TOR

Described in folklore as the entrance to Annwn, the Celtic underworld, and the realm of Gwyn-ap-Nudd, lord of the fairies.

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Our thanks to Mr. X of the Res Bureaux of Canada for putting us onto the following item. It appeared in the Evening News (Portsmouth) of February 25th, 1913 under the three separate headings below:

NOCTURNAL VISIT
AIRSHIP OVER GOSPORT
FORTON DISTRICT SENSATION

Following upon the comment aroused by the mysterious night-flights of an airship over various parts of Yorkshire and the East Coast, many people in the Forton district of Gosport were provided last evening with an interesting spectacle and topic of conversation.

Soon after eight o'clock attention was attracted by a very bright light which was moving steadily forward from the direction of Fareham towards the R.M.L.I. Barracks. It was at once assumed that the light was that of an airship, and this was confirmed by the fact that subsequently the light was seen to turn and proceed in various directions, and was at times obscured by what was concluded to be the large balloon body of a dirigible.

The airship made evolutions at a considerable height, but could not be seen owing to the darkness and the fact that the brilliant light excluded any surrounding object from sight.

The light was observed hovering over the neighbourhood of St. John's Church and Forton Barracks for about an hour, and it finally disappeared after making an apparently straight course in the direction of Hardway and Portsdown Hill.

P.C. Jenkins, who with P.C. Boyers, watched the light for some time, expressed no doubt that it was that of a large airship. The altitude was difficult to gauge, but it was very great, as no sound could be heard of the engines. It may have been that the machinery was not working, but the evolutions which the dirigible performed discounted this view.

Many people in Ferroll Road, Forton Road, and Mill Lane saw the unusual spectacle, and it formed a topic of interest and conversation at street corners and in many other parts of the district.

THE SPRING 1977 EDITION OF LANTERN* INCLUDES AN ACCOUNT FROM THE IPSWICH EVENING STAR OF DECEMBER 5TH, 1913, DESCRIBING A SIGHTING OF THE SAME, OR A SIMILAR OBJECT OVER IPSWICH.

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U.F.O. PHOTOS. SAE for details: Hampstead HG Wells Society, 47, Belsize Square, London N.W.3.
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"WHEN YOU END ON THE HAMPSHIRE SIDE,
BUTSER'S AS OLD AS TIME AND TIDE."

Run of the Downs: Rudyard Kipling

HAYLING - BUTSER LEYLINE?

In the second part of my catalogue of Haunted Localities in Hampshire (see Issue No. 6), I made brief mention of a North-South alignment of ancient sites in the region of Havant and Hayling Island. To verify as far as possible that the alignment represented something unusual, and not just a coincidental placing of sites, I began by retracing it from the (unreliable) small scale 1:50 000 Ordnance Survey map to the more detailed larger scale 1:25 000 series. As opposed to several other promising leys I had attempted to verify by this method, this one fortunately checked out. I then tried to gain details of the historical background of at least some of the sites in question, but this proved more difficult in some cases than I expected. Nevertheless, I feel that enough was discovered to warrant the alignment being considered a possible ley within the criterion set by Alfred Watkins.

THE ALIGNMENT

When traced on the map from South to North the line has its beginning on the Eastern edge of an earthwork known as Tourner Bury, situated near the Southern end of Hayling Island. From here the line falls on St. Peter's Church at North Hayling, approx. 2 miles distant. The third point on the alignment is the church of St. Thomas A'becket at Warblington, approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile away across the channel separating Hayling from the mainland. It may be significant that prior to

striking the church the line passes directly through the cemetery. The following site to be intersected is the ruin of Warblington Castle, situated at a distance of no more than 100 yards from the church. Four miles separate Warblington Castle and the next site - a mound positioned about one mile North West of Rowlands Castle. The line from here passes through Bascomb Copse on Windmill Hill, at a distance of approx. $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles. At about the same distance the line then intersects an alignment of two tumuli on Butser Hill, and passing across Ramsdean Down, falls on the furthest East of a trio of tumuli running East to West. The latter are situated about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from Butser. On the maps at my disposal, I can see no further likely mark points, but it may be worthy of note that the line passes through Cold Hill near Langrish as it continues North.

THE SITES

Tourner Bury - South Hayling

An Iron Age fortification covering about two acres, and comprising of a roughly circular raised area surrounded by a shallow moat. The moat is about five feet wide and was at one time periodically filled by the sea. The whole area is tree covered and gives the general impression of a somewhat flattened Cop Heap (Warminster).

St. Peter's Church - North Hayling

Dates from the early 13th century.

Church of St. Thomas A'Becket, Warblington

The present building dates from the early 14th century but is built on the foundations of a pre-Conquest Saxon church.

Warblington Castle

Now just a ruined tower, the building dates, as does the church, from the first half of the 14th century. However, the Antiquarian, Charles Longcroft notes that the Domesday records cite two religious buildings in the area of Warblington. He reasons that, as no other churches (or the remains of such) exist in the locality, the Castle is built on a religious site, probably a Monastery. It is situated a short distance from the church.

Mound

Situated about one mile North West of Rowlands Castle.

Windmill Hill - Clanfield

As far as I am aware there are no tumuli or other likely mark points on the hill, except perhaps Bascomb Copse which flanks its slopes on the North-Eastern side. I mention the hill mainly in regard to rumours about it being haunted. These rumours I'm afraid are recalled from a tender age, and details have either been forgotten, or were never there in the first place! If any readers have information dealing with ghosts or any other unusual phenomena reported from the locality, I would greatly appreciate hearing it.

Butser Hill

Two tumuli aligned North-South, and situated near the radio mast on the hilltop. The place will be familiar to many people as the site of the (uneventful and wet!) 1976 Beltane Skywatch.

Ramsdean Down

Three tumuli arranged East-West, the most Easterly of which, falls on the alignment.

Cold Hill - Langrish

Watkins suggested that the word Cold in a place name, may, in many cases, be a corruption of Cole. This he believed to be an ancient term, possibly relating to the use and construction of the Ley system. Further considering the word as Celtic in origin, Watkins consulted Pugh's Welsh dictionary, and came up with the following: Coel, an omen, belief; Coel-Bren, a piece of wood used in choosing or balloting; Coel Y Beirdd, the alphabet of the bards; Coel-certh, omen of danger, beacon, bonfire; Coelfain, the stones of omen.

For further information, see: The Old Straight Track by Alfred Watkins and Quicksilver Heritage by Paul Screeton.

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As a Ley Hunter, I admit to being a complete amateur, and for this reason would be glad to hear the opinions regarding the above of readers well versed in the subject.

I know that Leylines are a contraversial topic in W.A.T.S.U.P. at the moment, and therefore welcome the views and criticism of those on both sides of the fence.

Nick Maloret

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THE TRUTH VERSUS THE TRIANGLE
PART 2

As Roy and Tina Goutte noted in the previous issue of the Journal, the spate of books on the subject lead us to believe that every plane and ship passing through the Bermuda Triangle is liable to disappear. Starting from 1960, they show how the Triangle really compares with the rest of the world. The number of vessels posted missing since that year makes it necessary to split the article into several sections. This is the second.

(Editor)

Before listing the ships which have gone missing between 1964-1967 it is interesting to note where the disappearances have occurred so far.

1960-1964

- North East Atlantic. 5 disappearances.
- North Sea. 4 disappearances.
- English Channel. 4 disappearances.
- China Seas. 3 disappearances.
- South West Atlantic. 2 disappearances.
- Mediterranean. 2 disappearances.
- Mid Atlantic. 2 disappearances.
- Arabian Sea. 1 disappearance.
- Gulf of Mexico-West Atlantic (Bermuda Triangle). 1 disappearance.

So far the mysterious "triangle" is not doing too well. Let us see what the next few years reveal.

1964

JUNO. Pan.
Built 1927
Description SS. 1385 tons
Sailing from Kaohsiung to Brunei.
Cargo - cement, bricks and general.

Left Kaohsiung on the 8th October for Brunei and last reported by wireless in lat. 18 20N long. 118 44E on the 10th October. South China Seas.

SEEHUND. West Germany
Built 1918. Description MS 131 tons
Sailing from Cuxhaven to Norddeich
Cargo - cattle feed.

Not heard of since leaving Cuxhaven on the 12th December.

1964

MARIE CAROLE Com (Can)
Built 1964. Description MS trawler, 131 tons
Left Cheticamp, NS, to fish in area off Sable Island Bank. Last reported on 1st December. North Western Atlantic.

ACADIA SEAHAWK Com (Can)
Built 1953. Description MS trawler 318 tons
Left Canso NS on 30th November to fish in the area off Sable Island Bank. Last reported in about latitude 43 30N - longitude 61 10 W on 2nd December. North Western Atlantic.

JOAO JOSE PRIMEIRO Ptg
Built 1917. Description MS 242 tons
Sailing from Lisbon to Oporto. Cargo - cement.
Left Lisbon on 28th November for Oporto and has not been heard of since. East Atlantic

1965

CLIPPER G(W)
Built 1940. Description MS 498 tons
Sailing from Klaipeda to Raahe. Cargo - Anthracite.
Left Klaipeda on 26th November for Raahe and has not been heard of since. Baltic Sea - Gulf of Bothnia.

EL ARISHA Egy
Built 1963. Description MS. 2034 tons
Sailing from Newport, Mon to Alexandria. Cargo - general.
Left Newport, Mon on 13th November for Piraeus and Alexandria. Last reported by wireless on 17th November 140 miles North of Corunna where she was expected to arrive for damage repairs. East Atlantic.

THRASYVOULOS Pan
Built 1942. Description SS. 7162 tons.
Sailing from Madras to Constantza. Cargo - Iron Ore.
Left Madras on 6th June for Constantze. Last reported in Latitude 93N, longitude 56 25E on 29th June. Arabian Sea.

MAURITSSINGEL Nth
Built 1952. Description MS. 500 tons
Sailing from Bayonne to Hamburg. Cargo - maize.
Left Bayonne on 26th January for Hamburg and last reported off Ushant on 28th January. English Channel - North Sea.

1965

BOYE NILSEN nor
Built 1964. Description MS fishing. 186 tons.
Left Myre, Vesteraalen on 29th January for fishing grounds between Svengrunnen and Fugloybanken. Last reported by wireless on 31st January. Barents Sea.

ADAMASTOR Fra

Built 1958. Description MS Trawler. 131 tons.
Left Concarneau on 8th January for fishing grounds off Southern Ireland.
Last reported on 16th January. East Atlantic.

BOSTON PIONAIR GBI

Built 1956. Description MS trawler. 166 tons.
Left Lowestoft on 6th February for the North Sea fishing grounds and last reported in Latitude 55 15N, Longitude 2 20E. North Sea.

BLUE CRUSADER GBI

Built 1958. Description MS trawler. 274 tons.
Left Aberdeen on 13th January for Faroes fishing grounds and last reported by wireless that same day when it was 20 miles South of the North Ronaldsay Light. North Sea.

1966

BEGONA Spn

Built 1876. Description IRN SS. 182 tons.
Sailing from Corunna to Villagarcia. Cargo - cement.
Left Corunna on 21st October for Villagarcia and last reported off Corme later the same day.

KOSHO MARU Jpn

Built 1963. Description MS. 496 tons.
Sailing from Ube to Fushiki. Cargo - coal.
Left Ube on 4th January for Fushiki and last reported passing the Offings of Jizosaki in Latitude 35 32 42N Longitude 133 19 30 E on 6th January.
East China Sea - Sea of Japan.

SUN BEAM Amr

Built 1948. Description WMS. 194 tons.
Sailing from Seattle to Kodiak. Cargo - passengers.
Left Seattle on 19th February for Kodiak and last reported by wireless on 25th February when within a few miles off Kodiak. Gulf of Alaska.

1966

BLUE MIST II Com (Can)

Built 1953. Description MS trawler. 330 tons.
Left Grande Bank on 11th February for fishing grounds in Gulf of St. Lawrence and last reported by radio telephone on 18th February in approximately latitude 48 12N longitude 60W. Gulf of St. Lawrence.

1967

JOHANNES KRUSS G(W)

Built 1956. Description SS trawler. 650 tons.
Left Bremerhaven on 21st February for North Atlantic fishing grounds and last reported by radio on 28th February when 500 km off Cape Farewell in Greenland. North Atlantic.

IKONE G(W)

Built 1937. Description MS. 344 tons.
Sailing from Esbjerg to Hamburg. Cargo - pebbles.
Left Esbjerg on 22nd February for Hamburg and last seen in Latitude 55 11 8N longitude 8 10E the same day. North Sea.

POLLY AND ROBBIE Com (Can)

Built 1964. Description WMS. Fishing. 148 tons.
Left Halifax on 16th/17th February for fishing grounds and last reported by radio on 22nd February when believed to be 150 miles South East of St. Johns Nfl. North Atlantic.

VIGILATE DEO VIDENTE Nth

Built 1966. Description MS trawler. 102 tons.
Left Delfsyl on 16th October and last reported on 17th October at fishing grounds in latitude 54 17N longitude 6 38E. North Sea.

LUNFJORD Nth

Built 1926. Description MS. 187 tons.
Sailing from Wemeldinge to Esbjerg. Cargo - Ballest.
Left Wemeldinge on 2nd December for Esbjerg and not since reported. North Sea.

KATHARINA. West Germany.

Built 1954. Description MS. 398 tons.
Sailing from Koping to Wisbech. Cargo - Urea.
Left Koping on 22nd December for Wisbech and last reported on 23rd December, 20 miles off Uisby. North Sea.

ANNE URSULA. West Germany.

Built 1950. Description MS 267 tons.
Sailing from Ghent to Uddevalla. Cargo - Iron and general.
Left Ghent on 2nd December for Uddevalla via Cuxhaven and last reported later that day when passing Flushing. North Sea.

JAN MARGRETHE. Den

Built 1959. Description MS. 300 tons.
Sailing from Par to Oslo. Cargo - China clay.
Left Par on 8th November for Oslo and last reported on the 11th November in latitude 55 23 36N longitude 6 57 21 E. North Sea.

TONG HONG. Com (Hkg)

Built 1945. Description MS 3831 tons.
Sailing from Kawasaki to Colombo. Cargo - Ammonium Sulphate.
Left Kawasaki on 25th October for Singapore and not since reported.
East China Sea - South China Sea.

SPEED ARTIST. Con (St.V)

Built ?. Description WMS. 106 tons.
Sailing from Trinidad to Anquilla. Cargo - general.
Left Trinidad on 9th December and Barbados on 30th December for St. Lucia, Guadeloupe and Anguilla and not since reported. Caribbean - Leeward Islands.

SANTE FE. Chl.

Built 1943. Description SS. 8338 tons.
Sailing from Coquimbo to San Nicolas AR. Cargo - Iron Ore.
Left Coquimbo on 8th August and Valparanso on 10th August for San Nicolas AR and last reported on 13th August off Isla Guamblin. South East Pacific.

DENNY ROSE GBI

Built 1946. Description MS. 6656 tons.
Sailing from Toledo, Philippines to Chilba. Cargo - Iron Ore and powdered magnesite.
Left Toledo on 4th September for Chilba and last reported on 13th September, in latitude 26N longitude 134E. East China Sea.

TRONOEN. Fra.
Built 1963. Description MS Trawler. 115 tons.
Left Guilvinee on the 9th June for fishing grounds west of Penmarc'h and
last reported by radio telephone on the 11th June in latitude 47 50N
longitude 6 50 W. East Atlantic.

MUREX. Itl.
Built 1952. Description MS 353 tons.
Sailing from Benghazi to Naples. Cargo - Ballest.
Left Benghazi on 11th February for Naples and last reported on 12th February
160 miles South of Cape Passero, Sicily. Mediterranean.

HASHLOSHA. Isr.
Built 1953. Description MS. 1338 tons.
Sailing from Kimiolos Island to Marsielles. Cargo - Clay.
Left Kimiolos on 21st January for Marsielles and last reported in distress
on 24th January in latitude 40 25N. Mediterranean.

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FLIGHT 19 : A FURTHER NOTE

In his article on Flight 19 in Issue No. 6, Roy Goutte mentions certain contradictions in the official report dealing with the case. The official statements suggests at one point that survivors were observed by the rescue team. However, soon afterwards it is announced that the sighting was a misidentification. Obviously no firm conclusions can be made at this stage, but these confused statements in the official records plainly deepen the mystery, and warrant further objective investigation.

Reproduced below are two documents released by the U.S. Marine Corps. Their content will be surprising, to say the least, to anyone familiar with the case of Flight 19.

Editor.

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7th Endorsement

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON, 13 July 1946.

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps

To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: The Judge Advocate General of the Navy.

Subject: Board of Investigation - Missing five TBM
airplanes, Bu ~~44~~ 23307, 46094, 73209, 46325,
45714, and PBM airplane, BU ~~44~~ 59225, missing
status of U.S. naval personnel; conv. by
CNAAT, NAS, Jacksonville, Fla., 7 Dec 45.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval of the proceedings, findings and opinion of the Board of Investigation in the attached case, subject to the actions and remarks of the convening and reviewing authorities thereon and to the remarks of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy.

2. Captain George William Stivers, (010959), United States Marine Corps, Captain Edward Joseph Powers, Jr., (09789), United States Marine Corps, Second Lieutenant Forrest James Gerber, (047223), United States Marine Corps Reserve, Staff Sergeant Howell Orrin Thompson, (499181), United States Marine Corps Reserve, Staff Sergeant George Richard Paonessa, (805639), United States Marine Corps, Sergeant Robert Francis Gallivan, (359343), United States Marine Corps, Private Robert Peter Gruebel, (563782), United States Marine Corps Reserve, and Private First Class William Earl Lightfoot, (519803), United States Marine Corps, are carried on the records of this Headquarters as accidental death on 5 December 1945. Determination of death was made by the Officer in Charge of Casualty Division on 20 March 1946, and evidence of death was received by Casualty Division on 20 March 1946.

Signed....(P.D.SHERMAN).....
By direction

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2nd Endorsement

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON, 4 March 1946.

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps.

To: The Judge Advocate General of the Navy.

Via: The Chief of the Bureau of Personnel.

Subject: Board of Investigation - Missing five TBM airplanes, BU // 23307, 46094, 73209, 46325, 45714, and one PBM airplane, BU // 59225, missing status of U.S. naval personnel; conv. by CNAAT, NAS, Jacksonville, Fla., 7 December 1945.

1. Returned.

2. Captain George William Stivers, (010959), United States Marine Corps, Captain Edward Joseph Powers, Jr., (09789), United States Marine Corps, Second Lieutenant Forrest James Gerber, United States Marine Corps Reserve, Staff Sergeant Howell Orrin Thompson, (499181), United States Marine Corps Reserve, Staff Sergeant George Richard Paonessa, (805639), United States Marine Corps, Sergeant Robert Francis Gallivan, (359343), United States Marine Corps, Private Robert Peter Gruebel, (563782), United States Marine Corps Reserve, and Private First Class William Earl Lightfoot (519803), United States Marine Corps, are carried on the records of this Headquarters as missing, 5 December, 1945 (not enemy action) and will be carried for one year unless earlier evidence warrants a change in status.

Signed....(KENNETH H. YORK).....
By direction

THE FOLKLORE CONNECTION by A.R. JONES.

A brief look at mysterious humanoids of Celtic folklore, and their connection with current unexplained phenomena.

Throughout Celtic folklore and legend, constant references were made to mysterious creatures commonly called fairies and elves. It is generally agreed that they became less a part of everyday folklore following the spread of civilization during the early 1800s. During the Victorian era, the fairy legends as such were degraded into acceptable tales for children, and a typical modern

view of these beings is that of females of various size and age, flitting about on butterfly wings waving a magic wand, exuding kindness and innocence. Traditionally however, a fairy was a supernatural being capable of exercising magical powers over humans, not necessarily for good alone. Included in this classification were beings of all shapes and sizes, from tiny water nymphs, dwarfs, beings indistinguishable from humans, to giants. From folklore, the predominant types were small beings, varying in height from 1m to 1.5m, falling into two broad groups. Irish sages insisted that "fairies of the air" were different than those "of the rocks". German folklore divided the "elves" into white and dark skinned types living in different places. Similarly, Breton tradition drew careful distinctions between the fairy beings:-

- (1). White skinned entities. Physically similar to us in appearance, but of diminutive stature. Sometimes said to have large heads in proportion to their bodies.
- (2). Dark skinned dwarfs. Sometimes hideous, with black hairy bodies, long arms, and hands terminating in talons. Their eyes burned like coals.

Much confusion has been created by the proliferation of names given to these beings, attributable to the large number of so-called fairy tribes, and the scattered human settlements. Some of the more general names used over the centuries are as follows:-

White entities

Sidhe or Gentry	-	Ireland
Sith or Good People	-	Scotland
Fairies	-	England
Fees or Korrigons	-	France
Elves	-	Germany
Sylphs	-	Medieval

Dark entities

Fallen Angels	-	Ireland
Brownies	-	Scotland
Elves	-	England
Lutins or Fions	-	France
Elves	-	Germany
Duses	-	Medieval

The more isolated nymphs, giants and other beings cannot be classified in groups, and always had individual names.

Who and what then, were these beings who had such a lasting impression on our ancestors? Through the centuries, learned individuals studied and pondered. Although an answer was never reached, their opinions can be summarised as follows:

- (1). Spirits of the dead.
- (2). Fallen angels.
- (3). Elementals, composed of earth, air, fire or water.
- (4). Evolved from distant memories of early races.
- (5). Special creations, existing in their own right.

It is doubtful whether anyone will prove the possibilities 1-3, but they do represent logical assumptions for religious students in those less enlightened times.

The fourth possibility is very important, although there is negligible evidence for the existence of similar beings in ancient history. Indeed, hard evidence of our own history beyond 2,000 years ago is rather thin on the ground. In Europe following the upsurge of Christianity, evidence of our Celtic heritage was ruthlessly destroyed because the Christian God was not venerated. The majority of old records and traditions, even monuments, were destroyed, altered or hidden, in order to convince our ancestors that their forefathers were barbarians. For instance:-

- (1). A.D. 490 - Library of Alexander destroyed by Christians.
- (2). A.D. 600 - Runic manuscripts destroyed by Irish monks.
- (3). A.D. 789 - Charlemagne ordered all "pagan" records to be destroyed.

One could fill page after page with similar instances of pointless destruction. Small wonder then, that few records of unusual beings exist, whose characters would most certainly not fit in with Christianity.

What evidence is there to substantiate the theory that ancient inhabitants of the British Isles were "fairies"? Historians and archaeologists say none whatsoever and one cannot really disagree with them. What early writings remaining are based on information handed down over generations by word of mouth? Although not possessing supernatural or magical qualities, it is said that before the Celts arrived, Great Britain was populated by a race of diminutive beings called the Fenlanders. These are described as having large heads, flat faces and noses and large mouths. They were dark skinned, lived in caves and hunted with bows and arrows. Following the Celtic invasions, they were pushed back into the more remote areas. According to some early records, the Picts who came to Scotland some 4,000 years ago, were also a dwarfish people with dark skins. Irish priests following St. Columba in the 600s are said to have waged a religious war against the dwarfs, fighting fierce battles and they were eventually wiped out or forced into hiding. Similar battles were fought in Ireland. What happened to them is not clear, this stage of history being extremely confused. It can be seen therefore, that although these dwarfs bore some physical resemblance to the predominant dark skinned fairy group, this fourth possibility can never be proven, unless more positive records are unearthed, perhaps from the dusty archives of the Catholic church.

Similar word of mouth legends have been handed down through the centuries in almost every racial group, from the Eskimos and North American Indians, down to the Australian aboriginals and Maories. References are made to white and dark skinned peoples of diminutive stature, sometimes far advanced, living in houses, who either fled or were forced to leave. Even vaguer are references to giants.

The fifth possibility is obviously the most tenable, and could also be related to the fourth. From folklore, myths and legends built up over the last 1,400 years or so, it is possible to outline the characteristics of the predominant fairy beings after first discarding the embellishments and exaggerations. It should also be appreciated that most contacts took place in remote areas, with simple superstitious people. Details of contacts were not bandied about for fear that the fairies might hear, particularly any derogatory comments made. If it had not been for the occasional religious or scientifically minded individuals making serious evaluations after interviewing contactees as possible, and subsequently putting pen to paper, very little evidence would exist today.

(1). White skinned entities.

The precise nature of these beings remained a source of puzzlement to past priests, scholars and the masses alike. Although they appeared to be physical "flesh and blood" beings, their actions and statements to contacts evoked the opposite i.e. they were a distinct race between man and the spirits.

Statements that they were bigger than they appeared, could become indistinguishable from man in crowds, and their apparent ability to appear and disappear at will, obviously had profound effects on the then more superstitious natives, instilling a respect, if not fear, of the normally invisible residents. It was also impressed upon contacts that they were far superior to man, and had the power to decimate the human race, although they would not commit such an act. In most contacts however, the verbal communication was meaningless, even absurd.

It was consistently stated that the fairies lived in subterranean abodes, in wonderful houses or castles inside hillsides and mountains and on invisible islands on the sea. These places were known only to the fairies and only seen by a few contactees in company with a fairy being. Visitors talked of entering "fairyland" simply through a moss door in a hillside, or through a series of doors i.e. a moss door, a wooden door and finally a shiny metal door. The superiority of these beings obviously gained further credence after reports of the wonders seen, such as lamps and fires with no obvious fuel source, and in some instances a utopian countryside. There would appear to be some connection here with magical lands such as Tir Na N'og and Avalon.

The fairies ate only oatmeal, meat, and drank pure water; no salt could be tolerated. These were sometimes requested from humans, demanded, or taken under threats. If a request was freely granted, the ancient rites of hospitality were obeyed. Some repayments consisted of limitless supplies of the same article, which contradicts the reason for the original request. They were often seen hunting wild animals across the countryside, and collecting plants.

On their own admission to contacts, they did not die, having the power to remain young. Also they were divided into tribes on a para military basis, with a hierarchy of leaders, and often fought amongst each other. They had no devotion to God, or any religion. Their philosophy was based on the belief that nothing dies, everything being created and re-created in cycles.

The fairies were apparently very amorous, many tales relating to their persistent solicitations with humans, and long standing sexual relationships. Although they were believed to marry and procreate in a similar manner to us, they could also marry a "pure" mortal and produce children.

The mystics and theologians of the Middle Ages were confounded by the actions of "elementals" called incubi and succubi, who tormented humans and solicited intercourse. If resistance was encountered, solicitation was conducted in a mysterious manner, often over a period of months, involving soft persuasive voices, apparitions, changes in form of the "spirit", and poltergeist phenomena. Such events were attributed to the Devil, but holy objects were not feared, and in any case, how could a "spirit" copulate with a human and produce children. Many old leaders or men of great renown were said to have been born in this manner i.e. Alexander, Plato, Merlin etc. Some said that Antichrist will be born in this way. The actions of these "spirits" bears many similarities to those of the fairy beings, and some writers actually stated they were so. St. Augustine wrote that Sylvans and Fauns (i.e. Wood Spirits) indulged in such impure practices, and similarly, Duses, an early name for the Lutins. Later, Kirk wrote that the fairies often appeared as incubi or succubi.

In the same vein, many witches also attributed some of their magic to secrets learned from fairy beings. Innumerable wretches were put to death for alleged contact with Satan, or any other being who was considered to be a "devil". One of their less attractive habits was the abduction of young children. Often a fairy child or "changeling" was left in its' place. On other occasions a mere effigy. This practice generated quite considerable fear amongst superstitious mothers, even to the extent of killing a child which developed a defect for fear that it was a "changeling". Sometimes the same treatment was

applied to adults whose character changed suddenly.

The fairies were also active in abducting young mothers or pregnant women. The motives were considered to be two-fold. Firstly, preserving and improving their own race and secondly, to obtain the milk and care of human mothers for their own children. Young men were also abducted, for what reason cannot be determined. Tales speak of kidnapped adults and children being seen in company with the fairies, obviously content with their new existence.

Sometimes an abduction was for a specific purpose. The fairies often abducted adults, or requested their time, for services required such as midwifery. The physical nature of fairyland as recorded in old tales is most unusual. It could be a remote country, some distant place, an invisible island, even a celestial country, but never a precise definite or determinable place. A visitor could not behold fairyland unless a mystical ceremony was performed, such as the placing of precious dew on the visitor's eyelid. In other instances, the visitor fell asleep during transport to the fairy abode. Another important feature following human services was the gratitude shown, gifts having a magical character. In many tales, the gifts appeared to be absolute rubbish, such as rocks or floor sweepings, but when the visitor returned home, if the "rubbish" had been retained, found it had turned into gold or other valuables.

Fairies enjoyed singing, drinking and dancing, this revelry taking place around a ring, mound or hillock. The fairy ring was described as being 2-10 metres in diameter, with only the shortest and finest grass growing there. In the middle, a circle of mushrooms grew, which were used as seats by the fairies. The mound or hillock was usually described as standing on red pillars, which is strange to say the least. The fairies dress was described as brightly coloured, usually green, with some red or blue.

They also enjoyed playing tricks on terrified youngsters, especially girls. This capricious behaviour occurred after dark, and one can readily visualise the terrified youngsters filled with embroidered tales by their equally superstitious parents. It is highly unlikely however, that all such pranks were actually committed by fairies.

The fairies possessed the ability to fly, although no mention was generally made of the method used. In most tales, they merely flew through the air, during battles, or in order to abduct people. In other instances however, they flew through the air with their entire household, often illuminated at night. It is easy to see therefore, how they sprouted wings in recent tales for children.

During the Middle Ages, any aerial elemental was called a Sylph by theologians and occultists. There are quite definite statements referring to "flying chariots" or "aerial ships", and the most celebrated case concerns Agobard, Bishop of Lyons, in the days of Charlemagne. He saved some humans who were dropped from a ship after being shown the Sylph's lands etc., and were about to be done to death by angry locals. The Sylphs were described as handsome devils of medium height. Here again there appears to be a connection with the fairies.

The fairies loved to travel and did not like staying in one place more than three months. Regular migrations and more likely human contacts created a tradition of staying indoors at such times, with extra religious ceremonies and blessing of animals, crops etc., to protect them from fairy ravages. This was practiced until quite recently in Scotland.

What is certainly the most unusual phenomenon connected with the fairy faith is the passage of time in fairyland! People who spent what they thought was one day in fairyland returned home to find one year, or more, had passed. This time disparity occurred even when a visit entailed merely merrymaking in a fairy ring, and was consistent the world over.

If a human refused to help, was greedy in regard to payment for services, attacked or obstructed the fairies, swift action was taken. The offender could be physically beaten, paralysed or blinded by the magic wand, or poisoned by the fairies' breath. Some brave fellows who attempted to steal the fairies' luminous stone in order to have lifelong happiness no doubt, suffered rough justice. In general, fairies appeared to have existed quite peaceably with man, often taking an interest in our affairs. If respect was shown, man had little to fear apart from the abductions.

(2). Dark skinned dwarfs.

Although most of what has been said about the "white" fairies applies, there are some differences.

These entities were referred to as "fairies of the rocks" or "earthmen", having power of the earth's riches, living in caves, tunnels, deep in woods, or under the sea. In contactee visits, although wonderful chambers were sometimes mentioned, countries were not.

Although constantly referred to as ground beings, many reports tell of their aerial capabilities, either personally or in aerial chariots. In the early centuries, elementals contemporary with the Sylphs were described as dark and hairy.

The dwarfs were more sober, even solitary, hence their other occasional title of "household spirits". Their dress was similarly drab, mainly greys and browns. They were greatly feared, partly due to their appearance, particularly the black hairy variety, and partly their more malicious and contemptuous attitude.

General characteristics of the two main types of fairy beings consistent throughout the last 1,400 years can be summarised as follows:-

- (1). Of a nature intermediate between man and spirits. Were only seen when they wished it. Could appear or disappear at will, not necessarily in same form.
- (2). Lived in subterranean dwellings, only visible when they wished it.
- (3). Ate only meat, oatmeal and drank pure water. Hunted, demanded or took food.
- (4). Did not die, having the power to make the old young, the small big etc.
- (5). System of leaders, divided into tribes, and often fought amongst each other.
- (6). Married and had children like us. Could also marry a "pure" mortal and reproduce.
- (7). Rather amorous, persuading and soliciting sexual relations with humans.
- (8). Abducted children, pregnant women, young mothers and young men.

- (9). Sometimes requested help from humans. Repayments made with gifts of magical quality.
- (10). Enjoyed singing, drinking and dancing around fairy ring, mound or hillock.
- (11). Enjoyed playing tricks on youngsters at dark, especially girls.
- (12). Travelled greatly, often by aerial means. Disliked staying in one place more than three months.
- (13). Location of fairyland always unknown. Visitors experienced time disparity of one day = one year.
- (14). Sometimes attacked people, by physical assault, blinding or paralysing with magic wand, poisoned by their breath, or with tiny swords.

Let us now interpret these characteristics and actions etc., in the light of modern knowledge, and without religious or other dogmatic bias.

- (1). They were physical beings, either a separate species or other branches of mankind, genetically compatible with us. There were at least two sub-species within each grouping. Appearances and disappearances at will could have been performed by laser image projection or teleportation.
- (2). They had underground and underwater bases, but did not necessarily permanently reside in them. Some reports indicate these bases were actually some form of aerial craft.
- (3). Their diet was strictly controlled. They hunted, demanded or took food, animals or plants.
- (4). They possessed superior medical knowledge, possibly aided by transplants and cybernetics and/or they lived longer anyway.
- (5). Did not worship gods or any religion. Certainly different "tribes" or sub-species who fought amongst each other, this being observed in the sky, which could have been achieved by levitation, rocket back packs or in aerial craft.
- (6). Reproductive system similar to man's.
- (7). Sexual drive certainly human, but necessity for actions not clear.
- (8). Abducted children, pregnant and young mothers and young men, again reasons not readily explainable. Most likely genetic to improve their own stock, planting spies back in our society or seeding elsewhere?
- (9). Requested help from humans, although no apparent need. Gifts of magic quality would only increase wonder.
- (10). Sang, danced and drank around mounds, hillocks etc., which is illogical. Descriptions of hillocks suggests unnatural objects, most likely aerial craft.
- (11). Enjoyed playing tricks on youngsters after dark, most likely to create fear and prevent human excursions.

- (12). Travelled greatly, often in aerial craft. Reports of regular migrations could have been visitations rather than departures.
- (13). Possessed superior weapons, including paralysing rays, poisoned gas and swords or arrows like pins, possibly hyperdermics.
- (14). Time disparity during human visits is indicative of current sci-fi theories such as parallel or tangential universes, space-time continuums, time travel etc.

Summarising, it is reasonable to assume that these beings were physical creatures who possessed a superior technology, even to current standards. Their actions were often illogical, contradictory, even absurd, and verbal communications similarly meaningless and misleading. It all made little sense apart from stoking up and perpetuating fear and confusion amongst the peasants in rural areas, and conversely, ridicule amongst town dwellers as to the possible existence, nature and source of other humanoids.

Now by this point, many readers who have researched into the current enigmatic subject loosely covered by the title of Unidentified Flying Objects, will have noticed obvious parallels. Indeed, the fairy faith coincides remarkably with that of flying saucers. From thousands of reports world wide, the majority of occupants seen have been identical to the predominant fairy beings, as are their "mound shaped" craft flying whilst illuminated or resting on legs or pillars. The U.F.O. and the occupants can seemingly appear and disappear at will, and often the craft changes shape. They land in remote areas, conduct pointless conversations with humans, or make absurd requests. People have been abducted, some returned, others never seen again. Some have reputedly been forced to have sexual intercourse with "aliens". They have apparently attacked people, the hairy dwarfs being the worst offenders, using physical assault, paralysing beams or rays from tubes, and gaseous emissions. Scores of reports tell of little men chasing and taking animals or collecting plants, rocks and water.

It would appear therefore, that we are dealing with the same phenomena, albeit in a slightly different guise, or is it? Celestial objects were most prolific during the 8th to the 10th centuries when human society was in a state of flux. It is perhaps significant that the incidents of aerial sightings suddenly increased from the 18th century with similar social changes progressing. In the intervening centuries, the fairy myth developed, together with the belief they lived underground in close proximity to the human inhabitants. This was only in keeping with existing beliefs however, particularly Irish and Welsh, of the "otherworld" occupied by ancient gods, possessing almost identical organization, characteristics and abilities. A typical example are the Tuatha De Danaan, the divine people of Irish tradition, and considered by some to be the initiators of the Mayas and Incas, who were obviously Celts returning home after a long absence. In addition, the underground belief was in keeping with new religious beliefs, the Church having outlawed all "aerial devils."

With the gradual removal of religious dogma and the dawning of the industrial and space age, with the creation of large urban communities, it was no longer acceptable nor necessary to believe in fairies. It is certainly acceptable now to think of U.F.O. occupants as beings from outer space.

Throughout this brief summary, we have spoken as though the fairies have vanished. The odd report still crops up however, of the traditional little men in bright attire appearing and disappearing into woods or rocks. Also black hairy beings were still attacking and abducting people in Central America during the 50s. Likewise, both types of beings dressed in shiny "spacesuits" are also seen without the "flying saucer."

We still have not, and cannot, answer the questions "who are they" and "where do they come from?" They could be survivors of ancient civilizations on Earth, or aliens from another world. Both theories are so interlinked it is impossible to differentiate between them. Worldwide legends tell of past civilizations superior to our own initiated by gods from the heavens. At the same time, ancestors of these civilizations are said to have gone underground, such as the Tuatha De Danaan overleaf. Huge caverns populated by initiates, hollow earths and vast tunnel systems abound. Throw in stories like that written by Shaver concerning the Dero and Tero, reputedly substantiated by several victims of the Dero, the baddies, strange underground noises etc., and the confusion increases.

Whatever the answer, it is my contention that the U.F.O. or fairy myth, call it what you will, was and still is, perpetuated from within, rather than without. We should concern ourselves more with our past and what is going on terrestrially instead of looking up, if we are to learn more about these mysteries.

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SIGHTING FROM THE 1967 "WAVE"

During the Autumn of 1967 an unprecedented number of U.F.O. sightings were reported in Britain. Hampshire and the South coast generally saw much of this activity, with dozens of sightings occurring throughout October and early November. We may have no idea of the true extent of the "wave" because as usual, only a percentage of the sightings will have been reported. Nevertheless, over the years reports like the following appear to fill in the gaps and strengthen our conviction that in Wessex at least 1967 was a unique year.

The witness, Michael Mytton, now aged 35 was lodging with my parents at the time in Locksway Road, Milton, Portsmouth. His account of the sighting is as follows:

"One evening in the Autumn or Winter of 1967, at about 12/12.30 a.m. I parked my car in Meryl Road, Milton. Upon leaving the car, I suddenly noticed the sky, pavement, houses, in fact everything light up a shade of electric blue. I stood still for a moment or two thinking it could be lightning, but realised that it was lasting too long to be this. Presently, a hissing or whooshing noise was also present and upon looking skyward, I noted a large football shape in the same electric blue passing over the road from the South-East towards the North-West. As this object disappeared from sight (travelling at aircraft speed) a loud cracking noise occurred from which I presume the object broke up."

Nick Maloret

READER'S LETTERS

FLIGHT 19

In a recent letter, Mr. X of the Res Bureaux, Canada, includes the following interesting postscript:-

As if by coincidence, I was amazed on the lead article being on the subject of Flight 19, of which I published an article in the INFO JOURNAL of February 1974. It was my effort in April of 1973 to determine the facts on the case that led me to inquire at the Judge Advocate General's Office at the Naval Annex in Arlington and subsequently to the declassification of the report of the Naval Board of Inquiry's report and corresponding files. When I first scanned the file, it was clear the facts had never been told before in the dozen versions published by 1973, and I soon ordered not only the most pertinent pages but the entire file for the first time to their knowledge. The cost was near 30 US dollars but yielded radio logs and testimony that put an entirely new perspective on this most intriguing incident that laid the foundations for ensuing "triangle" tales. As they discovered the toll age was taking upon the report, it was decided to declassify it and put it on microfilm, thus I also obtained the first reel on 35mm microfilm of the entire file, as well, outside the Navy. But then, to my great disappointment, I was advised by the editors of several journals that there was no reader interest in the story. Well, after numerous rejections, the INFO JOURNAL did publish it, but it was never cited in subsequent revelations though it was the first full transcription of the radio conversations. Now, for two years, I am urging the U.S. Navy to investigate a sunken Avenger in the Keys that may prove to be one of the lost planes found in the early 1970s by a salvage company; so I remain one of the

best informed on the incident and still have not found any advantage in it financially, though other late-comers have!

As for comparisons, the Great Lakes and Canada's Eastern shores are notorious for ships lost and lost without trace on a scale that dwarves the "triangle".

Mr X,
Res Bureaux Bulletin,
Kingston,
Ontario,
Canada.

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This third part of the Catalogue will be published in a supplementary W.A.T.S.U.P. "Newsletter"/U.F.O. Sightings sheet in the near future.

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