

WEST YORKSHIRE U.F.O. SOCIETY



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'NEWSLETTER'

HELLO THERE! Welcome to the first issue of the WYUFOS NEWSLETTER, - the only publication of its kind in the West Yorkshire region. Most of you, will no doubt, be aware of the UFO scene in this country, but at the same time, I am ~~sure~~ sure that many more people are not so aware of the present UFO situation, here in this part of West Yorkshire.

Briefly, this newsletter will hopefully put those of you who live in this area in touch with the realisation of WHAT, WHERE and WHEN, UFO activity is taking place, aswell as giving information about UFO news, views, meetings. Now and again, it will also contain articles refering to intresting past UFO cases and reports from this area, but most important of all, the newsletter will be open for YOU to express your own views about UFOs.

Furthermore, it goes without saying really, that the smooth running of this publication will depend on how much work-effort can be put into its pages, by those of you who are genuinely intrested in furthering Ufology at a local level. For my part, I am quite willing to put as much effort as I possibly can, in order to, not only gain recognition of a serious-minded UFO investigations group in the West Yorkshire region, but also to give all readers a complete picture of just WHAT is happening in the skies above us.

In its course, this newsletter will try to give those who would like to find out more about the 'ins' and 'outs' of UFOs, including beginners, a much better chance of doing so, by recommending works, books, and such-like as new information comes to hand.

One last point here, it is quite obvious to all, that UFO sightings and reports are not unique to the West Yorkshire area, and it may intrest you to find out what kind of activity is taking place outside our region? If you would like to widen your views about UFO sightings in the North of the country, then I would strongly suggest that you subscribe to one of the leading publications for this purpose available - See details over page.

Well, I hope that you find this, the first issue of the WYUFOS NEWSLETTER, of intrest to your study of UFOs, and will pass it on to your friends and relatives, or indeed, anyone you think will find it of value to know, about the UFO situation in W.Yorkshire..... Nigel Mortimer.

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ABOUT YOUR EDITOR..... 'Breiffly, I first became involved with UFO Investigations after an initial personal UFO sighting at my home town of Otley, W.Yorkshire in 1980. This sparked-off the searching inquisitiveness in me, to try to find out just What UFOs may be. This has been a long search, and I am still grasping for some kind of feasible answer to my encounter.

Very soon after, I became a member of NUFON (the Northern UFO Network) and began investigating local UFO sightings throughout 1981, andon from there, I became a member of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) and have been recently made an Accredited Investiagtor for the National Organisation.

I have had a number of articles published in the Northern UFO News, and some of my investiagtions work has appeared in Jenny Randles book, 'The Pennine UFO Mystery' (See 'recommended reading'-pp2) which involved reports of sightings from the West Yorkshire region.

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WAKEFIELD AREA: There was a spate of UFO sightings reports from this area, in August, and throughout Sept/October 83.

August 14th: 3 people saw a 'star-like' object darting around the sky, which was a very bright colour. It had a trail of light following it, and appeared to go down into some nearby woods at 11pm. One witness claims that the 'ball of light' was only about 10ft above the nearby rooftops and shone onto them. On Aug. 15/16th a bright round Orange-yellow object was sighted by same witnesses over the city. Nearby, in Huddersfield, a Birkby man ~~was~~ watched a silver bell-shaped UFO for 2mins as it 'drifted' northwards over the town. The object gave-off a brilliant flash of light, but made no sounds. It was approx 300ft high.....may have been a balloon. Other sightings from this area continue to come in. More on those in due course.

LEEDS AREA: A Mrs. R from Oakwood, Leeds, was up very early (about 5am) and as she moved to the bathroom, she saw a bright light out of the window. A very bright white object moved across the sky from the Wetherby direction, and then hung stationary above some houses across the road from her position, at a height of about 500ft. At this distance, it looked to be about the size of a 2p. She saw an aeroplane higher than the object after about 20mins, when the white light began to move again in an Easterly direction. Dated: 15th October, 83.

KEIGHLEY AREA: 3 children were out playing in the local recreation grounds, when they were terrified by seeing what they think was a UFO. It was a domed object, as long as three houses, and stood stationary on the ground for a few minutes before taking-off. One of the witnesses said that the object curled-up like a 'hedgehog' and then rose into the sky. It was plain white, like a bowl, with a triangle cut out of the top with a spire. There was a red square glowing on it. Investigations continue on this case. Dated: October 83.

APPLETREEWICK (North Yorks): A woman took a photograph of Floral Dancers in this North Yorks village on May 30th, 83. When it was developed, a strange oval orange-brown object was observed in the sky, behind tree branches! All sources seem to indicate that the effect is not due to photographic processing errors or defects, and further tests are being carried out on the print. A number of other UFO sightings took place in the area, up to the date of the photograph, which describe similar looking objects. Investigations cont.

INVESTIGATORS...IMPORTANT NEWS It was agreed at the 1st WYUFOS meeting (Addingham: Sunday Oct 2nd) that a local team of UFO Investigators should come into being, to study and work upon UFO sightings reports, which in turn will be collated at the WYUFOS headquarters, and then sent on to BUFORA and UFO RESEARCH NORTH for recording. The members delegated for each separate area of W. Yorks. to act as WYUFOS Investigators are:

SOUTH BRADFORD, HALIFAX, BRIGHOUSE, etc.. Andy & Helen Roberts, 84, Elland Rd, Brighouse, W. Yorkshire. HD6 2QR.

Mr. Robert Stammers, 9, Burnley Hill Terrace, Stone Chair, Shelf, Halifax.

BRADFORD (central) LEEDS, Huddersfield & Wakefield areas, etc.. Nigel Mortimer, WYUFOS Headquarters, Addingham.

Mr. Paul Bennett, Flat 2a, 8, Selbourne Grove, Heaton, Bradford 9.

Mr. Steven Hart, 9, Nansen Street, Bramley, Leeds. LS13 3HW.

ALL OUTLYING AREAS: Mr. Stuart Boardman, 12 Hillside Avenue, Oakworth, Keighley, BD2 27Q.

For those of you who have agreed to become Investigators, there are one or two points of advice, that I hope will be of help to you.

i) As serious UFO Investigators in the WYUFOS, you will become responsible for any actions taken whilst conducting such investigations. There exists a National Code Of Practice for UFO Investigators, which gives useful guidelines and it would be in your best interests to work and agree to this, by completing and signing a copy... (Send for details).

ii) I also recommend that you become a member of THE NORTHERN UFO NETWORK.. this will give you a fuller insight into the UFO phenomenon in not only our immediate area, but the rest of Northern Britain too. NUFONS address: Jenny Randles, 9, Crossfield Rd, Somerville, Wallasey, Wirral. L44 9EH. Subscription: £4.20.