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Members of WYUFORG will note a slight increase in the pagination of this edition of the newsletter (Wow! Phew! and all that rubbish!). This is because we feel that besides the news and notices pertaining to the Group's handling of certain issues, there should also be news relating to recent reports and such like. Consequently, long-standing ufological genius extraordinaire (brag, brag!) Paul - the hippy - Bennett is to deal with such matters; and the former-mentioned materials are to be covered by Steve Hart. This procedure will be contained and hopefully expanded upon in later and later editions of the newsletter. Should any member of the Group want to make comments on any of the material in the newsletter or write small articles for publication, please contact or forward material onto the editor. It should be stressed that in no way is this newsletter representative of WYUFORG's entire work and that it merely serves as an informal update and communication between our investigators. There are to be several outside groups who will receive copies of this newsletter for the first time - in return for group publications of other areas. It is to be stressed that this publication is not a specific scientific attempt to analyse the UFO situation in this part of the country, merely a couple of sheets containing relevant material (?) for WYUFORG investigators.

The following items were discussed at our meeting of 8 December, 1984 in Bradford:  
New Investigators

It was resolved that approximately 10 investigators should be the maximum number of us involved in the Group. Should any present member know of anyone interested in "serious" investigation of sightings and the Phenomenon as a whole, then that investigator ought to invite the willing person concerned to one of the meetings!

Finance

The News of the World/Appletreewick\* UFO Photo Newspaper Deal was discussed. It was felt that the Group had been treated most untowardly by Messrs Sacks and Harris. (To describe Harris as "rude" - in whatever context you care to visualise! - would be accurate) Miss Randles has displayed her usual "couldn't care less" detached role with this one. We have recently been informed that £100 may be sent to Martin Dagless when the negatives and print are returned to him - so should anyone be a bit short on cash, we all know who we can go mug! (Quite honestly though, we have been promised a variety of figures within the last few months. Exactly what we will receive is as big a mystery as the UFO Phenomenon itself!)

A report into the possibility of obtaining a grant will be given at the next meeting. Iain Johnston and Steve are presently looking into this.  
Jenny Randles/BUFORA/NUFON/etc.

It was decided that after the Appletreewick deal has blown over, that Jenny Randles (who is universally considered to be pretentious, exploitive, assuming and the 2nd Coming of Thatcher!), BUFORA and NUFON be left to their own devices, and that our small group of able investigators would remain on the whole, independant.

NUFOIS and OSEAP

These two groups, it was felt, express a similar attitude to the subject and the British UFO scene as our Group. It was therefore resolved that a close friendship would be maintained with these groups and their publications, in the hope that we will learn things from them, and vice versa.

Library

A short reminder, that if you want a complete\* list of the library books in WYUFORG's collection, the sum of £1 is required to cover the extensive photocopying costs by the Editor. There is however, the possibility that Ann Chanter can get us copies of the lists free of charge, as we may discover at the next meeting ... hopefully!

\* \* Very naughty spelling mistakes of "Appletreewick" and "complete"

Night Observation Exercises

These are to be organised very soon. Extensive advice has come from NUFOIS and OSEAP - which is more than can be said for MUFORA, whose Chairman said that he felt they were a complete waste of time! Paul Bennett totally contradicts that idiotic comment due to his numerous experiences whilst on solitary sky watches.

Public Relations Exercise

This is also to start soon. Iain Johnston recently had an article produced in a local paper (I assume that it was about the Group, as I unfortunately didn't see it, Ed.)

23 July, 1984 UFO Flap

Paul is to assess and complete the many reports which came to light all on this one crazy night in the annals of UFO history. Theoretical assessments will be made on the 23.7.84 occurrences in the final report when it is finally produced.

Addresses of Investigators

HQ: Martin Dagless (see front page)...Steve Hart (front page)...the scruffy hippy (see front page)...Iain Johnston, 41 Langley Road, BramLEY, Leeds 13. Darren and Ann Chanter, 45 Stone Hall Road, Eccleshill, Bradford BD2 2EW, Tel. 638338.

The next meeting is to be held at Paul and Sylvia's flat on Sunday, January 13, 1985 from 2pm onwards, and from then on at a fortnightly regulation hopefully. The agenda will deal with

Progress Report on New Investigators

News of the World-Appletreewick deal: Progress Report

Grants; Library; Skywatches; Computer System; Public Relations Exercise...and any other items of rubbish which may fall from our mouths! Paul will comment on some UFO sightings he has heard of occurring on successive days in mid-December. A small report is made of these sightings later in the newsletter.

A USEFUL ACRONYM?

We exist in a strange universe. Those of us who realise this perceive the universe as strange because we are aware that there is in existence a variety of spontaneous phenomena, which we label as "mysterious" or "paranormal." Varieties of this phenomena (?) may well repeat their manifestations during the course of time (eg. bedroom encounters, UFO events, apparitions, etc.) and from that type of phenomena which repeats itself (not necessarily in the same guise) we can learn a little about its possible nature, cause or origin. However, investigators of the seemingly bizarre have realised that much time must be spent examining diligently, the individual, reported events, in order to ascertain all the details about these occurrences. By comparing and contrasting detailed information (which ought to appear in methodical case reports) about events which appear to belong to the same category of anomalous happenings, we can find correlations and inter-relating patterns. However, the lengths which should be undertaken whilst investigating and researching into a particular, individual reported occurrence, ought not to be underestimated, ignored, shunned or forgotten. The individual event cries out for investigation. The percipient/s to the occurrence should be interviewed in depth (a tape recorder is handy) and analysed for their motives in reporting the incident. Photographs should be taken of the location of the incident (a camera is handy for this, believe it or not!), and that same site should be geophysically interpreted. Everything which can potentially be done should be done when investigating. Negligence means possible loss of important data.

So having ascertained that the properly investigated individual reported event is of value for subsequent research into similar types of phenomena, let us attempt to devise a label so that each and every type of spontaneous, seemingly strange event, can come under one collective heading. I propose the use of the acronym, "temporary anomalous occurrence" or T.A.O. I define this label to describe "an occurrence of limited, temporal duration," which is, or appears to be, contrary "to the known laws of nature." (For the sake of interest, the word "temporary" derives from the Latin "tempus" or "time". The word "anomalous" stems from the Greek "anomos" - "not the law," a more subtle interpretation being "contrary.")

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It is no mistake that the proposed TAO is synonymous with the English translation - "tao" - of the Chinese "way of the universe." Incidentally, there are several passages in the "Tao te Ching" (the Taoist's "bible" usually ascribed to one Lao Tzu, whose personality may represent many authors) which fits very appropriately with regard to describing the characteristics of paranormality, or the source of such phenomena.

Article written by Steve Hart (who would like to hear if anyone has any comments to make on it!).

### THE APPLETREEWICK ANOMALY - YET AGAIN!

Recent information has just been brought to light which may have some relevance to the bizarre phenomenon which WYUFORG has been investigating over the past several months at Appletreewick - namely the Craven Arms Photographic anomaly.

I have recently checked into whether the anomaly - whatever it may be - was in any way close to Earth faulting systems. Just over a kilometre north of where the photograph was taken of the object, a small fault can be found, and this meets a minor tectonic displacement ridge. About the same distance south, a small Earth fissure was found which ran in an east-west direction and had very few branching minor faults anywhere near the area we are primarily concerned with. Other faults were also noticed, but they were a mile or more away from where we want to look at. I found that the nearest tectonic danger zone to the position of where the object we are interested in, was found to be more than half a mile south-west. And as no actual "sighting" of a specific manifestation was visually recorded at the time the anomaly was recorded; and no movement is remotely suggestive in the appearance of the object on the prints, I conclude that no conditional evidence is any way indicative of a piezoelectrical explanation.

Should anybody care to see where I got the above information from, or see the geological fault maps which I looked at, then get in touch with me and I'll drag them down to Bradford Central Library!

While I was at the library, I meandered through various other books on the areas which are around Appletreewick, and came up with various pieces of information some of which may have relevance to the photograph...

The anomaly by the Craven Arms was manifest at coordinate SE 0504760168 (as far as I can ascertain anyhow!), and lays directly opposite an old well. Now, the interesting connection we find with folklore and UFO sightings crops up here. In the field almost directly opposite where the anomalous object occurred, we find a site called "Fairy Hole." We find references to this place as far back as 1830, and long had the reputation of being one of local homes of the little people. According to such authors as Harry Speight and B.J. Harker, the local folk of Appletreewick used to see the site being "entered by such tiny sprites as fairies." They were garbed in a greenish colour and their lights were seen after dark moving about the fields around. In particular, the little people of this district were prone to manifesting around the time of the May festivities! An interesting side note if ever I heard one!

There are numerous other folklore connections which may have some relevance to our investigations: such as the fairies at Dib Well, a little further north of the village. And just a two minute walk from the Craven Arms we find Low Hall, a building reputedly haunted from as far back as the 1860s. Eventually however, the spectral wanderings of the Hall were apparently terminated, and the influence was laid to rest at Dib Well.

Archaeologically, the district around Appletreewick also has some interesting points to make. There are two stone circles to the north, both of which appear to be "astronomically aligned to the May Day sunrise." (Their coordinates are SE 06516318 and SE 06506316.) Numerous cup and ring carvings are found to the north-east and I intend to visit them at some time in the future. At the old Monk's Hall in Appletreewick itself, about 130m from where the photo was taken, a mysterious old Celtic head can be found. It appears to have been added to the Hall after it was initially erected, although no records inform us of its artist, or when or why it was placed there. Celtic heads are usually found in relation to sacred energy centres. Its OS coordinate is SE 05276031. More information is forthcoming on the folklore and archaeological sites around Appletreewick in later editions of this newsletter.

UFO REPORTS

Recently the Bradford area found itself, yet again, host to a number of UFO reports. On Tuesday, 11 December, 1984, at about 5.30pm, just after darkfall, an Idle motorist was on his way home from work driving up Leeds Road towards ThackLEY Corner, when he noticed two peculiarly bright white lights, seemingly travelling side by side very slowly on the western side of Idle Moor. "At first I thought they were just aircraft lights, but they were quite low down, or at least appeared to be so," he said. All the while, he kept referring back to the possibility that an aircraft was indeed the explanation; although he said it looked very strange if indeed that was what it was.

But another report from a Mr Bernard Empson of Wrose - himself a textile scientist - seemed to throw some light upon the matter. At about the same time, he was on his way walking home from work in ShipLEY, when he noticed a very bright white light some way to the right of Idle Hill. Mr Empson, a casual skeptic with regards to UFOs, admitted he was quite perplexed by the object he was observing. He said that there appeared to be only one light in the object he was looking at, and the only movement which seemed apparent was a rotating motion.

But yet another report of an object over Wrose/Idle Moor was made by another motorist on her way home from work as she was driving near Bolton Road. She too observed two white lights very low down which appeared to be moving very slowly. Unfortunately, I have little details on this latter report of the same Phenomenon, but it does appear to have direct relevance to the other two accounts.

General triangulation of the three reports seems to position the object/s very close to the approaching moorland side of Westfield Lane. The specific interest I have with this report is its possible relationship with a ley which I am presently investigating in some considerable detail. The direction of travel which our first witness mentioned the objects travelling, is directly compatible with the path of a ley which travels across Idle Moor and on towards the hills south of CottingLEY. Some quite exciting results have cropped up in the investigation of this ley, and when the final results are eventually assessed they will be serialised in this newsletter.

The following evening, a family in West Bowling reported seeing a triangular formation of purple objects travelling in the direction of Wyke and Thornton. Although Yorkshire UFO Society member Graham Townsend, of Idle, said he felt that the witnesses had seen unconventional aircraft lights, the witnesses adamantly rejected this hypothesis. The interesting thing about this sighting, is the site where the objects were recorded. On August 2, 1977, a purple object was seen between Horton and West Bowling, and was described by one witness as a strange ellipse, and by another as triangular. Also during the summer of 1984, an elderly witness from West Bowling was awoken by a deep humming noise and outside the bedroom window, a brilliant triangular-shaped object, purple in colour, was seen moving slowly away from the house. It seems that purple triangles are all the rage with our ufonat friends at West Bowling!

Sometime during September, 1977, nineteen year old Phillip Hopwood was out camping around Appletreewick with a friend, and they had wandered up to the Devil's Apronful (a megalithic structure, said by folklore to be one of the local entrances to the Underworld). Looking over towards Simon's Seat (fairy legends surround this particular structure), they noticed "a very bright object, white in colour, descending on the remote moorlands. When it reached an estimated height of 1000 feet, it took off at a tremendous speed and was gone in seconds. No noise accompanied the object they saw." Earlier in the very same week, just several miles southwards at Bolton Abbey, four teenagers had been knocked unconscious by a dark-coloured hooded entity which appeared to spray gas at them.

Well, that's just about the end of this scruffy little excuse of a piece of work! Undoubtedly there will be more in the weeks to come (never mind!), and hopefully we'll have even more pages in the future editions. If anybody has anything to write of with regards to the paranormal or ufological, then send any articles to the editor and I'll try and type them up in any future editions. Until then....

\* yet another spelling mistake of the word "entrance" this time!