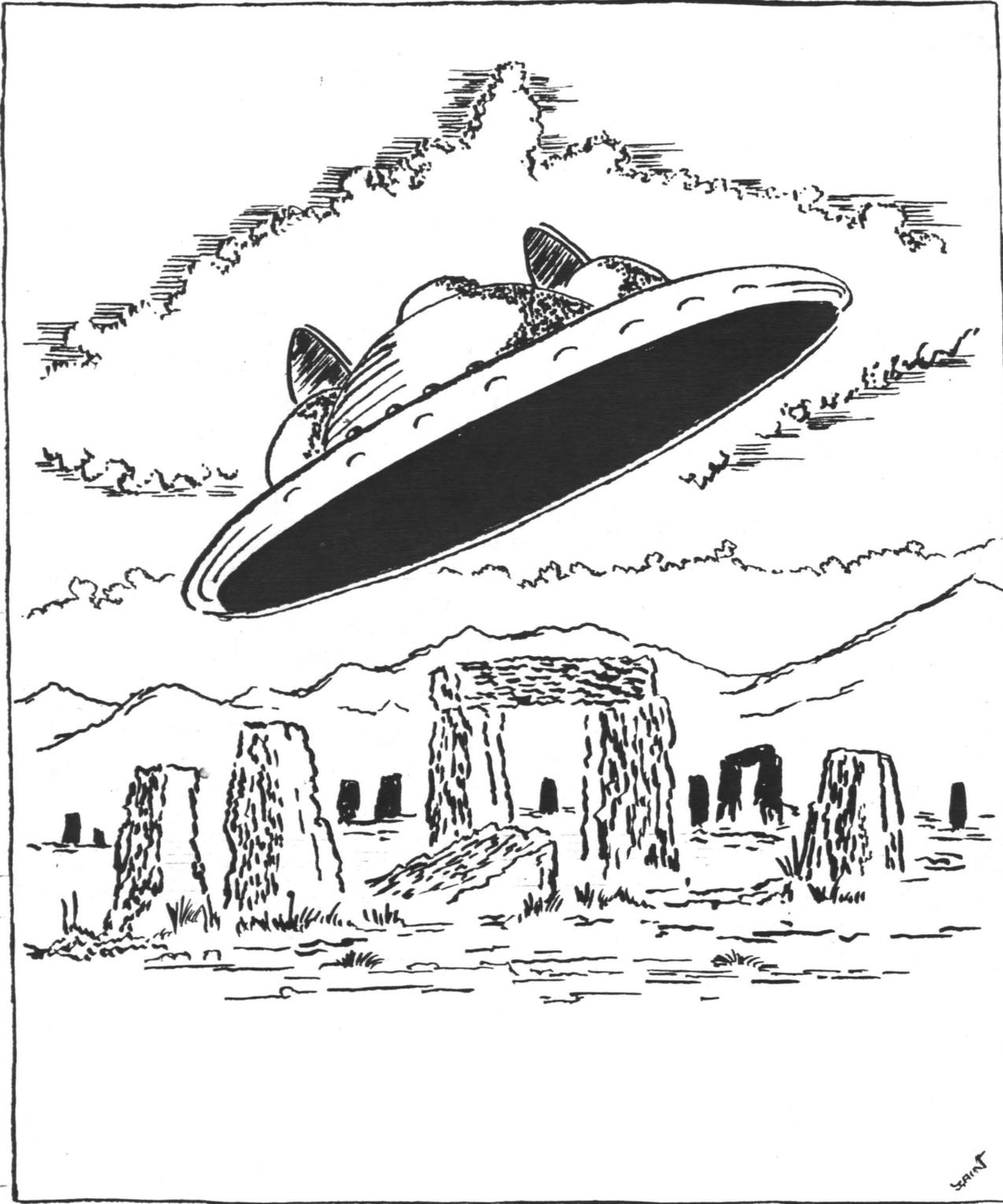


W.Y.U.F.O.R.G.

FEBRUARY 5:00



NEWS. 4.

Editor: Paulus Benneticus, 26 Gerard House, Fairhaven Green, Thorpe Edge, Bradford
 HQ: Martin Daglass, 19 Belmont Gardens, BramLEY, Leeds LS13 2ND
 Chairman/Coordinators: Martin Daglass & Steven Hart, 9 Nansen Street, BramLEY, Leeds
 Investigators: Iain Johnston, 41 Langley Road, BramLEY, Leeds 13...Darren & Anne
 Chanter, 45 Stone Hall Road, Eccleshill, Bradford ED2 2EW

Whatever happened to those flashes of light which we mentioned in the last newsletter? I have heard of one other person who saw the freaky sky-lights, but have yet to hear of anything substantial following them. It certainly looks as if Mother Nature certainly did throw us a false alarm!

Steve has given me the following list of material. Should any investigator require any of it, they are advised to forward the appropriate sum of money indicated to Steve (who will then take us all out for the night to get p****d on!).

New Useful Addresses: media addresses, airport addresses (civilian & military), astronomical societies, paranormal/UFO group/magazine addresses, weather station phone nos., local authorities, etc. 40p (4 A4 sheets)

New WYUFORG Procedure for Receipt, Investigation & Evaluation of UFO Reports (revised 2nd edition, Dec. 84 - includes example of title page for report) 10p (1 sheet A4)

Code of Practice for UFO Investigators 40p (4 A4 sheets). To be provisionally adhered to until such a time when we can be bothered to instigate our own, more effective, more useful, and more commonsense code of practice.

Example of report and how it should be set out, courtesy of SCUFORI ("The Ashbury Incident"). 20p (2 A4 sheets).

General map of West Yorkshire. 10p (1 A4 sheet)

Map of Aerodromes, military and civilian. Courtesy of Leeds/Bradford airport. 30p

It would also be wise to acquaint oneself with an ordnance survey map of the Leeds & Bradford district. Essentially the 1:50000 scale of maps are suited for whatever uses we may need. However, ley research cannot seriously be attempted on anything larger than a 1:10000 scale map (six inches to the mile). The only irritant about this scale of map is the bloody price - £10 for one map! An article on leys is found further on in the newsletter. Steve tells me that he is to write to book publishers Thames and Hudson in the near future, for a list of their UFO/earth mysteries books, and at the same time hopes to find the address of prominent UFO-ley proponent, John Michell. Well, less of this babbling, and on with our fourth production of brilliance!! Read onwards.

UFO Report at Burnsall in 1887

Last weeks report of a torpedo-shaped object seen flying over Bradford in 1938 (WYUFORG No.3, p.2) has prompted me to write another much older case from around this region. I am hoping I can run a series of historical UFO reports from around this area for quite a number of editions - all of them predating 1947. Anyhow...the story I am to recount here was found when I was browsing through some archives at the Telegraph & Argus. The article from which the report comes was primarily concerned with ghosts, and, since the matter of UFOs wasn't one which fell upon people's tongues in those days, the story was interpreted as a ghost light.

Unfortunately, we have no names to the percipients of the phenomenon, nor do we have a specific date, but I think it occurred during the early to middle autumn of 1887. A farmer and his two brothers were out in their barn salving sheep. Night had fallen, and a clear sky was crowned by a bright, possibly full Moon. The only light they had to see by was a lantern. But half way through their job the lightness in the barn suddenly began to increase. Looking upwards, they saw a brilliant white sphere of dazzling brightness moving slowly above the barn. They described "rays" of light filling the entire building, and the brightness became so amazing that it was greater than a sunlit afternoon! It became painful to actually look at it. The farmer said that all three of them were quite terrified. Slowly, the object moved overhead in a straight line, seemingly quite slowly indeed. From the report, it appears that it was only a few feet above the height of the barn. No noise was mentioned. Eventually the sphere moved away and into the distance..."it was just a weird light that came and went," said the farmer. PB.

Story Time for Ufologists!

Right! You bunch of weirdoes out there! Here's where you can expose yourself to us all! Get all of those stories of your personal encounters together, and send them off to the hippified editor. Any experience which we may have had would be interesting reading. As we are a close-knit group of enthusiasts, any para-ufological experiences which any

of us may have had in the past, would be interesting reading and we could then discuss exactly what we saw later on at any of the following meetings which we have. Some of us may have encountered something which appeared truly inexplicable, yet which someone within the group can interpret and put into rational terms. As an introductory tale, barmy Bennett here, will relate just a simple story of one of the many UFOs I have been fortunate enough to have seen.

It was mid-December, 1983. From the top of the hill at Wrose, one can look straight up the Aire Valley to Bingley and beyond: looking to the south, an offshoot of the valley leads to Bradford. Travelling along this valley from Shipley, one passes the woodland territory of Northcliffe; an area which has hosted many bizarre incidents in recent years. In 1981 a giant kangaroo found itself twelve thousand miles off course, as it bounded across the road and into the dense flora. Phantom monk-like figures were seen one evening near the woods. In JASON77 (the title of a very powerful flap which encouraged some 250 UFO reports in 1977 around the Bradford area), weird lights were observed above the treetops of Northcliffe...

Now, as the time approaches 8.30pm, the low clouds hang ominously over the region, and a light drizzle touches the air. As an eccentric-looking long-haired hippy moves along the top of the hill, a glance to the land across the valley excites his visual senses. Over the trees at Northcliffe, a very strange-looking object was observed falling rapidly downwards, disappearing into the darkened region. The thing - whatever it was - was seen only for several seconds, yet this was enough time for the heightened senses of the witness to record every aspect of the object on his electrical circuitry.

The object was a very strange shape and looked to have a very unstable general mass - almost wobbling like jelly as it fell quickly from the heavens. The appearance instantly reminded the witness of marshmallow (!): a solid, yet fluffy-looking guise, with a luminous, white coloration. The object was quite large, possibly as big as two double-decker buses. And that was that!

Right, you strange lot of freaks out there - get your encounters sent in to this hairy toerag here or there will be serious trouble. If nobody will respond there will be severe repercussions to you all - Graham Birdseed and Mr Jenny Randles are at the stand-by...get the message...!?!? PB

Leys and UFOs: An Analysis and a Critical Case

We are dealing with a very ancient subject. Chunks of rock have been hewn and worked from the Earth and laid into intricate designs of circles, avenues, ovals, terraces and semi-ellipses. Other rocks, some huge and others barely visible, have been scarred with bizarre, mystical carvings, the meaning of which, nobody seems to even dare speculate. Stone circles, monoliths, cups and rings...the remnants of a world long past. These, are the old stones.

John Michell, author of numerous excellent works on the meanings of our ancient remains, has done much to awaken our lives towards a sense of Understanding regarding these strange sites which dot the British Isles in their thousands. In his work, "The Old Stones of Land's End," he gave us our first measured assessment of the reality of leys in this country. Michell, unlike ley hunters of the past, declined from using such sites as castles, churches and moats in his investigation, and stuck merely with the old stones themselves for his enquiry. The sites he omitted from use as ley-points were, he believed, unsatisfactory points for the research he was doing as many of these would not have any direct link with the ancient past, but have their origins dating simply from the early medieval era. Obviously tumuli could be incorporated as ley points due to their construction being of the same era as the standing stones. And so, John Michell gave us the evidence for all of us to see, read and admire.

Now, several hundred miles north, those old stones, no longer of Land's End, but of West Yorkshire, come under this researcher's survey in search for leys once again. I too am only referring to the ley points of standing stones, circles, tumuli and, wherever it seems necessary, cup and ring stones. In the past, I have done a small amount of map-work on leys and uncovered the typical, statistically predictable results. They no longer satisfy me as regards evidence towards an intricate ley network. It is with great regret that researchers into the matter of UFOs, actually base much of their works on these "leys" they apparently uncover on the one-inch to the mile maps which everybody buys. Suddenly, a flap of sightings appears in Screwpot Town and the next thing we hear is of senseless half-rate baffoons drawing lines indiscriminately at every point possible in an attempt to explain, to a degree, a nature or explanation of the appearance of the objects. I stopped doing that in my mid-teens, but still today I hear of supposed "acknowledged experts" doing the bloody same thing!

Any justification of the existence of a ley line cannot be taken remotely seriously

unless calculated and drawn out on maps with the scale of nothing smaller than six inch to the mile. Twelve inch to the mile maps are obviously even better. (Can anybody afford to buy 12in to the mile maps, though!?)

Exactly what we know regarding the old stones and which is of relevance to this work, is found in the mathematical calculations made by Scottish professor Alexander Thom. It came as one hell of a shock - and a boost - when we found that definite scientific, statistical and mathematical evidence proved that of every megalithic circle and single monolith which Prof. Thom examined, alignments with heavenly bodies and also nearby ancient sites was found. Coupled with the fact that every known site was constructed on geometrical levels and formulae compatible with the sort that is presently being taught at a University level, Alexander Thom certainly hit the archaeological world right where it hurt. The ley hunters however, jumped upon these newly-found facts (so did many crackpot theorists, however!) and thrust them at the old-fashioned archaeological fraternity with cries of, "We told you so!" Now as far as I know, of the ancient sites of Rombald's Moor, none have been put to anything remotely akin to the examinations which Thom did on other sites in Britain, although Steve tells me otherwise on that point. Unfortunately, due to our limited resources and capabilities, I am not at liberty to begin such rigorous inspection of the local stones, although such work would be respectfully welcome and would aid my researches immensely; but for the present time I am going to have to plod onwards, treading perilously in places, and hope that the calculations I can afford will do my ley study at least some justice.

On the matter of the old stones bearing insignias, it appears we find a limited situation. As we now know, these ancient carvings bear primary designs in their structures, referring to a very local meaning of an elemental religious nature. But it seems that their connection with the ley enigma is only partial. Of cup and rings which do have a connection, we find them carved on standing stones or encased in prehistoric cairns. The most problematic point which we find ourselves involved with in this area, is the distribution of the sites which enter the heading of "ley points." There are only about ten stone circles, and perhaps only the same number of monoliths and tumuli. Megalithic cairns fortunately are quite abundant, and if cup and rings can show a ley connection after all, the study will be considerably lightened. If the latter remark is not the case however, we have a difficulty on the matter of ley lines themselves. Obviously, if we have a limited number of points, we have a lesser chance of ley distribution.

But for the moment, laying aside the pros and cons of the discussions of the leys and onto a particular study which was undertaken a short while ago, and was condensed into an article which appeared in a local UFO magazine. Entitled by, "Are UFOs Connected with Ley Lines?" we read one of the typical low-grade pieces of work which many local group UFO mags used to throw us, enlightening our minds to a degree of falsehood. The article is interesting enough for the beginner in the ley field, characterised by unsubstantiated pieces of info claiming to be "good evidence." When my eyes first fell upon the title as I browsed through the magazine, a sense of interest first awoke within me. Reading through it however, a sense of almost dismay entered my Pagan mind...!

A number of "new," "interesting" and "important" leys were apparently being uncovered by the author of the article, Graham Townsend. These living energy veins identified by Townsend had but one complication underlying all of them - none of them actually existed! - Quite a waste of three entire pages it seems.

Of the leys portrayed in the article, one of them I knew off-hand to be utterly false. But that particular energy vein was first to be found in the local press and so Mr Townsend shouldn't take all of the blame on that particular line. He did however, accept the ley and then took it upon himself to extend the incorrect alignment even further northwards, whereupon making an even greater cock-up than there originally being! We are informed that the "ley" continues north-west and firstly crosses Bolton Abbey, before continuing upwards towards Barden Tower. Then we cross the village of Burnsall, and eventually finish our esoteric trail at Grassington. Hmm...sure sounds OK, and I imagine a one-inch to the mile map may even portray this alignment. I must admit that I haven't checked on that point, but have gone to the extent of looking at six-inch to the mile maps, and this extension of the ley is diagrammatically impossible! Firstly, the town of Burnsall is completely missed. Secondly, Burnsall isn't even a bloody ley point! And nor for that matter, is Grassington! Grassington does have two stone circles about a mile north, but Townsend doesn't know this; and even if he does, the ley alignments from these monuments have no connection with this weird, silly, non-sensical line. In short, this ley which many of the YUFOS group probably now accept, doesn't even exist!

In this particular example, if a ley actually does exist (but that idea stretches

stretch of some 45 miles. I hope I've made my point.

There are however, several more of these stunningly accurate leys diagrammatically portrayed in the article (the one I have just discussed is the most accurate of them!), and so not to bore you too much, I'll only mention one more. Townsend calls the alignment I am about to talk of, "one of the most important lines we have unearthed." Evidently, little hope awaits in the future if this poor trend continues....!

"If we start at Hellifield, North Yorkshire," the article begins, "And run south-east we come to a location known as Coniston Cold, scene of a well-documented CE4 case. We then pass through the small town of Broughton which experienced UFO activity last year. The line takes us over the infamous moor of Carleton, location of countless UFO reports. We then move through CononLEY, which again had an incredible sighting... Down through West Yorkshire, we pass the town of UtLEY... As the line tracks further into West Yorks we move through KeighLEY...down to the ancient site of Riddlesden and finally ending at BingLEY/ShipLEY.

"However, let us extend the line, moving into the centre of Bradford we cross the Cathedral and out towards the Pudsey area... Tong Hall is next on line, and then onto MorLEY and TingLEY. We continue across the city of Wakefield to the Croften and Nostell Priory area... If we extend the line further we would reach the old Roman town of Doncaster." Mr Townsend reminds us in between sites, of the fact that UFO sightings have occurred around all the areas this weird ley line crosses. A connection evidently, we are made to think...

Of the sites on this "ley", Coniston Cold, Broughton, CononLEY, UtLEY, KeighLEY, Bradford, TingLEY and Wakefield, have no points at all which can contribute ley points. Certainly circles, standing stones, tumuli and cairns are non-existent at all of those areas, and that - from a ley-hunters point of view - constitutes "no ley line." I am quite sure that if anybody disagrees, then Tom Graves, Paul Devereux and John Michell will certainly back me up! It seems that Mr Townsend believes that ley lines are to be created by finding out where a UFO has been seen (say, within the last 12 months). Then by plotting the hypothetical point of where the object appeared to have transmogrified, and joining it up with a straight line to another, equally dubious spot of a UFO manifestation, and hopefully connecting it with other points (sometimes many miles away, with no link in between) of other UFO locales, we have, let us say, an old straight track. If Mr Townsend and his associates believe this is how to even partially discover an Earth vein, then they are completely at fault. If they do not think that this is the way, and that ancient sites are the only true way to follow ley lines, then something is strangely and predominantly amiss with the excuses they portray in the article as ley lines!

An interesting note to this article here, is that I contacted Mr ^{Townsend} ~~Birdsall~~ almost immediately after the article had been printed in the YUFOS magazine, and pointed out to him the blatant mistakes and complete miscalculations which he had made in the poor article. Admittedly, he apologised for not following the information which he had written, adequately enough and apparently said he would be much more careful in further studies on the ley enigma. He then wrote to the editor of the magazine which had printed his article and pointed out the severe errors in what he had written, and asked for a note to be made of it in the next edition of the mag. Nothing has ever turned up about the issue, and undoubtedly nothing ever will. Needless to say however, no follow up articles have been written since that excuse...thankfully enough!

References: Alexander Thom, "Megalithic Sites in Britain." John Michell, "The View Over Atlantis," and "The Old Stones of Land's End." Paul Bennett, "Megalithic Artifacts Between IlkLEY and Baal." Graham Birdsall...oops!...er, I mean Townsend, not Birdsall! So sorry... "Are UFOs Connected with Ley Lines?" Quest magazine, May 1984, p.20-22. PB.

A Comment on the Bedwetting Manifestations of 1977!

Iain wrote to me last week and made the following remarks about the strange cases of Andrew Cromak and John Smith: "Both (witnesses) complained of wet beds, and you believe that excess sweating...was not the answer. Funnily enough while I was with the RAF in Libya in 1964, we worked and lived in tents and it was not unnatural for us to fall asleep on our safari beds in the afternoon when the Saharan heat was at its height - sometimes 100° or over - and wake up in the cool of the evening, when I would find the bed soaking, and the ground beneath like mud, and in the hollow of my chest would be a large puddle of fluid (!), so much fluid would come out that one felt one had been in the shower! ...It is amazing how much (sweat) can ooze through the skin pores, as in those high degrees of heat even the waste products are sent through the pores as fluid." He finally comments however, "On the other hand, both Andrew and John would have to have felt this intense heat and to have lost a few pounds (in weight) if this had been the

case."

An Abstract of UFO Reports

A Mr Peter Marsden of ShipLEY, informed me of two strange incidents in his life a few years ago. The following notes are extracted from one of my silly little booklets. "Two typical flying saucer cases: The first occurred way back in 1952, before (Peter) had ever heard of UFOs or little green men, he said. He was walking home one autumn evening, when out of the corner of his eye he saw a silver flash of light. Looking up, he saw a sequence of three huge cigar-shaped objects, glinting in the sun, several hundred feet above him. The objects were very solid-looking he said. After initially hovering in their set formation (see diagram below), they began slowly flying across towards Bradford, still in the same formation. They eventually flew over the horizon and disappeared. The UFOs were totally silent during the sighting and moved very slowly; they remained in view for about ten minutes.

"The second event he told me of occurred late one (Winter) night only a year or so ago (1980). He was driving home, when he noticed a very bright light in the sky before him. Stopping the car to get a better look, he noticed it was moving along the horizon. Then suddenly it stopped. Peter got out of the car and the object dropped lower until it was almost touching the horizon. The object then stopped and doubled-back on itself. The object then vanished (instantly)."

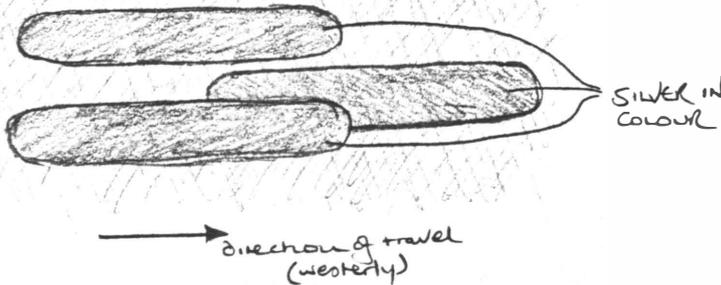


Diagram of objects seen by Mr. Peter Marsden in the autumn of 1952.

On Wednesday, January 12, 1983, a quite stunning object was seen travelling towards Wyke in a westerly direction. It was seen by a Michael Brett at about 11.30pm as he stood waiting for a bus (a hopeless dilemma in Bradford at that time of night!) on Manchester Road. Realising that he must have missed the bus - not surprising!- he saw, to his south, a strange, oval-shaped object moving across his field of vision. The object appeared quite close, and he found it curious as no noise could be heard. The disc itself was surrounded by a deep aura of orange which seemed to merge into the background of the sky itself. This aura later changed colour, becoming red: it too overlapped into the night sky. Just as the aura changed colour, the edges of the craft moved outwards at the perimeter and became the "classic saucer" shape. Michael watched the UFO for just about thirty seconds before it flew out of sight and merged into the distance.

On either June 10 or 11, ^{1980,} Dorothy Kaye of Todmorden was just about to go to bed, when she heard an almighty commotion going on outside. A great noise, not unlike that of great surges of water, seemed to be very close to her house, and so she and her husband rushed outside to see what the trouble was.

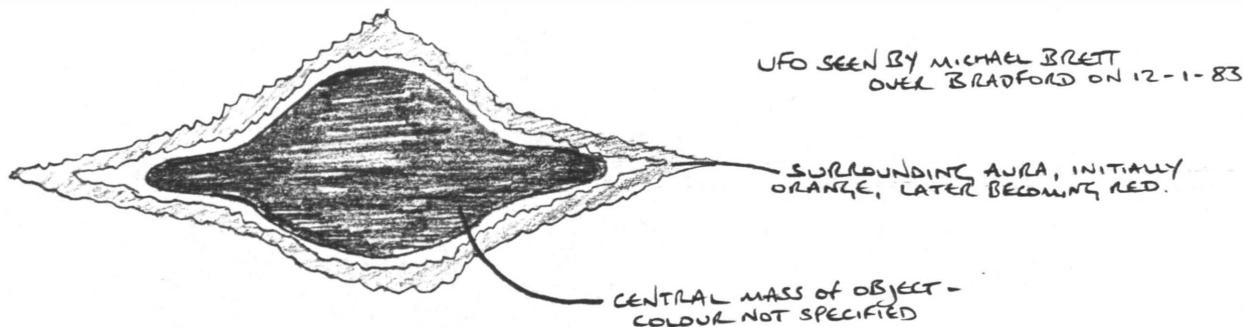
Initially, looking around them, they couldn't see anything which could account for the noise which, by now, had stopped. So, turning back to go indoors they ... were confronted by a huge green and red mass of glowing energy - virtually sat on their rooftop! The object held Mrs Kaye in complete horror. As the two of them gazed, transfixed at the ominous-looking intruder, the UFO slowly began to rise into the air without a sound. The two of them stood still all this while, their eyes following the ellipse shaped form as it rose slowly further. All around them, a deep red light cascaded upon them and their home. The craft eventually disappeared into the darkened heavens, taking some two or three minutes to get out of sight!

Just a few days before that event, in the first week of June that year, David Hopkins of ShipLEY, saw a very curious object way above him in the half-clear sky of mid-afternoon. His eye was caught by a shining object, apparently reflecting sunlight, shaped not unlike a triangle or pyramid. As he gazed astonishingly at this very curious sight, the thing began to fall slowly to a lower level, in a strange swaying manner (it was highly probable that this was the falling leaf motion, from the description he gave me). Then the triangle stopped and sped off at a terrific speed westwards. He saw the object on a weekday.

At approximately 4.30pm on the eve of March 2, 1980 (the MAMBO flap), participant Mrs Lorna Mandell and her two children spotted the most unusual light come down from the heavens and appeared to land in the faerie woodlands of CottingLEY. The object was almost spherical and had ethereal edges which shimmered the spectral tone of red as it descended. Mrs Mandell then described how the sphere appeared to merge with the natural darkness of the woods.

"It was quite a theatrical sight," she said. "We saw a glow in the midst of the dark trees, silhouetting the woods..." She then continued to say that the object began to move lower until eventually it touched the earth, and whereupon a most curious phenomenon occurred. As it touched the ground, a light at the centre of the object began to immerse the rest of the object and then began to fade. Whilst doing this, the object actually appeared to merge or sink into the earth until it had eventually disappeared completely.

An interesting note to this case is firstly, the history of the region where the object was seen. As well as numerous people reporting seeing faeries in the CottingLEY Woods (there were a few cases which came to light during the JASON77 flap, and one a decade earlier in JASON67), a tall, black hooded entity has been reported to me by a few witnesses who live in the immediate area. There is also a history of ghosts and black dogs around CottingLEY. But of specific interest to me is that the object seen by Mrs Mandell was observed only yards from a small group of cup and ring carvings. The insignias are very well preserved indeed, and were only "rediscovered" four years ago. Nearby, according to records, a megalithic structure used to stand, and although there is no record of its destruction I have not been told whether it still exists. A search of the woodlands would be interesting.



More Tales and Lore of Appletreewick

I deeply apologise to any of our readers for thrusting yet more material from the area around Appletreewick upon them. If any of you think we should concentrate on other things, please let me know at the next meeting and we'll limit the amount of material in future. But, until then...

"In the old village of Appletreewick, the haunt of many faeries and devils, there comes an old tale of the black dog, the Bhargiest, dating from 927 AD. Nearby there is a steep gorge, through which runs a picturesque stream. The gorge, known as Troller's Ghyll, was always recognised as a haunt of many sprites, and to venture there after dark was considered dangerous in those days. Even until a few years ago, locals would avoid the place after dark. The first recognised account of Bhargiest came just after the Dark Ages and involved one of the local peasants. Walking across the moorlands he heard strange cries, the likes of which he had never heard before. Walking across to the Ghyll he was suddenly confronted by a huge black creature which breathed a most terrible stench. Its eyes shone brilliant red. The peasant ran home terrified, wondering what on earth he had seen. He described the entity to his wife and very soon fell ill. The tale was quickly spread around the community that the Devil was at work at the Ghyll - whilst the poor witness deteriorated and very soon died."

In 1881, a local who disbelieved in such obvious idiocy (!), ventured the Ghyll after dark - he never returned. The following morning two shepherds found his body in the gorge, upon which was found a curious claw-like mark which resembled a burn. His breast was impressed by bizarre marks also - according to the tale, that is!

In the next newsletter: An article on a strange entity which terrified certain parts of Bradford earlier this century, and which may be connected with Springheel Jack. Another historical UFO account. Recent encounter events, including a CE3, plus whatever material any of you may send me.

