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Editorial

Volume 2 no. I. This is the second year of production for the YUFOS Journal, and now it looks set to continue for many years to come. Unfortunately, along with most other things today the price has had to be increased to accommodate rising prices in paper, ink and stencils. What will happen however is an increase in the number of pages and inclusion of drawings and photographs where possible. Again I would like to thank those of you who submitted material and welcome anyone to contribute to further Journals. (My address is at the top).

As you will be aware, the talk at Intake School in Leeds went down very well as did the Investigators Seminar of which I will comment in this issue.

I must say, I am 'looking forward' to the trip to Aylesbury and I think it will be a good day out for all who go. It will give us all an opportunity to meet and speak to other members, especially those at Data Research, the nerve centre of Contact.

Ufo sightings continue to dribble in, but they will all help to build up a picture eventually. Any member who can find any old cases are asked to send them on as all are useful to some degree. These will then be sent down to Oxford.

I hope you like the new cover design and enjoy reading the contents therein.

Editor.

UFOs Friend or Foe

Many people will have read the interesting and disturbing article "Triangle of the Damned" by my brother Graham. Although the evidence points indirectly towards the Libyan military, the fact remains that no-one will ever really know.

During the summer months of 78, no less than four military aircraft crashed in our area. On three of these occasions, UFOs were reported to us either on the previous day or the day following the crashes. Probably co-incident but the fact remains hundreds of reports have been collected by civil and military authorities which involve a direct encounter between an air plane and a UFO. But on the evidence that the authorities have, it is almost impossible to point the finger at the UFO...or is it? I have collected a small number of possible aeroplane crashes, which may or may not point to UFO involvement.

The first of the reports takes us into the heart of Iceland. An American jet fighter on routine patrol, was vectored to intercept two unidentified objects approaching the US air force base. The pilot confirmed the visual to base, then suddenly they lost contact. Men from the base saw the jet fighter plunge into the icy water. A rescue team was sent from the base and quickly recovered the jet from the shallow waters. A Major Cardener who was present at the time made this statement, "We could not explain the crash, and there were a number of other things we could not explain". But on the official statement released by the airforce in 1950; "Both pilots were killed whilst flying on a routine training mission.

Shortly before war broke out in 1939, an unusual and horrific incident was to end the lives of thirteen American servicemen. At 3-30pm on a late summer afternoon, a military transport plane with thirteen men aboard left the marine base at San Diego. The aircraft was on a routine flight to Honolulu. Three hours later the plane was in deep trouble, and mayday calls were radioed back to base. Nothing more was heard until the plane executed an emergency landing. The first men to reach the plane were shocked by what they saw, all thirteen men were dead save the co-pilot. He had somehow managed to steer the transporter in to safety...three minutes later he was dead. Examination of the men showed very large, gaping wounds that indicated what ever had hit the plane from the outside had extremely unusual destructive power. Another unusual find was the Colt 45 automatics carried by the crew had been emptied; their spent shells were found lying on the floor of the cockpit. Although as soon as the plane landed, security immediately covered the affair, no-one today knows how or what killed the thirteen men...apart from the authorities involved.

Lastly, and probably the lead to connect the incident with the UFO phenomena; the plane had the characteristic rotten egg odour. It was later learned that personnel who handled parts of the wreckage showed a mysterious skin infection. Note the claim that whatever hit the plane had extremely and unusual destructive power, but more carefully examine the point that they admit the plane was hit from the outside.

In Cincinnati just 5 years ago, a military jet was testing a highly sophisticated new instrument; over the restricted military corridor just north of Cincinnati and east of Wright Patterson afb. Suddenly three UFOs appeared and nearly caused the pilot to crash his aircraft. The UFOs themselves were described as huge silver discs with portholes, the pilot explained that these had the effect of a mirror. The UFOs then moved menacingly close to the plane. The stunned pilot of the plane descended to a dangerous height, just 1,000 ft. The UFOs continued to cling to the plane, one on each wingtip the other above the fuselage. Again the terrified pilot tried to shake his unwanted friends. The plane then shot off in a vertical climb that should have been fatal.

continued.

He levelled off at three thousand feet, but the UFOs continued their harassment for more than an hour. Under examination the pilot had told the authorities his instruments had gone haywire. Another interesting comment made was that the pilot admitted he had lost all sense of time. The UFOs were confirmed by base radar.

Two jets that were not so lucky; military radar picked up a blip over the afb, the incident was totally denied by officials but a reasonable amount of information was released. The incident occurred either on the east or west coast of America. After the UFOs were spotted by radar, three jets were scrambled. As they climbed skywards, the ufo continued its circling motions, however it then levelled off and headed straight towards the jets. Trying to avoid collision, the jets spread out but the ufo then accelerated to a higher elevation leaving the jets under it. The personnel back at the base continued to track all four objects, then suddenly and inexplicably the jets vanished from their scopes. It was as if the jets had been swallowed up. The UFO was still on radar, but not for long, the object made a turn and streaked off the scene. A strange case indeed, nothing was ever found of the aircraft, but even stranger was the fact that base radar had a range of over two hundred miles and the UFO was gone in a matter of seconds. Details of this case are sketchy but the incident probably occurred in the year of 1972.

Let us now turn our attention to nearly 20 years ago, to the air strip at Calcuttas Dum-Dum airport, this case is quite similar to the Italian air crash, and the Honolulu incident back in 39. The civil aircraft (Comet) had just taken off and was 5 minutes out of the airport when it crashed leaving all 43 passengers dead. Eighteen days later, the civil aviation ministry reported to UP, "A BOAC jetliner was struck by a fairly heavy body before it crashed and burned earlier this month". A preliminary investigation did not indicate the failure was due to poor construction or workmanship. Also ruled out was the collision with another aircraft or being struck by lightning. At first investigation, the crash looks to have been caused by pilot error, but when reading some of the statements made by the authorities one cannot rule out a deliberate attack. Indeed, just a few months after the fatal air crash, a Dr. P. B. Walker, chief of the structure dept. at The Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough said, "The examination of the starboard and port mainplanes and tailplane gave the impression as if they had been torn off by a giant." It would indeed be interesting to delve deeper into many aviation crashes and obtain statements like the one above.

My last case concerns an incident which received maximum news coverage in the United States. The plane was a private aircraft, on board was one person, the pilot Carlos Antonio de Los Montiel. He was flying from Zihuantanejo to Mexico City. His altitude was 15,000 feet and maintained a steady speed of 120mph. Suddenly his plane started to shake and vibrate in a strange manner. Then to his right he noticed a disc shaped object 10 to 12 ft diameter, then another object appeared to his left, again about the same size. He gave a very detailed description of the objects, "They were about 4 1/2 ft high and dark grey in colour. At the centre was a slight protruberence, just above this was a small window and on the upper part of the object was some kind of antenna. He then reported a third ufo coming headon. The ufo then hit the underneath of the small aircraft. The pilot attempted to wobble his wings at the ufo. But like in many cases his controls would not work. After many attempts to shake off his unwelcome friends he tried to slow down the aircraft, but again the controls would not work. A few points to substantiate Montiel's claims; - during all this time, he maintained reasonable contact with Mexico City airport. All traffic was cleared from the runway and he managed to land his aircraft.

An investigation was carried out, and the plane checked for damage, a dent and scratches were found on the fuselage. continued.

This case takes a lot of believing, but Montiel seems to be telling the truth. Let us now take a look of some of the comments made by the people who tracked the event. The object made an impossibly sharp turn, which baffled air traffic controllers. The ufos had apparently made a 270deg turn at 518mph in an arc of only three miles. Normally a plane would need eight or ten miles to make such a turn at that speed. This is the final statement made by the radar tracking team, "The objects on the planes wings rose up and merged into one body, before moving off. The Montiel incident took place in 1975, but are all such cases explainable, it is a fact that only a small number of pilots who ever witness a ufo contact ever report it. Indeed many leading questions would obviously be asked about the pilots involved and no doubt over the years, many such persons would have been released from flying duties. The fact remains, many aircraft crashes are unexplained whilst many are never reported.

M.I. Birdsall.

After Graham Townsend's article in the last two Journals, two more members, Philip Mantle and William Tree, have passed on their experiences and the effects that it had on them. We begin with Philip's sighting:-

How it all began for me by Philip Mantle.

Time.....Easter 1979 Location.....Warminster.

I had never heard of Warminster, but quite by chance I read U.F.O.S. a British Viewpoint and my curiosity was aroused. Was there anything to this ufo nonsense I thought, so why not find out for myself.

So that Easter, a friend and I set off for Warminster, not really knowing to expect. After arriving at 8-00pm that Saturday night, the first thing we did was to look for some lodgings, which we found at the Stone Leigh guest house. After the long journey we were very tired, so we decided to leave the exploring till the following day.

When we finished breakfast on the Sunday, we made our way into town. What a letdown it was, Warminster is just a small town between Bath and Salisbury bordering on the edge of Salisbury Plain. The town was pleasant enough but the only thing of any significance were the army barracks. We then located Cradle Hill with the help of the locals, and what a disappointment. Just a few trees, a few sheep, a barn and a small hill. From the top of the hill, is a good view of the barracks and Salisbury Plain, but that is it. Even so, we decided to wait until night and give it a chance.

Later that night at 10-30, we were still on the hill, and surprisingly, we were not alone. (We are not the only nutters around I thought). Venus was very bright and it was a clear starlit night. By about 11-00pm I was getting quite bored when my friend gave me a dig in the ribs and said "Look at that". Following where his finger was pointing, I saw an object about half the size and brightness of Venus. The object was white in the centre with a yellow tinge round the outside. It was moving slowly across the sky when it shimmered slightly and began to pick up speed. Soon it was zig-zagging all over the sky and the best way I could describe its movements would be like a fly in flight. We watched this almost gymnastic display until the object went out of sight over another hill. The sighting lasted for at least 4 to 5 minutes and left my friend and I totally puzzled. I remember remarking "If that were an aircraft, we should have no fear of the Russians".

Returning home two days later, I immediately bought more books on the subject, but still I could find no answers, only more questions. One thing I did find out though was the large amount of people who had seen similar things to me. So in one short weekend, I was turned from a sceptic to a firm but open minded believer. Continued.

Although my sighting was not as spectacular as some, that is how it began for me. Some four years later, I am no nearer finding the answers to the questions I asked at Warminster. This is why I joined Contact and Y.U.F.O.S. to seek those answers and hopefully in time they will be answered or will they.

I would be glad if anyone else who has been to Warminster and may have seen something similar, would relate their experience.

Philip Mantle.

The following is a personal account by William Tree:- Date 1955
When I was about twelve years old, I went with my father and younger brother to our allotment. The allotment was situated on New Wortley Road, recreation ground, with the entrance in Oldfield Lane off Tong Road, Leeds 12. From there one can see for several miles over Leeds.

It was a sunny day with clear blue sky, the time was approx 3-30 to 4-30 in the afternoon. My father and brother were on their knees pulling out weeds, whilst I was digging about 10 yards in front of them but also facing them. As I was stretching my back, I looked up to my left and there in the blue sky was what appeared to be a very fast moving star or shooting star. After all what else could I imagine it to be, I was only 12 at the time and no-one had ever mentioned ufos or flying saucers to me. Man had not yet been to the moon.

When the star was opposite me, but a few miles away in the sky, appearing just over Elland Road football ground it suddenly stopped dead. At that moment I knew this was no shooting star, I stared for 3 seconds then it altered course heading downwards towards me getting bigger all the time. What was so incredible was its speed, within 4 seconds it was there as large as life, only 50 yards in front of me. In between me and the flying saucer, were my father and brother with their backs towards it. The saucer or ufo (I prefer saucer) was hovering above rooftop height, I could judge this by the houses to my left. For a few seconds, I just stared at the saucer.

The saucer was the length of 3 double decker buses, had a saucer shaped dome on top with a less prominent dome below. All the way round the centre of the outer edge of the saucer were round portholes. This part was slowly rotating, whilst the top dome was spinning very fast. Unfortunately I did not look to see if the bottom dome was spinning. I gazed into the portholes to see if I could spot any sign of life. I could see a brilliant light yet it did not dazzle or make me close my eyes. The saucer was a silver metallic colour all over.

I could not believe what I was seeing, so I started kicking myself on my left leg which hurt. I looked down at my father and brother (yes they were still there), ten yards in front of me between the saucer and myself. I realised I was not dreaming and looked back at the saucer, it was a strange feeling as if I were being watched but I did not feel afraid.

I was excited and started shouting to my father "Look, look a flying saucer" they both laughed and carried on weeding. I shouted again "Look it is right behind you" but my father said "Pull the other leg, its got bells on", I shouted again but they just laughed thinking I was joking. Looking beyond them to the saucer, I saw it move off in the same direction it had come until it disappeared from view. Whilst it was moving off, I shouted again and my father turned round but he was too late, it had gone. The strangest fact was it made no kind of sound yet it moved at such a terrific speed. This event happened on a Saturday or Sunday, and in the Monday paper was a report where 200 people all over Leeds had seen the same thing I saw. I believe I was the only one to see it at close quarters.

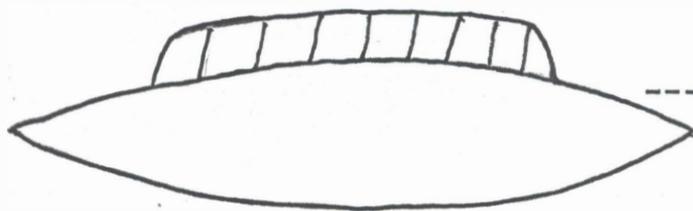
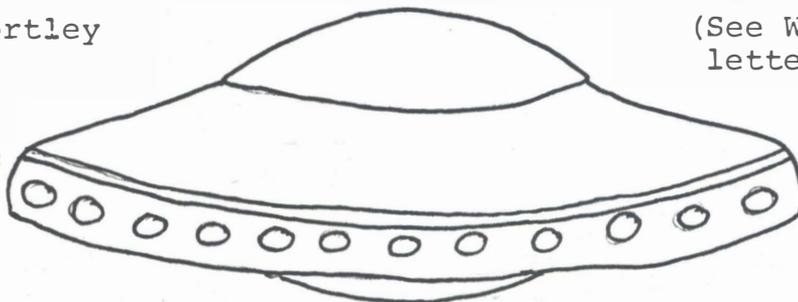
All this occurred a long time ago, but it is still very vivid as if only last week.

One day, you never know, you too may see one. William Tree.

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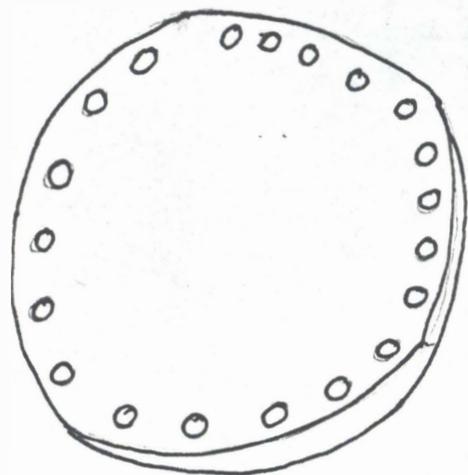
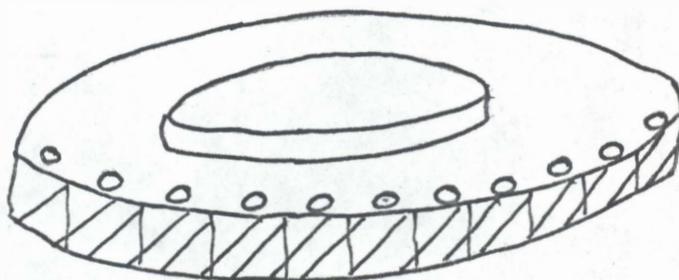
William Tree
Location New Wortley
1955
4-00pm
3 bus lengths
silver/metallic

(See William Tree's
letter.)



UFO Report (25)
Harehills Leeds
14/9/80
1-48am

UFO Report (9)
Crossgates Leeds
Summer 1978
120 ft long
12-00pm
All colours



UFO Report (29)
Roundhay Leeds
16/3/81
10-30pm

Here are some similar UFO shapes which have all been drawn by witnesses to indicate what they saw.

The complete file is available for examination by Y.U.F.O.S. members.

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Book Review For February

The Kaikoura U.F.O.S.

By

Captain Bill Startup and Neil Illingworth. 1986 Hodder and Stoughton
Price £7-95

This is not a recent book, but fairly new and was received (most welcome as it happened) as a Christmas gift.

I was very impressed with this book from start to finish, as it conveyed to me, a U.F.O. account given by a most professional, intelligent airline pilot of many years flying experience. It is described and most meticulously researched in professional contact with witnesses and corroborated by detailed radar evidence, of the famous Kaikoura U.F.O.S.. This was also confirmed by a New Zealand television unit. This must be one of the best accounts on film of a U.F.O. sighting and there are excellent photographs included in the book.

I think we all saw the Horizon programme about U.F.O.S., which in part tried very hard to discredit the New Zealand U.F.O. sightings as city lights, fishing boats or a new geological light theory.

I am sure, if you read this book, (which I hope to put into the library for all members) you will soon be of the opinion I was.

It must be a classic U.F.O. account very well tackled.

Following the book review, I was personally so impressed with this book and with Capt. Bill Startup of Safe Air, Blenheim, New Zealand that I wrote to him complementing him on his excellently researched book and also mentioning my personal sighting, as I felt the object I saw was related somewhat in shape, colour and movement. I hoped it might prompt a reply with further comments on any developments in his sightings. I was lucky and he did reply with some interesting points as follows:-
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- 1) He thanked me for my comments on his book, which is very gratifying after the hundreds of hours that went into the book.
- 2) He is now at present trying to research many other sightings he has been informed of as a direct result of his book.
- 3) He mentions the BBC filming the Horizon programme, but has not yet seen it although he has heard of its scepticism.
- 4) He has no religious viewpoints of his sightings, but maybe time will tell.
- 5) He tells of a Polish computer scientist staying with him at the moment who is part of a Polish team studying the UFO phenomena.
- 6) It seems the Eastern Block countries have adequate proof about the source and means of movement of the phenomena and we too will have developed similar means.
- 7) They subscribe to the theory we are visited by people from other galaxies and their means of transportation has its origins in a MAGNA-CRAFT. The Polish are very interested in his sightings and he hopes to comment on their research.
- 8) He comments on how the various authorities tried very hard to put down his sightings.
- 9) He hopes to visit England in the next few years.... He would make a good speaker at the 1984 annual general meeting if possible?.

Graham Townsend.

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Compiled by M.I.Birdsall.

UFO UPDATE

Several cases have come to our attention recently, some are more interesting than others, but one or more could be significant in the future.

Location: Otley, West Yorkshire. Date: December 31st 1978. Time: 9.00pm

A Mr & Mrs Atkins were stepping out of their car in Otley town centre, when Mrs Atkins looked up and saw three cigar shaped objects in the northeast. They travelled in an arc across the sky. She said it was an arc from nine o'clock to twelve. The objects seemed to hover for a while, then disappeared behind a building out of sight. An hour or so later, they were met in their local social club by their son, who came straight to them and said, "Dad, I've just seen three cigar shaped flying things." His description confirmed that he had seen the same objects at the same time as his parents. Our investigator reports that the family is quite sure about the sighting, and that the son is now a methodist minister. (I trust this was not because of the sighting!)

Location: Bradford, West Yorks. Date: January 14th 1983. Time: 8.00pm

"My son and I were in Hillards car park, Idlecroft Road, Idle. At 8.00pm, Friday, 14th January, my son drew my attention to an object in the sky. It was a green glow about the size of a cricket ball travelling north to south in the western sky. It moved across, stopped dead, for just a second, and then fell to earth in a straight line like a brick. As it fell to earth it changed colour from green to white, and looked smaller."

The witness, requests confidentiality in this matter, but it seems that she has grasped the nettle in thinking that what she saw that night was some type of astronomical event. A meteorite or flare is her explanation, but the trajectory she drew may interest you, seen below.


The object


Its course ("A gentle arc.")

Location: Bradford, West Yorks. Date: January 12th 1983. Time: 11.10pm

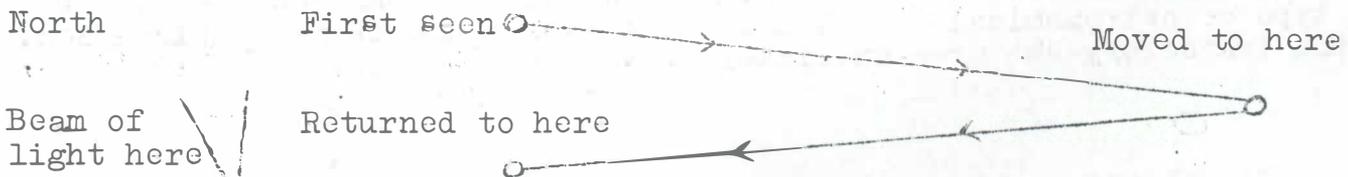
"At 11.10pm on wednesday, January 12th, I was coming home along Glendare Terrace before turning right into Northside Terrace, Lidget Green, when an orange light in the sky caught my attention. Slowing the car, I watched, cancelling the idea of a plane as there were no different wing lights. It was above White Abbey district travelling down and right towards the city centre. It was an orange glow lit from inside, around the edges like an orange smudge. It was silent, so couldnt be a helicopter. I lost it behind the ambulance station at Northside road. The evening was clear, with just a touch of rain, and not cold."

The description and details provided by this male witness, who requests no publicity, offer the researcher very little, simply because it could well be an aircraft, or indeed a helicopter, despite his thoughts on the subject. The object did not pass directly overhead, and moving very slowly, some one and a half miles away, appeared to be a blurred ball of light. However, one should not dismiss a report like this out of hand, as a witness does tend to generalise over many aspects, but unfortunately we are not able to question him further about the matter.

Location: Earby, Lancashire. Date: December 22nd 1982. Time: 5.40pm

"At 5.40pm on Wednesday, 22nd December, 1982, I was walking my dog along the street at my home address. It was a clear, dry, dark night, the stars were shining and the sky was clear. I did not see the moon. I suddenly saw a large ball of brilliant white light in the sky south of my position. The object was far brighter and larger than any star and I would think it was larger than a golf ball at arms length. It moved across the sky towards the north and then stopped and hovered for a few minutes and then moved south again and then suddenly disappeared without going behind anything. Then suddenly a beam of brilliant white light appeared where the object had disappeared, and appeared as a long beam going towards the ground. It was wide at the top, and narrowed towards the ground. It did not go to a point, but seemed to be round at the bottom. The beam lit all the sky. I did not see the object again, but the whole thing took place over the Carleton/Colne moor. There was no sound, and it was visible for 5-6 minutes."

The witness, Mr Brian Gudgeon, makes one or two other interesting points. When this object stopped and hovered, a pink glow appeared behind it, and the object itself was sharply outlined. He has many years experience in observing aircraft & satellites, but the object remains a mystery to him. He also spent three years on an airfield whilst serving in the forces. He reported this incident to the police. This is an interesting sighting, and whilst a simple explanation could be put forward, it does stand out above the average sighting. A diagram of the object and its course will help you to understand this opinion.



Location: Bridlington, Yorks. Date: February 14th, 1983. Time: Unknown

Workmen were digging up a concrete floor at the "Joyland" amusement arcade when they unearthed a metal object. They thought it was a bomb, and called the police, who in turn called the bomb disposal team based at Catterick, North Yorkshire. The object was not a bomb, but the team took it back with them for further investigation. My enquires with the police at Bridlington came up with the following; The object was oval, metallic, and shaped like a small mine. It was five inches by two. They told me that although it was not a bomb, the army team present could not make it out at all, they simply did not know what the object was. My enquires to date still have not unearthed anything new, other than the fact that I cannot get a satisfactory answer from Catterick.

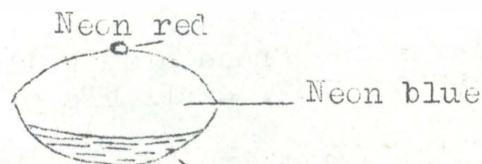
What could this object be? Something that had laid buried for years under concrete and earth in a small coastal resort baffles the experts sent to determine its make up? I sense a story here, yet how better it would have been for us if we had an investigator on the east coast who might just have got to the site before the military.

The next two accounts should make most of you green with envy, not one, but two sightings within a week seen by the same person, now read on!

Location: Otley, West Yorkshire. Date: February 16th, 1983. Time: 8.45pm

"Clear conditions, few stars overhead and to south. Driving down Leeds Road, towards Otley, direction east to west. Looked out of side window of car to north. Lights of Farnley Hall clearly seen. Saw a vivid fluorescent blue colour, very bright, no other lights except a red light on top. It was shaped like a 'Mr Kiplings Bakewell Tart.' Its distance was one and a half miles over the next valley. It was the size of a cricket ball held at arms length. It seemed about 1,000 feet high, above or behind hall. The object stayed about five minutes from first sighting, moved slightly right then vanished completely. No sign of any other lights and certain there was no possibility of it being a plane or a helicopter as it was far too large and far too bright."

The witness, Vincent Gibson, is familiar with aircraft and their identification. His drawing is interesting, and whilst the report is brief, this was typed up and sent immediately after the sighting.



Slightly darker, probably due to underside darkness (shadow).

On February 21st, five days later, at 8.30pm, Vincent saw what was possibly the same object over Arnscliffe Cragg, travelling very slowly in the east, towards the Harrogate/Tadcaster region. The object was pulsating, and the blue colour reminded Vincent of a flame similar to the one shown in the T.V. gas advert. On seeing the object from his car, he wound the window down to get a clearer look. (He was so surprised to see it again that someone nearly rammed his car) What he saw was no plane or balloon he told me, and no light from the ground could cause such an effect in the sky. Nine minutes after the sighting, Vincent rang me, and explained just what he had seen. Calls to Tony Dodds and Leeds/Bradford airport did reveal that an aircraft was in the vicinity, and what Tony in Skipton saw, and Vincent two minutes after arriving home was an Air UK F27. A flight came in from London to land at the airport at 8.52pm, so this can be discounted. The only other flights in the area at 8.30pm would be a Dan-Air flight and a flight from Belfast, but both would be 20,000 feet in altitude and certainly hardly visible above Otley. Will our 'Mr Kipling cake' show itself again, I wonder? Now theres a sweet thought.....(groan).

Our final report comes from Peter Mannion, who writes; "Whilst looking out of the window, on wednesday, February 16th, 1983, I noticed a light in the sky, moving on a northwesterly direction. It seemed to be travelling very slow, and as I was looking at it, it seemed to brighten then fade. Seconds later it disappeared. Since I was looking at the constellation, Orion, I noticed the star BETA GEM to be very similar in size to the UFO."

One explanation for this particular sighting is that space debris, or a satellite out of control, spins, and the light from the sun catches it on each spin, thus giving it a bright/fade appearance. One final, point, it would be advisable not to label every strange object as a UFO, even if its very strange, its all about credibility in this business.

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Derek Naylor of the Yorkshire Evening Post has just reviewed a book by Jenny Randles & Paul Whetnall, entitled "Alien Contact" (Coronet Books, £1.75). It revolves around a Welsh family who had Close Encounters of the Third Kind with, amongst other things, alien beings AND animals. These began in 1976 and ended in 1980. I would like to quote a couple of remarks made by Mr Naylor, who is an esteemed journalist on this paper.

"If a flying saucer manned by little green aliens landed in Leeds City Square on a busy Monday lunchtime and then took off again you can bet heavy odds that 'experts' would tell us all we had been hallucinating. Like ghosts, UFO's have their believers and their disbelievers. Yet why the concept of an alien spaceship - so readily accepted by the millions who lap up cinema offerings on the subject - should be so outrageous I can never understand. As has so often been pointed out with so many planets whirling about this vast universe why should earth arrogantly assume that it is the only one to be inhabited? But the squelch has so often been applied by authorities to sightings which have been very well authenticated that few people now are prepared to risk being ridiculed. And the paradox is that though many of us are ready to believe that others have seen UFO's, they are less eager to accept that anyone has had any sort of contact with the occupants. One question the cynics always ask is why the aliens always contact ordinary folk rather than anyone in authority? I would have thought the answer obvious - The E.T.'s are much more likely to learn what life on earth is really all about."

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The History Of The Idea Of Extra Terrestrial Intelligence

The question, "Is there life on other worlds?" is at least as old as human speculation about flight. Moreover, reasoning from analogy with the earth that the answer might be yes is equally venerable. This is evident in that quoted by two very different philosophers from very different cultures, TENG MU of China and LUCRETIVS of Rome.

Lucretius says "It is in the highest degree unlikely that the earth and sky is the only one to be created... Nothing in the universe is the only one of its kind, unique and solitary in its birth and growth... You are bound therefore to acknowledge that in other regions there are other earths and various tribes of men and breeds of beasts."

1400 years later, Teng Mu of the Sung Dynasty of China wrote:-

"Empty space is like a kingdom, and earth and sky are no more than a single individual in that kingdom."

"Upon one tree there are many fruits, and in one kingdom there are many people. How unreasonable it would be to suppose that, besides the earth and sky which we can see, there are no other skies and no other earths".

Nor are these two philosophers unique in their way of thinking. But as time went on and man developed his views on the observable universe, the views on E.T.I. also changed. For one and a half millennia it was generally adopted after Aristotle of Samos, Greece, that the earth was composed of the 4 elements, earth, fire, air and water, and was placed in the centre of the universe. The rest of the universe was composed of the aether which was a large sphere of fixed stars. Sun, moon and planets were embedded in concentric spherical shells between earth and stars. They revolved with uniform velocity around the earth by virtue of motion imparted to them from a Primum Mobile, or prime mover. In the middle ages, the Christians replaced the Primum Mobile with God. To them this proved without a shadow of doubt that God was the necessary force in perpetual and direct contact with the universe. In this harmonious universe where the Christian abode of life was one where the earth was unique and therefore life was unique having been created by God. Such a cosmology did not permit that other worlds like the earth could ever exist, much less that the worlds might bear life.

This Aristotelian cosmology seemed illogical to several medieval and early Renaissance thinkers and in 1440, the Cardinal Nicolas Cusanus wrote an essay, 'Of Learned Ignorance', in which he contended that the universe was indefinitely large with neither a centre nor a circumference. Cusanus was aman before his time and his views didn't have their greatest impact for another century and a half.

In 1543, Copernicus shattered the celestial spheres and crystals and said the earth revolved around the sun. Such new and dangerous thinking brought a revaluation and the universe opened up its horizons. The barbarism faded but left one mark. A renegade monk called Giordano Bruno wrote that there was probably intelligence on other worlds. For this absurd proposition, the church murdered him.. they burnt him at the stake a witch's death.

However, the church was revealed as stupid and regressive and it was not until Sir Isaac Newtons time when the new astronomy finally took its toll, the earth did revolve around the sun, it did spin on its axis once every 24 hours, the planets were worlds similar to the earth and the fixed stars were other suns. Armed with their new knowledge, the romance of the stars appealed to a young playwright named Bernard Le Bouvier De Fontelle.. he wrote a book, *Entrients sur la Pluralite des Mondes*, or "The Plurality of Worlds". The book is written in the form of a conversation between two fictitious characters, Monsieur L..... and the Lady G..... Both the favour and elegance and essence of the conversation are embodied in one particularly nice passage:-

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"I must tell you (says the monsieur), that in love and mathematics, people reason much alike: allow ever so little to a lover, yet presently you must grant him more, which will at least go a great way; in like manner, grant but a mathematician one minute principle, he immediately draws a consequence, to which you must necessarily assent; and from this consequence another till he leads you so far, whether you will or no, that you have much ado to believe him..... Now this way of arguing, I have made use of, the moon, said I is inhabited, because she is like the earth; I find the fixed stars like our sun, I therefore attribute to them what is proper to him: you are now going too far to be able to retreat therefore you must go forward with good grace.

Fontenelle's "Plurality of Worlds" was read so avidly that it ran into all the languages of Europe.

In 1715 William Derham asked, "How can we say that all the bodies in the universe, even to the sun and the comets, are not inhabited? How can we place such limits on the infinitude of God's capabilities....?"

Good philosophy. Good reasoning. But as the 19th century drew on, astronomers had a good idea of where life may be found and where life may not be found. After observing "canali" structure, misquoted into canals, Percival Lowell shot to fame in his announcement that there were creatures on Mars, building huge canals which stretched from the north polar cap to the south polar cap, and that they were running an irrigation system. However, Lowell was criticised time after time and we now know that the canals that Lowell and others saw, were either hallucinations in the bid for a populated world, or misrepresentations of craters, mountains, plains, deserts etc.

We now know that the solar system is not inhabited anywhere else, but it is likely that the comets bear the building blocks of life and in colliding with the earth many billions of years ago, they probably brought life to earth in the form of a primordial soup.

But what can happen here, can happen elsewhere in the universe and in all probability there are other civilisations spanning the breadth of our galaxy. After all there are one hundred billion stars in our galaxy, one for each human that has ever stood on the earth. there is bound to be life elsewhere.

We have now established radio telescopes which are listening out for radio signals and messages from other ETs in the galaxy and it's only a matter of time now.

But whether the ultimate encounter happens tomorrow, in a months time, a years time or a thousand million years time, it will mean one thing: WE ARE NOT ALONE.

Stephen Hart.

Badges.....At the Feb.27th meeting, a vote was taken on a badge design to be adopted by YUFOS. Out of the many and varied designs submitted by members, one was eventually chosen by vote. The design submitted by Graham Townsend was an outright winner with 20 votes. The appropriate artwork and funds will be passed to the manufactures, and the badges will be available in the near future at a cost of around 30 to 35 pence. The size of the badge will be 1 1/2 inches dia. and will be in black and white.

Thank you to all who submitted a design, I know the time and patience that went into them and maybe in the future they can be used for other purposes.

Ed.

Report on Investigators Seminar

On Sat. the 19th of Feb. 1983, an investigators seminar was held at Centenary house. The two main purposes of this event were to allow "would-be" investigators to learn some of the procedures and techniques of investigating and to allow the team of present investigators led by Graham Birdsall to assess the ability of those attending.

It was soon apparent when Graham started to talk about the do's and don't's of investigating that those present began to sit up and take notice.

The amount of information relating to the formulation of UFO reports is quite staggering. It is not just a matter of speaking to the (witness or source of sighting) taking their story, typing it up and presenting it as finished. It involves a lot of time and patience (also the investigators own pocket) in tracking down possible causes of the sighting i.e. aircraft, stars, planets and birds etc. Contacting local police, coast guard, civil airports, the media and local t/v and radio stations. The list seems endless.

The actual production of a UFO report took well over half an hour to explain, the listing of all people involved in the sighting, their story, all sources of other information and correct lay-out including maps, drawings and any photographs of the object and location of sighting etc. All this and a three centimetre margin to allow for filing.

Photographic evidence was dealt with in detail. The most important point being to try and obtain the film whilst still undeveloped. The reason for this is to try and eradicate faking by sensation seekers. The taking of details of the camera, film, lenses and exposure setting to calculate the distance of the object.

I could go on for pages about the requirements of a UFO investigator, as some of the above will bear witness to, but I think all those attending the seminar will know what I am talking about.

Graham brought some slides of rural scenes to test the powers of observation. The questions were asked about an hour after looking at the slides and even Graham was caught out.

The informal discussion continued through the teabreak with a barrage of questions and answers.

The meeting finished at 5-30pm when everyone felt they had learned something (if only how difficult and time consuming investigation was).

The present investigators felt they could rely on the 'new recruits', and the 'recruits' knew what to expect when undertaking investigations.

A very enjoyable if mindbending afternoon and Graham Mark and myself would like to thank all those who turned up from as far afield as Otley, Pontefract, Halifax, Bradford and Tingley.

We all look forward to working as a team. Although most of the work will be done by individuals on their own cases. But please do not hesitate to ask for assistance on any matter when it is needed because as with most other things, experience is the keyword.

Nick Morris

Present Investigators: -G. Birdsall, M. Birdsall, N. Morris.

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UFOs have been spotted over all these unusual landmarks found in the Skipton area of N.Yorks.

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No1. Is a gas pipeline inspection cover.

No2. Is an old stone base for an ancient cross. There was an old Roman settlement at this site, which is also one of the sky-watch sites. On one occasion, a red light (about three feet of the ground) was seen zig-zagging over this field; as if looking for something.

No3. Is a government transmitting and receiving station. Many of the larger objects seen have passed directly over this installation. One of the other skywatch sites is about a quarter of a mile away from this station.

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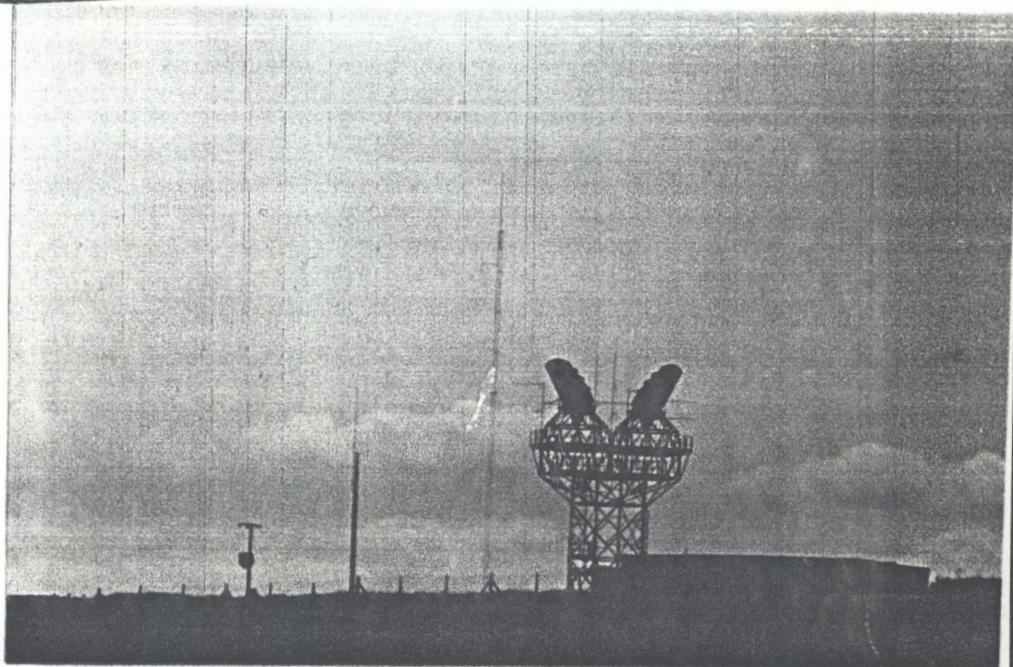
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There are many other unusual things to be found on these moors.

- Old mine workings.
- Old stone circles.
- Radio and television transmitters.
- Old quarries.
- A fifteen mile fault line.

A few miles away, the Pendle District, famous for its legends of witches. Many reservoirs.



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