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Editorial

As can be seen from above, there have been one or two changes in the com. Christine Birdsall has now taken over the job as treasurer to allow Ian to concentrate on the research side, after having established our own research dept. which will operate on the same lines as Oxford. This means going through old files, visiting sites of unusual activity and generally building up a picture of the Yorkshire area. A word must be said here about the work that Philip Mantle and Walter Black have been doing in and around N. Yorks. They have been exploring around Cracoe and some of the skywatch sites and came up with a very unusual photograph similar to the one taken on Cracoe Fell. They have also collected samples of certh, bones and burnt tree bark which we are having analysed at Leeds University. This is what UFO investigation is all about, if all members could do a little in their own area then it will go a long way to helping to find some answers.

Some of us (including myself) have been a bit lax in the past about the type of work mentioned above, but with the start of the research team we can now move onwards. The more help and support the better.

Thanks go to Graham and Ian for their help and time in producing this issue and if anyone wishes to submit any material then I would be most grateful. One point stands out though, that is there are not many letters sent to the Journal so I can only assume that everyone is happy with it. Is this so?
Editor.

Sri Lanka is an island of 65 thousand square kilometres, situated at the tip of India. In climate it is tropical, with temperatures ranging from 27 deg C along the sandy coastline, to 16 deg C in the higher altitudes inland, where the Ceylon tea is grown. Many people imagine it lies in the Southern Hemisphere-it is 6 to 10 degrees north of the equator.

Ufo reports in Sri Lanka trickle in at a steady rate. Their nature is not different from the general classifications now in use; nocturnal-lights, daylight discs, winged spheres and reports of humanoids.

The Sri Lanka UFO Register was set up to document these reports. Otherwise, their loss would be a loss to the UFO research fraternity worldwide. A very basic statistical analysis shows typical features, comparable to Ufo reports from other parts of the world-with one exception. We have no reports of Ufo abductions, not a single one'. This lack of abduction reports is very puzzling. Either the whole class of so called 'abductions' are a myth within the entire Ufo phenomena, or the phenomena is very partial, in the geographic sense.

One can understand the lack of radar visual cases in a country where there are very few radar installations, civil or military. But 'abduction' reports, which emanate from a cross section of the population in the industrialised West, are non-existent in this Eastern island. Could the reason for this be something to do with the cultural background of the people? Or, are 'abductions' reported nothing more than mental experiences?

Sri Lanka has been a Buddhist country since the year 247 B.C. The introduction of Buddhism brought about a flourishing civilisation in architecture, engineering, sculpture and education, based on a system not unlike modern democracy. The religion of Buddhism has never denied the existence of extra terrestrial life; thus there has always been an "escape valve" to explain Ufo reports.

The word 'Devatta' comes from the Sanskrit word 'Deva', meaning "Shining One". The word "Eliya" in the Sinhala language means 'Light'. Thus the juxtaposition of these two words to produce the expression "Devatta Eliya" refers to either BEINGS or LIGHTS. It is as ancient as the Sinhala language and should make us ufologists realise that there already exists a term for Ufos in the non-English language.

The journal KALPANA tells of the legend of the Hunnagiriya Devatta. Hunnagiriya is a small village in the central province of Sri Lanka, where a modern Ufo event was reported in 1969, but the area is steeped in tales of beings and lights and unusual incidents, including one of a very large 'humanoid' who suddenly became very small, to the size of inches, then enlarged again. Whether this was an optical illusion conjured on the witness (who incidentally could not believe his own eyes) or whether such a thing actually happened, we have no way of knowing.

The explanation of 'Devatta Eliya' is often proffered by Ufo witnesses. Thus a religious, yet extraterrestrial or maybe even extradimensional interpretation is immediately placed on a sighting.

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The explainer is perhaps not aware of the number of 'scientific toes that are trodden on by this not improbable explanation.

In mid-1971 there was a series of visitations by a silent, winged sphere with part of its structure framed like the CND peace symbol, around Hewaheta. This mini-flap, which extended to many tea estates in the area was witnessed by thousands of people over a four week period. Many explanations were evoked by the locals: from the slightly amusing Soviet or American satellite, to the devil itself, and of course the space-ship theory. It is remarkable that no-one suggested that the Martians had arrived to pick choice samples of Ceylon Tea.

One of the best documented cases in the files is of a Close Encounter at Wilpattu National Park in the north-west of the island. Wilpattu is a game park strictly reserved for the preservation of wild life. A nocturnal visitor to the park saw a massive UFO with dark shapes moving inside it. Although badly frightened, he did manage to note many details and being a highly educated man, he simply said that he could not explain it, rather than use the Devatta explanation. Intriguingly, he did say that he might have undergone a 'psychic' experience.

To summarise:- there exists UFO reports in Sri Lanka, like everywhere else. The religious and cultural background of the island presents an interesting case study for the sociological ufologist. Buddhism as a religion has always accepted the concept of extraterrestrial life. Indeed, there is a fifth century B.C. Buddhist text which deals exclusively with the subject. It outlines thirty one different types of world, of which the human type of world is but fifth from the bottom rung of the ladder.

If that knowledge does not humble us egotistical scientists, then nothing else can. That is why teachings of the organisations such as the Aetherius Society, are very interesting. For by advocating that Buddha, Jesus and Krishna were extraterrestrial they are postulating that intelligencies travel to other worlds as teachers, to lay the foundations of culture and civilisation.

Lack of funds, poor communications, traditional beliefs, all of these stand in the way of proper documentation of the UFO phenomena in Sri Lanka. Ultimately it can only add to the sum total of world knowledge on the UFO subject. Wish us well.

Ananda Sirisena.

Ananda Sirisena was present at the AGM in Ayelsbury, having come over from Sri Lanka. He spoke at the meeting, going into more detail about the UFO activity over there.

Why should there be no recorded cases of abductions? Has anyone any ideas?

This item appeared in the Sunday Mirror---I-5-83 SPACED OUT PETS.

Pet owners are having Close Encounters of The Furred Kind without knowing it, says a researcher. After a 20 year study, writer Brad Steiger says: "One out of five dogs and cats are space pets-descendants of original alien creatures that were seeded on Earth 50,000 years ago. The pets from space have very charismatic personalities, extremely protective natures, very compelling eyes and healing powers. "They can warn owners of danger. Many lives have been saved by alien pets waking them in the night to warn them of a gas leak or fire."

Many experts agree-or as Captain Kirk of the Enterprise would say: "Beam me up Scottie.".....

THE CASE FOR NORTH YORKSHIRE

During the last 24 months we have received no fewer than 30 reports of unusual objects observed in North Yorkshire. We have on record, reports of objects coming within 50ft of experienced police officers. In fact we have been able to collect a number of UFO reports, and build a careful picture of what is really happening in North Yorkshire.

But first let us look at the information these cases contain. It is only fair to point out that a very large percentage of sightings are made from experienced police officers. We have signed statements from many of the officers and all lead us to believe, that without a shadow of doubt, something unusual is taking place in and around the moors of North Yorkshire. However, through careful research there are as many as 90% of the cases we cannot explain. We could state that it might have been a helicopter, or an aircraft. But we cannot overlook WHO are making the observations. Every possible cause for the sighting of an UFO has to be examined. The area, the discription, weather conditions etc. But after researching all of these possibility's we cannot give a viable explanation.

Many people then came forward to offer a possible answer. We again examined these, but even as objective researchers we must rule out these. For the reports we have, contain diagrams and information, which if authentic (and we have no doubts that they are) leads us to believe that, there is something highly unusual being observed in North Yorkshire. In fact there has been times when we have not been able to grasp the enormity of the situation we have found ourselves in. Is it coincidence that our only photographic evidence came from North Yorkshire, and as yet, has eluded all possible attempts by experts to conclude the photograph explainable hoax etc? Can we reach the position, when we can confidantly state, that all the information, statements, and photographic evidence is explainable; the answer must be NO.

If we now turn to the collection of reports we have assembled for this publication. On the map, we have eight positions. It would be impossible to print all our cases, so we have selected these complete with diagrams and drawings. The area is approximately 3 miles by 2. The prominent lines across the map are other sightings, relating to the direction in which these objects were seen.

Refer to map & diagrams:

- 1) The information behind this sighting has yet to be released, however this particular object was observed by a policeman and a member of the public. At approximately 12.30am both people noticed a large ball of light moving very slowly in their direction. The object was slightly yellowish in colour and was approximately 500ft above the ground. At this moment both persons noticed an aircraft possibly 20,000ft heading in, and over the UFO. At this precise moment the object moved of it's original course and after seemingly heading towards the witnesses, altered it's course. The object was now paralel to the observers, and it was at this moment one of the witnesses trained his binoculars on the yellow mass. He could clearly see that the yellow 'oval' was in fact the front of a large cigar shape. A red light which had been hidden by the yellow glow was now defined through use of the binoculars. It was on the side of the object, yet the witness mentioned the red light slowly moved closer to the main yellow light. One can note the comparison in size to the yellow light. Also note the dark area on the underside of the main body of the object. As the object moved slowly away from the witnesses, a 'small band of yellow lights' flashed across the centre of the object, giving the impression that the UFO was revolving. The sighting lasted approximately 2 minutes.
- 2) This very detailed discription was given, again by police officers from North Yorkshire. At approximately 5.20am Oct 24th, 1982, three policemen who had just 5 minutes earlier observed at close range an array of circular lights, (see box 3) noticed a bright 'strip' of light moving very close to the policemen's original position. (The officers had tried to follow the circular of lights and had driven down the hill a few hundred yards). The object was crescent shaped, and although very bright did not give off a beam. The UFO moved directly over the officers, and one officer commented, 'it was so low you could have thrown a rock at it.' The object, was in fact, just 75-100ft above their heads. At this point the full length of light intensified, but again did not give off a beam. There are two points to make note of; at NO time during the sighting was any sound heard, and

notably, an array of red and white lights were clearly visible around the perimeter (underside) of the object.

3) As mentioned in the last report, this particular sighting was made 5 minutes earlier than object box-2. However the officers did not see the UFO approach, nor did they hear any sound. One policeman just looked up into the dark sky and observed the lights slowly moving over their patrol car. The officers state the object was very low.

Is it conceivable that the officers had made an error in their observation? Three men, so close to an object they could clearly define, the answer must again be no, even to more object researchers. We now turn our attention to a member of the public, who along with his family, experienced a terrifying encounter.

4) Mr X and his family were travelling along the road that leaves the village of Carlton near Skipton. The road rises up and over the moors near Elslack. The family were heading for the supermarket in Colne, they made this journey once a week. They had reached an area known as Standrise Plantation, Mr X then looked through his mirror and noticed 2 coloured balls (red & green) moving closer to the car. The balls then buzzed the family before moving level with the car. The balls then started to pace the car. The objects themselves, were no bigger than footballs, both were situated on either side of the car. They continued to fly alongside the car at window height. The occupants in the car became extremely frightened, Mr X was now finding it very hard to keep the car under control. Mrs X was shouting at her husband to turn the car round and return home. The two children were now screaming with fright, and their pet dog cowering. The dog then tried to get beneath the footwell in the car. Mr X had, had enough, he turned the car around and headed back home, the balls of light, also decided to turn around and follow the car. The lights again tracked the family for a short while, before disappearing.

Mr X, and his family returned home in a very poor state, and since the incident took place, they have not travelled along the moors again. They use a road which takes them around the area.

This particular incident took place in March 1980, and again we cannot find a plausible explanation. The investigator of this case was Alwyn Rogers, and he made an interesting comment when typing the report up. He pointed out that Mr X, was finding it difficult to control his car, fright or outside interference?

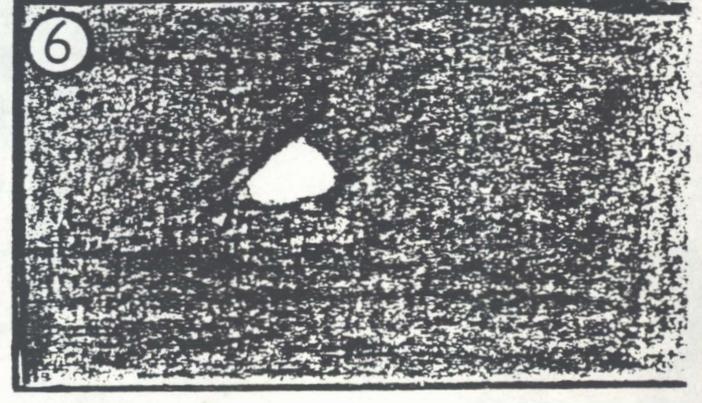
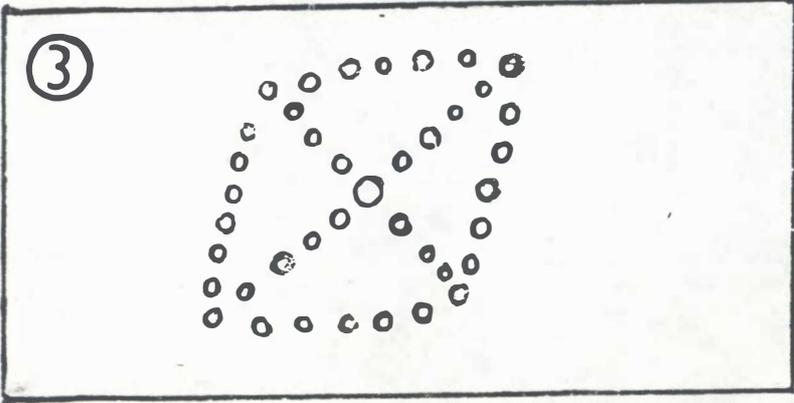
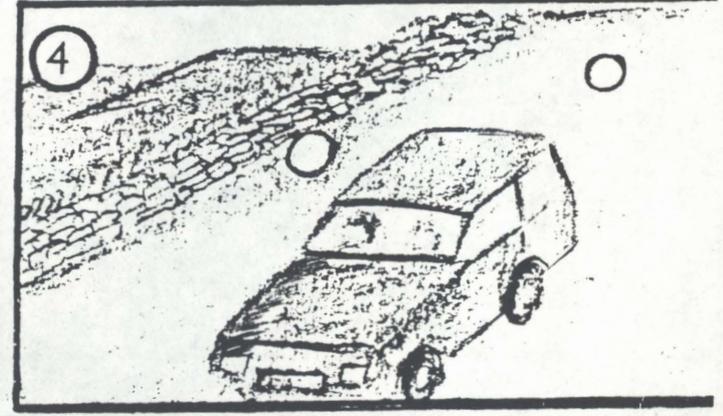
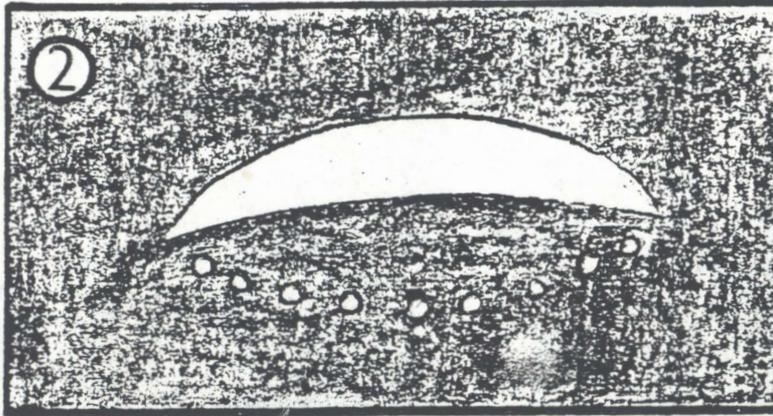
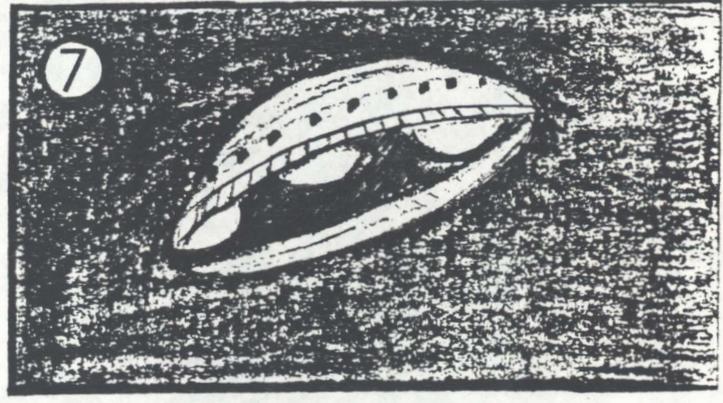
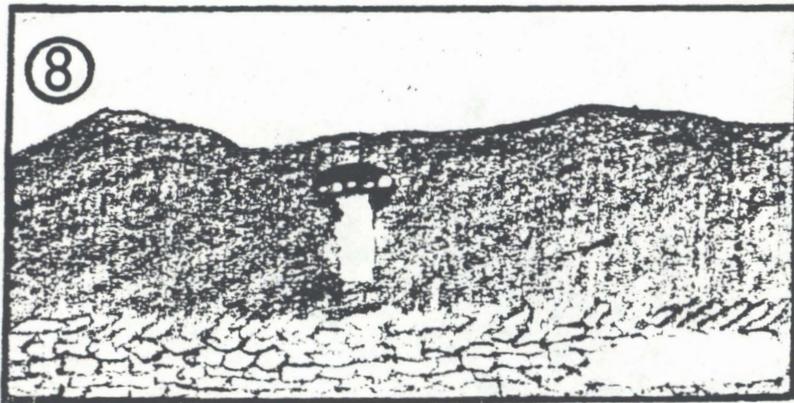
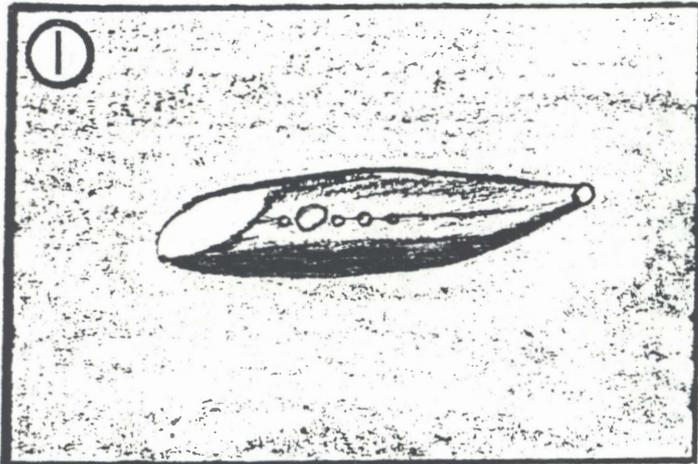
Most members will remember the encounter involving Mrs X, at Coniston Cutting, although the case has almost ended due to circumstances which we are not in the position to control, it is hoped that one day we will be able to start the case moving again. Due to the fact that every member has detailed knowledge of this case, I will just present the outlying factors. Mrs X, was followed by a small cluster of lights, shortly after she had left her mothers home. Although she could not define the object which was following her, she was adamant it was not a vehicle. Although at first she mentioned in the report, 'that she felt the lorry was taking a long time to over-take her.' The light were pacing the car, and then she noticed a beam of light strike the side of the car...from above her. The incident occurred in March 1982, and as most members are aware our investigation led us to use hypnotic regression for the first time. Mrs X, had lost approximately 40 minutes on her journey home from her mothers house in Morecambe. During the investigation, many efforts were made to explain the missing minutes, as yet the loss of such a large amount of time remains a mystery, not only to us, but also to the witness.

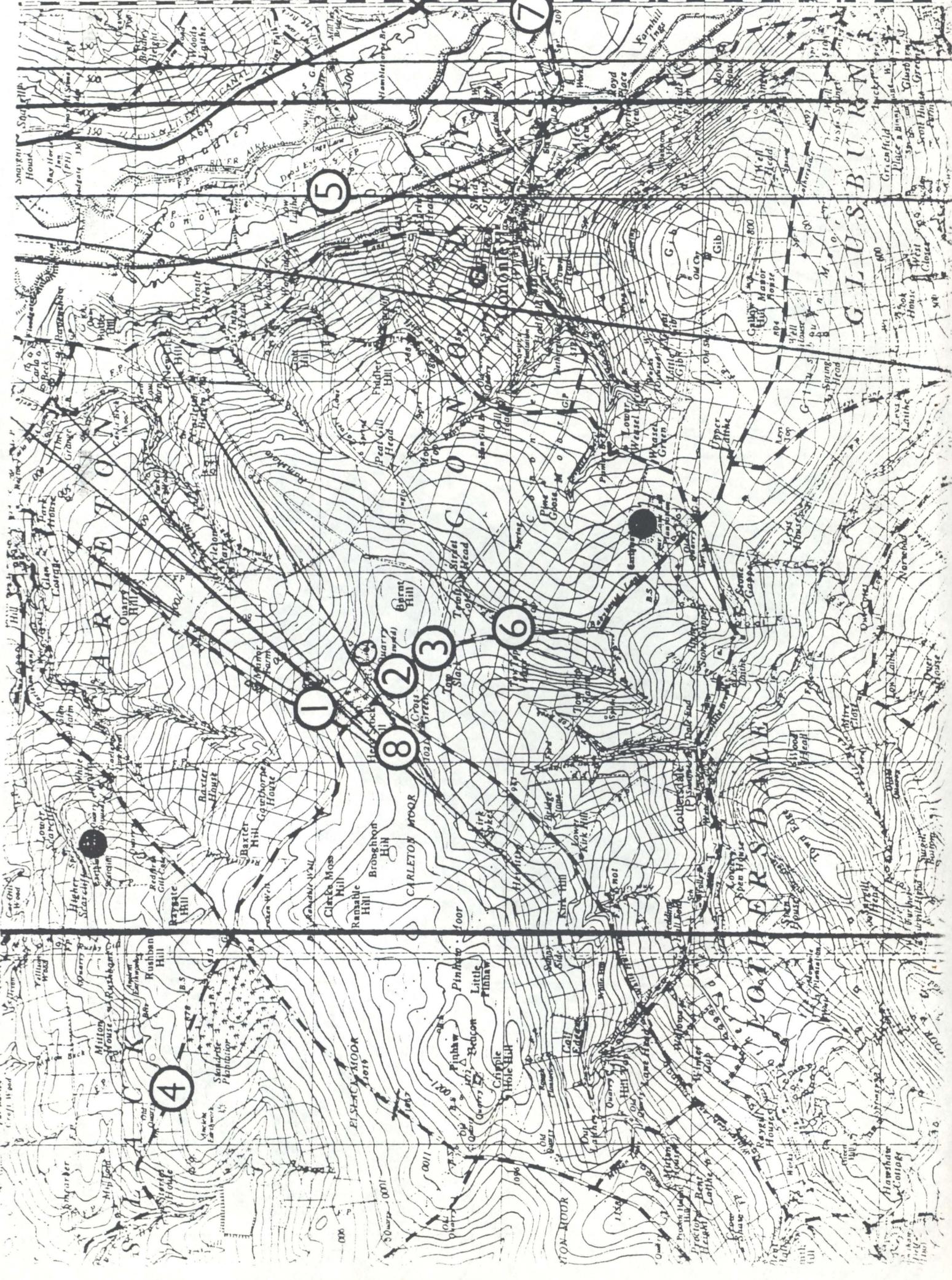
We are totally convinced that the initial report and information received is true, however we cannot possibly state that the information which we received through the regression is fact. Again we have a case which involves a high degree of strangeness, and again in North Yorkshire.

5/C) Moving to sightings which most researchers would class as nocturnal lights. We have had no fewer than 60 reports of these objects. And I stress the word object. For I myself have observed them on no fewer than three occasions. These objects are quite clearly oval and circular depending on the angle they are viewed at. A number of investigators have seen these particular objects at close range. Sceptics pour scorn on these sightings and declare them nothing more than helicopters or aircraft. I agree that probably a number of sightings are explainable. But through careful research we find that on NO occasion has any sound ever been heard, and also the majority of these objects are travelling just 400ft above the ground. Many of the witnesses state that the object seemed to be following the contours of the moors.

The following article is related to UFO phenomena observed in North Yorkshire. Due to the fact that we have on record over 30 cases involving UFOs in North Yorkshire, these have been selected to show the general picture in the area. The reports in this dossier are some-what brief, however members can request further information on these and other reports from the YUFOS files.

The diagrams shown below are not to scale: The locations of these objects can be seen on the map which relates to this article. The numbers on the map relates to the approximate location of the witness.





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Would it be conceivable to find aircraft flying at such a dangerous height? One must also note the speed of these objects, most observers state that they were travelling at speeds of no more than 40 - 50 mph. One interesting case involving one of these yellow balls occurred in November last year. Two witnesses were on moors near Carlton, when they noticed a bright yellow light moving slowly over the hills. The approximate height of the object was 400ft. Both witnesses then observed an aeroplane heading towards the object (20,000ft). The object then changed course and moved behind a nearby hill. The witnesses watched the aeroplane move quickly out of sight. They were then amazed to see the yellow ball of light move from behind the hillside and continue it's silent journey accross the moors.

These particular sightings are difficult to assess, and the information which they contain is limited. A comment by the witnesses who see these objects repeats it'self throughout the statements made by the witnesses, this is, that on no occasion did the observer see any other lights. Or in fact a solid body beneath the glow however if we return to object one on the diagrams, the witnesses state that until they observed the object with binoculars they could see only the brilliant yellow glow. It would seem that the intense light of the object distorted the actual shape, however this all remains conjecture at the moment.

7) One of the most spectacular sightings we have on record is this observation made by two North Yorkshire police officers. This sighting occurred on the moors just East of Cononley. The time was 3.20am, both officers noticed an extremely bright light moving directly towards their position. No definition could be seen, the UFO moved directly over their position. The height of the object was approximately 200ft it was then that the object turned slightly to one side (tilted). The officers were startled with regard to the actual shape and size of the object. Both men estimated the length of the object to be approximately 100ft. The entire object was glowing, and the lower 'skirt' was revolving. Three large balls on the underside could clearly be seen. 'Portholes' which were darker than the rest of the object were also seen.

From an objective point of view, this case is almost too good to believe. But we have NO doubts whatsoever regarding the information in this report, that the officers did in fact observe an unusual craft. It would be difficult not to relate such a detailed account, if the object passed over your head at just 200feet.

Many similarities have been made with the 'Adamski photographs,' however, the witnesses state the object they observed appeared more 'streamline' than the alleged photographs taken by Adamski. In any event, serious investigators do not lay much foundation with regard to Adamski's claims. However, critics would find it very difficult to try and explain to the officers involved with this sighting, that what they had observed was an IFO.

8) One of the most famous UFO cases in Britain was the Livingstone 'close encounter,' in Scotland. The witness was apparently 'attacked' by two circular spiked objects. The small object in diagram eight was observed just five minutes before the objects in boxes 2 & 3. And again researchers have drawn up similarity's with this sighting and the Livingstone incident. Three witnesses observed a small object zig - zagging accross Elslack Moor. A series of red and white lights could be seen revolving around the small body of the object. It was approximately 4ft above the ground. They then noticed a beam of light being emitted from the underside directly onto the ground. At one point the object came within 50ft of the witnesses.

Due to the circumstances which were about to follow, (see boxes 2 & 3) we feel this object was in some way connected to the objects which were observed a few minutes later. We did send a ground team to the area, and one or two marks were noticed, but it would be difficult to relate them to this sighting. All we can say is that they were quite similar to marks found in the ground with regard to the Livingstone case.

In this study we have just scraped the surface on the information which our case files contain. But our attention has been drawn to the area, not just because of the amount of sightings, but also the high strangeness of the cases.

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Mark Ian Birdsall: Research:

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5) December 1980		Investigator/s Tony Dodd 6 reports
6) October 1982		A. Rogers 1 report
7) January 1978		M. Birdsall 1 report

ROUND UP

NEW VOYAGER Magazine A MAP Publication Quarterly Price £1 25

This magazine was launched recently and contains many items of interest to anyone interested in modern science, science fiction, films and UFOs. The bulk of the magazine is aimed at 'space' modelling, some of which are 'out of this world' and the photographs are superb. The subject of UFOs is dealt with in a serious manner and contains many cases, some of which are well known and some which are not. Other things which are dealt with are the Mars landings, the space probes, and futuristic ideas by Arthur C. Clarke. Also contained are reviews of the latest films and videos, all of which make this a very useful magazine to have for reference purposes or just to browse through.

This next item appeared in William Hill's STAFF JOURNAL dated March/April

Everyone has an opinion on the existence or otherwise of UFOs or flying saucers, but one thing is certain, there are plenty of people willing to put down hard cash to back their belief that not only do these extra terrestrial craft exist but that they and their occupants will soon be seen to exist.

We offer varying odds, usually around the 100 to 1 mark, against the existence time, money and effort on sending radio waves of e.t.s being admitted by the Government - but it is amazing that the cash seems to flow usually around the time that films like Close Encounters or ET are popular.

However, once again we would be silly to sneer at believers when the news has only recently been announced that the Americans are to spend a considerable amount of money winging towards the very deepest recesses of space in a bid to elicit a reaction from any intelligence out there many light years away from us. It also appears that they are quite optimistic that they may track down some other civilisation.

Still, even if they don't, it won't stop people being convinced that they are in permanent contact with Venusians or that the Martians intend to put up a candidate at the next by-election.

Further proof that we are foolish to mock is available in our very own background. Which bookmaker was ill advised enough to offer odds of 10,000 to 1 that man would not walk on the moon back in the early 60s.

Yes it was William Hill and Neil Armstrong burnt a particularly large hole in our pockets when he trod on the lunar surface for the first time.

Sadly, that particular story had a tragic ending when we later learnt that one of the punters who landed a large win on the bet bought himself a sports car only to die in an accident in that very car.

Makes you think, does it not ?

UFO JOURNALS is a 92 minute video tape in colour. It gives a very bad impression of the ufologist as the cases are dealt with in a poor way, showing UFO pictures as evidence without the back up of fact, including some proven fakes. This kind of product can only harm the serious investigator by allowing the sceptical an opportunity to view this tape. Distributed by VCL VIDEO.

DONT FORGET TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT YUFOS, AND IF YOU HEAR OF A UFO SIGHTING DONT HESITATE TO SEEK OUT ALL YOU CAN OR GET IN TOUCH WITH GRAHAM, IAN OR MYSELF.

Ed.

"AN ALTERNATIVE?"

Our Society, like it's parent organisation Contact International, has no particular theory about UFO phenomenon, but that does not mean that we must dismiss altogether set ideas or views which surface from time to time.

"Alternative 3" is a paperback which was produced by journalists who dug deeper into the 'brain drain' syndrome of the early sixties. Only by reading this book will most of what I shall be writing about in the next few editions of the Journal make any sense. However, what the book deals with is a frightening scenario that makes 'Dr Strangelove' tame in comparison. The author contends that the actual development of space research is in fact 50 years ahead of what we actually see today. At the end of the second world war, scientists in America & Russia, discovered that our planet has a short life span, due entirely to the 'greenhouse effect.'

Slowly, but surely, the temperature of our atmosphere, and the planet itself will rise, causing the eventual demise of the human race as we know it. They combined their resources in search of an answer, and came up with three alternatives. The first was to channel our efforts into constructing vast underground cities, to escape the unbearable heat, but this was soon realised impracticable as sooner or later, the interior of the Earth's crust would become a cauldron of heat. The second alternative was to launch a nuclear missile directly into the Van Allan radiation belt, thus destroying the prime breeder of the destructive carbon dioxide, fine in principle, but in practise it would allow a whole host of dangerous cosmic rays to penetrate our atmosphere, so they turned to the third alternative.

They decided that man's future could only be guaranteed by colonising a nearby planet, using the Moon as a stepping stone for such a task. So it was then that by combining the efforts of the major powers, man did in fact set foot on the Moon as early as 1962!

The journalists who made this discovery, operated out of Anglia Television who also ran a documentary on the subject. They first discovered that many scientists who had joined the 'brain drain' did not turn up at their intended post overseas, indeed, many firms and University establishments knew nothing at all about them. They interviewed several worried parents who had not heard from their son's and daughters, and found that early photographs sent by them shortly after leaving home were faked. The same background's appeared on a number of photographs sent to separate families.

Then, as their enquires deepened, information came their way from a man who had worked at NASA, discovered the secret of Alternative 3, and had then decided to cut and run. He gave a deciphering machine to a senior head at Jodrell Bank who was making a visit to NASA, and told him that he would travel to England with a tape that would blow the lid off a cover up so big, that history would have to be re-written. Shortly before the Jodrell Bank man was due to meet a Fleet Street editor and close friend, he was killed in a car crash. This death, like many others that the book's researchers were to discover, was no accident.

The author contends that those in charge of this project, had absolute power over life and death. If any person presented themselves as a threat, then they were killed, it was that simple. Why was such a method employed? It was not simply because the project had to be kept secret for fear that realisation that this planet was doomed would cause mass panic, it went much deeper than that. They discovered that there was two types of people who were needed for the 'new world.' The first were those of intellect, the scientists, the philosophers, the second group were the people who would build the place, slaves, kidnapped from their homes, surgically operated on to make them obedient, and have no will of their own...

It was this method of inhuman treatment, carried out in the name of science, and for the good of everyone, that caused the NASA man to rebel. Others too had either by design or accident learned of this 'treatment' and the journalists found that many NASA workspeople had committed the final act, suicide, but most if not all, were happy family men right up until their deaths. They then approached astronauts who had been to the Moon, and one in particular interested them. He it was who had landed on the Moon, only to be stunned into disbelief at the sight that greeted him. The surrounding landscape was covered with flying machines and working parties, but his conversation with NASA was immediately scrambled, he had not come down in the intended landing spot. It was a gaff that would send the unlucky astronaut and several like him into an alcoholic stupor. When later, as the first USA/Soviet link up in space occurred, he was heard to remark that it was all a big con, that others had done the same thing many years before. He was bitter that they should get recognition for something that had been done by others, he told the journalists everything.

Meanwhile, the immediate head of the television network was making every effort to stop their intended programme going on the air, but as it turned out he failed, and guess what? shortly after it went nationwide, he blew his brains out. Eventually, convinced that what they had discovered was the real thing, the programme did indeed go nationwide, only to be debunked the next day following mass hysteria from a very frightened public.

The NASA man had come to this country with a girlfriend, eventually the tape was played on the deciphering machine given to the Jodrell Bank man. It showed the landing of a spacecraft on Mars, and on the screen were English & Russian numerical figures. The voices were American, the cheers in the background could clearly be heard as touchdown was confirmed.

Facts upon facts were given of men and women who had disappeared, people it was claimed had been kidnapped, in some cases 200 at a time from remote spots. The evidence they present in the book is frighteningly true, and whilst this short insight into its contents only scratches at the surface, it should provide everyone reading it with a desire to read the material, and make up their own minds. The Society is to purchase from the publishers three books, in order that as many people read it as possible, and at the same time I will be presenting facts which should add substance to the theory that man is indeed in the process of colonising a distant world.

This does not mean to say that I concur with everything the author states as fact, for it is true there are instances where logic dictates doubts. However, since reading the book, my enquires thus far have led me into uncharted areas, Antarctica for example, where the author contends that missions to the Moon are based. This continent alone throws out a vast cloud of mystery, and with Derek Mansell researching Nazi UFO's in that area, even more fascinating a picture begins to emerge.

"Alternative 3" should be read, for it does give us an answer to UFO's.

With craft 50 years ahead of their time, kept secret by the major powers, is it not possible that some could be seen by unsuspecting folk? Not all could be tested in the polar regions, some would have to be tested on the mainland. So it is then that the author of "Alternative 3" reveals that the project planners are quite happy to let people refer to their craft as UFO's, and that they come from a distant world. If true, it is the cover-up to beat all cover-ups; it is also potentially lethal to anyone who digs deep, and uncovers something so fantastic that he or she 'retires' from the UFO scene altogether, or disappears without a trace. I myself have long been convinced that a cover-up is with us, but remain to be convinced that it is because of "Alternative 3" - but even if the writers have made a superb fiction piece, it would not surprise me to see it come true. G.W.B.

UFO UPDATE

Before we take a look at some cases which have come our way recently, it should be noted that in the majority of reports dealt with by the Society during the last eighteen months, only a small number underwent intense scrutiny, due to a number of factors. We had to sort the wheat from the chaff, and ensure that many working hours was not wasted researching a case which could easily be explained. Now that a research team has been set up, consisting of committee members and investigators, we hope to quickly ratify the problem. Mark Birdsall will no doubt put everyone in the picture over the coming months, for it is he who has brought about this important infrastructure. Therefore it is highly likely that the cases you read of in this journal, will come under closer analysis, and conclusions reached.

Date: Around June 1965

Time: 5.00p.m.

Location: Gargrave, Nr Skipton, North Yorkshire

Investigator: Tony Dodd

The witness, a married woman of 39, requests no publicity.

"I was sitting, grooming two dogs, on my mother's front doorstep of her house at Flasby, Near Gargrave, Skipton, North Yorkshire. The weather was wram and sunny, but misty, with a slight cloud thinly covering the sun which managed to show through the cloud. The time was about 5.00p.m.

My father was gardening at the back of the house, and a farmer was on his tractor mowing a field, about two fields away at the back of the house but at the time I was alone. Something made me look up, and coming from the back of the house, forward's, I saw a huge saucer shaped object.

It was mettalic, about 30 or 40 feet in width and was travelling about 50 or 60 miles an hour about 60 feet off the ground. It made no sound, but swished the top of the trees as it passed over. I could see dark shapes underneath it but it went past so quickly I could not say more than that. The dog looked up and watched with me. I went hysterical, convinced it had landed and ran, with my mother, across two or three fields to see if it had landed. There was nothing. My father, and the farmer, had seen nothing, when I later asked them about this.

Around the same time we found, at Flasby, a mettalic type pin in the ground, which my mother, husband and I found. When later we took my father up to show him, it had gone. We dare not touch this as it looked so unfamiliar."

The witness recalls that the whole sighting lasted only 3 or 4 seconds. She wore spectacles at the time, and is sure the object was solid. It did move behind trees during its flight, making a swishing noise as it did so. The colour was mettalic grey, and sharply outlined. It first appeared in the Northeast and disappeared behind some trees in the Southwest.



SIDEWAYS



UNDERNEATH

UFO UPDATE cont....

Whilst the following report may not be striking in content, perhaps the age of the witness is. Mrs Florence Rhodes hails from Bradford, here in West Yorkshire, she is 77 years old.

Date: Friday, 25th March, 1983
Time: 3.00a.m.
Location: Bradford, West Yorkshire
Investigator: Graham Townsend

"At 3.00a.m. Friday morning, I was awoken by a flashing light which made me open my eyes. Through the bedroom window from the right hand side, I saw a fairly bright flashing red light with smaller bright white lights flickering around the edge of the ball of red light, which was more or less round, but flattened at the top and bottom.

Then it hovered for a few seconds in the middle of the window and then it moved off towards the left of the window, and moved down behind some trees.

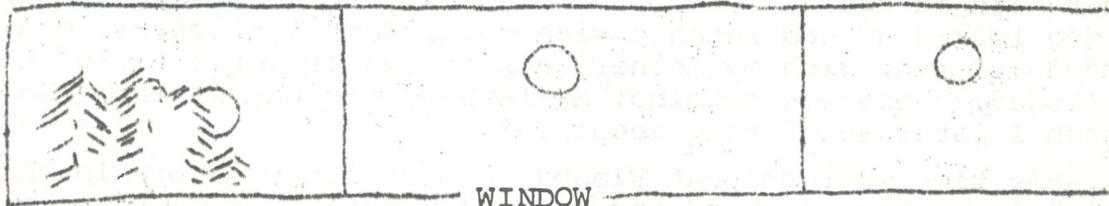
All the time it moved fairly slowly, just like a childs balloon, with no noise, taking only a few moments altogether to go across the window. I looked at the clock and it was 3.00a.m. I did'nt think it was an aircraft, it looked like a balloon, but the bright light made me doubtfull about that."

The whole sighting lasted some 5 minutes, and the object disappeared at first behind a house, then some trees. There was no sound at any time, and the main colour was red. It was sharply outlined, as big as a football held at arms length. It was a cold and dry night, with scattered cloud. She reported the incident to the local newspaper next day, the Bradford Telegraph & Argus. The distance of the object was no more than 30 yards, and its height, 30 feet. She estimated its speed at 10 m.p.h.

WENT BEHIND TREES

HOVERED

FIRST SEEN



WINDOW

We are unable to print the name of this particular witness, as what contact we have had, has been over the telephone, and despite sending him a number of report forms, thus far none have been returned. This does cast some doubt over his alleged sighting, but we have included it all the same, ever hopeful that he may comply in the future.

The witness is male, 37 years old, and resides in Leeds. He is a long distance lorry driver, and regularly travells the M62.

At 3.50a.m. on the morning of April 15th 1983, the witness observed a bright light away to his right over moorland, approximately 1,000 feet high in altitude. He was between junctions 22 & 23, past Windy Hill, and travelling eastbound. He was about 1/2 mile past the farmhouse around which the motorway runs. Other lorries on the motorway, IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, were frantically flashing their lights to draw everyone's attention to the lights.

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UFO UPDATE cont....

The witness was travelling at 50m.p.h., as he watched the lights to his right, later saying that "it was like a science fiction film, who could be up there at this time in something that was not a plane?"

He admitted that it could have been a helicopter, but argued against that as no clear shape could be seen, especially when, much to his surprise, the lights, travelling to his right over moorland, then came right across the motorway and hovered.

This was too much. In his excitement he pulled up on the hard shoulder, an offence he knew, but he wanted to get a closer look at the lights. He did not get out of his cab, but looked at the lights through the window. No sound could be heard, and the height of the lights remained constant. Shortly after hovering over the motorway, the lights then doubled back to his right, towards the area where they had first appeared. The weather was dry, and fair, visibility was good.

On April 16th, 1983, Phillip Mantle & Walter Black, investigators for YUFOS, took a number of photographs of a series of lights near the small town of Carleton, North Yorkshire. Both men were at the summit of Rhyllstone Fell, some six miles away, undertaking ground survey work, when they first noticed the brilliant lights through the mist. It was 3.38p.m.

Walter had a telescopic lens on his camera, and through it, both observed six main lights, and to the right, separate and slightly above the main formation, was a smaller light. The lights looked like they had some solidity to them, it could have been an object. They picked out landmarks in order to obtain compass bearings and travel to the area for an appraisal.

Phillip had with him a 35mm camera, and took three photographs, Walter took two. After 13 minutes the lights faded, then vanished. They had been able to pick out individual lights, some of which appeared to fade slightly in light strength, then brighten again. At no time did the lights move. Both men journeyed to the area, but could not ascertain precisely the location where the lights had been. There were no large numbers of buildings however in the area.

The film was processed within days by experts in Leeds, and blow ups using colour filters showed up the lights as well as anyone imagined. Definition has been lost to some degree however, understandably when you take into account the mist and distance involved. Several people have delved over the photographs, studied the surroundings, and a special team was hurriedly set up to scout the area once more. This team spent many hours, took some 70plus photographs, and collected certain samples, which are now being examined by a specialist at a University, which for the moment must remain nameless, as some samples revolve around two more fascinating cases which Tony Dodd has turned up recently.

Indications are that the Carleton lights look like eventually being explained, but we are keeping an open mind until the investigation has been completed. However, the research team that covered the area came upon some highly interesting finds, some of which defy explanation at the moment.

At no time have we been in a better position to argue that constructive analysis of the UFO phenomenon in Yorkshire is being undertaken by the Society. Many of us are absolutely convinced that we are at last on the right track, or at least heading in the right direction. Contact International can feel justly proud that amongst its ranks, they have members who tackle their respective roles with a vigour that most other organisations would be envious of. I cannot praise our members highly enough, and their unstinting dedication is an inspiration. The coming issues of the Journal should throw new light on the enigma like never before.

G.W.BIRDSALL

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MAY 22nd, JUNE 26th, JULY 24th, AUGUST 21st, SEPTEMBER 25th, OCTOBER 30th, NOVEMBER 27th. Please come along, all are welcome.

The Society will be staging its next skywatch in North Yorkshire on MAY 29th (Sunday evening), which co-incides with the Bank Holiday. We shall meet before setting off, at the Lawnswood Arms, Otley Road, at 7.30p.m. Transport is available, anyone requesting further information should contact either Nick Morris or Mark Birdsall.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1983

Our first Annual General Meeting took place at Centenary House, North St, Leeds, on Saturday afternoon 26th March. The Society had been fortunate in advertising the event, with the newspapers, radio and television taking an above average interest. It is perhaps difficult therefore to fathom why we only managed to attract seventy people to the event itself, given the publicity it received. However, we were pleased to see the numbers that did attend show great interest in first, our displays, then speakers.

John Sears, Chairman of Contact International, and Derek Mansell, its Senior Research Officer travelled the long distance from Oxford to Leeds, to be our guests of honour, and later in the day John gave us an interesting talk accompanied by some fascinating slides (since duplicated for our collection) which included some 'Nazi UFO's.'

We began though by making formal introductions before showing our main slides, accompanied with music, but soon hit a problem when it was discovered that once the lights were switched off it was virtually pitch black and impossible to read ones notes! Ad-lib saved the day, and it was not too long before we dealt with the Adamski Case, which prompted several intriguing questions from the audience, dealt with by myself, and John and Derek. One does find that with a case such as Adamski's, it is very difficult indeed to cut down to ten or fifteen minutes, what is basically a 30 page long report that probably needs a couple of hours deliberation.

Tony Dodd then seized the public's attention by giving us a dramatic account of UFO phenomenon experienced in his part of the County, North Yorkshire. How good it is to see and hear someone as convincing as Tony actually stand up and from the heart tell the people just what he has seen, and what he knows to be going on up there is NOT easily explainable as some no doubt would have us believe.

The regression case prompted one or two interesting questions which Tony and myself answered in full, but how strange it must have been to those present to hear a tape made by Ron Parsons using actors in the roles of subject and investigator, a novel experiment, which dealt with the more interesting facets of the regression case, a pity that it was allowed a couple of minutes due to the tight schedule.

Before the interval, we displayed the famous 'Cracoe UFO' slides, which the BBC had featured in its evening programme the day before. This was evidence of UFO phenomenon, right in our own backyard so to speak, and brought a whole host of questions and comment, and so to the interval.

Both before, during and after the meeting, our display received a lot of attention, not least the astronomical equipment kindly supplied by Leeds Astro Club, their telescopes certainly added a bit of polish to the event. Books, magazines and our newly designed badges sold quite well, whilst the 'ladies' performed their usual wonders preparing and selling the refreshments, thanks must go to all of them, a job well done, reflected in the takings at the close.

Meanwhile, a Yorkshire Post reporter, following close on the heels of one of their photographers, quizzed Derek, John and myself, with a view to an article in that papers Monday edition. How pleasing it was to read the article that day, for it was an accurate account of proceedings and as fair a review one could wish for from the press. Ten out of ten.



PLATE ONE

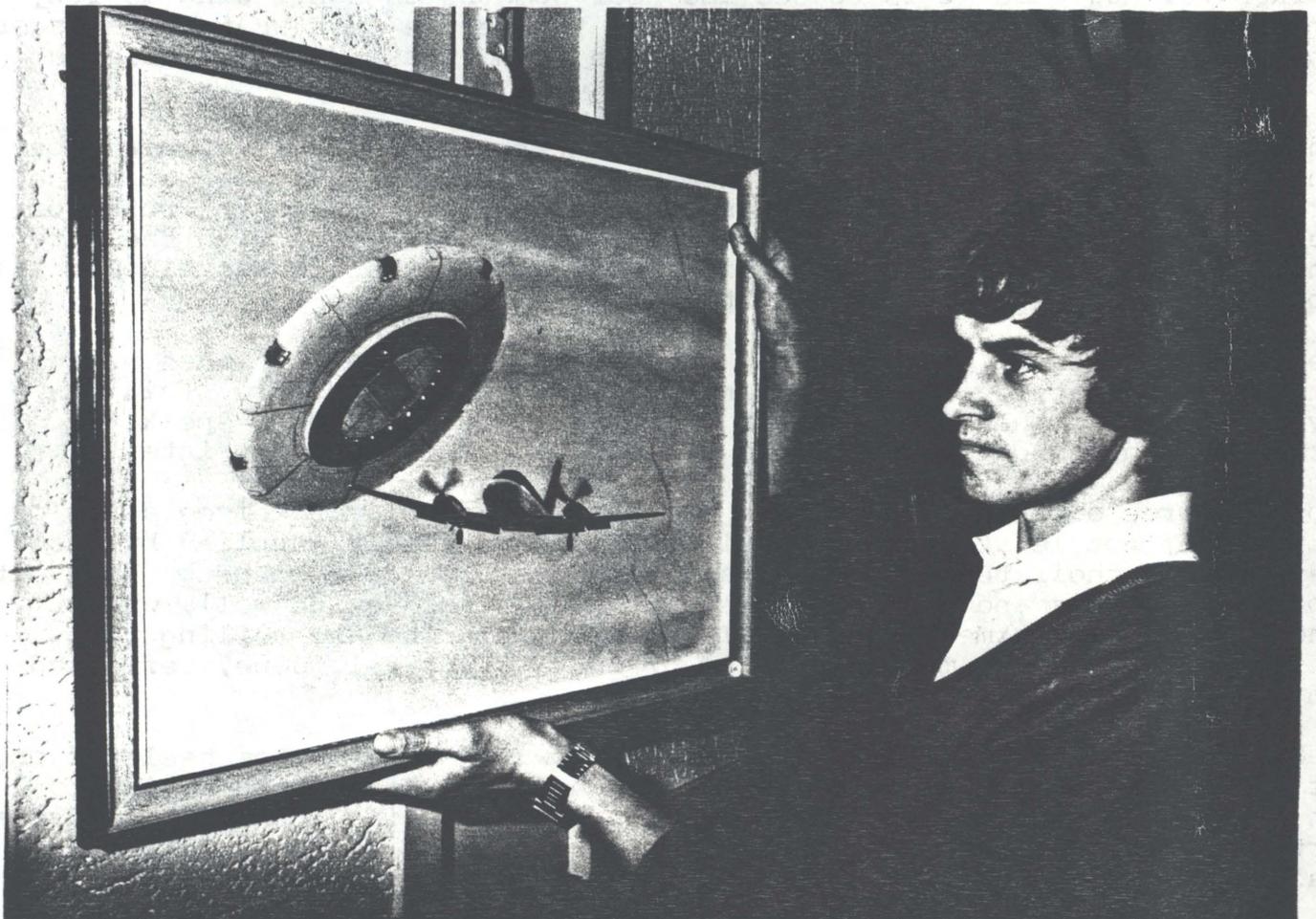


PLATE TWO



PLATE THREE

PLATE ONE: John Sears (right), Chairman of Contact International, and Derek Mansell, Senior Data Research Officer, scan one of the many display boards before the meeting begins.

PLATE TWO: Robert Cherry proudly displays for the camera one of his eye catching paintings, depicting a possible encounter in the air.

PLATE THREE: Stephen Hart, at fourteen, gave us a riveting talk at the meeting. Here, he takes a close look at a telescope along with James Walsh, both a member of YUFOS and co-founder of Leeds Astro Club.

Photographs by courtesy of YORKSHIRE POST NEWSPAPERS LTD.

After the interval, Stephen Hart gave us a first class talk on Biblical UFO's, and his refreshing, spontaneous lecture made him an instant hit. John and Derek were so impressed that both would like to see him take the stage again when the '84 Conference comes our way. Well done Stephen.

Darron Stone, of the Pudsey Astronomical Society, once again found favour with the audience when showing his latest slides taken of the heavens, yet his quickfire humour never left him, a pity that his talk was cut short due to the afternoons events overlapping the time schedule.

We ended with John Sears showing us his latest slides, and how rewarding it is to state that almost everyone who attended the meeting stayed till the very end. I have no doubt that most would have been happy to remain a further couple of hours, so full marks must go to every member who made this first Annual General Meeting the success it undoubtedly was.

A.G.M. SNIPPETS

One side room was occupied throughout by a group of elderly folk who had the habit of slamming the door, tripping over cables, and having to be led through the darkness by our members at the rear of the room. Whilst this in hindsight does seem farcical, it will not occur again....

....There is no truth in the rumour that the National Coal Board have been approached to provide Graham Birdsall with a miners helmet and lamp so he can read his notes in the future.

....The raffle draw was not a fix, despite seven out of eight prizes going to the members....

....Pam Sheridan asked Derek AND John if she could have her "Awareness" magazines sent. Derek.. "Oh, have 'nt you had any sent?" ...Pam.. "Oh yes, but the last three were all the same edition!"

....Those who stayed till the end and witnessed the dizzy spell that befell Pauline Dodd need not worry, it was not the chocolate cake... Nice to see Pauline making a splendid recovery, all our best wishes.

Unless a UFO lands in Times Square, and spills the beans, it now looks as if the Contact International Conference will be held in Leeds in 1984. Many lessons have been learned from our A.G.M. which in effect was a dress rehearsal for the Conference. We did have in mind the Civic Theatre as a possible venue, but on reflection Centenary House does offer us far more scope, but importantly, by staging the Conference at Centenary House we would be financially better off. There will be much planning in the coming months to ensure that the Conference is a success, and that Leeds will be considered as a possible venue in the future once again.

No doubt other organisations will be watching the situation closely, for various reasons. The Yorkshire UFO Society has attracted a lot of interest during the last twelve months, and we have experienced some 'outside' interference. Liason lies at the heart of serious ufology, but lessons of old have taught us to be wary of such liason. The '84 Conference will be solely a Contact International affair, but if individuals have something to say, then they should say it, provided they do not belong to some group or body trying to undermine everything we have done in the past couple of years. Nice though to report that a Bufora member who made the long journey to our A.G.M. from Peterborough thought it an "excellent event, and very well organised."

G.W.BIRDSALL