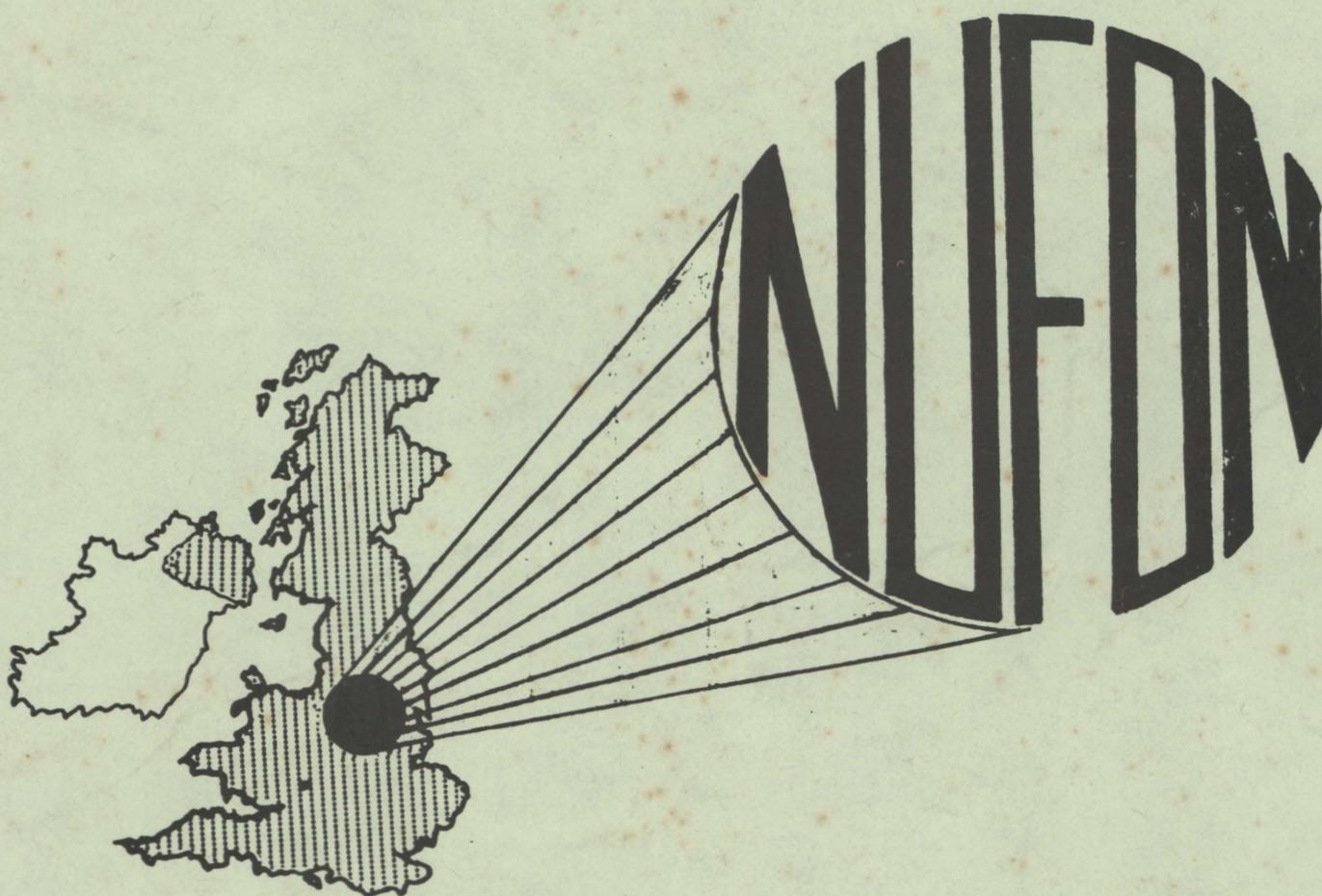


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EDITORIAL:- The facts about those fairies

Regardless of whether or not one believes in the existence of fairies (other than the kind that introduce Saturday night TV shows) the BBC-2 drama, "Fairies" screened on September 23 was a most important seventy minutes.

"Fairies" dramatised the famous 1917 incidents where two girls took some photographs of gnomes and fairies in Cottingley, West Yorkshire. They have become an integral part of British folklore and bear obvious parallels with UFOs, today.

One wondered what line the play would take. In actual fact it was clever. It provided a very full account of the background to the story, but left it open ended. At no time were fairies shown. Several subtle hints were included to indicate possible motivations for the girls to fake the story... Elsie was shown as a clever artist idly sketching fairies that looked remarkably like the ones eventually filmed (complete with 1917 hairstyles!). At the end one felt very sorry for them. Francis, in particular, was being pilloried by her friends, "They only want me to say I didn't see fairies... but I did," she cries. The hoax had taken over, and it was probably not even consciously believed to be a hoax by the girls. One can think perhaps of many similar instances in modern UFO lore.

The only ones to make prestige and money (lecturing and selling the story), were the 'investigators'.... including Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Was it just coincidence that he was writing an article about the existence of fairies but lacked any objective proof? As investigators their inadequacies were painful to watch... leading questions and wild assumptions to fit their theories ("Of course you see fairies because you are mediums and they use your ectoplasm" Elsie is told). Are we not all too familiar with this approach nowadays?

Science was sceptical... "Of course they are not pictures of fairies. Fairies don't exist" was a typical, hauntingly familiar, comment. Kodak, 69 years before analysing ufo photos for UFOIN, got in on the act too. They could find no evidence for fakery but decided that the images looked faked and so they were! Of course coming full circle Ground Saucer Watch with their computer enhancement techniques they so ably apply to ufo photography (FSR Vol 22 No 1, 1976) have just had a look at the photos. Their unanimous verdict... backed by brush marks and bits of string on the negatives .. the fairy photographs ARE a fake (FATE: June 1978). Oh well, it was a nice dream.

My only hope is that the BBC do as good a job with their latest proposed venture - a series of plays on true to life British ufo sightings (being produced with our help). Can you not see it now.... the part of Nigel Watson was played by Rock Hudson.... There's a thought for a bit of fun... tell us who you think should play your favorite ufologist... or even yourself!

NUFON PUBLICATION PLANS:- 1979

It has been decided that the publication subscription can remain the same for 1979 (£3...single issue £5...two issues) This to run January-December 1979. However, we are changing the image slightly to provide you with a better service. NORTHERN UFOLOGY & NORTHERN UFO NEWS will be issued as one series with the former as a magazine issued Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct (probably 12 pages) to include articles & detailed case histories. NUN will appear the other eight months slightly reduced in size with new features but still containing ALL investigated data and news. Any comments please - and how about starting to submit some articles. Money now accepted.

Amazing isn't it? A standard of science and technology that can put man on the moon and send probes into the outer reaches of the solar system cannot solve a problem that has been around close on 32 years. The means to produce the answers have been used. The answers are known to someone and I believe even now that that someone is hanging on to that vital knowledge.

The disturbing thing is how do so many vessels get into earth's atmosphere? Sure as hell they don't come in from space in the expected manner. Skylab and all the umpteen satellites out there would cause more fun than traffic bollards and would register their arrival. That leaves us with another possibility.

All UFOs ever observed have 'appeared', been visible for a while and then neatly vanished. Even on radar they are shown as suddenly showing up and vanishing. There are also well recorded incidents of planes being vectored to intercept UFOs and, whilst visible on radar, these UFOs are totally invisible when according to the radar the plane is practically on top of it. A field of some kind would be likely.

Imagine a portable 'Bermuda Triangle', where it is possible to 'fall through' into some other dimension. If the UFOs did possess this it would explain how they can appear and disappear at will without seemingly 'going there'. A field of that type would also cause a car engine to cut out within its sphere of influence.

This would explain what happened to USAF's F-89 jet fighter lost on November 23 1953. The jet was vectored to intercept a UFO by Ground Control, Kinross AFB near Saulte Sainte Marie, Michigan. On radar the jet's blip was seen to approach that of the UFO and then MERGE into one before the blip vanished. So at approximately 70m from Keweenaw Point the two crew and the F-89 jet were lost forever. All attempts to locate wreckage or bodies failed. They had just vanished from the face of the earth.

Now go over that bit again with my field effect in mind. The jet approaches. UFO detects and decides to 'leave'. The field is thrown on, but too late. The F-89 is already within influence range. When the UFO 'pops' through to the unknown dimension the jet goes with it. This could account for many other supposed 'abductions'.

(ED:- Sheridan submitted these ideas to the Express UFO Bureau but gave NUN his permission to reproduce them. He says he is 20 and been interested in UFOs for 6 years. If you want to comment to him:- 33 Clough Rd Birkby Huddersfield HD1 2NZ)

LEICESTER CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

What was the third NUFON conference cum meeting this year was staged in Leicester on September 23 and was very successful. Thanks are due to local groups UAPROL, HAPI and their associates, but particularly Trevor Thornton who put so much work into it and ensured that admission was free. Papers were given by Jenny Randles (time-law statistics, CE 4 cases with time loss and speculation on an interdimensionary theme) Frank Johnson (a provocative theory about UFO humanoids as possible future evolved men from earth), Bob Morrell (explanations, some bizarre ones, for UFO investigations) and Frank McLure (the psychic overlap of UFOs). Peter Warrington also gave a two-hour fully illustrated presentation on UFO still, movie and radar evidence. He put forward some startling facts. The proceedings were taped and transcripts are to be produced. Plans for 1979 already include a weekend conference. About 130 attended.

PUBLICATIONS NEWS

FSR Vol 24 No 2 (FSR, West Malling, Maidstone, Kent) contains full reports on NUFON cases at Newbiggin (BUFORG) and Risley (MUFORA/WUFOS).... MUFOR Summer 1978 (11 Beverley Rd New Malden Surrey) spotlights the witness and includes Nigel Watson's UFOIN investigation of repeater witness Paul Bennett... BUFORA JOURNAL Jul/Aug 78 despite its several disguised attacks on NUFON and UFOIN contains, as usual, many reports and a full review of the Nottingham conference... UFO RESEARCH REVIEW Summer 1978 (443 Meadow Lane Nottingham NG2 3GB) contains several articles to stir controversy in the pro-solid UFO, anti-psychic/non-physical overlap case... CHRYSIS 78 (46 Park Ave Redcar Cleveland) a new publication of local group CHRYSIS with some interesting items, including one about EM cases.

Hello again: Firstly two pieces of sad news. We regret to have to record the tragic death of Squadron Leader Alastair Prevost, long active Kent ufologist. Alastair fought a terminal illness for a long time. He was UFOIN coordinator for the SE region. Also Linda Thompson of UFOFORUM (Sheffield) advises me that their excellent publication 'Commentary' has ceased publication. I hope we shall soon see it restarted. But UFOFOR (Crewe) announced their plans for a new publication, to be edited by Mark Tyrrell. The name will be announced on publication, but it is hoped to produce it on a regular basis. At the moment they invite interested persons to submit articles to:- 24 Cavendish Rd Crewe Cheshire CW2 3SW. Again on the magazine front PULSE (Preston) have announced that the publication of their leycographical and UFO magazine PULSAR has been indefinitely postponed. The group continues to function. NUFOSIS have recently been busy reorganising their Nottingham headquarters, and have now data filed and indexed most of the UFOIN cases and a large chunk of NUFON cases. They are to publish a 1978 edition of NUFONs yearly report shortly (including a full listing of 1977 cases on file) Accomodation at the HQ for research using the files is available (free of charge) by arrangement with NUFOSIS c/o 443 Meadow Lane Nottingham NG2 3GB (Tel: 860010) MAPIT celebrate their fifth anniversary and the publication of 'Skywatch' with its 30th issue shortly. It is read in 23 countries. The special issue is available at 30p from:- 92 Hillcrest Rd Offerton Stockport SK2 5SE.

Regular readers will remember the guest editorial in NUN 49 by Stephen Twine. He tells me he only received one letter from NUN readers in connection with this (and that was from me!) I think his idea deserves more support than that! Steve does not wish to press the government to research UFOs, but rather to properly inform the public MPs etc of the evidence for the UFO phenomenon and so use the pressure that should result. Perhaps we might learn what the government presently knows. So give Stephen some more constructive comment and suggestions please. He can be contacted at:- 11 Milton Rd Cowley Oxford OX4 3EE. On this subject, incidentally, Jenny Randles tells me she has an article coming up in FSR Vol 24 No 3 called the 'Ministry of Defence Approach' which analyses their attitude to the UFO phenomenon based on recent correspondence with them. Just received is the latest pricelist from the SHEFFIELD SPACE CENTRE. This contains many UFO books at a low cost (new and second hand) and magazines too. If you want a list contact Peter Hammerton at 485 London Rd Sheffield Sth Yorks S2 4HL Tel: 581040. You may recall his excellent stall at the NUFON conference in Scunthorpe in June. UFOIN investigator Barry King has some valuable material for sale, including many prints, slides and tapes (SAE for details please). He also has the 10 16mm colour and b/w movie films from Project Blue Book for sale. Including Great Falls, Tremonton and all the famous US movie sequences they are for sale at £50 (cost £110) or may split to cost £10 each. Contact him at 554 Goresbrook Rd Dagenham Essex RM9 4XD Finally, it is sad to have to report the death of Robert Charroux (author of 'Forgotten Worlds, 'The Mysterious Past' etc). To quote him, "He who builds, sows, plants and launches is inhabited by the creator" He was 69. Remember NUN is YOUR mouthpiece so please keep that news flowing in to me.

CUTTY SARK COMPETITION SETS SAIL

Would you like to make a million pounds out of UFO research? Simple - all you have to do is provide Cutty Sark Whiskey Ltd (42 Albemarle St Mayfair London W1X 3FE) with an extraterrestrial spaceship (manned or unmanned), a missile from it or an artifact. Regardless of the virtual impossibility of this you can earn £1000 by submitting the best scientific paper that contributes to our understanding of UFOs or £500 for evidence researched from the logs of 19th century sailing ships. Its worth the effort, but you must write FIRST for registration forms to Cutty Sark.

 INVESTIGATION DATA (from P.4):- NUFON FILE NUMBER DATE TIME PLACE
 CLASSIFICATION viz LOW (No shape) MED (Shape, no effects) INST (Instrumental
 evidence) /P (Photo) /R (Radar) CE1 (Temporary effects) CE2 (Permanant effects)
 CE3A (Entities) CE/3B (Contact) CE4 (Psychic contact) - effects as noted (eg EM
 electromagnetic, AN animal disturbance) INVESTIGATION LEVEL: A (On site)
 B (interview) C (Report form) D (letter) E (newsclipping) INVESTIGATOR

A BIT OF THE OLD BLARNEY.... UFOIN investigation by Bob Webb in Oxfordshire

The story was related by Mr A, J, Murphy who in September 1924 was a 17 year old lad in County Wexford, Ireland. He had been out for the day with a friend and they were walking along country lanes near the village of Wellington Bridge. The time was 20.30, dusk was falling. Turning a 'T' junction they saw a white 'headlight' that they thought was on a car. The light approached and as they stepped aside it veered off suddenly to their right and climbed over a 7' fence into a field and proceeded to move away. They were able to watch its manoeuvres clearly as it hugged the countryside, turned several times and eventually followed a railway track. It was in view 30 minutes. There was quite enough light for them to be positive. It was a round white light (about 1' diameter) throwing forward a clear beam that cut off suddenly and travelling about 3' above the ground. It was a light from nowhere! In 1924 it was considered a bit of blarney, but now...?

6128 September (5?) 1971 20.00 New Brighton, Msyside MED D WUFOS

A man and woman parked in a garage saw a yellow light in the SW moving over the sea. It moved slowly towards Southport and then turned east to pass directly overhead. It flew over quite low and was totally silent. It consisted of two ellipsoidal lights that were reminiscent of the eyes on a Chinese dragon with a very bright light underneath. It moved away towards Wallasey and was lost but, it is claimed, there were other witnesses in Wallasey who saw it and a boy in Liverpool who saw it move towards him and then shoot away towards Helsby. Jodrell Bank advised witnesses that they had seen... wait for it... a cloud passing over Mars!



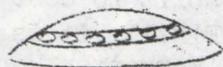
7342 Summer 1973 20.00 Whitley Bay, Tyneside CE1 Phys C CHRYSIS

Diane Dick was 14 at the time of the incident. On a dull night with a few clouds she saw a strange object appear overhead out of a cloud. This was followed by 3 more. The procession hovered in one spot for about a minute 'wobbling'. They are described as like flattish discs with a turret underneath. A bluish haze surrounded the top. Whilst they were visible Miss Dick says that she had a heavy sensation in her muscles as if they needed a good stretch. The objects were eventually covered up by another small cloud. When this cleared away the UFOs were gone and they were not seen again. CHRYSIS are pursuing this interesting case.



75/152 April 1975 02.00 Glasgow, Scotland MED C BUFORG

3 witnesses observed a large saucer shaped object with a band of portholes along the centre. It was shiny, like silver metal, and moved overhead quite slowly. Witnesses were inside a house at the time and viewed it through a window passing over a populated part of the city. Size was estimated at 60 feet diameter and height 130 feet. Light was coming from the portholes but there was no sign of life. One witness says that he received a great sense of compassion during the observation.



ENCOUNTER OF THE COINCIDENTAL KIND.... UFOIN investigation by Paul Murray, Scotland

Richard McLeod and a friend saw a UFO in Summer 1975 (June believed) whilst painting the outside of their Glasgow home one evening. It was a red light that left a vapour trail but made no sound and seems probable that it was a high flying jet reflecting the sunlight. However, during the sighting the witnesses watch unstrapped itself and fell off! When he later talked about the sighting his TV set blew up! Then when he wrote to UFOIN about it his central heating switched itself on at 11.30pm when it had been programmed to go off at 8pm. He says it has never done this before or since. His wife has also been in and out of hospital with a mystery illness (she was not present when the object was seen). The witness regards these events as significant and related to the UFO, but the investigator considers them to be pure coincidence.

Three witnesses spent three hours watching high flying aircraft moving to and fro E-W across the Irish Sea. Behind each one, 'bugging' it, appeared a small silver sphere. This was viewed through a 270x telescope but whilst the aircraft were in plain view the UFO seemed just a mass of coloured light (optical distortion in the lens... ed?). The object finally made off 'very fast' towards Ireland. Perhaps a misidentification of a weather balloon.

76/157 October 27 1976 22.30 Longton, Staffs MED A UFORA Staffs

A schoolboy was about to go to bed when he observed a strange object outside his window. It was stationary for ten seconds and then began to 'flash'. The object was round and about the size of a halfpenny at arms length. Colour was green/white, but with jagged edges. After flashing for thirty seconds it vanished. UFO was at elevation 15 in the SW and only prescribed tiny circles around a fixed point. An astronomical interpretation cannot be ruled out but investigator Martin Keatman is regarding the case as unidentified at the present.

ANOTHER STAFFORDSHIRE GRAPEFRUIT UFORA Staffs investigation by Jeff Marland

In December/January 1976-77 there was a major flap in the Staffordshire area, including several references to a remarkably similar object described, in fun, at the time as a 'Flying Grapefruit'. Another independent observation has come to note of a similar object. The date is only known as January 1977 (77/285 ref) at 03.00. Mrs Sybil Byatt awoke to take a pill for ulcer pains when she saw the object at 15 degrees in the W. At first she regarded it as a reflection of the sun and bothered no more. It was only when she heard about the other UFO stories that she wondered. UFO was orange in colour, hazy in outline but pulsing. The size was 'at least a foot across at arms length' and it remained in view for 5 minutes, always stationary. It disappeared in an instant when she blinked. Owing to lack of detail about the date it was not possible to check if it could have been the moon rising or setting (it is often bloated and coloured low on the horizon). The shape was hemispherical.



CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE THIRD KIND IN SHEFFIELD UFOIN report by Nigel Watson

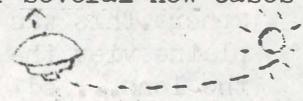
Investigation of this case has been hampered by the witness not so far cooperating but Nigel hopes to obtain more data. Apparently one light night in April 1977, at about 21.00 teenager Jill Vause was parked in a car with her boyfriend at an isolated spot off the main road near Worrall, South Yorks. Hearing a soft rustle 'like footsteps' Jill turned to see through the back window. Her boyfriend looked too and both saw an orange light close to the ground. Thinking at first it was a car headlight they were shocked when it grew in size and appeared as a large hemisphere (see above), all coloured orange. It came towards the car and 'something made them' turn on the radio. All they got was heavy static. As the UFO approached, still close to the ground, the silhouette of a tall, broad human like figure was seen in the middle. He was totally dark but surrounded by a white haze (these colour effects may have been due to the bright light source and the intense contrast). The witnesses now decided to leave and sped away (no car interference). Object paced car, keeping a level course even when they went into hollows. Turning towards the main road they saw the UFO with two white lights in front which they took to be a car between them and it. A few seconds later they glanced back and everything had disappeared. See FSR 24-4.



PROGRESS REPORTS ON TWO CE2s

Trevor Whitaker, BUFORA Yorks, has now completed work on case 7768 (May 17 1977) where a woman was paced in her car by a shape changing object that eventually fell to the ground beside her and exploded. The area, near Horbury, W. Yorks, was searched but no traces were found. BUFORA Yorks worked on the 'flare' explanation but found no evidence of this. The report will be featured in FSR as will the full report by Jenny Randles & Peter Warrington into the Stonehenge film. It is now regarded as very possible that the film does show a pyrotechnic device.

It is nice to be able to welcome back our long standing friend and colleague Trevor Whitaker, with a revamped Yorkshire group. This is one of several new cases he has submitted. A 40 year old female cleaner observed the UFO whilst walking through the mid-morning centre of the town. There are no other witnesses. Object first appeared as a bright circle in the E, elevation 15, but it banked to climb away and moved off to the N, elevation 80, where it was lost to view. The size was that of a 10p piece at arms length and it moved so fast that it was only in view about ten seconds. When turning the underside was seen clearly. The object was domed with a 'turret' underneath. This was reflecting sunlight. No explanation was found although BUFORA Yorks do not rule out the possibility of an aircraft.



Two teenage girls out walking encountered a bright orange light over a hospital. They kept it in view for a few minutes and then decided to get closer. It was initially at 45 degree elevation in the SW but moved off passing behind some buildings, gliding over another hospital building and accelerating away. Total duration of the sighting was 5 minutes. UFO described as orange oval (estimated size 50-60 '). Colour diminished towards edges. One witness says it was silent but the other claims to have heard a two tone buzzing noise when they approached the object. There are some discrepancies (in an earlier letter to the group the girls said the sighting took place on December 13). No conclusion reached.

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ENCOUNTER WITH PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS BUFORA Yorks report by Trevor Whitaker.

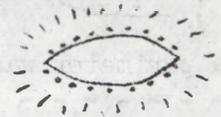
Mrs Rose Bullock is 30 and a chocolate packer. From her home at Hebden Bridge, W. Yorks she saw a UFO on the morning of December 28 1977. Awake at 03.45, with the curtains wide open giving her a clear view, she saw at first a light in the SW at elevation 35. This grew bigger, and seemingly closer. Suddenly it shone a beam to its left and illuminated a large object shaped like a saucer with a dome on top. This was all silvery. The light was only the size of a pea at arms length but the object was like a 'large grapefruit' (see 77/285). Both were very bright and came towards her. She awoke her husband and he saw the object moving away to the W, having changed direction. He describes it as like a 'luminous cloud'. The following day Mrs Bullocks eyes were very bloodshot and she developed symptoms that the doctor diagnosed as flu. She needed three weeks off work. She also says that the alarm clock in the bedroom began to gain a lot of time and a new battery was required to put it right. This could, of course, have been a coincidence.

SEE ABOVE

A retired man and his wife happened to notice a strange object through their window. It was a fluorescent red ball of light (slightly less than the full moon in diameter). This was moving very fast across the sky S - SW and was as bright as the full moon. They watched it appear to land a few miles distant on some desolate moor. No sound was heard. Witness was a radio-TV electronics worker before he retired and the case was at first considered more interesting because he said his TV set packed out totally for 3 hours. The reason was unknown. However, this took place on January 26, three weeks later, between 17.30 & 20.30 and there were severe weather conditions in West Scotland. No evidence for a relation exists.

David Bishop first saw a bright light, which he ignored. It was at 30 degree elevation in the SE and he thought it was the planet Jupiter. When others began to talk about he watched as it hovered for 45 seconds (having been there already about 15 minutes). It moved away S-N and passed overhead. As it did so he noticed it was in fact two steady lights. Then the rear one started to flash. Object changed course and moved away NE, disappearing behind some buildings.

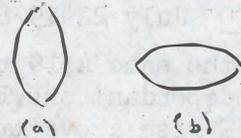
Several sightings for this night have already been featured in NUN. Here are three more observations that clear, starry night. At 18.10, just after sunset, Lynn Goodall and her teenage son watched a red light that at first hovered elevation 20 in the W from their Luddenden home. They watched it move to the NW and sink below the horizon taking 10 minutes to do so. Through binoculars it was steady but to the eye it seemed to flash. At 19.05 a man in L Leeds saw a bright white light in the S, elevation 30. It hovered for 2 minutes and then moved off to the W where it accelerated and appeared as a cigar the size of a 50p piece at arms length. There were 'fairy lights' of different colours (orange, green, red, yellow & blue) round the perimeter. After 5 minutes it went out of sight. Some boys in Harehills say they saw an orange light about this time also. Leeds/Bradford airport did have an aircraft, coming in from the E, at around the time of this latter sighting.



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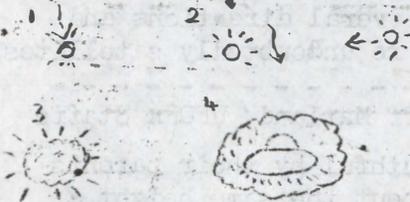
INDEPENDANT WITNESS SIGHTING IN LEICESTERSHIRE Report by Pat Berry HAPI

Two totally independant sightings from villages near Hinckley. Both refer to the same object at 22.40 on March 29 1978. Vera Jones and friend driving near to Shenton observed a blue/white oval the size of the full moon. It was stationary in the S for 2 minutes and was lost from view. Outline was hazy. Witnesses felt that it was observing car. John Chesterton at Earl Shilton also saw a white oval in the S. It was stationary for one minute and just smaller than the full moon, elevation 10 degrees. It moved off to the E and began to pulsate. He went back indoors and was able to watch it for about three more minutes as it moved away slowly into the distance. Neither object made a sound.



UFO CREATION OBSERVED OVER WARWICKSHIRE Report by Jeff Taylor of HAPI

Miss Annette Morris is a 19 yr old secretary. On May 29 1978 she was walking home at 2am through Nuneaton, Warwickshire. She observed what she at first took to be a flare falling slowly from the sky. It was a golden ball that descended about 5 degrees from a 30 degree elevation in a few seconds. Then to the east of it a bright white light appeared. This moved towards the 'flare' on a collision course and silently they both struck and 'exploded'. A patch of greyish mist was left behind. This began to slowly drift away NE, but as it did so an object seemed to materialise inside it. This solidified into a clear domed disc, coloured white and slightly smaller in apparant size than the full moon. Next this began to rotate 'as if observing the cloud'. A bluish haze was present underneath the UFO. The whole thing drifted away until out of sight. Total duration 3 minutes. Needless to say this report remains unidentified and appears to be quite significant.



7895 June 12 1978 00.20 Billingham, Cleveland LOW D CHRYSIS

Single witness observed two LITS in the E moving very fast behind clouds. Passed into a second cloud and were lost to view, followed by next LITS that also came out of first cloud. Total duration 4/5 seconds.

7896 June 14 1978 22.50 Stockton, Cleveland MED D CHRYSIS

William Ralph reports a ball of light surrounded by a ring in the eastern sky. There were three other witnesses. Moved in and out of cloud and after 10 seconds was lost into cloud. Astronomical explanations considered likely for this and 7895

7897 June 25 1978 02.24 Southport, Merseyside MED (CE1?) D WUFOS

Man and woman in garden spotted a white light which approached from 60 degree elevation in the SW and passed overhead. It changed to a yellow ball and moved off NE. The hair on the arms of the man stood on end (believed by wife to be in fright)

7898 June 27 1978 00.59 Stockton, Cleveland LOW B CHRYSIS

Man saw white LITS, elevation 35, moving S-N and flashing in grouped pattern. 10 secs

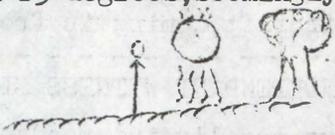
A FISHY STORY..... UFOIN Report by Michael Lenz, Cheshire

Michael is probing a flap in the Weaverham area. One case that came to his notice occurred at 22.00 on July 7 1978. John Griffiths, 78, observed two silver cigars side by side. These hovered for an hour and then descended out of sight. Subsequently he saw one and studied it more closely. It had a tail at the end and looked rather like a fish. Along the perimeter was a row of whitish lights. This too descended after one hour.



7890 July 18 1978 23.55 Eccleshall, Staffs MED B UFORA Staffs

A young man and his girlfriend spotted an object to their right whilst driving out of the village. It was about the size of a small dinner plate at arms length and coloured dull orange. It hovered in the NNE at elevation 15 degrees, seemingly just above ground level. Smoke or vapour was rising from the top and bottom. They drove past at only about 5 mph keeping it in view about three minutes, but the girl was too frightened to stop. A second smaller object, otherwise identical, rose from the ground by its side and climbed until level with the first object. Both objects were still there when they drove on past.



78/100 July 22 1978 23.35 Slindon, Staffs MED C UFORA Staffs

From the same A519 road and very close to the location of the above sighting comes an independent one. Two women driving saw an orange oval at 15 degrees elevation in the NE rise above trees. It rose to 60 degrees and was the apparent size of a tennis ball at arms length. Hovering now its shape changed into a rectangle and it moved right. Car lost it. Then it reappeared in rear window as smaller thin light that disappeared. A small greyish ball had appeared by the side and this was in view for 20 seconds after the orange object had vanished. Total duration 1 1/2 mins

78/101 August 10 1978 23.00 on Bempton, N. Humberside LOW D SUFORS

Over a period of two hours a series of blue/white lights were seen to cross the sky in zig-zag directions. One light stopped overhead for several minutes before vanishing. At the first sighting 4 objects converged from several directions and then split apart and shot off. Some of the observations were undoubtedly satellites.

MULTI-OBJECT PHENOMENON OVER STAFFORDSHIRE Report by Jeff Marland, UFORA Staffs

Three boys aged between 11 and 15 but considered very truthful by their parents saw and heard an aircraft moving SW - NE. In the WNW at about the same height a dark mass appeared. This was oval, the apparent size of a golf ball at arms length and with three red lights in the front and two yellow lights in the rear. It moved on a collision course with the aircraft but was slower and passed behind it. When passing 180 degrees bearing a second object appeared by its side. Smaller, the apparent size of a 2p piece, it had a dark centre with a dark ring around it. This accelerated towards the aircraft, faster than any jet, until it was just ahead. It slowed and changed course until it was pacing the aircraft. Both were lost to view. The first object had moved slowly away on its initial course. It was dusk, about 21.15, on August 18 1978 from Stoke on Trent. Duration about 3 minutes.



78/104 September 1 1978 20.45 Berwick on Tweed, Northumbria CE1 An B CHRYSIS

At almost the same time as the Anglesey landing (see below) Paul Screeton and his wife and children observed a hazy light whilst on holiday. It moved slowly at 30 degree elevation, meandering slightly, and was in view 30 minutes, fading away for a few moments once. During its passage a field of sheep below it were severely disturbed.

At about 21.00 on September 1st 1978 several aerial phenomena were seen in the vicinity of Llanerchymedd, Anglesey. One object was claimed to have landed in a field by several independent witnesses and some said they saw 3 tall grey suited humanoids stagger about a field with cows running from them in fear. The animal life in the village was severely disturbed for several hours. A UFOIN investigation found a field of barley, aligned with the sightings, flattened from above. Report to be featured next month.