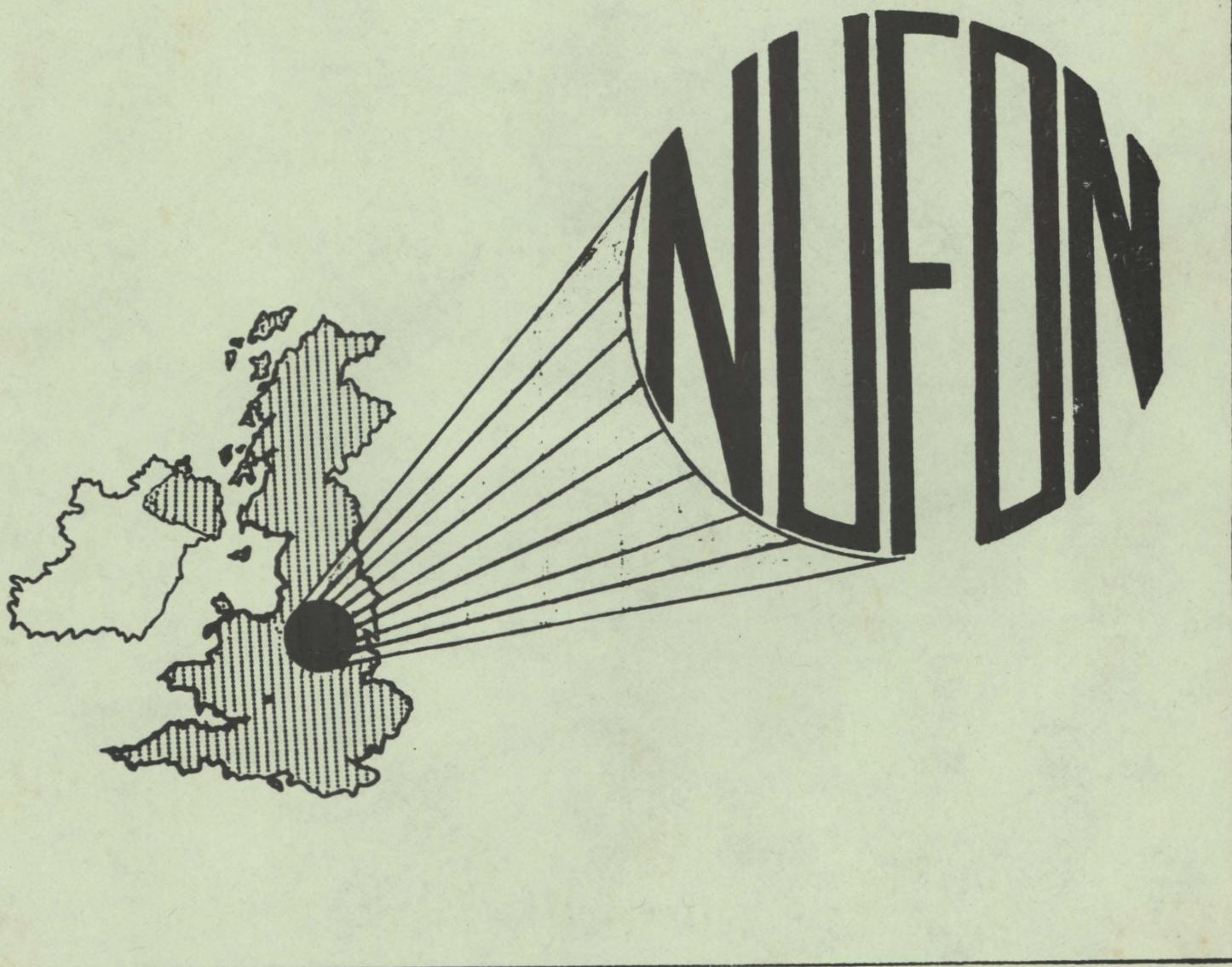


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EDITORIAL: 'Well....it said so in the paper'

I had no real desire to write an editorial YET AGAIN on the subject of the media or publicity, but events have once more forced the issue. If you ever needed convincing that the press can totally remodel a story to suit their own ends, and to hell with the truth, then read on. I think you will be pretty amazed!

In March I received a call from a freelance journalist who was interested in the local press story on the Frodsham CE3. I told him that investigator Paul Whetnall had uncovered very little more information because the witnesses were terrified of publicity. However, I gave him the details we did have (in the March NUN), plus a copy of our little booklet CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE NORTHERN KIND, which he had promised to try to promote. He did this for us in the Daily Mirror dated March 29 under the title CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF A MOO-VING KIND (An allusion to the cows in the Frodsham case!). As you will see from the May NUN (where the article was printed in full) there were several mistakes in this little feature.

However, mid October was to bring a much greater surprise. Peter Warrington received, via the mayor's office in Oldham, a letter from a lady in Assiniboia, Canada. She ordered the booklet (asking the mayor to forward the letter to us!) and sent a cutting from the Saskatchewan Leader-Post, entitled "UFOs Studying Cows?" This amazing piece of journalistic drivle was presumably culled from the same source as the Mirror item. To illustrate the incredible genesis of some of the points consider the following extracts from first the NUN (the only data source available to the media as the case is NOT even in the booklet), next the Mirror, then the Canadian newspaper:-

"...a claim by three poachers in Frodsham, Cheshire... by Devils Garden on the banks of the River Weaver they spotted a strange balloon shaped object in the under-growth. It had flashing lights on it. From out of this craft came three figures in 'spacesuits'. They looked around the area and discovered a field of cows. Returning to the UFO they came out with a cage like piece of equipment and proceeded to take measurements on the cows...." (NORTHERN UFO NEWS March 1978)

"... the incredible alien cattle measurers of Frodsham, Cheshire.... three men saw a flying saucer land in a field... three entities emerged carrying a device which resembled a bird cage..." (DAILY MIRROR March 29 1978)

"Oldham, England.... British UFO experts believe that alien beings from another planet are studying British cows... they say three men saw a flying saucer land in a field outside this northwest Lancashire town. Four strange entities with long ears emerged from the craft..." (SASKATCHEWAN LEADER-POST September 20 1978)

Need I go on!!! It seems superfluous to point out minor things like who mentioned Oldham (which is thirty miles or more from Frodsham and in a different county) or that even Oldham is in south east Lancashire and, if we want to be pedantic, is in Greater Manchester anyway! Needless to say Jennie Randles of the Northern UFO Research Association (Sic) is credited with this amazing theory about alien beings (mental note... send the Leader Post a copy of UFOs: A British Viewpoint if they think that!) All of this, remember, based on the first extract from the March NUN.

But it gets worse.... believe me!

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EDITORIAL Cont...

The Mrs Kent CE3 case is not mentioned in the Mirror item or the booklet (this must have come via my article in FSR Vol 22 No 3). Here is a quick quote from this

"...she came upon a figure standing atop a hill...it was wearing a brilliant silvery suit...it appeared to have on a cape and pointed hat..."

Now bear this in mind as we read the Leader-Post describe the booklet.

"Reported in the booklet are; a fireball which landed on the moors above Oldham (we've never even heard of that case! ED), an alien being about seven feet high seen at Kirkby (that IS in), the cow measurers at Oldham (Nope!).. and the blue man with the flowing cape something like Superman who was seen floating high above Liverpool... (Mrs Kent? !!!)

Of course I could be the one who is deluded here. Perhaps it is quite an understandable little error to alter a silvery figure standing atop a hill in Leigh to a blue Superman flying over a city 20 miles away.

On the other hand you will forgive me for believing that the journalists who are responsible for this farce are chimpanzees. Surely even a moronic human could copy basic facts without such ludicrous mistakes. All I can say, apart from once more TREAT THE PRESS LIKE THE BLACK DEATH, is please, please Mr spaceman come and save us from this lot. Even if you don't exist you have got to be more real than the intelligence of these newspaper men!

Or could it be that someone, somewhere, does not like anyone being too sensible or none lunatic fringe? After episodes such as this I wonder, I really wonder.

NEWS ROUND-UP by David Rees of MAPIT

Welcome back to UFOSIS, the West Midlands group. After a reorganisation following the departure of all their founders they are once more fully cooperating. The new contact address is Ted Horton 91 Hardware Street West Bromwich W Midlands. MUFORA are considering an exciting experiment. Forsaking investigation somewhat they hope to turn their selective membership group into a 'Think Tank'. Members would each have to undertake a specific piece of individual research and this would be discussed at a meeting devoted to it when complete. Articles would also be published on the results in MUFORA's informal magazine LINK. More news next month. Interesting information was sent to me by Alan Price of the Borders UFO Research Group BUFORG. They now have 35 members representing eight areas of Scotland. Well done Alan. I have always said Scotland in the past has been badly neglected so far as UFO coverage goes. Now with this new group, David Sydeserff's SMIO and Peter Hill's Edinburgh branch of BUFORA things will, I think, go with a bang. Anyone interested can contact Alan at Bluehouses Hassington Kelso Roxburghshire. In the mail recently was a letter from Martin Shipp, who represents the UFO National Investigation Committee (UFONIC). This is a new group for the Swindon, Wiltshire area. Dean Preston of UFO over Jersey Association (UFOJA) tells me that they have a new magazine starting in January 1979. With FUFOR about to launch theirs and CHRYYSIS having just brought out the second issue of CHRYYSIS 78 its all go on this front. (John Watson tells us he has just designed the cover for CHRYYSIS 79) Anyone wishing to visit the Sheffield Space Centre will find the shop open 10am to 5pm Mon-Fri and 9am to 5pm Saturday Follow the A61 Chesterfield signs from Sheffield and you will find yourself near London Road. Another famous UFO personality to die recently is George Van Tassel of the USA. A smart little article on UFOs in general and NUFON was featured in the Huddersfield Examiner of October 19. A nice picture of Jenny Randles and Bryan Hartley is included... which Paul Whetnall asks me to mention was taken by him!

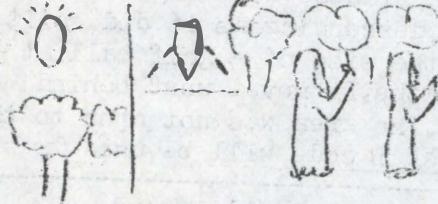
Finally some suggestions for the 'who should play who' in the ufology acting scene. Nigel Watson has some unprintable (though still funny) ideas, but does say Noelle Gordan for Jenny Randles, the Cadbury's Smash Martians for the MUFOB team, and Basil Brush for Paul Whetnall! Anonymous contributions are Raymond Burr (A Man Called Ironside) for Bryan Hartley and Magnus Pike for Peter Warriington! As for me I'd like to be played by Tony Curtis and Nigel Watson by Rock Hudson.... really! I would have thought John Travolta more likely. Keep that news coming in.

UFOs INVADE WELSH VILLAGE

Whilst a full report on this complex affair, researched jointly by investigators from UFORA Staffs and FUFOR, will be featured shortly in FSR we are indebted to Martin Keatman for typing out a summary for this issue.

On Friday, September 1 1978 the Anglesey village of Llanerchymedd was invaded by UFOs. Many witnesses observed phenomena from independant locations, although it is difficult to judge how much of a part was played by the hysteria which inevitably swept such a small place that evening. Investigations, with the aid of the police and RAF Valley have uncovered a good picture of what went on.

At around 20.15 some boys observed a white light in the sky. They ran to a nearby housing estate and alerted a Mrs Parry who eventually came with them to see a white oval hover and then descend to a height just above treetops (where it lit the branches up). She left it hovering, with a nearby dog behaving frantically, but



the boys shouted it had landed. Next day she came down with an intensely painful migraine. The boys say as it landed it appeared like a bullet with two 'legs'. At a different spot more boys saw a light pulsating deeply and descending. A woman sent them for the police. Meanwhile with her daughter from a bedroom she watched the field where the UFO had landed and saw 3

men in grey one piece suits with a helmet. She did not see their legs. They were about six feet tall. The cows in the field ran from them in fear. The first group of boys also say they saw these figures. Meanwhile another woman and her daughter saw the object landed in the field, lighting it up brightly, but no entities.

At 22.00, after the main experiences, Vivienne Roberts at the local vicarage saw a purple object with yellow lights moving like a snail. Her horses were sweating badly and would not come to her afterwards.

The police were called and attested to the animal disturbances. Many villagers were severely disturbed for several days afterwards. By triangulation the field was found and examined. Investigators found a flattened path of barley and a circular area which looked like it had been pressed from above. No plausible explanations.

READERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE 1979 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE WITH THE NEXT ISSUE. THE £3 COVERS 8 ISSUES OF NORTHERN UFO NEWS AND 4 ISSUES OF NORTHERN UFOLOGY

A VERY UNUSUAL FIREWORK..... Report by Bryan Hartley UFOIN

A strange object seems to have taken an interest in the bonfire displays of Nov 5 1958 or 1959 (year uncertain). Kenneth Doyle, then a young lad in Norris Green, Liverpool, Merseyside saw the object about 19.00. It lit up the clouds with a white glow under it and gleamed silver with black oval windows on its side. He watched it for several minutes as it was hovering overhead (estimated height 700 feet) but nobody else seemed interested. He ran off home but his mother said it was only a firework and did not come out. Disgruhtled he returned outside. It had gone but he was suddenly envelopped in a blue light that lasted several seconds. He felt nothing.



6721 December 1967 20.00 Derby, Derbyshire MED Level D SUFORS

A woman and her mother were going to a launderette when they saw a strange object over a house. They stopped the car and watched for two minutes as it hovered. It was round and metallic with dark blobs on. A red light flashed on every now and again. It shuddered and then streaked away within seconds.



7018 November 5 1970 00.00 Gainsborough, Lincs MED Level B SUFORS

Another November 5th sighting (coincidental for this November issue!). The boy who observed this phenomenon was at the time just 8, but investigation found him level headed and sincere. From his bedroom he saw an object passing over rooftops opposite. He estimates height as 300 ft and diameter as 40 ft. As it passed over it accelerated. It made a sound that at first was like an engine roar but then became a whistling. The flattened oval shape was glinting clear silver in reflected moonlight. It was also rotating, as evidenced by a row of 'fisks' on the side coloured red, green, yellow and blue. It disappeared in the north west.

75/154 February 1975 23.00 Kirkham, Lancs (L)MED Level C FAPURG

Bryan Hartley sends us this report from a young woman returning by taxi from work in Preston. She and the driver watched for ten minutes as a light paced their car and eventually passed the road in front, descending as it did so. It was a dirty white oval surrounded by a heat haze, the size of a golf ball at arms length. At one point it spanned three tree widths. It moved west behind Ribby Hall and dropped to the ground behind trees. The area was not open to the public and the witness and taxi driver drove on. (NB L code will be used for landing)

SPECTACULAR SHROPSHIRE DISPLAY UEOIN Report by Janet & Colin Bord

David Busby is a poorly educated builders labourer who has little knowledge of UFOs, but he is a repeater witness with the almost inevitable psychic background. For example he has had out of the body experiences (eg when he was involved in an accident) and has performed minor feats of precognition. His UFOs are mostly low or medium definition, although in about 1960 (when about 5 years old) he found himself 'floating' up out of a field of corn near his lonely cottage at Shifnal, Salop. It was a sunny day and he hovered below a large circular UFO. However, he can recall no more. His most spectacular experience took place in late July 1975 (from a spot very close to the corn-field). It was 23.00 and a warm night. Over some trees he saw a huge ball of white light around which three flat discs (much smaller) rotated. These were coloured blue, red and green respectively. Each sent out flashes (in their own colours) to the central ball. This lasted 15 minutes and then the discs aligned horizontally and started moving backwards and forwards. After a total duration of about 45 minutes the ball started to pulsate and send out flashes to the discs. These hit the discs, turned into the respective colours and were absorbed. The discs then shot towards the ball and merged with it. The ball then spun round and gave off multicolours like a catherine wheel and then shot away out of sight trailing sparks. The witness felt no effects, except that he says the air was like an 'electric atmosphere' and he could feel heat being given off.

There are no other witnesses to this fascinating and spectacular affair that will receive full treatment in FSR.

THE UFO THAT HYPNOTISED ITS WITNESS Report by Brian Fishwick CE1 Psycho
There has been news recently of the Queen's formal opening of the new Liverpool cathedral. This figures in a sighting from Feb/March 1977 of an object that was seen to hover in the sky low down over the space between both Anglican and Catholic cathedrals. At first the witness, Mrs Hughes, took it to be an aircraft

but she soon realised this was not so. It was 1am and she was about to go to bed. The large silver 'plate' had a deep green light underneath that pulsated and helped her to the window hypnotically. After five minutes she dragged herself away leaving the object still hovering in the same position as she first saw it.

77/291 June 22 1977 23.00 Hinckley, Leics MED Level C HAPI

A man, wife and daughter watched for ten minutes as a dark dome with two bright lights on each end moved south, slowing and speeding occasionally. It was the size of half the full moon. (The estimated height, incidentally, was above the moon!!)

UFO LANDS IN A QUARRY

UFOIN Report by Frank Johnson

The two witnesses are very well qualified, the man being a draughtsman. Their home is in Rowley Regis, West Midlands - a part of the Birmingham conurbation. At 22.25 on July 21 1977 the husband had gone to bed, in anticipation of an early rise. By chance his wife saw an object descending out of low cloud. It was a tube or cylinder attached to a round oval. The colour was like that of a heating element on a fire. Going upstairs to tell her husband both now watched the object slowly descend. Its appearance had now changed to three bands of light with five upper 'blobs', apparently encompassing an unseen lens shape.



Colour remained the same and steady as over the course of several minutes it moved away and down, descending into a large, deep quarry. The light had been so bright it had swamped street lights and illuminated the clouds above, but as it went out of sight the glow just 'went out'. Accurate size estimates and a precise distance have led the investigator to believe that a calculated diameter of 94 metres (308 ft) is one of the most accurate ever obtained for an object. Full report in FSR.

77/293 August 7 1977 22.45 Wigan, Gtr Manchester LOW Level C FAPURG

A 16 yr old boy, his girlfriend and his mother saw a white light falling from the sky in the SW. It was extremely large and split into two tightly-spaced lights before, after about 4 seconds, both went out. Probably a flare or a meteor.

77/294 August 11 1977 23.15 Oldbury, West Midlands MED Level A UFOSIS

A young married couple out watching for satellites and meteors (as they often do) were confronted with an inexplicable sight. Passing overhead from the SW to the E was an object the size of a 2p piece at arms length. It soared like an eagle and was shaped like a bird. It was surrounded by a reddish glow. The object took about 15 seconds to pass by, remaining totally silent. Checks with Birmingham airport revealed no air movements. This birdlike UFO (always red or orange) has been reported frequently, and there is some evidence to suggest that it is a certain type of bird (or sometimes a flight of them) reflecting the streetlighting off their reflective undersides. Investigators are urged to look into this possibility when confronted with this type of case (often, note, in August).



77/295 October 6 1977 20.00 Cheslyn Hay, Staffs INST/P Lev A UFOSIS

Two boys out fishing by a reservoir observed a series of objects in a triangular formation, one on top two below. These flashed on and off alternately (ie the top then the bottom two etc etc). An indistinct shape was seen behind them. The lights moved about, at one point executing a right angle turn. The boys had an Halina 202 camera and 20 exposure film (with which they intended to photograph fish). They say they took several shots of the lights, but they had not developed the film when Ted Horton completed investigations and were reluctant to release the film. Even so Ted's intensive investigation of their story revealed a basically very consistent story of the incidents and they say that they do not expect the film to show anything and are worried that if it does not they will be called liars.

77/296 October 24 1977 19.29 Wolverhampton, W, Midlands LOW Lev A UFOSIS

Three sisters walking along a road observed a brilliant light in the sky that resolved into three white lights (fading in and out) with a red light amongst them and a flashing green light behind. A hazy cone shape encompassed these. The lights were in view two minutes moving fast SSW to NNE. Although investigation was negative the investigator feels that this was in all probability an aircraft.

77/297 December 14 1977 22.00 Halifax, West Yorkshire MED Lev C BUFORA YORK

An 18 year old man going to the pub reports seeing a red dome with a hazy black disc (not joined to it) underneath. This was about 4" at arms length (!) and was hovering in the N. After one minute it rose upwards and vanished. No explanation found.

UFOs IN THE FAMILY Reports from FUFOR (Investigator Stephen Cleaver)
Two sightings from Haslington, Cheshire are related by this family. On January 4 1978 at 19.12 from OS REF SJ732559 the wife, out walking the dog, observed a white slightly domed oval with four oval 'windows'. This was low and as bright as the sun. The windows were flashing. The object was silent and remained in view one minute, moving northwards. On February 18 1978 at 20.29 with her husband by the side of the A534 she saw a bright white light that moved E to N, changing course. It was the size of a halfpenny at arms length and disappeared within 2½ minutes.

78/110 April 23 1978 21.00 Burbage, Leicestershire MED Level C HAPI

A man was called to the door by the friend of his son to tell of an object that the boy had just seen move over woodland, hover and come back. He went out and watched amazed as a huge silver grey cone flew over.

On the base were red, green, blue and white lights that were rotating and at the rear was a clearly defined red cylinder. The cone itself had a haze around it.

The object moved slightly faster than an aircraft but made no sound. It was the size of 4" at arms length and moved NE to SW. It was in view three minutes.

78/113 May 26 1978 08.40 Halifax, West Yorkshire MED Level B BUFORA YORK

Several independant witnesses, including a press photographer (who unfortunately did not film it) observed a strange light cigar (described as white, aluminium or light biscuit coloured by witnesses). It was drifting slowly E to NE low on

the horizon. Mr Green, the photographer, considered it was an airship until it turned towards Pole Hill and disappeared quite fast. When it turned it thinned and went dark but was still basically flat with a slight

rise. It never appeared circular like an airship. He watched it for seven minutes. Yeadon Airport had no explanation and nothing in the area.

78/114 July 1978 23.10 Grantham, Lincs LOW Level E SUFORS

A man and wife saw three orange lights (one larger than the other two) hovering by the side of St Wulfrum's church spire. After a few moments they moved away in the direction of Stamford, following a zig-zag pattern and making no noise. The local RAF Cranwell had no explanation for the sightings.

SLOW MOVING PHENOMENON IN THE NORTH EAST CHRYYSIS Reports (78/118) MED Level C

At 20.30 on August 17 1978 two unconnected incidents took place. Yet they bear some similarity, despite being a number of miles apart. At Scarborough, North Yorks Mrs Elliot saw a bright white ellipse descending eastwards towards the moors. It made a low droning noise and moved slowly taking 10-15 minutes to disappear. At the same time at Stockton, Cleveland Miss Walker watched a silver upright cylinder with red diffuse light on the sides (shimmering) and a fan shaped light of silver underneath. This drifted slowly NW and was in view 15 minutes. She went to make a call about the sighting, but on return the object had vanished.

IN BRIEF..... (All reports 78/...)

108 Jan 30 1978 17.45 Tipton, W. Mid UFOSIS Level A White LITS identified star

111 May 1978 22.30 Silverdale, Staffs UFORA Level C A green flare that

caused a dog to bark and lit up trees. Probably a fireball meteor.

112 May 13 1978 02.00 Burtonwood, Cheshire Brian Fishwick Level C Orange ball that appeared in a flash and in view few seconds. Ball lightning.

116 Jul 10 1978 01.10 Normanby, Cleveland CHRYYSIS Level C

Pulsating orange light that faded away after five minutes. Ground reflection?

It is interesting to note that after the huge flap of 1977 UFO activity is still high. This can be judged by looking at the latest report number for the current year in the November issue of NORTHERN UFO NEWS (Since 1975 that is whilst NUFON has been reasonably stable). This reads:- NOV 75 (83) NOV 76 (96) NOV 77 (178) NOV 78 (130). An indication that something is building up?

SHAPE CHANGING UFO OVER ROYTON MUFORA Report (Phil Whitehead Investigating)

At 02.30 on August 19 1978 Mr Andrew Heugh was walking home when he saw a bright white light with a long spike on top and short spikes at each side and on the bottom (perhaps an optical effect due to the brilliance?). The light moved from the SE to the SW quite rapidly. He attracted the attention of a passerby, but he was not very interested. Running up the road to keep it in view he saw two red lights flashing in the bottom left corner. The object itself had changed into a grey flattened ball and the red lights began to rotate about the middle clockwise.

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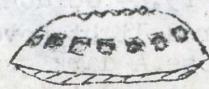
As he watched the object altered shape yet again, still grey in colour, to become like a mushroom with the stalk twice the depth of the head. Halfway down the stalk was a bright opening like a window. After being in view a minute the object was lost over houses. At first the size was that of the full moon.

78/120 August 27 1978 00.05 Aberdovey, Powys MED Level B MUFORA

The witness, at a caravan site on holiday, observed with her husband and several other campers a red ball the size of a grapefruit that floated from the village on a clear night. After seven minutes it turned at a right angle, went out to sea, rose up and disappeared. The husband viewed it through binoculars and thought he could see a 'basket' below it. He said it was a hot air balloon. Investigators agree with this conclusion, as does RAF HQ on Anglesey.

UFO HOVERS OVER WEST MIDLANDS GARDEN UFOSIS Report by J Ledbetter

The Reece family at Foaroaks, West Midlands, had a strange visitor to their garden as Mrs Reece put out the washing at 12.30 on Sunday, September 3 1978. The UFO was hovering over a tree at the end of the garden (to the SSW) and was metallic grey in colour with dark 'indentations' along the edge. The top appeared bevelled. The object shimmered but remained distinct in outline. Estimates of size place the object as about 10 feet in diameter (golf ball size at arms length). After hovering for some 45 seconds it moved off to the S and hovered again over some flats, before climbing away. Total observation time 2 minutes. There were four witnesses in all (Mr and Mrs Reece and their daughters, 12 and 15).



78/105 September 7 1978 20.00 Independant reports from NUFOIS and SUFORS

Two independant reports of what may well be the same thing. At 2000 NUFOIS report that 13 witnesses at a farm at Matlock, Derbyshire saw an object like a bright star appear from Crich (ESE) circle the farm and move off NE towards Chesterfield. It dimmed and brightened periodically. SUFORS have a sighting at 20.45 from Chapletown, South Yorkshire by two people. They saw a white star in the W moving slowly round to the south and east. This too dimmed and brightened. It was in view 12 minutes and towards the end (in the S - towards Chesterfield) appeared a pulsing red with hazy pink edges. NUFOIS feel this might be a balloon.

78/122 September 8 1978 00.20 Burslem, Staffs LOW Level C UFORA

A man saw a white light (size of a half penny) move across the sky NW-SE. It was steady and silent and remained in view 30 seconds.

78/123 September 14 1978 21.15 Independant Reports from UFORA and SUFORS.

The independant reports for 78/105 and their possible importance illustrate one of the great reasons WHY NUFON is necessary. This report does likewise. SUFORS had several sightings of a blue/green ball (some said with an orange aura) in the Grimsby, Sth Humberside area. There were suggestions it might have been a meteorite but nothing definite. However, UFORA have a precisely similar report from Chell Heath, Staffs seen at the same time by two witnesses. There is no doubt that the object must have been very high in the sky and was almost certainly a fireball.

Next year should be quite a year for British UFO books. First off will be the early publication of *UFOs: A British Viewpoint* by Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington. In September Faber are publishing *THE DYFED ENIGMA* by Frank Holliday and Randal Jones Pugh (on the South Wales flap) and BUFORAs Peter Hill has a book on stocks about Scotland too. Not a bad UK coverage for 1979.

78/125 September 19 1978 West Derby, Merseyside MED Level C Brian Fishwick

Several young men in a car watched a silvery object shaped like a 'wing' seen from the underside and behind. It was hovering in the sky on a bright and clear evening. After watching for several seconds they had to stop at some lights with the view blocked, but on coming into the open again it was still there. Total duration of one minute and the object was seen to drop, then rise and move forward at a tremendous speed. Within a flash it had vanished from view. Size was estimated as between a one pence and two pence piece held at arms length. Could this have been a weather balloon?

78/126 September 18 1978 Royton, Gtr Manchester MED Level A MUFORA

Mrs Hanley and her son were watching television at 20.55 when a bright yellow light dropped into the window frame. It hovered in the middle for three seconds and appeared as ball with a thick rim in the middle like Saturn. As the witnesses got up to go and see it it streaked across the window like a bullet. When they got outside there was no sign of it. Mrs Hanley says that it was spinning and that she felt it was looking in and had departed when it realised it had been spotted.

78/127 October 1 1978 00.30 Royton, Gtr Manchester LOW Level A MUFORA

Whilst saying goodbye to friends Mr and Mrs Rowbottom saw a brilliant white light rise slowly in the W. It hovered for 20 seconds abd. then moved slowly to the S. It passed through cloud and reappeared. Then suddenly it turned red and went out. Total duration of observation five minutes.

78/128 October 4 1978 19.24 Sale, Gtr Manchester MED Level A MUFORA

At 19.24 Gordon Clegg's wife called him out to the garden and they both watched a red light hovering in the NW. He went to get binoculars and observed it through these. A dark grey shape was seen behind it but was not clear. The light pulsed at $1\frac{1}{2}$ second intervals. At peak pulse it measured $\frac{1}{2}$ " at arms length but even at the minimum pulse it was larger than an aircraft light. It never went out completely. At 19.27 an aircraft appeared from the S (from Manchester Airport) and the light moved away slowly to the NW descending behind houses and not reappearing. At 19.30 he called Jenny Randles (situated 4 miles west of Sale) She could see nothing.

78/129 October 9 1978 18.37 Scunthorpe, Sth Humberside MED Level B SUFORS

Mr Greenwood and a colleague saw a strange phenomenon above cloud height but low on the horizon. It moved slowly to the W and appeared as a bright ball with a solid looking tube extended from it. It was in view five minutes before sinking over the horizon. Before it vanished the tail shortened like a candle flame being extinguished. Investigators think this was an aircraft and contrail in the sun.

78/130 October 10 1978 00.35 Hr Crompton, Gtr Manchester LOW Level A MUFORA

Mr and Mrs Povey live on a piece of high ground. Looking west they saw a golden light in the WSW. It was at their level (ie very low) and stationary. They watched it for two minutes in this stare. Then Mrs Povey remarked "Its watching us" and it started to move S. It covered 90 degrees of arc in 30 seconds and then dimmed, brightened, dimmed and faded out completely.

As previously announced from January 1979 NORTHERN UFOLOGY will be published as a regular quarterly bumper issue in series with Northern UFO News. This will be of a somewhat different style to this newsletter (which will appear the other eight months to keep you up to date with the news). It will still include the best reports (but no LITS) and will also feature articles, book reviews etc. Any ideas or contributions will be most welcome. However, to make NORTHERN UFOLOGY somewhat different to the normal magazine we are going to have a theme for each issue. It will contain other things as well (provided space permits) but articles will be requested on each issues theme (from any point of view - eg pro or con etc) and will be published in preference if available. For the first issue the theme will be UFOs AS EXTRATERRESTRIAL SPACESHIPS - So get writing (and how about more themes)