

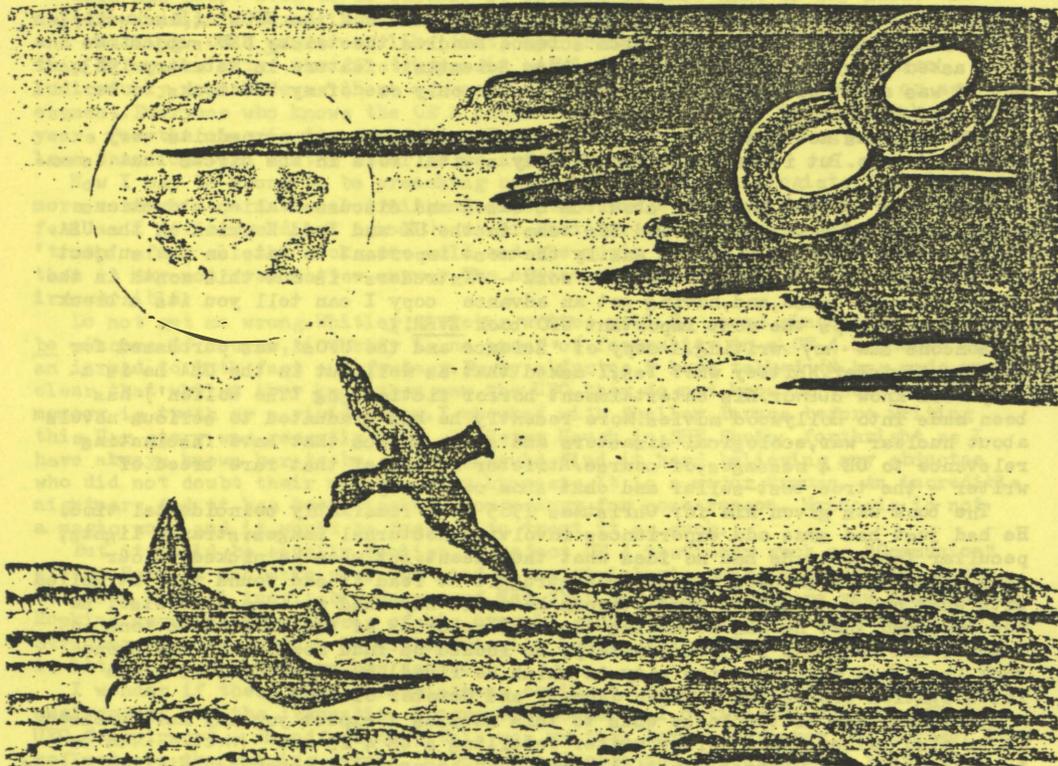
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J.R. Comments.... TV soap operas have to outdo one another for daft end-of-season cliffhangers. Remember 'Pam's dream' in Dallas? Well 'The Colby's' ends its '87 run with Fallon being abducted by a UFO. Sadly, if it stays true to life, she will be brought back - and so will the show - but what lies behind this scriptwriters brainwave? Quite a tale.

In 1985 Peter Warrington and I published 'Science and the UFOs' (Blackwell), a modest review of the way in which science handles the tricky UFO subject. We were asked to write it, following our 'New Scientist' feature in February 1983, but it was a bit of a milestone for me as the only one of my UFO books to be published in the USA.

The book has not exactly sold in droves. It still has not earned its very modest advance. But it was destined to play a vital role in the circus that is now upon us.

I wrote a section in there about CE 4 cases and discussed alien abductions and the work of Harry Harris and his team in the UK and Budd Hopkins in the USA. Hopkins book 'Missing Time' is easily the most important to date on the subject of time loss cases (although his new work - "Intruders" is out this month in the USA, from Random House, and, having got an advance copy I can tell you its a block-buster...perhaps the most important UFO book EVER!)

Someone saw my writing. A copy of 'Science and the UFOs' was purchased for Whitley Strieber. Whitley who? Yes, I asked that as well. But in the USA he is a very well-known author. His entertainment horror fiction (eg 'The Wolfen') has been made into Hollywood movies. More recently he has graduated to serious novels about nuclear war, ecological disasters and so on. Topics that have fascinating relevance to CE 4 messages, of course. Strieber is one of that rare breed of writer - the true best-seller and chat show celebrity.

The book was given him for Christmas 1985 at a remarkably coincidental time. He had just had some odd experiences involving nocturnal images, strange lights, peculiar faces, etc. He had no idea what they meant. But when he picked up our tome offering it shocked him. After a struggle he read it and found that it gelled with what had happened to him. Although he would have had no idea otherwise, he now believed that he was recalling vestigial memories of two CE 4 abductions in October and December 1985. Immediately, he looked up Budd Hopkins in the phone book (as I had mentioned the city in which he lived). From here a full-scale investigation proceeded between January and October of 1986.

There are one or two loose ends to this saga, as I expect you may have guessed. It is also rather pat. A horror writer recalling a CE 4 is not likely to be the most believed witness. Especially not when he promptly persuaded William Morrow (his publishers) to offer a straight one million dollars to write it up as a 'non-fiction' book!

That book is called "Communion" and was published in the USA in February. It became a sensation and rocketed up the best-seller charts. UFOs, especially CE 4 cases, were discussed everywhere. And, of course, that is where the decision to write an abduction into 'The Colby's' was generated.

Do we believe Strieber? Most ufologists in the USA seem to. Bruce Maccabee gives an endorsement on the book's jacket. Jerome Clark devotes a page to his feelings, based on personal interviews, in the current IUR and offers the support of CUFOs. MUFON has given space to Strieber to state his case personally. And he, himself, despite the enormous hype, tries in the book to prove he is sincere. To tell us he could have got one million dollars whatever he wrote about will not convince anybody. The transcript of the lie-detector test, the psychiatric evaluation reports and the results of EEG and Cat-Scan tests on his brain (all detailed in "Communion") might.

Our chance to make a choice is on its way. The British rights in the book were sold well up front to Century, who publish in May - coincidentally at the same time as Tim God and I both have books out. There is little doubt who will walk

off with all the promotional opportunities. But will it stir up the same degree of interest here? If so we are in for a high old time. One leading American researcher told me that in the wake of "Communion" ufology is back to its heyday of the fifties. It may even be surpassing it. And most of the reaction has been favourable. For a celebrity to come out and say 'it happened to me' seems to have achieved what we have singularly failed to do in years - make UFOs respectable news!

This has swept over us so quickly it is hard to know what to say about the matter - and, in a sense, it hardly matters that the book is (to me) incoherent and rambling. CE 4 cases are like that, and frankly the rush into print (less than 12 months after the first hypnosis session!) is suspicious. It is also ludicrously premature, as there was no time for reflection, assimilation or assessment. Everyone who knows the CE 4 phenomenon is aware that it often takes years for the memories to crystallise. We have Strieber's book doing big business less than fourteen months after he is abducted.

Now I may be wrong to be preaching caution. We British ufologists tend to have more reserve as a national trait, and those here whose opinion @ value seem to feel as I do. It would not astonish us if Strieber and his publishers reveal the 'truth' after all the books are sold and the movie rights negotiated. But by then it may not even matter anyway. The effect on society will have become quite irreversible.

Do not get me wrong. Whitley Strieber writes well. He seems sincere and may well be sincere. Of course, sincerity is no proof of factuality in a CE 4. Hypnosis is an inroad to both fact and fantasy. Every abductee I have talked with has made very clear that whilst they know they saw the UFO they do not know if their hypnotic memory is truth or a vivid dream. I checked with Shelley Barnes before writing this. Her story was recently told by Peter Hough in SHE. She, very forthright as I have always known her to be, said she would find it hard believing any abductee who did not doubt their memory under hypnosis. It is a major trauma. An incredible nightmare. And it has been blocked from memory for some reason. Hypnosis is not a magic wand, and it would be foolish to treat it as such.

But it would be equally foolish to reject CE 4 testimony such as "Communion" offers. Read it and make your own mind up on Strieber's honesty. Catch him on the TV shows he will inevitably do around May 21st. And make very sure you read Budd Hopkins devastating analysis of his overall study of many CE 4s (including the Strieber case - although he diplomatically leaves this out of his book). There is little doubt a new era has dawned.

I wonder if these timely revelations, coming as they do so close to the 40th anniversary, for the 'Equation Programme' scenario I outline in my book ("The UFO Conspiracy" - Blandford, May) This was written before Strieber, of course. It reflects on the amazing events in the past decade and proposes that they fit a gradual plan to bring out the truth very carefully. That truth being that we are not alone. Indeed that we may not be masters of the earth.

Fantastic? - yes! Incorrect? - perhaps. But possible? Beyond question it is that. A few months ago as I watched 'The Colby's' I would never have dreamt that something I wrote in all innocence some three years back would (in a way) come to influence the script and make some-one at least a million dollars in the process! It has happened. And so - I suspect - may the fruition of the 'Education Programme'.

None of us may have very long to wait before our efforts reap their just reward - ~~that~~ not in fiscal terms! If I am wrong I'll send a postcard from Malibu!

NEWS ROUND-UP



:- Mrs Garden recently asked where to find my book about Rendlesham. She had been having trouble with bookshops. Not surprising, as she thought it was called "Air Strike". Sky Crash has been my most confusingly titled for some reason. Others, I have learned, have called it "UFO Smash", "Sky Ball", "Star Crash" and "Star Crush"!

:: Michele Clare reports the death of Ray Pearson from the Chesterfield group. Best known for his ghost work and booklets on local hauntings, she wishes to make absolutely clear that the media stories about his heart attack were not true. He was not 'frightened to death' during an investigation, as alleged. But died afterwards, having left and relaxing following the case study.

:: An American moviemaker from Hollywood wrote to me recently. No - they are not about to make 'The JR Story' as a horror film. He tells me that he forsee that in the next decade the truth about aliens will be told in many films. He is currently working on a "science-fiction/fact" story about a UFO contact, love affair and family break-up. Called "A Sunday Drive" it sounds well, er, interesting. He also says that a new case (perhaps the subject of his next film?) concerns an "eight month pregnant woman" who "claimed to be contacted and her unborn son who was contacted at the same time" I wonder what Alvin Lawson will make of this in-womb CE case? Boofion is apparently Toronto, Canada.

:: Ray Broderick was not convinced by Peter Warrington's 'solution' to the London Airport radar loss in November last. He claims it happened again on 28 December and that the system and its capacitor was checked without any fault being found. He suggests an analogy with an effect that messed up his radio set. He put four new Ever Ready Sivver Seal extra life RL4 1.5 v batteries in at 9.30 pm on 21 Feb 1987. Between 1.15 and 1.30 am on the 22nd he was awoken by a "loud ringing noise" which travelled past his Acorington, Lancashire home. He awoke in the morning "with a very heavy head...as though all the energy was drained from my body." The radio set would not work. An engineer tested the batteries on Monday and found two were totally dead, one with just a spark of life and one at half power. Comments???

:: My thanks to Merryll Harpur for her delightful comments about NUN. Nice to know it is appreciated. Any other comments or suggestions are always welcome from readers.

BOOKS OF THE MOMENT

MODERN MYSTERIES OF BRITAIN: By Janet & Colin Bord £14.95 Grafton 1987

Everyone knows that the Bords write smashing books, laced with oodles of pictures and pot pourri of facts and cases. Usually they are associated with animal mysteries or ancient sites. But they have stepped out into the wide world of UFOs, ghosts, and all things in between. It is in the old familiar format - but what kind of a job do they make of the subject?

Well, of course, they are great popularists. And this is a popular book. It is written lucidly, profusely illustrated and covers just about everything. It is already so widely distributed that it is assured almost best-seller status. More funds for the coffers of two of our best known and best loved authors.

Aimed at the general reader, I suppose, it cannot be faulted. There is not too much that is wrong with it - although I do feel the credits are a bit thin. Too often the Bord's use the work of others and, whilst you can find references to this in the back somewhere, there is not a lot in the text itself that suggests the origin of the hard graft they discuss. Of course, many writers have this fault. Most who are big successes, for instance. And I have got to admit that at times I found the style uncomfortably reminiscent of Arthur C Clarke's not-so-mysterious (but highly lucrative) world. Short on incisive debate, heavy on the mystery and just a stewpot of case histories.

I also could not quite figure out why the order of presentation was such a jumble, leaping about all over the place from toads-in-the-hole to spontaneous combustion. The "gazateer" idea, to list major UK events by date and by county over the past 100 (actually 101) years, is the gimmick to sell the book. It is a gimmick sadly, because it is a personal choice not based upon feedback from the researchers specialising in the fields used. So it gives a general idea only, of an impossible task in the first place. I would be wary of using it for any real purposes, and there is a danger it will be used because of the Bord's status.

A nice book to read and dip into, but it says little new and solves nothing.



FOR YOUR REFUSAL :-
Major articles elsewhere

On the news-stands Cyril Saunders (?) had a fascinating two part series on perception, illusions and their relationship to ufology - profusely illustrated and unmissable for all serious investigators ('The Unknown', March and April). April also begins a review of the four decades of ufology with a survey of the literature on the 1956 Lakenheath case. Also a competition for you to enter on the theme of UFOs being forty years old.

'The Supernatural' had nothing on UFOs in March, but April begins a two-parter on the latest research into those mystery circles by the man who knows, and is to be trusted, local statistician and BUFORA RIC Paul Fuller. Also JRs review of UFOs and singer-songwriters - introducing the Glasgow rock group 'CE IV' and the bizarre reasons why they have an alien on stage during their gigs.

Meanwhile Peter Hough reviews the Patrick Moore/Gedric Allingham controversy in the March FATE (£19, issued monthly - 12 copies, 500 Hyacinth Place, Highland Park, Illinois USA 60035)

BUFORA Bulletin Jan (With BUFORA sub, £14, 16 South Way Burgess Hill RH 15 9ST) Amongst others an important review of the Warminster hype by AR Terthis and BUFORA AI Robert Moore. New lay out looks good from editor Mike Wooten.

UFO Brigantia Jan/Feb (£5.50, 6 issues, 84 Elland Rd, Brighouse, W. Yorks HD6 2QR) Great stuff as always, with the definitive answer to Cracoe and even your own personal photo (in colour)! David Clarke produces an important review of the press coverage of the Pennine 'mystery helicopter' cases 1974-1976 - although he chides researchers for ignoring it. Yet NUN during those years published many of the accounts that were reported! He should have been subscribing in his pram, I think! (A bit of an exaggeration - well, almost)

MAONIA 25 (£2.50, 4 issues, 5 James Terrace, Mortlake Churchyard, London SW14 8HB) New format and size and rather tough on the eye I felt, with computer generated script. Still - contents wise it was worth using the microscope. Dennis Stilling on the helicopter motif in ufology, Devereux, Evans and Campbell debate earth-lights and talk BOLS. Claude Mauge produces important research about Claude Poher and his statistical research for CEPAN. Best issue for wags. Compared with FSR - five times as expensive - it is outstanding value, but then so is the Beano.

EARTH 5 (£4, 6 issues, 61 Ranelagh Ave, Ravenscliffe, Bradford HD10 0HF) Aside from Paul Bennett's usual (ahem) personal views on mysticism, UFOs, legends and stuff - in and around Yorkshire - you find out why UFOs are really a load of old Qabalas. You didn't think there was a connection - shame on you.

FOLKLORE FRONTIERS Jan (£3, 4 issues, 5 Egton Dr Seaton Carew Cleveland TS25 2AT) Urban legends young and old - including a deep review by Andy Roberts of the birth of the crashed spaceship legend - now 'officially' folklore, according to a new book on the subject.

TLH 102 (£5, 3 issues, The Ley Hunter, PO Box 5, Brecon Powys Wales) Geoff Bird on lights associated with mining activities.

FORTEAN RESEARCH 1-4 (£15, 4 issues, PO Box 94627 Lincoln, Nebraska 68509) A complete issue devoted to released US documents on 'Project Moon Dust' - see UFO WORLD '86. If you are into government cover-ups this is indispensable.

IUR Nov/Dec (£32, US, from CUFOS 1955 Johns Dr, Glenview, Illinois, 60025-1615) Communion, earthlights, British and US cases and a significant review by Dr Bruce Maccabee of the early days of ufology, Roswell and MJ-12 with new cover-up data.

MUFON Journal (£30, US, 12 issues, 103 Oldtowne Rd Seguin Texas 78155-4099) Dec (Whitley Strider writes his first piece for a UFO journal, Barry Greenwood on UFOs and Stealth) Jan (Some good hard stuff on cases, physical traces and medical after-effects) Feb (detailed investigation, with photos, of the Japan Air Lines case over Alaska...most definitive accounts yet)

AN EARLY UFO- THAT'S OFFICIAL

Thanks to Granville Oldroyd for sending a copy of the naval intelligence reports from the Plymouth Garrison, dated 4 December 1915. They were abstracted from the public records office in Kew.

Lt. Col. W.P. Drury explains how he and a Lt, the Hon. C. Brownlow, interviewed Miss Cecilia Peel Yates on 28 June 1915 about an incident a "few mornings previously". This was at Dolbeare Cottage, near Ashburton, Devon. Described as "a well-educated gentlewoman of considerable intelligence" the experience began when she awoke pre-dawn at the barking of some dogs.

In the north was a bright light. It was too large to be a planet and "swung away to the NE". Although the investigators could not "shake the lady's evidence by cross examination" they dismissed it as wildly improbable. Nothing much has changed, has it! But then the intelligence officers got a surprise.

Across Dartmoor is Hexworthy, where a mine was situated. Called out on 12 July they interviewed Mrs Cave-Penny and her daughter there. On several occasions they had seen a bright white light rise up from a point a few hundred yards from the mine (to the east of it) and swing west across the valley before vanishing. It appeared both above and below the hill line. Allegedly the Hexworthy light has been seen on other occasions too. And Hexworthy might, as a name, imply spell or witchcraft ancestry.

Barton Pines, a grand country house owned by a former Life Guards member, overlooks Paignton and has been the site of other LITS sightings, the report shows. Mrs Whitley, wife of the owner, saw it and ultimately he did. This finally lead the Lt. Col. to set up the world's first skywatch! He and Lt. Brownlow set up watch at Dartington Point, near the Totnes-Newton Abbot road and for three nights were unrewarded. But then it happened.

At 9.30 pm on 4 September 1915 they saw "a bright white light, considerably larger in appearance than a planet, steadily ascend from the meadow to an approx height of 50 or 60 feet. It then swung for a hundred yards or so to the left, and suddenly vanished." They reckoned that they were within a mile of the UAP but could not reach the meadow from where it took off.

In analysing the reports there was now no doubt about their authenticity. Also no 'spaceship' speculations either, of course. Instead they were plotted onto a map, found to travel in a straight line (Aimé Michel and Paul Devereux would be delighted with the Lt. Col!) and to pass over Buckfast Abbey which had a store of guns. Consequently in war-torn Britain it was 'obvious' that these LITS were "lifted by captive balloons... (perhaps) employed to lift an aerial for wireless purposes". It is agreed that "it is difficult to find a normal cause for the credibly attested and oft recurring phenomenon". So one that fitted in with cultural context was selected.

An update report from Lt. Montague Elliot (Commander in Chiefs Office), dated 31 March 1916, confirms repeated sightings (along the coast as far as Padstow and Newquay). Despite many attempts the cause of the LITS was not traced. Nor could the 'balloon' be captured. Last word in the file is from Lt. Col. Drury, who on 1 April (no joke I assume!) advised of a confidential scheme before the war office to surround the moor at night and catch the UAP! As an "essential preliminary" they were requesting powers to "have certain correspondence in the area secretly examined".

It seems that the Dartmoor UAP was never explained. And this NLUFOIG study shows in a fascinating manner how our old familiar LITS are interpreted and dealt with according to the times. In 1915/1916 as a war weapon. Since then, no doubt, as a will-o-the-wisp or marsh gas. A few years ago as a UFO. And now, very likely, as a UAP of earthlight characteristics. Which - if any - is correct?

THE CHESHIRE PHOTOGRAPHIC CASE-A BRIEF MUFORA STATEMENT

In the Nov/Dec issue of the YUFOS journal QUEST (issued in February 1987) reference is made to the demise of MUFORA, one of the founder groups of NUFON.

Two counts are cited. One is the alleged departure of key personnel such as Peter Warrington. In fact this is nonsense. The size and strength of the group has been constant for several years and Peter Warrington remains a member, he having in fact attended two of the meetings already in 1987. The second claim concerns a photographic case and accusations of a serious nature from CONTACT UK, in a published (and YUFOS endorsed) letter.

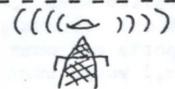
MUFORA believes that few people take YUFOS seriously after the Cracoe debacle, and will probably view this smear campaign as the result of MUFORAs support for the WYUFORG stance. Both followed by a few days MUFORAs decision to withdraw subscription to QUEST, as a matter of principle and gesture of NUFON solidarity.

A full account of the case behind the accusations is published in the Mar/April 1987 issue of 'UFO Brigantia'. I will not repeat same here, as any reader interested can secure a copy from WYUFORG. However, very briefly, the following is what took place.

In November 1986 the "Warrington Messenger" gave space to a photograph of a white light and readers letter asking for an investigation and resolution. The group responded. At no time was the term UFO ever used by witness or paper. The witness was 100 per cent cooperative. MUFORA quickly concluded that the case was highly suspect, for various reasons. These are explained in 'Brigantia'. An independent photographic analysis by Tony Marshall from the SSPR concurred in full with our opinion that the picture was not genuine. This view was conveyed to the witness, who chose not to respond. He was informed that it would be sent to the "Messenger" for publication, as both he and the paper had requested. A careful letter stating the facts was sent and published. Contrary to CONTACT UK's gross untruth in QUEST this was not severely edited. Only one sentence was in fact omitted! To date the witness has not replied to its publication and refused to comment to the paper, despite four months having elapsed. The group considers its actions were correct and appropriate in terms of ethical and serious UFO investigation and deplore the ludicrous and despicable attempt by YUFOS and CONTACT UK to imply otherwise.

MEDIA MATTERS

A look at UFOs in the public eye



The 40th anniversary syndrome is upon us. Someone has been syndicating a story in newspapers everywhere, complete with pathetic fake picture. It has appeared under different titles all over the UK - eg "UFOs - a storm in a saucer?" (Brighton Argus, 10 Mar) and is thin on fact.

Far better was the Halifax Courier (19 Mar) with its major feature interview with Andy Roberts ("Believe it or not..."). A sensible no-nonsense piece that does Andy and WYUFORG proud. "I quickly came to the conclusion that there is a lot of rubbish talked about UFOs," he says. And after discussing UFOs in a very practical fashion responds to the inevitable questions about belief in the ETH as "I am totally ambivalent... There is no evidence that we have been visited by spacecraft... why should they come here, and if they do come here, why do they behave in such a stupid fashion, just appearing to little old ladies at three in the morning?" In a philosophical mood Andy describes himself as a "modern folklorist... when people are writing about the folklore of our time, they will be writing about UFOs, not fairies." With cautious and yet perceptive words and writings like these Andy is quickly establishing himself at the forefront of the new breed of young, British ufologists. Several of the 'old guard' (me included) are delighted that the future is in such good hands.

It needs to be. There has been an intriguing ongoing debate in the pages of the Western Herald lately. On 12 Dec Lawrence Harris (of the Plymouth Astronomical Society) began it with his "Science Explains UFOs". He claimed that winter nights "bring out... people who like to look at the sky for their hobbies... UFO watchers". After this condescending start he descends further into his pannaia by relating ufology to "their astrological colleagues", all of whom, "prefer to avoid

studying science". This bigotted creep adds that ufologists "try to imagine all sorts of unlikely explanations for the most common scientific phenomena." He invites "people who still believe in UFOs" to visit his group meetings (plug,plug) and gain "a proper education" so the "number of UFO sightings claimed by these groups" (you lot) would disappear.

On 20 Dec, Ken Heaton took up the gauntlet with "Biased view of UFOs" and attacked Harris for his scepticism. "I am not a UFO spotter, just someone who has been lucky enough to witness what cynics such as Lawrence Harris dismiss as imagination." He then drifts into the standard ET solution and explains that he once met Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon, when at NASA on an official visit. "His views on the mysteries of the universe had changed since returning to minute earth".

In response Harris obtained a lot of space in the 24 Dec issue, "Is seeing really believing?" After a discussion of optical illusions he says (without any information whatsoever about Ken Heaton's sightings) "I have no doubt... if he was to subject them to the cold light of critical scientific analysis ... that he and many others have witnessed one of nature's many wonders" Nothing like being sure of yourself! The astronomer then sets off on his hobby horse again. "The fact that some people have been given the opportunity to present their views (no matter how unreasonable) on TV, radio or in books does not prove their case is right" He is annoyed about the "constant publicity... (given) people who invite the press to photograph them using geiger counters to 'detect' radiation from UFOs. The press regard it as an interesting story but the general public never gets to know that someone else made an effort to point out the scientific absurdity of the events. The scientific case remains unheard among the rubbish that gets published, and I firmly believe the public would rather know the truth"... That truth being, of course, the thoughts of Chairman Harris. Who has evidently been living on another planet unaware that serious ufology is the one not given fair publicity.

The 'geiger counter' case was in fact investigated by BUFORA Al. Eric Morris, whose photograph Harris is referring to. The detailed report in NUN 120 seems to suggest none of his astronomical explanations. On 19 Jan, local investigator Bob Boyd replied with "Science has ignored UFOs". After a fair statement of how groups seek out IFO status in cases Boyd adds, "To deny the vast amount of eye-witness reports and mass of photographic evidence simply because he has not seen one is, I would suggest, both a very negative and highly unscientific approach."

The parting shot (so far) came from Harris on 3 Feb ("Usually an explanation for UFOs". He says that Boyd's group "are undoubtedly not trained scientists and yet they are trying to analyse atmospheric phenomena they do not even recognise." The arrogant so and so then suggests that pro UFO enthusiasts should "take up stamp collecting rather than continue to make fools of themselves" Harris then alleges that UFO groups only listen to newspaper evidence and scientists are justified in rejecting UFOs because "when proper questions are asked - eg did the sound phase - you get blank looks (from a witness)" UFO books are "thick with rubbish" and "UFO groups will never accept the truth."

This little saga well illustrates the impossibility of talking sense to many 'scientists' (although Harris never cites his qualifications, I noticed). With entrenched, deluded and totally misinformed views on what serious UFO research is like, we are always going to struggle. We must keep on trying.

The Western Herald are to be congratulated on the prominence and space they gave this debate. No so the Daily Telegraph (4 Mar) who claimed that, because a report from China described a UFO as looking like a "straw hat" this proved the subjective nature of the things. Some daft allegations about British women seeing UFOs looking like "enormous handbags" is then used to dismiss the whole matter. But, of course Chinese peasants describe UFOs according to things they know about. Not having TVs or electrical gadgets the hat is the one familiar image. That their account so closely matches western UFO shapes is actually very positive evidence. As usual in trying to be flippant the media miss the point.

To conclude the Daily Mail (7 Feb) reported on how a major UFO scare and police investigation hit Hereford, when a 10' by 8' round 'saucer' was seen in broad daylight on a worksite. It turned out to be 6 year old Lee Conrad and his superbly authentic 'UFO playhouse' built by his dad!

WELSH WAVE - AUTUMN 1986 (2) Margaret Fry "The Miracle of Fatima-Mark Two"

Rhyl and Prestatyn are popular Clwyd seaside resorts close together on the coast looking west. Between 2 and 6 October 1986 they staged some curious goings on that were unconnected with any late season tourists.

On 2 October (Case 8632) all manner of things took place. Prominent among them was the sighting of a 'Rectangular room lit up with windows', that came from the Prestatyn seafront (where it was witnessed by Mr Powell). It was travelling extremely slowly as it moved inland toward the mountains. At 21.10 some women pursued it across Rhyl in a car. Window cleaner James Perry saw it over Princes Rd and said, "It was travelling very slowly in a straight line. There were lights that looked like windows, but it wasn't like a plane. There was no sound or hazard lights." A further description was of the lights flashing "like disco lights". At 22.30, same evening, Mrs Cantrell, guest house owner, was walking on the sea front when she saw one red and one green light stationary out at sea. After a while an aircraft (easily visible as such) passed over the lights. She dismissed them as a UFO.

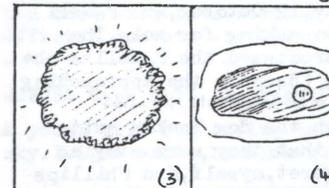
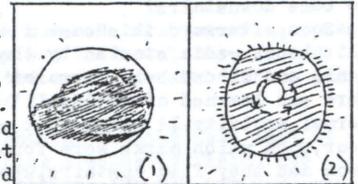
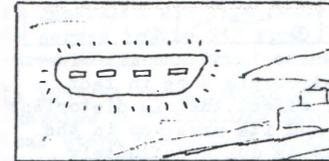
At some point over the next few days Mr Powell suffered the consequences of his UFO sighting (or else was the victim of a nasty coincidence). His house in Prestatyn became the focal point for a poltergeist. At first only footsteps and animal noises were heard downstairs, but the matter was to get an awful bit worse as the week progressed.

Meanwhile, another of the 2 October UFO witnesses was to become ensnared in a second mystery. The Powell family poltergeist had not been reported, so there is no evidence of copycat behaviour. This was initiated by schoolgirl Sharon Cantrell, daughter of the witness to case 8632. It was 15.30 on the afternoon of 4 October (Case 8633). She was at the guest house next door when she saw a "dark hat shape" surrounded by a clearly defined white circle (1). It looked as if an aircraft had looped round the object and left a perfectly circular vapour trail. Bringing her mother and aunt out they all watched for some time as a silver/white ball appeared out of the dark centre. (2). They immediately suspected the sun, although claim it was a hot sunny day without cloud and it would be quite impossible to look at the sun directly as they could at this. Then the 'sun' developed a red rim and began to revolve!

It was now closer to 16.00 and they were running out of ideas. The red halo effect had ceased rotation and the ball had disappeared again into the dark hat. The halo was now orange and the circle began to break up into an oval with

more ragged edges (3). At this stage, Mrs Cantrell went indoors to call her mother (who lived a few streets away) and Sharon took the opportunity to go and fetch her small box camera. She took six photographs of the object, which NUFON has copies of. However, Sharon claims that by now the effect was far less spectacular. Mrs Cantrell's mother and her two neighbours (Mr and Mrs Jones) all sat outside watching the object as it now appeared. (4). Although they claim the time was 16.45, and this seems at least 20 minutes after the other group of witnesses (only a few hundred yards away) said it gradually dispersed. All of this occurred around Princes Street, scene of the sighting two days earlier, and was in the north-west sky. The Cantrell's were convinced it was a replay of the 'Miracle of Fatima' in October 1917, and there are definite similarities.

What was it? In her reports and letters Margaret insists it cannot have been the sun, as she saw this herself the next day and it was south-west of here. Also the ability to look straight at it disputes this. She seems to have changed her mind somewhat after COMBACT UK saw the pictures, and concluded it was the sun. Or perhaps a mock sun effect?



I first saw the pictures in November, and there is no doubt in my mind that the sun is responsible. The witnesses do not describe seeing it at any point in the sky - impossible if it was as clear as they allege - but the sequence of photographs (numbered) below can be compared with witnesses sketches



The colour pictures show a pinkish halo, a yellow/white 'sun' and illumination on a patch of cloud detached from the main centre. This does in fact seem to be a very interesting ice crystal/mist/vapour effect that is distorting and filtering sunlight. It is obviously quite unusual and its presence in the midst of a UFO/poltergeist wave intriguing. But the sky is quite definitely not cloudless, as the witnesses were misled into thinking and the very high thin cloud is what is responsible for obscuring the sun's image.

But the UFOs were not done for yet. On 6 October Mrs Greeves and teenage daughter were watching TV in their Rhyl home at 17.15. (Case 8634). Two bright white lights appeared side by side and stood out in the daytime sky. They were at first the cause of much panic, because they seemed to be streaking straight toward the bungalow window. But it became clear they were moving very slowly and after about five minutes, splitting in two and narrowing to slits, one moved off over Prestatyn and the other over Rhyl centre.

The Prestatyn LITS seems to have been seen by the unfortunate Mr Powell there. He, his wife and young child were now suffering badly from their spook. By 9 October they called the police who found the three barricaded into the house. They had to catch the keys from an upper window as the family refused to come downstairs!

Soon afterward this case made local news (on both BBC and ITV) and before this local media stories by the police alleged that the entire street was in panic and needed help. Margaret Fry called the police and offered to assist. Here she learned of Mr Powell's involvement in the UFO flap and of his paranormal activity. It seems that a large animal had been heard clawing at the door, upon which marks were found. An intense dark mist formed in the living room and they fled upstairs, where they locked themselves for some time. They could hear voices as if coming down a long tunnel and their pet dog was cast down the fire escape and injured, by a force unseen and unknown.

On the weekend following the Powell's were swamped with offers of exorcism and media interviews. David Drew, a Llanddulas medium, arrived and 'contacted' the floating grey mass. He claimed it was a woman who died there between the wars and who had decided to 'protect' the family. She certainly had a peculiar way of showing it! He attempted to exorcise. By the Sunday, 12 October, Mrs Powell was in hysterics and Mr Powell called Margaret late on asking for help. The mist, the noises and things would not stop. Margaret promised the Powell's she would call me and I used my BUFORA and ASSAP contacts (despite the approaching hour of midnight) to get help. That Sunday night it appeared to be desperate, but....

The next day the family were on Granada TV, although the dog looked quite healthy despite its alleged ordeal. The family said here that they were staying no longer and indeed they refused the help which Margaret, myself, Ken Phillips and Peter Hough offered. On the 13th they left the house - and, to date, I am not aware if they ever returned.

This combination of UFO flap, a bizarre sun effect so like the Fatima miracle and this phenomenal poltergeist outbreak, all focused around a group of UFO witnesses must be one of the most interesting tales of recent years. But what it all means is anybody's guess. Any suggestions???

Jenny Randles

BRIEF CASES:-

Some current investigations



MAJOR BALL LIGHTNING CASE

JR had an article published in the AIR UK inflight magazine. One important case it generated was from David B, now aged 55 and an airline operative with Air UK. He served in the RAF from 1947 to 1974 and a detailed account of his UAP adventures was secured:-

In 1953/54 he was based with his wife at RAF Changi, Singapore. They had a small bungalow in Katong. One Saturday or Sunday afternoon there was a violent tropical storm (the flood aftermath of which is shown in a picture of the house taken immediately after the sighting) (on file). In the house were also another service couple with whom they shared. After thunder, lightning and torrential rain there was a sudden calm. On telephone/electricity wires at the rear of the house a cricket ball sized object appeared. It was coloured orange and made a loud hissing. The foxy object then rolled along the wires and curved away from them towards the house - passing through the open louvred shutter windows. Now a blue/white and yellow ball it travelled about four feet off the ground and moved the length of the kitchen in front of them, all at a slow walking pace. The house lights were switched off, but glowed a dull orange whilst the object was inside the building and then went out again when it left. Even the fluorescent tube light in the kitchen behaved this way. The fridge made shuddering sounds and its motor accelerated and decelerated as the ball went straight past. After about 20 seconds the ball arced back out of the kitchen through the same window and disappeared over the power lines.

After recovering from the shock they inspected the house. No electrical equipment was damaged, the lights and fridge worked perfectly and the metal bars around the window through which the ball entered and exited were not marked. There was no smell at all during the objects 'inspection' of the house.

This is a major first hand observation of ball lightning and the fact that it was seen to form, plus its strange effects by inducing a magnetic field into electrical equipment, could have significant ramifications for UFO (or UAP) study.

Between 1965 and 1974 he was stationed at RAF Coltishall in Norfolk. During that time he observed one of the 'green fireballs' which plague the area (see SKY CRASH). He says that many similar reports were collated over a long period and all remained classified. The "general track... was from the east heading in the direction of Sutton Coldfield". If you knew anybody who lives there, perhaps you had best warn them. David B says this 'green fireball' matter is covered by the Official Secrets Act! [Green fireball = fast moving, nektar / flare like balls of light seen repeatedly in one place]

BUFORA Case 8177 Spring 1981 11.30 Barford, Warwicks Level C SP 2-4 K.Owen

A young girl out riding on horses observed a jewel-like LITS in the daylight sky. Bright white, hexagon shaped and suspended for about 20 minutes. Did not move.

MUFORA Case 8336 June 1983 18.30 Belle Isle, Leeds, West Yorks Level C SP 3-4

Nigel is a 27 year old 'musician' and 'TV actor'. Now with a pop group he has had a number of psychic experiences, including phantom 'pings' coming out of his microphones! He also allegedly has such strong vibrations that mediums cannot work in his presence. He reports one UFO sighting, when driving to Manchester for a show. A bright oval tube of light appeared down the road ahead. This was in a Leeds City district and there were people around watching it. He assumed it to be a plane with landing light. After ten minutes he left it still hovering. He called home when he reached Manchester but nobody had reported it. Perhaps WUFOG have some suggestions? Nigel was put in touch with them, but he has a 'hit single' out and seems reluctant to attract the publicity (?)

ASSORTED LITS IN MANSFIELD Case 8542 Level D SP 2-2

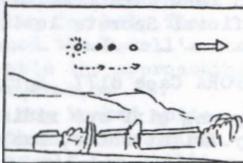
Les claims five strange experiences: "I am a believer in UFOs" he says. The first two were in the early seventies in Warsop, when he saw a bright flash like lightning, followed by two 'stars' drifting slowly across the sky and into cloud. Sounds like aircraft with strobe lighting, perhaps turning in line of sight and 'flashing' once as it does so. Sighting three, same location, some months later, is more odd. He saw "blue-white light" which "was leaving what looked like a vapour trail". It then stopped for three minutes and shot upwards at an angle. Any ideas, he asks? Number 4 was in August 1977, when he and his girlfriend walked home from friends and saw 'four orange shapes' milling about, which sounds like birds reflecting off sodium vapour lamps. I've seen them myself. The 'real' UFO was on 28 October 1985 in Mansfield. He was out with the dog in a park at 20.30 when a set of blue/yellow lights came over. They moved slowly but looked like a plane. However, no sound was heard and since two more sets followed identical paths in the next 2/3 mins he became certain they were UFOs. He was going to ask the local RAF if they could be aircraft but concluded they would only laugh. MUFORA is satisfied all are UFOs.

MUFORA Case 8635 Mossley, Lancashire Level A SP 3-3 Georgina Mills

On 7 October 1986 at 20.00 Mrs B, a 43 year old unemployed woman, was letting her dog into the garden when she saw a "glow" on Richmond Hill. It was white and swirled with the mist that surrounded the tops. It seemed fluorescent and faded in and out. It covered the entire hill, which is normally not visible at night except as a silhouette. At 23.30pm (after seeing the glow several times and assuring it was still present) she went to bed. It was not visible the next day. In 19 years living by the hill she has never seen it before or since. She claimed that no roads pass behind the hill from which car lights might have reflected, but MUFORA ascertained otherwise. Given the weather data (a most unusually humid and misty autumn night) it was concluded that the effect was a result of ground light reflections in the mist, probably aided by a temperature inversion layer. This case was investigated independent of Margaret Fry's 'Fatima Miracle' sun case in North Wales, just three days before. (See pages 9-10). That something peculiar was causing atmospheric disturbances during the period might explain the number of UFOs explicable as optical effects (these two and another in Gloucestershire, when the York City football team were involved). Does it also - in some way - explain the other UFOs and the Welsh poltergeist???

MUFORA Case 8636 Bardsley, Oldham, Lancashire Level A SP 3-3 Georgina Mills

Mark D, aged 17 and a photographic student, was witness with his fiancée. She declined to be interviewed, being "too busy". He has no interest in UFOs, but did collect some copies of 'The Unexplained' part-work. Time was 21.30 on October 7 1986 (same date as above sighting). Bardsley is only about 3 miles across open areas of the Pennines from Mossley. The couple were walking on a road by a mine and near Coalpit Lane, adjacent to the Werneth golf course. The object seen was at first thought to be an aircraft, as it comprised four lights in a line. But this view was rejected because of their peculiar nature. They were white, red, red and blue/green in left to right sequence and they flashed in this sequence in a very slow cyclical pattern. First the left, then next, and so on. Each pulsed for a quarter second, making a cycle of more than a second between pulses. The object also drifted extremely slowly and silently over the Daisy Nook area. This took it out to the north-west. It had come from the south-east (towards Mossley). Total duration was about seven minutes, and when they went indoors and upstairs for a panoramic view, the object had gone. MUFORA believes this was probably a light aircraft, many of which overfly the area without flight plans. The misty conditions (see above case) may have made it seem odd.

MACCLESFIELD-THE NEW UFO MECCA? MUFORA Report (Case 8637)

"I used to see some UFOs when I had a shop on Cross St, but not half as many as I have seen here," reports reports 74 year old Mrs S. All of these events took place around Macclesfield, Cheshire, which hosted the Case History twin-sighting last issue. MUFORA has a third Macclesfield case in process too!

Mrs S relates so many sightings of LITS it is impossible to recount them. Mostly they are gold balls, sometimes red. She also sees jade-green ones. We pointed out that aircraft flying into Manchester pass over and she agrees, but says these are so familiar she recognises them. MUFORA concluded that there is little cause not to identify most of her LITS as air movements. But there are other curious things as well.

Allegedly she observed, along with other family members, a strange object behind trees. It was "like a large building lit up with square windows all around" and it faded partially from time to time "like an electric fire" when turned out. The glow illuminated trees at the rear of the garden for an hour or more. During this time Mrs S (but nobody else) saw "a silver man, ten feet tall, glistening like the trees". He had "a domed shaped head and long neck with massive square shoulders". She called others, but they did not come in time to see. This episode is remarkably similar to the famous Bignall End encounter with UFO and tall alien, which as "UFO Reality" records turned out to be the moon through cloud and tired eyes.

The main experience Mrs S wished to record (within days of it happening) was such that it petrified her, "I have never been afraid of anything I have seen as I was of this." She adds, "It seemed to have an evil presence". She could not sleep after seeing it. Briefly, this was on 9 November 1986 at 21.00. She had been looking for UFOs, but only seen a few! Mostly, boring gold lights. Then this one arrived as a vividly deep red object high in the air. It started to head over a local school and resolved into an oval with a gold pointed top. Total duration was 16 seconds, before it rose vertically, became a point source of light and vanished. Her husband saw it too, but he was merely puzzled. She became physically unwell.

MUFORA noted her tendency to see stars and planets as UFOs. Some things she reported as "UFOs that look like stars and hide in the clouds" were Jupiter and Mars with clouds obscuring them. With a high presence of aircraft in the area, and without wishing to offend the lady, the verdict was that this set of cases cannot be considered evidence for anything peculiar.

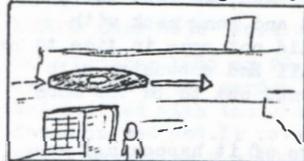
CASE HISTORIESTHE BIZARRE CASE OF THE FLYING CAMERA MUFORA investigation (Roy Sambach)

Case 75-168 April 1975 21.45 Adswold, Stockport, Cheshire Level A 7-7

Mr K is aged 65 and a retired former electricity board foreman/engineer. He has also spent several years as an aircraft service engineer with the RAF. He is very practical and struck the investigator as particularly reliable and sincere. The impression that this strange encounter made upon him was plain to see in the retelling. "I shall never forget it as long as I live," he said. His wife, whilst believing his story, would have preferred that he not respond to some publicity for MUFORA in the Manchester Evening News. It was her desire to brush the matter aside that has ensured the case was not reported for 11 and a half years.

Adswood is a somewhat derelict area of Stockport, to the south west of the town. Mr K was walking TO a local pub on a road that is relatively quiet at night (but not normally deserted). The road tracks east towards Stockport centre and climbs gradually over a hump-back bridge across a rail-line (single track and disused). To the left (N) is open waste ground and a couple of run down factory sites, with about a mile further north from here the inner suburban areas of Stockport known as Edgeley and Cheadle Heath. To the right (S) population gradually thins into rural Cheshire. Macclesfield (see cases referred above) is ten miles in this direction. This was the scene (little altered in 1987) as Mr K climbed up the gentle slope to the brow of the hill. The road was totally devoid of traffic. He says, "I could have heard a pin drop". Throughout the sighting this effect remained, possibly a hint of 'Oz Factor' conditions - although there is no real evidence for this.

To his left (as if it had approached from Cheadle) a brilliant streak of green light appeared. He caught it out of the corner of his eye and then focused onto it. As it passed from left to right, coming level with him, it appeared to grow wider. The night sky above was pitch dark and the sharp contrast of this



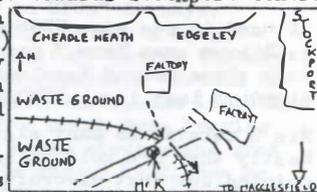
weird vivid green light stood out. It had by now slowed to a halt in remarkable fashion, almost instantly. It remained above the bridge parapet (which is 20 feet above the line) absolutely still and silent. The object was literally only just out of reach, both vertically and laterally - ie feet away. By the silhouette of the sodium light some yards behind (there being no other lighting until over the brow of the hill) he could see that the light was inset into a cigar shape that was smooth and black with slightly squared ends. He was close enough for accurate measurements. The cigar was about 16 inches long and four inches thick, although it tapered thinner at the edges. A cover or shutter in the centre was rising slowly to reveal the green light ("like a fluorescent screen on one of the first TV models") The green glow was like an elliptical 'eye' only two inches in diameter. Although brilliant it did not hurt to look at it and it did not cast shadows.

Mr K stared at this amazing sight for about ten seconds as it hovered. He has always regretted that he did not walk underneath it and see it from the other side. He is convinced he could have done so in a couple of moments, but he was awestruck. Then, as if it was finished looking at him, the shutter slowly closed and the object shot off like a bullet to the south towards Macclesfield. No sound of any kind was heard during this very close encounter. "What was the power and control? I hope you know, because it's got me beat," Mr K says. He suggests that the only thing he can liken it to is a roving eye camera, but from where and how did it behave in this extraordinary manner? A spy-plane mini R.P.V. perhaps?

This is an extremely interesting case. MUFORA is utterly baffled by it. If any reader has ever come across something similar in the literature please advise. As Mr K says - what was the 'camera' looking at? Was it some 'future probe' doing a review of industrial landscapes? (Not his idea - mine...JR) Or did Mr K attract whatever this was?

We ask, because next morning Mrs K found a friend at work who had seen a glowing disc at about the same time, whilst she and her husband drove for a drink on the Macclesfield/Bollington road! Also, a couple of years after the 'eye' sighting, Mr K's father died. Whilst clearing the house where he had lived, a number of terrifying poltergeist effects took place. These included footsteps climbing the stairs and banging sounds (which the woman next door heard and reported to Mr K as a complaint to stop him working late - but he had left hours earlier!) They culminated in a stool rising three feet in the air as Mr K was about to leave. This flew through the air, narrowly missing his head, and imbedded in the wall knocking a chunk of plaster out! He fled the house and never came back.

Yet another one of those bizarre UFO-PSI interface cases. Any ideas ???



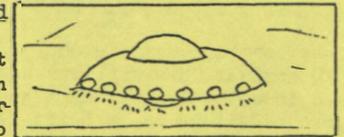
THE LOXLEY ENCOUNTERS SSPR Investigation (David Clarke)

David has submitted a detailed report for the files about the legends and paranormal events associated with this small area of South Yorkshire (west of Sheffield). It is best known as the birthplace of the supposed Robin of Loxley (or Robin Hood).

I will not recite some of the ancient tales, as these will form a chapter of David's forthcoming book 'Strange Sheffield' in the ASSAP series that already includes 'Strange Oxford' and others. But the UFO accounts are interesting. They begin with one already published in NUN, Nigel Watson's strange CE 3 investigation from Worrall, April 1977, when a giant entity surrounded by a mass of orange haze chased a courting couple in their car!

In 1979 some very odd things occurred. Mr L, a bus driver on an all-night service, was witness with many of his passengers to what was called 'the display'. This was in January in Loxley/Stannington. Mr L first noticed it at 03.40, but others claim that they were 'flying all night'. Essentially a series of star-like objects were 'flying in straight lines at various angles at intermittent times. Some would come together, stay together for a while, then split up and fly off in straight lines and then stop at a different point in the sky'. David Clarke has tried to evaluate this case, for which there seems no doubt about authenticity (as there were so many witnesses). Peculiar atmospheric distortions on stars? Laser experiments? Or just something very odd about Loxley? Maybe they were Robin Hood's arrows!

But the most intriguing case comes from now 29 year old Mr W (a steelworker and British motorbike enthusiast). On 12 January 1979 Mr W had six friends sleeping in a hut he had discretely appropriated from the Scouts (as it was not used during the winter). This 'squat' was at Low Bradfield. One friend had a row with his girlfriend and walked out into the night air of 01.00. Mr W joined him. "For some reason" they turned to see a large domed disc hovering about 300 feet away. It had revolving blue lights around its rim. They were so bright that they left an after-image on the retina. These two men (the latter of whom is now in the army) were so terrified that they stood rooted before rushing back to the hut. But by the time any of the other people inside were able to come and look the object had gone.



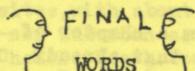
The next night, 13 January, Mr W was returning to Low Bradfield along the lonely Strines valley road by Dale Dyke reservoirs. It was pitch black and miles from habitation. He found his Triumph 750 within 50 feet of an elongated metal object that was hovering below him in the valley bottom. He claims that looking at it from above it was small (although by this he means 50-60 ft across!) and had "indentations like boxes and piping" all over it. There was a full moon and this was reflecting off the surface causing these to be visible, although the object itself was in darkness and not lit. He claims that he was close enough to chuck a spanner at it! He ran straight back to his nearby hut and bolted the door, but almost immediately something approached and began to tap on the walls and windows! It even tried the door handle, but could not get in! The petrified man sat on a bed clutching a spanner and remained there until the middle of the following day, when a friend called to ask why he had not turned up for work.

David Clarke found him sincere and still alarmed all these years on. It is interesting that the UFO with the complex piping is similar to another one reported over this area of the Pennines. (Dec 1980, NUFON Case 8088, see NUN issue 106 - Mar/Apr 1984). The valley bottom sighting of a UFO is also akin to the classic Wessenden Moor UFO of August 1975.

A third case, reported to David Kelly, occurred at 21.00 one night in late summer 1979, when a Mr B 'turned my head for some reason' to see a brightly lit



railway carriage with windows that passed over the River Loxley. It had its front nose down and then a red ball appeared. This looped around the main object before entering the side. Immediately upon doing so the UFO lifted its nose and moved away to the north east. This curious behaviour is remarkably similar to the Abram sightings of August 1982 (see "Science and the UFOs")



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Other coming events:- On 25 JULY Peter Warrington, of MUFORA, is organising a UFO seminar. This will run during the afternoon and after its 6pm termination run into the evening as a general discussion, for those who do not have to dash off. It is to be built around the theme of a debate, pro and con, 'Is there an alien component to the UFO mystery?' It will be staged at the Burnage Garden Village centre in Manchester (outside or inside according to weather) A nominal sum will be charged and food and drink thrown in. But bring a bottle - it will be that sort of UFO meeting!!! The UFO 'party' is open to all NUFON readers, who can reserve a place by writing to Peter Warrington at:-
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Looking even further ahead (to October) a Scottish UFO day is being planned by SPI and MUFORA. To include lectures, exhibition and a rock - concert by UFO band CE IV (see the April issue of 'Exploring the Supernatural') this will be in Glasgow. More details next time.

CALENDAR May 2 MUFORA lecture "We are definitely not alone" (Roy Dutton) *
Jun 6 MUFORA lecture "The Mystery Circles 1987 update" (Paul Fuller) *
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