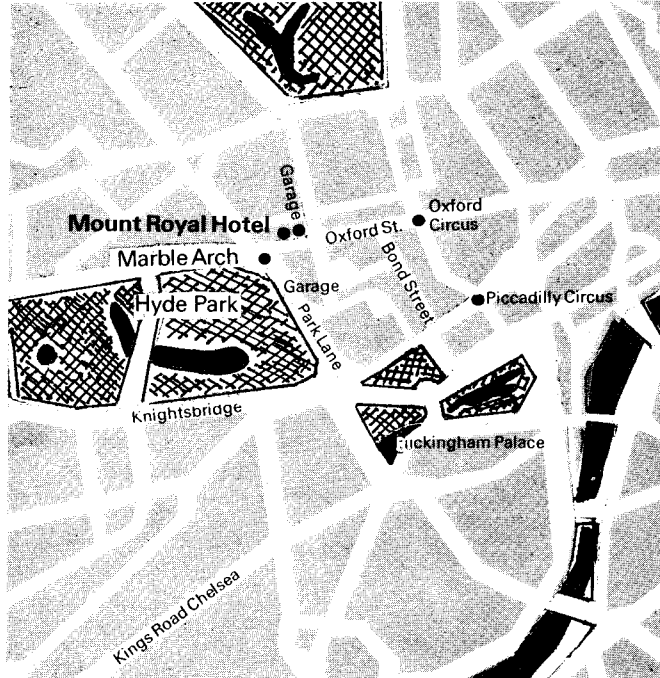


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## Editorial

### A New Departure

Back in May 1976 I became Journal Editor for the second time, and many members must have been aghast to find that because of the incidence of other Bufora publications such as the Investigators Handbook, the Journal had been reduced to a small matt 16-page A5 format! Since then, my task has been to improve both size and content so that the resultant publication would bear comparison with the best in the field: this I would like to think I have done—certainly correspondence suggests the objective has been achieved.

It has not, however, only been a case of increasing Journal size. In 1976 it was clearly necessary that the Journal should show more of the fruits of Bufora's labours, both in the fields of

Investigation and Research. So far as Investigations were concerned, there was a two-fold need: firstly to give our members greater information about the more interesting reports, and secondly, to provide our investigators with Journal space so they could see they were not labouring in vain. Report-Extra! has, I feel, provided the answer and I am extremely grateful to NIC Larry Dale for ensuring the close co-operation that has made this possible.

Emphasis on Research, though, has continued to be 'low-key,' so some months ago Research Director Tony Pace and I tackled the problem, coming up—we trust—with an answer that should prove satisfactory to all. Council have agreed that—as from the next issue—every **third** Journal will be produced by the Research Section to an A4 format with the title of **The Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena**. 'UFO' has deliberately been omitted from this title, but I feel that all members will be pleasantly surprised by the content.

Tony has my full backing in this departure from previous Journal practice—indeed it was I who first suggested the Research Section (we are, after all, a Research Association) should be allowed to produce a Journal of their own without being confined to the limits of a few pages—if that—in each Journal.

In future, then, you will still be receiving six journals a year, but two will be in this new format, containing their own articles and features. As a by-product, it could well be that the

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number of pages in the four 'regular' *Bufo* Journals I shall continue to edit will be increased.

**So—good luck, Tony, with the first issue of *The Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena*. We shall both look forward to reading members' comments—and I shall look forward to being back with you again in September.**

*Norman Oliver.*

#### Any Offers?

Volunteers prepared to assist with foyer and exhibition preparations and other duties occasioned by the Bank Holiday Congress, are asked to contact the Chairman at 15 Freshwater Court, Crawford Street, London W1H 1HS. Tel: 723 0305.

### First UFO Study Course in London (Evening Classes)

Commencing Friday, 21 September 1979, Morley College will be sponsoring the first ever serious UFO study course to be held by an academic institute in London. Entitled "*Unidentified Flying Objects—Fact or Fiction?*", it will endeavour to familiarise people with the nature and extent of ufology whilst encouraging them to adopt a critical and objective attitude. It will be well illustrated and discussion will be encouraged. Whereas *Bufo* public lectures at the Kensington Central Library often tend to be specialised, this course will enable students to enjoy the continuity of a prepared syllabus. It represents another 'first' for *Bufo* since it will be run and researched by the Chairman Lionel Beer, FRAS.

The fee (*enrol week commencing 10 September*) will be about £3.00 for the 13 Friday evenings of the Autumn Term, which sounds like a bargain! Morley College is at 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1, and is very handy for Lambeth North tube station and various bus routes: it is a modern building with a good cafeteria, separate bar and other facilities.

### People

We extend a welcome to the following who have recently been admitted to membership of *Bufo*.

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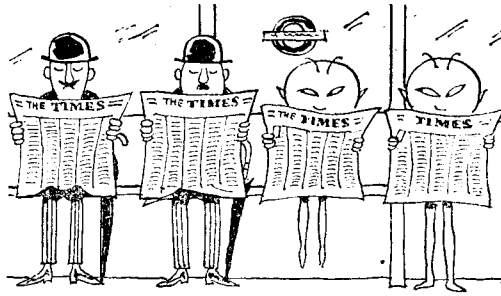
# Points from the Press

Valerie Martin

The *Surrey Herald* of November 2 reported that a mystery red and green ball of light seen over Molesey was baffling UFO experts. David Stonard, from Bufora, was investigating the sighting by a young couple in a car who saw the light apparently chasing an aeroplane. It was fairly large, moving very fast and jumping around. Then it hovered behind a tree with a green light flashing underneath, before shooting off at incredible speed. Many people in NW Surrey witnessed it, including 12 policemen as it passed over Addlestone and Woking. The next edition had more cases. A cyclist near Parvis Bridge saw a yellow and green ball the size of the moon, at first stationary then moving east making a roar and shining a beam of yellow light. Looking out of her bedroom window, a woman saw an object shaped like an 'angel fish' stationary in the cloudy eastern sky for nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour. The perimeter was a brightly-lit green, then the UFO moved noiselessly overhead and white lights were flashing all over the sky frightening the witness who admitted she had laughed at a police witness on television the previous night.

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The *Dorking Advertiser* of November 17 had an account of several children spotting a round 'metal-looking' object in the sky over Box Hill the previous Sunday morning. It appeared to be moving at high speed, high up. One mother looked through binoculars but it was too far away to see clearly and it disappeared into cloud. There seemed to be a light on it, but this could have been reflected sunlight.



The *Chichester Observer* of November 24 tells how a Selsey couple driving south on the A285 at 6 pm on 6 November, saw a frightening object low in the sky. Climbing Upwaltham Hill, they saw a bright red, fast-moving light with a tail of flame. It suddenly stopped and moved towards them. They quickly drove off and the object again stopped. It appeared to have three lights together with flames coming from one end. Chichester police commented that there had been several UFO reports three weeks previously.

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*Kent Evening Post* of 3 January had a report of a silver cigar-shaped object seen above Higham village on 29 December. An elderly housewife described it as the length of three buses and trailing behind it were 'silver rays' that seemed to propel it as it disappeared behind rooftops.

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The *Isle of Thanet Gazette* of January 5 described how two Margate policemen observed a pair of mysterious spherical lights over Thanet that previous Wednesday evening at 7.15 pm for about five minutes. They were due north of Margate moving west, then one returned eastwards before both disappeared. RAF Manston

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said there were no Manston aircraft in the vicinity, but the lights could have been in an airway. The sighting was confirmed by two witnesses travelling home on Thanet Way who saw two lights fly across the road, moving too slowly for planes and with no flashing lights.

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The *Sunderland Echo* of 6 January gave details of some sightings of the UFO seen over Wearside on New Year's Eve. A family out driving saw a ball of fire, with the impression of a cylindrical object that had flames and a long white tail behind it, flying slowly level until it disappeared behind buildings. Others saw an object with long silver tail. Mr Fishwick, a parachutist, and his wife saw at 7.35 am on 5 January a bright light he estimated at 2,500 ft emitting a noise like a vacuum cleaner. On 10 January, a reader sent in a description and drawing of what he had observed through binoculars on 31 December. A large part of the white light was brilliant and steady, but the long tail was moving back and forth like an exhaust. It was travelling at jet-plane speed, then suddenly moved faster, south-ward and horizontally with no sound.

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*Flight* of 13 January in a feature on how pilots can help with UFO sightings was mostly concerned with rational explanations. UFOs could be man-made plasmas of military origin as both the Soviet Union and the USA are carrying out research in the atmosphere. More comprehensive investigations are needed by scientists and ideally, specially equipped aircraft containing instrumentation to monitor the whole electro-magnetic spectrum would be used, which is expensive. In the meantime, the pilot who observes an apparent UFO

can note any disturbances to instruments including a difference between gyro and magnetic compasses.

(credit—Henry Chester).

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The *Crawley & District Observer* of 19 January had a somewhat facetious article carelessly omitting date and time on the UFO seen through binoculars by four people over Ifield. It was a large round object coloured orange, which changed shape to oblong before disappearing upwards at a rapid rate. Police and Gatwick air traffic control had heard of nothing.

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The *Evening Post* of 22 January published an appeal by Ian Vinten, *Bufo* RIC, for more witnesses of an orange-yellow pear-shaped object spotted over Weston-super-Mare at 9.15 pm the previous Saturday. It was seen approaching the west and turned bluish-white before disappearing.

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The *Daily Mirror* of 25 January gave an explanation of UFOs by Leeds University lecturer Dr Stephen Sutton who thought people could be misled by hugh dome-shaped swarms, some 60 miles long, of high-flying migrating moths. Thundery weather can cause their bodies to glow.

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*Palm Beach Daily News* of November 4 also had unusual explanations given by Thomas Guffy who claims his gift for sizing up UFO sightings has been in demand by the USAF, Coast Guard and other official sources for 25 years. His 'finest' moment was in 1969 after the multi-sighting of an object shining a light down, and mundane reasons of swamp gas, mirages, etc did not apply, when he remembered

a nearby bird sanctuary. His explanation? a whooping crane carrying a stolen flashlight.

(credit—Tom Lind).

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The *Western Mail* of 29 January reported that Randall Jones Pugh, then Bufora's S Wales RIC was urging the Government to set up a special committee to investigate UFO phenomena and for the matter to be seriously aired publicly on television. He believed more direct confrontations of the 'close encounters' kind could follow another build-up of reported sightings.

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The *National Enquirer* of 30 January commenced a series on the rash of world-wide UFO encounters and sightings in the past year. Bizarre cases included a 45 year old Miami man who was sucked up into a large purple UFO hovering over his stalled car on 3 January, to be found 1½ hours later 9 miles away in the middle of a busy highway. A veteran airline pilot and crew were stunned as an object twice the length of their DC-10 overtook them over Texas at a speed of 4,000 mph after making a 90-degree turn. No date was given for 8 animals found slaughtered at Newquay Zoo following UFO sightings in Cornwall. They were drained of blood and beheaded and it was stated that UFO experts found the animals mysteriously radio active.

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The *Herald Express* of 1 February published a letter by an ex-RAF pilot of 25 years experience who was called on several times to identify radar contacts and UFOs. Most of the latter turned out to be meteorological balloons which expand to enormous size aloft, and the transmitters hanging

below reflect sunlight, sometimes giving the effect of a fast moving light source. Unidentified radar contacts are fairly common and are easily explained. Under certain yet not unusual meteorological conditions, radar transmissions and receptions are 'ducted' around the surface of the earth far beyond normal ranges, and sometimes ranges are doubled or trebled. If normal radar range is 200 miles and we transmit at a pulse which is ducted and hits a target at 400 miles, the reflected pulse would be received on the radar scanner and show up on 200 mile range mark. If an aircraft was sent to investigate it would find nothing. Sometimes a pilot is told by the radar ground controller that he has an object close to his aircraft, but the pilot sees nothing as the 'blip' is from a plane many miles away. If the aircraft and 'blips' are flying in the same direction and at the same speed, then the unidentified objects will appear on the radar screen to be following the known aircraft.

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The *Evening Sentinel* of 2 February had a report on a mystery object seen by a university graduate and his friend over Whitchurch village around 8.30 the previous evening. Tony Pace, our Research Director, said he had received no other reports of the UFO which was white with a red and orange tinge and flying below the cloud base, although at one stage it appeared to be stationary. Manchester Airport said there were no incoming light aircraft at the time.

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The *Sevenoaks News* of 7 February published an account of a family out walking their dog at Dunton Green the previous Wednesday evening, who saw a large green pulsating cloud-like

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object above the tree-tops for about 20 seconds before it moved away towards Otford. A MoD spokesman said they put this kind of thing down to unknown phenomena and it is not the policy of the Ministry to discount UFOs.

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The *Evening News* of 14 April carried an article on two Frenchmen, an electronics engineer and a draughtsman, who claim to have built a UFO detector machine and from their ob-

servations, have proved the Straits of Dover are a major crossroads for incoming UFOs. The machine, working on the principle that magnetic fields are affected, recently detected a UFO which came in at the same time three days running. They did not notice anything strange in the sky, but heard that several people in the same area had seen a flying saucer at the same time on those days. Now they are planning a network of tracking stations all over the British Isles and Europe.

## Uforum

I feel I must write concerning investigations. I am currently engaged in the investigation of a CE111 in the West Midlands and we are endeavouring to conduct this in a responsible manner, the report on which will be forwarded to *Bufora*, *FSR*, *Nufon*, etc. and therefore full details on the case will be made available to all.

However, the witness continues to be approached for interviews and information by individuals who may or may not have links with an established group.

Some of these people have little investigative experience yet want to be 'in on the big one': others are preparing reports for their own personal files and so no one else will benefit from them. These are often the people who are unwilling to help with the numerous LITS cases that have to be investigated.

The end result is that the witness is complaining of being harrassed and our local UFO group is wrongly blamed. This continual interference makes the task of compiling a comprehensive report difficult, to say the least.

Everyone with an interest in ufology must realise that where an investigation is being conducted by a responsible organisation, it is wrong of individuals to get involved of their own accord, as this leads to needless duplication of work and wasted time and effort.

Remember, too many cooks . . . .

*M Pritchard,  
Bufora RIC,  
W Midlands.*

I am sending this without further research and checking . . . but I feel that the idea, at least, should be put on record.

I recall vaguely that some years (?) ago, *FSR* published a report—probably from S America—concerning the medical cure of a peasant-farmer by 'humanoids,' witnessed by members of the family, and, I think, without surgery.

On Friday, 24 November 1978, BBC2 *Horizon*, 21.30 hrs. Quote: *The Vital Spark*. 'Broken bones and severed nerves that seem to heal better in a magnetic field.'—*Radio Times*. The whole 50-minute item was worthy of



study by Ufologists and all relevant UFO reports should be examined in its context. One main item concerned a (circa) 40-year-old lady sheep farmer who suffered a complete break of an arm 20 years ago which has just been healed. The lady herself appeared on the programme and relevant X-rays were shown.

The 'way-out' thought passed through my mind—Could it be that

the 'humanoids' reported in these cases on our files were in reality, humans taking an opportunity to test a new method remote from the interference of the 'popular press?'

Perhaps that's not such a 'way-out' idea after all, but there's not much likelihood of it being admitted . . . .

Jack Webber,  
Bufora RIC,  
Devon.

## From Overseas . . . .

Most readers will have seen the cine-film or stills of the alleged UFO taken from a *Safeair Argosy* freighter aircraft by Wellington cameraman David Crockett off the Kaikoura, New Zealand coast on 31 December 1978—as well as a later film from the Clarence area of South Island on 3 January 1979.

What these objects were is still open to discussion and I await with interest what Rocky Wood of ECRA has to say about them at our special Kensington meeting on 23 June: details given at this meeting will appear in the September *Journal*, so I shall not dwell on the reports here other than to say I was astounded to read in a New Zealand paper that "*Venus was the choice of Mr Norman Oliver, editor of Bufora Journal.*" Since Venus at the time was in a crescent phase, any photo not showing a crescent clearly was not of Venus—whatever else! The paper did go on to mention that I'd referred to Venus as being a popular source of misreport—which it is—and I can only assume that the *Press Association*, who asked for my opinion, got their 'knickers in a twist' so far as the then current reports were concerned!

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In late 1978 there occurred some very high-strangeness cases in Italy: these included the incident 12km from Viterbo on 13 January 1979, when Farmer Vittorio Mancini, aged 50, claimed to have seen a '*great ball of fire*' descend on pasture land some 500 metres away from him. At first a luminous orange and red, the colours gradually dimmed, revealing the object as a 2-metre diameter metallic sphere. Vittorio states that a '*small man*' (about  $\frac{1}{2}$  metre tall) in a silvery-white suit then alighted and walked around in its vicinity, frequently bending down as though picking things up. Witness then ran back to his car.

In December 1978, nightwatchman Fortunato Zanfretta of Torriglia, near Genoa, claimed two '*spacemen*' encounters, one on 6 December, the other on 27 December.

Patrolling around midnight, his car stopped mysteriously: seeing lights he jumped from the vehicle and was then '*hit from behind.*' In the light from his torch, he saw a huge green creature before blacking out.

The second encounter took place whilst he was driving towards the same

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illage when again his car was 'taken over.' An abduction aboard a craft then occurred and he was examined by green creatures who were very tall (around 10ft): there were ten of them and they communicated by lights and sounds via a tight-fitting helmet placed on his head. The next he knew he was outside again and watched a white, triangular object, dazzlingly bright, take off.

Fortunato revealed details of both encounters under hypnosis.

As with most other countries, though, Italian UFO activity has been continuous over a number of years, and Verga Maurizio, an Italian correspondent has sent in details of a large number of reports, including the following:—

Between 10.30 pm and 11.30 pm on 4 July 1978, four witnesses—Franco Padellaro, Attilio di Salvatore, Maurizio di Pietro and Antonina Esposito—were on mountain slopes in the volcanic Etna area when they saw three bright red pulsating objects in a triangular formation. One descended and was lost to view behind a rock about 300m distant. Approaching the spot, which was close to a precipice, witnesses saw a landed 'classic flying saucer' about 12m in diameter with an illuminated yellow dome.

Beside the object were five or six 'very tall' fair-haired beings wearing close-fitting coveralls: they were good-looking and human-like in appearance. At one point the beings came to within 5m of the witnesses, smiling at them and pointing to the craft, to which they returned. Multicoloured lights shone out, dimming almost to invisibility as a car passed not too far away, then again brightening, and the witnesses, who had been paralysed (though whether by fear or by any

action of the humanoids is not clear), were able to return to their car as the craft took off.

A full account of the incident appeared in *La Sicilia* on 6 July 1978.

On 3 September 1976, there was the case of Mrs Lorenza Maltoni Jole, aged 69, investigated by Renzo Cabassi of *CNIFAA* and again reported by Verga Maurizio.

Mrs Jole, from her home at Ravenna, heard a noise, and on looking outside, saw an object between two houses opposite: this was oval in shape with a diameter of about 3m and a height of 2m. Nearby were four or five small spheres. The main object was a pinky-mauve whilst the spheres were white and about 0.20m in diameter. Between her and the object was a 'being' about 1m75 tall in 'warlike' dress, which included a helmet with a protruberance in the centre. Going to another window for a better view, Mrs Jole lost sight of the being and the next she knew the object took off rapidly gaining speed and disappeared.

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Just to prove that no country has a monopoly of 'little green men' (though there is no indication these were particularly small), two reports from Poland:—

Firstly, an account from near the village of Emilcin 60km from Lublin at 0800 on 17 May 1978 . . . .

As he was driving his cart through a wood, a 71-year-old peasant saw two beings with green faces wearing tight-fitting black 'skin-diver' suits. He says that these beings—whose eyes were slanted and who talked in a peculiar language—abducted him aboard their craft which was hovering above: there, he was examined, and 'X-ray-like machine' being used, and

was then offered some 'transparent' food which they themselves were eating: he declined the offer and after a short while, was released and went home. One point about their appearance particularly struck him—they had 'membranes' between their fingers. This experience was of considerable interest in view of a later claim by children (eight in all) from Przyrownica near Kwiatkow, that about 0830 on 27 September 1978, whilst walking through woods, they encountered a

being with a green face—again dressed in a tight-fitting black suit, but this time one with a bright round circle with a red point in the centre of his chest: this being, too, had membranes between the fingers.

The previous day a retired professor and her daughter had seen an intense red pulsating light above the trees in the same wood: both said it was no plane and this was confirmed by another witness—farmer Josef Powlak.

## Edinburgh Branch News

The Edinburgh Branch of *Bufo* held its second Annual General Meeting in January. Membership showed a twenty per cent increase over the year, during which nine Branch Meetings were held with improved attendances.

A second public lecture was held in the University of Edinburgh: attendance was good, resulting in a modest profit. A second skywatch held at Cairn Papple had the planned advantage of a moonless night.

Two members attended the National Conference at Nottingham. Peter Hill took part in a Radio Aberdeen link-up with Charles Bowen in London, and a UFO reporter in Aberdeen whilst Stuart Campbell took part in a Radio Clyde phone-in.

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*Peter Hill.*

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# Report—Extra!

Presented by Norman Oliver

## Hackney 'Merry-go-round'

*Inv M Weaven*

A couple (anonymity requested) were driving in East London from Hackney towards Walthamstow on 26 December 1978 about 5.15 pm. Hackney Marshes were to their left when the wife noticed a rectangular shape, 'like a very long window,' in the sky: this shape was bright white, large and well-defined, with different coloured lights—red and green—above and beneath it. She drew her husband's attention to the object and both agreed it was not moving. As they passed over a railway bridge by Temple Mill sidings, the object was to be seen to the right and at the very top of the windscreen. The car was halted and the husband alighted as it disappeared behind cloud.

The most interesting part of this account is that when the wife drew what she had seen and asked her husband to pinpoint the position of the coloured lights—a detail she could not remember accurately—he maintained that the object he had seen was completely different: it had been like an egg on its side with a dark band around the centre, having vari-coloured 'windows' tapering towards the top and bottom—'almost like looking at a merry-go-round, very large and very beautiful.' He also recalled a white light somewhere on the object. The overall size was 'very large, much larger than the Moon.'

One might perhaps compare the complete variation of reported shape and other details with the Liphook 'Floating Battleship' in Vol 8, No 1, though the Hackney object was not as large.

*See Illustration 'A'*

## Crockenhill Criss-cross 'Cone'

*Inv M Weaven*

Driving along the B258 road towards Crockenhill, Kent, on 5 February 1979 about 8.20 pm, Antoinette Lovelock, aged 30, noticed some flashing lights to her right. She stopped the car, turned off the ignition and radio and looked out of the window. At first she just saw the front part of 'something': this looked circular and had a criss-cross effect like heavy metal: it was moving slowly and quietly.

As the object banked to the right, however, it appeared cone-shaped and two flashing lights, one blue, one white were visible at the front: there also seemed to be a grey/silver beam coming from the lights. Two very large red lights jutted out slightly from the sides of the object as though attached, though nothing joining them to the main 'body' could be seen: these flashed also. As it moved slowly over the fields, the witness watched for some ten minutes, then drove off.

*See Illustration 'B'*

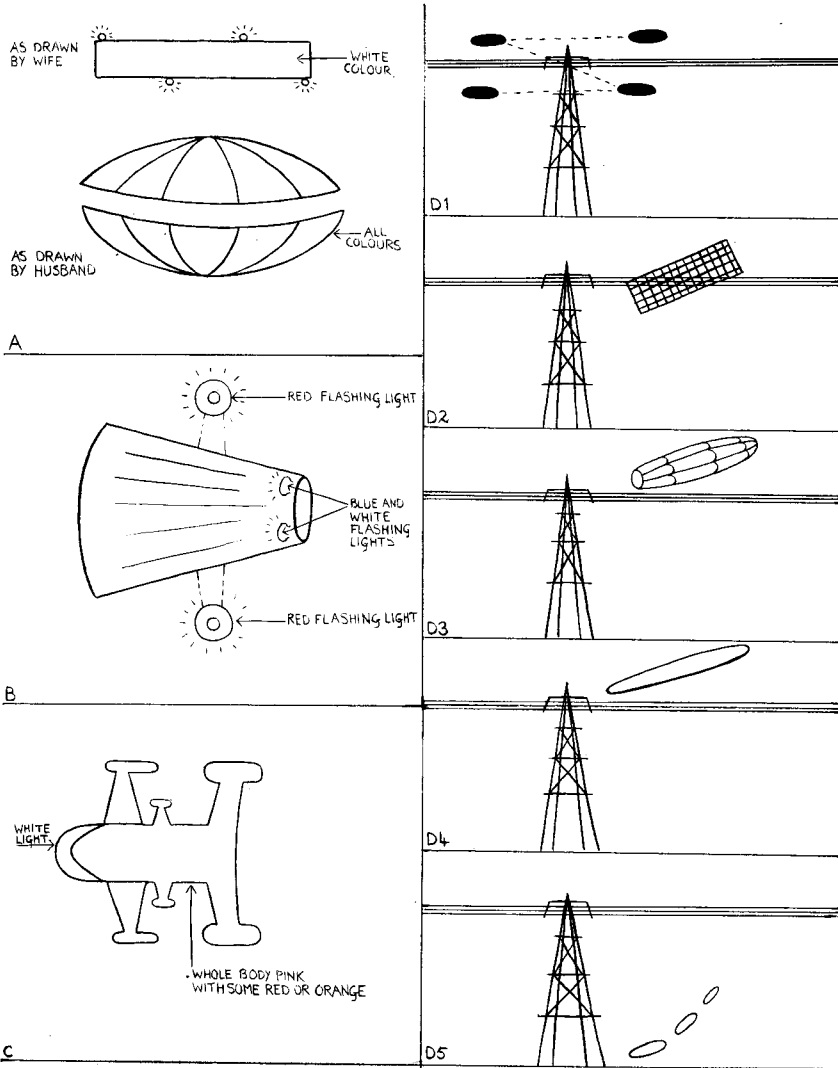
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## Witness petrified by Pink Object

*Cr Sigap—Inv O Fowler*

At about 11.35 pm on 25 January 1979, Mr Johnson had almost reached his home on the Leigh Park Estate at Havant, Hants. As the car neared his garage he saw an oblong pinkish light hovering over a tree 500 yards away. He stopped the car and peered at the light which turned slowly towards him. The front view presented a pulsating white light with the pink

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*References*

- A—Hackney ' Merry-go-round '
- B—Crockenhill Criss-cross ' Cone '
- C—Witness petrified by Pink Object

D—Kidderminster ' Transformer ':

- 1—' Black oval-shaped cloud '
- 2—' Rectangle with mesh-like appearance '
- 3—' Like a Zeppelin '
- 4—' Even more elongated '
- 5—' Three separate parts . . . . '

light still visible in the background: the light then moved slowly towards him and hovered over the car at an estimated height of between two and three hundred feet. By now uneasy, the witness had switched off his car lights.

A faint humming could be heard, and as it increased and decreased in volume, so the white light at the craft's nose grew brighter and dimmer: the ground around the car flickered with pinkish light and clear details of the craft's underside could be seen. Apart from the nose the whole thing glowed a pinky colour and had what seemed like three sets of wings. On the end of the rear wings there appeared to be two glass domes illuminated only by reflection of the pinkish glow. The light was so bright that the only detail to be seen was what the witness described as an 'undercarriage door': this was under the centre of the body in the form of a closed square door or hatch.

The witness sat in his car almost petrified, barely able to move, but managed to start the car and make a dash for the garage: this he did without switching on the lights and once there, jumped out not daring to look up, opened the garage door and drove in: once inside he jumped out and stood at the back of the garage flat against the wall. The pink, flickering light could be seen reflecting on the ground, then, suddenly, it was gone as though switched off.

*See Illustration 'C'*

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### **Kidderminster 'Transformer'**

*Inv M Pritchard*

On Friday, 8 September 1978 at 7 pm, the light was fading though visibility was still good. From their house on

the outskirts of Kidderminster, the two witnesses (*anonymity requested*) were sitting facing south across fields when an object came into view from a south-westerly direction, travelled over and slightly beyond an electricity pylon three quarters of a mile distant, then stopped and reversed back over the pylon and along the top of the cables before again stopping abruptly. Several times it moved back and forth over the pylon very quickly. When first seen, it was described as a 'black oval-shaped cloud' but with a definite outline. While it moved it seemed to elongate slightly (1) and 'play' along the wires: then it moved down behind the wires and the shape became rectangular with a 'mesh-like' appearance (2). Next it came over the cables towards the house, again changing shape, this time resembling a 'Zep-pelin' airship (3), then moving upwards nose-first, began to climb up and away in the direction from whence it came.

As it rose, it again transformed and grew even more elongated (4), then suddenly broke up into three separate parts which fell back to the ground but dissipated in the air before reaching the earth (5).

The electricity pylon is about 100 feet high, carrying cables in a north-east/south-west direction, in pasture land some 200 yards from the A448. A stream runs by its base and nearby is an underground gas main evidenced by orange markers on white posts.

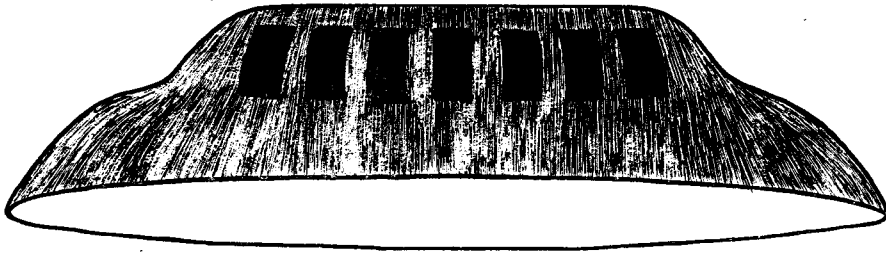
*See Illustrations 'D1-D5'*

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### **A Guy Fawkes Night Experience**

*Inv B Hartley*

Back in 1959\* on 5 November, about 8 pm, Kenneth Doyle of Liverpool,



now aged 28, looked up at the sky and saw first a bright cloud he thought might be illuminated by moonlight: then, as the cloud passed, a gleaming object came into view. It was nearly overhead and stationary, though scudding clouds gave the appearance of movement.

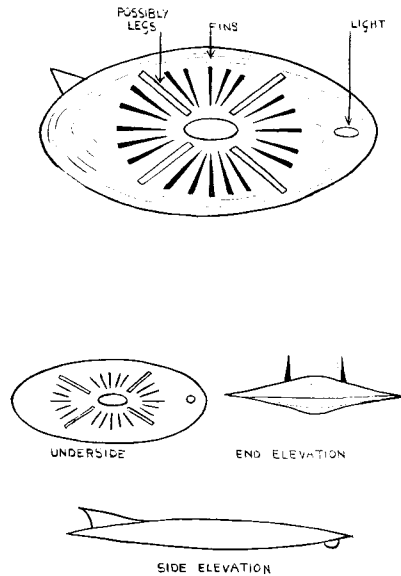
At the time, the witness tried to compare its height relative to a church, it was directly above and considering it to be between 700 to 1000 feet: thinking back, he gives an estimated diameter of around 90 feet. The object was sphere-shaped, slightly at an angle, with the perimeter slightly turned down. It had what looked like windows black against its silver surface: underneath was a brighter glow of white. The outline was very clear until hidden by another cloud.

Witness tried to make his elder brother take notice without success: then he ran the 200 yards back home to tell his mother—who just considered he was seeing fireworks. When he came out of the house the object had gone, but on reaching the gate, he was suddenly surrounded by a blue light like a flash which lasted for a few seconds: he felt scared, but there were no ill effects and he went back inside the house. Though young at the time, witness is insistent that he could not possibly have been misled by the flash or glare of fireworks.

\* *Witness was not absolutely sure of the year—it could also have been 1958 or 1960—Ed.*

## Flaunden UFO

*Inw K Phillips*



Mr & Mrs Lloyd of St Albans, Herts, were sitting in their car at Flaunden, Bucks when Mr Lloyd noticed a bright white light in the rear-view mirror: it was 9.30 pm on 8 June 1977, and some stars were already visible: Mrs Lloyd glanced up also but first thought it was just a very bright star. They both turned to look out of the rear window, and when after about a minute the light began moving towards them, they got out of the car whilst Mr Lloyd viewed

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# The First London Inter:

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the Congress. We are delighted to welcome him and extend an equally warm welcome to Dr R Leo Sprinkle of Wyoming Univeristy, an active and noted researcher for many years, whose authoritative papers include *Patterns of UFO reports* and *Personal and Scientific Attitudes: a survey of persons interested in UFO reports*, presented by him in 1967 and 1968.

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The full line-up of speakers over the two days is at present as follows:

Dr J Allen Hynek (USA)  
Dr R Leo Sprinkle (USA)  
Vicente Juan Ballester-Olmos (Spain)  
Eduardo Russo (Italy)  
Per Andersen (Denmark)  
J Bernard Delair, BSc (Contact UK)  
Robert Digby (Bufora)  
Lawrence Dale, FRAS (Bufora)  
Peter Hill, FRSS (Bufora-Edinburgh)  
Norman Oliver, FRAS (Bufora)  
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*It had been brought to our attention that, because the Congress is being held on the Bank Holiday weekend, in some cases there has been a misunderstanding over the days involved. The Congress commences on the morning of Sunday 26 August and continues through to the late afternoon of Monday 27 August. Saturday 25 August is NOT one of the days it covers.*

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it for about ten minutes through a telescopic gunsight. The object was moving very slowly—first at an estimated 15 to 20 mph, then speeding up to about 40 mph. It bore no resemblance to any aircraft (Mr Lloyd has studied all types of aircraft for 15 years), and when it was almost directly above them, they became frightened, getting back in the car and observing it from there for a further few minutes as it flew into the sunset.

The object was a flat, elliptical shape, aluminium grey or pewter coloured with a bright light in front. It made no noise as it travelled slowly along, stopping and hovering at one point, and when overhead, unusual detail could be seen on the underside as shown in the illustration.

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### M1 'Maroon' ?

*Inv T Whitaker*

Driving south on the M1 at about 3 am on the morning of Tuesday, 17 May 1977, Mrs June Cadman was two miles from Junction 39, when behind her she noticed what seemed to be a very bright star, apparently following her. As she indicated she was leaving the motorway, it overtook her directly overhead, appearing to drop, and as it descended the light it gave off became almost blinding. Whilst still on the slip road it appeared to her that the object dropped right in front of the car constantly changing shape as it did so, completely disintegrating as it hit the road.

Temporarily blinded, Mrs Cadman stopped the car, but as sight returned she noticed red and yellow lights in the sky immediately above, as well as a black, rectangular shape which was hard to define. After a few minutes she continued home.

Working on the theory that if something fell to the ground then there should be some evidence of this—or at least other witnesses—extensive enquiries were made in the area and all open ground within the vicinity of the motorway exit was examined within twenty-four hours of the event, as well as the site being visited, both with and without the witness during the following two or three days.

The possibility of a maroon or flare from the area of a nearby yacht club was considered and the police contacted, but they had no knowledge of any witness to the incident. Air Traffic Control at Leeds-Bradford Airport were unable to help regarding the lights, as they were not operational after 10 pm that night.

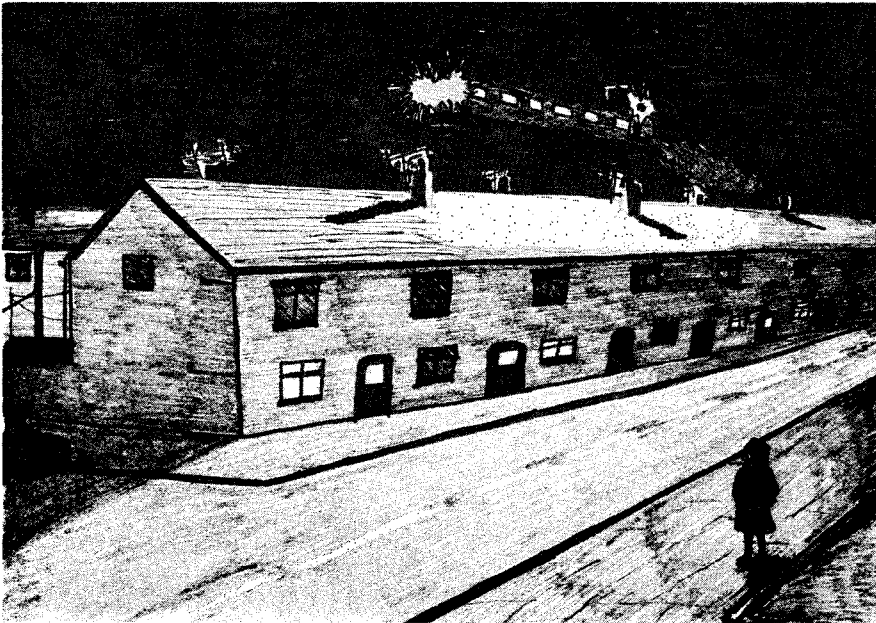
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### Twickenham 'Rectangles'

*Inv A Collins*

Andy Collins, whose 'Boxes & Pipes' report from Hornchurch in Vol 8, No 2, made one wonder what type of craft—if 'craft' is the right word—could possibly be responsible, has come up with another 'absurd shape' for this issue.

This time, the account goes back a number of years—to March 1973 when, at 11 pm one night, a State Registered Nurse was walking home along her street and caught sight of two bright 'searchlights,' one above the other, coming towards her from the right-hand side of the road. These fronted a large rectangular-shaped 'box-like' object silently moving along at roof-top level: at first it was taken to be an aircraft, but there was no noise and the witness became increasingly concerned. Coming closer, it started to head off towards the left, and a direct view was obscured by houses, so our witness ran over to the opposite side of the road to get a better view.



The object was so low it seemed as though it might land and she became extremely frightened for it was 'bigger than an aircraft' and an outrageous shape. The entire side was visible and along it was a line of square windows with yellow light emanating from them, whilst at the rear was another vertical rectangle shape attached to the main body at a right-angle on which were two further windows, one above the other, both the same size and comparatively larger than the others. Again, yellow lights came from them, but in the top left-hand corner of the upper window was a flashing red light, whilst 'yellow smoke' was being emitted from an area of the lower one.

As it went away it was obscured by houses and eventually was lost to view: witness then rushed into her home and looked out of a bedroom window, but it had gone. Total observation time (perhaps over-estimated) was thought to be about 15 minutes and

tentative measurements for height and length were given as 20 feet and 12 feet respectively. The body appeared as a 'dark mass' illuminated by the yellow light from the window and the two brilliant white 'searchlights': after passing over house tops in the street, the 'searchlights' dimmed considerably.

*No source was credited by the investigator, or copyright claimed.—Ed.*

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## **Police among Lewisham UFO witnesses**

*Inv R A Fisher and P Pimm  
Contact UK*

It was 9.45 pm on Sunday, 14 May 1978, Mr Peter Knight went to make a phone call, then came rushing in to his wife at their home in the Lewisham area of south-east London to say there

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were some very strange lights in the sky. Going onto the balcony, they were in time to see them disappear behind a tree: then, out from nowhere, appeared an 'extremely large craft with various lights shining from it.' Witnesses described it as 'larger than a jumbo jet': it was humming and had a solid triangular shape, dull silver in colour with lights. (*A rough drawing by the witnesses shows a quadrilateral shape, not a triangular one—Ed*). The object hovered, then 'whizzed past' to exactly the same spot as the first lights, similarly disappearing behind trees.

At this point witnesses phoned the police, who arrived very quickly. PC Bennett's report is extremely interesting and reads as follows:

*" . . . on arrival met Mr Knight . . . Took him on to his balcony to explain where in the sky he had seen the objects. Whilst he was explaining I became aware of a small light in the sky which grew larger as I watched. It was a light yellow colour and appeared to move slightly from side to side on a couple of occasions. At this time the Moon and stars were concealed by clouds, but this particular light appeared to be shining through the clouds . . . five or six times*

*larger than a star. The light moved very slowly down behind the roofline of an adjacent block of flats. I then went to the ground level and to one side of the block of flats where I could still see the light which appeared to get brighter and then dimmer on occasions. It appeared to be moving slowly away from me towards the horizon in a roughly north-westerly direction. Some of the cloud cleared overhead and I saw the Moon and a few stars and compared the stars (through binoculars) to the light. The light was totally different from the stars. As the light neared the horizon it dimmed over a period of 3 to 4 seconds and disappeared . . . checked with Heathrow but nothing unidentifiable revealed on radar at the time."*

Mr Knight's report form refers first to lights that disappeared, then to one very large object. A newspaper item however, (from which the report was followed up), speaks of 'each object moving with a minimum of noise then joining together.' No mention of this is to be found in the witnesses' account which, after the first lights had disappeared, refers to one object only—apart from the subsequent sighting on PC Bennett's arrival to which there were a number of witnesses.

## Taunton Close Encounters—Part Two

### Account One: Terrifying Ordeal in Somerset

(Conclusion)

*Condensed from original report  
by Barry M King*

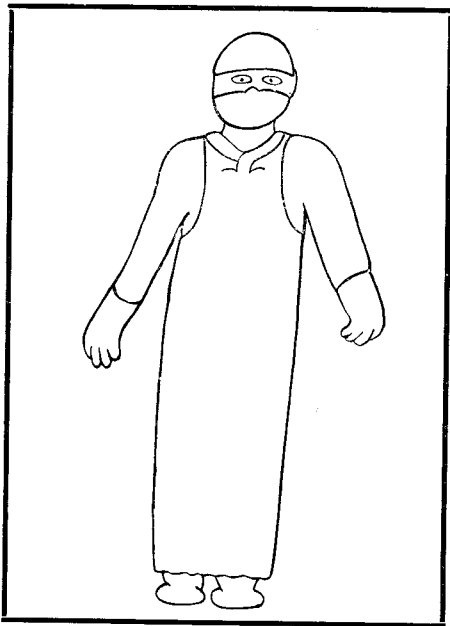
The first instalment of this intriguing West Country abduction report related how Mrs V, a Taunton housewife aged 37, who, with her husband and family, came to England from Italy in 1963, was called out to a friend's house

at Wellington some miles away. After a number of delays she drove off and, whilst driving along the B3187, saw a bright light in a field: the engine of her 'Mini' cut out and the car stopped. Whilst examining the engine, she heard a humming sound—presumably from the light—and, as she replaced the bonnet a hand fell on her shoulder and a six-foot tall metallic robot grasped her shoulder: she passed out, coming to in front of the object in the field—a metallic craft on legs. Again passing

out, she next came to in the craft's interior strapped to a table in the centre of a circular room. She was spread-eagled and covered only by a blue blanket, her ankles and wrists held by 'rubber bands.' Three men came into view . . . .

### The Occupants

Two of these men stood by the left side of the table and did little but observe the examination made by the third. All three appeared exactly alike: they were human-looking, about 5ft 6in to 5ft 8in tall: fair-skinned and slim. All wore similar garments—a skull cap ending just above the eyes, tied behind the head: facial masks from the top of the nose to the chin: tunics with a grey-coloured metallic edging: long gloves reaching to the elbows and a long 'apron' going down to their ankles. All clothing was light blue in colour and thick-soled boots were worn on the feet.



The eyes were somewhat more rounded than normal and appeared 'totally emotionless.' None of the three made any sound but occasionally nodded their heads. Mrs V was struck by the fact that they seemed not to breathe—no respiratory sound or action was noticed. They had the normal complement of fingers—and, one other thing, they never seemed to blink. The examiner only spoke to her after the examination when he noticed she had been glancing towards the robot: he then explained that this was a trained retrieval device to perform manual work outside the ship and to bring in specimens for study: it was a 'non-thinking intelligence' (*can an 'intelligence' be non-thinking?—Ed*), remotely controlled and trained only to perform certain tasks. At first Mrs V felt she was in no danger of harm from the examiner, but later on, for a few seconds, sensed 'great evil,' though the feeling quickly passed when he looked at her.

### The Examination

Three 'boxes' or 'cubes' were picked up by the examiner and placed on the rail of the table near her feet, stomach and head: red, green and (probably) white respectively. These were about 6in square, seemingly light in weight and, once placed on the rail, began to glow one by one. At no time during the examination was Mrs V physically touched.

The examiner took several small grey instruments from the far end of the table: a small knife device was used to take a nail-paring from the right index finger, whilst a small plastic bottle with tubes and wires was used for blood samples from her right arm. A miniature round device in the palm of the examiner's hand was passed a few inches over her whole body glowing

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dimmer and brighter as it did so. During the first part of the examination, the blanket was removed and Mrs V was extremely cold.

Amongst other devices employed was a thin pencil-like instrument for probing and a large black rubber suction object which had a row of glowing lights was also used—mainly in the area of the groin: this was the only part of the examination causing discomfort. When she started to shiver badly, a black blanket was placed first to cover the upper part of her body, then the lower, and at the end this blanket was placed completely over her. The cubes were then removed, placed on the floor and all three walked out of the room, disappearing behind Mrs V.

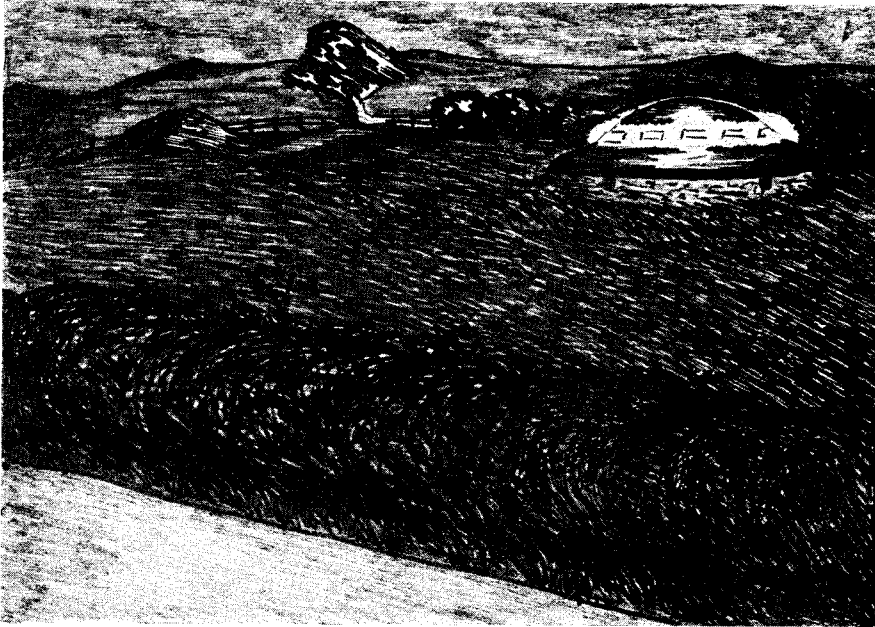
### The Assault

For several minutes she lay there, looking around: the 'rubber bands' held her fast and she was only able to move her head. Her throat was pain-

fully sore and she felt sick. The robot remained near the wall, immobile, its velvet-coloured light flashing. One of the men then came into view from behind her, walked over to the far end of the table next to the cubes, lifted the lower part of the blanket and stared without visible emotion. Mrs V was very disturbed and tried to struggle, but, as before, could only move her head. The man then placed a small pin-like device to her thigh, which made her feel numb and semi-paralysed. At this point she was raped by the man who, after committing the assault, produced a small blue cloth of sponge-like material to wipe her body, then left the room after again pulling the black blanket down.

### Back outside . . . .

The flashing light on the robot had stopped: the three men came back into the room. One removed the pin from her thigh, whilst the other two lifted



up the blanket, folded it and placed it on the floor near the console: the bands were removed from her wrists and ankles and she was helped off the table. Before blacking out for the third and last time, she noticed her clothes on the floor and the robot coming towards her with its light flashing. Passing out, her next recollection was of being back by her car on the road, feeling very weak and scared.

The car's engine was not running, nor were the lights on: the door was closed but unlocked. She was unsure whether it was in exactly the same location, but it was still on the left hand side of the road. Feeling shaken, nauseated and dazed, she got into the car, and, finding the keys were already in the ignition switch, started up the engine, turned on the lights and drove off.

Due to the shock she did not remember anything of the drive home, but somehow managed it safely. Her clothes were ruffled and creased and on reaching home, she found her husband had waited up for her: it was then just before 2.30 am. She then fell down on the floor totally exhausted, pale and crying. During the early hours of the morning, she related the entire incident to him and they decided the best course of action would be to try to forget the whole thing and say nothing to anyone.

### **" Men in Black "**

Shortly before Christmas 1973, the 'V' family began to have strange callers as well as peculiar phone calls and anonymous, locally-postmarked letters. Up to April 1976 a total of about 25 letters was received. All were addressed to Mrs V: all were in the same ink and handwriting: each one consisted of a few lines only, was written on ordinary notepad paper and

ended '*from a friend.*' Their purport was that she was to forget what had happened to her during October. Her husband instructed her to burn each letter after reading it.

At the same time—and, in fact, right up to the time of investigations by myself and Andy Collins, two '*characters*' visited her home on many occasions, commencing just after she had received the first letter. The phone calls were comparatively few in number—perhaps half a dozen—and were basically verbal copies of the letters, the unknown caller just being on the line long enough to repeat the message that she should forget what had occurred.

By their very nature and course of actions directed at Mrs V, the two visitors can rightfully be termed MIB—Men in Black. After their first few visits, Mrs V felt she would not let them in the next time, but when they called she felt somehow as though she was compelled to. During most of these visits, Mr V was present also and was badly shaken. Both the men seemed '*ordinary enough,*' but both she and her husband could sense something strange about them and were on their guard. The two men could, in fact, well have been father and son. Both wore spectacles with thick black frames and thick lenses. The younger was about 25, 5ft 10in tall and of slim build: he had short dark hair and a '*beatnik*' beard. Usually he wore the same roll neck sweater, black jacket, jeans and mocassins. The older one was about 50, stocky and tubby, balding and about 5ft 6in tall. He always wore the same brown overcoat, navy trousers and boots. No names were ever mentioned or requested, nor would they answer questions from Mr and Mrs V.

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On their first visit the older one had said it might be wiser to let them in, as they wanted to discuss a private matter, indicating he knew of Mrs V's encounter. On being invited in, between them they related the entire episode to her, and she was then warned to forget what had transpired for the sake of her own health, welfare and sanity. These same warnings were reiterated at future meetings, though apart from this the men were reasonably polite. The voice of the older one was similar to that of the caller, but Mrs V couldn't be absolutely sure and when asked if they were involved with the letters or phone calls, this was denied. At one point, Mr V said he was going to phone the police, but was told this would be unwise as there would be unpleasant repercussions. Phrases such as the following were used:

*"It is not in this country's best interests to part with too much information."*

*"You are not supposed to let any of this out to anyone."*

*"Leave well alone."*

*" . . . you will be branded as a lunatic if you disobey."*

*"These things happen, there is no control, sometimes they go beyond a certain point and this happens, please leave well alone."*

At one point the younger one said, apparently sincerely:

*"Keep quiet for a while and no harm will come to you. Everything will be brought out into the open soon and the whole world would know about them. They come in peace and harmony and are worried about your high technology and low intelligence to back it up."*

During their visits there usually appeared a large dark coloured 'diplomats' car,' as Mrs V put it. This would cruise slowly around, passing the house many times. It had darkened windows and its interior was not visible. Seen mainly when the visits were at night, it would have just its sidelights on, and park for a few moments opposite her home: the front passenger window would open slightly, then close and the car would move off. The men acknowledged it was connected with them, and indeed, on a couple of occasions, Mr and Mrs V saw them get in the back of the car when they left.

Right until the time of our visit the two 'MIB' had 'kept tabs' on the family, but a week later I received a phone call from Mrs V to say her visitors had once again called: they knew of our own involvement, but seemed in a way glad that the case was now officially recorded, stating they would not be visiting the family again.

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Mrs V suffered no lasting ill effects—no rashes, spots, pains or markings, though, understandably, for two nights afterwards she had nightmares. No pregnancy resulted. When she first phoned me she had indicated she was speaking 'about a friend' and it was not till later she confided it was indeed herself—something I had suspected from the off. Having now taken us into her confidence, she has 'removed the load from her shoulders,' for previously no-one—since 1974 she had visited several doctors and psychiatrists—would take her seriously, insisting on 'hallucination' being the only answer.

C. Barry M King

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## Account Two : Close Encounter of the Invisible kind

Mark Pritchard

*Names and addresses of those concerned in this extraordinary claim are on file, but—as Mark indicates—complete anonymity will be preserved. Indeed, in addition I have deliberately amended or omitted occupation and similar details contained in Mark's report where I considered they might provide a lead to identification—Ed.*

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This report is of very high strangeness, although not involving UFOs in the accepted sense. Events described have much in common with other documented contact cases, including paralysis and examination of witnesses: sexual contact and 'Men in Black.' The incidents were only revealed when one of the witnesses confided in a family friend in the Midlands who suggested *Bufora* be contacted. The identity of the witnesses will not be revealed—as is in any case customary in claims of this nature—at the request of the woman, who I interviewed. They will be referred to as Mr and Mrs B.

The events took place over several months, starting early in 1978 when the witnesses were residing in Taunton. Mr & Mrs B are a middle-aged couple with three children and both are psychic to some degree. Dates can be given as Mrs B has always kept diaries. On 8 January 1978, the couple were in their bedroom when a 'glow' appeared, lighting up the whole room. It had no shape, but its centre was at the front of the bed and it appeared to come from outside. They were unable to move, but experienced a sensation of well-being and were unafraid. Then, a 'force' passed over

their bodies as though examining them in some way, one description being 'as though invisible hands were moving inside the body.' No pain was felt and the whole episode occupied over three hours, after which the 'glow' receded through the window, shining through the curtains as it disappeared.

A couple of days later, Mr B had chest and other pains as well as facial redness, and was also generally unsettled for a considerable period. One of the most intriguing aspects was that after the incident, a birth mark on the small of the back appeared instead on the stomach! Mrs B developed bodily skin sores and for one week experienced an all-over sense of numbness.

They lived in a council-owned house and on 9 March 1978, a man called to take notes, but this was not thought to be of any significance. However, on 19 March, a man called who said he was from the council and had come to inspect the immersion heater. At the time, Mrs B did not think this strange and allowed him to look at the tank. Whilst in the house he spent some time looking around. This was a very odd call since council officials are not usually sent just to look at immersion heaters, which have not even been reported as faulty! The man was immaculately dressed in a black suit and was tall with dark hair: he carried a briefcase and was well spoken. On 27 March as Mrs B was walking along a road to visit her mother, she noticed this same man following her for a short time in a white car.

Mrs B was resting at home on 12 April around 1.30 pm when a very strong compelling force made her go up to her bedroom. She states she was unable to control herself, it was as though she was under hypnosis. She was made

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to remove her clothing and have intercourse with an 'invisible being,' after which she was able to move and the being departed. No words were spoken. On 9 May this again happened about the same time and in the same manner: this time, however, a voice was heard—a normal man's voice which said: "*Do you love me, I love you,*" and later: "*You would be surprised if you knew 'who I am'.*" The voice was not familiar to her and this time she resisted and fought back as much as possible, but to no avail. A third visit took place on 16 May and again the same compelling force was felt. On this last occasion, however, Mrs B resisted the pull of the force very strongly and it disappeared.

About 11 pm on 24 May, the couple were getting ready for bed when there

was a knock at the door. A very strange man stood there, short and very well dressed in a dark suit. He had black hair and the most notable feature they remembered was his very white skin: he also had piercing eyes. Even more strangely he said that Mr N (their Midlands friend) had sent him as he was intending to purchase a car and he understood the car was by a church. The couple were surprised since they knew nothing of such a car and suggested he went to the church. They then retired and from the bedroom window watched the man walk up the road and speak to a man and woman. Mr N knew nothing at all about this—he had moved from Taunton some two years before.

There—to date—the matter rests.

## FSR & Bufora

On p 29 of Vol 4, No 6, FSR carried an item headed '*Correction Please, Bufora*' referring to the *Machynlleth Jellentities* report which appeared in Vol 8, No 1 of Bufora Journal. This report was NOT, as stated in FSR, a rewritten version of their own article *Jelly-like entities at Machynlleth*, but one condensed from the investigator's account supplied both to FSR and Bufora. FSR further stated that the copyright should have been credited to FSR and Ufoin, not the investigator, since the original letter was one received by them from the *Daily Express* last year. (*At the time some 1800 were equally divided between Bufora and FSR*).

Bufora's policy when publishing a 'written-up account'—whether or not condensed—is to credit the investigator with the copyright (indeed, in this case the account itself was so marked), since it is our consideration that accounts of a UFO event may be copyrighted rather than the event itself. It would appear that FSR does not take the same view, but as we lay no claim to the copyright ourselves, provided the investigator has no objection, we are quite willing to accede to the request.

However, FSR further '*note with concern*' that Bufora '*neglected to give due credit to FSR and Ufoin.*' Here, we would respectfully point out that on p 32 of their same issue is an item *A Very Unusual Firework* in which they themselves have omitted to credit Bufora. Under the heading *A Guy Fawkes Night Experience* the report is to be found on pp 12 and 13 of this Journal and was No 669 in Bufora's allocation of *Daily Express* letters!

A number of investigators act in similar capacities for both Bufora and Ufoin and provide each network with accounts of their investigations; clearly, on occasion, both networks will receive accounts of incidents first reported to the other. Ordinarily we would not consider omission of reference to Bufora a matter of public comment: under the circumstances, however, it would seem necessary in order to demonstrate what appears to be a not inconsiderable element of 'the pot and the kettle' in the FSR strictures.

*Statement authorised by Bufora Council.*

# Sighting Summaries

Presentation by Pauline Grego

Code No	Date	Time	Place	Report	Class	Investigator/ Credit
1940	August	Dusk	Reading, Berks	'Polarised' search-light	C4b	—
1944	?	Night	Hinckley, Leics	Red 'flying saucer'	C4c	T THORNTON
1950s	?	2230	Felixstowe, Suffolk	Delta shape	A3c	A HALL
1957	31.10.57	2100	St Helens, Lancs	'Hovering points'	C4b	B HARTLEY
1958	Summer	1500	Burnely, Lancs	Rotating silver disc	C4b	B HARTLEY
1959	May	1830	Bolton, Lancs	Silver object with windows	C3c	B HARTLEY
1960	February	1415	Longfield, Kent	Dull pewter circle	C3b	L DALE
1967	June	2350	Canewdon, Essex	2 'traditional flying saucers'	B3c	R LAKE
1968	9.9.68	1200	Liverpool	'Bright gold bar'	C3b	B HARTLEY
1968	Nov	1900	Withcote, Rutland	Stationary football	C4c	T. THORNTON
1970	Dec	Midnight	Queensland, Australia	'Magnesium beam of light'	B4c	K PHILLIPS
1971	August	1930	Chilton, Oxon	Silver circular object	C3c	—
1971	16.8.71	1430	Marshbrook, Shropshire	White circular object	C3b	B HARTLEY
1973	12.2.73	1930	Cairo, Egypt	3 Silver discs	C3b	D OSMAN
1973	June	0830	Melton Mowbray, Leics	Dark cigar	C3c	T THORNTON
1974	23.11.74	2130	Lewisham, SE London	Disc with dome	C3c	A COLLINS
DE-12	12.2.75	1250	Tampa, Florida, US	Metallic disc	C3c	MRS A WEST, CONTACT UK
DE-22	Nov, 1974	2230	Seahouses, Northumberland	Red and green cigar shape	C4b	MRS A WEST & W SMURTH-WAITE, CONTACT UK
DE-91a	1957	0815	London, NW6	Sphere with tyre	C3c	MRS A WEST, CONTACT UK
DE-19b	Nov, 1959	0130	London, NW6	Blue-green magnet shape	C4c	
DE-91c	1973	2330	Thetford, Norfolk	Spherical white light	C4c	
DE-91d	1974	Bet 0100 & 0400	Thetford, Norfolk	Spherical red object	C3c	
DE-92	4.12.77	2100	London, N2	Round red object	C4c	R FISHER, CONTACT UK
DE-137	Jan 1976	1830	Milton Keynes, Bucks	Manoeuvring lit	C4c	K PHILLIPS
DE-168b	Sept '76	1615	S Wales	Round yellow object	C3b	CONTACT UK
DE-168	Sept '76	1615	S Wales	Silver cylindrical object	C3c	
DE-210	Aug '77	2245	Burgess Hill, Sussex	Pink mushroom shape	C3b	C WALKER, CONTACT UK
DE-215	Jan '78	1940	Tooting, SW London	Silver cigar	B3c	R FISHER, CONTACT UK
DE-310	Dec '77	2000	Faversham, Kent	Object with portholes and beams	C4c	—

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DE-318	July '74	Afternoon	Faversham, Kent	'Hovering catamaran'	C3c	—
76-441	8.7.76	1100	Inverness, Scotland	Silvery metallic cigar	C3b	—
77-539	29.12.77	Noon	Enstone, Oxon	Bright white oval	C4b	R DIGBY, K PHILLIPS
77-546	26.4.77	2245	Mansfield, Notts	Silvery cone-shape	C3b	C F LOCKWOOD, R DAVIDSON
77-551	7.7.77	1010	Northampton	20 'small cigars'	C3c	T THORNTON
77-552	Dec	1823	Northampton	Red and white light	C4b	T THORNTON
77-553	Nov	2030	Cotton End, Bedford	Purple oblong	C3c	K PHILLIPS
78-077	Apr/May	1530	Hornchurch, Essex	'Boxes and pipes'	C3b	A COLLINS
78-082	31.1.78	0700	Chelmsford, Essex	2 bright lights on 'wings'	C3c	A COLLINS
78-129	4.1.78	1912	Haslington, Cheshire	White saucer shape	C3c	S N CLEAVER
78-131	8.10.78	2215	Garden, Stafford	Object with 2 spot- lights	C3b	M KEATMAN
78-131b	8.10.78	2215	Garden, Stafford	„	C3b	M KEATMAN
78-133	22.9.78	2300	Bilston, Nr Edinburgh	Grey cigar shape	C3b	S CAMPBELL
78-135	31.8.78	0345	Kirkmaiden, Galloway	2 yellow objects	C3c	P HANNAFORD
78-139	17.9.78	2115	Bromley, Kent	Hazy white oval	C3b	M WEAVER, I CLOKE
78-143	3.7.78	2300	Caister, Humberside	Black roundish object	C3b	B TAYLOR
78-144	10.6.78	2130	Immingham, S Humberside	Silver-blue flash	C4b	B TAYLOR
78-147	8.7.78	0500	Loughton, Essex	Silver-bronze saucer	B3c	E LUFF
78-148	3.10.78	2045	Salisbury, Wilts	Round, orange object	C4c	WCUFORA
78-151	23.70.78	2010	North London	Triangle with dome and lights	C3b	—
78-158	26.8.78	2115	Dudley, W Midlands	Airship or cigar with brilliant lights	C3b	M PRITCHARD
78-173	4.9.78	1440	London E7	Rotating black 'boomerang'	C3b	T HUDSON
78-180	24.10.78	1850	Wickford, Essex	Object with bright red beams	C4b	T HUDSON
78-181	24.10.78	2000	Wickford, Essex	Blinding red oval	C4c	T HUDSON
78-182	20.11.78	1720	Portslade, Sussex	Circular objects with orange lights	C3b	A FOX, CONTACT UK
78-187	16.12.78	2000	S Norwood, London	Hexagon with lights	C3b	K PHILLIPS
78-201	20.11.78	1900	Sleaford, Lincs	'Table top with lights'	C3b	B TAYLOR
78-208	3.9.78	1230	Four Oaks, Meregreen	Grey thick-edged disc	C3b	J LEADBETTER G L WESTWOOD
78-209a	8.12.78	1650	Wrexham, Clwyd	Red ball	C3b	C BORD
78-209b	„	„	„	„	„	„
78-212b	18.12.78	0105	M3, Walton-on Thames	Dark grey disc	C3b	K PHILLIPS

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78-213	12.11.78	1830	Billericay, Essex	2 yellow-orange lights	C3b	T HUDSON
78-214	8.10.78	2040	Dudley, W Midlands	Round white object	C4b	M PRITCHARD
78-216	26.10.78	0336	Edinburgh	Humming grey disc	C3c	S CAMPBELL
78-222	16.12.78	2320	London, SW18	Round silver object	C4b	M WEAVEN
78-223	19.12.78	1825	Clapham, Beds	Stationary ' landing lights '	C4c	K PHILLIPS
78-225	13.8.78	0117	Baldock, Herts	Pulsating orange red object	C4c	K PHILLIPS
79-003	5.2.79	2301	Dartford, Kent	3 orange/red lights	C4c	M WEAVEN
79-004	16.1.79	2311	Dartford, Kent	Glowing circular object	C4b	M WEAVEN
79-005	10.1.79	1900	Stanmore, Middx	Silver oval object	C4c	—
79-006	11.1.79	0430	Oxted, Surrey	Oblong ' moon- coloured ' object	C3c	—
79-007	28.1.79	1740	Feltham, Middx	White/yellow light	C3b	K PHILLIPS
79-008	4.1.79	1500	Houghton Conquest, Beds	White oblong	C4c	K PHILLIPS
79-009	4.1.79	1645	Elstow, Bedford	Gold-yellow light	C4c	K PHILLIPS
79-010	3.1.79	2350	Cheadle, Stoke-on- Trent	3 white lights	C4b	—
79-011	1.1.79	1330	Croydon, Surrey	Silent silver shape	C3b	—

## Selection from Scotland

Compiler: Stuart Campbell

About 0420 one Sunday morning in March 1975, Thomas Fleming (then 14 or 15), and now a van-boy living at Barlia Drive, Castlemilk, Glasgow, was looking out of his bedroom window in a south-easterly direction towards woods when he saw a white, hazy, luminous object, which was visible for periods of 20 seconds during a total time of up to 20 minutes, moving around among the trees. It appeared that the trees were being moved by the object, which he considered was too large to have been a torch: it was as bright as the Moon and the size of a football held at arm's length! The object simply vanished: there was no sound. He claims that on inspection of the area the following day, he found 'a large burnt imprint in the ground leaves and grass.' It is

reported that the object was also seen by Mr Kyle (age middle 50s) who at the time also lived in Barlia Drive, but has since moved away.

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Near midnight on Saturday, 12 August 1978, Mr & Mrs J P Samson (33), were in their house at Gartmore near Aberfoyle, with Mrs Eileen Macadam, when their attention was drawn to a 'star' that was visible through the window, even with the room lights on! On extinguishing the lights they could see the normal stars and that the object was a bright, white light. It was moving horizontally and vertically with no apparent set pattern, all

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the time displaying orange and green flashes. It made no sound, but cows in a nearby field were disturbed during the three-quarter hour sighting.

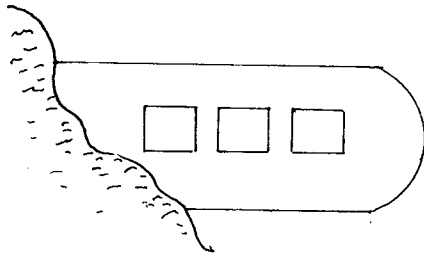
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At the extreme south-west corner of Scotland, on the peninsular leading to the Mull of Galloway, near the village of Kirkmaiden, Thomas Gibson (62) was collecting his cows as usual at High Currochrie Farm. It was 0345 on the morning of Thursday, 31 August 1978 and suddenly, two luminous, yellow objects with short tails streaked overhead from the south-east. They made no noise and almost immediately retraced their course making a droning noise, 'like an old threshing machine.' This noise panicked the cows, who ran all the way to the byre, where, untypically, they made a mess. After a day or so, for a period of five days, the skin of Mr Gibson's face was dry and showed small sores, and the backs of his hands were red and itchy. He had no previous history of skin trouble.

(Site investigation and interview by Pat Hannaford).

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Charles Harker (36), an auctioneer (ARICS), came out of his house at



Clauchrie, Auldgirth (near Thornhill, Dumfries and Galloway) at 1500 one day during October 1978, and saw to

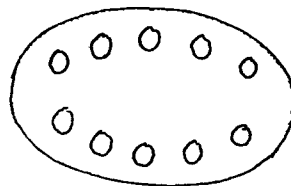
the north a 'silver metallic, cylindrical object behind a hill.' The hill is about 370m away. He had the impression of a large, Zeppelin-like object with 'a row of rectangular portholes.' While the object was grey, the portholes were bright. It made no noise and was in sight for only 2 to 5 seconds before sliding behind the hill. The weather was windless and overcast. Angular dimension given indicates a size for the object of 21 metres!

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Keith Kynoch (14) of Niddrie Mains Drive, Edinburgh, together with three friends saw a luminous flashing object on 30 November 1978, at 1845 near Duddingston Road, Portobello. It appeared to be about the size of a tennis ball at arm's length and was to the north-east at 60° elevation. It was bright white and oblong in shape, moving too fast for an aircraft and making no noise. After about three minutes the object disappeared (the light was extinguished).

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As he was walking with his grandson into Belmont Street from Great Western Road, Hillhead, Glasgow, on 13 December 1978 at 1700, Lumsden Matheson (MCSP) saw flashing lights against a dark sky to the north-west.



As the lights approached, they disappeared, revealing the outline of what appeared to be an airship, moving at

an airship's speed. It was in sight for at least one minute and passed directly overhead, a broad oval with very dull, red lights, 'almost like port-holes, but more square than round—about five on either side.' The object, also seen by his grandson, disappeared to the east-south-east.

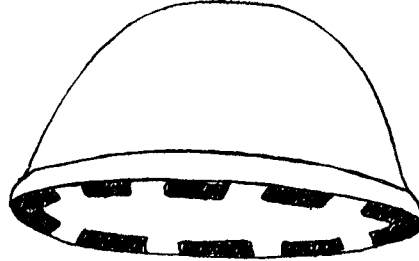
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Thomas Allan (20) of Eskvale Crescent, Penicuik, Nr Edinburgh, was travelling back from Inverness with fellow members of the music group *Cheetahs* on 27 January 1979. Because the A9 was closed, they had to go via Fort William and the A82. At about 0200, about halfway down Loch Ness, they were amazed to see a bright oval object about 2km away across the Loch. It was surrounded by an aura of light, and after being initially green, its colour changed to white. It was below the top of the distant mountains, but as it went behind a hill or trees, they could still see its glow! Once they stopped their van and saw it move down towards the Loch. It was in view for between 30-45 minutes and made no sound that could be heard. Altogether eight people saw the object, the angular dimensions of which gave a size of 85 metres! Later, they saw a

similar object (or perhaps the same one) over hills to the north-west.

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Looking to the west out of his 17th floor window at 0135 on 4 March 1979, Stanley Shearer (51), a fish filleter of Linksfield Court, Aberdeen, saw what he thought was a star with a red light.



Thinking it to be a helicopter or an aircraft, he examined it through his telescope: this revealed the domed object shown. The dome was grey and bright orange lights underneath flashed on and off. In view for 15 minutes, it once tilted away at an angle. It vanished while he was adjusting the focus. There was no wind and the stars and Moon were visible. Seen at an elevation of 15°, the object appeared to the naked eye the size of a pinhead at arm's length.

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