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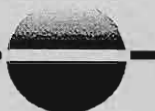


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It is only two issues since I had the sad task to relate of the passing of a number of friends and colleagues. This time it is even sadder, as long-time BUFORA member and council member, Robin Lindsey passed away in February. Robin had not been in the best of health for many years, but this did not stop him doing sterling work on behalf of the association, and he will be missed by all of those that knew him. Indeed, coming so soon after the loss of Arnold West, BUFORA has lost two of its stalwart council members, who devoted so much of their life to the association and the study of all manner of mysteries. Both Robin and Arnold were among those who brought a level of dedication to the needs of running an association such as ours, and who are so very hard to replace.

On a more positive note, you will see in this Bulletin that along with TEMS, BUFORA will be holding an afternoon mini-conference on Sunday 24th June, with Georgina Bruni as the main speaker. We are also looking at the possibility of a one-off return to the old lecture venue of Kensington for an event in the autumn, which hopefully will also include the Arnold West Memorial Lecture.

As you will all hopefully be aware, next year marks BUFORA's 40th anniversary, so it seems a very fitting year for BUFORA to hold a conference again. We have now started planning for a conference in June 2002 (probably to be held in the North-east), and Malcolm Robinson will be co-ordinating the organization. Keep watching the Bulletins for more details.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you all again of the AGM on Monday 2nd April at 7.00pm, see elsewhere in this Bulletin for the details. All members should have received the annual report along with this magazine.

Brian P James

Robin Lindsey Remembered

A Tribute to Robin Lindsey
(28th Oct 1945 - 1st Feb 2001)

By Bob Digby

Members will be sad to learn of another loss to our subject, coming as it does, hard on the heels of a number of such reports in recent times.

Robin Lindsey died after a heart attack whilst undergoing pre-operative procedures at Addenbrookes hospital Cambridge. A forty minute battle then ensued to resuscitate him after which time he had suffered brain damage and needed life support. He never regained consciousness.

I think it is important to mention that Robin came from a farming family, although he chose not to go into that industry. He was an engineer with Post Office Telecommunications (later BT) for many years until he retired on health grounds. His farming family background meant he had a highly practical approach to things, very down to earth with feet firmly on the ground and no nonsense.

This stood him in good stead for dealing with the high strangeness / highly exotic nature of claims made within his areas of interest in UFOs and Crop circles and the Paranormal. Robin was if you like, a real life X files man but more like Scully than Mulder in his approach.

His background as an engineer meant a natural tendency towards a "nuts and bolts" interest in UFOs and lead to an interest in the instrumented detection of possibly exotic technological craft. (If they were to be found!) In this pursuit he was a key member of the Extra -Terrestrial Society. He allowed part of his farmhouse to be given over to housing all sorts of detection and recording apparatus.

He was a stalwart supporter and long standing member of the British UFO Research Association (Bufora) from around 1967 onwards and was best known for his role as Sound recordist and tape librarian. For years he faithfully recorded the monthly lectures in London, offering copies to members as a service for those who could not attend the lectures. Ill health in more recent times meant we no longer saw him so regularly.

In 1971 he joined the management committee of Bufora and took an active part in the day to day running of the Association. With only occasional breaks he did this almost continuously and at the time of his death, was still a serving Director on what by now had become the Council of Management of a limited company (by Guarantee)

He was a team player and could be relied on to provide technical support and recording services at the various conferences that were organised over the years. He became involved with local groups too in Northampton and Cambridge. He would not hesitate to travel far for a good lecture presentation on an interesting or controversial subject.

He made appearances on TV and Radio programmes in the context of his interests in quizzes, model making and UFOs. He had a great sense of humour and could see a funny side to difficult situations.

Some anecdotes may help illustrate :-

One day Robin met a real life "Russian spy" a Major in the GRU (Russian Military Intelligence). All this man got out of Robin for his trouble was a Buzby carrier bag with some pencils, beer mat coasters and stickers of Buzby to take home for

his kids. Robin could just not accept this was the serious face of espionage in this country. (However, the major was later expelled for activities incompatible with his status)

At a New Age UFO conference in America, everyone attending was asked to stand up and hold hands in a big circle and commune with the Universe, to the accompaniment of some New Age music. Not really understanding what this was all about, Robin turned to his colleague, with whom he was obliged to hold hands and asked "Are we about to do the Hokey Cokey or something?"

Robin would put his money where his mouth was and would discretely lend a financial hand to Bufora rather than see a project flounder for lack of funds. Even his tape service was not done for profit but literally as a service to members.

Robin was a real work horse who could always be relied on and Bufora has suffered an irreplaceable loss. At a time when some people sneer at "duty" and doing things for the benefit of the organisation or being of service Robin lived by those values and acted on them rather than talk about them. It would be no idle boast to say that his travels all over the world meant he had friends on every continent. How many of us can say that?

A final observation is that Robin suffered the catastrophic Kidney failure back in 1985 when he was 40. I think we have to be grateful he managed over 15 years with an extended lease of life. There were many occasions when he worried all of us with the possibility he was doing too much. However, he lived life to the fullest possible extent and refused to let his handicap get in the way if he could possibly help it.

I believe Robin's family had been long prepared for something to happen to him. There had been a long succession of health problems to conquer and Robin was running out of energy to fight them all. It is a miracle he coped for so long and was a veteran of two transplants. There was a difficult moment when the surgeon asked the family if he could switch off life support.

Knowing Robin as we all did, there was little hesitation that he deserved peace and would never have wanted to survive as a vegetable, totally dependent on others.

He will be sadly missed but I believe he has taught us all some valuable lessons :-

- Make the most of what you have.
- Don't take your health for granted.
- Be practical about things.

The funeral was on Monday 12th February at St. Mary's Church Whittlesey, with interment at Whittlesey Cemetery. The weather was cold and wet but there was a good turnout. Bufora was represented by Brian James (Chairman), Steve Gamble (ex Chairman), Bob Digby (ex Chairman), and long standing members Rob Bull and Roy Rowlands. A wreath was sent on behalf of everyone in Bufora, with a note of thanks for his years of dedicated service. Our grateful thanks must go to the family for their hospitality after the service. I was also quite honoured to be asked to help in the writing of the Eulogy for the service. After all Robin has done, it was the least I could do.

Robin's legacy is that he has left to Bufora, the library of lecture recordings. We won't forget him.

ROBIN LINDSEY

I was very saddened to hear the news of Robin's death. Robin was one of the first people that I met when I joined BUFORA, so that means that I knew him for the best part of 30 years. I think the first time we met was at a BUFORA lecture at Kensington Central Library given by David Viewing about the work of the Bedfordshire UFO Society. Robin, as was usually the case, was there to tape record the proceedings.

BUFOS, which later changed its name to the Extra-terrestrial Society, was a small group of mainly engineers. They had set up various instruments in a caravan at Warminster in the hope of getting some physical evidence of UFO

activity. Robin was a keen member of their team and spent virtually every weekend at one time travelling from Peterborough to Warminster to maintain the equipment. When the group had to remove their instruments from Wiltshire Robin was able to house them at a disused cottage on his family farm in the Fens.

Apart from being a member of BUFORA Robin was also a very active member of the local groups in Cambridge and Northampton. But as well as his interest in UFOs Robin had a wide range of other interests. We travelled to a number of UFO conferences together in different parts of the world and were also able to take in other joint interests like visits to space and astronomy museums and exhibits and travelled on a number of preserved railways. On one of our train trips in America we were asked by one of the fellow passengers if we were familiar with London - if so, perhaps we knew her friend Mrs Green - umm!

On the conference we went to in Spain. The taxi driver turned up late and so only had half the planned time to get to the airport. So Robin jumped in the front seat next to the driver and off we set. We went along the cliff top road at something well in excess of the speed limit. And of course, the route we took meant that Robin was on the side of the road that overlooked the sheer drop of the cliff. Uncharacteristically Robin was very quiet on that journey.

As I said, the first time I met Robin he was tape recording a BUFORA lecture. Over the years there were two other members who regularly recorded meetings and when both Brian French and Ivar MacKay passed on Robin incorporated their collections into his tape archive. This will make a valuable record for future generations of UFO students.

I am proud to have been able to call Robin a friend and I think all those who knew him will have many happy memories for the years to come.

Steve Gamble

ROBIN LINDSEY

I got to know Robin Lindsey when I became a member of BUFORA in the early 70's.

Robin rarely missed a lecture, even though he had quite a distance to travel to the London Venue for the monthly meetings. The only time he missed a lecture was either when he was on holiday or when he was quite seriously ill or in hospital. There were times when he would make it to the lecture when he was obviously not really fit to travel, but his interest in the subject and his determination to record the lectures against all odds, meant that one could rely on Robin to be there. I remember on some occasions, when he was feeling quite ill and faint, he would leave the lecture theatre during a recording and go out into the street for some fresh air, leaving me to keep an eye on his recording equipment, which I was happy to do.

Robin and I had a lot in common as electronic engineers, he with the Post Office Engineering and later British Telecom, and myself in Television Broadcast Engineering. We would often discuss technical things over the telephone or in person.

I always admired Robin's strength of character. If he disagreed with someone or something, he was not afraid to speak his mind. I can remember occasions when several of us were enjoying a meal following a BUFORA meeting that Robin would tell the waiter in no uncertain terms that his soup was cold or that his lager was flat! I learned from that, and have since become more assertive myself in Restaurants and other public places. I can remember another occasion during a BUFORA meeting when Robin stood up during question time following the lecture and said that he didn't agree with anything that the lecturer had said! In actual fact he put it in somewhat stronger terms!

Robin was a proud and very independent person and never liked to feel that he was a burden to anyone. Even in recent years when his health was failing badly, he would still put up a determined fight to cope on his own rather than admit defeat.

Robin had a great sense of humour and I enjoyed many a laugh with him. Although he was what one might call a 'loner', I really do believe he enjoyed life to the full, in spite of his poor health, even though it was very much an up-hill struggle for him in recent months.

I will miss Robin very much indeed as I know you will. I find it hard to accept that I will not hear his voice on my telephone ever again. Although some of you may not have agreed with all of Robin's views, nevertheless, I'm sure you would agree that he deserves a great deal of credit for having the courage of his beliefs and convictions.

I doubt whether BUFORA's monthly meetings will ever be quite the same again without Robin.

Roy Rowlands.

Robin Lindsey

In much the same way that I never really had the chance to work alongside Arnold West on council, I also have sadly not been able to work with Robin for as long as I would have liked, despite knowing him for a number of years as a friend and colleague, and of course Robin was actively involved in BUFORA when I first joined in 1975. Although Robin didn't enjoy the best of health by any means for several years, the one notable virtue he exhibited was in never complaining about his health, and never letting it stop him doing what he wanted to do, and I have learned from him on this aspect of life. I remember speaking to Robin in 1996 (prior to the conference I was organizing for Contact UK), when Robin had been unwell, yet he told me of the wonderful time he'd had travelling all over Europe looking at railways, if memory serves me correctly this included a ride on the Trans-Siberian railway!

Robin and I had many interests in common, although we got to explore ideas in all too few of them. One nice fact about meeting Robin's family at his funeral was to find out that his elder brother, Tom, also shared a healthy disbelief for what 'orthodox science' might tell him was true,

stating with certainty that the Pyramids were not made by man, and that it was obvious with all the stars and planets in the Cosmos, that we couldn't be the only intelligent life.

Perhaps the lasting memories of Robin were of his tireless work on behalf of not just BUFORA, but any other organization that he was involved in.

Thanks, Robin, you will be missed, but never forgotten.

Brian P James

As has been noted here, for many, many years Robin recorded the London Lectures, either on audio tape, or video recordings. I expect many of you will have a list of the extensive library (over 200 lectures) of tapes that Robin maintained. Jenny Randles has suggested to the Council that this tape library should be named in Robin's memory, and the council heartily agrees. At the time of going to press this library is awaiting transfer to a new location, under a custodian.

As you may realize, due to ill-health, Robin was not always able to record the lectures in the past couple of years. Plans are now in place for recording of the lectures again, using digital technology, so we should soon be able to offer both audio and video highlights of the lectures.

It is of course just over a year since another stalwart of BUFORA – Arnold West passed away. Arnold had many interests in writing, and always actively attended lectures. Council has been considering a fitting way to remember Arnold, and we are planning an Arnold West Memorial Lecture for later this year, possibly with a one-off return to the old Kensington venue, but more details on this in future issues.

Interview with Tony Bassett: The Inventor of Mind Machines

By Malcolm Robinson

Concluding the interview by Malcolm Robinson and Judith Jafaar with Tony Bassett – inventor and designed of OOB Experience 'Mind Machines'

Tony had so much to say, that even when I switched the audio cassette off I just had to switch it back on again as he continued to talk about other aspects of his students whilst there were on an out of body experience. For instance, Tony spoke about one of his subjects who described actually being inside a household fly (!!!) Initially she saw a fly (a shiney green fly that looked like a bluebottle but was actually a fly) sitting on a piece of wood. Tony asked this subject to magnify what she was looking at ten times, which she did and she started to describe that. Tony then asked her to magnify it ten times more, then 100 times. Tony said that his subject was describing all the hairs on it the eyes were hexagonal and all sorts of things like that. Tony then asked her to magnify it a thousand times to which the subject said, "Well I've gone inside it now and I can see outside of it's eyes". The fly at this point left the piece of wood and started to fly around and Tony's subject was s when they come back to their body too quick, it can be a very disturbing and shocking experience, would you say that your subjects have experienced that?

(TB) I have experienced that myself. I felt a bit disoriented and sick for a while and then I was. Now there are quite a few of these in quite a few back rooms of London hospitals. And I reckon that this is quite a good thing because ultimately a doctor from one of those hospitals is going to say, "Ah, I see that you've got one of these as well". And so it will start to become more common

place.

But what would that doctor use that for?

(TB) Well they are experimenting on altered states of consciousness. Even before we found out about the Out Of Body Experiences we were getting healing results, like in some cases we would get healing occurring at five times the normal predicted speed for healing for that type of injury.

(MR) And how much do you sell your devices for Tony, what is your standard rate?

(TB) This one (points to Bio-Energiser) is £280.00.

(MR) And what is the technique to use one of these things, what would happen if you put one of these machines on?

(TB) You could start feeling a bit uplifted.

(MR) But could it work the other way as well, in a negative way?

(TB) Well I suppose it could, but it's usually an uplifting thing.

(MR) Now when you have been traveling in this out of body state with your other pupils, has anybody actually physically saw, someone else in an out of body state. ?

(TB) Oh yeah, that's very common.

that'196and then I got told that I could!!!ot tried to do that actual thing to you.y were really

frightened of??(TB) Well, have then, for around 2 or 3 years 's devicod and started to fly around with's subject and which can effect the individual. y say.

(MR) But what did they describe?

(TB) There seem to be a number of principle appearances. Sometimes they will see them clothed as per normal, sometimes they see people in the nude, and sometimes they see them in covered in white garments. And then sometimes they see people as points of light or spheres of light, little spheres of light.

(MR) Tony this is July 21st 2000, when was the last time you had an out of body experience?

(TB) Oh I think I had a couple last year, I don't think I've had this year.

(MR) But have you not tried to bring one on this year?

(TB) Well I'd love to be able to bring it on voluntarily whenever I want but I've not cracked that one yet.

(MR) Couldn't you get someone else to do it for you?

(TB) It doesn't seem to when they come back to their body too quick, it can be a very disturbing and shocking experience, would you say that your subjects have experienced that?

(TB) I have experienced that myself. I felt a bit disoriented and sick for a while and then I was fine, you could get a bit of a headache, but it can be a bit of a disconcerting experience but it when they come back to their body too quick, it can be a very disturbing and shocking experience, would you say that your subjects have experienced that?

(TB) I have experienced that myself. I felt a bit disoriented and sick for a while and then I was fine, you could get a bit of a headache, but it can be a bit of a disconcerting experience but it's one that you soon recover from as far as I know.

(MR) Would you say that the out of body experience causes any further physical ailments, I mean, the more you do this, will this go against the body so to speak?

(TB) I would say that the opposite is true in my experience it is a very healing and uplifting experience. It can help a person physically, it can help a person emotionally and psychologically it can help in many many ways. It can be harmful to a person who is not in the right state of mind for it.

(TB) Well work, I've tried that.

(MR) But all these other people can do it I thought that maybe you could as well?

(TB) Well these other people can do it without me. In some respects, once I have shown them how to do it they can do it themselves and it's not necessarily me that has to show them how to do it.

(MR) But why is it not working for you?

(TB) I asked one of these clairvoyant people if they could tell me why it's not working for me and she said well it will in the future you'll gain the faculty in the future I make a pretty much standard model really. I can make them a lot more powerful, I could make them less powerful. Some people want a pocket sized one, but it's very difficult to make a pocket sized one because you can't get the parts into a pocket sized one. At one point I was planning to make a 'Bio-Energiser' room, i.e., that the walls of the room would be the 'Bio-Energiser'. As far as I'm concerned, it would be perfectly feasible to make such a thing.

(MR) I mentioned earlier in the conversation, you just have to have a bit of patience. And then she said that there is some kind of blockage in your aura which is causing this difficulty and it's only under certain circumstances that you will experience it. So she said that it was something in the aura that was causing it. Well I don't know about that, I'll just have to take her word for it.

(MR) Now when you are in this out of body state Tony, have you tried to go through walls, have you tried to go through ceilings, and if so what did that feel like, or did it not feel like anything?

(TB) Well that's a very interesting question actually because that is a highly variable experience. In some cases what seems solid is still solid and then it seems that you 'can' go through it, it depends on your own state of being if you will. Sometimes you can drift straight through a wall or straight through a ceiling or through a whole building, then sometimes there is a very sort of interesting half way stage where you can actually put your hand on a solid object and feel that it's there and your not disturbing the object, you just go through it and you can feel it, feel the texture of it as you go through. And also sometimes you can change your degree of perception to where you can see inside objects.

(MR) You can see inside objects !

(TB) . You can see inside objects. There was a very interesting case either in late 1993 or early 1994 I had a man whose body was riddled with cancer and I had him go into an out of body experience and hover above his own body and look at it, then I got him to look through it so that he could see the cancer inside his body. He decided that after seeing this horrible thing inside his body he was determined to kick it out. Now six weeks later he was totally clear of cancer, and he was clear of cancer for a further seven years that's when I last contacted him and as far as I know, it didn't come back.

(MR) How do you know that he didn't get rid of this naturally?

(TB) Well I helped him, I gave him various treatments and it was partly that and partly his own determination.

(MR) So was it a desired thought process to get rid of it?

(TB) Well that helped very much but I gave him specific forms of healing to help him achieve that.

(MR) So would you say that you are more of a healer yourself Tony?

(TB) Definitely. I joined a group of healers who helped me to learn healing and I've done quite a lot of healing. I'm not with a group of healers at the moment so I don't go in for it in a big way but I do it occasionally.

(MR) Apart from being a healer, would you say that you are a psychic, or are you not psychic?

(TB) I'm psychic, I wouldn't say that I'm a great psychic I'd just say that I'm a little bit psychic.

(MR) And can you do psychometry?

(TB) A little bit, I wouldn't say that that was something that I'm really good at but I have had some interesting results with it.

(MR) Now when people are in this out of body state some people claim to have seen what's like a silver umbilical cord stretching from the material body to the spirit body. Do your subjects relay that?

(TB) Oh yes. Now some people are just not aware of it they just don't notice it or if you draw it to their attention they'll discard it and it's usually a silvery colour or a silver blue colour. Now I've had some very interesting accounts, for instance this silver cord it actually plugs into the body. The general opinion is, if it comes away the body dies. And I've had a report of somebody who was psychically attacked and those perpetrators actually caused the cord to separate from the body and there were several other people who were out of the body as well and they witnessed this and apparently some beings of the spirit world

(MR) Are you do this, will this go against the body so to speak?

(TB) I would say that the opposite is true in my experience it is a very healing and uplifting experience. It can help a person physically, it can help a person emotionally and psychologically till with it. The witness said that it was incredible,

that it was like being inside a jet fighter plane. The fly then approached some flowers to which the subject said that the flowers were massive and she was whizzing by it at such an incredible speed. This experience only lasted about a minute or so and then she came back to normal. Tony also went on to explain to me (which is quite incredible) that some of his subjects had also experienced ants consciousness (!!!) Ants, as Tony explained, have a social consciousness. Other people, Tony said, had experienced the consciousness of a tree and various plants. His subjects had also experienced the consciousness of prehistoric monsters, ape men.

(MR) The 'Bio-Energiser' that you have here, how often do you produce these, do you build them occasionally, or are you building them all the time?

(TB) I try to have a stock of them, but I find it very hard and difficult to have a stock of them because people come and buy them, so I mean, at the moment, I don't even have one for myself. If somebody came and desperately wanted one, I would sell them the one that I use myself. I've got one here half made.

(MR) And what comprises the manufacture of it?

(TB) The parts for it are all fairly standard parts nothing esoteric about the construction of it, it's a very standard piece of equipment.

(MR) Is each 'Bio-Energiser' set for the same level of output or can you 'up' the output on different 'Bio-Energisers' to create a more quicker possible out of body experience, or is it just a straight manufacture of the straight components for every one?

(TB) Well I make a pretty much standard model really. I can make them a lot more powerful, I could make them less powerful. Some people want a pocket sized one, but it's very difficult to make a pocket sized one because you can't get the parts into a pocket sized one. At one point I was planning to make a 'Bio-Energiser' room, i.e., that the walls of the room would be the 'Bio-Energiser'. As far as I'm concerned, it would be

perfectly feasible to make such a thing.

(MR) I mentioned earlier in the conversation about you assisting BUFORA with research, we would be very interested to see one of your 'Bio_Energiser's' in action once you have built another one, you have one half finished here?

(TB) Well this one here is sold already, as soon as I've made one somebody wants it so I'll have to make some more. I would be more than happy to help BUFORA, I'm really keen on it. You see to get them more powerful you can have more than one of them, you can two or three of them in the room at the same time and switch them on. If I happen to have one or two of them, then we'll use the lot.

At this point in the interview, Malcolm Robinson expressed his desire and that of BUFORA's for Tony to cooperate with experimentation in the near future where BUFORA researcher's and other researchers, could all meet up with a view to learning what Tony's 'Bio-Energiser' can do (or not as the case may be!) Malcolm explained that we should also have sceptics, debunkers and people from 'other persuasions' to attend this experimental night to see what may transpire. Tony replied that he would be extremely interested in co-operating with BUFORA.

(MR) You mentioned that some of you subjects have visited other planets, but have your subjects ever seen what is more commonly seen throughout western Europe these small grey creatures!!

(TB) Oh the greys. I'm not really sure actually, I think some years ago somebody saw one but we've not made what you would call 'definitive contact' with them not in terms of communication or things of that nature. I've spoken to people who seem to be in communication with the greys some telepathically but I've never been able to make any sense of those communications. There has always been very negative communication, and I'm not convinced that that's the greys themselves that are saying that. I've got a feeling that in some respects they may want to communicate with us.

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(MR) Is the air ionised when this machine is turned on which somehow helps an out of body experience to occur?

(TB) It's not so much that the air is ionised the negative ions and things like that are not particularly the relevant factor. What is the relevant factor is a magnetic effect and also an electrical effect it's those two. These produce a pretty strong magnetic field. And I tried making some that just had the electrical field without the magnetic field and I got them returned, people want the combination. This combination of a magnetic field and an electrical field is what does the business and as I keep saying, it's very similar to what happens during a thunderstorm.

(MR) Do you know a researcher called Albert Budden?

(TB) Yes I do actually.

(MR) With UFO and paranormal witnesses, quite often you will find if someone has had an electrical incident in their life or has been near a lightning strike, they will have a lifetime then of paranormal experiences after that. And so we are working on the premise that the electromagnetic fields are crucial to this whole paranormal business, this is a thing that Albert would be very interested in - a machine that produced a field of the right strength to facilitate what we might call psychic powers.

(TB) Albert has been here a few times but I haven't seen him for around 2 or 3 years I guess, I seem to get on O.K. with him and we've had some pretty interesting chats. He went away to build something and that was the last I heard from him. I hope he has done well with it and I would like to say hi to him again.

(see Albert Budden's thoughts on Tony's devise at the close of this article)

(MR) Tony, I'll leave the last word with yourself, if you could just say in a number of words about how you see your device and the experiences in

general!

(TB) What I feel is that there is a really terrific potential here which is untapped at the moment and the potential extends in many directions. It extends into the field of healing and paranormal Investigations, UFOs, and states of human consciousness, space travel. Now one can also produce magnification of it in the sense that you can travel within the confines of atoms and see the structure of them etc. Now also it seems that in the realms of language translation that one of the things that can be done in an out of body experience is to enter into the consciousness of another person in the past or the future. When one does that, one doesn't in general influence that person but whatever language their speaking you seem to be able to instantly translate it into one's one language so it strikes me from a translation point of view this could lead into many many fields of potential benefit to human nature.

(MR) Tony, fascinating subject, it's been fascinating talking to you this evening I do wish you well with your future studies with this and I do hope that you and I with BUFORA can work together in the near future as a research body to see if we can test the water with previous UFO encounters, ie, if we can go back in time and test the water to see what we could uncover through an out of body visit to a prior UFO encounter.

(TB) Well, BUFORA have a tremendous record of such things and if we can select a few people, we can give it a try. And I would say that the ideal set up would be to have a group of people preferably some of them ought to be a little psychic anyway as that type of person seems to be able to go further and more easier and so forth and also those people who are not psychic at all can come along, we can have a little group maybe 8,10, people whatever and once I've got some more machines available we can go ahead.

(MR) Tony, thank you very much.

All in all, our interview with Tony Bassett proved to be quite an interesting and thought-provoking

afternoon. Of course Tony doesn't stand alone when it comes to these out of body experiences, there are thousands if not millions of people the world over who each have a tale to tell about their own particular experience. So what's going on? Are these experiences genuine, genuine in the sense that these individuals are able to leave their body, and go into some form of altered state of consciousness and somehow interact with a new and totally different environment? Or are all these experiences, (each and everyone of them) misleading, fanciful, imaginative and downright wishful thinking on the part of people with a desire for manipulative imagination and story telling!!

Clearly there is no smoke without fire, that something is going on is evident, evident with the thousands of world wide testimonies that have been gathered throughout the years and indeed are still being gathered. I personally believe that a lot of these experiences (not all) but a lot of them, are totally genuine and are catapulting people into

different dimensions, different wavelengths of being which at this point in time we cannot comprehend or come to terms with. Tony's device can, he claims, bring these experiences straight to the fore. At the time of writing (October 2000) I am still waiting to test these claims, and test them I will. Stories are one thing, but as a researcher I have to test to the limit any claims of this nature, hence I and others from BUFORA will certainly take these claims and try and pull them apart, find out what makes them work. Is it Tony's box of tricks that is the phenomenon here,? Or is it purely the expectant mind of the individual keen to try a new and invigorating experience? Come what may myself and others are on the first rung of a very tall ladder, a ladder which we aim to climb and once at the top, who knows what we may find!!

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Sighting Summaries

Some recent reports made to my local group, including a possible FT 'flap' last autumn. Only one of these reports relates to the 'working area' of the local group. If this is a guide to how reports are being made locally, rather than nationally, it is difficult to gain an 'overall picture' of the nature of sightings.

22 October 2000-12-2000 - Larne, N. Ireland

Description by the witness - RK:

"While observing the milky-way with my stepson, we noticed a triangular formation which appeared to be three satellites moving due east through Pegasus in unison. We watched the formation for about 2 minutes after which the object forming the apex faded to nothing in about 2 seconds, the lower left-hand object also faded out in about 2 seconds but 5 seconds later, the third object then faded out after a further 5 seconds. Expecting this to be a group of satellites which would return in around 90 minutes (puzzled though we were by their remarkable proximity to one another and the display of apparently synchronised behaviour) we waited until 22:15 and continued observing until 22:45 with no further sightings. We watched the area of the sky about 20 degrees to the west of where the objects were first sighted which would have corresponded to the point-of-return had this been a group of satellites.

All three objects faded within 10-15 seconds of each other. The probability of this is low in the case of independently moving objects. Over the course of 2-3 minutes the triangle formed by the objects did not change shape indicating synchronised movement of some sort. The high degree of apparent synchronisation in movement would indicate that the objects were close together. This is not what one would expect of satellites. The formation did not pass over any stars during our sighting so we could not say that whether it was opaque or not. We had the impression that we were looking at three single objects moving in formation. The speed of the

objects was about the speed of a satellite as usually observed, and the brightness was 4th magnitude. Weather: exceptionally clear night (structure of milky-way plainly visible).

Analysis - This would appear to be an example of a sighting of a cluster of NOSS satellites passing over (For an excellent article by Tony Eccles on NOSS misidentifications, see BUFORA Bulletin #17/18). However, we know from dialogue with the witness, that as a keen amateur astronomer, he is confident of the magnitude of around +4. Satellite data for NOSS (available from GSOC) suggests that none of the NOSS satellites tend to be brighter than +5 - which makes sense for surveillance satellites. Also, the published data does not match the flightpath seen by the witnesses - however, as Tony Eccles reminds us, it should be remembered that NOSS are military surveillance satellites, and as such, published data cannot be considered totally reliable.

2 November, 2000 - Didcot, Oxfordshire

While out stargazing, with an exceptionally clear sky (after yet another day's rain), the witness 'CK' had his attention grabbed by Jupiter 'going out' at the edge of his vision. He turned to look directly at that part of the sky, and noted a densely-black triangle passing over to his east, going on a north to south course. Sometimes it is hard to envisage how a black object can be seen as black against a 'black' night sky, but of course with general light pollution, as well as light from the moon and stars, the resulting night sky can be a less than a totally dark background. CK was left with the impression that this FT almost seemed to be absorbing surrounding light - it was that densely black, with a clearly defined edge. It was flying southwards fairly quickly, and while height, and therefore speed, was difficult to judge, it was much faster than a normal airliner on a similar course. The FT flew with no sound whatsoever, but of course with the strong winds

blowing, the night was not 'quiet', so any noise from the FT may have not been discernible. There was no light source at all on the FT. The FT was lost to sight in less than 10 seconds.

Analysis - Not unusually, no confirmation of a known aircraft has yet been obtained by military or commercial ATC.

3 November, 2000 - Ipswich, Suffolk

A report by the witnesses:

"I saw something last night that I and another friend have not been able to explain and can only describe as a UFO."

"I had been at a firework party in the SE of Ipswich and had watched a display put on by the local speedway venue [*Foxhall Stadium - Ed*].

At about 10.30pm, well after the display finished, we were outside with a small bonfire cooking marshmallows. Being a particularly clear night we were observing the very brightly illuminated stars trying to make out their patterns when what at first appeared to be a group of stars moved rapidly over that sector of the sky and disappeared. This consisted of a triangle of point lights with a fourth light in the centre moving generally southward. The movement was particularly rapid and unlike any of the other aircraft lights that we regularly see over this part of Suffolk moving in an easterly direction. They were all white in colour and not like the white/red/green of an aircraft.

The observation was over very quickly but seen and commented on by myself and a friend. We are both certain that it was NOT a firework of any description because of its flightpath."

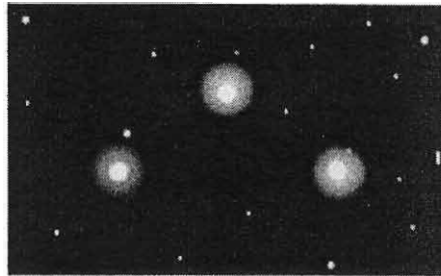
"I have not seen anything like this before and can only put this down to a UFO or possibly a satellite - but one with four lights I have not seen before."

Analysis - Unfortunately, attempts to encourage the witness to provide some more details, particularly over the speed of the objects have met with no response so far. This makes analyzing some aspects difficult when we seek to match known satellite data (which were strangely

few in number over that area that night). However, since the witness suggests a high speed of flight, satellite misidentifications would seem unlikely.

11 January, 2001 - M20, nr Snodland, Kent

The witness 'NK', was travelling alone along the M20 near Snodland between 10.45 and 10.50pm. His attention was taken by three large steady bright yellow lights in an equilateral formation above the motorway, at probably no more than 200m up. NK was travelling at about 70mph, and he was so taken aback and intrigued by the lights that he slowed up, and almost veered off the road! He rapidly came up from behind to go under the lights, and as he was now doing around 50mph, this seemed strange to him, as he was apparently overtaking what he took to be aircraft lights, so any such aircraft was moving impossibly slowly.



As he went under the lights, they dimmed, and NK could make out a clear triangle. The lights were too far apart for them to be a helicopter, and there was no sign of the normal navigation lights that all aircraft are obliged to display, and which should have been obvious so close. No sound was heard, but with general roadnoise, and a CD playing, then external sounds may not have been obvious.

NK went home and surfed websites for UFO groups to report his sighting to.

Letters Section

LONG-TIME EXPERIENCER, ERNIE SEARS, OFFERS A POINT OF VIEW TO BRIAN ALLAN (SPI & BUFORA)

Having read Brian Allan's two-pager in the last SUFOG magazine; his FOURTEEN PAGES in the August 2000 BUFORA BULLETIN; plus his 10 page alternative evaluation' of the "Scole Experiment" book - which I have (teasingly, or even provocatively) entitled by Brian "Whistling in the Dark", I have added the lad to the likes of Albert Budden and (excuse me, Kev) Kevin McClure, not forgetting Stuart Campbell - none of whom seem to have had much actual experience of what we still call UFOs, or "ghosts", or "poltergeists", or "healing", or "time travel" which my own experiences led me to call that "precognition" or in modern parlance "remote viewing, along with "OOBE 's", "contact with the dead", and a sudden or increased "awareness" of the welfare of this planet.

As Whitley Strieber says in his 1996 book *Confirmation* (Simon and Schuster); what induces close encounter memories is no garden variety stress, and Whitley's foregoing list is by no means total, most of which I can claim experiences of. - not all. but most - sometimes with witnesses!

Brian probably doesn't know that my very recent talk for BUFORA in London included the showing of photographs, sharp, and in full colour, etc, taken in 1999 in broad daylight, which appear to show (since no one has any other explanation).a "dead" relative of a close friend, exactly superimposed over her figure but wearing differently coloured clothes, while the surrounding scenery is "normal" My talk also included that 19th May video by our Southampton UFO Group (SUFOG) Skywatch team. Plain to see how an aircraft circled that "light" twice over Southampton Water, yet all authorities locally and further afield denied

anything was 'up', while the Under Secretary of State for Defence, Dr Moonie, totally ignored the film and gave me the usual 'no defence significance'. Add to that (and my hopefully nearly finished book has many more such items over sixty years) the sighting of a daylight object in 1960 which was vainly pursued by two hurriedly scrambled Meteor jets also totally denied by the airbase concerned within ten minutes. The UFO vanished into the clear blue March morning sky, leaving the jets floundering. 'Electromagnetic radiation', Brian? Black technology? Take the post skywatch experiences in the Royal Victoria Park here where I live on Southampton Waterside ("A Strange Night".. in SUFOG magazine) Brian's list in the SUFOG magazine. of what probably **did** affect the "haunted" chapel threw everything at it! However, SUFOG members who were there experienced a **real** happening since one of them "became" one of the "soldiers" milling about near the chapel and was actually approached by a "nurse" who "spoke" to him comfortingly, saying he would be 'alright now'. That lit candle in the topmost tower there was seen on both occasions and by others, visitors and staff, in previous incidents. My own experience some years ago, again, in the village, when I was in the rather dark kitchen of the old terraced house I lodged in, of a small dog coming along the passage and going behind me when I thought I'd locked the landlady's Yorkie in the lounge is another case of how personal experiences make such people the experts - not the theorists or the sceptics. Returning to the lounge while speaking to the dog I was amazed to see "Yorkie" sitting inside with his ears cocked at my voice. Asking my landlady had he 'got out' I was assured not. Describing the incident I said the little dog I'd seen had a lot of hair, apparently, around its neck, now I thought about it. She got down a dusty old photo album and turned to a photo of her "griffon" - .a sort

of Yorkshire terrier with a lion like mane, it had died some years previously. Trying to keep this brief (an impossibility, when endeavoring to reason with Brian's fourteen pages) could I ask him if those Meteor pilots had been near some electric pylons, as had the control tower officers, or had I? That "ghost dog" - the same question. Had the out of the body experience I had in 1933 (an age when not too many electronic masts etc would be around, if any) been that "other reality" I am aware exists. I was aged nine at the time by the way - no UFO's known of then either!

Well, anyway, I'm not disposed to argue the case that Brian puts, pity he didn't attend my talk on the 6th November, I gave them both barrels from 1933 right up to the present day and as James Millen, of the Witness Support Group I belong to, based in London, said, he was present "I left the audience feeling what it was really like to be caught up in the 'Close Encounter' experience and it's after effects" Hey, I didn't mention the "angel" stuff, did I, with it's 'coincidental' follow up on the Kilroy programme on "Why I believe in Angels? Gosh, better not get on that track! Read my book if ever it comes out - 15 years in the writing, or ask someone who was at the Bufora talk I did!

All in all, Brian Allan's marathon articles left many questions unanswered while sounding just plausible - on very few he 'assumes' too much and like most sceptics leaves out what he hasn't got an answer for, or twists the facts slightly. His only saving grace is that he leaves the unsolvable to one in the BUFORA BULLETIN described as such i.e; The Livingstone case.

Taking his August 2000 BUPORA article in more detail, if I dare, Brian goes for those 'neural', theories, the writings of Carl Gustav Jung; 'collective unconscious', and the aforementioned Albert Budden's 'impressive body of 'corroborative evidence' for that electromagnetic solution, before going on to the 'black technology' - which of course partly explains some of the sightings currently. However, I venture to again draw attention to

that 1960 sighting I had - surely two aggressive Meteor jets wouldn't have been launched in a hell of a hurry to intercept that 'glowing cigar' that used highly unorthodox technology to escape, after hovering for over 30 minutes over a highly sensitive naval establishment had the craft been a UK product? The clincher, as I said in my BUPORA talk, was that my then brother in law, who worked as an electrical draughtsman at the naval complex, turned up the very next evening at my home on a social visit. While waiting for my wife (who was making him tea), I indulged in light conversation and suggested his workplace had had a bit of a crisis' the previous morning. His face turned white. His mouth set in a grim line, he was, literally lost for words! I realised he had a duodenal ulcer that had been troubling him and changed the subject. We never spoke of it again although he used to cast a very wary eye over my growing collection of books!

Well, there's much, much more that Brian Allan writes in the various outlets he seems to have chosen. I might just mention in passing his scorn directed at the members of the Scole Experiment, asking why they have to sing hymns and say prayers before attempting (successfully it seems), to contact other, apparent, 'dimensions', including those wherein our dear departed live and work!. Having been 'involved' at such meetings in my intense search for the answers to it ALL, UFO's included, I allowed for the routines which I gathered were a prelude to manifestations that set up a vibrational entrance. Merely another way of allowing for the modern quantum physics, since I can use my 'mind' for such, not only in my healing but for 'contact' - the latter being demonstrated two years running at our Avebury skywatches - as BUFORA chairman Brian James etc can vouch for. (See Brian's article on Avebury in BUFORA Bulletin #20: APRA's Synchronicity #2, and SUFORG BULLETIN #20)

My closing comment on Brian Allan's prolific writings draw serious attention to his end paragraphs in the BUFORA BULLETIN

(Continued on page 18)

article: 'Quantum mechanics' and theoretical research show the way as man strives for mastery over his environment and the laws of physics'; and 'will mankind finally attain its destiny and become 'Masters Of The Universe', instead of wrecking, and fouling his own planet?' There speaks the oracle, sadly, encapsulating what is wrong with the Path we have chosen. Quantum mechanics I understand m - being a layman disciple of one Ron Pearson (whose books I have read) - a man, a clever scientist, who has spoken, for one, in the USSR

in a world conference among other notable such. His accepted theories, challenging Newton and Einstein, showed the way that quantum mechanics are the source of the power that drives UFO's vast distances, at incredible speeds. I first read that in Two Worlds, years ago, a "spiritual" magazine that reported Ron's lecture to a top college.

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By Bob Digby

The purpose of this brief article is to request feedback and debate from the membership over what I think is the most important decision currently facing Bufora.

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What is this big decision ? Quite simply, whether the company should carry on as it is in its present form or whether to take the "next step" by design rather than the slower process of evolution.

Last Summer, Brian James and I jointly sponsored a conference at a pleasant public house in the Oxfordshire countryside. The purpose was to review Bufora's history, what lessons could be learned, where we are now and discuss possible future scenario's. In addition we has some brief presentations on other organisations and what worked or didn't for them.

I think one key conclusion was that Bufora's current status as a limited company costs a lot of money to maintain, given a declining market. It was originally a forerunner to becoming a charity of scientific status. This we failed to get. The smart move would have been to apply for educational status but we cannot do that using the present registered company format. It also begs the question of whether trying to become an educational charity is the right goal anyway. Unfortunately, the present company vehicle cannot take us forward but does offer limited liability to the membership.

Bufora is fast approaching its 40th birthday (counting from 1962) but the modern day is very different to the era when the organisation started.

Also, so are the people and their expectations. If we just take the Internet, this alone has influenced how people now obtain information and exchange it, without the need to physically attend meetings.

Author John Spencer made an interesting point too about being unable to write about UFOs without touching on other areas of the paranormal. So in a nutshell, this goes to the heart of the question :- "what business are we in?" and also, what is the best vehicle for us to achieve our aims and objectives ? The subject of Ufology is made further more interesting in that it has evolved in nature since those days in 1962 when we started. We are now dealing with a very different animal in content and nature.

This is the point where I would like to throw open the debate.

- ♦ **Do you think we should carry on, business as usual or are you convinced that we need to evolve along with our subject?**
- ♦ **Would you prefer to subscribe to a magazine rather than to an organisation?**
- ♦ **Do you want more via the Internet or do you value social contact?**
- ♦ **How can we strike a happy balance?**

I will prepare a dossier for the council of management based on your replies and am willing to support another mini-conference to help get to the most effective solution.



Convicted Crop Circle Constructor Confabulates To Bufora January 2001 London Lecture

Reviewed by Lionel Beer

At the BUFORA meeting on 8th January, Matthew Williams, 29, replaced the irascible, Albert Budden. Matthew spoke disarmingly about how he came to be convicted, suggesting that it was a misunderstanding. He also showed us how he and his colleagues had made the Basket formation using a surveyor's tape and stomper-boards.

Before dealing with the substance of Matthew's talk, it is relevant to say a little about his background. A few years ago, he was dismissed from the Civil Service, allegedly for working on his *Truthseekers Review* in official time. Around 1976/77 he targeted a senior member of BUFORA. This had a domino effect, which brought the Association very close to insolvency. It was also widely known that while researching UFOs, he talked about entering underground MoD bases. More recently he moved to Bourton near Devizes to investigate crop circles. Matthew has been accused of being a publicity seeker. Worse - he has been accused of sending threatening e-mails to Wiltshire-based crop-circle enthusiasts. Both Jenny Randles and Philip Mantle objected to him being allowed to speak at this BUFORA meeting. Francine Blake, editor of *The Spiral* (Wiltshire CCS Group), allegedly contacted the Byng Place Quaker Centre, asking for Matthew to be proscribed. The Centre took no action.

The meeting was ably co-ordinated by Judith Jaafar, BUFORA's new Vice-Chairman, at Byng Place, WC1. Amongst the audience of some three dozen were Michael Green, President, and Carole Cochcrane, new Chairman of the CCCS, plus other CCCS

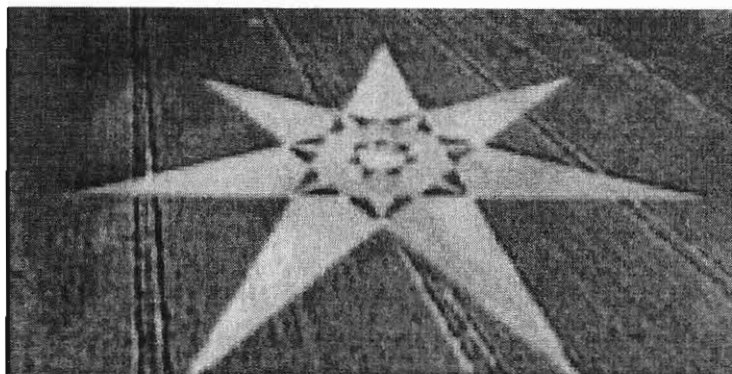
members. Marcus Allen, UK distributor of NEXUS was there. Matthew, said he was reluctant to talk about making further circles as he did not want to risk a further encounter with the police. He showed us the "Seven Point Star" formation, which made him the first person in Britain to be fined for causing criminal damage to crops by making a design in winter wheat (at Manor Farm, West Overton.) He was arrested after photographs posted on the Internet were sent to detectives. The star, he told us, was made by only two people in two hours! Devizes magistrates fined him £100 plus £40 for costs on 6 November 2000. He also told us about making the Basket formation, only five minutes from his home at Bourton, with two friends. This he said took them four hours! He showed us photos of stomper-boards in action and explained how the cross-weave pattern was created. Pictures of some of the more elaborate designs of 2000, including optical illusion effects, followed. Matthew called 2000, the year of optical illusions. The circle containing a heart was commissioned for a wedding party. Francine Blake, was declaiming on site that, this as a genuine circle! When Matthew pointed out her error, whilst joining in the dancing with her in the circle, Francine, he said, denounced him as Pure Evil! Matthew told us about how he was asked to leave one of Francine's Wiltshire Group meetings. When he protested that he was not doing any harm, a policewoman was summoned. He said he had been accused of trying to get in without paying by using a back entrance, but says that the policewoman will confirm that he was refunded on the way out. (Not mentioned, was that Williams and Paul Damon allegedly gate-crashed a later Wiltshire

Group meeting to distribute leaflets outlining their own sceptical views...)

Matthew mused that if ETs were creating the formations, why was it that their quality varied in different countries? While he believed that most circles were made by people, they might be tapping into the ether for ideas, and this might explain premonitions. He accepted that strange lights had been seen traveling smoothly over crops. He told us that his team said an oration before starting, asking for guidance and protection. He believes that at times something

(inc. Paul Damon?) of being government agents! [This view was also held by several prominent crop circle researchers as far back as 1998 - Ed]. Michael Glickman, architect, and author of CORN CIRCLES (1996), has appeared on Whitley Strieber's radio show. Anyway, after Matthew sent an advance plan of a formation to Whitley Strieber, to show that complex circles could be man-made, Whitley then alerted people to the hoax. Michael Glickman, was apparently, largely responsible to having Matthew arrested. Matthew says that he has lost his livelihood, since his video-

editing equipment was confiscated by the police. His stomping board was also taken, but was not subject to a court order. He described how it was covered with Gaffer-tape and the underside was covered in blanket to lessen the damage to the



paranormal is involved [As someone who was the 'victim' of psychic compulsion to find a formation in 1994, I concur with this view - Ed]. Strange things happen while construction is in progress! However, regardless of the sophistication of a formation, once word leaks out that it is man-made, some researchers will find fault with it, he said. When Michael Glickman moved to a house a couple of hedges away, Matthew decided to have a serious chat with him. Michael at first indicated that it was not a good time, and later, slammed the 'phone down on him. Michael allegedly claimed that Matthew was harrasing him or worse.

Linda Moulton Howe, the writer on cattle mutilations in the USA, spent time in the Wiltshire fields last year. Matthew said she went on radio accusing him and his friends

corn-stalks! He said that he did not know that the farm on which two of them had created the Seven-Point Star formation had changed hands six months earlier! Two pilots in the audience had flown over formations without seeing them. At Stonehenge, pilots were more likely to be looking at the monument or preparing to land at Thruxton! During question time, Michael Green said his only criteria when he set up the CCCS with Ralph Noyes, was to know the truth about what was happening. When challenged by Carole Cochrane, to exhibit his creativeness, Matthew pleaded that he was in a *Catch 22* position. To avoid arrest, he could only create formations in the future, with the full consent of a farmowner.

Investigations Diary

Compiled by Gloria Haether Dixon

In my investigations report for the forthcoming AGM, statistics show that the number of reports to BUFORA for 2000 are still falling. We received 163 reports last year and of those 23 would be categorised as reports with a high strangeness factor. Therefore 14% of reports coming into BUFORA are not just anomalous lights or objects, but have many components, which do not always actually include a UFO sighting. It is evident, therefore, that reports to BUFORA cover a vast range of anomalies and perceived strange experiences, which lie outside the normal parameters of observations of unusual aerial objects. This has been the case for many years in the modern day era of UFOs as interpretations change and evolve within the current day thinking and captivating images that surround us in our exploration of space. In addition to this are the effects of space age technology and imagery, which appear to create a direct link into how people perceive anomalous experiences.

In order to broaden the controversy surrounding the increasing number of extraordinary experiences that are reported to BUFORA, I would like take a general look at the issue of claims of alien encounters and abductions.

It is becoming increasingly evident that numerous people undergo extraordinary experiences at times in their lives, or at least experiences that they cannot define or even have the language or the capacity to explain. We live in an age with amazing potential and where anything seems to be possible due to our advanced technology. More and more information is accessible to an ever-increasing number of people, as they access the internet, where UFO and paranormal sites are in abundance. In addition to this are many magazines, books and television shows dealing

with the subject and spreading the mythology to literally millions of people adding to the persuasive imagery of the reality of alien abductions. Furthermore, we live in a scary age of artificial intelligence development, medical technology and futuristic weaponry and aircraft that we possibly have yet to imagine. I believe it is no wonder that we look to those other worlds in order to explain this one and to possibly feel that we have elusive connections to something else out there that could either save us from ourselves or to guide us in other directions, as we question the meaning of life, who we are and where we are going.

The idea that there are some people, who believe they have been abducted by aliens has been downloaded into our consciousness and we cannot get away from that. Whether this is happening in the physical world is another question entirely and from my point of view, I see little evidence for this or at least no definitive proof that has ever been produced to give any credence to this idea at all. Of course the problem with many of the cases is that regression hypnosis has been used as a method to recover information about these experiences and there are major problems with this very controversial method, together with the fact that memory retrieval even from yesterday can be less than accurate. The brain is very selective about what it feels we need to remember about various events on a daily basis, therefore the use of hypnosis will not enhance the memory from the point of view of an objective truth about the event.

However, all this aside, there are an increasing number of people including children, who contact UFO organisations about strange and disturbing experiences. We cannot just ignore this because it will not go away. There is no doubt at all that mental health issues are involved in some of these

cases together with factors such as attention seeking, sheer hoaxes and misperception of confusing dreams etc. But beyond all the above explanations there remain reports from ordinary people, who undergo extraordinary events and look to UFO and paranormal organisations for answers because they perceive these experiences to be alien encounters. Can you blame them? The representations of what aliens may look like are contained everywhere, from science fiction to books, magazines and television notwithstanding all the promotional advertisements for various companies, which use the 'grey alien' face on our screens. In some ways it is deeply depressing because at this stage we do not even know what came first, the chicken or the egg. Was the alien imagery that we use based on what people conjured up from these experiences before the 'grey alien' image ever invaded our consciousness or do people use this imagery because we have constructed it from representations used in all the literature and media coverage of the UFO subject.

To complicate matters further, this is where the dangers can lie, as these reports normally fall outside the remit of UFO investigators. However, it is my belief that we must continue to support and listen to the witness with great care and sensitivity but that support must also remain totally objective during our investigations and research. We can also sometimes point them in the direction of psychology to help understand what these experiences may mean. We can look for parallels to their experiences from other accounts, as well as looking at the life profile of that person where, as many researchers are aware, we find that many people reporting the close encounter experience have in fact experienced other unusual anomalies in their lives often of a paranormal nature. The late Ken Phillips conducted work in this area on the Anamnesis Project together with the late Austrian psychologist Dr. Alex Keul. One of the conclusions of this project was that UFO experiencers are a reasonable cross-section of the population and not particularly fantasy prone individuals. There are certainly many patterns that emerge, but this still does not explain why people report that they have had an alien

abduction experience. Cases of reported close encounters during altered states of consciousness prior to sleeping or awakening could be explained by 'sleep paralysis' and hypnagogic states during these altered states of consciousness prior to sleeping and awakening and other states of sleep such as false awakenings.

The questions surrounding these reports are of course, a loaded gun with the immense controversy surrounding it by the international UFO community, but it is obvious, to me anyway, that we need to examine consciousness in a far more complex way in order to begin to understand the human condition and the fragile area of these reports. I think in a way Dr. Peter Fenwick's statement in his book *The Truth In the Light* gave an insight into these issues when he wrote 'science still does not understand the conversion of the objective world outside to the subjective world of meaning.

I believe that there is no doubt that abduction claims are part of a profound and important phenomenon, but mystical experiences have taken place since the dawn of mankind. It is just the interpretation that has changed to fit the models and images that we see in today's culture. It is my feeling that many of these claims will tell us more and more about the human condition as our beliefs and modern-day mythology unfold.

During December 2000 and January 2001 I have logged 39 reports showing quite a dramatic increase in comparison to the amount of sightings recorded for last year. Some of these reports are once again observations from several years ago. I would like to begin with the following sighting from SK, which occurred in August 1978. This report was originally recorded with BUFORA in the 1986 and the original investigator was past BUFORA investigator Mike Wootten. Mike could not find any other information for this sighting. SK has now contacted BUFORA again and I would like to record his sighting, although it was nearly 23 years ago.

Date: June/July/August? 1978

Location: Fordwich Lake, Sturry Village, Kent

SK writes the following account of the incident in his original report form sent to Mike Wootten...

On the particular night in question, myself and two others were fishing for carp at Forwich Deeps, an extensive area of lakes about three to four miles east of Canterbury. The sky was very clear and conditions were warm and still.

At about 1-1.30am Phil mentioned that a star was acting oddly. Richard and myself ignored him and carried on fishing. At about 10-20 minutes after his first comment, which we had forgotten, Phil mentioned the star again and with some urgency drew our attention to it. This time we watched and we observed what appeared to be a large star at about 35-40 degrees above the horizon. It appeared to be moving in an eccentric way, making short darting movements and stopping. As we watched we gave different accounts to explain the object.

The star then began to swell until it appeared to be the size of a ten pence piece held at arms length. By this time our attention was riveted on the star. We also realised that the object was not swelling, but approaching us in a shallow dive. Then the star changed its apparent form. It abruptly became like three or four neon bars held horizontally and it was also obvious that the object would pass very close to us. The lights appeared white. By now we were confused and as the object got nearer still we could finally see what appeared to be solid bars of light were in fact single clusters of light. The lights appeared to be constantly changing in colour. The colours had a strange quality about them. They appeared to be alight in a way which cannot be easily described. They had a warmth and intensity about them. Some of the colours had no name.

By this time the object was directly overhead. It was about the size of a 45rpm record disc (remember those anyone... GHD) held at arms length. Also we had a chance to see the object. It was solid and dark against the sky and appeared

to be the shape of an inverted shell with rows of light ringing it. It was difficult to measure size because it was like nothing we had ever previously seen. I would say it was approximately the size of a semi-detached house at maybe 500-700 feet altitude. As it flew above and away from us in an easterly direction we could see other characteristics we could not previously see. At no time was there any noise. It appeared to be part of the night.

As it flew away, it appeared to be bobbing slightly and in a matter of perhaps half a minute it had disappeared, heading roughly towards Ramsgate. I would say it's speed varied at times from 200-500 mph (this would be very difficult to judge..GHD).

By this time we were most agitated. One of my friends was on the verge of running the mile or so to Sturry village and leaving his fairly expensive gear. My other friend ran up the path in pursuit of the object.

About 5-10 minutes after the object disappeared, two aircraft flew overhead in the same direction. I do not know whether the objects and jets were connected in any way, but we had fished in this area at night frequently and it was the only time I can recall seeing aircraft in this area.

Obviously, this case is a major problem because it is now close to 23 years old. SK does not have a specific date and on his original report form has put the month as late June/early July with a further possibility now of August, so what we probably do know on this is that it was summer 1978.

If any readers have further information on this observation please contact me via BUFORA Central Office.

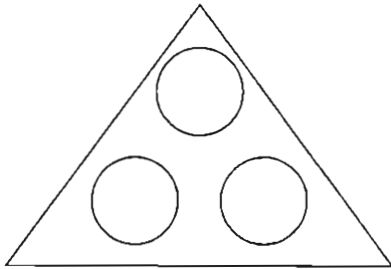
Location: Hornsey, London

Date of sighting: April 2000

JK was hanging out washing in her garden at about 3pm, when she heard a clash of thunder. She looked at the sky for clouds, when she

observed a very unusual aircraft to the north west. At the bottom of her garden is a block of flats and this object was over the height of the flats. She states that it was hovering and appeared to be made of 'iron-like material, not like you see on aircraft'. She goes on to describe three circle patterns underneath similar to a manhole cover, only larger. She watched it for about ten seconds and became frightened and backed up her garden to the back door, when it disappeared very fast. She ran through to her front door, but saw no sign of it.

She reported that there was no noise. Weather was clear and mild, no clouds and no wind. The lady concerned is sixty- two years young and I did



A simple Reconstruction of JK's drawing of The object she Observed.

check whether she wore spectacles. She does, but only for close work. Her distance vision is not affected.

Can our London readers come up with an explanation for what this lady saw?

Location: B3277 between St. Agnes and Chiverton Cross, Near Truro in Cornwall.
Date of Sighting: 8th December 2000

LS was the driver of a car travelling south between the village of St. Agnes and Truro at 6pm when he observed what he describes as an object to the south-west, near the town of Falmouth and possibly over the sea in that area.

He describes the elevation of approximately 30-40 degrees and that it was travelling in an easterly direction. LS said the object had an appearance of about 6/7 lights moving in a straight line, white in colour and no noise or vapour trail.

Weather is described as clear, dry, no clouds at all.

Date of sighting: 8th February 2001
Time of sighting 7.35 pm
Location: Helsby, Cheshire

The witness was looking out of her kitchen window when she observed through the half drawn curtains an orange ball of light with a brilliant jade green tail. There seemed to be a gap in between the tail and light. It was travelling horizontally and disappeared behind a tree line very close by. She appears to think it was fairly close and that it actually landed, but obviously her line of vision was somewhat obscured. Observation time was about 2/3 three seconds.

This report certainly ties in with a wide area of sightings of a spectacular bolide on 8th February. There were reports to various UFO groups and sightings in the Sheffield, Liverpool, Cheshire and Lancashire and as far south as Gloucester, in addition to being covered by some of the local press. These sightings have been confirmed as a bolide meteor by Jodrell Bank.

Another report to BUFORA came in from Scotland, although this was on 9th February 2001 at 8.30pm. The witness describes observing what he describes as 'a comet with a long red tail flowing behind it and the ball itself was bright green with a very small flashing light emanating from it. His observation time was 10-15 seconds. It would be interesting to know whether his dates were accurate.

In addition to this George Niedzwiedz, BUFORA AI in Scotland had six people working at the Torness Nuclear Power Station report their observations of this bolide to him. They observed this on 8th February and report that it was a very low altitude and left a smoke trail, so as can be

seen, this brilliant bolide was observed in areas right across the UK.

There has also been recent speculation about the Peak District being in the centre of a UFO flap, specifically the village of Bonsall, near Matlock in Derbyshire. This has been triggered by a recent two page spread in the Daily Mail and as is so often the case when a specific area is targeted as an area for an upsurge of UFO reports and covered by the national press, things snowball until a specific area becomes a centre for a UFO flap. Often this is not the case at all, but there will be a continued upsurge in reports in that area, as people perceive odd lights and objects in the sky as being something other than the rather mundane objects they often are.

There was also an incident reported on Radio 5 Live and the local Scottish Press, where pupils from Laird Primary School in Sutherland reported something falling from the sky in the form of a powder, which made the pupils itchy. The school was closed for a short time. Contrary to other speculation and reported by the local press, the source of this powder was from a light aircraft that had been spraying crops nearby. It was tested and declared non-toxic and the school was opened again with no further ill effects being recorded. This is not something we want to happen to our children, but there was no more mystery to it than this.

To conclude this diary, I would like to let investigators know that there will be an NIC meeting in May/June 2001, which will be held in Ealing, London, at the home of Judy Jaafar. The date is to be arranged, but it will be held during a weekend. We hope that this will be another informal meeting akin to the meeting held in Doncaster last September. This summer NIC meeting will focus on current investigations, but I would appreciate investigators contacting me with any specific items they would like added to the Agenda. I will be in touch with all investigators, as soon as we have a specific date arranged. The weather will be warmer (I hope) and the days will

be longer and for those travelling by train, we hope that rail services will be a great deal better by then.

I do hope that as many of you can make it as possible.

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Recently NASA, and indeed the entire scientific establishment, confirmed that a spacecraft had landed in Birmingham. This is a proven event – can you explain how or why?

AGM NOTICE

Notice Of Annual General Meeting Of BUFORA Ltd

Monday 2nd April, 2001 at 7.00pm

The 26th Annual General Meeting of BUFORA Ltd will be held at
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BOOK REVIEW

**The F.B.I. Files,
(The FBI's UFO Top Secrets Exposed).**

AUTHOR: Nicholas Redfern.

PUBLISHER: Simon & Schuster, West Garden
Place, Kendal Street, London, W2 2AQ. Tel:
0171 316 1900.

PRICE: £16.99 (Hbk).

Nick Redfern is a well known and recognised face on the UFO lecture circuit in Great Britain, he is also a prolific writer, his last book, 'A Covert Agenda', focused on the British Government's involvement in UFO reports long after they claimed they had stopped. His latest book, The FBI Files, looks into America's Federal Bureau of Investigation's and their deep and overwhelming presence in regards to their own study and involvement with the UFO phenomena. The FBI have long denied that they ever studied UFO reports, but Nick and many others have proved that this was not so. The FBI have for many years lied to their own public (and the world) that they hadn't been involved in UFO study. Nick blows more of their cover and presents a wealth of information which not only states that American Military men had actually had face to face meetings with 'beings' from elsewhere, but that the American Military Machine have many crashed UFO's in their possession!!

Nick also presents information regarding alien abductions, and their reasons for doing so, he presents many pre-classified Government documents which clearly show that not only the FBI were involved in UFO research, but also the NSA (national Security Agency) as well. We also take a look at UFO technology that was acquired by the Nazis during the 2nd world war and also those dapper dressed, MIB's, (Men In Black) of which the recent movie is not a case in point !!

There is so much crammed into this book, that it would require more than this page to present them all, suffice it to say, that this book I'm sure, will also be a best seller, and will go a long way into

educating not only the British public, but the people of the world, that UFO's are most certainly real, and they were, and still are, real enough for the world's Government's to take a long hard look at what was/is going on. Nick presents his facts honestly and carefully and the conclusions reached point in only one way, that we are being visited by 'beings' from elsewhere for purposes best known to them. The genetic interbreeding programme mentioned therein, has been stated elsewhere. The alarming cattle mutilations of America, disturbing in their presence are also looked at. The picture painted in this book is not for the light hearted. This book will open up your eyes into the reality of the UFO phenomenon, and will make you wonder when you cast your vote for whom you wish to be in power, that once there, they too, may not inform you as to what's going on in regards to the ongoing UFO situation. Researchers like Nick are to be commended in the information they provide, and I take my hat off to the man for showing the public that the UFO situation is so very, very real.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson Strange
Phenomena Investigations (England).

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- **Nick Pope** (Author of Open Skies, Closed Minds) has been invited to give an opening introduction.
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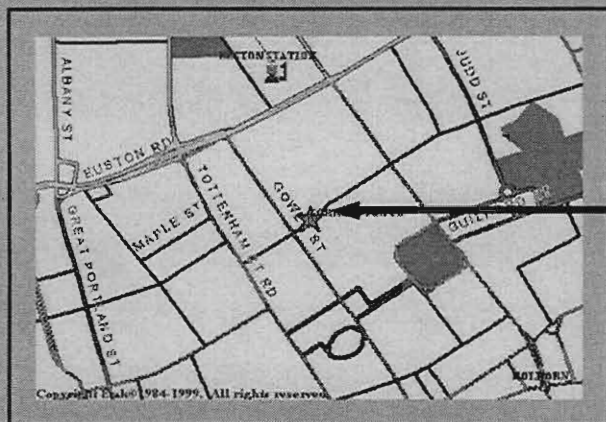


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