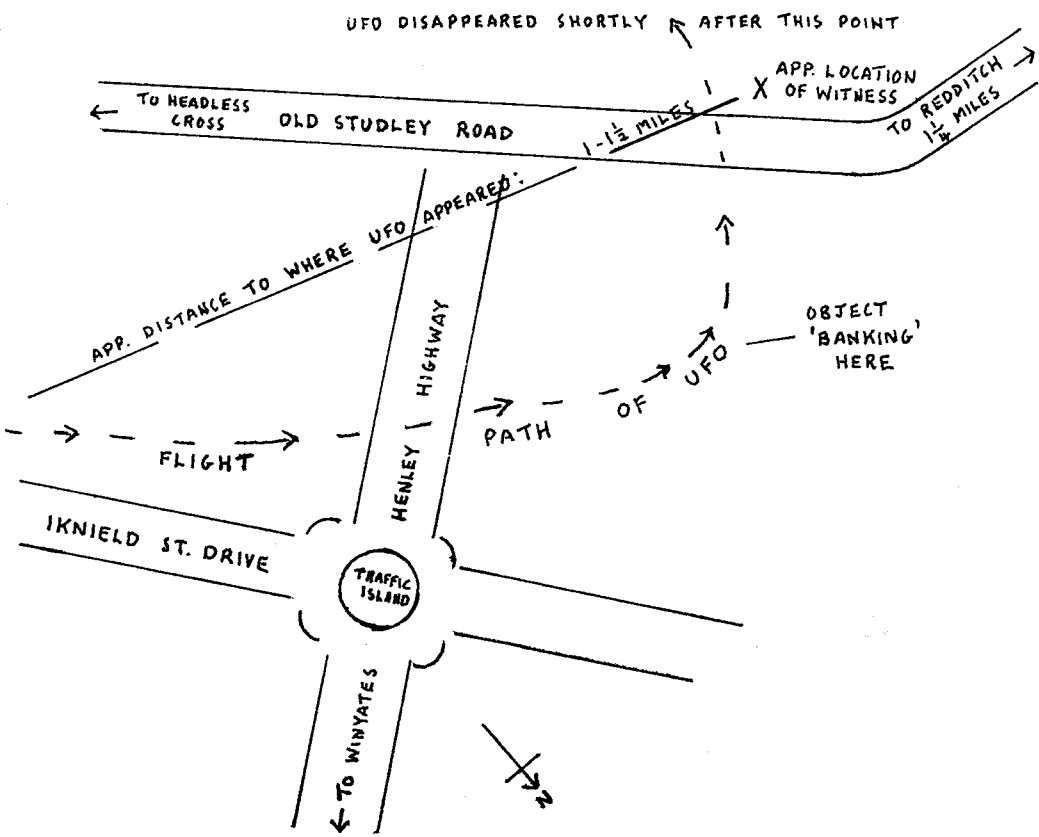


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these or their results, under controlled scientific conditions, and the suggestion was put forward that such phenomena may not be susceptible to what we term a scientific investigation—or perhaps even, though I would be loth to reject it—scientific method. Nevertheless, the thought merits consideration and the question arises, could this also be the case with UFOs? There is too, a second question, namely: if scientific method be abandoned, how then, do we proceed?

Stemming from the latin *scire*—to know or to discern, the word scientist literally means 'one who seeks to know.' Its origins give no indication of how to pursue this aim—we have formulated our own methods. If—and it's a big 'If'—it is just possible that such methods do not apply in certain cases, including UFOs, what form of enquiry should replace them? Any suggestions?

*Norman Oliver.*

## Where would we go . . . ?

One of Bufora's aims is to encourage and promote unbiased scientific research and investigation into UFO phenomena: few will quibble at this—certainly I have no such quibble myself. But—a point made on one of the *Into the Unknown* TV programmes some months ago, has stuck in my mind. It was said that it is rare for those with apparent psychic or telepathic abilities to be able to reproduce

## STOP PRESS!

Lionel Beer, who has been a committee—latterly a council—member of Bufora since its inauguration has resigned as Vice-Chairman.

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## Research News

### UFO Hypotheses

In order to clarify the position with regard to the working hypotheses which Bufora use, it has been decided to publish the following list:—

1. *That the sightings involve misidentifications of objects which are man-made or natural and are well known to experts.*
2. *That the sightings involve man-made devices only known to their inventors.*
3. *That the sighting reports are hoaxes, or involve fabrications.*
4. *That the sightings involve natural events, which are not observed often enough for scientists to have produced suitable scientific explanations.*
5. *That the sightings are mental projections by, or received by, the witnesses.*
6. *That the sightings involve devices produced by one or more alien advanced technologies which originate:*
  - A) *Elsewhere in our universe, being:*
    - i) *Within our solar system.*
    - ii) *Within our galaxy.*
    - or iii) *Beyond our galaxy.*
  - OR B) *In a universe which is not yet obvious to us using conventional techniques, and which is:*
    - i) *Parallel to ours in space and time.*
    - ii) *Parallel to ours in space but not time.*
    - iii) *Parallel to ours in time but not space.*
7. *That the sightings are of intelligent processes beyond our space-time continuum and not explicable in any of the above categories.*

Bufora is working on the assumption that the UFO reports made to us are mainly of category 1 and a small percentage belong to categories 2-5, but that *a few percent of all reports* are consistent with hypotheses 6 and/or 7.

Whilst it is true that many of Bufora's members are interested in category 6a, Bufora's research department welcomes constructive articles and research proposals from anyone whose major interests lie within any of the other categories. Our *Research Projects Officer*, Charles Lockwood, would like comments on this list and would like to hear from any researcher working along any specific line with a view to compiling a register of specialists working on the various hypotheses.

### Second meeting with Contact UK

On 28 March 1976 representatives of Bufora's research department and of Contact UK's Data-Research team met at Newchapel Observatory for further discussions on a closer liaison between the two organisations. As with the initial meeting, held last autumn, the talks were friendly and very fruitful. It is quite clear that both organisations are aware of the positive benefits for ufology in this country that such a policy of co-operation can bring, and there is no doubt that many more such meetings will be held in the future. Already clear understanding has been reached on investigation work, and there should be far less likelihood of overlap in the years to come. The way is now clear for joint research project work and the principles of each other's research systems are now known

### Research Meeting 8-9 May

#### 1. *Vehicle interference project*

In order to have the project report ready for the October Conference in

Birmingham, a final deadline for receipt of reports was set at 31 August. To speed up the search for new cases and to widen that search, the following courses of action have been decided.

- (a) *A circular letter to be sent to UFO organisations on a global scale, asking for information on local unpublished cases on file.*
- (b) *A search through Bufora's library and exchange publications will be instigated. Publications in foreign languages will be forwarded to members able to read a language.*

In the meantime, some of the preliminary typing can be started now, including the case summaries and the chapter dealing with comments from the project team.

### *2. Report files: sighting analysis cards: co-operation with the UFO Center, USA*

Up to the end of 1975, all sighting reports contained in Bufora's files have been evaluated. The next stage, now proceeding, is to classify the reports in each year into four categories, based on the quantity and quality of data in them and with regard to the strangeness or otherwise of the event. Mid-June is the deadline for completion of this sorting process, by which time, details of the exact method of transferring the data to the UFO Center, will have been received. Data should have been transferred by mid-July and a computer tabulation of *all* British reports including Bufora's will be sent to us by the middle of August.

The UFO sighting analysis cards (new format) are expected from the printers by the end of May, at which time, data from all identifiable reports will begin to be transferred. These cards and the system for their use will be made available to other UFO groups.

### *3. Work of the Center for UFO Studies*

The UFO Center have just completed their first scientific conference (30 April/2 May). "*In the past, many UFO meetings have all too often had the aspects of 'free-for-all' conventions, with the result that very little concrete was accomplished. In part this was due to the heterogeneity of the participants.*"

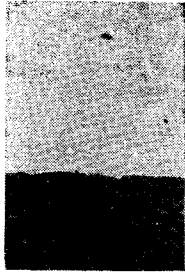
Dr J Allan Hynek went on to say that instead he proposed the conference "*be attended only by persons with an established record of serious work with an open-minded scientific attitude.*" A number of leading researchers attended and about two dozen short papers were presented covering many intriguing aspects of UFO research. Copies of these papers are now available at a cost of US\$5.00 from the Center. The Center intends to bring out an updated version of the highly successful *Traces Catalogue*, largely the work of Ted Phillips, possibly by the end of 1976. A similar catalogue containing the research work of Ted Bloecher on Humanoids, should also be released later this year. In addition, a complete report on the Delphos, Kansas case is in preparation.

*Jenny Randles & Tony Pace*

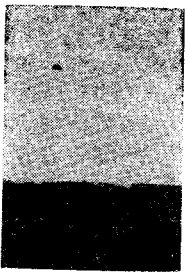
*AWARENESS* is the quarterly Journal of Contact UK. For details of membership of Contact UK, write to J B Delair, 19 Cumnor Road, Wootton, Boar's Hill, Nr Oxford.

*Controversy, with an article by Peter Bottomley will reappear in the next issue.*

## The Redditch Sighting



On December 19 1975, at approximately 14.00, a press photographer, Mr Paul S Felton, aged 20, was driving to Alcester from Redditch in Worcestershire. The weather was overcast, but cool and dry, with a light north-westerly wind.



The witness glanced out of the car and noticed in the direction of Headless Cross in the distance, a dark object at about 15 deg altitude, moving slowly around a small area near the water-tower, a local landmark. He stopped the car half a mile further on and stepped out with his Nikon F 35ml camera. Using a wide-angle lens, he proceeded to take five or six photographs of the object, which was coming closer. The witness described the size of the object as being the size of a three inch diameter circle at arm's length.

Mr Felton felt that the object was not natural or man-made because of the unfamiliar shape, apparently solid and metallic, the absence of sound and the

speed at which it travelled. The witness mentioned that there were a few passers-by at the time, but nobody he knew personally. He described the colour of the sharply-defined discoid object as 'tinted yellowish.'

While Mr Felton attempted to change the shutter-speed on his camera, the object had disappeared from sight. It was at about 60 deg altitude when last seen. He said, 'I cannot say whether the object flew out of sight because of high speed, or whether it dematerialized. It had simply disappeared when I looked up from flicking the lever on the camera.' The whole observation lasted from 1½ to 2 minutes.

*See area diagram on front cover.*

*With acknowledgements to UFO Studies Information Service, Birmingham*

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**Rene Fouere, the President of GEPA—Groupement D'études de Phenomenes Aeriens—has requested Bufora to print the following statement from him :—**

*" Mr Bryan Jeffery, who took up functions he had no right to take upon himself—he said he was one of the Bufora Leaders—has made unpleasant remarks in the July/August 1975 issue on every group present in Morlaix without any distinction.*

*So far as the GEPA, which has always had a reputation for seriousness and prudence is concerned, we cannot allow any accusation of having spoken about matters relevant to pseudo-science, and dispute that a young student in psycho-sociology has any qualifications to speak about lectures—again as far as GEPA is concerned—which need someone deeply versed in physics, astronomy and astronautics."*

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## Response—20%

The results of the questionnaire *Calling all Members* in Vol 4, No 11 of the *Journal* were interesting, and it is a pity both that only around 20% of the membership responded and that more space cannot be devoted to the very thorough analysis made by Mike Prewett of the replies received. Some of the more interesting figures and suggestions are given below, but it must be remembered that it is impossible to gauge whether these are representative of Bufora's membership as a whole, in view of such a low 'polling figure.'

In answer to questions 1 and 2, 39·8% were happy with the *Journal* content: 59·2% were not and 1% abstained. 58·2% thought the *Journal* should contain more technical material: 12·2% did not and 29·6% abstained. 23·5% considered more general content was desirable: 41·8% rejected this and 34·7% abstained. Amongst the more important of the rest of the figures were those in answer to questions 4 and 6. So far as question 4 was concerned, 84·7% said they would want a popular style *Journal* to continue if Bufora were to publish separate technical material, and question 6 resulted in 90·8% stating they would retain their membership even should Bufora not publish the *Journal* in its present format. (Though since the question did not indicate what other formats might be adopted, one assumes the 90·8% would still expect a bi-monthly *Journal* of some description).

Nearly all of the suggestions as to what aspect of content members would like to see featured more fully were constructive and a selection from these includes:

'Landing and occupant cases in more detail. Co-operation with *FSR* to avoid duplication. More research articles.'

'More reports on UFO sightings, and more people's views on the nature of UFOs.'

'The *Journal* is a general interest publication and should remain as such. Technical publications should be available on a separate (optional) subscription and be self-supporting.'

'More research progress features. More statistical analysis.'

'More detailed sightings with more photographs.'

'I would like the *Journal* to be more concerned with UFO reports and analysis. At the moment it seems to be full of Bufora politics.'

'Other occult subjects, eg: Atlantis, monsters, etc.'

'Reports scientifically investigated and concluded. Technical articles.'

'More readers' letters and opinions.'

'Reports in greater detail. More local events for members to take part in.'

'Technical aspects. Progress of studies outside Bufora, eg: the Center for UFO studies. Contactee cases.'

'More about planets, satellites and aircraft recognition.'

'Full investigation reports. Less sensationalism. More objectivity.'

'More consideration of local and regional groups investigations, giving them an opportunity to air their views.'

'More instructive articles dealing with techniques of such fields as investigations.'

'Lecture summaries, equipment surveys, etc.'

'Details of research being conducted by Bufora and discussion on possible avenues of progressive research.'

On behalf of the Council I would like to thank all those concerned for their comments and assure them that these will not just be filed away and forgotten—note will be taken of them.

*Norman Oliver.*

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**Ian Vinten** has now inaugurated the West Country UFO Research Association. Details from Ian at 51 Hutton Park, Hutton Moor Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon.

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# SKYWATCH TWENTY-THREE

This skywatch report was submitted by John Cree of the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society after their members had taken part in the National Skywatch of 5/6 July 1975. It is an extremely good example of how a skywatch should be organised and includes, one feels, a number of features would-be skywatchers might do well to copy. John Cree writes:—

“ Because of holidays we were only able to field 7 members and so were unable to cover the whole 12 hour period; we therefore decided to cover the hours from 21.00 to 04.00 (dawn). As can be seen from the Log sheets, it was a very quiet and uneventful skywatch, the only things causing any concern during the whole night being an exceptionally slow-moving satellite at 22.52 and two rather loud explosions at 02.37 and 03.31, which proved to have been caused by a malfunctioning bird-scaring device.

As an aid in understanding our Log sheets, we would point out the following :—

- (a) The 24 hr clock is used at all times.
- (b) Beaufort wind scales are used. (See appendix 'A').
- (c) Standard meteorological classifications are used for visibility and cloud types. (See appendices 'B' and 'C').
- (d) Our own codes are used for 'present weather.' (See appendix 'D').
- (e) The radiation readings given are 'background radiation count' and these readings were taken for one minute in every 15, using a contamination meter No 2 fitted with a Beta G.M. tube.

The skywatch was held at our usual site at Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, OS map reference 660405, sheet 112 . . . . We hold at least one skywatch each month, two where possible. We are fortunate in having the exclusive use of a group of farm buildings in which we have set up a 'control room' and a separate 'mess room' and so are impervious to the weather . . . .”

## Log Details

NUFOIS SKY-WATCH REPORT LOG SHEET		
Skywatch No 23. Grid Ref: 660405. OS Map No 112. Date: 5-6/7/75		
Time	Remarks	Initials
20.30	6 members present at site. Mr S Henley, Mr J Molloy, Mr C Molloy, Mr J Cree, Mr G Martin, Miss P Pickup	S.H.
20.45	Equipment set up and tested	S.H.
21.00	Skywatch officially started	S.H.
21.05	Mr S Adams arrived	S.H.
21.50	Mr Martin and Mr Cree leave site to fetch supper (chips)	S.H.
22.47	Fireworks display observed (rockets and flares) bearing 102° from site. Distance estimated at approx. 10-12 miles	S.H.
22.48	Mr Martin and Mr Cree return to site	S.H.
//	6-7-75	//
02.37	Explosion heard Bearing 263° from site	S.H.
03.31	Explosion heard Bearing 263° from site	S.H.
03.40	Mr Martin left site to return home	S.H.
03.48	Skywatch will end after the 04.00 met. readings	S.H.
04.00	Skywatch has now finished. Equipment being packed away	S.H.
04.15	All members have now left skywatch site	S.H.



### NUFOIS VISUAL OBSERVATIONS LOG SHEET

Date	Time	Description/Remarks	Bear.	Elev.
5.7.75	20.54	Twin-engined aircraft first sighted	170°	30°
	20.56	last seen	350°	33°
	22.32	Arcturus becomes visible	—	—
	22.35	Spica becomes visible	—	—
	22.52	Satellite observed passing through Corona Borealis at very low speed (8 mins to cover 10° arc)	200°	46°
	23.16	Vega becomes visible	—	—
	23.24	Meteor sighted	178°	45°
	23.27	Deneb becomes visible	—	—
	23.35	Satellite observed Heading 204°	264°	53°
	23.43	Satellite observed Heading 360°	180°	75°
6.7.75	23.47	Light observed low down (Poss. rocket or flare)	274°	25°
	23.51	Satellite observed Heading 045°	320°	80°
	00.02	Satellite observed Heading 132°	259°	75°
	00.27	Meteor sighted	018°	50°
	00.30	Satellite observed Heading 360°	220°	80°
	00.41	Satellite observed Heading 168°	160°	75°
	00.52	Satellite observed Heading 040°	190°	69°
	01.00	Meteor sighted	230°	62°
	01.10	Meteor sighted	185°	60°
	01.10	Satellite observed Heading 015°	196°	70°
	01.15	Satellite observed Heading 064°	204°	83°
	01.26	Meteor sighted	254°	46°
	01.50	Satellite observed Heading 140°	330°	85°
	01.50	Meteor sighted	140°	85°
	01.57	Satellite observed Heading 358°	180°	72°
	02.30	Moonrise	066°	03°
	02.43	Landing lights of aircraft sighted making approach to Tollerton (Nottingham airport)	253°	20°
	03.04	Satellite observed Heading 162°	186°	87°

### NUFOIS METEOROLOGICAL LOG SHEET

Wet	Dry	% Hum	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Cloud Height	Am'nt Occtas	Atmos P'sure	Visi-bility	Present Wea'hr	Ra'tion Av'age	Time
12.5	18.0	44.5	2	232°	M	5	—	08	G.2	43	21.00
11.2	16.0	47.5	1	230°	M	6	—	08	G.2	44	22.00
10.3	13.5	50.0	1	236°	M	6	—	08	G.2	34	23.00
9.0	12.2	52.0	1	232°	M	2	—	07	G.1	44	24.00
9.0	11.6	54.5	1	230°	M	3	—	07	G.1	39	01.00
8.0	10.0	57.5	1	232°	M	1	—	06	G.1	39	02.00
8.0	10.0	60.0	1	232°	M	1	—	06	G.1	39	03.00
7.5	9.0	62.0	1	231°	M	1	—	07	G.1	34	04.00

Temperature Wet & Dry bulb hygrometer

### NUFOIS HOURLY BACKGROUND RADIATION LOG

Time	Count	Time	Count	Time	Count	Time	Count	Average
21.00	43	21.15	48	21.30	35	21.45	52	44
22.00	32	22.15	32	22.30	34	22.45	40	34
23.00	51	23.15	36	23.30	58	23.45	34	44
24.00	37	00.15	37	00.30	48	00.45	36	39
01.00	48	01.15	34	01.30	36	01.45	39	39
02.00	46	02.15	36	02.30	42	02.45	34	39
03.00	33	03.15	42	03.30	28	03.45	36	34

All the above tables signed by Skywatch co-ordinator—S. W. Henley

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## SKYWATCH TWENTY THREE

### Appendix A. Beaufort Wind Scale

- 0 —Calm—Smoke rises vertically.
- 1 —Light air—Direction of wind shown by smoke drift but not by wind vanes.
- 2 —Light breeze—Wind felt on face: leaves rustle: ordinary vanes moved by wind.
- 3 —Gentle breeze—Leaves and small twigs in constant motion: extends light flags.
- 4 —Moderate breeze—Raises dust and loose paper: small branches are moved.
- 5 —Fresh breeze—Small trees in leaf sway: crested wavelets on inland water.
- 6 —Strong breeze—Large branches in motion: whistling heard in telephone wires.
- 7 —Near gale—Whole trees in motion: inconvenience felt walking against wind.
- 8 —Gale—Breaks twigs off trees: generally impedes progress.
- 9 —Strong gale—Slight structural damage (chimney pots and slates removed).
- 10—Storm—Seldom experienced inland: trees uprooted: considerable structural damage.
- 11—Violent storm—Very rarely experienced: accompanied by widespread damage.
- 12—Hurricane.

### Appendix B. Visibility Code

- 00 Dense fog (objects not visible at 55 yards).
- 01 Thick fog (objects not visible at 220 yards).
- 02 Fog (objects not visible at 550 yards).
- 03 Moderate fog (objects not visible at 1100 yards).
- 04 Mist or haze (objects not visible at 1.25 mls.).
- 05 Poor visibility (objects not visible at 2.5 mls.).
- 06 Moderate visibility (objects not visible at 6.25 mls.).
- 07 Good visibility (objects not visible at 12.5 mls.).
- 08 Very good visibility (objects not visible at 31 mls.).
- 09 Excellent visibility (objects visible above 31 mls. distant).

### Appendix C. Cloud Classification

High clouds .....	20000 to 40000 ft .....	Cirrus, Cirrocumulus, Cirrostratus
Medium cloud .....	7000 to 20000 ft .....	Alto cumulus, Altostratus
Low cloud .....	ground level to 7000 ft .....	Stratocumulus, Stratus, Nimbostratus, Cumulus, Cumulonimbus.

### Appendix D. NUFOIS Present Weather Code

- G.1. Good weather—warm—less than 4/8 cloud.
- G.2. Good weather—warm—more than 4/8 cloud.
- G.3. Good weather—cold—less than 4/8 cloud.
- G.4. Good weather—cold—more than 4/8 cloud.
- R.1. Light rain.
- R.2. Heavy rain.
- H. Hail.
- F. Fog—Less than 200 yards visibility.
- M. Mist—More than 200 yards visibility.
- S.1. Snow—Light ground cover (ground showing through).
- S.2. Snow—Medium ground cover (less than 2 inches).
- S.3. Snow—Heavy ground cover (over 2 inches).
- FR. Frost—Ground or air.

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## PHENOMENA OF EARTH AND SKY

Between 4 and 18 August 1976, the Dorman Museum, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough, will have on display the Art's Council's exhibition of Peruvian Ground Drawings. In conjunction with this exhibition, there will be a one-day seminar on Saturday, 7

August on the theme 'Phenomena of Earth and Sky.' For further details, write to PO Box 69, Zetland House, Zetland Road, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, TS1 1EL or phone 0642 83781 and ask for Mr C E Thornton.

## Uforum

Dear Sir

I refer to the comments made by Mr T Higgins in the March/April *Journal* concerning UFO hostility.

Mr Higgins quoted a case from the book *The New UFO Breakthrough* which concerned injuries inflicted upon a young girl in Oklahoma, telling us that the girl was badly burned, these wounds being 'administered purposely' by the occupants of a UFO.

Might I inform Mr Higgins that there is no evidence to suggest the UFO actually attacked the girl. She had gone outside after a family argument: a few minutes later her mother heard a high-pitched scream of pain and ran outside to find her daughter on the

ground, terribly burned, about 100 yards from the house. She later described seeing something that looked like 'a sort of flying ashtray' skimming over the hilltops away from her. An ambulance was summoned and the girl was taken to hospital in Midwest City: later, she was transferred to a military hospital.

Next day, neighbours reported seeing the family's possessions taken away in vans described as 'Air Force blue.' To my knowledge they have not been seen since. So you see, we cannot simply accept this as a genuine UFO attack, simply because there were no witnesses to the incident. The young girl could have been standing beneath the 'exhaust' as the craft took off . . .

Graham Knights  
Norwich

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**Readers' letters are welcomed, but please keep them as brief as possible. The editor reserves the right to publish and to extract from letters where necessary. Letters of some length may be considered more suitable for use as features.**

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Dear Sir

Ref: *Bufora Journal*, Vol 4, No 12. Controversy! The future of British Ufology by Jenny Randles.

Whilst I agree with some points Jenny made, I do not agree that an RICs' area should be reduced using non-members. Where members are enthusiastic, the RIC should organise his investigators so that *they* may proceed with the investigations while the RIC co-ordinates. The RIC should arrange to meet his investigators once or twice a year so that they can discuss methods and ideas on investigating reports. I am experimenting with such a system . . . Perhaps if all RIC's experiment with a system (or make known their present system) we may be able to choose one or more

for general use in Bufora. I appreciate time is an important point, expenditure too—I experience difficulty with both! But if we are sincere in our ideas and interest in UFOs, logical in our methods, constructive in our objections, we should progress *together*. Let us try to *find* some answers to the many questions in ufology and be less interested in Britain taking 'the lead' (J R). What does it matter who places the last piece in this very large puzzle? The important point is that Bufora contributes to solving the puzzle whether it be the beginning the middle or the end, and does so in an organised manner so that we *all* participate.

Lawrence Dale (RIC)  
Orpington

Dear Sir

In the Jan/Feb *Journal* you requested further information about an Australian case (alleging rape by UFO occupants) . . . . This case appears in the book *Unsolved Mysteries of the Past* by Otto Binder who quotes it from *The National Tattler* of 2.4.67.

Stephen McCarten  
Garston

Dear Sir

I did not attend the Kensington meeting on Feb 7, but I really must protest at David Viewing's description of ufologists as having 'little purpose and little ability.' What precisely does he mean when he states that those of us who show a keen interest and curiosity in the phenomenon we have termed ufology lack a sense of purpose and ability?

A sense of purpose! To find out how, when, where and why? Lack of ability! When the only criteria we have are reports which may or may not be authentic? Certainly I agree that there needs to be a far more orderly centralisation of, for example, reports of sightings which emanate from all over the world. But how can the average ufologist 'lack ability?' Lack ability to do what? Sift the evidence? Interrogate the witness?

The implementation of any research programme is, I feel, too dependent on the vagaries of the human mind in terms of memory, articulation, imagination, veracity and perception. Certainly the formation of specialised groups in terms of ufological evaluation might help, but the one great drawback to any rationalised programme is this—'we ain't got a UFO to examine!'

In my own case, for example, I can evaluate the effects of UFO proximity to a herd of cattle, but the evidence

forthcoming is only one of (presumably) fear! And this is a factor which can be caused by many other stimuli! We can, of course, undoubtedly acquire some knowledge by judging the effects of UFOs in close contact with humans and animals alike, but in the former case we are back to the validity and authenticity of reports and reactions of articulate witnesses, whilst animals can reveal only physical rather than psychological sequelae.

In any case, therefore, until we have direct physical contact, with all that implies in the way of ufological evidence, all the psychological, physiological, optical, perceptual and avian criteria we may acquire reflects only the veracity and intellectual capacity of the witness.

R Jones-Pugh  
Haverfordwest

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## Personal column

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## **UFOs: Local History—and the ‘Kingdom of the Elves.’**

### **Part One**

*Gay Mosley*

“Two men of the parish of Deerness, Orkney, had unusual experiences. They were walking one night through a low valley towards the farm where they worked, when they met two ‘girls’ in white dresses—‘just like white night-gowns.’ Assured that they were girls from that neighbourhood, ‘C’ flung his arms around one and ‘S’ did the same to the other. ‘C’s’ girl seemed to evaporate into the air and ‘S’s’ one to melt into the ground. They were absolutely insubstantial and disappeared completely. On another evening when the men were going home through the valley, something like a very bright star came directly towards them. As it passed over their heads a voice came from it saying, ‘I’m sent.’ ‘C,’ whose nerves were weaker than those of ‘S,’ fell to the ground. He was so agitated that it took him a considerable time to come to himself.”

Readers may be forgiven for thinking the above is a recent sighting report—perhaps from South America. It has little to distinguish it from the numerous stories that intrigue and bewilder ufologists throughout the world. It is, however, an extract from Ernest W Markwick’s *The Folklore of Orkney*

*and Shetland*. It happened around the seventies of last century, and serves to illustrate the wealth of fascinating information to be found in folklore and local history that displays distinct ufological elements. Whilst most of the material is, of course, unverifiable and embellished with the retelling, it is an interesting exercise to study the folklore of a locality to discover for oneself possible UFO activity which has manifested itself to the inhabitants in terms of their own experience and understanding.

It would be an impossible task for one person to examine from a ufological perspective, the local history archives and folklore of the entire country, but a concerted effort by several could produce some fascinating results. If after reading of some of the discoveries I have made in a matter of weeks, you feel prompted to investigate your own locality, take along paper and pencil to record your findings and send them to the editor for inclusion in an article at a later date.

Here then, are a number of puzzling tales I have found. When reading these it is interesting to note simil-

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arities between the descriptions and such cases as the Bebedouro entities<sup>1</sup>, the Itaperuna creature<sup>2</sup> and many other beings from what Gordon Creighton calls 'The Kingdom of the Elves,' so similar are they to the creatures of fairy lore.

Surprisingly fairy stories still occur. R L Tongue relates a story told to him by a President of the Women's Institute in Wellington. (*Somerset Folklore County Series, F L S 1965*).

"... When we were on holiday in Cornwall, my daughter and I came down a winding lane, and all of a sudden there was a small green man by a gate watching us: all in green with a pointed hood and ears.

We both saw him and my little girl screamed..."

At the other end of the country, fairy encounters persist.

Walter Johnson in the *Archives of the School of Scottish Studies* records a 'fairy' seen in a glen in Perthshire. He is described as a 'wee green man with peakit boots with a cap like an old gramo-



*Rough sketch of small being from the Itaperuna UFO (Sketch from newspaper O DIA of Rio de Janeiro 3.10.72 —FSR Special Issue 5*

phone horn on his head.' This traditional creature, with its dark and furrowed face was seen by father and son to disappear into rocks.

Most areas appear to have their versions of these creatures variously known as brownies, hobgoblins, elves and so on. All have similar characteristics. Earlier descriptions describe them as human size or taller. Latterly they have been small and shaggy, sometimes taking animal form. Generally grotesque, they occasionally have no separate fingers or toes: perhaps no noses, only nostrils. They are said to have the power of invisibility and are almost always solitary. Another recent model is the Garston creature of 1951 reported in the Liverpool press. In November of that year, Mr William Routledge was working in his ship-breaking yard when he became aware of a creature who "... looked at least six foot six, and I was particularly struck by his hair which stood up from his head in a great brush four or five inches high." Its gait was that of a great ape and it walked through the headlights of a car without breaking their beam. The creature wore tight, tapering, plum-coloured breeches and was observed by two people whilst a third saw nothing.

*To be continued*

<sup>1</sup> *Flying Saucer Review, Vol 19, No 6.*

<sup>2</sup> *Flying Saucer Review, Special Issue No 5.*

### **Belfast contact claim**

Miles Johnstone and John Hinde, Bufora, Northern Ireland, are carefully investigating the case of Mrs Hamilton who lives in the Anderstown district of Belfast. Mrs Hamilton claims that in 1972 she was 'instantly transported' from her bedroom to the interior of a spacecraft whose crew consisted of velvet-skinned aliens of many

different races. Contacts are allegedly still continuing and Mrs Hamilton considers it may be possible to photograph the aliens, thus procuring 'hard evidence.' It is anticipated a full report on the case will be published when investigations are completed.

*With acknowledgements to Northern UFO News.*

## Sighting summaries

*Uncoded August 1966. 15.30  
Ruislip, Middlesex*

An ambulance man and four American friends were walking in some fields close to the US Air Force Base at Ruislip. 'We heard, or rather felt a whining from above and behind us. On looking round we saw a large roundish black object coming towards us.' This frightened the witnesses, who ran and hid under a nearby railway bridge. The object then came down to a height of 6 inches where it remained hovering for a time. The witnesses then ascertained that it was blue-grey in colour. They also noticed some ill-effects; they all had slight headaches; cows in a nearby field lay down; a can rolled towards the object, and all their watches had stopped.

One of the Americans accidentally dropped a lemonade bottle and this prompted a rapid reaction from the object. There was a loud roar and a flash similar to a flash bulb. The object then shot straight up and had disappeared within a few seconds. A few minutes later, four American MPs arrived and ordered the Americans back to the base. They were all told to say nothing as no-one would believe them, and the ambulance man was not allowed to see the four Americans again.

*Investigator: Robert Digby.*

*73-098 June 1973. 11.15  
Pathfinder Village, Exeter*

The witness, a 74 year old retired engineer, was sitting on top of a stone wall at the top of the lane running from the village to the hills. He saw a light buff coloured object travelling west at treetop level, towards him and as it approached, he heard a 'shushing' noise. When it came really close, the object inclined itself to the horizontal and the witness felt a blast of hot air on his face. The object then shot straight up and disappeared, travelling too fast for the eye to follow.

*Investigator: Richard Farrow.*

*75-217 27 August 1975. 14.40  
Richmond Park, Surrey*

Two young mothers were walking in Richmond Park with their children watching a Jumbo Jet, when one of the children said 'There's a little one.' A silver coloured object came into view from behind the Jumbo, travelling NE at an elevation of 40-45 deg.

When it reached 60 deg. elevation, the object stopped moving and remained so for 2.3 minutes. The witnesses could now see that the object was shaped like a tear-drop but was flat underneath. The object then turned on its own axis and accelerated away, travelling too fast for the eye to follow.

*Investigator: Richard P. Colborne.*

*76-006 3 January 1976. 17.10  
Kensington, London*

The three witnesses were on their way to attend a BUFORA lecture. They had just arrived in Kensington when they saw a group of stationary lights in the sky, consisting of one large bright light with two smaller ones in straight line formation, the larger one in the middle. For 35 seconds they remained in this position and then moved so that the straight line formation was now inclined 30 deg to the horizon. At this point, the lights dimmed and started to move very slowly. The witnesses then observed a wide pale beam of light emanating from in front of the lights which then disappeared behind a building.

*Investigator: R. J. Nash.*

*76-038 6 March 1976. 18.50  
Crowborough, E Sussex*

A young man and his fiancée were driving along the A26 Brighton-Crowborough Road, when they saw in the east, two bright white lights at an elevation of 30 deg. They appeared to be 'pacing' the car and the witness decided to pull into the car park of a nearby pub so that he could watch the lights. By this time, the lights had 'crossed the road and were approaching us from behind the pub.' As they came nearer the witnesses could see more 'details.' There were two bright lights (like car headlights) and between these was a smaller red one. To the left of the lights, there was a green one, and to the right was a red. The 'lights' continued to approach and came directly overhead. 'As they approached closely, we began to feel strange, our ears popped and we felt shivery, and I felt rather faint.' Because of these ill-effects, they decided to drive on.

The girl continued to watch the lights, and she saw them continue past the car and over the road again, at which point she saw, '... that there was another white light at the back giving a triangular impression.' As they drove on the lights were lost to view and on arriving home they '... continued to feel strange and our ears were still slightly affected.'

*Summaries by Peter Bottomley.*

## Candidate for ufology ?

Without wishing to bring politics into our pages, nevertheless I cannot say US Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter's ever-present New World version of the Ted Heath grin has really endeared him to me.

However, the *Daily Telegraph* of 2 June quotes him as saying in an interview in the *National Enquirer*, "If I become President, I'll make every piece of information this country has about UFO sightings available to the

public and the scientists. I am convinced that UFOs exist because I have seen one." (*At Thomaston, Georgia in 1973*).

"It was the darndest thing I've ever seen. It was big. It was very bright. It changed colours and was about half the size of the Moon. We watched it for ten minutes, but none of us could figure out what it was."

Perhaps if Mr Carter fails in his presidential bid, he could be persuaded to give Dr Hynek a hand at the UFO Center!—Ed.

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