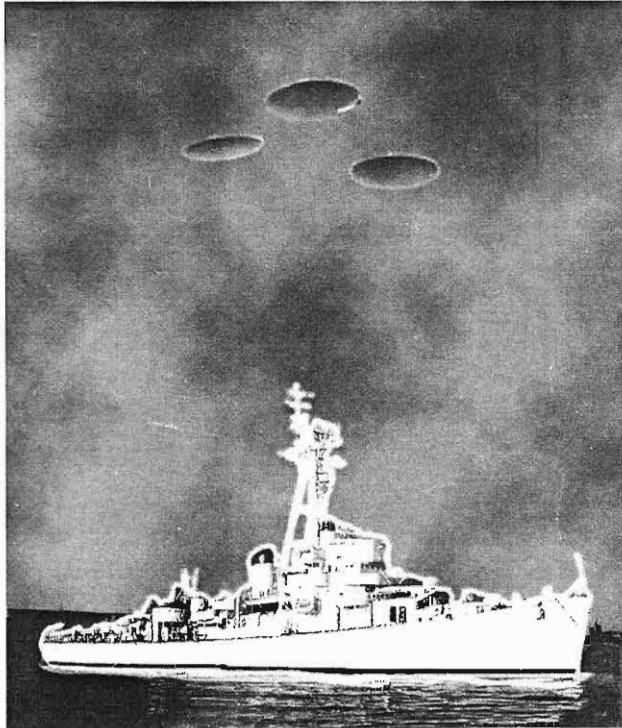


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EDITORIAL



Time Check

Anyone noticed how – following on to the development of ‘zero-point’ energy which could itself result in ‘warp-drive’ capabilities - acceptance that time travel may be possible seems to have been gaining ground in scientific circles recently?

One argument against the possibility of time travel that, indeed, I’ve used myself in the past, has been that – say – one wanted to travel back 50 years or so. In that time, the entire Solar System, moving at some 12 miles per second, would be some 18,662,400,000 miles (if you prefer kilometres, please do the conversion yourself – I had enough trouble with the miles!) away from our present position in space, so one would actually have to travel that distance in space as well – a trifle daunting!

Our present conceptions of space/time, however, are veering towards, well, shall we say, a more ‘intimate relationship’ between the two, whereby it might be possible to travel from one time to another almost as easily as travelling from London to Manchester – well, maybe even more easily in view of the present state of our rail network! This concept will be covered more fully in the second and third parts of the Montauk saga in later *Journals*.

Let us take the concept, though, not just of our being able to travel in time, but that there may well be a number of ‘time lines’ existing parallel to our own but with subtle – or maybe not so subtle – differences, amongst other things in development and terrain. Might this not account for such experiences as that of the Doncaster Biker featured in *NBJ6* where, on returning later to the scene of his experience, features of his surroundings during that experience could not be identified. Similarly in this issue, where the object seen by the three witnesses was not observed to take off smoothly, but was seen in three separate ‘stills’. Might their experiences – including their abduction – have taken place, say, on the ‘cusp’ or ‘edge’ of one such line? Also with the claims of Al Bielek - again referred to in this issue. Seemingly it would be impossible for his ‘two lives’ to run concurrently. But - if different time lines were involved?

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Moving from one time-line to another, whether voluntarily or involuntarily could also be a possible explanation for the ‘Oz Factor’ so frequently come across by experiencers. All three of the witnesses in the ‘Shamrock Café’ abduction account related herein experienced a ‘slowing down of time’, a ‘very confused’

feeling as 'though we were in suspended animation'. A sort of time-line 'jetlag'?

Former RIC Larry Dale's experiences in Thailand with the entity 'MI' (covered in past Journals), which he is currently writing about and which I am editing for him could well have a 'time-line' or similar connection. Communications he received were centred more or less on space/time: were severed without warning and the original 'prelude' to communication – a baby's cry – occurred at an interval of more than two decades. Could it be that our time -line and that of the entity concerned only 'touched' at specific intervals, for example?

I do not put this forward as a substitute for visitations by 'space' aliens from elsewhere in our own 'spatial' universe – or indeed any other possible explanations for the UFO/ 'Alien' enigma; any, or any combination of explanations may be true, but it IS, I feel, one that should be considered. Clearly, one way or another 'Time' will tell!

Norman Oliver



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As I write this in mid-March, world eyes are focused on the Iraq situation and the uncertain outcomes of what seemed an imminent US-led military intervention there. At the same time, the World Water Forum was taking place in Japan, when the widespread view was expressed that a growing shortage of water posed a far greater threat to the world than the repercussions of the present Iraq crisis, with over half the world's population not having enough water by 2025 if governments did not put water at the top of their development and investment priorities.

That may be debatable – and more should at least be known about the Middle East situation by the time this issue of *NBJ* reaches readers – but I do believe that students and explorers,

including Ufologists, of anomalous phenomena are better placed than most to contributing to alleviating many of the hazards facing the planet and its inhabitants (not only the human kind).

For instance, as touched on previously, one of the areas I am especially interested in is dowsing, working particularly through the British Society of Dowzers, and dowsing (or divining as it is better known in many parts of the world) for water, and also checking (and perhaps improving) its purity, is something that has a long record of success. Scepticism may remain especially in the commercial sphere, and where dowsing is resorted to it may often not be publicly acknowledged (cf. the use of remote viewing, which is related to remote, including map, dowsing). But talented individual dowzers have long made a respected living at it, and it is utilised by people, not only for water, in a range of industries and sectors.

Noteworthy if still modest dowsing-related projects are Water for Life in India and now Village Water in Honduras, seeking to find and then drill for water for local villages there. Indeed, Village Water has recently been selected as the benefit charity for the 2003 Scottish Promenade Concert at Glamis Castle in August.

Scottish Connections

Scotland, as I have mentioned previously, is where I first came across direct evidence of UFOs, with the scrambling of night-fighters to investigate radar sightings while I was serving at RAF Leuchars in the mid-1950s. I was therefore interested this week to receive, as a freelance writer, a book for review 'Mysterious Scotland - Enigmas, Secrets and Legends' by Michael Balfour in which he draws attention to Scotland being the "only country in the world" to have commemorated a UFO incident, with a monument to mark forester Bob Taylor's 1979 encounter in Dechmont Forest, West Lothian (though the commemorative plaque upon a rock was erected on Dechmont Law.).

Having to thank my three years at Leuchars too (playing for Dundee chess club) for a lifelong interest in chess, it would be good to play in this year's British Chess Championships in Edinburgh (competing for the Seniors' title) and combine this with a trip to Dechmont Law and forest, taking along some dowsing equipment. I shall report on anything of significance in due course, and in turn would welcome any input or feedback (including, incidentally, news of any other UFO 'monuments' as well as any items that members would like to raise or contribute on Ufology or related wider areas – I can be emailed at peterdoye@lineone.net).

The contribution of Ufologists to solving global problems could well still lie some way in the future, as space exploration, including of inner space and other dimensions, continues, despite the Columbus space shuttle setback, and maybe humankind is affected by incoming signals or other events. But in certain circumstances, Ufologists' contribution could be a major one and owe much to the efforts of past pioneers and those who now follow in their footsteps and maintain an interest in the subject.

Peter Doye



A 1981 CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Norman Oliver

In my opinion this is the best-authenticated multi-witness account of more than a 'mere sighting' to have been recorded in the UK It took place on July 15th 1981, being subsequently reported in the *News of the World* of June 5th 1983. The occurrence took place at a time when, for a while, owing to family circumstances I was taking little interest in UFO matters. Several well-known ufologists including Jenny Randles and Harry Harris investigated it and, indeed, to the best of my recollection, videotapes of subsequent hypnosis sessions were shown by Harry Harris

at a BUFORA Conference held in High Wycombe in August 1983, which I was unable to attend.

My own connection with the witnesses in 1985 and 1986 occurred in a rather roundabout manner. There had been an ad. in the then magazine *Destiny* from someone asking for others who knew of or had had strange experiences to get in touch. I replied and to my astonishment the letter back was from Valerie Walters, one of the three women involved in the 1981 affair. Over the next two years I had over a dozen letters from Val and met her and one of the other witnesses on several occasions.

Soon after we commenced corresponding she sent me a 24-page account of the entire experience and what happened afterwards. I shall be quoting verbatim extensively from this as I consider that not only is it an excellent account, but it also shows that the three concerned DID experience what was claimed. Indeed, the attitude of both witnesses I met (the other was Rosemary Hawkins), was that they were only concerned in trying to find out possible reasons for their being 'contacted' and to impress on everyone that they were definitely NOT involved in perpetrating a hoax. In my opinion, they were completely genuine in this. However, I shall now quote from the account Valerie sent to me in April 1985 and you can judge for yourself. Here it is:

"Rosemary Hawkins, Vivien Hayward, myself and another girl, Joan Copp had arranged to go out on Wednesday the 15th of July 1981, to the 'Over-25s Night' at 'Tiffany's', a nightclub in Shrewsbury." (Now under new ownership and called 'Park Lane'). "The four of us were going to go in Vivien's car, a white Hillman Avenger, and we had arranged to meet some other friends there. Rosemary and Vivien came for me at about 8.30pm and then we went to call for Joan. When we got to her house she had changed her mind about going out – she just did not want to go. She made all sorts of excuses and no amount of our persuasion could make her change her mind – yet in the afternoon when we had seen her she had said that she had been looking

forward to it. It was totally unlike Joan to refuse an evening out – she had never done so before!" (*Coincidence?*).

"When we arrived at 'Tiffany's' our other friends were already there. We took our jackets to the cloakroom and then went to get ourselves a drink. We only ever drank soft drinks there because the alcoholic drinks were very expensive, and anyway, Vivien never drank when she was driving. We had not realised that there was to be a brass band on instead of the cabaret act, so we were bored for most of the evening. We had gone out intending to have a bit of fun and a good dance, but the disco did not start until about 11.30pm. Our other friends left at about 12.30pm because of their babysitters and getting up for work in the morning. We stayed because we were just beginning to enjoy ourselves. Usually we would all have left together and followed each other home." (*Another coincidence?*). "We had thought since then that perhaps the three of us were meant to be going along that particular road, at that particular time, on our own!"

"Towards 1am, we were sitting down chatting when we noticed there were two men over by the bar who were obviously talking about us for some reason, as they were staring across at us. One of them came over and asked if one of us had a car and whether we were going home to Telford. He asked Vivien whether he and his friend could have a lift to Wellington. Vivien refused them a lift after they had made some cheeky remarks to us. We looked around a few moments later and they were nowhere to be seen, yet we'd been looking towards the exit and hadn't seen them go out."

"We got up and danced until about 1.50am and then went to get our jackets and things together and at about 1.55am we left. By the time we'd got outside, crossed over the road to the car park and settled in the car it would have been about 2.05am when we left for home. Vivien was driving on the right: Rosemary was sitting in the front passenger seat on the left and I was sitting behind Rosemary on the left-hand side."

"The journey through town was quite normal and we were our usual chatty selves. Going down one street – I can't recall its name – outside a hat shop there were some men working on a gas main, which we thought was strange at that time in the morning. We then travelled on out of the town over the bridge, past the old abbey on the left, then through Abbey Foregate and past Shire Hall on the left and then across the island by the column, along London Road, past Shrewsbury College on the left and then on through Emstree. Coming up to the roundabout to get onto the A5 a car drove up right behind us, overtook us, then pulled up right in front of us. Vivien had to brake and pull to the side to avoid a collision."

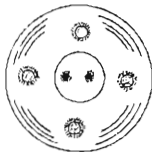
"The car then roared off around the island and went off in the opposite direction to us. As you can imagine, we were all cursing about that. We went on past the garden centre on the right and followed the River Severn along on our left through to Atcham. Coming through Atcham, Vivien commented on how quiet we had all gone. This was unusual for us because normally we'd be having a good old sing-song or chatting about everything and nothing, like most women do! I said I was tired and that I'd been bored and disappointed with our evening out. We all agreed on that!"

"Just before we reached the 'Horseshoe' public house on our right and two petrol stations either side of the road, a taxi passed us by and we watched it going off quickly into the distance. There were no other cars on the road then except for us. Then I began to feel very drowsy, so I slid down the seat to get more comfortable. Then, on going round the next bend in the road, I noticed some lights off in the distance, coming across the rise on the right, and then disappearing behind some trees. I didn't say anything to the others because I thought they were either car lights off in the distance, or a helicopter from RAF Shawbury on night duty, as they often frequented the Wrekin area, so I started to try to doze off."

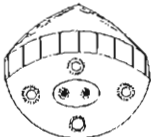
"Just past the turnings for Uppington and Walcot I was aroused by Vivien calling out, 'What are those lights?' I sat up and leaned

forward so that I could see out of the front window. We all got very excited and were absolutely terrified by what we could see. There was absolutely no mistaking that we were looking up at the bottom of a strange, round craft – like nothing we had ever seen before!”

“The strangest thing of all was that it was completely silent – all that we could hear was the sound of the car engine through the open side window. Now, helicopters are very noisy, especially when they are in such close proximity, so it was definitely not one of those! The bottom of the craft was a perfect circle. It had two red lights in the middle and four very bright yellowish-white lights spaced evenly around the inner rim of the outer edge. The lights lit up the bottom, which was dark grey and appeared to be made of some kind of metallic substance. It was slightly to the left and in front of us and I would say it was approximately 200 feet above us and that it was 30 to 40 feet in diameter. (I can't be sure of this because I'm not very good at guessing.) Vivien said afterwards she had seen a green light that Rosemary and I had no recollection of.”



PERSPECTIVE C



PERSPECTIVE B



PERSPECTIVE A

“I felt all hot and cold and I was trembling! Although Rosemary and I were very frightened, we were fascinated at the same time. All that Vivien wanted to do was to get away from it – she was convinced we were going to be captured or something! I kept wishing that my husband was there with us. I thought that I might not have been so afraid if we had a man with us. I grabbed Rosemary's shoulder and the back of her neck and I was literally shaking her. We were all shouting excitedly, 'It IS, it IS, you know!' None of us actually said what it was, but we all knew! I said, 'God, it's like something out of a science fiction film!’”

“Rosemary wanted to get out of the car to take a better look at it. I said that I would have done if my husband had been with us. There was no way that Vivien was going to stop – she was far too terrified. Rosemary said that she should try to keep up with it. Vivien put her foot right down to the floor on the accelerator, yet the car seemed to drag, as though everything was in slow motion – it even seemed to me as though time was dragging out. I felt very confused and lost and I could not recognise the road at all. It was as though we were somewhere else! Rosemary and Vivien just seemed to be sitting there as though they were in suspended animation or something. It was very peculiar and since then they have both said they felt as though they were in a kind of daze.”

“We had supposedly watched the lights intently. I felt very strange because one minute the craft was above and in front of us and we were looking up at it through the front window - and then we were looking at it through the left side window! I can remember it being quite low down in the field to the left of us and I saw a sideways view of the craft, and I could see a row of windows and a dome. The field seemed to be lit up with a brightness and I could see an oak tree very clearly. Then strangely, it was higher up in the sky. I could see the windows and dome and the bottom of the craft. Then it moved upwards and all I could see was the bottom.”

"This all seemed strange and confusing. The craft was low down in the field – then higher up in the sky. There seemed to be a bit missing in the middle, because I can't remember the craft getting from 'A' in front, to 'B' the side, and then 'C' higher up. Rosemary and Vivien can only remember the craft getting from 'A' to 'C', so to speak! Also, they could only remember seeing the bottom of the craft."

"Another strange thing is that when the craft was higher up, the white lights dimmed and then it completely vanished. I thought that the lights had dimmed because it had gone up through some clouds, but I don't know – perhaps I was trying to be rational. We seemed to have been watching the craft for two or three minutes, but it seemed to have taken us a long time to reach the 'Shamrock Café', which was only around the next bend, less than a minute's drive from that field."



Field next to landing site. The Shamrock Café is round the bend in the distance.

"We didn't know what to do! We didn't know whether we should report what we had just seen, or to whom. Anyway, we thought it would be best to go to the police station, so we went to the one at Telford Town Centre. When we arrived the time was between 2.50 and 2.55am. We knew the time because Rosemary looked at her watch and there was also a clock inside the station. We wondered what sort of reception we were going to get at that hour in the morning – and you can imagine the reception we DID get! The policeman on the

desk listened to us but we could see that he was trying hard not to laugh! Really, we thought 'who could blame him?'. We'd probably have reacted the same way in his shoes!"

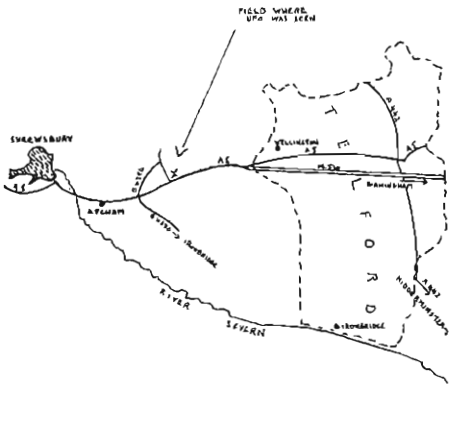
"We were all dressed up and were babbling on about a UFO at turned 3.00 in the morning. He tried to persuade us that we'd seen a helicopter from RAF Shawbury. Anyway, he fetched the sergeant, and when the sergeant came out he listened to us and took down our names, addresses and phone numbers. Then he took a piece of paper with the name and address of a local UFO investigator on and also said he would pass him our details. We'd been there in all for only about ten minutes."

"Vivien dropped me off home first at about 3.25am. They had to rush off then because Rosemary was worried that her mother, who had been babysitting for her, would have thought we might have had an accident or something, as we were so late. We would usually return by about 2.30am at the latest as the club closed at 2.00am. As soon as I got through my door I woke my husband – Stephen – up because I was dying to tell him what had happened to us. He was only half-awake, though, and not really listening. I went and got ready for bed. When I got into bed I didn't feel at all tired – in fact I felt very 'high'. I felt a compulsion to get up and go over to the window to look out, so I literally jumped out of bed. All I could think was to stare out of the window up at the sky! I kept thinking: 'I wonder who they were and what did they want with us?' I had a strange feeling we would see them again one day. I couldn't sleep properly for some weeks after that because every night I would be doing and thinking the same thing! Now this was strange because at that point not one of us had realised there was any time missing. All we could remember was seeing a strange craft!"

"I told Stephen all about it when we got up in the morning. When my daughter Louise had gone to school I just had to talk to someone else about it, so I went over to see Mrs Lees, a neighbour. I told her everything and she was fascinated. About 10.00am, Rosemary phoned

me to see whether I wanted to go with her and Vivien to look over the area. She said that Vivien had phoned the *Shropshire Star* – our local evening paper and they were sending someone to see us in the afternoon. I felt a bit annoyed because I was working at a bingo hall at the time and I was a bit worried about what the customers would say to me – I didn't fancy having my leg pulled. I was quite surprised, though to find that most of them were very interested and I got to hear of some other strange things. It is quite surprising just how many people are interested in UFOs and certainly nobody has ridiculed me."

"I rushed up there straight away because I wanted to know how they had felt when they got home. Rosemary said that she and her brother had not been to bed because they had stayed up talking about it. Vivien said they had gone to bed, but she'd been unable to sleep. They told me that they also had felt very 'high'. Vivien had gone straight round to Rosemary's in the morning. We discussed everything and we decided to each do our own drawings of the craft – which turned out to be very similar. We went out to the field, but there seemed to be no signs of anything strange there. The *Shropshire Star* reporter came to see us in the afternoon and we showed the drawings we had done to her and she agreed we must have seen an alien spacecraft. The article appeared in the paper on Friday, July 17th (1981)."



There, for the moment, I'll leave Val's account. None of them heard anything from the UFO Investigator the police had told them of. However, they'd seen an address for the investigation group UFOIN in the magazine *The Unexplained*, so they wrote to UFOIN and a week later were contacted by investigator Stephen Banks from Stafford, who came out to see them the following weekend. After checking out the whole report, visiting and photographing the site and taking recordings of the witnesses, it was realised that there had been a time discrepancy. Travelling at between 50 and 55mph on very quiet roads, their journey of less than 15 miles from the club to Telford police station should not have taken them longer than some 25 to 30 minutes at most, but it had taken considerably longer.

Asked whether they had had any previous strange experiences, Val stated that she had had precognitive dreams and premonitions on occasion. (See later on for one that concerned ME!) However, to cut things short, it was finally arranged via investigator Harry Harris that they should undergo separate regressive hypnosis, Dr Joseph Jaffe of Manchester, and later Dr. Leslie Davies and Dr. Albert Kellar being the practitioners with Harry Harris putting most of the questions. Whilst I have full details from Val of these sessions – and, indeed, edited versions were shown at the 1983 BUFORA High Wycombe Conference previously referred to – I am not going into full detail here, but will instead quote from the *News of the World* article, which summarises and approximates their content. Whilst all witnesses were in general quite happy with the idea of being so regressed, Val expressed one or two reservations in her account and in her later letters to me.

Rosemary's recollections under hypnosis as revealed in the article showed first she felt herself 'floating' and was 'not in the car any more'. She then found she was 'on a bed like a long table on a stand' in a semi-circular room. A metallic four-foot tall robot then entered, followed by three others. She 'quite liked them' they 'felt friendly'. She then felt she was floating back into the car.

When hypnotised, Vivien Hayward reported the same feeling of 'floating' out of the car, but added 'the car is being taken up' – the car entering the UFO through a door. In her case she described seeing 'windows, lights and banks of computers' and also that she was 'scanned'. In her case, however, the description of the entities involved was 'They are dressed in green cloaks – they look like men'. These 'men' however were (again) around 'four feet tall', but 'ugly, with strange-looking noses and thin arms'. She felt that they were 'putting their hands inside my legs and feeling my bones: there is a lot of pain in my legs'. Vivien then felt she was carried back to the car and the car was back on the road.

Valerie's 'aliens' were similar to those described by Vivien, but she also saw a female – a female fascinated by her shoes! 'She took them off me and tried walking in them. She had bare feet'. The aliens were continually feeling her clothes and hair. She wasn't afraid of THEM, but of the situation itself.

I haven't been in touch with any of the witnesses now for a good many years and would certainly be interested to know if any of them have had further 'visitations' of any description. It is, I think, though, of interest to include several comments Val later made when writing to me and also a 'prediction' or two she subsequently made.

In a letter to me dated 19th March 1986 she wrote:

"There is something that I do feel very strongly about and would be grateful if you could put my feelings across in some way for me" (later that year I was covering the case in a talk at Hourne Farm). "That is, I personally feel that it is important that in order to understand and communicate with UFOs, it is necessary to learn more about psychic, esoteric and spiritual matters. There are also several points concerning what I myself said – in particular under hypnosis.

" I feel that at the time I misinterpreted things somewhat because I was trying to put things in a context that I could understand then.

"I have since thought about things and when under hypnosis I said that the beings told me what they wanted with us, but that I would not understand. I am sure that is because what they told me was to do with the higher mind and could not be understood by the slower physical mind. (I hope you can understand what I am trying to say!)"

"Another point being that (this was not referred to in the earlier quotes from the *News of the World* article, but did form part of her own hypnosis session - Ed) what I said concerning being hurt if we told anyone about the experience."

"This does NOT correlate at all with the way we all felt immediately after the sighting, because we felt that it was very important that we should tell somebody! That is why we went to the police station to report the sighting."

"Also, strangely enough, we did not realise any missing time, but we all felt really elated and we were on a 'high'. We all felt so happy, almost as though we had been on drugs. (I'm presuming, that is, because we can't say from experience, as we've never tried drugs). It was also very strange, not knowing about the missing time, that we all felt as though we had some contact with the beings inside the UFO, and that we would see them sometime again during our life! We seemed to be on this 'high' for several weeks, and afterwards we all had treatment for depression."

"One other point; this is concerning something I said the day following the experience. We were joking, sort of, about what those aliens had wanted with us. I jokingly said, 'perhaps they wanted us for breeding purposes'. I am almost certain now that this was a misinterpretation on my part. I think now that it was to do with evolutionary purposes; spiritual evolution, that is. I feel strongly that there is life in other dimensions which can be contacted."

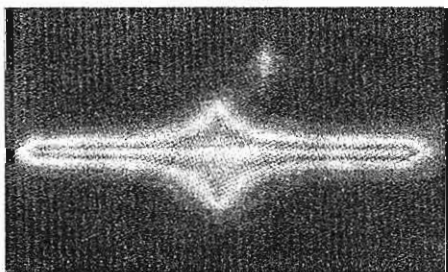
In my second letter to Val early in February 1985, I'd referred to her saying she had some psychic ability and asked her if she could 'sense' anything with reference to myself. She made a number of points when replying – and

whilst she was not 'spot on', most of what she put had some relevance. One thing in particular though did, even if, as she said in her letter, 'It sounds silly'. This was: 'I can see a bag of plums! On the bag is written a number - 72127: I don't know what this means.' Well, I didn't immediately make any correlation either. However, at that time I used to exchange long monthly tapes with Lucius Farish in Arkansas, and on telling him about Val and the Missing Time experience generally, he replied that I should have done! He lives in PLUMerville and his zip code is 72127! I had certainly said nothing whatsoever to Val about Lou Farish up to that point!

I have not been in touch with either Val or Rosemary in recent years; indeed, they may well have moved away from the Telford area, but it would be interesting - as indeed it would be with many other experiencers - to find out whether there have been any subsequent developments. It is vary rare indeed, if not unique, for three women to have had a missing time/abduction experience together.



ASTRO-HIGHWAY TO EARTH?



In the middle of January a number of press reports appeared concerning what was referred to as 'An Alien Superhighway'. Images such as those here shown were stated to have been picked up (in colour) by a Spanish businessman via a large satellite dish

outside his home, their point of origin being SOHO - a joint NASA/European Space Agency project.

SOHO is an acronym for Solar And Heliospheric Observatory - a satellite launched in 1996 by NASA for solar observation purposes. The images were presented at meetings in Leicester's National Space Centre over the weekend of 24th to 26th January last by Mike Murray, a Manchester businessman running an electronics company, who was told about them by his Spanish friend.

SOHO is believed to have beamed back hundreds of similar images over a long period, and is positioned approximately one million miles from Earth with its main cameras pointing sunwards. The distance of the objects from its cameras is questionable but is thought by some to be as little as hundreds of miles.

Mr. Murray stated that when NASA was asked, they first said the images could be camera faults, but digital enhancement proved this not to be so. A second NASA suggestion that they could be asteroids or comets was ruled out when it was found that the objects moved independently and even appeared to make turns. NASA declined to comment further.



Graham Birdsall, of *UFO Magazine* was quoted as saying, "The images are irrefutable in that they are from official satellites owned by NASA - to all intents and purposes here is evidence of anomalous objects in space that appear structured and seem to have intelligently controlled movements" and "they resemble the kind of spacecraft we used to see in sci-fi films like *Star Trek*". However, in the March issue of *UFO Magazine*, Graham states that quotes to the effect that he believed these anomalous objects 'to be evidence of alien life' were spurious. He had said, "Whilst the provenance of the images was not in doubt, he and others were keen to learn more about these anomalous, yet well-defined objects, some of which, EuroSETI claimed, appeared to perform intelligently controlled manoeuvres."

Failing it to be the most elaborate UFO hoax ever attempted - and this would seem most unlikely, particularly as NASA has not denied their origin I have to say that the images - as presented - are impressive, though it must be remembered that there is a very considerable degree of computer enhancement which could distort as well as enhance the original images. One criticism could also be that they are TOO like both reported UFOs and craft from *Star Trek*, but then, why shouldn't they be? After all, many UFOs of similar shapes HAVE been reported!

At least, though, no one can put forward some of the 'standard' misidentifications. Aircraft lights; Venus; Kites; the Aurora Borealis; advertising gimmicks; balloons are all clearly 'out', as are atmospheric condensation, flocks of birds, mirages and that good old 'standby' - ball lightning!

Ed.



CAR STOP AT GOODWOOD!

Judith Jaafar



CASE TYPE: Car Stop/Missing Time
WITNESS: Mrs C.B.
INVEST.REF: JMJ010
DATE: 1955 or 1956
INVEST. DATE: 15/5/98

The witness, Mrs C.B. (61), lives with her two sons David (23) and Sean (39) [pseudonyms] in a terraced house in a South London suburb. She approached BUFORA after a series of recent events that had left her confused and agitated. Malcolm Robinson and I went to visit her in her home on 25/5/98, more to offer support than anything else, since the original phone calls from the witness seemed to be somewhat less than evidential.

Mrs C.B. has led a rather eventful life, paranormally speaking, as have so many other witnesses. She has been experiencing precognitive dreams and visions since a very young age, and indeed time distortions and anomalies make up the bulk of her strange experiences. She also suffers from the 'media

premonition' syndrome, in her case seeing reports on TV before the events actually happen. She saw the Lockerbie crash and Oxford Street bombing in advance of the events, and in fact told us on the day of the interview that she had seen a report that morning on TV discussing the fact that Charlton F.C. had moved up a division, when in reality the crucial game wasn't to be played till later that afternoon. It seems that premonitions don't always have to be weighty and catastrophic! Charlton did move up, but then again it was a 50-50 probability.

When Mrs B. was a young teenager (13-14) she befriended a much older man, a gardener and nurseryman, who taught her all about plants. Since then, she believes, she has had an unusual affinity with all types of plant-life, communicates with them and has a special ability to make them grow. Her house, certainly, was full of plants, all in different stages of luxuriant growth, and one particular Swiss cheese-plant allegedly dances to music when in the mood. This, unfortunately, we were not privileged to see. The nurseryman also taught her about things esoteric, and at one point actually hypnotically regressed her back to a past life as a Celtic princess. The alarm bells were ringing in my head by this time, wondering just what might have been going on between an older man and a young, pubescent, vulnerable girl, but after such a long time I didn't think it wise or appropriate to voice those fears to the witness.

A very unusual incident happened to the witness when she was about 18-19 years old. She and her then boyfriend (with whom she has long since lost touch) took an evening spin out to Goodwood motor racing track in the boyfriend's Austin 7. Suddenly, the car 'died' on them. The engine shut off and all the electrics failed. They sat in the car bemused and decided to smoke a cigarette, never thinking to get out of the vehicle and look under the bonnet. Their next memory was of everything coming on again, at which point they decided to drive straight home, only to find that an hour and a half of time was missing. According to Mrs C.B. the car had never acted up before, nor again afterwards.

Since the incident happened in 1954-55, and the other witness is uncontactable, there is no possibility of following this up.

The incidents that prompted the witness to contact BUFORA started about five years ago. Mrs C.B. was lying in bed reading when the house was suddenly plunged into darkness. She got up to go and fetch a new light bulb for her bedside lamp, passing by the front door on her way back, to check if there had been a power-cut. She opened the door, only to be confronted by a huge, bright white light in the street outside. She remembers nothing more, and woke up in her bed next morning, but there was a light bulb on the hall table where she had put it before she opened the front door.



On a night not long after this, the witness and her son David and some of his friends watched, for at least an hour, up to 50 lights 'playing in the sky', displaying amazing aerobatic abilities.

About six weeks before the interview, and again four weeks later, this incident was repeated. Again the witness was lying in bed, this time watching TV. The lights and TV slowly started to dim, and again she got up out of bed to go to the door and see if the streetlights were out. Again a bright, white, light that filled her whole field of vision confronted her. The light was 'crackling' and hurt her eyes, and she could see nothing of the street or neighbouring houses. The witness was aware of being in some kind of dissociated state, and having a telepathic

conversation with someone unknown. Her next memory was of waking up in bed next morning.



These experiences are disturbing and frightening Mrs C.B., and she's now worrying that people will think she's out of her mind. She freely admits that she's always been a 'strange' person. There's a feeling of anxiety and anticipation building up in her, and she believes that something is going to happen within the next year or so, not necessarily on a personal level, but something of great significance to mankind. This is a commonly held belief amongst many witnesses I've spoken to, and may well be linked, consciously or unconsciously, with the coming millennium.

The younger son, David, has been witness to several strange incidents over the years. He and his mother believe they have a strong emotional and telepathic link, and this may well be playing a part in his involvement. He himself witnessed the 'ghost-cat', which took up temporary residence in their house two years ago. Various people, including the home help, saw the cat several times. The home help actually stroked the animal and was surprised to find out how icy-cold it was. David almost tripped over it on the stairs, but on closer inspection found that it had just vanished into thin air. All the witnesses are adamant that it was not a real, live cat.

On another occasion, David and Sean witnessed with great consternation their mother go into an 'out-of-time' episode, where she was 18 again and back at art college

(witness is an accomplished artist). Mrs C.B. has no memory of this incident, which lasted for more than an hour. There are no other reports of such 'fugue' states in the life of the witness, but both she and David admit to frequent feelings of dissociation.

The witness is a semi-invalid, suffering from chronic arthritis and more recently ME. Because of this, she has turned her living room into a bedroom, and spends a lot of time in bed. The 'bright-light' experiences have all happened when she was in bed in a relaxed state before sleeping, and could conceivably be hypnagogic in nature. She suffers from many allergies and paracetamol is the only medication that she takes.

Dissociation, fugue states, *folie à deux*, sleep paralysis and imagery - all words on the tongues of psychologists, and all potentially relevant here. It is interesting to note that the witness and her son David have read up on the UFO phenomenon (she found BUFORA's contact no. in *Time Travel* by Jenny Randles) and that she has a deep fascination for New Mexico.

As an interesting afterword, Mrs C.B. called me a week after the interview. I had told her that her premonitions would hold much more weight if they were logged with someone (me) as soon as she received them, and before the event. Consequently she called to inform me that she'd had a waking vision of an impending disaster in a large, domed, glass building like a railway station. There was a lot of noise, blood and fire, and she felt it involved a bomb. An hour later she called again with more details. She felt that it would happen at the Eurostar terminus at Waterloo, and that she could see a newsstand or kiosk with a black briefcase beside it. She could also see a person with a piece of metal sticking out of this head. She had no time frame for this incident, but was afraid that it would be timed to coincide with football fans travelling to France. This information was relayed to me on 2/6/98 at 1.45pm, and I didn't quite know what to do with it. Malcolm Robinson decided to call London Transport police and told them the story. They duly noted it and thanked him for

his concern. Nothing, to date (11/6/98), thankfully has happened.

Investigator Observations

Although perhaps very politically incorrect, I must mention the following, as it may give us a clue to the mechanisms at work in at least some paranormal cases.

The family are living in squalid conditions, the worst I've seen to date. I must note that this, in my personal experience as an investigator, is not at all uncommon, and is in itself an interesting part of the phenomenon. Does this phenomenon target poor people with little social or intellectual credibility, knowing that they will not be believed? Do deprived people, who learn to dissociate at an early age, open up portals to other realities? Or do they create their own realities as an escape mechanism, whereby such mundane things as cleanliness, hygiene and social acceptability have little or no importance?

The incidence of alleged ME amongst experiencers is higher than would be statistically expected. Many of these claims involve self-diagnosis, so cannot be taken entirely seriously, but the symptoms experienced involve chronic fatigue, depression and joint and muscle pain. These are also the symptoms of a blood condition called haemochromatosis, where iron is not metabolised and excreted efficiently and is stored in excessive amounts in various organs in the body.

The only treatment at the moment is regular 'bleeding'. This excess iron can coalesce into what appear under X-ray to be 'foreign bodies', and could conceivably be misconstrued as 'alien implants'. The condition is more common than one would think, and is often not diagnosed, especially when the symptoms are mild and the sufferer can manage to carry on with a vaguely normal life-style. It is quite 'ironic' that the symptoms are often mistaken for anaemia, and when blood iron levels are found to be normal, which they usually are, the sufferer is sent away none the wiser, thus leading them to make their own

diagnosis of ME. It is the levels of ferritin (stored iron) that must be checked and monitored.

I stumbled upon this condition quite by accident whilst researching something else. I immediately contacted a medically-trained abduction researcher in the USA, and he informed me that the links between alien implants and this blood condition had also recently been made over there.

Judith Jaafar 11/6/98



FROM HERE AND THERE

Cumbrian Investigations

The *Northwest Evening Mail* of 26th January last includes an item about a new UFO investigation team in the Lake District. Founded by Jade Ashcroft, 28 and Garry Humphrey, 33, The *Mail* tells us that they "are setting up an investigation agency in Carlisle to search for the truth about alien sightings in Cumbria". Jade is also an investigator for MUFON (The Mutual UFO network) in the USA. Apart from gathering sighting data from around the area, they also intend to make short films on the subject of strange phenomena.

It seems they've had some strange experiences themselves in Cumbria, and *The Mail* refers to one in particular in the Ennerdale area when they were walking down a hill from a stone circle at Swinside, when a random pattern of bright flashes (unlike lightning) suddenly appeared above cloud level and moving about 180 degrees. It was 'deathly quiet' at the time. They have also seen 'dancing lights' in the Lakes on occasion and believe there to be a lot of UFO activity in the Cumbrian skies. (*Journal* readers will recall the 1977 case featured in a recent *Journal* where over a dozen police officers were involved).

They invite witnesses or experiencers of any form of UFO activity from sightings to

abductions to get in touch with them. The address given is 'Infirmiry Street, Carlisle', but no house number is quoted.

The *Northwest Evening Mail* website is <http://www.nwemil.co.uk/A2gi06.htm>.

More from Argentina

In *Filers Files* #5-2003, George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern presents his usual number of intriguing worldwide reports – including further sightings from Argentina where numbers of blue, green and red fireballs were reported over Buenos Aires on 11th January last. Also referred to are an intense white light seen over the coastal city of Necochea on 17th January and a perfect 7 metre circle in the Soya bean field of Juan Carlos Ferreto: this looking as though a disc had landed leaving a talc-like ash at its centre, though the rest of the plants remained green, being some 40 centimetres high. (Reports via a Scott Corrales translation c. 2003, IHU and Guillermo Gimenez).

...And from the West of England

Of interest to those on the southwestern coast of the UK, this *Filers Files* issue also mentions strange daytime lights in the sky over Plymouth too strong to be coming from any sort of aircraft. Seen on three separate occasions for around a minute each time, on 14th January the lights/objects were completely stationary before disappearing. (Report via NUFORC.)

A 'Monster' UFO?

In mid-January many people in the town of Drumnadrochit, a village on the A82 some 10 miles southwest of Inverness and – significantly or otherwise – close to the northern banks of Loch Ness – reported seeing a UFO.

Mr and Mrs Gresham first reported the strange light at 01:30 in the morning when Mr Gresham glanced out of a window. Seen by the naked eye as bright blue in colour, video footage was subsequently taken which showed the light/object as a green colour and

oblong in shape. There were also black spots at its top and bottom. The eldest two of the Gresham's three children were also witnesses.

The Greshams got in touch with RAF Lossiemouth to see if they had any information, but it seems that radar observation at the station ceases after 11pm. Others in the Drumnadrochit area subsequently saw the light, which was hard to pin down as having an astronomical origin since on several occasions it moved and manoeuvred in different directions.

Martin de Vries of the Highlands Astronomical Society is reported to be investigating the reports.

Sources include the *Scottish Provincial Press*, local inhabitants and UFO UpDates (<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates.shtml>).

Jim Fawkes

Though not a member of the Association, Jim Fawkes, from Acton, West London is well known to many as a regular attendee at BUFORA's London meetings. Indeed, Lionel Beer tells me that he was at BUFORA's inaugural meeting back in September 1962. A retired painter and ex-paratrooper and friend of long-time member Brian French who died some years back, Jim was admitted to Charing Cross Hospital following a stroke only a few days after last Christmas. He is recovering, but restricted movement now means he is unable to travel to future UFO lectures.

Should any member like to get in touch with him on UFO matters his address is:

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Bromyard Avenue, Acton, London W3 7BH

Azerbaijan UFO

Our Hon. Sec. Michael Hudson sent on the following report received via the BBC Monitoring Service. Azerbaijan is a small country situated on the western shores of the

Caspian Sea, with the doubtful distinction of having both Iran and Iraq as neighbours.

On 3rd January last the BBC's presenter reported "Residents of Baku's third high-rise estate (Baku is Azerbaijan's capital city) observed an unidentified flying object at about 0800 hours this morning (0400 GMT). The round object, which radiated light of different colours, hovered above the high-rise estate for half an hour. The residents said this was the second time that they had witnessed the flight of the UFO over the high-rise estate." A video recording then showed a bright light moving haphazardly through the air while revolving around its axis.

The following day – 4th Jan the same service carried the text of an unattributed report by the Azerbaijani newspaper *Hurriyyat* entitled 'A flying saucer has visited Saiyan' which read as follows:

"We reported in yesterday's edition of our newspaper that residents of Baku's third high-rise estate had observed an unidentified flying object. The object hovered above the area for some time and vanished.

But we received another report yesterday. It says that this object 'has not left' Azerbaijan yet. The chairman of the Saiyan branch (south-eastern Azerbaijan) of the Democratic Party of Azerbaijan, Emil Mammadov, said that another unidentified object was observed above a housing estate in the district at 0515 (0115 GMT) on 3rd January. The object hovered above the area along the coastline for some time and then vanished.

Sources: *Hurriyyat*, Baku, in Azeri 4 Jan 03, p.1. ANS TV, Baku, in Azeri 1700 GMT 2 Jan 03.

The occurrence was also reported in *UFO ROUNDUP* Vol.8 No.3 Jan 15 2003 (Ed. Joseph Trainor) under the heading 'UFOs CAUSE WAR JITTERS IN BAKU AZERBAIJAN' where it was stated that:

"First the UFOs appeared over Baku on Thursday January 2nd."

"The residents of the Third Mikrorayan of Baku had a chance to shoot video footage of the object in the morning at 8.00 am, which was broadcast on ANS-TV. The footage shocked everyone who saw it."

Fuad Gasimove, stated to be a 'UFO expert' and chairman of the Cosmic Seismological Department of the Azerbaijan National Cosmic Agency is quoted as saying that "the appearance of UFOs in the region is an indication of the probability of a major war in Iraq" and "they are trying to prevent the war."

A further quote from Gasimove read, "They don't want mankind revealing their secrets, but there are some facts showing that UFOs keep in touch with certain scientists. The objects keep in touch with these individuals by means of the Morse Code alphabet for telepathy signals and they transmit information related to the future."

(How many small – or even larger – countries have a National Cosmic Agency? – Ed.)

Cosmic crops

An interesting article by William Chisholm - 'Earl's Faith in Cosmic Crop Phenomena' appeared in *The Scotsman* of 25th January and was presented on their website <http://www.news.scotsman.com> on 26th January. This concerned a talk given in the village hall of Smailholm near Mellerstain.

Lord Haddington – the 13th Earl, who has been interested in the crop circle phenomenon since circles began appearing in our fields back in 1988, gave the talk. As an experienced studio photographer, the Earl had himself made detailed investigations of numbers of circles appearing around the Stonehenge and Wiltshire areas.

Whilst agreeing that many of the circles that have appeared are hoaxes, he considers that it is not possible for the more intricate ones to have been completed in a single night and thought that the best Scottish example was the circle appearing in a field at Whitsome, Berwickshire in August 1990.

Chisholm reports the Earl as saying, "There are probably as many theories seeking to explain this issue as there are students of crop circles and no doubt there will be many more ideas and discoveries in the next 12 years. I firmly believe that something or someone is trying to get a message to us".

Shuttle 'UFO'?

My first reaction to the *Columbia* Shuttle disaster – as I am sure was that of everyone else – was of shock at the tragedy and sympathy for all the relatives of those involved. My second was to wonder how long it would be before someone came up with a UFO connection and – like everyone else, having watched its break-up – thinking it would be in rather poor taste.

Well, poor taste or not – someone HAS. The following is the text of an email from Peter Davenport, Director of NUFORC, the National UFO Reporting Center at Seattle, USA. Web. www.ufocenter.com of a report received on 4th February last. Full details were forwarded to me via Lucius Farish of UFONS – the UFO News clipping Service:

"NUFORC has a seemingly credible report from a grandfather in Texas, who, together with his three grandchildren, allegedly witnessed a distinctly green object pursue and approach the shuttle just seconds before it began to show overt signs of distress. I copy the text of the report below; it will be posted on the NUFORC website later today. I have no way of knowing whether the report is true or accurate. We have requested reports from the grandchildren, as well, if they are old enough to generate a report."

Peter B.Davenport, Director,
National UFO Reporting Center
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University Station
Seattle, WA 98145

Telephoned Report

A man called from the vicinity of Atkins, Tx, to report that both he and his grandchildren had witnessed a green, self-luminous object move

towards the Space Shuttle very quickly, seemingly from the southwest as the Shuttle streaked across the Texas sky. He stated that the witnesses first noticed the object an estimated two seconds after they had first witnessed the Shuttle in the sky to the northwest.

The grandfather reported that, at first, he did not trust his eyes, and said nothing. However, a second or so later, his grandson asked what the 'green thing' in the sky was.

NUFORC hasn't received their written report yet (5th Feb), but we include below the grandfather's email, which we received February 4th 2003.

Peter,

I spoke with you just minutes after the shuttle disaster on Saturday. You were kind enough to listen (to me) regarding the bright green light I saw running parallel with the shuttle prior to the shuttle's explosion

I was there with my grandchildren watching for Columbia's return. We watched it from horizon to horizon and I can't imagine having a better overall vantage point than the spot where we stood.

I told you that I would send a detailed description of what I saw - green light, explosion, sonic boom etc. But before I do that I ask that you 'hear me out' so to speak. Actually I suppose that I'm asking what you would do if you were in my position.

On May 23rd, 1959, I had a very 'up close and personal' encounter with two UFOs. Since that time I've had a sort of 'been there, done that' attitude regarding UFOs. I don't try to convince anyone one way or the other, but I'm always very irritated when, through someone's stupidity, the idea that we are being visited by extraterrestrials is 'debunked'. Which brings me to the green light and the shuttle. We now know that pieces of tile were being ripped off Columbia over the west coast, and of course this would be most people's explanation for the green light. I wish I could rationalize the light away with the tile theory. I've tried. But I

can't get my mind around this thing for several reasons. Why was it at such a great distance from Columbia? Why was it closing the gap between itself and the shuttle? What could have come off Columbia at that point that would burn such a bright, unremitting green? And most importantly, why wasn't the green object leaving a smoke trail? My 8 year-old grandson said it all when he asked, "Grandpa, what's that green light following the shuttle?"

In any case you'll probably see where I'm going with this. This is a terrible tragedy for a lot of people and the world as a whole. People are not in the mood for, what they would no doubt consider a quack, coming out of the woodwork. So my question to you Peter is: do we say a whole lot about this now? Or anything at all for that matter? It would cause emotional pain to many people and badly damage Ufology.

It occurs to me at this exact moment that you yourself might think I'm a nutcase. So for the 'unofficial' record I'll tell you this. Although I don't have a clue what the green object was, I don't believe for a second that it was anything from the Shuttle (name deleted)

I am including this report in our Journal as it has been quite widely circulated and I have no doubt it will appear in others. Also, it has the 'ring of truth' about it. It has to be said, though, that one would have expected this to be reported from numerous sources earlier. By the time this appears, doubtless there will have been further developments

Ed.

At the time of writing (February 13), we are told that NASA is independently examining photos taken from a hillside in the San Francisco area that show what is described as a 'purplish energy bolt' striking the shuttle.

Pennsylvania 'Teardrop'

This, and the following Malaysian item are taken from *Filers Files #6*, 2003 (5th Feb 2003) – George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern, to whom acknowledgements.

'Pennsylvania Teardrop Craft A Few Feet Above Home'

"The witness woke up at 7.00am on Jan 20th 2003 and was sitting on his couch looking out his large window when he witnessed three large teardrop-shaped craft floating a few feet over the top of the house. There was a glare surrounding the outside of the teardrop objects and one was higher than the others. The witness reports: "I could tell they were spinning; all three of them were spinning towards the right of me. I opened my back door and I heard a loud, humming sound. I was shocked because this was the second sighting I'd seen within 2 years. The same thing came to my attention previously. They also were white and had a glow to them. After I gawked for about 4 minutes they started to fly a little higher and took off at what seemed to be the speed of light. They left a trail of a reddish-white streak of light that faded away within seconds."

Via Peter Davenport NUFORC

Malaysia High-Speed Disk Shape

Skuda, Malaysia. Witness states: "On Jan 17th, 2003 at 9.30pm, my Dad and I saw an orange-coloured flying object move from west to east over my Dad's house. This object moved fast and was stable while it was moving. It was going up, not down. I'm sure this was a disk-shaped flying object. The UFO slowed a bit and then hovered above us and it seemed like they noticed us as we looked at them. After a few minutes it continued at a fast speed and disappeared behind the crown. This is the fifth time I've seen UFOs in the last 2 years. The last time it was closer, bigger, and we even saw the windows of the UFO."

Men-an-Tol

Men-an-Tol is an ancient stone monument near Morvah in northwest Cornwall. Reference to it will crop up in a later 'Montauk' instalment in the *Journal*. The stone itself is called a 'quoit' because it has a large circular hole in it. I have heard it suggested recently that UFO sightings have been reported from the general area, but have been unable to confirm this

from my usual sources. Should any reader have knowledge of any such occurrences in this area I would be glad to hear from them. I would also be extremely interested to hear from anyone who may have visited Men-an-Tol in the past and experienced anything unusual whilst in the vicinity – not necessarily associated with UFO activity, but anything at all mysterious or psychic or, indeed, any rituals of an occult nature that may have been or will be held there. Suffice it to say for the moment that there is a probable relationship here with the Earth's 'Biorhythmic Period' as referred to in the first Montauk instalment elsewhere in these pages, this being at one of its peaks on August 12th of this year.

For the Triskaidekophobic

Included in *UFO ROUNDUP* Vol.8 No.7, Feb.12 2003 – Ed Joseph Trainor under the heading 'Strange Secrets of the Space Shuttle Columbia' was the following:

"If you suffer from Triskaidekophobia (fear of the number 13) you might want to skip employment at NASA. The number 13 and the month of January take on a tragic significance in NASA's manned space program. Consider these haunting facts:

"The doomed *Columbia* mission was launched January 16 (2003) as the 113th space mission."

"After several delays the space shuttle *Challenger* finally lifted off on January 28, 1986 at 11.38am. One minute and 13 seconds into the flight *Challenger* exploded, killing all seven astronauts on board, including Christa McAuliffe, the first schoolteacher in space. (In numerology 11.38am works out to 1+1+3+8 =13)."

"Apollo 13 lifted off at (gulp!) 13.13 Houston time, April 11th 1970. Two days later it had a near-fatal explosion onboard caused by a fault in electrical circuit 13."

"And, in 1952, the movie *Abbott and Costello Go to Mars* premiered. In the film, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello accidentally launch themselves into space aboard a 'rocket ship'.

By some eerie coincidence the ship first lands in central Louisiana where the easternmost debris from the shuttle fell to Earth."

"Believing they are on Mars, Bud and Lou put on space suits and venture forth. Of course, they've landed on Mardi Gras Tuesday, so they encounter lots of people in fantastic costumes who they believe to be aliens."

"Nor are the locals alarmed when they see the pair, figuring they're just dressed up for the festivities as 'spacemen'. After some comical misadventures, Bud and Lou blast off again. This time, though, they have two escaped convicts on board as their spaceship heads for Venus."

"Oh yes! And the name of the rocket ship in *Abbott and Costello Go to Mars* is: Why! The Columbia! (See the tabloid *Globe* for February 18 2003. 'The Unlucky 13s' page 21. Also many thanks to Loren Colemo, Steve Wilson Jr. And others for the trivia."

Major Sighting O'Sullivan's Beach 800 Meters offshore

Time 4.15am 27 October 2002. 50 – 60
Objects

Michael, Leon, Ryan

So ran the heading to a report in Australian International *UFO - Flying Saucer Research*. Issue 98 February 2003. Editor Colin Norris.

I am here quoting the first part of the article precisely as printed. The sighting itself sounds interesting – but so are the spelling, grammar and punctuation! Whilst the intention is quite possibly NOT to make any amendments to the witnesses' own account as written, it would seem that a spelling/grammar computer check might have been in order. I have to say, though, that I abandoned doing this myself after the first *NBJ* Issue, when 'spellcheck' had said I should call MUFON 'Muffin' and BUFORA 'Buffer'

Ed.

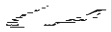
Here it is:

"The sighting time was for 1 hour and 30minutes until sunrise the colours where red,

blue, white and off-white the shape was star ship, only seen brightness and colours. They were everywhere; they were many different movements from slow medium fast very fast Zig Zag Unbelievably fast, with three witnesses. The three young men were nervous, scared, excited, disbelieving.

"We were sitting about 800m off Point Stanvac petrol refinery. When at 3.30-4.00am we noticed moving UFOs above Adelaide they were doing some sort of Formation and copying our (7 sisters) and (Saucepan) which we could see the real stars. They move from side to side with some sort of thruster boost. I would say the main big UFO's were doing well over and speed limit any human could live through. The fastest UFO had jet stream that was three times longer than our moon. The UFO flew past the moon at a speed I never seen before. Then stopped dead with out slowing down. Then we saw the second thrust fire and the UFO was doing the fasted speed I've ever seen and thing on earth. The UFO came from the west east with the stop to the mother ship. Which had landed just behind Port Stanvac Petrol refinery. Then it went and stopped and watched all these other UFO's doing some sort of planned operation."

"They were all moving in some sort of order/Mission each UFO had its own job to do once they had finished they would fly back to the mother and the slowly they all left, at one stage there were in between 50-60 UFO's over Adelaide. Being a non-believer, I could not believe what I was seeing. Once the sun started to rise most of the UFOs where gone apart from about 4-6 which were straight above us. Then the mother ship moved about side to side up and down 45% round and round and within one second it was gone. Then the other UFO's vanished too. About 6.30-7.00am we noticed that planes from Adelaide were taking off."



There is a report also from another witness, headed 'Leon extra's', but I think the above covers the event. All else apart I'd have liked

to have seen the answers on a report form – and asked a few questions myself!

Ed

Alaskan Archaeopteryx?

The Sun, Vancouver B.C. 19 Oct 2002 carried the following item under the heading 'Alaskan Bird Mystery': 'Residents in south-western Alaska have reported seeing a giant winged creature flying around the villages of Togiak and Manokotak that looks like something out of the movie Jurassic Park, according to the *Anchorage Daily News*. A pilot who spotted the bird said he believes its wingspan matched that of his 4.25 metre Cessna 207. Moses Coupchiak, a 43-year-old heavy equipment operator from Togiak, alerted his fellow villagers by radio to keep their children inside after spotting the bird flying toward him. State biologists believe the sightings of a large raptor-like bird, but are sceptical about the reported size...' Cr: Ufons – UFO Newsclipping Service.

Gillian Farquharson

BUFORA life member Eva-Maria Demuth, has informed me of the death on February 1st of Gillian Farquharson, aged 87, of Palace Gardens, Kensington. A former BUFORA member herself, Gillian was a frequent attendee at Kensington Library meetings in the '60s and '70s and will be sadly missed by long-standing members who knew her well. A well-attended memorial service was held at St. Matthew's Church, St. Petersburg Place, London, W2 on March 22nd.



THE PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT AND THE MONTAUK PROJECT

Norman Oliver.

The Philadelphia Experiment has been the subject of at least three widely read books, not to mention a film. It has now become inextricably involved with The Montauk Project, about which three books directly concerned with the Project itself have been written, though there have been a number of 'offshoots'. I first became particularly interested in these areas after having heard tapes of one of the main characters involved - Al Bielek, subsequently reading the series of books subscribing to *The Montauk Pulse* - a quarterly newsletter devoted to the ever-changing situation in the area and associated news and views in general, also being in direct communication with Peter Moon of Sky Books, co-author of the 'Montauk' series with Preston Nichols. Peter has kindly given me permission to quote extensively from these where direct quotes are the most appropriate way of relating a particular occurrence.

Neither the Philadelphia Experiment nor the Montauk Project have been officially admitted to have occurred or existed, so it will be up to you, the reader, to make up your own mind as to whether they did or they didn't. I'd suggest that after reading what I have to say about both of these in this, and maybe two further *Journal* instalments, that you read the full story for yourselves - appropriate book details will be given at the end of each instalment. My own opinion is that they DID occur, though I have some reservations as to the extent of their being factual in specific areas - as indeed, has Peter Moon himself. Just as I am doing here, in the books he presents the possible/probable occurrences for you to decide yourself on the extent to which all the facets of both Experiment and Project are factual. Details of books and other references will be found at the end of this article

First - The Philadelphia Experiment



The USS *Eldridge*, 1943

Charles Berlitz, in his first book about this Experiment, *The Philadelphia Experiment - Project Invisibility* - tells us that, according to one version of the occurrence, on August 12th 1943, a United States Navy destroyer escort was caused, by a series of magnetic manifestations, to vanish temporarily and then to reappear at another place. The place from where it vanished was Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; where it reappeared was Norfolk, Virginia - a distance of over 150 miles. When the process was reversed and it was again to be seen back in Philadelphia, there had been deleterious effects on crew members who manned the disappearing craft and whose psychological after-effects, and in some instances deaths, caused further experimentation to be abandoned. I'll return to this from another angle later in the article. Early on in his book, Berlitz relates how Dr. Morris Jessup, who, in 1955, wrote the book *The Case for the UFO*, began to receive letters from a 'Carlos Miguel Allende' also known as Carl Allen. In the main, these were concerned with how The Philadelphia Experiment originated - allegedly, as also with other sources, from Einstein's Unified Field Theory - and with its results.

There were a large number of such letters from Allende, but, whilst they were pretty comprehensive on the subject, they were also at times very rambling. Allende, or Allen, proved to be an elusive character and was never definitely identified to everyone's satisfaction, so, apart from one quote from him, I shall be referring to accounts from

known witness claimants and from other authors who wrote about Philadelphia and later, Montauk. This one quote, from an Allende letter in 1956, concerned the Experiment itself – I'll give the background to how the experiment was developed in a moment from a different source, but this is what Allende said concerning the effects of the occurrence.

He writes: "The result was the complete invisibility of a ship, destroyer type and all of its crew. The magnetic field surrounding it was effective in an oblate spheroidal shape extending more or less one hundred yards out from each beam of the ship. Any person within that sphere became vague in form and saw others aboard the ship as being in the same state, as though they were walking on nothing. Any person within that sphere could see nothing except the clearly defined shape of the ship's hull in the water". He goes on to say – bear in mind this was written in 1956 – "half of the officers and the crew of that ship are at present, mad as hatters. A few are still confined to certain areas where they either 'Go Blank' or 'Go-blank and get stuck'. When a man 'gets stuck' he cannot move of his own volition unless two or more of those not within the field go and touch him quickly, else he 'freezes'. This is the result of a hyper-field set up within the field of the body."

OK. I'll stop there and take us through the whole thing from the beginning.

If we like, we can blame it all on Einstein, for it apparently originated with his Unified Field Theory for Gravitation and Electricity published in the late 1920s. This has been described as, "a theory that encompasses the four fundamental interactions – strong, weak, electromagnetic and gravitational – in terms of a single field, analogous to the electro-magnetic or gravitational fields". With the assistance of other well-known names such as Wilhelm Reich, Nicola Tesla and Von Neuman, during the early years of the Second World War they and others were involved in a Project known as Project Rainbow. This was the forerunner of today's 'Stealth' technology, and was designed as a top-secret project to

discover a technique to make a ship invisible to enemy radar. This was to be done by creating an 'electro-magnetic bottle' which actually diverted radar waves around the ship.

It would seem that an 'electro-magnetic bottle' changes the entire electro-magnetic field of a specific area – in this case the field encompassing the ship – the USS *Eldridge* and its crew that were the subject of the experiment. There had been an earlier test in July, which showed there were problems.

Now, whilst the object of the exercise was to see if a ship could be made invisible to radar, it had the totally unexpected and drastic effect of making the ship also invisible to the naked eye. In fact, it is alleged that it was temporarily removed from our space-time continuum, the ship reappearing in Norfolk, Virginia, before again returning to Philadelphia, the whole thing taking place in something less than 20 minutes.

From a material standpoint it could be said to have been a success, but it was a catastrophe to the people involved. Some of the crew were even found to be embedded in the steelwork, into the bulkheads of the *Eldridge* itself and almost all were in a state of complete disorientation. The crew were subsequently discharged as 'mentally unfit' after having spent considerable time in rehabilitation, such status making it very convenient for their stories to be discredited. It was believed that the ship had, for some minutes, been removed from our own space-time continuum altogether and, having no familiar surroundings to relate to, the crew literally went mad.

This put the Rainbow Project at a standstill, since, although a major breakthrough had occurred there was no certainty that human beings could survive further experimentation.

However, the vast research that began with the Rainbow Project was, apparently, resumed in the late 1940s culminating with a hole being ripped through space-time at Montauk in 1983. This claim I will come to in due course, but it would seem two of those most prominent in this later Montauk Project were also directly concerned with the Philadelphia Experiment

itself, for they were in a protected area in the control room of the *Eldridge* and managed to escape from the ship by diving overboard. In fact, it seems they dived into another TIME also, but this is how those two – Edward and Duncan Cameron – came to be involved with the Rainbow Project and to be on the USS *Eldridge*.

Here, I'll go right back to beginnings. Earlier I wrote that, if we wanted to, we could blame it all on Einstein in the 1920s, but the history of the whole thing goes back even earlier than Einstein – back to 1912, when a mathematician named David Hilbert developed several different methods of new math. One of these was known as 'Hilbert Space' with which he developed equations for multiple realities and multiple spaces. In 1926 he met Dr. John Von Neumann. Von Neumann took Hilbert's work on from there – he was one of few people who could take abstract theoretical concepts and apply them mathematically to physical situations.

Serious research into invisibility began in the 1930s at the University of Chicago. Here, the Dean, Dr. John Hutchinson, an Austrian physicist Dr. Kurtenhauer and Nikola Tesla together studied the nature of relativity and invisibility. In 1933, the invisibility study was transferred to Princeton University and the group was joined by Albert Einstein and John von Neumann.

In 1936, Tesla was made Director of the group and partial invisibility was achieved before the end of that year. By 1941, Tesla had full high-level backing. A ship was procured on his behalf and he had coils wrapped around the entire ship. He believed his invisibility experiments would be completely successful, but wanted as much time as he could to complete the experiment because he felt that the crew would be severely affected both mentally and physically.

Tesla's area of knowledge embraced Metaphysics, but Von Neumann's didn't and they were in constant disagreement.

Tesla, though brilliant was always controversial, since, both in 1900 and 1926 he had claimed that off-planet intelligences had contacted him via signal messages from Mars – which didn't exactly endear him to the scientific community!

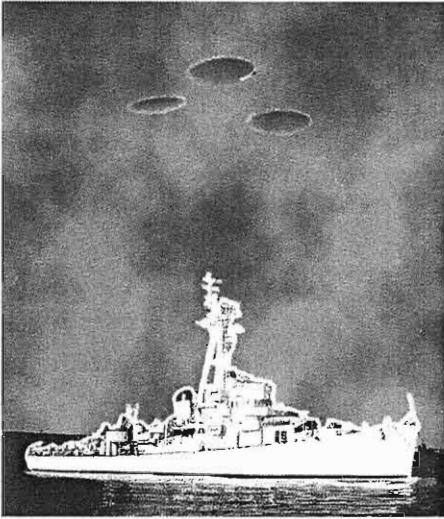
Tesla left the operation in March 1942 and died in 1943. Von Neumann was made Director of the Project. He determined that two huge generators would be required for the invisibility experiment.

The keel of the USS *Eldridge* was laid in July 1942. Then, later that year, Von Neumann revised his opinion and agreed with Tesla that the experiment could be fatal to people, but decided a third generator would do the trick. One was built, but it never synchronised with the other two. Neumann's superiors then insisted that the experiment go ahead with only two generators despite Neumann's protests.

So, on July 20th, 1943, they decided it was ready and made the first test. Naval officers Duncan Cameron, Jnr. and his brother – Edward Cameron – remember these names – were in the control room to operate it. When it was turned on, 15 minutes of invisibility ensued.

But there were immediate problems with personnel. They experienced nausea and there was also mental disorientation. More time was needed, but the Chief of Naval Operations gave a final deadline of August 12th 1943 for the actual operation and Von Neumann tried to modify his equipment so that only radar invisibility would be achieved, not literal sight invisibility.

It is alleged that six days before this final test on the *Eldridge*, three UFOs appeared over the ship, being seen at times on and off prior to the experiment.



On August 12th 1943, the switch was thrown for this final test. It seems that two of the UFOs left the area, whilst the other was sucked up into hyperspace and ended up in an underground facility at Montauk – which, again, I shall be examining later.

Reports from the Cameron brothers suggested that things would go wrong. However, for 3 or 4 minutes, things looked good and it appeared there might not be any devastating effects. They could see the outline of the ship – it hadn't disappeared. Suddenly, however, there was a blue flash and everything was gone. The radio mast and transmitter were broken. People were jammed in the bulkheads. Others were walking around in an insane state.

Nevertheless, Duncan and Edward Cameron didn't suffer any trauma. They were shielded in the generator room that was surrounded by steel bulkheads, the steel acting as a shield to the Radio-Frequency energy. As they witnessed things falling apart, they tried to shut off the generator and transceivers, but were unsuccessful. Now, what follows from here is obviously extremely controversial and one has to put the word 'alleged' in front of everything, but you will see why The

Philadelphia Experiment and the base at Montauk are pretty well inextricably mixed.

It is claimed that at the same time – with 'time' in inverted commas, another experiment was going on 40 years later – in 1983. Research had revealed that the Earth, like humans, has a biorhythm. These biorhythms peak out every year on August 12th. This coincided with August 12th 1983 and provided an additional function for the connecting links through the Earth's field for the USS *Eldridge* to be pulled into hyperspace.

Back in 1943, the Cameron brothers could not turn off the equipment on the *Eldridge* because it was linked through time to the generator at Montauk, though they didn't then know that. They decided it was unsafe to stay on the ship and so jumped overboard in hopes of escaping its electro-magnetic field.

They jumped and found themselves pulled through a 'time tunnel' and onto dry ground at Montauk on August 12th 1983 at night. Montauk is in New York State, incidentally, and I'll be covering that area very fully in the second instalment. They were found quickly and taken downstairs.

Von Neumann met Duncan and Edward and indicated he knew they were coming. However, it was now 1983 and he was an old man. Once again, can I emphasise that the words 'claimed' or 'alleged' have to be taken as read all the time, though, as you'll see when we come to Montauk, the whole thing DOES hang together and who, indeed, can say what is possible and what is NOT?

This is what is stated then happened. The two main presenters of these accounts, incidentally, are Preston Nichols and Peter Moon, the former having worked on the Montauk Project himself.

They tell us that Von Neumann (in 1983) said there had been a lock up in hyperspace and he'd been waiting since 1943 for this date. He told the time travellers that technicians at Montauk were unable to shut things down. Duncan and Edward were required to go back to 1943 to shut the generator off. Neumann

even said that historical records showed they HAD turned it off. But they hadn't done it yet! He also told them to destroy any equipment there if necessary.

There were time tunnels at Montauk, with side tunnels off them, and, apparently, before returning to 1943 for good, the brothers did other missions back to 1943, during one of which they met with a group of aliens from a side tunnel. You may recall that one of the UFOs said to have been seen above the *Eldridge* ended up in the Montauk facility. It seems these aliens wanted the return of an instrument that charged the crystal drive to their craft. Duncan and Edward obtained this for them, then returned to the USS *Eldridge* and carried out Von Neumann's instructions. Back in 1943, they smashed generators, transmitters and cut all cables. The *Eldridge*, which had been transported from Philadelphia to Norfolk, then returned to Philadelphia

Up to now I've mainly been concerned with the Philadelphia Experiment, at the same time showing how it becomes intertwined with the Montauk Project. Now let's get on to The Montauk Project itself. First, then, to recap very briefly the history of the Cameron brothers and what they believe happened to them when the Philadelphia experiment went wrong, then to get on to the Montauk facility and what is said to have gone on there. As I go along, you will, I hope, see how the whole thing slots together. There is a fairly large amount of circumstantial evidence to support what is claimed, but obviously 'hard' evidence is very difficult to obtain.

So - a brief history of the Cameron brothers, as related by Al Bielek, who has been giving talks on his claimed experiences in connection with both Philadelphia and Montauk for the last 10 years or more:

Al Bielek tells us that he was born on August 4th 1916 as Edward Cameron II, son of Alexander Duncan Cameron. His father enlisted in the US Navy prior to the US entry in World War One. He had the two sons - Edward in 1916 and Duncan in 1917, but they were by different mothers, so they were half-

brothers. Edward went to Princeton University, later to Harvard and obtained a degree in Physics. Duncan crossed the Atlantic and obtained a degree in Physics at Edinburgh University in 1939.

In September 1939, both enlisted in the US Navy with commissions as Lieutenant and were sent to a 'Training School' for 'Special Assignment Personnel' at Providence, Rhode Island. They were then assigned directly onto the ongoing 'Project Invisibility'. The project was renamed 'Project Rainbow' and they stayed with it.

In January 1941 they were on sea duty on the USS *Pennsylvania*. In 1942 they continued work on Project Rainbow. Tesla dropped out in 1942 and was replaced by Von Neumann. They both remained through 1943 during the two tests with the *Eldridge*, the second of which, as we've seen, was a total disaster. Duncan disappeared, though he was to turn up in later years. Edward stayed with the Navy and married in late 1943. He was transferred to New Mexico in 1944 and stayed there till 1947.

Now, here's where things become really controversial. Edward was, he says, transferred to Montauk military base, where he was time shifted ahead in time to 1983 in the 'Phoenix Project'. Once there, he was brainwashed and memories removed. He was also subsequently age-regressed to a physical age of 1 back in 1927 into a new family as a substitute for a lost son. This new family - the Bieleks - became his parents and he was known, as he is now, as Al Bielek. Come World War II, he was drafted into the Navy as a seaman in 1945 to 1946. He then followed a career as an electronics engineer until 1988, when he retired following a memory recall of his involvement with the various Montauk Projects. This included meeting again with his half-brother, Duncan, who had also been the subject of time and body manipulations.

These details are necessary for later clarification, but now to the Montauk Base itself - and to what is alleged to have gone on there.

First, its location. This is at the easternmost end of Long Island, which in turn is some 70 miles from the easternmost suburbs of New York City. The general area is extremely scenic and Montauk itself is a tourist town – with its own website, incidentally. At Montauk Point, there is a lighthouse. To the immediate west of the lighthouse there is a mysterious ex- Air Force base on the grounds of old Fort Hero.

The base was officially decommissioned and abandoned by the US Air Force in 1969, but it was subsequently re-opened and continued to operate without the sanction of the US government until August 1983 when it was again closed down. It remained so for a number of years when refurbishment was again commenced. There are now (2003), I understand, no above-ground buildings remaining, though considerable below-ground activity is suspected. Most of the above-ground area is now open to the public. If underground activity IS continuing, it may be significant in view of August 2003 not being far off – a peak of the Earth's biorhythmic cycle. However, no government funding at all can be traced for the base since 1969, though military and Navy personnel were known to guard the site. Senators and US Government officials have tried to find this out on a number of occasions but have come up against a brick wall. That much is definitely fact. And it is fairly obvious that SOMETHING unusual was going on there. But what?

My information here comes largely from Preston Nichols and Peter Moon, both of who have written much on the subject. Preston, in fact, claims to have regained his memories of the project in a similar way to Al Bielek, after visiting Montauk and being recognised as having managed a Montauk project by a number of people he met when he was investigating the Montauk facility in early 1984 and later when it was derelict.

It may well be of interest also, that another person known to have been an officer at Montauk in the early days before it was closed down and who is stated to have been involved, and who DID work for US Navy intelligence

was L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology. It is believed that Scientology is, so to speak, a 'watered-down' version of some of the techniques employed at Montauk.

A brief description here of what the Montauk base looked like after it was abandoned in 1983 until quite recently when, as said, much of the area has now come into the public domain. The main description immediately after 1983 was that the base, although a caretaker was in residence in a small building, was derelict. It covered quite a large area, but, what had clearly been a computer control centre, a radar centre, office buildings and living quarters were all completely derelict and unused. One thing that remained relatively unscathed was the transmitter building with a really huge radar reflector atop it, its length as long as a football field.

In the first book of the 'Montauk' series – *The Montauk Experiment. Experiments in Time*, Preston Nichols tells us how his interest in Montauk was first kindled.

"In 1971, I began working for a well known defense contractor on Long Island. Through the years I got a degree in electrical engineering and became a specialist in electromagnetic phenomena. I was not then aware of the Philadelphia Experiment or its accompanying phenomena".

Preston was given a grant to study mental telepathy; in fact he at first sought to disprove it, but instead discovered a 'telepathic wave', not all of whose properties would fit into normal wave functions and through this became interested in metaphysics: he then collaborated with a number of psychics to check out their responses to this 'telepathic wave'. He goes on to tell us:

"In 1974, I noticed a peculiar phenomenon that was common to all the psychics I worked with. Every day, at the same hour, their minds would be jammed. They couldn't think effectively. Whenever a 410-420 MHz (Megahertz) cycle appeared on the air, they were jammed. When the 410-420 MHz cycle was off, the psychics would open back up after about 20 minutes."

As it was clear it was this particular signal that interfered with the psychic abilities of the 'sensitives', Preston decided to locate it.

"Placing a modified TV antenna on the roof of my car I grabbed a VHF receiver and set out looking for the source of it. I tracked it right to Montauk Point. It was coming directly from a red and white antenna on the Air Force Base"

To be continued...

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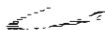
"FLAPS"

Almost since 'Flying Saucers' came into the scheme of things back in 1947, there have been 'flaps' – periods when a particular country or area of that country has experienced a high density of reports of all descriptions. The 'South Wales Flap' of 1976/77 included in an earlier *NBJ* was one such. From time to time in these pages I shall be examining some of the more interesting 'flaps' in detail.

The South African flap of 1972 I consider to be amongst the 'more interesting'. This was reported in depth in the magazine *GEMINI* Vol.1 No.4. October-December 1972. At that time I produced *GEMINI* in conjunction with C. David Oakley-Hill and Mark Stenhoff.

Dave Oakley-Hill compiled this particular article and I am here reproducing it almost untouched. Please bear in mind, though, that it was written some three decades ago.

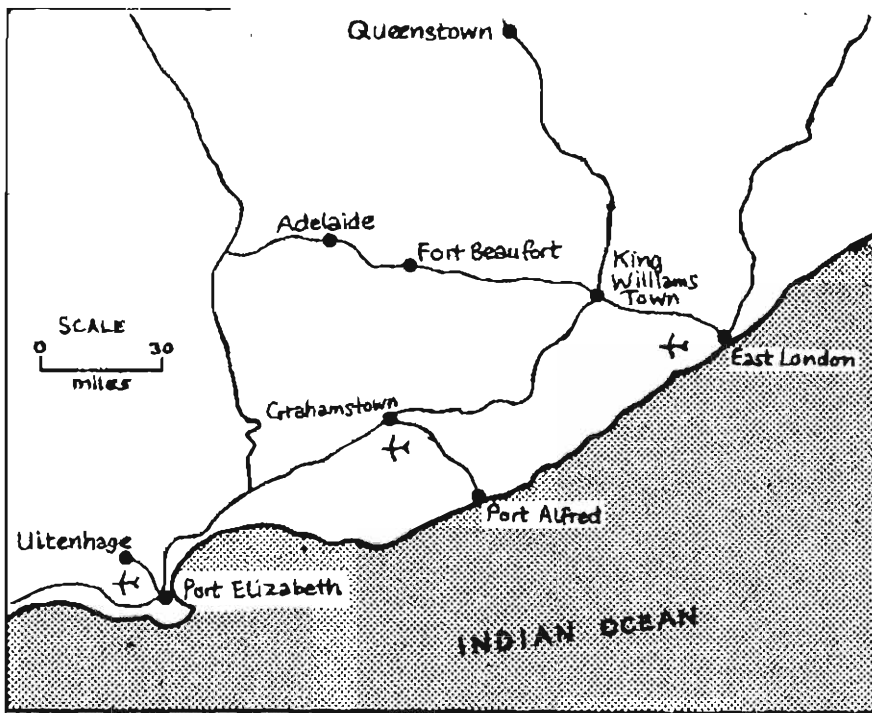
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The 1972 South African 'Flap' C. David Oakley-Hill

The Fort Beaufort incident on June 26 sparked off a sizeable UFO flap. Reports dated prior to this only came to light as a direct result of the Bennie Smit report. Firstly I must say that *FSR* has done an excellent job in cataloguing the reports. Would that it was easier for (and there was more contact with) investigators in this vast area. Nevertheless, we are indebted to those who have kindly sent newspaper clippings from which, in common with *FSR*, we are obliged to obtain the majority of our information. This string of reports from South Africa commenced in June 1972 and continued to the end of August, then recommenced with a new 'classic' in November. The information that has reached us is probably only the tip of an iceberg.

I present here in chronological order all reports received to date (Dec 1972). Where they have already appeared in *FSR*, I give the reference number allotted by *FSR* and only a very brief summary plus any fresh details. All dates refer to 1972. C.D.O-H.



A map showing the position of Fort Beaufort and the surrounding area, with major roads and airports

Sat. June 17 Midnight Fort Beaufort

Mr. Fraser Moss lives about 1km. from Mr. Bennie Smit. Heard 'drumming' noise coming from the sky but couldn't see anything. (SA *Sunday Times* July 2)

Thurs. June 22 Midnight Pietermaritzburg, Natal

Colin Vary, a qualified pilot and Carole Mitchelle saw a bright greenish-blue light moving fast. Only visible a few seconds. (FSR 18/5 report 5.p.6. (*Natal Witness* July 6)

Sun. June 25 Port Elizabeth

Mr & Mrs Brian Hibbert saw a 'bright incandescent white' flying object above the

Baakens Valley. Also a 'ball of fire' sighted near Fort Beaufort. (*Star*, 28 June)

Mon. June 26 0800-1200 Fort Beaufort

The Fordyce Bush, Braeside Farm sighting/shooting by Bennie Smit has been meticulously recorded in FSR *(1). It would be foolish to duplicate any ground already covered, so any material here will be additional to FSR's coverage.

Here is a brief account from the SA *Sunday Times*, 2 July 1972, containing one or two details not mentioned in *Flying Saucer Review*:

"What happened last Monday morning? This is the story as told by Mr. Smit. 'At 9am one of my labourers reported that he had seen smoke near the krans and then a big ball of fire."

"I went with him to the spot. Sure enough, there was a fiery ball, hovering at treetop height. It was about 2½ feet across with flames shooting out. My man shouted, and it moved sideways for about 300 yards and disappeared behind a big bush."

"All that was left was a smoke trail. Later it reappeared from behind a tree and kept changing colour. When I first looked it was a big, red ball, but now it was green and it suddenly changed to a yellowish-white."

"I was shocked and felt this thing could be dangerous. I hurried back to the house to fetch my .303 rifle and phoned the police. I went back to the spot and fired several shots. I am sure my eighth shot hit it, as I heard a thud. It moved up and down and disappeared behind the trees again."

'About 10am Warrant Officer P.R. Van Rensburg, the Fort Beaufort station commander and Sgt. P. Kitching arrived.

'W. Van Rensburg continues the story: "After Mr. Smit and Sgt. Kitching had fired a couple of shots in the direction of the ball of fire, we saw a round, black, shiny object about 2½ feet in diameter emerge from behind a tree. It slowly disappeared from sight and then reappeared. Shots fired had no effect, but when anyone approached it shied away behind the bushes."

'Mr Smit then moved into the thick bush. He carried a stick with a white handkerchief tied to it so the police could keep track of his movements. Mr. Smit told me: "Suddenly I saw it about 20 yards away, now greyish-white. I fired two quick shots, but with a loud whirring noise it veered off over treetops, cutting a path through the foliage. It disappeared quickly from sight."

"He has been closest to it – about 50m. I don't doubt that he, and two experienced police officers saw the object."

"Mr. Smit stood yesterday in his newly-planted field of lucerne – a powerful, cheerful, practical man – and convinced me he had seen and heard something perplexing but palpable. Dozens of other people in Fort Beaufort claim to have seen it as well on numerous occasions since Mr.Smit first reported it to the police."

Comments in the foregoing article are by reporter Dennis Gordon

The trees behind which the object moved were about 7m high (*Star*, Tues. June 27). According to Mr. Smit, the object was moving slowly while all 15 shots were fired, but its course was unaffected. Also, "When it disappeared in the dense bush we could hear it crashing through the undergrowth, but when we followed we could see no sign of its passage." (*Sunday Tribune*, July 2).

An interview with Mr. Smit in the *Rand Daily Mail*, July 8 (after he had been shown a photo taken at Port Elizabeth on the evening of July 6) reported his views as follows:

Mr. Smit, a down-to earth plumber from East London, said he was completely convinced the UFO was not an out-of-this-world spacecraft. Humans made the UFO – I saw it in daylight and it is definitely manmade - and, he is convinced, it has a base on his farm. "I'm going to catch it", he vowed seriously.

Wed. June 28

12 policemen combed an area of 4 sq. km. around the Braeside farm 'landing site'.

Photographs were taken, also samples of 'fist-like' soil imprints. Pilot-instructor Sandy Matthew and amateur photographer Brian Lawrie took about 40 aerial photographs hoping to reveal charring over parts of the bush. (*The Star*, Johannesburg, Thursday June 29.)

Thurs. June 29

A parcel with plaster casts of imprints collected from the Braeside Farm site was sent by train to the labs of the CSIR (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research). There was a train crash at Norvalspoint [See map (B) and the

parcel didn't reach Pretoria (Star, July 7). A second parcel did, however, and two samples were received by CSIR [in 'canned fruit bottles'], one containing ordinary soil, the other from the Braeside site (*Rand Daily Mail*, July 13). A spokesman said, "The soil samples were tested in a number of ways, but no significant differences could be found between them."

Further soil samples were analysed by Mr C.S. Kingsley, a lecturer on the Dept. of Geology at Fort Hare University. According to him, they are 'definitely not animal or human imprints'. The nature of marks in the imprints and also of their surface suggested metal rather than something soft and fleshy. (*Star* 5 July). Acting District Commandant P.F. Grahamstown, Captain O.J.M. Calitz, believes that the object Mr. Smit and the policemen saw 'could perhaps have been a swarm of bees'. (*Rand Daily Mail*, July 12).

Sat. July 1 0725 Wellington

(*Argus* July 1: *Sunday Tribune* July 2. *FSR* 18/5, Report 1. P.6)

Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. J.Fourie and milkman Mr. J.Basson. A UFO was seen at a height of 200m, the milkman describing it as, 'smaller and too low for an aircraft, shining with a whitish, flickering light and hovering silently for 5 minutes before it disappeared over mountains in the direction of Worcester.'

Sat. July 1 Late Evening Constantiaberg Cape Town

(*Star & Cape Times* July 3, *FSR* 18/5, report 2 p.6)

Witness: Mrs. M. Merand of Meadowridge. Three sightings reported of a 'large, white ball': in one a golden tinge is specified also.

Sun. July 2 2000 Fort Beaufort.

A UFO flashing red, blue, green and yellow lights is witnessed by a gathering of people. Described as 'saucer-shaped', it flew over the town with its 'points' facing earthwards and sent out a steady ray of light. Travelling NW to SE. Two boys were sent by the crowd to the

police station to point out its position. They said they had watched it from the town hall and 'it appeared to be landing'. More than a dozen people also reported seeing a UFO from Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. (*Rand Daily Mail*, July 4 and *Star*, July 7)

Sun. July 2 noon/Tuesday July 4 0720 Queenstown

Joe Gerber's UFO detector sounded three times in 6 minutes shortly after noon on the Sunday and once at 7.20 am on the Tuesday. On each occasion this coincided with a nearby sighting of an unknown object, spherical in shape. Joe made a practice of testing the device frequently with a strong magnet and it always reacted. (*Star* July 8).

On the following day witness R.P. Golding and his wife alleged that their radio 'went funny' as they watched a UFO. (*Daily Representative*, July 4: *FSR* 18/5, report 9.)

Mon. July 3 evening Fort Beaufort

Fort Beaufort Town Council adjourned a session and nine carloads of people drove to Braeside and 'saw an object rise from the undergrowth and head in the direction of Grahamstown' (*The Star* July 4: Case Histories 11)

Mon. July 3 2000 Queenstown

Witness Mr. R.P. Golding alleges that his radio 'went funny' as he and his wife watched a UFO (*Daily Representative*, July 4: *FSR* 18/5 report 8 p.7)

Wed. July 5 0150 King Williams Town

Two witnesses stated that they saw a brilliant red object take off from the ground.

(*K.R. Town Mercury*, July 13. *FSR* 18/6 Report 18.)

Wed. July 5 Cape Town

UFO seen by many people to pass a Boeing 727 on a flight to Cape Town. Ground Control, Cape Town, knew of no other aircraft in the area. (*Sunday Times*, July 9.)

Wed. July 5 0125 Fish River Bridge E. Cape Province

A railway truck driver and his assistant claimed to have seen a large, red, half-moon-shaped UFO. (*Daily Dispatch*, July 6. FSR 18/5 report 9.)

Thurs. July 6 Shortly before 2100 Johannesburg

'Hundreds of witnesses' watched a UFO 'diving and soaring' for some 30 minutes. Seen from Inanda, Illovo, Linksfield and Kew. Mr. John Hotine of Third St., Kew, said that through his binoculars it appeared to be balloon-shaped and there was a reflection on its side. Its brightness when it first appeared over the house startled his wife. He estimated the object's speed at about 1000mph, judged by the rate at which it went out of focus in his binoculars.

Mr. E. Egnos, a businessman of Eton Place, Illovo, his wife and son, Lewi, 26, saw a red object 'like a feather duster on fire' (a description also given by Mr G.Kraft of Linksfield) moving NE-NW. 'It seemed to slow down, stopped, and then began to move again, but this time vertically. It went straight up, getting smaller until it disappeared.' When Lewi first saw the UFO he thought it was the light of a low-flying aircraft, but he saw it was not flashing and went in to tell his parents.

Geoffrey Allen's photograph of a UFO seen widely over Port Elizabeth on July 6. Camera 35mm with 640mm lens



Mr. E.O. Stern of Oxford Road, Dunkeld, his son Andrew and David Tessel -both students

at the University of Witwatersrand, - saw a 'red ball hovering and moving about in the sky'. It then stood still for a while before disappearing, having stayed in the sky for about 10 minutes. A spokesman for the Pretoria Weather Bureau Upper Air Dept. said it could not have been a weather balloon. 'We send them up at 1.00 am. They are gas-filled and burst after half-an-hour.' (*Sunday Times* July 9: *Rand Daily Mail* July 7. FSR 18/5 report 6 p.6.)

Fri. July 7 1945 Fort Beaufort

Mr. C. du Plessis of Savoy Hotel, Fort Beaufort, said that he had seen a UFO hovering over Mr. Smit's farm. (*Rand Daily Mail*, July 8.)

Between Wed. July 5 and Fri July 7 (date unconfirmed)

Captain Chester Chandler and his crew reported a UFO pacing his Boeing 727. Chandler said, 'Its intensity was about that of a medium-sized star. It was impossible to say how far away it was. We often see satellites or meteorites. Satellites keep a constant path. This was something I have never seen before.' (*The Star*, July 8: *SA Sunday Times*, July 9: FSR 18/5, report 10,p.8.)

NB. This is a different report from the Cape Town sighting on July 5 and occurred later.

Fri. July 7 Honeydew, near Jo'burg.

Mr. Neil Wright, 35, Johannesburg calendar publisher: Mr.& Mrs. John Green, visitors from England and others at a drive-in movie saw, according to Mr. Wright:

"A brilliant ball of fire about the size of a full moon. It was blinding white and trailed three tails like a rocket's after-burner and it was moving very fast." It cut behind the screen in a northwesterly direction. Mr. White's description agreed: "I saw it for 2 or 3 seconds, and from the speed it was moving it must have been very high when it caught my attention. I thought at first it might have been an aircraft in trouble, and as it vanished behind the screen I waited for the explosion - but there was none." (*Sunday Times* July 9.)

Fri. July 7 Port Elizabeth, Uitenage]

There were many witnesses to a UFO with 'indefinable shape' emitting red, green and white light. Port Elizabeth weather office men trained radar on the object but failed to pick up an image. The radar had a range of 400km. (*Sunday Times* July 9.)

Sat. July 8 Fort Beaufort

Strange noises like the whine of jets in a valley 7km from the town were reported and flashing lights in the sky were seen by scores of people. In the early hours of Saturday morning there were two explosions. A water reservoir on Braeside Farm collapsed on Saturday night, though Warrant Officer P.R. Van Rensburg considered this latter could be the result of ordinary wear and tear. (*Rand Daily Mail* July 12.)

Sun. July 9 2030 Fort Beaufort

Dennis Gordon, reporter on the *Rand Daily Mail* saw a bright light in the sky that he couldn't explain. (*Rand Daily Mail* July 12.)



Mon. July 10 2030 Adelaide

Mike Benade was driving home from Grahamstown with his wife when he saw a bright light hovering some 15 degrees above the horizon and stopped the car to look at it. Mr. Benade also discovered a 'suspected UFO landing ground' on a golf course on July 4. (*Rand Daily Mail* July 12: *FSR* 18/6 report 14.)

Mon. July 10 Welkom Orange Free State

Over 25 witnesses of a 'semi-circular object' flashing coloured lights – observed through binoculars. (*The Friend*, Blomfontein July 12: *FSR* 18/6 report 16.)

Mon. July 10 0730 Wellington

Mr Ernst Koen of Transvaal watched a shell-shaped object travelling south to north, at first moving slowly, and then accelerating away rapidly. (*The Argus*, July 10. *FSR* 18/6 report 12.)

Mon. July 10 Pretoria

Mrs. J.P. Davenport and Mr. J.W. Rademeyer saw 'a huge green light, the apparent size of a rugby ball.' This hovered for some 20 minutes and then disappeared suddenly. It was nearly dark. (*Pretoria News* July 13. *FSR* 18/6 Report 16.)

Thurs. July 13 1800 Craighall and Parkmore N. Johannesburg

Mrs M.J. Lay of St. Alban's Ave, Craighall, a previous sceptic, said, "Neither my husband nor I could identify it. It was an orange light that stood still for a while, and then ascended vertically. It was the brightness of a flare. It wasn't a star or aeroplane."

Sun. July 16 1840 Florida Johannesburg

Many witnesses watched a fast-moving UFO travelling south to north. (*Rand Daily Mail* July 17: *FSR* 18/6 report 20.)

Sun. July 16 2030 Malmesbury

Ten witnesses watched a circular UFO manoeuvring at high speed for some 15 minutes. The object also at times moved vertically – up and down. (*Cape Times* July 17; *FSR* report 18/6.)

Sun. July 16 Odendaalsrus Orange Free State

Constable J.P. Myburgh and a Mr. Slabbert watched a small glowing UFO about one meter in diameter manoeuvring in the sky. At one point the object dived at a patrol van.

Observed for about 15 minutes, it was also observed by six other policemen. (*The Friend Blomfontein*, July 18; *Star* July 19: *Die Burger*, July 17: *FSR* 18/6 report 22.)

Mon. July 17 Blomfontein Orange Free State

Police in the area received many reports of UFO activity, including one report from a reporter and his wife. Brigadier G.C. Bester, Div. Commissioner of Police was also a witness. (*Rand Daily Mail*, July 19; *Star*, July 19: *FSR* 18/6 p.17.)

Thurs. July 29 0330 Durban & Tongaat

Many witnesses, including a policeman stood watching a 'colour-changing UFO' for over an hour as it manoeuvred over Durban harbour, then moved off 'at an incredible speed' in a northerly direction. Witnesses again included a policeman. (*Natal Mercury* July 21. *Radio Natal FSR* 18/5 p.4.)

Thurs. July 20 1100 Pietermaritzburg Natal

Whilst driving along in her car, Miss Thelma Odell observed a circular 'pink' object with a slight vapour trail 'pacing' her. There was another independent witness. (*Daily Representative* Queenstown July 21: *FSR* 18/6 report 23.)

Fri. July 21 2030 Pinelands Cape Province

Muriel Alexander of 51, North Walk neighbours and many independent witnesses saw a large red-orange object in the sky moving towards them and then shooting off towards Paarl. (*Argus* July 22: *FSR*18/6 Report 25.)

Fri. July 21 Pietermaritzburg

Here there were many witnesses to a UFO that appeared in the evening sky. Prof. Owen Williams, Professor of Geography at the University of Natal and his wife watched a conical UFO with a constant red light underneath it through binoculars for some minutes. (*The Argus*, July 22: *FSR* 18/6 report 24.)

Sun. July 23 0415 Umkomaas Natal

Eridiano di Marco and his wife saw a brightly lit object travelling very slowly from north to south, taking around ½ hour to disappear completely. Two photographs were taken. (*FSR* 18/5 p.3.)

Landing? Sun. Aug 20 0530 Port Alfred

At least two witnesses saw a UFO that was 'parked' on the coastal road near the Rufanes Beach turn-off. It then took off and made its way out to sea looking 'like a big silver bubble'. The witnesses turned tail and fled back to Port Alfred. Children have also seen 'it' recently – from school playing fields and over beaches. Electrical engineer Mr. Kruger saw a circular UFO showing a red light passing from east to west below cloud. (*East London Announcer* Aug 24.)

Sun. Aug 27 2000 – 2130 Schmidtsdrif Kimberley

Mr Koos Harmse and Miss Daphne Vertue were 'followed' by a light 'like a big star' changing colours for about one-and-a-half hours. At times it appeared to change shape and also to have two rows of portholes, together with a bright orange spotlight shining out from the front. (*Diamond Fields Advertiser*, Kimberley Aug 30: *FSR* 18/6 p31.)

Mon Aug 28 2000 Boshof Kimberley

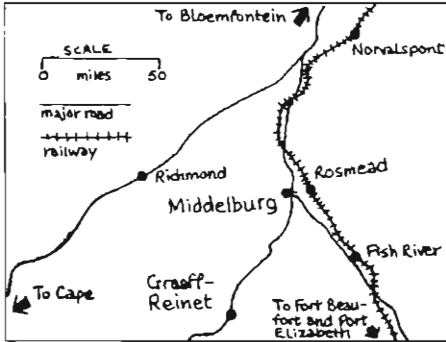
Mr. L. James, his wife and two labourers saw a long, glowing light with a long red tail low down towards the horizon. (*Diamond Fields Advertiser*, Kimberley.)

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Did UFO rip up a tennis court?

Sun Nov 12 2100-2130 Middelburg Cape

The area of the November "mini-flap"



About 9.00 pm or 9.30 pm, policemen watched a strange, brightly coloured, glowing object through binoculars. It appeared to change colours and its shape varied from circular to elliptical. It travelled towards Rosmead, hovered over a hill behind the Rosmead High School, and then disappeared. Later, it reappeared for a short while before finally disappearing. The principal of Rosmead High School, Mr. Harold Truter, also saw a beam 'like a searchlight' in the sky.

The following morning it was discovered that the school's tar-surfaced tennis courts had been severely damaged. Huge chunks of tar had been gouged out. Lumps were found caught high up in the tennis court fence. Pieces were found near where it is thought the UFO hovered, about 30 meters from the court. Large chunks, 3 or 4 metres wide were found on top of the almost vertical face of a nearby hill or 'kopje'.

Hundreds of sightseers flocked to the scene on Monday. The District Commander of the Middelburg police, Lieutenant-Colonel B.J. Van Heerden reported the matter, through his divisional head office at Oudtshoorn, to headquarter in Pretoria and asked for an investigation. Middelburg is 160km. from Fort Beaufort.

A tree next to the tennis court is reported to have started to die. It is a big bluegum and shows signs of scorching. Theories that the ripping of chunks of tar from the tennis court was the work of a gas explosion were discounted because no trees in the vicinity were damaged.

Since hearing about the damage to the courts, four military trainees guarding the petrol dumps 400 meters away have made statements to the police that they saw red lights on the courts. 'It looked as if someone in a car without headlights, but with tail-lights burning, was riding round in circles on the tennis court', they said. 'The lights disappeared and then the whole petrol dump was illuminated with a strange, incandescent light.' (*Rand Daily Mail* Nov 14 and Nov 18. *Cape Times* Nov 14.)

Little Red Men

Fri. Nov 17 Night Middelburg

Many sightings reported. Mr. Gert Otreorius, a resident of Middelburg reported that he saw a bright light, which lit up the whole of a kopje (hill) like daylight. The lights went off, then on again. He then said that he saw 'two little red men' disembarking from a circular object on the ground – a landed 'flying saucer'.

Air traffic controllers who were responsible for the area said that no night flying had been authorised to take place at the time of the 'saucer' being sighted. Whilst Blomfontein suggested that it could have been a light aircraft landing on a private airstrip, the Port Elizabeth flight control office had no record of any landings scheduled for the Friday night. (*Rand Daily Mail* Nov 20 and 21).

Sun. Nov 19 Richmond

Two UFOs were reported to have been seen in broad daylight 30 miles from Graaf Reinet on the Richmond – Cape road. Mr. P.C. Struwig, of Hope Street, Richmond, said that his son had drawn his attention to what he described as 'two flying Volkswagens' in the sky.

Professor Arthur Blesley, a noted scientist in South Africa was quoted liberally in the press throughout this flap. Whilst he thinks schoolchildren may have staged the lights and the damaged court, he refused to investigate the sighting. He also said, 'However tempted I might be, I would never dare to go anywhere near Fort Beaufort'. His attitude, he says, is one of complete scepticism, but he warns anyone who shoots at UFOs against doing so! (Presumably if it doesn't exist there's no point in firing at it? - Ed.)

Finally, part of an interview with Mr. Tom Geary, Director of the Johannesburg Planetarium, by Lin Menge. It appeared in the Rand Daily Mail in early July: Mr. Geary obviously thinks ETH.

TG. Shooting them is the last thing one should do. Show you're friendly and observe them as long as possible - until someone in authority comes along.

LM Who is an authority on UFOs?

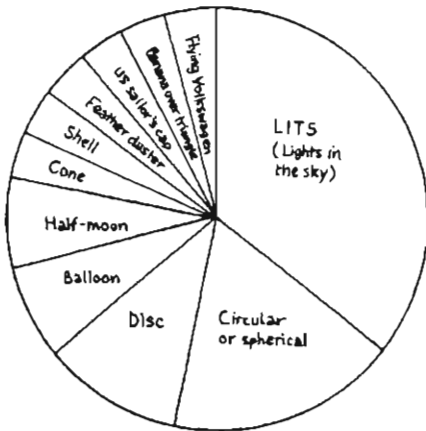
TG. Well, I mean someone in the astronomy line and who has access to photographic equipment. I'd be baffled to know exactly what to do with a UFO myself, especially if there are no portholes to signal at the beings inside. But I feel you should demonstrate friendly intentions, signal them to come out - you know, crook your hand and wave it toward yourself, indicate you'd like to speak to them by moving your hand in front of your mouth.

LM. That could also mean come out and be eaten

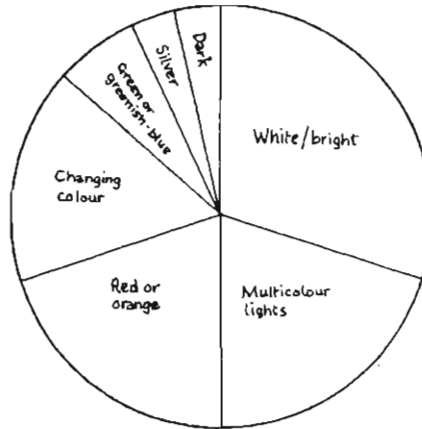
TG. Oh. Well, I still think the worst thing to do would be to show hostility. If we've been demonstrating we're not a friendly people that may be why there have been so many sightings but no contact!

The charts below give some indication of the predominant shapes and colours of UFOs reported in the South African flap. Reports have been omitted from these charts if a suggested explanation is given or if insufficient information is available.

Shapes



Colours



I lost touch with Dave Oakley-Hill many years ago and would be interested to know if he is still actively involved in UFO research. Mark Stenhoff is currently Head of Physics at

Latymer School in West London and probably now has merely a peripheral interest in Unidentified Flying Objects. Ed.

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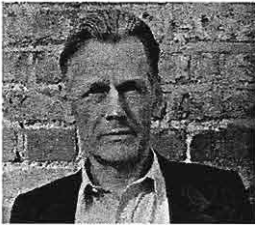
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TEMS TALK SUMMARY

TEMS Meeting on 23 February 2003



Lionel Beer

The speaker was Guy Lyon Playfair, still remembered for his book on the Enfield Poltergeist. His topic was **telepathy between twins**. Usually for telepathy to work, the recipient has to be in a relaxed state of mind. The problem is only bad messages - traumas - emergency messages get picked up. For most of us, we might experience telepathy once or twice in a lifetime. On the other hand, some mothers with new babies have almost a 24-hour link!

Not all identical twins experience telepathy! But for those that do, some report physical

sensations, even physical marks, on their bodies. We were shown a video from the *Richard and Judy Show*, where one twin was wired up to a polygraph in a separate studio. A needle on the polygraph moved sharply, even though the 'wired' twin did not know what was happening to his brother. The word 'telepathy' was first used about 1882, and in 1884 a novel called *The Corsican Brothers* by Dumas, focused on this.

Strangely, very little research has been done on telepathy between twins since then. Norris McWhirter slumped into a chair and looked dazed for no apparent reason on 27 November 1975. At that moment in time, at his own home, IRA terrorists shot his twin brother Ross McWhirter in the head. In 1997, Paul McKenna did a TV programme involving four sets of female twins. Three sets produced fairly convincing results. The scientific explanation for telepathy is still out there, but for it to work a strong empathy is required between the sender and receiver. Also the sender needs a powerful stimulus. It is suggested the answer lies deep in quantum physics and is related to a key prediction called *non-locality*. This is a sort of mental wormhole.

Copies of *Twin Telepathy* by Guy Lyon Playfair are available from: SPACELINK BOOKS, 115 Hollybush Lane, Hampton, TW12 20Y, @ £9.50 inc. postage.

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