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## **J R Comments:**

### **The changing face of British UFOlogy**

Long time, no see. Yes, it has been a while and the usual apologies apply. But it has proved an interesting five months since the last edition of this magazine - one reason for the delay. UFOlogy has, in fact, been heading towards a great showdown and it may be that by the time the next NUN appears (hopefully you won't have to wait five months for that, by the way!) we could see the first signs of a new UFOlogy as the next millennium approaches.

Confused? I dare say that you are. For there are no mutterings about this in the media. The world seems to be going on as normal. However, there is chatter behind the scenes seething about what we do now the mystery seems to have polarised into warring camps.

In June/July I was in the US and could see first hand a curious change. If you look closely the hints of it are in recent NUNs. Some of the presentations at the MUFON conference were a little odd. One woman for instance, told about what is in effect a dating agency set up by aliens to allow abductees to have extra marital affairs with one another. Fun as this seems, it was a perfectly straight presentation that the researcher concerned appears to regard as true.

There are signs in UFOlogy more generally that bizarre ideas are edging closer to the accepted mainstream. The saga of the Tornado allegedly shot down over the Peak District in 1997 is typical. As readers of NUN will know David Clarke (now Dr Clarke by the way - congratulations!) has researched this superbly and solved the affair to my satisfaction. Yet BUFORA, rather foolishly, presented a lecture rejecting this view proclaiming the alien shoot down. Tree speech' it was but it led to a loss of good UFOlogists upset by the decision.

The centre field of this subject now embraces issues it would have probably run a mile from until recently, so inevitably there has been a back lash - and not just through the resignation of the excellent BUFORA Director of Investigations (Gloria Dixon) and its fine journal editor (Robert Moore). A number of moderate UFOlogists seem to have headed west into territory that was formerly considered scepticism. Kevin Randle, whose 'Randle Report' (see last issue) stunned many with its objectivity from a man best known for his prior support of Roswell, has proved this is no flash in

the pan and he too is now Dr Randle, it seems! A new book by him in the US is a devastating assault on abduction evidence. His about face is one of the most remarkable events of recent years, but is not unique. Another long term American researcher, Greg Long, has made clear his disapproval of the world of UFOlogy as it currently stands. And in the UK the mood is crystallising in a number of forms.

One of the reasons this issue has been delayed is because of a book I've been writing with Andy Roberts and Dave Clarke. 'The UFOs that never were' is the most sceptical thing any of us have yet written - but we don't perceive it as debunking. It is as a needed overview of why IFO cases are things not to be ignored

We are not on some bandwagon with this either. The project has been 'in the works' for over two years and was finally accepted by a publisher last autumn, before any of the recent upheavals began. It is as if some new ethos is capturing the UFO field driving it collectively towards extremes of greater objectivity to combat the perception of sensationalism that has swept through the public facade of this subject.

What is needed is a positive way to channel the dissatisfaction and unrest. We do not need to perceive major UFO groups like BUFORA and MUFON (both of which are getting a battering from some UFOlogists somewhat unfairly at times) as if they are an enemy - when, of course, we are all on the same side. To vent anger, frustration and negative emotions on the perceived cause of what is going wrong is human nature but can be self destructive. The right approach recognises the good things they do for UFOlogy, senses what they cannot and finds a way to plug that gap.

In the UK a number of disaffected, mostly ex BUFORA officers, have resurrected the old IUN (Independent UFO Network) - primarily as a web site. The plan is to incorporate many useful features - such as primers for new UFOlogists, data bases and web versions of some of the better UK magazines. It is early days as yet, but the IUN site created by Mike Wootten is shaping up to be a good example of how the non structured, loose alliance of the IUN might work. According to Andy Roberts (who has relaunched it with Dave Clarke, Robert Moore, Tim Matthews and others) it will basically be a group of like minded people working in unison, seeking to do good, rational UFOlogy and publishing what it finds for all to see. No doubt UFO Brigantia will make a welcome return too.



But will this suffice? That is what the debate is presently about. I have suggested a new structure to UK UFOlogy for the 21<sup>st</sup> century but it would not be easy to make it work.

At the entry level I propose a web based 'UFO Net' attracting and training UFO enthusiasts - primarily teenagers excited by the *X* Files. The net based system would have a low annual fee (e.g. £5) to appeal to youngsters, offer a series of things that are targeted to such people ('secret agent' style cards, specially written news items) but coupled with a heavy dose of realism about UFOlogy. They would have access to advice, experience and web based info on investigation whilst being encouraged onto the postal training course. In this way the entry level UFOlogists would have an organisation designed for their needs, which does not just feed them crashed UFOs and marauding greys but weans them into the true nature of UFOlogy. As such some will stand a better chance of graduating into the UFO mainstream well prepared.

In my view the mainstream is the forte of national groups like BUFORA and regional organisations as found on p. 16 of this magazine. The IUN are aiming to provide a more upmarket type of UFO group here that focuses on realism. Taken together the middle ground like this should do what it does already, just do it better.

Aside from the need for the new entry level UFO Net concept, I also perceive a gap at the upper end. Many people are happy just joining a group, reading magazines and keeping in touch with UFOlogy that way. But there is a hard core (small, but vital) that cares passionately to want to do something. They wish to see the reality of UFOs accepted by science and actual progress to be made. They perceive the sensationalism that gets all the attention distracting from that aim. But through the current UFO structure in the UK groups must cater for all tastes. 90% of members want good magazines, lectures and so on and 10% want to do real work. Unfortunately most of the money coming into groups via membership fees, etc, has to be spent to print magazines, run offices and keep the membership numbers up, so as to print more magazines, run the office next year and... well you get the picture of a vicious circle.

The only way to really do UFOlogy differently is to forge an alliance that acts as a research and investigation institute, acting as a forum for professional-acting UFOlogists and raising funds to do what they know needs to be done. That is the essence of my third tier to this perceived new structure.

I came up with the name Pro UFO (as it implies professionalism and support for UFO reality), but have you any better ideas? In my

concept Pro UFO is a self administered fund Every Pro UFO member - in effect a professional UFOlogist - is an equal shareholder and has a one person, one vote say in its use. There are no committees or officers making decisions. Anyone can join Pro UFO, but must abide by the Code of Practice. We would need simple rules (e.g. to remove a persons status if they did anything that brought UFOlogy into disrepute) But it would need no boring argument the critic could issue a statement the defendant one too and a straight vote of all Pro UFO members then decide. The point would be to maintain standards and a degree of professionalism behind Pro UFO.

If we charged say £20 to join and 50 people in the UK participated that is a £1000 fund per annum to work with. I have suggested we boost this in several ways. One radical suggestion (that I am, of course, willing to comply with) is that all Pro UFO members who write a book agree to donate a percentage of royalties to the fund. Equally, a move is underway by some UK UFOlogists to produce a data rich book that no publisher would take on, fund and publish this ourselves and plough all profits from the book back into future projects.

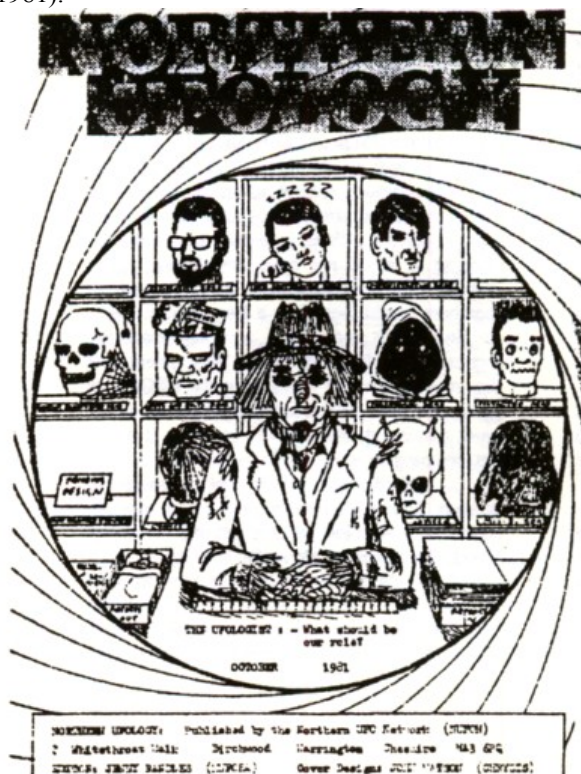
If Pro UFO existed the money could be used to fund investigations (e.g. to pay for specialist lab tests), or give a grant to research work, or help set up viable projects (such as MIT style science/UFOlogy conferences on specialist case types such as car stops). Exactly the things that UFO groups cannot afford because their funds are needed elsewhere. Pro UFO would not need to pay for offices, lectures, magazines, etc, because it would not have any. Twice yearly requests for funding would come in and all members would then have a free vote on which to finance. It would be a true democratic expression of UFOlogy by self government with the most dedicated (professional) UFOlogists going that extra mile to work together and do the work that we all know has to be done. It would not usurp any existing group in any way.

Whether such things happen remains to be seen. Robert Moore has offered help to try to create UFO Net. Pro UFO is getting no support as yet. Seven people are so far backing the book project. By its nature UFOlogy is lazy. Most of its participants are observers, not doers. But those of us who are need to start doing - before it is too late. If you want to help, let me know.

## NUN GETS 25 YEARS

As Fortean Times might have said in a headline. But, yes, frightening as it seems it is now a quarter of a century that I have been editing this magazine. Much has changed across 182 issues. From a spirit duplicator model to professional printing. From a time in 1974 when abductions, MJ 12, Area 51, the X Files were unknown to the mayhem of 1999. From 18p an issue to £1 (who said you thought Issue 1 had a cover price in groats!) When I started to edit NUN I had never been on radio, let alone TV, nor written an article on UFOs, let alone a book. The world is very different, too. But much has stayed the same and the aims of NUN - to record UFO activity in the region and comment on the UFO world in general is little different. Only one or two people who read that first issue are still in UFOlogy today. But quite a few more have been with us for the ride for 15 - 20 years.

I reproduce below one of my favourite covers from when a few times a year NUN became Northern UFOlogy and the magazine was expanded to include articles submitted by readers on a different theme. This special (The UFOlogist - What should be our role?) was in Issue 89 (October 1981).



John Watson's brilliant cover shows Worzel Gummidge (a children's TV character of the day) who as a scarecrow used to have different heads to wear for each occasion. The miniature will not show his skill that well, but you will get the gist. Here John illustrates the article by having various heads on a shelf for Worzel UFOlogist to wear. From left to right top shelf to bottom shelf, they are captioned: sociologist head, UFO conference head, administration head, awaiting good case head, nuts and bolts head, paranormal head, contactee head, sane balanced ufologist head (the card on the empty shelf reads "pending design"), cynics head, alien adviser head and finally MIB head. Brilliant! Have fun matching the drawing of each head to its motto.

John was part of a group called Chrysis from the north east (an apt name if ever there was one!) and his amusing covers enlivened NUN for several years. He even managed to sneak two topless models into one and after much debate I let it pass because he expertly justified its use and I would otherwise have had to draw the cover myself! I got one or two complaints but there would have been more had I inflicted my artistic skills onto the readers. No doubt that NUN cover (issue 77, October 1980 -theme 'UFOs in the public eye' if you want to find it in some archive!) is now a collectors item.

Anyone know what happened to John? Here's to the next 25 years.

## UFO CALL is 500

Another milestone was reached in August 1999 with the 500<sup>th</sup> edition of BUFORA's news and information service, UFO Call. I have been writing and recording these every week for nearly 10 years; although the rise of the internet must jeopardise the long term future of the venture. The message is available to anyone on the phone in the UK at premium rates (don't blame me as I just provide the service free). The number has in fact just changed. It is now 09068-121886

So if you are not on the net and cannot wait a few weeks (er, okay, quite a few weeks sometimes!) for the next NUN this is the way to find out what is happening in the UFO world.

**BUT... If you are on the net, NUN now has its own e mail address.) So any news, cases, copy for the next issue you can send quickly to (us).**

***Small screen UFOs***

UFOs are set to be a big thing for the Millennium on US TV (although doubtless the UK will snap up such offerings). Most intriguing is the news that Steven Spielberg is to return to the theme of 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' from 22 years ago. He has agreed a truly ginormous deal to make the most expensive TV mini series about UFOs (or - from figures - probably about anything). Oddly the deal is with the Science Fiction channel, not a major network - apparently by Spielberg's own choice. The 20 hour epic will be filmed during the next year and run on consecutive nights in 2 hour slots from autumn 2000. Entitled 'TAKEN' - the series will be a fictional saga of the alien contact story from Roswell onward, covering several decades and based upon UFO reality. Its heavy emphasis will be alien abduction cases. One trusts that Steven will have sufficient discrimination and know how not to foist the American grays and the US standard abduction with sexual probes onto the world as if there has never been anything else. But I won't be placing any bets on that will you? The impact of 'TAKEN' on UFOlogy will be intriguing to watch.

A year earlier, in September 1999, comes 'Roswell'. This has developed from an initial sit com (!) idea 'Roswell High' to a 'serious' one hour drama series on US TV that has Jonathan Frakes (Riker from Star Trek) behind the scenes producing. Evidently we are to face the everyday struggles of three nice grays who were stranded on earth after the Roswell crash. (Cue violins) - they have been in suspended animation and now in human form are living like normal teenagers at the local high school - except, dear of dear, some nasty UFO buffs suspect their true origin and are out to get them. No doubt MJ 12, evil aliens, Tom Copley and all will get in there too. With a synopsis as dumb as that Sky must have bought it already.

Meantime work on a movie of John Keel's classic UFO tale - 'The Mothman Prophecies' - is afoot. Release is set for mid/late 2000. At least this saga of the predictions, alien contacts, MIB activity and monster apparitions that led to the collapse of a bridge claiming many lives is sort of 'true'. But why does nobody make a film of a typical UFO case? 'Light in the sky over Scunthorpe' I can see it at the Odeon now!

***What to do about defence - paint it black***

Probably not. Cometa is a group of military toffs in France who created a stir this July by preparing a detailed report on UFOs and submitting it to the French public (via a special issue of a newsstand magazine) and to the President and Prime Minister. Its title is 'UFOs and defence: What must we prepare for?' and they sure do lay it on thick.

This think tank has admirals, generals and a top scientist behind it - hence the newsworthy nature of the move. But it has been criticised as warmed over speculation by some sober arms of French UFOlogy (who suspect it is an attempt to preserve funding on UFOs that the French government have made for some years to GEPAN/SEPRA) whilst praised as a great breakthrough by others. It terms the reality of UFOs (evidently alien UFOs) as 'quasi certain' and that the UFO crash at Roswell probably did occur. But it cites the US (in possible league with Britain) as engaging in a massive disinformation campaign after 1947 and seems to have taken account of the views of UFOlogists such as Nick Pope and Philip Corso.

Its early pages debate classic evidence, such as Lakenheath (1956) but via published sources it seems rather than any insider information. The Lakenheath case as publicly known has many differences from the reality I am currently piecing together from several sources. Other cases in the French report are of similar (generally considered high) quality from both France and the world - e.g. the RB 47 case (USA, 1957), Valensole (1965), Trans-en-Provence (1981) etc. They are used to justify taking the ETH seriously as a solution. Indeed it rejects 'non scientific' theories such as parapsychology and collective hallucinations to focus on aliens and discuss how microwave bursts might cause car stops and how UFOs might use magneto-hydrodynamic propulsion.

In latter stages of the report various implications for ET contact are discussed - on the economy, politics, religion, etc. The idea that the US are engaging in some plot over UFOs and aliens that ignores nations like France seems to be hinted. Various recommendations are issued, including building up SEPRA, forging an EEC alliance to put political pressure on the US over UFOs, drawing up plans to handle an alien invasion, and so on. Strong stuff indeed

As you can see this is an amazing report and one that has created not a whisper (as I write three weeks later) in the UK media.

### **BITS...**

:: Magonia have announced the second prize essay competition in memory of their former contributor Roger Sandell. A prize of £100 is offered for the best article to the theme "The media, vision and belief - suggesting as the interaction between the media and the phenomenon, or how the subject is portrayed by them, etc. Every entry must be an original 4000 to 5000 word piece, double spaced, typed on single sided A4 with a cover sheet citing title, name and address of entrant. Only hard copy entries accepted. The winner will appear in Magonia. Others may do so on approval of the author. Submit by 30 September 1999 to John Rimmer 5 James Terrace London SW14 8MB

:: A curio was noted in Sky TV Guide (May 1999) - the free listings journal sent to Sky viewers. It contained a piece called 'Out of this World' about alien abductions based on Nick Pope (not suggesting that he has been abducted, of course, but with his knowledge about them). The article expounds Nick's ET views with not much sign of counterpoint (this is Sky after all) and ends with words - 'You may find yourself believing an awful lot more afterwards'. Typical uninformed bamboozled journo? Perhaps. But the article is credited to Richard Wiseman. Poor old Dr Richard Wiseman, the arch UFO skeptic, clearly could not have written this alien promo article so we now appear to face two of them on the loose with rather different agendas. Maybe the real Dr W should change his name?

:: But the saga endeth not here. For the first 1999 issue of 'The Skeptic' - the occasionally interesting but ultra egocentric and negative mag from a rag bag collection of anti UFO scientists features an interesting item by new editor Wendy Grossman Beneath her "Rendlesham was a lighthouse - yah, boo, sucks we told you but dumb UFOlogists never listen' tirade is a thank you to the people who have sponsored the magazine's 'initiative' to invade UK libraries everywhere. Amidst the usual suspects in the small print we find listed as the very last sponsor one Nick Pope. Surely, again, this cannot be the same dear Nick who is writing the foreword to the very same Rendlesham book that the accompanying article has just rebuked. It has to be another duplicate named sponsor. Doppelgangers? Nah, this is all presumably a cosmic coincidence - so don't start to call for Muldur, Scully and the Lone Gunmen just yet!

:: What could possibly follow APEN, that weird lot of anonymous letter writers that plagued NUN in its early days? (See my book 'MIB'). You guessed it, the 1990's equivalent is here - Porno APEN! Recent missives to me (have any of you lot get things you dare share with folk of decent taste?) include tarot cards i.e. ta for the rot cards) with scrawled messages like 'Stupid' on them and a carefully stencilled (with Cheshire postmark) retirement card complete with graphic sex scenes and strident messages pleading with me to quit writing or else! Makes you quite nostalgic for the goose-stepping, Nazi war march antics of those nice fellows at APEN and is probably as sad a reflection as you could get as to how far UFOlogy (and the world) has gone downhill in the 25 years of this magazine

:: The new Midnight Books catalogue is out with 44 pages packed with bargains and pages of UFO books, mags and videos.

Lionel Beer asks me to point out that as well as books he now stocks the excellent English language edition of UFO Afrinews, the African UFO mag.

### **Quiz Results**

How many of last issues UFO-grams did you spot? Here are the answers. *Oh huge ET PR* (Peter Hough). *Conk Pipe* (Nick Pope). *Jack Mohn* (John Mack), *Dr FA Funnel* (Ann Druffel), *And Lynn Jeers* (Jenny Randles), *Met What Mist* (Tim Matthews), *Did Punk Bosh* (Budd Hopkins) & *To go dim* (Tim Good).

This proved popular so this issues UFO gram is a lot more difficult. The phrase below contains the names of four different published UFO authors, with no letters spare. None are included in the list above. Two are British. Two American. That's all the clues you are going to get.

The phrase: - *By Jove, Jane, quick leave sad lord a dark centre shell.*

Good luck!

## MAJOR ARTICLES ELSEWHERE

First and last reports here. Sadly- after many years - **The Ley Hunter** has shut up shop. Issue 1 appeared in 1969 and issue 133 has just surfaced and is announced to be the final edition. It will be missed, as TLH has taken us from hippy flower power to modern day earth mysteries introducing along the way earthlights and much else. Of course, its legacy will live on with new books by once editor Paul Devereux and former editor Paul Screeton 's own Folklore Frontiers (see below), GEM (Gloucestershire Earth Mysteries) from the same editorial team as steered the final TLH will also go on. But even so it sad to lose such a pioneer venture.

Arriving on the scene is 'The Labyrinth' - no price given but edited by UFO film show organiser Rory Lushman, this looks a different sort of magazine. There's a detailed Bruce Maccabee study of a US photo case, a look at the alleged ground witness to the 'Manchester Air Myth' (Jan 1995 BA encounter over Derbyshire), chemical contrails and the hunt for hidden steam trains. Fascinating.

On the news stands *The X Factor* is still going strong. Issue 58 sees my return to the mag after a long absence (aah) with a look at alleged physical evidence for alien assaults. 59 has an interview with Tony Dodd about his personal role as an alien teacher spreading the gospel via the mental communications he claims. 60 has an interview with Nick Redfern and a piece on reptile aliens, 61 has Jonathon Downes hunting Chupacabras and Paul Devereux probing Stonehenge, 62 features John and Anne Spencer on radar cases (sadly their version of the 1956 Bentwaters case is out of date and inaccurate!), 63 has poor articles on aliens and SHC. 64 sees John Spencer on UFOlogy as a new religion.

**Fortean Times** is also still boldly going where only FT can go. April is a good issue (a piece by Nigel Watson on Alien sex, a first hand report on the making of the Alternative 3 TV hoax 20 years on, and Don Ecker on the plague of conspiracy theories in US UFOlogy). May brings Ecker's intriguing report into the era of Area 51 disinformation. June launched a new style cover and gave away a free cover book with short original pieces by all presenters at the 1999 Unconvention about the subjects they lectured. This 96pp book is worth the cover price alone. The issue also features a good investigation exposing the probable solution to the Belgrave Hall ghost video shown on the TV news a few months ago (it was a falling leaf).

Copies on sale in shops, or on subscription:

## Going Beyond...

As I close for press the first issue of a brand new newsstand magazine was set to appear in the shops. Titled 'Beyond' it is to be edited by Tim Matthews , with Philip Mantle also on board. Covering a wide range of paranormal topics from ESP to UFOs, it will also have a series of intriguing regular columnists that include Uri Geller, moon astronaut Edgar Mitchell, Paul Devereux and you might find me popping up there as well. Early articles planned include a report on UFOs from a Russian scientist. This promises rather more than some of the recent attempts to create a popular news stand journal of all the strange things that beset our lives and it should be well worth keeping a watch for this new venture. Issue 1 launched on 28 August and it aims to appear monthly after that.

## BUFORA Bulletin

## With subs

Robert Moore is the latest good editor in exodus. July has Nabil Shaban - a fine UFOlogist whom I must warn is really an alien in disguise. Fans of Dr Who will recall this actor as Sil, the ET slug that plotted the downfall of the Tardis. Now he is a PhD researching the role of TV star Hughie Green in the Roswell case (Peter Hough and I had a run in with the late Hughie - who contacted us - so if you are listening Nabil, get in touch and we can happily fill you in). It seems so far that Hughie believed he was not an ear witness to Roswell but a second crash in New Mexico.

## IUR 130 (CUFOS, USA).

Amazing case from Australia researched by Bill Chalker. A Nordic female left a strand of hair following a Sydney bedroom visitor episode. DNA tests reveal it is terrestrial not alien. Yet its nature is bizarre (a mix of rare human genes - effectively Icelandic/Nordic and Oriental -precisely the physical features of many alleged non grey "aliens" that pepper alien contacts - see my new book 'The complete Book of Aliens and Abductions' for details). The first real clue that aliens are real, but human and not alien???

## MUFONJournal (USA)

March: Is a dug up skeleton an alien? April: Are abductees interrogated by military? May: Does a surveillance camera show a man disappearing and being abducted?

## MAGONIA 67 (editor John Rimmer)

A look at Nostradamus and his prophecy that in the year 1999 and seven months a great king of frightfulness will (or, er oops didn't) come down

from the Sky. But how on earth could he foresee the arrival of Rupert Murdoch 400 years ago?

***Strange Daze (editor, Gloria Dixon')***

Gloria has revived this mag no end with an all embracing coverage. Albert Budden, Andy Roberts, Bill Rose, Tim Matthews, yours truly. Its terrific on UFOs, NDEs etc. Don't hesitate.

***Project Red Book ( YUFOS)***

One of the few true UFO monthlies from 1997 born Yorkshire UFO group. Their magazine is excellent stuff too with plenty of good articles. Often features original interviews. E.g. March (Tim Matthews), April (Tim Good), July (Jenny Randies), August (Andy Roberts) (truly hilarious and setting a new world record for upsetting half of UFOlogy and inciting lawsuits in one article!)

***The Researcher (MARA)***

A wonderful diversity of in depth articles from the origin of life, to disappearing UFOs, a window area near Runcorn (don't let Peter Brookesmith hear you - when I lectured on this a few years ago he said in FT that he didn't believe it was real!), Isle of Man folklore, and more.

***UFO Network UK ( editor 'P Cliffe Snr')***

Letters, clips, sightings etc from West Yorks.

***SPI Scotland (SPI)***

Excellent reporting of Scottish case investigations into UFOs, ghosts, monsters etc.

***UFO Afrinews 19 (Zimbabwe, Africa)***

Cynthia Hind's invaluable review of the latest UFO happenings in Africa. In English.

***UFO Historical Review 3 ( USA)***

A great way to keep up to date with the latest FoI documents to escape in the USA with Barry Greenwood's excellent careful analysis.

***Ohio UFO Notebook 20 ??? (USA)***

One of the best places to find ongoing US case investigations, with many reports, letters and always some fine UFO articles too. Hot stuff.

***Folklore Frontiers (editor 'P Screeton')***

Folk tales and modern urban myths galore

***Dead of Night 17***

Great value for money given the stuff packed into about 80 pp. Where else can you find ghost stories, voodoo, crab monsters, alien big cats. UFOs and pretty well everything unimaginable.

***The Circular Mar 99 (CCCS)***

All the pretty maps, pictures, and low down on the seemingly undefeatable world of cerealogy.

**BOOKS OF THE MOMENT**

***UFO Revelation 256 pp Softback with photos  
Writer: Tim Matthews Blandford, £9.99***

This is the long awaited analysis of UFOs in the context of secret aircraft development that Tim has been promising / threatening (depends on your viewpoint) for some years. It is not a disappointment. Probably the most original UFO title in ages it will sadly, for that reason be disregarded by many. There is nothing in here about aliens, abductions, or indeed most of the staple diet of 99% of UFO books. What there is of such matters (e.g. Area 51, MJ 12, Bob Lazar etc) is viewed in a far from ET context. These things are presented as part of a long term strategy during which the development of secret, saucer shaped, then triangular and latterly stealth generation technology has provoked UFO sightings and been encouraged to do so via active intelligence agency disinformation. The story is told from Nazi German warfare to future drones and magnetic energy aircraft that are probably under covert test right now. UFO activity such as foo fighters, the Belgian flap and recent UK waves of flying triangles are reviewed in the light of the secret aircraft story we get told alongside. The main fault UFOlogists will find with this book is that it is more concerned with charting the progress of black projects than with linking them to UFOs, per se; although that is certainly not absent. I don't see this as a foiling, but an attraction because this well illuminated trail of historical progress leads you to ask more questions of attendant UFO activity than Tim himself seeks to answer. If he had gone further it would have been a step too far too soon as. Hopefully, this is just the first book of many on this intriguing new perspective. Don't ignore it.

*Randles Rating 85%*



***Fortean Studies Vol 5***  
***320pp Softback £19.99***  
***Edited by Steve Moore John Brown Books***

This annual publication is always a treat. Much more erudite and in depth than Fortean Times the lengthy study comes in two halves. The first is a series of deeply referenced chapters that are articles on a range of topics by FT authors. Included this year are some fairly odd texts (such as plagiarism in occult literature) and a plethora of alien animal reports - including Andy Roberts on the Big Grey Man of Ben Macdhui and other articles on giant snakes, werewolves and ape men. There is also what is now a regular feature - and always the UFO highlight - Neil Nixon's perceptive commentary on the preceding UFO year. This lengthy paper reports on UFOlogy as both an industry and a science - seeking to reveal its true role in modern society. It is one of the best UFO writings I have read in ages and worth the price of this book alone. The sooner Neil treats us to a full sized UFO book of his own the better we will all be. If you have not read his writings before this is a great place to start. But if that were not all Fortean Studies has a truly phenomenal 90 page set of indexes for issues 94 - 105 (1997) of Fortean Times. With sections on topics, people, phenomena, organisations, contributors, article titles, book reviews, authors, and incidents by town, country, county/state and date so you can research any subject with ease. Fortean Studies is utterly indispensable to the serious researcher who collects Fortean Times monthly and pretty darned good if you don't!

Randles Rating 80%

***The Rising of the Moon 248 pp Softback By***  
***Jonathan Downes A Nigel Wright Domra***  
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What can you say about a book that announces itself with the words "This is it!..." 'The UFO book we've all been waiting for' and as 'probably the most important UFO book for decades'. Obviously self confidence is not in short supply. Is such a song & dance justified? Well, hype is hype. But this is certainly an interesting and unusual sort of UFO book that is well deserving of your time, but it seems unfamiliar with precedents for what it claims as a 'new and workable theory that you won't find anywhere else'. Actually I can think of various places that have featured major elements of the concept: although admittedly not intriguingly pooled as here. I hope the authors acquaint themselves with earlier renditions, because I'd like to see how they interpret and incorporate the ideas then offered for what is a promising concept. (For the record check 'The Unidentified' 1975, 'Miracle Visitors' 1979. 'Mind Monsters' 1990 and much written by Keel). The Rising of the Moon chronicles a seemingly never ending parade of weirdness from a window area in Devon. Alien animals, mutilations, witchcraft mystery vanishings, crop circles, UFOs, etc. The authors take you through how they came upon this stuff with a personal adventure story that leads towards their new theory. This idea seems to be that certain emotive acts can create thought forms, or tulpas that take on semi autonomy and produce within window areas a set of visual phenomena. This is well argued and put across, but sorry chaps - 'Miracle Visitors', though a novel, was seriously intended, and was firmly based by Ian Watson on UFO reality. All UFOlogists should read how it superbly argued such an idea 20 years ago. But that precedent does not detract from a highly entertaining first book by these authors. In many ways it adds to the value and its cases alone are a treat. The theory is also quite perceptively aired. Read and enjoy as I certainly did.

Randles Rating 75%

***The Howden Moor Incident*** by Dr David Clarke and Martin Jeffrey is the first new product under the resurrected banner of the IUN (Independent UFO Network) launched at a conference in Southport in February. The 50 page case history with maps and sketches is a complete dossier on the infamous March 1997 Pennine UFO crash that is the subject of such intense controversy right now. Expertly investigated and in my view explained this case report sets out all the facts you need to know. This is UFO study at its very best.

### **Coming Soon...**

Nick Redfern's book 'Cosmic Crashes' arrived from the publisher for review three months after most got their copy so too late to make this issue. Sorry. The first novel by Nick Pope (Operation Thunderchild) appears in paperback in early October (both Simon & Schuster). Peter Hough's Visitations paperback is due about the same time from Allison & Busby. Coming from Cassell, I gather, is a guidebook for UFO investigators (which they tell me) relies on a lot of my work, but I don't know who has written it for them! 'The UFOs that never were' by Dave Clarke. Andy Roberts and myself is due in January, followed soon after by 'Supernatural Causes?' by Peter Hough and myself (both Allison & Busby). But the oddity of the moment is 'The Star gate Conspiracy'. No review copy so no review (sorry - its NUN policy), but I gather it argues that there may be a real conspiracy like the spiffing sci fi series (seen here on Channel 4 and Sky One) based on the 'Stargate' movie. This is well worth a look see with ancient Egyptian gods who were really aliens that use artificial wormholes to travel the universe. Not sure exactly what is supposed to be real or unreal behind Stargate. but I wonder if it will set a new trend I am putting the final touches to my new blockbuster 'The Telly Tubbies Conspiracy' This argues that Laa Laa, Dipsy and Po are really secret agent code names for three well known UFOlogists who are out to spread mayhem and confusion with their brilliant prose (uh ooh). The sequel is expected to be 'Beverly Hills 90210 Conspiracy' deftly proving that so many good looking people living in one place simply have to be aliens. I reveal how, contrary to popular belief, 90210 is not a zip (post) code but the galactic coordinates for the planet Watadumi from where said aliens originate. Coming next - how Sooty and Sweep abducted Villas Boas....

## **INVESTIGATION Latest UFO sightings**

### ***Rendlesham Ramblings***

#### ***It WAS the lighthouse, says local PC...***

According to the local press in East Anglia, former police officer Dave King has 'spoken publicly for the first time' about Rendlesham and has 'chosen to break his silence' because of his annoyance that people are making money from 'elaborate and far fetched stories'. He is pictured holding a copy of Sky Crash whilst saying this.

King accuses everyone of trying to come up with a mysterious answer to 'cover their tracks' because they were fooled by the lighthouse and the break up of Cosmos 749 (an event that we know happened *five hours* too early).

With another younger PC King entered the forest at 4.11 am on 26 December, *an hour or more after the sighting had ended* (although that important factor is not made clear by the press story). Inside the forest the two PCs saw only the lighthouse - but (*again as the paper fails to report*) none of the American officers with them at that time tried to suggest this was anything other than a lighthouse beacon. Nobody was being fooled that it was a UFO - making it hard to fathom how we can reach the conclusion that 90 minutes earlier it alone had set the air base into a mad panic. And of course, if it had then why was this solution - now blatantly pointed out to them by the police - not the end of the matter? Clearly, it seems to me, rightly or wrongly because the USAF felt something more than just the flashing beacon had first been seen.

What is termed by the press as 'crucial evidence' is really no such thing. Nor is it here told for the first time as they mislead their readers into thinking. Of course, King's story is interesting but he never met any of the witnesses nor was in the forest *during* the sighting so his view that they must have seen the lighthouse because that was all he later saw is of limited value. I could say much the same from having seen the lighthouse from that same spot months after the main sighting had ended

Again, I stress, what really matters is that nobody sought to convince him the lighthouse was a UFO. If he was correct in his interpretation, then why not?

Moreover, Mr King's breaking of his silence needs some clarification. When Brenda, Dot and I were writing Sky Crash we made several attempts to talk to him to get his story out and I spoke with colleagues at Woodbridge nick. He made no effort to stop stories spreading. In fact after I was first told he would talk to me when he returned from a patrol a second call an hour later brought the response that he would not now do so. He also would not talk to Ian Ridpath around the same time (November 1983) even though Ridpath was publicly well known as the champion of the lighthouse theory. Or, of course, perhaps he was prevented from talking to either of us because he was then still a police officer (he has left the force now after 26 years).

However, King did agree to speak on camera and give a therefore very public interview in 1994. That was when we made our ITV 'Strange But True?' special on the case which had 12 million viewers. I have the complete (uncut) transcript of the interview, and he adds minor things the paper does not. What he said is discussed on pages 92/3 of UFO Crash Landing some two years ago (another fairly public outing). So why does this paper kid its readers into wrongly believing that this recent breaking of King's silence is so vital?

### ***New military witness surfaces...***

As we go to press I am collating information from a new military witness who has contacted me. A alleges an encounter from the same spot as the infamous Burroughs -Penniston - Cabansag sighting at 2 am on 26 December. This was earlier during the same winter - and at the height of the 1980 east coast wave. We are trying to narrow this down as it may correlate more closely with the radar tracking at Neatishead and RAF jet intercept over the Wash. This appears to have occurred around this earlier time frame rather than during the actual major sightings in December.

A, who did not file an official report, and a colleague were taking part in the equivalent patrol as was Burroughs and Stefans at the onset of the famous case later in the year. They were situated by the Woodbridge East Gate at 2 am. This gate evidently had a 'spooky' reputation. Nobody liked being out there. Suddenly the two saw a light appear over the coast and cross the forest and the end of the runway heading west. It exploded silently and split into three pieces making sudden sharp turns. There was no sound at any point. The lights then streaked away across the B road between Orford and Woodbridge. A similar incident was reported during the main event (see Crash Landing) and is common in Pennine window UAP sightings.

### ***New Radar Case from Scotland***

*Thanks to Dave Ledger of UFO Scotland*

TW (the witness) was based at the RAF early warning radar unit of Saxa Vord on the Shetlands in winter 1964/5. 35 years later he described for UFO Scotland what happened

For some time radar observers detected an apparently stationary target that radar height finding equipment put at 20,000 feet. It was giving a strong reading but was not identified by any normal means as a friendly aircraft. By now concerned at a possible enemy threat the target was seen to be moving slowly towards the Scottish coast on a heading NE to SW.

In response two RAF Lightning jets were scrambled from Leuchars and vectored towards the target. They headed northward but, as if alerted by their arrival, the target behaved in a way that so many UFOs do in such situations. It shot vertically upwards at incredible speed and was lost to the height finding radar at around 100,000 feet. The radar officer says that at the moment the target eluded the arrival of the on rushing jets by accelerating upward the two RAF personnel manning the screens turned to each other shaking their heads - saying 'NO!'

Comparative cases are easy to find. Two Lightnings were involved in a similar case over the Solent in August 1956. This was in daylight and airborne and ground radar tracked the object - seen by the RAF crews as a metal disc. At close proximity it also reacted as if displaying intelligence and shot vertically upwards, vanishing at great height (See report in 'Something in the Air')

A stationary target often implies a weather balloon as the possible cause (e.g. the August 1956 Lakenheath radar visual where the two venoms flew around their stationary target). But the daylight case where a Canberra encountered a stationary target over Boscombe Down (again see 'Something in the Air') counters that as it too climbed vertically to an incredible height in seconds just as did the Saxa Vord target.

Nor is this merely an old time UFO tactic. The radar visual over the Wash during the autumn 1990 wave (reported in 'UFO Crash Landing') features almost identical actions to Saxa Vord but was detected by much more modern radar equipment and state of the art missile equipped RAF Phantom jets were in pursuit. There is - you might say - something of a pattern in evidence here!

Unknown Date 1968 Eyam Moor, Derbyshire

This case came to light following the ITV series 'Origin Unknown' screened this winter. The witnesses, Mr and Mrs R, report how they have had a series of experiences in the Hope Valley - including a green light over Peveril Castle in 1980 that shot across Edale and disappeared.

But the most interesting local encounter occurred when they took a late night drive near Tideswell in 1968. Spotting a bright star he (Mr R) kidded his wife that it was a UFO. So they stopped in a quiet lane near the plague village (Eyam) (where during medieval times the villagers famously and voluntarily sealed themselves off from the rest of the world in a suicidal pact to prevent the Black Death spreading from their infested homes).

The light remained in the sky like a bright star near a TV mast for some 20 minutes before slowly drifting away ending - so they thought -this adventure.

However, as they left the area and heading towards Hope something odd appeared in a dip in the road ahead. What looked like a 'building' was seen in a field. This was unusual in that it had a rounded or domed appearance and was composed of very large square windows that poured out white light. A low humming noise emerged from it.



Although they had lived in the area for many years they were unaware of this building and just assumed it was a factory building they had never seen at night before (cement is made at Hope). But still curious to know why they had not noticed this prominent landmark before they returned a couple of days later in daylight to check it out. There was no building there - just an empty field. As such they have often wondered if they were somehow witness to a UFO landing.

They add that from the vantage point they had when passing by in their car they could only see the top half of the object and so had no perspective to judge if it was really a building or something more strange. But - as they noted - buildings don't move!

### *Out of body UFO abduction*

In 1977, during the Spring wave, then teenage Mrs B was on holiday at a cottage in Blairdrummond, Scotland when she saw a white light 'just like a planet' flash from one side of the sky to the other. This was surely a meteor but she dismissed the idea since 'no flames' emerged and 'the velocity was incredible' (both - although she is unaware - common for meteors).

Soon afterwards she began to experience regular out of body experiences during which B claims she wandered the house, met spirits and they took her to another dimension. On waking she recalled little of her nocturnal jaunts. She has since had other psychic experiences but her most powerful episode was in 1996, five weeks after the birth of her child (through caesarian section). She found herself sat up in bed, but her body was still flat out on the pillow. From this OOBV vantage point she saw a UFO over her garden (which is on the edge of Rendlesham Forest by the way!) It had flashing orange and white lights.

Next to her sleeping husband was an entity who, using telepathy, 'insisted' she accompany him to the UFO. Leaving her sleeping husband, son and her own physical body behind seemingly unaffected she 'floated' through the window and lost awareness on approaching the craft. She returned to her body an unknown time later as if coming back from an OOBV with no recall of the on board experience and no physical evidence of her experience. She only recalls the impression that they just needed her - not the rest of her family. Also that they were 'benevolent'.

The entity was only seen in shadow and so she merely has a general impression of a humanoid shape and small stature (4 feet tall).

After her experience B has had a terrible legacy, notably severe insomnia. She is afraid they can return for her at any time and does not know what to do. She tried talking to a friend but lost her because she considered B 'too strange' to keep in contact with. Her doctor prescribed medicine to help her sleep but this brought side effects. Now she will not take it and lives in perpetual fear and needs help to cope with this nightmare. But how do we advise someone like her?

Since 1998 her young son has begun to laugh and talk in his sleep and refer to a 'man' in the room when nobody else can see anyone. You get a glimpse into Mrs B's dilemma when she says of this - 'Of course, a kind relative in spirit could be visiting but the thought of aliens constantly with us gives me the creeps.'



Case 9128 April 1991 22.30

Tebay, Cumbria

UFO Scotland

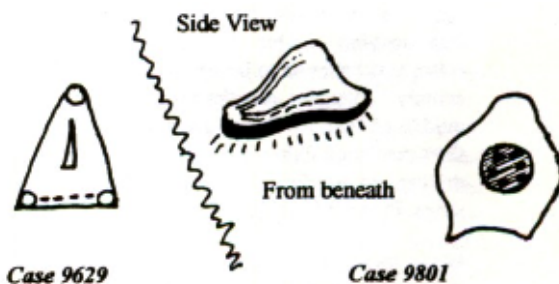
Two brothers plus two friends out camping saw a white LITS like a satellite that at first moved in a horizontal path but then stopped circled and zig-zagged. It also changed colour to red/amber and back to silver white. It stayed performing impossible flight paths for two hours and was left still in the sky as the boys returned to their tent. This presumably has to be a star/planet coupled with autokenesis effects?

Case 9629 16 October 1996 23.20

Beswick, Manchester

NARO

Ms K was playing on her computer when she heard a noise like a low flying plane. Through the window she saw a large triangle, dull silver in colour, with three lights - one at each apex -and a neon strip in the base. There was also a 'groove' cut in the middle. K went to the door but there was nothing to be seen; although the sky was clear. The night before sightings in Widnes of three lights in a triangle proved to be a laser light show, but it is hard to see how this could have been 'directly overhead' a town 25 miles to the east



Case 9801 9 January 1998 06.30

Preston Brook, Cheshire

NARO

This sketch of another mystery triangle came to NARO investigators Alicia Leigh, Andy Blunn & Tony Cranstoun looking into the previously reported case. J - a garage owner - was heading east on the M56 with his brother at this famed UFO window between Daresbury and Frodsham when they drove slowly right underneath the hovering UFO with a red glow in its base before it sped away. They say it was 'so much like a spaceship, aerodynamic, sophisticated and tremendously fast' and added that to see it so clearly was 'unbelievable, incredible and (we will) probably never see anything like it again.

### Guardians of the motorway

This was the title of an article I published in FSR 18 years ago. It reported the tendency- for strange hovering aerodynamic craft to float over motorways at the dead of night. One case cited there occurred on the motorway in the Wirral near Bidston in May 1980. The link with the above case and the smooth contours of the craft seen then is eerie. The UFO over the M56 18 years later is almost a dead ringer. What on earth are these machines? For I think we have to say in these instances that the similarity is too close for them to be anything else. The manta rays over the M6 in 1978 are much the same - so whatever they are seem to have been cavorting about the UK skies for well over 20 years. Tim Matthews suggests secret aircraft with revolutionary propulsion and hover capabilities. But would not anything that was revolutionary in 1978 now be fit for a pension? And why do I feel that these fantastic craft make as much sense if we consider them time travel vehicles from our own future? Maybe someone from the year 2099 is doing a historical traffic survey and is on a jaunt taking in long gone highways of the 20<sup>th</sup> century - in which the M53 in 1980 could be visited (relatively) five minutes before the M56 in 1998. As if motorists don't have enough to contend with - to speed cops we can add the time patrol! Just imagine - what if those incredible alien pilots you believed to be up there are really 21<sup>st</sup> century transport anoraks who have paid a few quid to go back in time on a day trip and see how their mad ancestors nearly wrecked the planet by driving gas guzzling fume filled autos on asphalt strips. Puts the triangles in a whole new light!

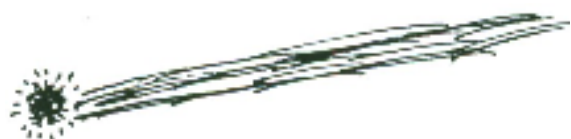
### Warp Factor Bridlington

Case 9812 30 October 1998 00.45

Bridlington, North Yorks

NARO

S & D were walking back to their car when a 'flash of light' lit the field They thought a farmer had discovered their short cut but looking up S saw a blinding star that rocketed from one horizon to the other in total silence leaving a wake of shimmering light that made it look - as S puts it - 'like the warp drive on Star Trek'. D saw only a flash of light that lit the ground. It seems this has to be a bright meteor.



## Mid Air Encounter over Scotland Report from J H Sneddon

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This is the first incident for 1999 recorded by the air traffic monitoring exercise. It was at 19.45 on 8 March 1999 and involved a Shorts 360 aircraft on Loganair 919 from Glasgow to Inverness. The pilot asked the ATC if there was any traffic at his 9 o'clock position. ATC had nothing on radar. To this the pilot noted several visual contacts but did not elaborate. About 5 minutes later ATC added '*still no traffic observed near you*'. Nothing else was said before the plane was handed on for landing. James Sneddon estimates the location to be near Rannoch. It is unfortunate that nothing further was said about what the Loganair crew observed. It is also not known if the sighting was officially reported: although past experience suggests this to be unlikely.

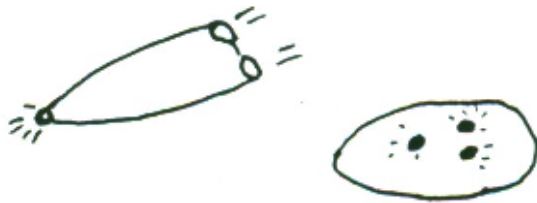
## Wave of Triangles over East Midlands

Case 9903 7 April 1999 21.00

Strelley, Notts

EMUFORA (A James)

This was a busy night for sightings of yet another flying triangle in the East Midlands. At Strelley it was a large oval with flashing lights on the base (red green and orange). It moved slowly and silently across the sky. PRA also recorded other sightings that night - all of a large triangle. Reports were made from Nottingham too



Belper in Derbyshire. EMUFORA also got a sighting at 23.00 that night from the Woodthorpe area. This too was reported as a flying triangle. One interesting feature was that the front light was described as large and circular whereas the rear lights were clearly oval. At 23.10 the triangle was over Mansfield This large craft was glowing bright orange and had a row of white portholes along the edge. The possibility must be that this was an aircraft because it was seen to disappear on a slowly descending path heading towards East Midlands Airport. But at about 23.25 it moved away at speed heading for Rainworth Tony James says ordinary aircraft can be ruled out as one was

seen at the same time as one of the triangles and was clearly different.

## *Jet encounters UFO - or does it?*

### *Report from Dr David Clark & Clas Svahn*

According to British press reports (repeated around the world) a close encounter took place on 3 February 1999 between a UFO and British aircraft. This happened as it headed towards Denmark. But what was the true story behind this latest mid air extravaganza? Not what the press suggested that's for sure.

Typical of the media stories was this. A Debonair Bae 146 was flying from Sweden to Humberside Airport and crossing the North Sea when an 'incandescent' light appeared below. The crew saw a long, cylindrical silver-coloured object the size of a battleship' flying alongside the plane with 'rows of square portholes'. It finally vanished 'at enormous speed' (this report from the Daily Mirror, 28 April - although most other media stories were similar).

Other references were to 'a great red light in the sky' (London Standard 27 April) and others still made claims that MoD radar had tracked the target.

As you can see this has many similarities with the spate of flying lozenges reported lately and featuring last year in my book 'Something in the Air' (which must challenge for the least successful book in UFO history, by the way). If the story as reflected here was representative of what happened then you can see that this would indeed be a major case. It had surfaced ten weeks late, which was the first puzzle. The second was exactly what the MoD and CAA were doing about an investigation.

Both sources confirmed there had been a report but told the media they were not going to look into the matter. This has to make you ask why not since it appears more interesting than the infamous Manchester Airport encounter from January 1995 where the CAA made themselves look mildly silly by professing after a one year probe that they could not rule out a spaceship. This was translated by the media - of course - into the CAA thought it WAS a spaceship.

David Clarke, noted for his case busting, and Clas Svahn, an excellent Swedish investigator

both independently dug into this latest major case and soon found out some alarming details that had not troubled the media when reporting these events. David Clarke quickly secured the official report filed by Luton airline Debonair and sent to the CAA. They had been carrying business executives home to the UK from Linköping, Sweden when the incident occurred

The events are described as a 'mandatory occurrence report'. This means it was serious enough to warrant an official record but not a near collision, which would have guaranteed an investigation as an air miss. Indeed the CAA justify taking the sighting no further because there was no danger to aircraft or passengers'. This is unlike the British Airways crew in 1995 who clearly believed they nearly struck the UFO that flew right at them over Derbyshire.

Debonair told David Clarke that the pilot assumed the glow beneath the 146 was a light on another aircraft. They were at flight level 280 (28,000 feet) and an 'unidentified bright light' was visible for just 10 seconds. ATC were informed and three other aircraft saw the light moving at high speed. No air traffic was recorded been where the UFO was observed. Five minutes later the weather radar on board the 146 picked up a brief target at 75 miles distance.

Humberside Airport confirmed that the pilot filed his report with the CAA on landing but refrained from mentioning UFOs, just an unidentified aircraft light. There was also no reference to size being 'as big as a battleship' and the airport blame the media for exaggeration. The MoD claim they learned of the case via press stories. Humberside added that in their opinion the UFO was a light reflection from the underside of the 146. The MoD said the idea that their radar could detect anything far from the UK and near the Danish coast was laughable'. But the press inferred this to be the case.

Clas Svahn meantime checked with SAS, the Scandinavian airline, since they owned two of the other aircraft said to have reported the UFO to Kastrup, Copenhagen ATC. He also spoke with Danish CAA and SAAB military aircraft experts who flew on the 146 but saw nothing. The incident was traced to 58 miles off the Danish coast at 17.30 hours (i.e. it was dark).

The origin of the "battleship" was certainly not the light itself. Because of how weather radar works it may be the size of target on there. Weather radar is not designed to detect aircraft but huge masses like thunderstorms and mountains. It can pick up ships, but only battleship

sized ones. If the target was assumed to be an aerial craft it would have been huge.

Professor Bertil Lindblad - a Swedish expert on bolides - told Clas Svahn this object could have been a meteor creating an ionized trail - just as in the British Airways case from 1995 is suspected to have been.

The bottom line is that the press coverage has over emphasized the value of another case.

- Our best wishes go to Philip Mantle and his family Philip suffered a heart attack as this issue was being finalised. News as I write is that he has pulled through and hopefully is on the mend I hope to have some better news to report next issue.
- **Beyond** has appeared and it's a superb looking magazine. Congratulations to all involved. The visual quality is excellent and the range of articles and contributors amazing (from the latest colour photos of mars to mind powers. UFOs and secret technology). Seek it out at Martins and Fourboys newsagents, or take out a subscription. You won't be disappointed.
- A copy of 'The Stargate Conspiracy' arrived two months late (it went via Aloha Centauri) so I take back my comments inside. This intriguing book WILL be reviewed in the next NUN.
- Want to get married in space? Seriously, that's on offer from a company who sent me a flyer. They offer a sub orbital flight in 2001 with a seven day course leading to your 'extra-terrestrial experience'. Full training, a gala dinner to present your astronauts wings and the wedding in zero G. No price quoted, but I bet it's out of this world.

### Coming Attractions

A full line of autumn/winter events is on the cards. Here are the ones I have been notified about. If your event is missing, then it's simple. Get a better PR officer as they failed to inform NUN about it!

**Saturday 2 October 2-6 pm Jon Dowries**  
**University of Westminster, London BUFORA**

This BUFORA lecture features the author of "The Rising of the Moon" (see this issue) describing some of his intriguing case studies. The venue is on Marylebone Rd near the Baker Street Tube. Check lecture times may vary.

On 6 November, same venue, rock star and UFOlogist *Reg Presley* will sing and talk aliens!

**Saturday 23 October 10.00 am-8 pm**  
**Institute of Education, London**  
**Questing Conference Alternative Egypt 99**

The Andy Collins annual event is at a new bigger venue (Bedford Way off Russell Square) and features the likes of Colin Wilson and Robert Temple, Robert Bauval and many more. £25 tickets

**Sunday 24 October 10.00 am-5pm Solent**  
**Conference Centre, Southampton**

SUFOG event with Graham Birdsall. Russell Callaghan & Malcolm Robinson. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)

**Thursday 11 November 7.30-9.30pm Buxton**  
**Library Jenny Randies**

Derbyshire libraries sponsored event in which I'll be discussing the writing about and investigating of the supernatural Tickets £3 (concessions £2)

As part of the summer 2000 Derbyshire Arts Millennium festival I'll be lecturing in June/July across the county on topics such as UFOs, the paranormal on TV, time slips etc. More details next time.

**Wednesday 24 November 7.30 pm onwards Town**  
**Hall, Falkirk: UFOs Fact Not Fiction**

Billy Buchanan introduces a UFO evening with giant screen and video footage.

### Groups in Northern Britain

SPI Scotland	Linlithgow
SEMR	Bridge of Allan
Haunted Scotland	Kilmarnock
SRUFO	East Calder
NUFORI	Newcastle
Connect	Ikley
UFO Network	Leeds
YUFOS	Sheffield
NLUFOIG	Morecombe
LUFOS	Lancaster
LAPIS	Blackpool
MARA	Liverpool
NARO	Gatley
PRA	Derby
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