original review, so they may judge for themselves, John Rimmer will be pleased to send you a copy, post free. His address is John Dee Cottage, 5 James Terrace, Mortlake Churchyard, London SV14 8HB.

REVIEWS

Magonia: £2:50/4 issues from above address.

No.22. May '86.Excellent as usual, M.Goss on a new variation on the Phantom Hitch Hiker theme; Ian Ridpath explains away a Spanish close encounter as being a planet, and a fascinating piece by Hilary Evans on 'The Little Man of Reneve', a cautionary close encounter tale with a moral, Plus the usual reviews and letters page.

The Ley Hunter: £4/3 issues from P.O.Box 13, Velshpool, Powys, Vales.

No.99: Vorld's leading Earth Mysteries mag. This issue contains articles by John Michell and a piece on the Cotswolds Lights by David Clarke.

No.100: Tenth anniversary issue, multi-edited, by Messrs. Heselton, Devereux, Screeton & Larkman. extra pages including good stuff on Earth Zodiacs, The Brown Mountain Earthlights and articles by Alfred Vatkins, John Michell etc.

Northern Earth Mysteries: £2:50/4 issues from 170 Victoria Avenue, Hull HU5 3DY.

No.30 Spring '86. Phil Reeder on 'Vill 'o the Visps' (very relevant to Ufology), Celtic Survivals Threatened by John Billingsley. News and reviews from the E.M. world.

Northern UFO News: £5:40 from 8 Whitethroat Valk, Birchwood, Varrington, Cheshire.

Usual round up of cases from the north, JR exposes the Sunday Mirror's 'gutter press' tactics in relation to UFO's. Longer cases include an interesting 'cloudbusting' IFO and an investigation by D.Clarke into a Psi-prone family in Sheffield.

Apologies for the brevity of the reviews and exchange publication section, longer next time.

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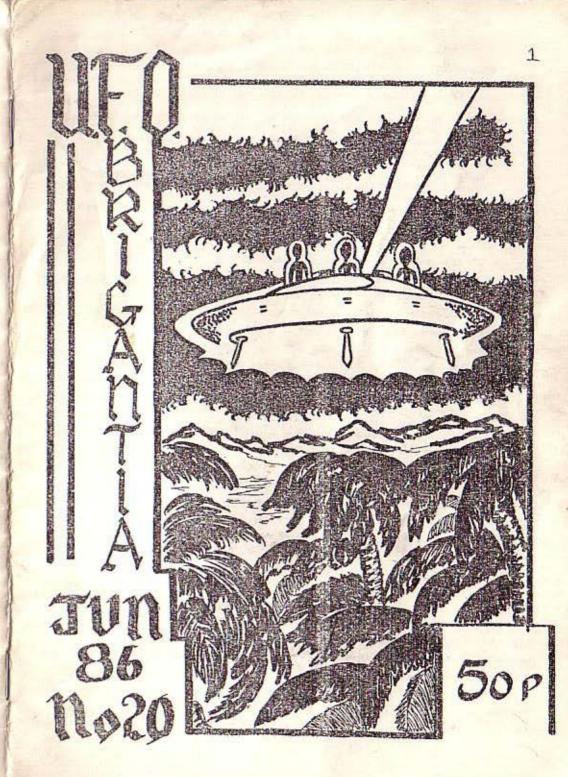
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As you will have noticed, the May edition of UFO Brigantia did not appear. This was due to the original m/s being lost in the post. Due also to your editor's advancing years a copy was not made and so we are pressing on with the June issue. If it does turn up we will issue it as the 'lost' May edition. Gone but not forgotten....

This issue of UFO Brigantia will be the last of the monthly series. As from number 21 we will be a bi-monthly publication, next appearing at the end of July for the period July/August, and every two months from then on. Despite going bi-monthly the content will be increasing from 20 pages to 32 pages and the sub. rate for 6 issues (one year) will be falling from £7:50 to £5:50, single copies being 90p including post, which represents an increase in value for money. You may also notice that this issue is a little better laid out and easier to read. This is because the magazine is now typed up on an Amstrad PCV 8256 Vord Processor.

Our reasons for going bi-monthly are these. Whilst a monthly journal was o.k. when it was on a small scale, being originally the in-group magazine, it is not a suitable arrangment now we find ourselves attracting many subscribers and writers from all over the U.K. Also our increasing investigation and research load make it impracticable to devote time to the journal that could be spent on either of the two. Having longer to collate and prepare each issue will also have many advantages, such as not having to split quite so many articles over two or more months for instance. The first of the bimonthly issues will be the historical issue consisting of 32 pages of historical UFO research and cases from the north, for which we already have quite a lot of material, and anyone wishing to contribute an article should send it to the editor before the middle of July.

In the current issue of MAGONIA Kevin McClure makes the interesting point that many investigators and their journals have now been drawn into their area of investigation, as opposed to objectively investigating them. This echoes the point I made in Brigantia 18 about the ETH. Many journals on the UFO market these days are hoplessly lost in a morass of belief about the nature of the UFO, whether it is demonic in origin or UFO bases in the dales, each offering hope of an imminent 'breakthrough' whilst still churning out the same 1950's ideas. Journals such as these also still have a high readership, apparently

people prefer to read a pre-packaged 'idea' or 'view' of a subject such as UFO's, as much as they do with religion, fashion and food. It is far easier to accept 'facts' which put forward one idea strongly than it is to keep an open, questioning mind.

As you will read elsewhere in this issue WYUFORG are initiating a research project centering on BOL's, which will provide valuable data inline with current ideas as to the nature of some of the UFO phenomena.

BRIEF REPORTS

A round up of cases received this month.

· Skipton Vest Yks, 1976

Mr M had just come out of work at 2 a.m., and laid on the canal bank to watch the stars, it being a warm night. He observed a red/orange disc gyrating and moving erratically about the sky for ten to fifteen minutes.

Evaulation: Insufficient Data.

. Allerton, Bradford, Vest Yks, 1980

Mr V. was standing in his back garden at about 23:00 hrs. looking at the stars on a clear Autumn night. Suddenly from behind his neighbours roof came an orange pear shaped object akin to a light bulb, which was flashing. This slowly glided out of view over the rooftops with no sound.

Evaluation: Insufficient Data.

. Hartlepool January 1986

Various reports in this month of a bright white light seen over many nights. Some already identified as meteor shower.

Evaluation: Under Investigation.

Todmorden Vest Yks.1986

Four witnesses observed four white lights in a rectangular formation (approx 100 sq yds in area) in front of a 50 foot high cliff face.

Evaluation: Under Investigation.

. Bradford, Vest Yks. February 1986

Two witnesses saw a star like object move erratically about the sky.

Evaluation: Autokinesis (probable bright star).

. Adel, Leeds, Vest Yks, February 12th 1986

At 16:50 hrs Mrs P. observed a bright light travelling from the East. Looking through binoculars, the object appeared to be flashing red and white. Cloud obscured object from view.

Evaluation: Probable aircraft.

. Adel, Leeds, Vest Yks, 6th March 1986

At 22:30, Mrs P. reported seeing a hovering bright star like light in the North which again was obscured by cloud.

Evaluation: Star (the bright star Cappella was visible at that time in this area).

· Ripon, North Yks. January 1986

Three witnesses, travelling in a car towards Ripon, observed two bright white lights, seemingly on top of each other, hovering over the road. As they passed beneath them their car radio exhibited signal interference, returning to normal when the car had passed under. The lights remained in view for a few miles.

Evaluation: Under Investigation.

A LOAD OF BOL's - A Research Venture by Martin Dagless

Probably the most common of all UFO sightings we recieve here at VYUFORG is related to a phenomena known as BOL's (balls of light). Why this should be so is not clear, maybe it has something to do with the mass of fault lines which criss cross the Yorkshire moors? Whatever the answer, it is a fact that in recent years our files show a definite concentration of this type of phenomena in our area. It was of considerable interest to us when we recently heard of the 'Ball of light international data exchange' (BOLIDE), which has been formed by Hilary Evans to incorporate researchers throughout the world on a data exchange basis.

The idea is for each interested individual/group to send in any relevant information on BOL's or BOL related phenomena to Hilary who will then collate the data and photo copy this. This bundle is then sent to the subscribers. The initial subscription to this is £10 and ensures that you receive world wide information from international researchers.

The first of the bundles arrived a few weeks ago and contained a wealth of information. This comprised some 60 pages of A4, with some of the material coming from WYUFORG's own files. This package alone was worth the £10! Our feeling is that it is probably one of the most positive and significant ventures to come out of Ufology for many a year. Further information can be obtained from Hilary Evans at 1 Tranquil Vale London. At this point it is worth mentioning David Clarke and Granville Oldroyd's excellent booklet 'Spooklights'- another must and available from David at 6 Old Retford Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.

WYUFORG's interest in BOL's stems from a few years ago when it was then noticed by Nigel Mortimer that the region had a predominance of orange BOL type sightings. On the 23rd July 1984 a mass of UFO reports reached us most of which concerned an orange BOL, a full report on which will be available from Paul Bennett soon. Thus, when it came to deciding on a suitable theme for the 1986 WYUFORG research project, it was evident that

it should centre on the activity of the BOL's in this region. We have now started to search newspaper files dating from 1947 to the present day, encompassing the regions of Otley, Ilkley, Skipton, Keighley, in fact the lower Vharfedale area in general. What we will find we do not know but what we can look for are correlations, patterns and peak periods of activity etc. This will take many months, and results will be available as soon as possible. In particular this project will test the Earthlights theory amongst many others.

In the meantime, elsewhere in this issue you will find an article on the second most common type of report we recieve- that of the revolving UFO's.

THE MYSTERIOUS CASE OF 'THE NEW STYLE LIAISON'

by Nigel Mortimer

VYUFORG Note: Recently a member of VYUFORG was asked to write an article giving his opinion on the infamous Cracoe Fell photo, for a leading British E.M. magazine. Besides using Nigel Mortimer's case file he approached the other investigating body, YUFOS, to obtain their 'Cracoe Package', for sale to the public for £5. We recieved a reply denying this request on the grounds that our conclusions would not agree with those of YUFOS, further to this Nigel Mortimer was denigrated at length for also doubting YUFOS' conclusions and we were also asked not to quote anything in print from their letter to us. We later learned that the 'Cracoe Package' has now been retracted from public sale and is now only available to 'serious researchers', a category of people to which WYUFORG obviously do not belong! Whilst not wishing to indulge in inter-group bickering we feel that Nigel deserves the space to air his views on a case in which he was very involved on behalf of both NUFON and WYUFORG. WYUFORG fully endorse the feelings expressed by Nigel in the following articles.

On the 17th of February this year I recieved a letter from Mark Birdsall, who as you will all know is the co-ordinator of research for YUFOS. The letter concerned the matter of a possible new venture in liaison between WYUFORG and YUFOS.

To say I was very pleased and quite surprised at Mark's reply to my prompting letter is an understatement. Indeed, he seemed interested in the idea and the contents of his reply were full of pleasantries towards myself and my recent return to Ufology. I felt quite pleased at the way he accepted this return and his statements like, "BUFORA have missed your endless work, perhaps it is called Yorkshire grit?", suggested to me that all was going to be well in our work together for the future. Maybe I had misread the last sentence. Now I feel that Mark really meant ".....Yorkshire git"!!!!!, you will soon see why.

For some very strange reason while I was busy preparing the material to present to YUFOS Mark had undergone some mysterious kind of personality change. In a letter dated 24th March sent by Mark to a prominent member of WYUFORG the evidence for this bizzarre change became apparent. Unfortunatly I am in no position to quote directly from that letter, as Mark has stated that It is not for publication, but I surely will give the reader some ideas how the new style liaison would operate if things were to have progressed; a liaison that represents the current status of YUFOS and the way they treat their fellow Ufologists

I was keen, as are all members of WYUFORG, to see both groups involved in helping each other over case investigations, whether it be on site or in making up reports/articles. We all know it has been too many years that we have both been missing vital case information because of our differences and lack of understanding of each others groups intentions.

Mark, it seems, wants this situation to continue. He stated in a letter to me (one which he did not say was confidential) that "limited liaison is always available", unfortunatly it seems that his limited limison is represented by denials of information from YUFOS, How more limited can a liaison be?

One must consider that the very same information that is being denied to WYUFORG wasavailable to any member of the public. (ie the Cracoe Package).

Nigel has since contributed the following article, which lays out his views on the Cracoe photographic case.

NIGELS NEWS

FILLING IN

In this first edition of Nigels News I would like to outline my thoughts about the alleged photographic UFO case, the Cracoe Fell photograph.

I have followed the comments of the 'owners' of the case, YUFOS, for some time now, and like many interested parties still feel unsatisfied with their remarkably certain conclusions that the object depicted in the print and negatives, is surely a True UFO.

Of all the information I have seen from YUFOS and their reports concerning the case I have yet to come across the two very important facts that I feel point to a fuller and more conclaive result in confirmation of the alleged UFO.

The two facts can be quite easily found even with the most simple of investigation methods. Indeed, I found them both quite apparent upon my first visits to the Cracoe

Yet, why have YUFOS' investigators found it necessary to leave out these two facts from their reports, surely they have not missed them? For whatever reasons, and I'm sure their are some, the facts remain that this evidence is vital to the case and should not be excluded no matter what the consequences.

Before explaining what these two vital areas of information are I must state that I have already expressed these views on many occasions to other investigators who have

agreed that they reflect a differing view to the conclusion of the case as put forward by the investigators of YUFOS.

Differing On-Site Conclusions

Quite recently fellow members of VYUFORG Martin Dagless and Andy Roberts paid a visit to the site of the Cracoe photograph. In the late summer of 1981, during a spate of UFO sightings from the Bradford area, I found time myself to go to the site which lies only a few miles from my home.

The location, a rock face rising dramatically from the grassy slopes of the fields below, seems much in line with the type of terrain found in many of Yorkshirea most unusual UFO cases; bringing to mind Ilkley Moors 1977 CE2 and the Addingham TV mast sightings from 1981. Like those two sightings, the Cracoe Fell location is not as inaccesible as we might have been led to believe by YUFOS, being in reality a pleasant half hour stroll from the road side. The exact area, give or take a few feet, is quite approachable by anyone who is not frightened by heights! This has been proved by members of WYUFORG on at least three occasions. I know it is relatively easy toget to the exact site, how do I know? Because I've been there!

Having said that do not be led to thinking that I am trying to say that the photo was a possible hoax on anyone's part. This I believe is not so, but I do want to underline that for some quite unknown reason we have been mislead by YUFOS in this one area and possibly a number of others. So what is it that makes me wonder if the image depicted in the photo is not a True UFO as claimed by our friends at YUFOS? It was something that I found whilst on site at the location on a dreary day in 1982.

Standing at the foot of the Fell, which faces Vest towards you, I noticed that most of the rock faces were quite wet with rainfall from earlier that day. At certain times over a duration of 45 minutes I noticed that every so often a shimmering light effect would become evident on the rock surface. This I later learned was a light reflection from some powerful flood lights housed at a nearby quarry. Sometimes I saw single light reflections and at other times there were groups of lights in twos and threes. The effect was very like that depicted in the prints of the Cracoe fell photograph.

Now, I am not saying outright that this is what federicted in the photograph, but I have yet to be persueded that it is not. I have seen little or should I say no evidence from YUFOS concerning the reflection of light sources onto the rocks, which as I know, can be quite evident under certain meteorological conditions.

In the near future, I intend to re-visit the fell, possibly on one such day in the right conditions to photograph the said effect, using the results as a comparison with YUFOS' case. We at WYUFORG feel that this will help either to confirm or at worst give a more open minded view of the TRUE origin of the image depicted.

The Missing Farmer

Fact two leaves one wondering if this piece of information has been simply 'missed' by the YUFOS investigations team working on the Cracoe case, or as I am continually being led to suspect, has been left out for quite obvious reasons, as you will see.

The information given in various newspaper reports leads us to believe that there were at least four seperate witnesses present at the time the photo was taken at Cracoe. Two were police officers and we are told that the other two were 'American Tourists'. Nowhere in these reports are we told abpout yet another witness. One, who I am quite certain waspresent at the time.

His name was published in the local newspaper in 1983 when YUFOS released the photograph exclusively to the Yorkshire Post. He wrote to the newspaper stating his views as to what he saw on that morning in March 1981. He is a farmer from the village of Hetton, not very far from Cracoe fell. I have conversed with him on several occasions regarding the photograph and his involvement with it. He quotes from his letter to the press; "...the phenomena often occured on dull days when the sun caught rocks on the fell. It is quite spectacular but that is all there is to it...". Do we here have confirmation of reflections on the rocks, once again I ask myself? The Hetton farmer told me in a 'phone conversation in early 1984 that he had seen the effect on many occasions. He also revealed to me that he was present when the photograph was taken on that morning in March 1981.

Although YUFOS have given press releases about the case, not once was it suggested to the public that there was a witness present (the Hetton farmer) who took a different attitude to what they all were observing. Indeed our 'invisible farmer', quite familiar with the locality and a valid witness, seemingly does not tie in with YUFOS' concept of the case, for reasons I am quite baffled by. To date, I know that YUFOS have not tried to contact the said farmer, who I found to be as open minded about our subject as the next man. I agree that he is being unbiased in his assumptions about the origin of the Cracoe UFO and so at least deserved an equally unbiased listening.

Personally, I believe that there is a high probability and thus a very good possibility that a highly unusual aerial phenomena of unknown origin is present in the Grassington area (including Cracoe). To back this up, we have a great deal of information and a higher than average number of sightings from the region, some of the best accounts coming from YUFOS themselves. But, the Cracoe photographic case is not'the best photographic evidence in this country ever of a UFO' as YUFOS stated in public in 1983, and this is very unfortunate that this is not so.

I, like a lot of interested researchers into UFO's, would be overjoyed at the thought that we have here at last the proof of TRUE UFO existence; and here right on our very doorsteps too! I would love it to be proved incorrect when we find differing views such as those from the Hetton farmer, and the possibility of light reflections on the rock structure of the fell, but this has not been proved so, as of yet anyway.

Everyone knows that there are two sides to any coin and I for one think that it is about time that YUFOS began to show us all that really lies behind the motives I have outlined here. (Please send any comment you have regarding this case to me at 33 Green Lane Addingham Ilkley LS29 OJH.) Hong 0943 831264

THE REVOLVING LIGHT SPHERES OF YORKSHIRE

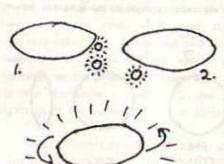
Compiled from WYUFORG Investigations by M.Dagless

A common intruder in the Yorkshire skies represents itself in the form of an oval/spherical type of object which performs antics such as revolving and changing shape. We give here an insight into this type of phenomena from our region. All cases here have received Level A or B investigations and all have been classified as UNKNOWNS.

These reports represent only a small proportion of this type of sighting on file but are the best examples of it's kind. Firstly lets go back to the summer of 1977 (case VY/012). At about 7:30 pm. Mr E of Vakefield was on his way by car to a pub in Monk Fryston, when he saw an object in the sky which he described as being silver in colour and spherical in shape, about the size of a sixpence at arms length. It appeared to be making irregular revolving movements in the sky. After watching this for five minutes or so he decided that it was some kind of balloon, and continued on his way to the pub. Upon arrival at the pub the object could still be seen high in the sky, and Mr E went into the pub, thinking no more about it.

When he came out, about half an hour later, he looked up to see if the object was still there, and it was, so he decided to go home quickly and get his binoculars to have a better look. All the time he drove home he kept a constant watch on the object. Before he reached home though the object had changed into a long pencil-like shape, and as he watched this it gradually dispersed into grey vapour, motionless in the sky. The transformation had taken about ten minutes.

The second of our sightings comes from Clayton in Bradford on May 23rd 1983, when Mrs S, a pensioner, awake from sleep at 03:15 am, with cramp in her legs. After getting a drink of water, she opened a window blind to look at the weather.



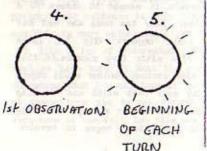
As she looked out, over Horton Bank Top, she saw an oval object hanging in the sky, bigger than the full moon, oval in shape and orange in colour. At three second intervals it seemed to change to a glowing white colour. Near the oval she she saw two small pea sized objects (fig 1). These disappeared from view after five minutes. At this time the witness also noticed another small object to the left of the main oval which was "shining like a diamond" and looked like a large star (fig 2), then the main oval shape began to revolve,

which she likened to a "revolving light on a lighthouse" (fig 3), which gave out a very intense beam of light everytime it pointed in her direction. As the witness watched it, it revolved about three or four times and after ten minutes from the start of the sighting the oval object gave out an extremely bright glare which made the witness turn away from the window, as her eyes hurt amd later began to water. When she looked again there was nothing there. The weather conditions for this night were dull yet calm and very humid. To all intents and purposes this case sounds like a misperception of the Xoon or other astronomical body. However if we look into this it is not the case as the Moon, Jupiter and the Sun were all too low on the horizon or had not yet risen.

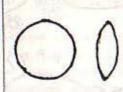
In 1983 an account appeared in the local Telegraph & Argus describing how a journalist with that paper had seen an unknown object. It was 07:47 on the 30th of August when Mr. H. was waiting for a bus at the end of Bolling Rd. Ilkley, on a fine sunny morning. He noticed an object which "suddenly" came out from behind some trees to the right of his position (loc 1), about 300 yards away to the Vest. He thought it was a balloon, knowing that hot air balloons sometimes used the Wharfe Valley, but then realised that it didn't resemble any balloon that he had ever seen before. His next thought was that it was a weather balloon or some similar contraption, but dismissed this as the object came along his line of vision at some speed, appearing to be driven rather than floating, as would a balloon.

As it moved it was turning from a flat discoid shape to become a slender cigar shape, and then a full turn back to it's original shape. As it moved it looked silvery and metallic, with the sun reflecting off it. As it turned a second time it became a cigar again and upon completing this turn became a dull black disc. The witness recalls that although silver at first, on some turns it was a matt black colour, facing him (figs 4.5.6.7.). He presumed the object had two sides, one matt and dull, one shiny.

It's shape was very sharply defined. The object then continued it's course, running parallel with a nearby railway line, as if following the course of the track. It then disappeared from view behind some rooftops. In all it turned three times and moved at a pace consistent with that of a small light aircraft. Indeed the witness said "I wouldn't have been surprised if I had seen a 'plane towing the object along". He dismissed the 'plane idea though as he had not seen or heard any aircraft throughout the duration of the sighting.



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YU.F.O.S. COMPARISON

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Compare this case with a YUFOS investigation of last year (class UNKNOVN), when on the 16th of July in Sheffield a silver disc was reported over a duration of ten minutes. No further details are known but the drawings are remarkably similar (see comparison diag.)

1983 again yielded another of this type of sighting. The location was Shipley, the date 13/14th of August. It was about 10:00 am on a calm summer day with clear skies. The witness, Mr V., was driving along Moor Head Lane nr Shipley when he decided to pull into a layby to admire the view, stretching from Baildon in the Vest to Rawdon and Yeadon in the East. After a few minutes his eye was attracted to a bright pulsating light which was crossing his line of vision in the vicinity of Keighley Gates (two communication aerials are a feature of the landscape here). As the light moved in a steady manner, Mr V thought at first that it may have been a helicopter, although he had not seen one such before. He states "it was moving right across my line of vision, and was just above the horizon on eye level with me".

At this stage it was still a point source of pulsating light but getting closer to Mr W. As it did so he could see that it was pulsating every two seconds with a bright flash. After about a minute and a half, the object was over Baildon Moor (about 1% miles away) and being this close he could now see that the object was indeed the size of a helicopter or small light aircraft. The lower half was black in colour and had no visible detail. The upper half was silvery and was quite plainly revolving. Mr V was unsure whether the Sun reflecting off the surface of the object was causing the pulsating or whether the object was emitting its own light. All this time there was no noise and this made him doubt that he was seeing a helicopter.

The object was now moving away in an Easterly direction, becoming a point source of light again (pulsing every two seconds). In all the witness watched this for two or three minutes (figs 8,9).

As can be seen from this small number of reports, some 'unknown' object/s which appeared to revolve were seen and still may be seen in the skies of Yorkshire (notably all revolved clockwise!). Strangely, after 1983, these reports receded and to date no further cases of this type have come to our attention. However, there have been many examples of the 'silver ball' type of

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"Unknowns', but these did not appear to revolve. Are these the same objects which descended on the area a few years ago? If anyone has any data concerning this type of sighting, particularly from 1983, then we would like to hear from you. Any further sightings of the 'revolvers' will of course be reported in the pages of this journal.

THE SALTFLEET INCIDENT: A VISITOR FROM THE SEA Part 3 by Martin Dagless

What follows is a brief list of investigations undertaken by Nigel Mortimer in 1984.

April 24th:

A 'phone call was recieved from a Mrs M., who explained that she and her family would like to report a UFO sighting when on holiday in Saltfleet on April 22nd. After a lengthy conversation she said that her and Mrs B. would be willing to complete a standard form. We also learned that the sighting had been reported to Louth Police.

April 26th

The first telephone call was made to Louth Police to confirm the sighting and to request details of any other reports. We were told no reports were received and were advised to contact the local Saltfleet Police.

May 12th

Ve recieved a letter from Mrs M. and Mrs B. containing background detail on the sighting and completed report forms. Both said Louth Police station had been contacted by them and also by an unnamed witness on the day after the sighting. NM wrote to Louth Police pressing them further on their claim that no reports had been recieved.

May 16th

NN discovered the third witnesses name, he lived in Saltfleet and was told by Louth Police, when he contacted them, that they had received many UFO reports for the 21st and 22nd of April.

Kay 19th

Two letters were sent to Nr V. (the third witness) about his claims and about some photographs supposedly taken of the object. A reply was received a few months later to the effect that Nr V. did not wish to be involved.

May 22nd

NX received a letter from Louth Police saying they 'cannot assist us further'- no reports.

May 23rd

A letter was sent to the Lincoln Echo, appealing for witnesses: as a result NM is offered an interview on Radio Lincoln. The DJ later said he had contacted Louth Police station, and they said they had had one report recieved on April 23rd about the April 22nd sighting!

At this stage of the investigations it was obvious to all that the Police, for some unknown reason had said they had received no reports to Nigel Mortimer, yet they had told both Mr V. and Radio Lincolnshire that they had. We also now learned (through a source other than Mr. V.) that the photographs allegedly taken by Mr V.were returned from the developers with the relevant frames black! None of Mr V's. claims could be further clarified or substantiated, as he did not want anything to do with the case, curious really when one considers that he had 'phoned the Police and taken 'photos.

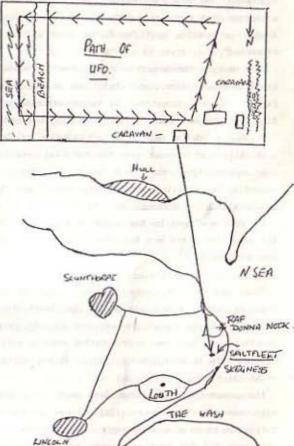
Investigations had seemigly come to a halt and it was decided in 1985 that a visit to the site was necessary at the first date suitable with the witnesses.

In early October 1985 WYUFORG contacted Mrs M.- one of the main witnesses to the incident- with a view to visiting the family at the coastal resort of Saltfleet, the location of the sighting (see map).

A date was set for Sunday October 13th, and on that day four VYUFORG investigators visited the site. What follows is a sunnary of what we learned from the on-site investigation, and also a VYUFORG collective evaluation of the case.

October 13th 1985

The team arrived in Saltfleet around midday to be greeted by the family of witnesses to this anazing incident. The family appeared very open and only too pleased to speak to us in person about the events of April 22nd 1984. We were shown exactly where the 'UFO' had tilted and hovered, and the course it took over the resort. Mrs B. and Mrs M. went on to relate to us several strange occurences which had happened to them since the sighting. One such occurence concerned Mrs B. and had happened only a few weeks prior to our visit. It was about 02:10 am at Mrs B's, home in Leicester when she was awoken from her sleep for an unknown reason, which soon



became apparent; a strip light was illuminating the room with it's glow as was the television, pictureless yet glowing intensely. Mrs B. instinctively looked out of the window, to see a large bright white light moving across the horizon at a distance.

She thinks that this was probably an aircraft, yet it looked unusual. Another time, again after the 22nd of April sighting, Mrs M. had awoken from her sleep in the early hours to the feeling that the 'UFO' was outside in the sky. She went into the street in her nightclothes, and looked at the sky, but could see nothing. Yet she knew 'it' was there, somehow camouflaged from her sight.

This had occured on several occasions and in fact strong impressions had been generated in all the witnesses, mainly feelings of awe and wonderment. Especially noticeable was the feeling that they were "priviledged" to have seen such an object. Mrs K. seemed the most ecstatic of the whole family, summed up by the words she had shouted at the object as it hovered; "come on you b..., come closer and let's have a look at you". She also says that a name was transmitted to her mind (which she could not recall the day after), an obscure sounding male name. The impression was also gained by all the witnesses that there were both male and female 'entities' in the craft. That night all the family enjoyed a most "wonderful sleep", and awoke the next morning to feel "very refreshed".

Both main witnesses, Mrs B. and Mrs M. related too that they have always had some small psychic ability, and that there is a strong telepathic bond between them. All the family are well accustomed to seeing aircraft as two miles up the coast is RAF Donna Nook, but all were adament that what they had seen was in no way an aircraft.

It was a regular occurence on weekends at Saltfleet to see "the red flag hoisted", indicating that bombers from the RAF base were using the beach for bombing practice. On the 22nd of April the beach had been bombed constantly from morning to night which according to the witnesses was very unusual and they had not known it happen before.

Analysis and Evaluation of Data

So what was seen on the night of April 22nd 1984? It is our opinion after analysing the data that there are two possibilities which could account for this case and each is discussed below.

Unknown Military Aircraft

There are various factors in this incident that point to the possibility that the sighting was of a military nature, not least the fact that RAF Donna Nock is only some two mile up the coast. As we have already heard from the witnesses, on the day in question there had been unprecedented bombing activity on the beach at Saltfleet and whether this is co-incidence or not, it was strange enough for the witnesses to comment on at the time.

The course the 'UFO' took does seem to indicate the path of an aircraft, and the witnesses said that as each circuit was completed the 'UFO' gained height; in itself an indication of an aircraft's regular flight pattern. Yet we must remember that the witnesses did not hear any noise, the object howered and tilted and the fact that the family had been familiar with the type of military 'planes in the area since 1972.

Could it have been a silent 'copter? These Lynx 'copters of a silent type are supposed to exist in the USA, and possibly in Britain. However, considering the proximity of the 'UFO' to the witnesses it is inconceivable for this to have been the case. Even without the noise of a conventional 'copter, the rotors would have created a downdraft which the witnesses would have felt and the surrounding bushes would have been visibly affected. The evidence is such that the object conforms to no known type of military or conventional craft.

Extraterrestrial Craft

As seen in the numerous contacts during the investigation, Lincolnshire Police, for some inexplicable reason, went to great lengths to deny that they had ever had any UFO reports for the night in question. Yet while this was being denied to VYUFORG, one of the witnesses had been told that a substantial number of reports had been received, and even Radio Lincoln were informed of a report. Yet we were told "no reports". Why? It is usual practice as far as we are aware, for the Police to be informed of any military activity in their area. This being the case, is it a point in favour of the ET craft theory? If the Police were not informed then was it a TRUE UFO? One must also bring in the high rate of bombing activity again; had the 'UFO' been curious enough to visit the area because of the bombing that day, or was it as a result of the activity?

We must also consider the effects generated not only on the human witnesses, but on the dogs at Saltfleet. Many were heard howling, and Mrs M's. own 'Heinz 57' dog was found cowering and shaking in the caravan. If these animals were affected then it is improbable that the cause was a military aircraft, and it falls in line with many other cases of UFO/animal disturbance.

It was impossible for the witnesses to see a complete shape to the object until it came into close range and what they did see was a domed structure with a multitude of flashing lights; certainly no helicopter!

The Second 'UFO'

The importance of the second 'UFO' must not be discounted. Although it was not seen at close range, it would appear to have had the same lighting arrangements as the first object, and when this finally departed, both craft seemed to be signalling to one another by the flashing of lights, another common factor in multi-object UFO sightings.

Newspaper Report

A month previous to this sighting there was a small newspaper report (source unknown) from March 30th which read: "A number of people on the Humberside Coast yesterday reported seeing a UFO over the sea between Hornsea and Bridlington". Although the detail is sparse the fact that the two sightings were geographically close and both over the sea suggests that maybe the UFO of the 30th of March was the same one as that of April 22nd.

Final Comments

Such is the complexity of this case it throws up more questions than it does answers. It is however our view that a real solid craft of an unknown nature was observed by several witnesses in Saltfleet on April 22nd 1984. It is impossible to place a definite conclusion to the incident but we have given the reader the only two feasible options to account for the sighting.

Each hypothesis has its points for and against and it is left to the reader to form his or her own conclusions. The case will of course remain open in the hope that we may be able to offer more information on this amazing report.

If you have any comments regarding this case then please let us know.

Note: Readers who may have missed the other parts of the Saltfleet case may catch up by obtaining issues 17 & 18 of UFO Brigantia, 70p each inc. pap.

CLASSIC CASE

By Darren Chanter

This month we review a case which, though it occured almost twenty seven years ago, still remains one of the most controversial and well known in the annals of Ufology. Wanely....

The Bolanai, Papua New Guinea Sighting, June 26-27 1959

At 6:45 on the evening of June 26th 1959, Reverend Villiam Booth Gill, an Anglican priest in charge of the Boianai mission in south east Papua, was leaving the mission's dining hall when he noticed a bright sparkling object in the sky. To his surprise this object began moving toward him. At an altitude of about 500 feet the object came to a halt, thus making it possible for Reverend Gill- now accompanied by a group of 37 Papuans- to see it more clearly.

According to Gill's testinony (and that of the majority of his companions) the object was circular, had two decks, with two pairs of legs protruding from the base, and was surrounded by a glowing halo of light. A thin shaft of blue light (which shone upwards from the centre of the objects upper deck at an angle of 45 degrees) was also reported. Nost sensational however, was Gill's claim- backed by the others who were present- that he could see four figures moving about on the smaller top deck. These figures (which repeatedly disappeared from view by going below deck, before returning to their original positions) appeared to be human in shape and proportion, but no details could be made out, and they were only seen from the waist up.

At 7:20 pm. the object rose up through cloud covering, and out of sight, only to reappear a little over an hour later (at 8:28), accompanied by three other smaller, discshaped objects which proceeded to move up and down through the clouds before
disappearing from view. The larger, first object- which Gill called the "mother ship"remained stationary for a short while, before it too departed through the clouds and out
to sea. By 10:50 pm. all objects had departed and were not seen again that night.

The very next evening however the objects re-appeared, and even more amazing happenings were reported. Briefly these were as follows.....

6 p.m. "Mother ship" sighted in same position as the night before. This time it is accompanied by two smaller objects, though these remained at a higher altitude.

6:15 Four figures appear on the top deck. Gill- now accompanied by "about a dozen" others- waves to one of the figures who, to Father Gill's surprise, waves back. Next one of the mission boys waves by raising both arms. Two of the figures acknowledge this by waving in a similar manner. Gill's next action is to send someone to get a torch, with which he proceded to signal to the object and its occupants. As if in reply the craft begins a swinging pendulum like motion, moving closer as it does so. After two to three minutes (by which time the objects approach had ceased) the figures on board seeem to lose interest in Father Gill and his fellow witnesses and go below deck.

6:25 Two figures re-appear but continue to ignore their audience.

6:30 Father Gill goes for his dinner (!), following which he holds evening services.

7:45 Services over, Father Gill and his companions return but nothing unusual is to be

Later that evening (at 10:40) Gill hears " an earsplitting explosion ", so loud that it woke several people at the mission. Gill also reported seeing eight 'UFO's' on the next evening (ie 25th June), though this time no occupants were visible.

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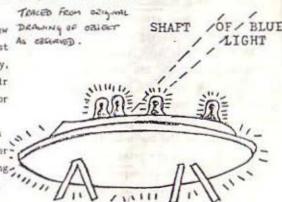
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As stated above, the Bolanai Papua New DEALING OF OBJECT Guinea sightings are among the most As casewed. Controversial in the history of Ufology, with arguments abounding as to their credibility...or rather lack of it. For example:

In a letter dated 22/2/60 P.E.Norris, then of the honorary president Victorian Flying Saucer-Research society, Squadron Leader F.A. Lang of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), suggested that by taking into

account " light refraction, the changing position of the planets relative to the observers, and the unsettled tropical weather ", it is possible to argue that " at least three of the lights were planets ".....namely Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. In addition, it has been suggested (by the late Donald Menzel) that Gill's 'mother ship' was itself no other than the planet Venus as seen by someone suffering from myopia (short sightedness) and stignatism in his eye.

Arguing against this view, Doctor J. Allen Hynek (perhaps the worlds leading authority on UFO's) points out that— although it was indeed the case tha Father Gill suffered from myopia— at the time of the sighting/s be waswearing properly corrected spectacles. Other



aspects of this case which Hynek found impressive were the number of witnesses present (thirty eight in all), and the fact that the events at Boianai was only one of a wave of over sixty UFO sightings over south east Papua during 1959. Moreover, Hynek found it difficult to accept that such a man as Fathert Gill (a well respected pillar of the community, with a degree from Brisbane University) should be guilty of so gross a misperception as Menzel suggested, or of so gross a deceit as to have invented the whole story.

Whilst Hyneks arguments are persuesive, certain facts about this case remain, which when taken into consideration, serve to cast considerable doubts over its authenticity.....

- 1) Although— as noted above— the number of witnesses to this case was indeed impressively high, all but one (ie. Father Gill) were native Papuans, and of those only seven were adults. The possibility therefore arises that the natives were only too willing to confirm anything which their respected leader might wish them to.
- 2) Even more significant is the fact that eight months prior to the Boianai sightings, the Reverend N.E.G. Cruttwell- a UFO investigator for F.S.R. and the man who first brought the Father Gill case to public attention- had enlisted the aid of Gill's missionaries and the local Papuans in collecting UFO reports.

Once again the possibility arises that the native witnesses (not to mention father Gill himself) saw the events at Boianai as a ready made opportunity to enter into Cruttwell's good graces. Certainly Cruttwell's claim that " ...these primitive people have never heard of flying saucers..." (FSR vol6 n.6) is blatantly untrue.

3) Perhaps the most questionable aspect of this whole affair- and certainly the one which fuelled the UFO debunker P.J.Klass's scepticism regarding the case- concerns the action of Father Gill on the evening of the 27th of June. Whereas on the previous night he and his companions watched the first UFO for more than four hours (and had even waited an hour at one point for it to return), on this occasion- when the alleged UFO had been visible for only thirty minutes, and was at its closest point- he decided to leave the scene prefering instead to go partake of his evening meal! Is this the kind of behaviour you would expect from a man who had just witnesse UFO at (relatively) close quarters, and who had- only minutes earlier- been waving and signalling to the aforementioned UFO's mysterious occupants? Surely not....

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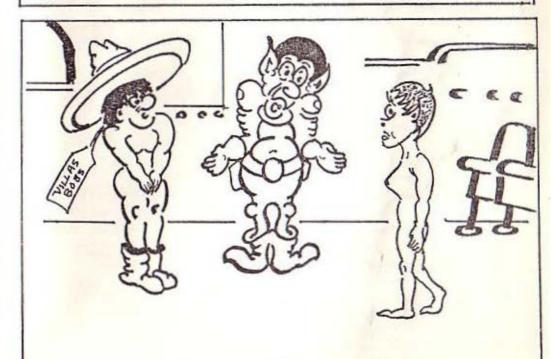
ANNOUNCEMENT

Vith reference to Jenny Randles' reply (UFO Brigantia March '86) to Nigel Vatson's article 'Alien Friends'. John Rinmer, editor of Magonia has asked us to point out that Magonia feels that JR misrepresented their attitude toward her book 'Alien Corffact' and the Sunderland family, in a review (Magonia'82). Should any reader wish to see the



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"I must say That this is a fine time to have a headache!"