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W.Y.U.F.O.R.G.

WYUFORG is a small group of active Ufologists which has been in existence since 1983 in it's present form. The group is a member of BUFORA, NUFON and Hilary Evans' BOLIDE project.

WYUFORG, whilst taking a sceptical viewpoint, holds no fixed ideas as to the content and origin of the UFO phenomenon, believing it to comprise of both subjective and objective facets, and we think on the lines of evidence oriented research as opposed to belief oriented research.

The group aims are to collect, collate and investigate all UFO and UFO related phenomena, both past and present, from our area, with the intention of making this information available to any interested party, either directly or via our or other group's journals.

We are also interested in and encourage communication with other researchers, whether individuals or groups, both in this country and overseas. New members who wish to become involved with 'in the field' research and investigation are welcome. Anyone wishing membership should contact Martin Dagless.

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We know it's a bit early, but may we wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 1987. Thankyou for supporting UFO BRIGANTIA thourgh 1986.

EDITORIAL

This issue of UFO BRIGANTIA, amongst it's usual varied content, contains two articles each of which are from seperate ends of the spectrum of Ufology. The first is a review of the recent Psychic Questing Conference, which is dealt with elsewhere, and the second is a piece concerning the addition of evidence to the 1981 Cracoe Fell photograph case. The Cracoe Case is also dealt with elsewhere, but aspects of it are best written of in the editorial. Fair enough you say, a straight forward addition of (hitherto unpublished, anywhere) evidence to what we are led to believe is an important UFO case, and one which (so far) is classified as an Unknown. Not so. For 'daring' to add knowledge to a UFO case (which, after all, are no one's property), members of WYUFORG have been the subject of many accusations, attacking, amongst other things, their abilities as researchers and Ufologists, and sent, sadly, by members of the main investigating body of the Cracoe Case, the Yorkshire UFO Society. As Jenny Randles has said in the current NUN, we have no quarrel whatsoever with YUFOS and we are only interested in bringing to light the evidence and statements of a prime witness to the event, and despite attempts to 'dissuade' us from doing this, we are publishing the evidence.

Many things could be said about the events in this saga, but we will stick only to the facts. What has happened does have implications though. If Ufologists cannot make (informed) comment on other cases (even other group's cases), and if statements from prime witnesses to an event are to be ignored in a UFO report (to which WYUFORG were denied access, although it is ostensibly 'on sale to the public'), then we may as well all go back to stamp collecting or whatever. We live in an information society, and Ufology, as I see it, is largely about the succesful retrieval and accurate recording of information (from witness or written source), and the subsequent, communication, publication and analysis of this information (ie knowledge), with it's result being a conclusion, and as such, Ufologists should be free to do just this, with no hinderance, and for the facts speak for themselves. No one should be 'told' that certain things are so without having the opportunity to comment or check for themselves. Taking cases for granted like this leads to 'classic cases' being created from incorrect data. WYUFORG freely encourage any member of the public to look at our case files and to make what comment they choose. Who knows, they may be able to resolve some of our Unknowns. In some ways it is really immaterial whether or not the farmer who witnessed the Cracoe phenomena is right or wrong, he is after all only giving his version and opinion of what he saw, which is all any witness can do. What is material though, is the manner in which his evidence has been treated and suppressed.



CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS

WYUFORG RESEARCH

Pink Light Seen At Wortley (Leeds)

Map Ref: 265318 O.S. 104

Level A Investigation

S/P Rating: 4/7

## REPORT:

At 22:00 hrs GMT on February 8th 1986 a family of three were travelling home in their car along Wortley Road in a northwesterly direction. To the north of them the driver of the car, Mr Smith, saw a hazy pink ball of light which was trailing grey smoke. He alerted the other passengers to the phenomenon and as they watched (the car was still in motion) the light appeared to be travelling on a parallel course to them. It was about half a mile distant. On approaching some traffic lights the light turned towards the car and faded out. The total duration was about one minute and it travelled slowly and noiselessly. The object was viewed through an open car window. The weather conditions were clear and cold with no apparent wind and snow on the ground.

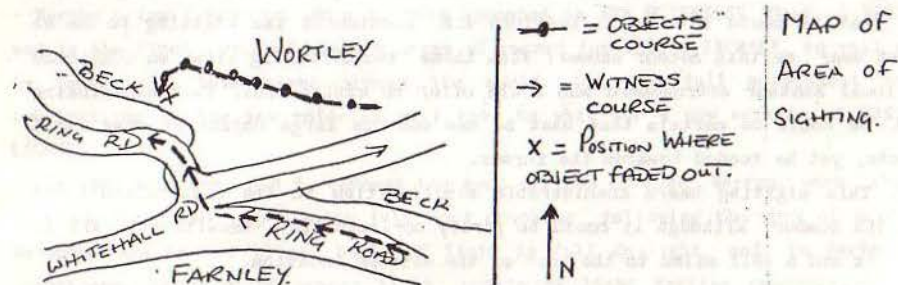
## INVESTIGATIONS:

Two of the witnesses were known to one of the investigators and were promptly interviewed two days after the event, the other was unavailable due to ill health. Both witnesses were most helpful and sincere. WYUFORG visited the site location on several occasions both during daylight and when dark to see if there were any unusual light sources which could have accounted for the sighting. There were none. Only two possibilities suggest themselves as explanations, one being an aircraft, the other either a flare or firework. An aircraft is ruled out due the absence of any other lights, lack of sound and the peculiar grey smoke trail. Checks with Leeds/Bradford airport revealed nothing. The other possibility that of a flare or firework cannot be totally discounted but seems unlikely as a there are no establishments in the area who would use such a flare. It is not in the nature of a flare to travel horizontally but if the flare was of the parachute type which was temporarily caught by the wind it could appear to travel thus. This would also explain the grey smoke trail. However, the duration of one minute was quite lengthy and the course of the object did not waver but continued in a straight line. A point of note is that the BOL appears to follow a small beck when plotted on the map and there are also a number of small fault lines to the immediate north of it's position.

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## CONCLUSIONS:

Unfortunately due to the fact that we were unable to prove that an aircraft was in the vicinity at the time we are unable to say with any certainty that the sighting was nothing more than an aircraft. The evidence does not seem to suggest this, but for this reason we must conclude the case with an evaluation of INSUFFICIENT DATA.

A 'SILENT VULCAN' IN HARROGATE

Map Ref: 305555 O.S. 104

Level A Investigation

S/P Rating: 4/7

This case is of particular interest because of its similarities with reports of 'Vulcan aircraft' type sightings from Leicester in 1977 and 1985, these investigations carried out by Clive Potter of LUFOIC and BUFORA.

## REPORT:

On March 27th 1985 at approximately 22:00 GMT Mr R a jeweller, was across the road from his house near central Harrogate, walking his dogs. As it was such a clear night he was looking at the stars when he saw a 'V' formation of white star-like lights directly overhead and travelling from north to south. There seemed to be lights equidistant along the front and back of what appeared to be 'wings', with lots of smaller lights dotted within the formation. The object(s) appeared to be moving very fast and Mr R estimated it was 12,000 feet high and was the size of a tennis ball at arms length! There was no sound and it took approx. 45 seconds before the object vanished behind houses.

## INVESTIGATION:

Mr R. went to great lengths to speak to someone about his sighting, he telephoned various newspapers and TV and Radio stations in an effort to speak to a UFO investigator. He also 'phoned Menwith Hill (AFB) to be told by the duty sergeant that 'we don't deal with UFO's'. He also reported his sighting to the Police. Eventually via a newspaper Mr R. telephoned WYUFORG at around 23:30 the

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same night. He was very excited and shaken by his experience. An interview took place on 8/4/85 at his home.

The first possibility considered was a meteor shower, the overall appearance was suggestive of a meteor shower but the duration was unusually long. Checks with astronomical societies resulted in contradictions. Leeds A.S. replied, saying that an astronomical explanation was 'extremely doubtful' and they had no idea what it could have been. Bradford A.S. considered the sighting to be an almost near certain meteor shower! With these two differing views we contacted two local amateur astronomers who could offer no explanation. When questioning Mr R. he could be certain that what he saw was one large object or many small objects, yet he tended towards the former.

NOTE: This sighting bears considerable similarities to the much-talked-about 'Stealth Bomber' although it could be purely co-incidental. Menwith Hill AFB is some six and a half miles to the west of the witness location.



#### CONCLUSIONS:

This case must be classified as an UNKNOWN due to the differing conclusions of the astronomers and the unlikelihood of it being any other known object. The possibility of it being a test craft of some kind cannot be ruled out, but neither can it be verified.

#### ADVERTISEMENT

### CAT FLAPS!

CAT FLAPS! is a new booklet from the editor of UFO BRIGANTIA. It covers sightings of 'mystery cats' in the north of England from the earliest record in AD 940 to the present day. Aspects of the phenomenon covered include, witness observation, media reaction and involvement, folklore and UFO connections, wildcats and rumour. Sightings include The Harrogate Panther, The Rossendale Puma, The Thorganby Lion, The Skegness Cougar and many others too bizarre to mention. This is the first time that so much information on mystery cats from the north has been brought together in one place.

If you are interested in strange phenomena this booklet is an essential addition to your library.

CAT FLAPS is 48pp, A5 with a stiff card cover, and well illustrated with both photographs, cartoons and maps. It is available from the editorial address for £2 inc. p&p.

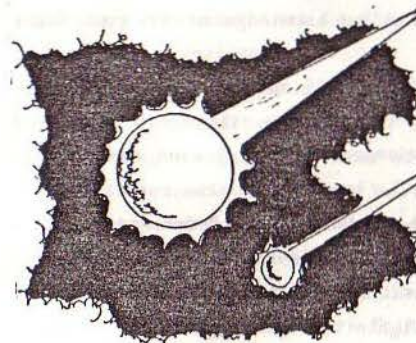
## THE EARTH LIGHTS THEORY UPDATE AND OBSERVATIONS

By Paul Devereux

Part Two of this fascinating article which will form the basis of a BUFORA lecture early in 1987.

After the publication of EARTH LIGHTS, much more data became available to me - Murphy's law I suppose. Some of this appeared in NEW SCIENTIST (Sept. 1 1983) and in the first issue of the new organ of record for ASSAP, ANOMALY, as well as in lectures I have given around the world, but the full assessment and implications of the new material will have to wait for a new edition of EARTH LIGHTS.

In 1983 McCartney and I, through the good offices of John Merron, were able to conduct our own experiments into rock crushing, following the work of Brady. We were able to see bright balls of light in full daylight, and, in darkened conditions, curtains of orange light, points of light darting randomly about, and intricate blue lights describing highly controlled geometris patterns in space. No one can legitimately dismiss the earth lights theory until they have witnessed these laboratory events: they provide a salutary experience, forestalling ignorant criticism. John Merron obtained a photograph of the trace of one of these elusive effects using 1000 ASA film with an open-shutter camera set at f4. McCartney and I continued further experimental investigation into triboluminescence (friction-produced light) from rocks. We studied the production of such luminescence under water, and also in negative ion enriched atmospheres (which produced effects delightful to behold). We obtained colour and infra red photographs of some of this research.



We learned that the Broadhaven laboratory in the USA had been applying radio fields to similar discharges of light, allowing their life span to be extended to several seconds. In these conditions, lights left trails like tadpoles (note Arnold's observation in 1947, and the widespread reports of 'tadpole shaped' EQL's preceding the 1957 quake in Leicestershire). In 1984 I was shown pictures at Sussex University of lights produced from NON-

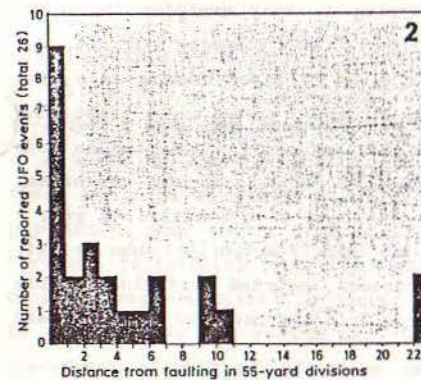


piezoelectric rock in vacuum conditions, using light enhanced photography. In 1986 Brady et al reported (in NATURE) new research on rock crush lights. They examined the spectra of light emitted from different types of rock in various atmospheres. It was demonstrated that the simple piezoelectrical theory was inadequate (as had already been maintained for some time by my colleagues and I) as non-piezo rocks produced lights as effectively as piezo material (a factor already confirmed at Sussex University, of course). They also showed that the spectra of the lights revealed nothing about the rocks..the lights were a product of the environment surrounding the rock samples. The spectra displayed information only about the gas or liquid the lights were occurring within.

The theory put forward by Brady et al is that rock under pressure emits electrons into the environment and it is this effect interacting with the liquid or gas that produces the light. We had already suggested this exo-electron effect in our NEW SCIENTIST article, and a similar mechanism of aerosol electrons had been proposed by Tributsch in WHEN THE SNAKES AWAKE, confirmed by Hoenig of Tuscon, Arizona. (This mechanism was also put forward by Tributsch to explain animal behaviour prior to earthquakes.) This theory- already enshrined in the lore and experience of miners around the world and through the ages- does not explain some aspects of earth lights in nature (eg the relative longevity of some reported lights) but it undoubtedly shows the beginnings of the understanding of a "new challenging area of geophysics", as U.S. geologist John Derr has wisely pointed out.

However, Brady has made a new, crucial observation: we now have, for the first time, a new mechanism to consider in the search for the origins of life on Earth. Electron interaction with primordial moisture and chemical soups from the rock body of Earth itself is now an alternative to theories invoking lightening bolts in the pre-Cambrian mud, or bacteria-carrying comets/meteorites from outer space. How ironic if UFO's ultimately lead us to knowledge of life on Earth rather than extra-terrestrial life!

During 1983/84, new geological survey material, denied us while EARTH LIGHTS was in preparation, allowed McCartney and I to re-assess the Egryn and Dyfed material referred to in the book. The results were startling even for us. The faulting layout of the Barmouth-Harlech area was textbook for the reported light phenomena of 1904/5, and even more so for the Dyfed events. McCartney was able to produce a histogram for the reported Dyfed events (for the area for which highly detailed geological information was available) which marked the powerful nature of the evidence supporting the earth lights theory:



It was also discovered that the "Egryn Lights" events in America and smaller scale flaps in Wales and elsewhere, and the link between lights incidence and geological faulting has remained stable (even more so than we would have anticipated). Recently the Oldroyd and Clarke booklet BRITISH SPOOKLIGHTS has appeared, further emphasising the nature of the phenomenon (and incidentally strengthening the observation made in EARTH LIGHTS that UFO phenomena haunt geological terrain also favoured in stone circle distribution). It is inevitable, I would suppose in my more reasonable moments, that examples of reported UFO activity will be found which does not provide a geological parallel, but amazingly that has not yet happened. (That it could happen is possible for several reasons, such as the nature/accuracy of the UFO reports in the first instance, or the possibility of faulting overlaid by later sedimentary deposits, thus not capable of appearing on solid geology surveys.) This emphasises the strength of the evidence the theory is founded upon.

In 1986 I had the good fortune of obtaining a photograph taken by a credible witness and accompanied by others, of what appears to be an earth light phenomenon. It was taken in 1973 and has not yet been published anywhere (first publication is in the Ley Hunter issue 101). It shows a complex light phenomenon, with environmental information, over the car park at the Pinnacles National Park, which is a geological oddity very close to the San Andreas fault. The information contained in the photograph is exceptional, and professional analysis may reveal much.

Another aspect of the theory developed into clearer view after the book was published: the nature of psychic experience and UFO's. This relates, I feel, to the few examples of imagery appearing within UFO light phenomena.

Most UFO reports involve only lights. That is the first fact which has to be absorbed by everyone studying the phenomenon, from whatever viewpoint. A small percentage refer to humanoids and structured craft. The nature of these CE3 and CE5 experiences is currently the subject of considerable discussion and research- the only one modern British ufology- probably the best informed and least naive in the world- is really active in. There is no doubt that the well-known psychological mechanism of 'projection' can occur (most famously



exemplified by the Rorschach Test, but occurring in many everyday instances, where a given matrix- be it a misidentified object like a gleaming aircraft, the moon or Venus, an ill-observed object like a piece of paper blowing in a high wind or a meteorological balloon, a meteoric fireball, or an earth light- can suddenly be invested with a nature alien to its actuality, including in some instances 'portholes' and mechanical superstructure. This is so well proven and attested, I will not waste space here expanding upon it other than to give a reference to an early 1980's meteoric event (definitely meteoric!) over Britain in which some of the many hundreds of witnesses reported portholes! Anyone dismissing this psychological mechanism does so from the basis of ignorance and their scepticism is inadmissible.

There are examples of 'alien abductions', however, such as the Day family and the Gaynor Sunderland instances, where I feel we have to accept a genuine experience occurred, probably associated with some external geophysical catalyst. It has been noted by C G Jung that similar cases contain examples of archetypal imagery, and by later researchers that such experiences are similar to out-of-the-body occurrences, or near-death-experiences (probably highly related). It is profoundly noteworthy that both Day and Sunderland are open to the possibility that their experience did not necessarily involve an objective, physical 'craft', even though the experience was real. In other cases, the experience is certainly an inner-provoked event with no external trappings at all (eg the Puddy case in Australia).

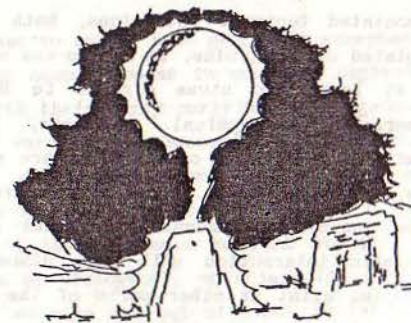
Professor Persinger, who is, after all, qualified in these areas, has produced a number of little known technical papers explaining how proximity to certain electromagnetic fields can cause the eruption of hallucinations into waking consciousness. In the case of close contact with earth light phenomena, this could explain much imagery (eg as expressed in, and further enhanced by, the media) with deep archetypal symbology: this is precisely what is reported.

In a tiny minority of cases, I personally suspect, and this is little more than speculation, that sometimes earth lights phenomena can actually respond to the involuntary psychokinetic output from a witness's mind/brain, and become a 'medium in which dreams can manifest'. In other words, that earth lights represent an energy configuration that has a remarkable new characteristic: it is consciousness-sensitive. It can interact with the witness' mind/brain in certain conditions, and can respond to mental output by the witness. This is not just empty speculation, however. The only two field teams present to watch a UFO flap as it was happening, occurred in the 1970's in Missouri and the 1980's in Hessdalen: both teams reported a small percentage of events in which the observed lights seemed to interact with the thoughts and minor actions of team

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members. (This was also reported by Allied aircrew with regard to 'foo-fighters' in WWII).

Moreover, I have now seen that in every case where we have studied a UFO flap, there has been a concurrent outbreak of psychism of some sort - visions, religious fervour, poltergeist activity, etc. It could be suggested that an energy effect is occurring in the region that has the concurrent effects of affecting certain mental states of particular individuals, and producing atmospheric luminescent phenomena. In a few rare instances, perhaps these two factors get together in a confrontation...



The above speculation is, I feel, amenable to experimental testing, and I hope to carry this out when I can assemble the required elements.

So the earth lights theory proposes that many, if not all, genuinely-observed anomalous aerial luminescences are the product of geological factors interacting with atmospheric and other conditions, and that a hallmark of such phenomena is their usual association with surface faulting. That UFO's come from Planet Earth. The theory does not address the possibility or otherwise of ET craft. These may exist, but it is my personal prejudice that there is no reason for supposing they do, and if they do, further developments are in the hands of the ET's in any case, and we might as well get on with what is our own responsibility - Planet Earth and our own species. The earth lights theory recognises and accepts that psychosociological factors play a major role in Ufological studies, but denies they are the only factors involved.

The significance of the faulting is as yet unknown. It could be, as Persinger has speculated, that tectonic strain is involved. It is a fact that tectonic factors can produce atmospheric lights - a fact which is crucial. But other things can also be present at faulting: electromagnetic disturbances; enhanced radon gas emission, gravity (and thus time) anomalies, and perhaps much else besides. Tectonic strain may be the earth lights 'motor', it may be a red herring, or it may be just one element in a whole concatenation of events producing the earth lights energy packet.

The first corollary of the theory suggests that the energy form involved in the manifestation of earth lights may be consciousness-interactive. A second corollary proposes that the concatenation of forces involved in producing a

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period of high earth lights incidence in a given locality may also affect consciousness in some individuals. A third corollary makes the observation that stone circle distribution (no claim is made for other types of megalithic or prehistoric sites) also follows the distribution of surface faulting and associated tectonic intrusions, both in general areas, and, in the case of isolated stone circles, in one-to-one accuracy (a factor fudged by sceptics).

At least two stone circles in Britain have been at the epicentres of remarkable geophysical incidents, both of which involved atmospheric luminescences. Stone circle sites are almost always in lonely regions - areas of low perceptual cover. Work on the Dragon Project (1978-current) is revealing some geophysical anomalies at such sites. This may indicate a prehistoric shamanic interaction with such atmospheric light phenomena. Anthropological examples exist in other parts of the world (eg with the N. American Indians) describing precisely such interaction.

It is my personal conviction, based on experience, research and current evidence, that what we are seeing in the earth lights phenomenon is a raw energy base that can only be properly comprehended and applied by a culture whose knowledge of the nature of consciousness it employs, the planet it inhabits and the interaction between the two, is more fully developed. A raw energy base analogous to someone observing and wondering about lightening in a century prior to the understanding of electricity. The UFO phenomenon, which in its objective atmospheric form is largely or even solely the earth lights family of phenomena in my opinion, may lead us to a greater knowledge of the origins of life on Earth and the nature of consciousness and, possibly, certain 'paranormal' effects. If this is so, then the ETH or psychosociological theories taken in exclusion represent a hindering of the full appreciation of a natural phenomenon of major significance to the human race.

That is why I cannot countenance some of the reactions in Ufology to the appearance of EARTH LIGHTS. The book, an honest attempt, warts and all, to provide new approaches to UFO investigation, and one whose foundation has only been strengthened in the four years since its publication, was like a pebble dropped into the Ufological pond: the ripples washed up some unhappy perspectives on the current state of British Ufology. However, I hope that there are enough open-minded and genuinely investigative individuals within Ufology to allow the potential of the earth lights approach to be realised. If not, then the investigation will go on outside of the accepted Ufological circles. It could be that that would be the best thing to happen to the investigation of UFO's since 1947, but it would be sad nonetheless.

SQUARING UP TO THE CIRCLES

By Paul Screeton

Before summer (?!) fades from our memories entirely, Folklore Frontiers editor Paul Screeton takes a look at the mystery circles which have appeared yet again:

Stationary transient whirlwinds. That seems to be the most generally accepted theory for those mystery circles which each summer appear in southern England cereal fields. Like those '*two daft gits with their girly curly hair*' we agadoo do do do have to endure media interest of varying seriousness on the subject. The theories to account for the circles of flattened corn are as much a cornucopia of imaginative speculation as the images in the Chicken Song.

Stationary transient whirlwinds indeed. I think we need to look closer. I fear we have here the latest manifestation of Ufological, or scientific even, Emperors New Clothes manifestation. I feel we vare not out of order in taking the wind out of the sails of this theory. Like the birth trauma hypothesis to explain alien abductions, it is very attractive on the surface. The whirlwinds notions attractiveness to those who regard themselves as level headed lies in its expulsion of any whiff of UFO involvement. here lies its fatal flaw. There is a probable connection.

But first let's briefly review the topic, though I assume readers will be relatively familiar with the subject. It has been a silly season subject to fall back on like nessie, comics' eating hamsters or the monster raving loony party conference.

Rings of flattened crops have been suddenly and inexplicably in the south, particularly Hampshire and Wiltshire for many years. The year 1980 was the start of the media attention but there have been rumours of it occurring long before. It has been ensconced in UFO folklore and creditably several prominent UFO researchers have striven to find a solution and allay fears that flying saucers have been nesting in our oats, wheat and barley.

The alternatives previous to this article have included: human cause, either a hoax by pole and chain or 'Druid worship' theory by Daily Express photographer Chris Wood; helicopter damage or RPV's, dropping zones for drugs, flying saucers, chemical warfare testing, parallel universe interaction, deer or hedgehogs mating, the weather or leys and force fields.

The most exhaustive scientific investigation of the phenomenon has been by meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden. His researches are summarised fully in a booklet on the subject by Jenny Randles and Paul Fuller, which I recommend as a fine distillation of the subject without endorsing it bias (though the authors claim to remain open minded).







The day started with a discussion, chaired by ASSAP's Alan Cleaver, between himself and Gaynor and Barry Sunderland, discussing their initial UFO experiences, which formed the basis of ALIEN CONTACT. Much of it was already well known but it was interesting nonetheless to see people 'in the flesh', that one has only read about. Many things, quite a few of them based on second and third hand knowledge, have been written about members of the Sunderland family, and they may have created a false impression in peoples minds. Both Gaynor and Barry came across as highly intelligent, credible people who had had an unusual experience.

Jenny Randles followed with a talk which looked at the possible connection between aspects of the UFO experience and the 'psychic' world, again very little new material (for Ufologists at least) but at least Jenny did strongly put forward a good case for there being no 'solid' UFO's, this, I hasten to add doesn't mean I think that UFO's are in any way 'psychic' (UFO BRIGANTIA editor in credibility loss shock!).

After lunch (they call dinner lunch in those parts) we were treated to Andy Collins' lecture on a PQ he is currently engaged in. Called (for convenience) the 'Black Alchemist' it centres on Andy's accidental stumbling on (whilst engaged on another PQ) a modern day alchemists ritual site and artefact, complete with arcane symbols. The story is long and involved but it revolves around the alchemist, who is using rituals based on John Dee's (famous Elizabethan alchemist) but which are evil. Whilst not wanting anything to do with this, Andy Collins and his psychic were drawn into it and suffered psychic attack, death threats and the like. Despite the apparent ludicrousness of the subject material, Andy presented this talk well and with a great deal of humour.

After a break it was another panel of speakers talking about the EYE OF FIRE saga from a personal point of view, drawing in another person who, together with her husband had found two swords exactly the same as those found in THE GREEN STONE saga, by psychic means, after a dream (in Milton Keynes of all places). The nature of these objects was discussed and it was put forward that many of them are 'apports' (objects which suddenly manifest) which would (if you accept the concept of apports) account for their often pristine condition when found.

The final event of the day (Keatman and Philips having declined to appear), was a panel of all the speakers answering questions put to them by the audience, one of which was *'what does Gaynor think of the things written about her in UFO BRIGANTIA'* (who submitted that one?). This referred to Nigel Watson's recent series of articles, and whether Gaynor's answer, which I am not printing here, will satisfy Nigel, or not, we will have to wait and see.

The days talks raised far more questions than we were given answers and no doubt a fair proportion of the audience won't be interested in these questions as they were nodding and agreeing sagely and uncritically with the most outlandish, unverifiable statements. This type of research has been called 'belief oriented' and involves using psychics uncritically and judging them on the results, and if we are to believe what we are told, these results are impressive, in that real, solid, hitherto unknown about objects have been found by psychic means. The implications of these discoveries, if true, are immense, as are the implications of the deeper aspects of the GREEN STONE and EYE OF FIRE stories, full as they are of an ongoing war between the forces of light and darkness. The crux of the whole thing is 'is it all true?' I am in no real position to judge (it won't stop me from commenting though), having no experience whatsoever of the events or of knowing any of the participants in the saga, and it would be easy just to dismiss it all out of hand as a hoax (as many have done) or to ridicule it (as many no doubt will do). I can't do either of these things. A hoax is out of the question, there are far too many people involved in far too many aspects of these quests for an out and out hoax to be considered and to think that one is being perpetrated, is blinkered, simplistic thinking, as is total acceptance of all the claims made. Besides there being too many participants for a hoax, what have they to gain? There can certainly be no money in it for any of the participants (barring the book authors) and no one could invent a story as bizarre or as weird as that Andy Collins told of the Black Alchemist (or the GREEN STONE & EYE OF FIRE for that matter). This is not to say that there may not be other factors at work, it is easy to convince yourself and others that odd things are happening and indeed to cause them and to create situations in which they do happen, and this must be considered. But a hoax, no. Some (most, actually) of the things I have read and heard about in conjunction with these quests is very hard for me to accept, but I also think after hearing the days speakers that there may be *something* in it, although exactly what, I just don't know. No doubt we will be hearing more about psychic questing in the future. Ufology has acted as a spur for many people to move from total objectivity to a more subjective point of view, the people involved in these quests for example and, nearer to home, our ex-editor Paul Bennett, who is now promulgating 'Pagan Ufology' (whatever that is-see article on Paul in next issue). There seems to be something in the subject of Ufology (for some investigators and witnesses) which acts as a catalyst for change in their lives and which throws up some intriguing avenues for research which I think will eventually come down to man's need for some kind of religious expression. Maybe this is what is being expressed in psychic questing. I really don't know.



THE CRACOE FELL CASEWYUFORG RESEARCHIntroduction

This article is a follow up to one which was printed in the June issue of UFO BRIGANTIA, by Nigel Mortimer and provides an update on WYUFORG'S line of research and is partly in response to the requests for further information we have received from our readership. For those readers unfamiliar with the Cracoe case brief details are given below, but WYUFORG wish to make it clear that we were not involved in the main body of research. The Cracoe Case has been extensively investigated, over a number of years (investigation is still continuing), by YUFOS, who have published many articles on the case and it has formed the 'highlight' of many of their lectures and conferences. WYUFORG wish to make it plain that we are in no way attempting to 'poach' a case or anything of that nature. Our sole objective is to make public a major piece of evidence which has been, until now, unpublished. This evidence is the statement of one of the few prime witnesses to the phenomena. Evidence which has not appeared before in respect of this case and evidence which has stood up to rigorous scrutiny. We leave it's veracity up to the judgement of the reader. WYUFORG strongly advise anyone with the remotest interest in this case to obtain the Cracoe Package from YUFOS, address given at the end. YUFOS were offered any (unedited) right of reply alongside this article that they wished, but sadly declined to answer all communications addressed to their President.

The Cracoe Case

On the morning of March 16th 1981 an off duty police officer saw, from the window of his police house in the north Yorkshire village of Cracoe, bright lights on a rock face, some distance away to the south east. After he and another officer had observed the lights for a time they decided that they consisted of three intense white lights with some form of 'finned' structure behind the lights. Six photographs were taken during the observation, which lasted about one hour. The lights were not seen to 'arrive' and they did not move off at the end of the sighting but altered in light intensity before fading out. The lights were described by one of the witnesses as 'brilliant' and 'varying in intensity'. Other witnesses were present, one of whom's testimony will be considered later.

NOTE: This is a very brief account of the events of 16/3/81, WYUFORG think it includes all the salient facts but don't take our word for it, please obtain the YUFOS report, which includes a colour photograph of the phenomena.

The Photographs and YUFOS (public) Conclusions

This section is included to 'set the scene' for the new evidence and is in no way intended to de-bunk YUFOS' conclusions, rather it is necessary to give an over- view of the published research. But for the photographs this case would have gone down as 'just another LITS', but photographic evidence is rare and YUFOS had the pictures analysed at four establishments, the now defunct GSW in the USA, Klaus Webner (affiliated to CENAP) in Germany, a 'police source' and at Leeds University. Full results of analysis from the first two have been released and we quote from them, again very briefly but encapsulating, we think, the major points.

GSW's conclusions were that 'there is no evidence that the AI's (anomalous images) are 'objects' hovering between the witnesses and the distant mountains (hills)'.

Klaus Webner's conclusions include 'I have found no evidence that there was anything in the air between Cracoe Fell and the eye witnesses.'

Neither report mentioned a 'fin' or craft of any kind. Obtain the report and read the analysis for yourselves if you are in any doubt as to our portrayal of the data. Obviously in an attempt to be concise we can only pick out certain portions of GSW's and Webner's analysis and it will be seen by some as a biased selection this is why we urge the reader to make himself aware of the facts.

YUFOS incorporated this analysis in the Cracoe Package which also contains details of their (extensive) research, along with details of the case events. The exact location (grid ref) of the event is not mentioned but our research leads us to believe that it occurred on quartz bearing gritstone crags (not Limestone as per the report) at GR 965579 (approx) (Sheet SD 85/95), some one and a half miles south east of Cracoe village (not three quarters of a mile as in the report). The farmers evidence or statements are not mentioned anywhere in the report, nor have they been published in any of YUFOS' journal QUEST. YUFOS come to no firm conclusions as to the nature of the 'object' but it is stated in QUEST Vol. 2 No.5 that '*an unknown structure lies behind the lights, this is covered by a stream of white light*' and '*for the record the Cracoe UFO is undoubtedly solid*' and members of WYUFORG have also been told by the heads of YUFOS at lectures that it depicts a '*structured craft of unknown origin*'.

WYUFORG Involvement

WYUFORG, in the form of Nigel Mortimer, first became involved after the Cracoe Case had become 'public' via a Yorkshire Evening Post article of 22/8/83. Nigel lives very near the Cracoe area and decided to have a look on behalf of NUFON. Shortly after the YEP article (the following week in fact), a smaller



piece appeared in the Craven Herald (text below) offering an explanation for the phenomena.

UFO RUBBISH!

Reports that a shiny object seen on Cracoe Fell were conclusive proof of alien visitors to the Earth have been dismissed as 'rubbish' by a local farmer.

Hetton farmer Mr. D. Carlisle said the phenomenon often occurred on dull days when the sun caught rocks on the fell. *'It's quite spectacular, but that's all there is to it'* he explained.

He was present on the morning two years ago when two policemen photographed the shining fell and recognised it as the same optical illusion he had seen there before.

Last week, the Yorkshire UFO Society hailed the photograph the policemen took as the most conclusive evidence they had of alien visitors to this country.

Nigel contacted the farmer by 'phone and obtained brief details (concurrent with both the Craven Herald piece and with Mr Carlisle's 1986 subsequent statement - original notes still extant), but was unable to follow the case up as he shortly afterwards ceased active UFO investigation for family reasons. This brings us up to the present saga which is as follows. In early 1986 Andy Roberts was asked by Paul Devereux, editor of The Ley Hunter, to write an article on the Cracoe Fell phenomena for the back page Earthlights spot in TLH. Andy said he would do this if the evidence available supported the EL theory, one which he admittedly has a penchant for. Andy wrote to YUFOS stating the foregoing and requesting a copy of the Cracoe Package so he could consider all the available evidence. The package was denied to him as *'You would not agree with YUFOS' conclusions'*. Andy wasn't sure about this as he hadn't read them yet! Requests for copies of slides of the Cracoe phenomena for use in WYUFORG lectures (full credits offered to YUFOS) were refused on similar grounds. In the end he decided (based on many other factors also) that a phenomenon which lasts for one hour in one spot was unlikely to be an EL and so the article was not written. In the late spring of 86, Nigel Mortimer, having returned to active ufology and WYUFORG, decided it was time he followed up the farmers lead, and an article was published in the June issue of UFO BRIGANTIA detailing his research into the phenomena and his tentative thoughts. Nigel also wished to see the Cracoe Package, but it being denied to members of WYUFORG had to obtain it in an unusual fashion. According to YUFOS advertising in QUEST, the Cracoe Package is available to anyone on receipt of £5. This is clearly not the case and so Nigel asked a relative to obtain it by post. This was done and Nigel acquired the report. These methods

may seem unconventional but due to the circumstances it was the only way to obtain the Cracoe report. This action has been sanctioned as expedient by BUFORA. It was this and Nigel's article which drew the extensive interchange of letters between Andy Roberts and Philip Mantle (YUFOS) and the many letters Nigel received.

The Farmer's Testimony

WYUFORG contacted the farmer, Mr. D. Carlisle, again and he was only too pleased to be interviewed. This took place on the 28/9/86. WYUFORG members spoke to Mr Carlisle for an hour at his large farm in the village of Cracoe. The main points of the interview were written down and Mr Carlisle was then asked if he disagreed with anything that had been written or had anything to add. He did not and signed the statement (see below). Mr Carlisle added later that although the phenomena seen on 16/3/81 were in his opinion a sunlight reflection he like many Cracoe Villagers, thought there was, and is, 'something' going on and he went on to say that a few weeks previous to our interview bright lights had been seen at night high on Cracoe Fell.

STATEMENT CONCERNING THE CRACOE 'UFO'

I was present outside Cracoe police station on the 16th of March 1981. I observed the lights for not more than 15 minutes. The lights were on Rylestone Fell. People present were (names confidential as they are serving police officers). The weather conditions were overcast with outbreaks of sun. The lights I observed were as portrayed in the photograph and in that location. I have seen these lights both before and after on many occasions, as have my wife and son. The lights appear when the rocks are wet (the rock is Yorkshire Gritstone) and when the sun shines on the wet surfaces. It does not occur on bright sunny days. Only on cloudy days with outbreaks of sun. My attitude towards the UFO phenomenon is one of an open mind and in my opinion the lights I saw were nothing else other than the sun shining on the rocks. On the day in question the lights were brighter than I've seen before. I did not notice any structure whatsoever behind the rocks.

Mr Carlisle's view of the Cracoe Phenomena is then, that it is the product of an uncommon sunlight reflection on damp quartz bearing gritstone, and one that he and others have seen three or four times a year when the weather is changeable and in the mornings. He and his wife and son (amongst others) have seen the phenomenon both before and since the March 1981 event. It is also worth noting that on the three occasions Mr Carlisle has been contacted over the Cracoe Phenomenon (by the Craven Herald and WYUFORG) he has had to be sought out and that his version of the event is unchanged from the 1983 UFO RUBBISH