

RECENT UFO REPORTS IN THE NORTH-EAST (1975-77)

In my last article titled "1973-UFO Flap In The North-East" I told you how after 1973 it seemed as if UFO reports were slowly but surely decreasing in number, luckily, time has proved me wrong and recently UFO researchers in the North East have been inundated with reports of lights in the sky to pie shaped craft floating across our rural skies.

The sightings started as people started to report lights in the sky over Cleveland, and then somebody claimed that the planet Earth has a double in space which was the home of flying saucers - this sparked off a lot of interest in flying saucers and perhaps made the public more aware of them, because the reports then came in at an alarming rate, you could not open the paper without seeing the words flying saucer, or UFO as a headline to a sighting, it seemed as if we were back to our 1973 habits, and just as events were getting interesting the sightings stopped! And for a year only a handful of reports were filed.

Then we broke into 1977, which started slowly but we are now receiving a very healthy flow of reports, which all started with a stargazer who spotted a UFO which confirmed an earlier sighting from the area. Then a crew of a lifeboat spotted a UFO which was glowing and very bright. Mr Reginald Dodd then spotted what must be one of the best UFO sightings of the North East this year - Mr Dodd, a taxidriver, had just dropped two girls off home in his cab when he spotted a light in the sky, on closer inspection he observed that it was chrome coloured, and had a dome on top, there were four lights underneath and a big red circle around it, he said that the size was tremendous - it had three layers of steel around it and was saucer shaped. To date nobody has given an explanation of this UFO.

Then a 16 year old boy spotted a UFO just after his motor bike had broken down. He was able to start the engine after the UFO disappeared. To the best of my knowledge this is the first 'engine stopping' case in the North-East. Then, on the 27th July a report in the newspaper "Northern Echo" said that an organization called CHRYSIS was to use a computer to analyse the wave of sighting, this step was taken because prior to this event a young couple reported seeing a light that hovered then flew behind the moon, they estimated that its height was 10,000 to 15,000 feet, the sightings took place between 1.30 and 2.30 a.m., and they observed that the "thing" changed to red before it began to hover - the report ends with an R.A.F officer saying that he once spotted a UFO, but it turned out to be a U2 reconnaissance aircraft. He said that he had been flying for 22 years and had never seen anything he could not explain.

That sighting was followed by two sightings of lights, one on August 3rd, at 9.30 pm, over Newcastle, when a man and his wife spotted a light which they thought was an aircraft but as it was travelling East to West the suns rays would have been on the other side - he looked at it through binoculars but could not clearly make out its shape. Then Mr Arnold Davidson reported spotting a light to the police and coast guard, but they appeared to take no interest in his sighting.

..... and so the sighting continue. I have found that there is a pattern emerging - a lot of sightings in December and September, but between that, very few indeed - we can now only wait for the findings of the CHRYSIS computer.

by John Minto

WHY I BELIEVE IN UFO's

By Mike Douglas.

Astronaut Gordon Cooper told me his plane almost burned up trying to keep pace with the monster. He said he chased a huge dazzling UFO with his entire flight of jet fighters. But in the end the object ran circles around the jets and vanished. "Its maneuverability was fantastic!" Cooper said. During the years, I've interviewed scores of people who have seen UFO's. I pride myself in reading people, and I felt they were all very sincere. There is no doubt in my mind they had seen manned spacecraft. I especially remember Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, the men from Mississippi who were taken on board a UFO and subjected to intensive examinations. These men were genuinely shaken when I spoke to them. There was real change there....and change like that can't be faked. These were two ordinary guys, not actors. I believe implicitly that they were taken aboard a spacecraft. I've been told by sources close to the Air Force that UFOs exist and come from other planets. But because the government is afraid of causing a public panic it's keeping quiet about the whole thing. I know the Air Force has a lot more evidence of the existence of UFOs locked away in safes. I have seen pictures of flying saucers that were without doubt perfectly genuine. I know the people who took the pictures, and they were not the kind of people who would tell a lie for cheap publicity. The evidence is piling up so fast that the whole UFO mystery will be solved soon, probably within the next couple of years. I'm sure we will find that UFOs are exploratory probes from other planets, sent here to study us. After all, we're sending out space probes. We're exploring Mars. If we can do it, so can other planets - especially if they're much more advanced. When contact is finally made - and it must come soon - it might well benefit the whole of mankind. Certainly, it will be nice to know we are not alone in a vast empty universe.

POLICEMEN SEE UFO

Two Policemen were among six people who saw what appeared to be a UFO in two separate sightings over Norton Radstock early today. The first by Mr. Geoffrey Ormsby of 29, Hayes Road, Midsomer Norton, was at 12.40 a.m. He said, "My son, Christopher, 16, and I saw a dark blue mass in the sky, about 1,000 feet up, travelling slowly from Paulton towards Chilcompton. "It was emitting a high pitched noise like the letter E in morse code. All the animals in the area were frightened by it." He added that they heard the same noise again shortly after 1 a.m. Police searched the area in case it was a balloon in trouble, but nothing was found. Three hours later a second object was seen by two policemen, PC Terry Tanner and PC Max Duke, and Mr. A. Kingman, of 1 Manor Cottage, Hallatrow, and Mr. R. Brown, of 4 Ashley Avenue, Lower Weston. PC Tanner said today they watched what appeared to be a UFO making its way north from High Littleton to Bath. "All we could see was a bright light travelling across the sky at what appeared to be a great height and speed. The brightness of the light was similar to that of the brightness of the North Star on a clear night. "It made no sound or trail. It was visible for about half a minute before the light grew dimmer and finally disappeared". Chief Insp. Crowhurst of Keynsham, said, "We have recorded the facts to the UFO collating centre in London."

Jimmy Carter acknowledged letter from UFO INFO. No data forthcoming, but he did send us a signed photograph for our library. Thank you President Carter (We do understand).

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Did you hear the news on Radio 1 & 2 on the 15th. June 1977? Well, it went like this. Prime Minister of Granada calls for international committee to be set up to investigate the UFO phenomena, also he called for a thorough investigation into the Bermuda Triangle.

-UFO INFO EXCHANGE LIBRARY'S COMMENT

Congratulations to a gentleman who has the courage to stand up and speak, for what he has always advocated. The best thing that could happen now is Jimmy Carter to stand up and offer support, and with the combined efforts of the US make all the INFO PUBLIC.

THE WARMINSTER SAGA CONTINUES

Two best-selling paperbacks by Arthur Shuttlewood on the UFO enigma, with much eye-witness material, are THE FLYING SAUCERERS (Sphere, 65p) and the WARMINSTER MYSTERY (Tandem, 50p) at all bookstalls now.

ANOTHER SIGHTING FROM WARMINSTER 28TH AUGUST

Time 9.30 pm.

Witness - Andy Lee, Soteris Georgiou, George Woods, Bob Strong, Richard Gardner, Steve, Chris and Pauline Trubridge

Position of Witnesses - Cley Hill, Warminster.

Satellite type object travelling North Eastwards, stopped and then followed the same course back again gradually disappearing.

Time 10.30 pm.

Witnesses - Andy Lee, Soteris Georgiou and Friend Steve from Worcester, George Woods of Liverpool and locals Chris Trubridge and Pauline Trubridge, Richard Gardner and Bob Strong.

Position of Witnesses - Cley Hill, Warminster

Size of object 3-4 times as large as the largest Star

Duration of Sighting - 4 minutes.

Witnesses Remarks - "We first noticed it rising about 5° of the horizon, at this time the object appeared to be twice the size of a star - as it rose it increased in size and brightness. When it reached about 45° off the horizon it seemed to change almost instantly to a faint star like object taking the appearance of a satellite."

This object was also seen by Arthur Shuttlewood and a small group skywatchers on Cradle Hill, as well as Roy and Linda Campbell from Birmingham, Denise from Weston Super Mare.

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"I assure you that the Air Force never intend to turn over 'For Official Use Only' files on UFOs to your organisations". LETTER FROM MAJOR GENERAL JOE KELLY, TO NICAP, NOVEMBER 15th, 1957

As promised in the last magazine the continued report of sightings by DEREK SCOTT LAUDER covering the period 25th September 1967 to 7th September 1973.

- (11) Monday 25th September 1967, 10.30 pm.
Observed very bright, fast moving object going South South East, from West. It passed under Cygnus the Swan.
- (12) Tuesday 14th November, 1967. 7.35 pm
Saw a very very bright, fast moving object going East, North East From West. South West. The path of the object took it above the star Vega and as it came down to East, North East, it passed close to the stars Megrez and Phecda in the constellation of Ursa Major.
- (13) Friday 16th December, 1967. 6.30 pm.
I observed a bright, very fast moving object going East, South East, from West, North West. When I managed to focus my telescope on the object, I saw that it was blue and red with yellow. I could define no shape.
- (14) Tuesday 22nd February, 1968. 9.10 pm.
I sighted a fast moving object going South from North passing down across the top of Orion.
- (15) Wednesday 24th July 1968. 10.30 pm.
A very bright star-like rapidly pulsating object, moved with incredible speed across the sky from South to High West passing near to the star Arcturus, and then across the constellation of the Great Bear, and then down to North. The object took only around 60 seconds to cross the sky. There was no sound. No noticeable wind. Sky was clear and deep dark blue. Another very lovely object.
- (16) Sunday 28th July, 1968. 11.45 pm.
I observed a very fast moving object going East, North, East, from West, South West. The object appeared to me when first noticed near to Enif in Pegasus and then above Andromeda and gradually down near to Cassiopeia. The object was rather faint until it reached Lacerta when it suddenly became bright and then faded again.
- (17) Wednesday 5th November, 1969. 6.40 pm.
This object was very bright and moving very very fast. When I first saw it, it was in the constellation of Aries forming the last part of a triangle with the star Sheraten and Hamal. It continued moving very fast passing near to Capelle in Auriga. It then passed through Gemini and down to very near Canis Minor.
- (18) Monday 5th October, 1970. 8.15 pm.
This object was bright but there was a lot of haze and so it was dim at times. The object was in the Eastern sky when first seen, and moved very fast. It was near the star Salm in the constellation of Pegasus when first spotted and was travelling down to the constellation of Aquarius.

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- (19) Monday 5th October, 1970. 8.30 pm. 24.
 This object was also bright but as earlier the haze made it appear dim at times. The object moved very fast. When seen first the object was near the star Almach going down to near the star Zeta in Perseus (eastern sky) and passing close to the Pleiades and on to Taurus.
- (20) Friday 17th August 1973. 10.30 pm.
 A bright fast moving object caught my eyes as it passed by the star Enif which at this time was high in the South. The object travelled on through Pegasus and on and gradually down through Andromeda. It then faded out as it passed through cloud and went down towards the East.
- (21) Tuesday 21st August 1973. 10.30 pm.
 Spotted a fast moving but faint object, due to the conditions being hazy. It came from high South going almost straight down to the Southern horizon, passing very close to the star Enif.
- (22) Saturday 1st September, 1973. 9.45 pm.
 A very bright, fast moving object travelled from West across South to South East.
- (23) Saturday 1st September, 1973. 10.10 pm.
 A very fast, bright, moving object travelled from in Cygnus across the Eastern sky to North East.
- (24) Tuesday 4th September, 1973. 9.30 pm.
 A bright, very fast moving object travelled from Cygnus and went down to East. The atmospheric conditions were very changeable, with clouds flitting by because of high winds.
- (25) Friday 7th September, 1973. 10.20 pm.
 An object moving very fast and bright was noticed first at Cygnus. It travelled on down to East passing near to Pegasus. Weather conditions were changeable.

In the next edition due at Christmas the reports will cover -
 8th September, 1973 to 18th March 1977.

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OBJECT IN THE SKY

On August 3rd at 9.30 pm, E. Bowmaker noticed a bright light in the Western sky slowly travelling from East to West, he said that it was fully illuminated and at first he thought that it was an aeroplane reflecting the sun, however as it was travelling East/West the reflected sunlight would have been on the far side of the object. His wife also saw the object, and Mr Bowmaker also saw the object through binoculars but could not make out a definite shape - it vanished suddenly.

SOURCE: EVENING CHRONICLE

N.B. an unusual case, considering the obvious validity of the witness, however it is unfortunate he could not clearly define the shape

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The following reports were kindly given to me by the Investigator for W.Wales, Mr.Pugh.

I did not interview or see any of the children concerned. Unfortunately, I did not have my Notebook with me, so must rely on my memory, which is quite good.

Mrs.Coombs' nephew, Master X, aged 12 years went birdnesting with his two chums. Location was rough ground, which used to be a rubbish disposal dump in a disused quarry, near Broadhaven. The lads watched the nest until it grew dusk, when two of the boys decided to leave for home, leaving Mrs.Coombs' nephew alone. Shortly after they had left, he heard a loud buzzing sound in the far side of the dump. A large, metallic object (my words) came into view, and the lad was scared stiff. A very tall man in a silver suit came out of the craft, and started to walk in a very laboured stiff manner towards the lad. He was opening and clenching his gloved hands repeatedly. The lad ran and climbed the fence at the perimeter of the area. He was petrified and turned back for a moment to see if he were still being followed. Sure enough, he was. The entity (Robot?) climbed the fence and followed the boy to a point where the street lighting commenced. The silver suited man then turned slowly and made his way back to the dump. The boy arrived home in a state of shock and had no sleep that night. His father went out to see if he could find anything to warrant his son's agitation and terror. All he did find was ONE large footprint, which had sunk to a depth of several inches in the soft earth. In view of the experiences of Mrs.Coombs and her family, collusion was at first suspected in respect of her nephew, but on considering the mental state of the lad this was ruled out by investigators.

The following week, two young girls went to the same area to pick wild flowers. One of the girls was Debbie Stone. It was not established whether or not they had seen a space craft, but they saw a man in a silver suit walking towards them. Terrified, they ran out of the area as did the boy mentioned previously. They turned back to see the man WALK THROUGH a very high heavy steel mesh gateway which was locked. (Shades of my own experience at Cradle Hill last Easter morning when I saw "men" walk through barbed wire fencing.)

Debbie's teacher was interviewed to determine her standing as a pupil and whether her story would sound credible. The teacher told the Investigator Mr.Pugh that Debbie was a bright, truthful pupil and that she (the teacher) believed her story to be true, although the teacher had taken all previous accounts with "a pinch of salt", not having experienced any kind of phenomenon herself.

The next account was given me by the witness herself. A Spanish lady runs a local Hotel with her British husband and daughter. Location...near Broadhaven. I shall call her Mrs.X. On the night in question, in early April, Mrs.X's husband was away on business, so after she locked up and checked everything she retired to bed. I should mention that this hotel was a 14th Century Fort, and has many connections with bloody skirmishes around the coast of Pembrokeshire. Hence, even I sensed some odd atmosphere in the place as I sipped my drink while listening to this lady. Ever yone was in bed and the hotel was silent. The lady in question tried to sleep and wished her husband was at home. Suddenly, she heard a strange humming sound, coming from the direction of the old courtyard. She thought it odd as she had never before heard such a sound. It persisted, so reluctantly, she got out of bed and made her way downstairs. She picked up her binoculars and looked out over the fields. A huge blue light lit up all the area. It was like an unnatural dusk. As she trained her binoculars on the field she saw two menlike entities come out of a shining saucer. "It was just there somehow," she said. The "men" had NO FACES (Robots?), and their arms almost reached the ground. They started to move in the direction of the hotel. She tried to shout out for help, but as she explained "my throat was paralyzed.... I could not raise a sound". Just then, her husband let himself in through the front door switching on the lights as he did so. She was so relieved. The manifestation vanished at once, and the husband saw nothing.