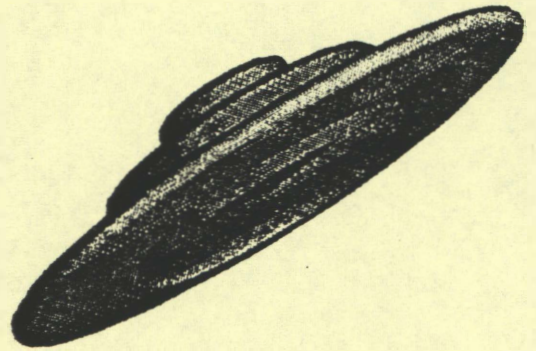
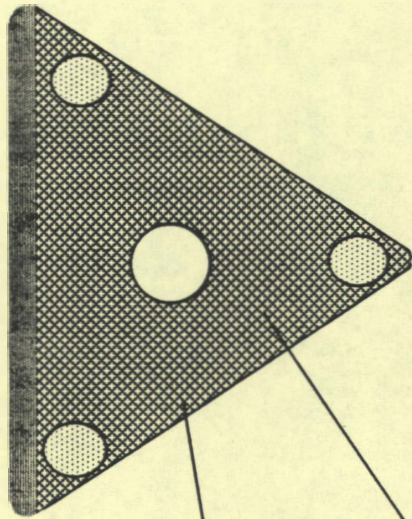
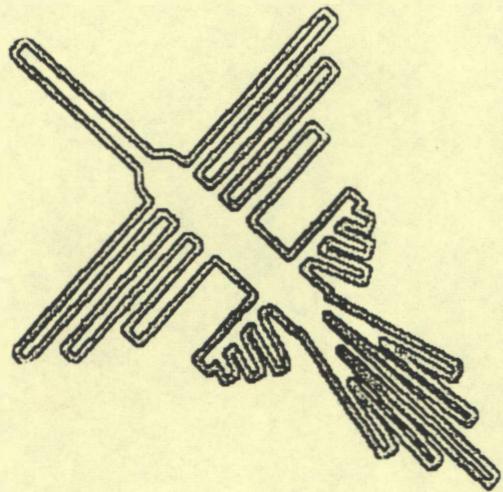
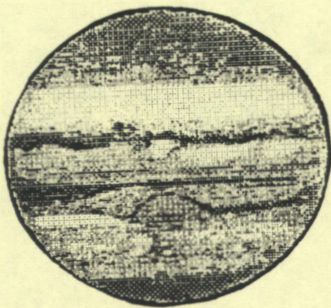


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HAVE THE 'WORLD CHANGES' STARTED?

We are well known for grumbling about the weather and the month of April 1998 has now been recognised as the wettest April on record. But we are not alone, you only have to glance through the daily newspaper to read of storms and tempests of unusual strength being experienced in many countries throughout the world. Much of the blame has gone on the unusual sea temperature in the Pacific Ocean, giving rise to the 'El Niño' phenomenon.

'Earth Changes' have long been the subject of clandestine warnings from a variety of sources, ranging from clairvoyants, channelers and even the Aliens. All have told of impending earth upheavals, floods, drought and volcanic eruptions. There has even been some speculation that the Planet Earth is a living organism and that it will seek a way of cleansing itself of the man-made pollution and the rape of its resources, ultimately returning to the balance of mother nature.

Although the media have given coverage to the floods in England, the fires in Borneo and the tornado's in the U.S.A. (to name but a few disaster areas), there has only been scant mention of the mysterious power failure in Auckland, N.Z. a few weeks ago. Even stranger, there has been no mention at all of the complete power failure along the East Coast of Australia in the State of Queensland. We are indebted to new PRA member Bernadette Pattison of Toogoolawah, Queensland, Australia, for the following bringing this incident to our attention. Bernadette contacted us by Fax on the 23rd March:-

There is an interesting phenomenon occurring in this part of the world that you may not have heard about. It started with the power breakdown in Auckland and within 12 hours, it happened here! I will tell you what I know from the news. My daughter in Canada, says that no coverage was given there except for one short line on CNN news.

Last month, I am not sure of the date, it was announced that the whole of Auckland was without power and would be so for some weeks. The announcement said that all the people should leave the city as soon as possible. That in itself was strange, as we have been without power for weeks in Brisbane and no-one was advised to leave the city. I should think that you would prefer to stay and protect your home.

Then the news came that the 4 huge cables that supply the city had burned out completely, as the ground around them had heated up to such an enormous heat that it burnt out all the cables. (*The cables are in different locations: see map*).

The following morning we woke to find that half of Queensland was without power, as 4 power stations down the eastern seaboard had all broken down AT EXACTLY THE SAME MOMENT. They have blamed the event on the overusage of power in the extremely hot summer and had likened it to all the tyres on your car getting punctures at the same time!

When they checked the reason for the breakdowns in Queensland, they found that overheating was the cause and the massive pipes carrying the major cables had been ripped apart and the cables burnt out.

None of the power stations in Queensland are connected in any way. They are not on a grid and in fact are privately owned and the electricity is sold to Energex, who then sell it on to the consumer. contd:

Contd: Meanwhile, the situation in Auckland continues and they are now predicting months without power!

My husband and I feel that *there is definitely something strange going on here* and like growing mushrooms, we are being kept in the dark. I don't think that I have romanticised the situation. I was a nurse and although my husband was never able to practise in Australia, he has a degree in medicine from Brno University in the Czech Republic. He is also the most difficult person to convince of anything that is a little suspicious.

What we found strange, was that the papers in Queensland carried nothing at all in the letters column about our suspicions about the burning out of the power stations and yet we know for a fact that a lot of people like us were thinking along the lines of a conspiracy.

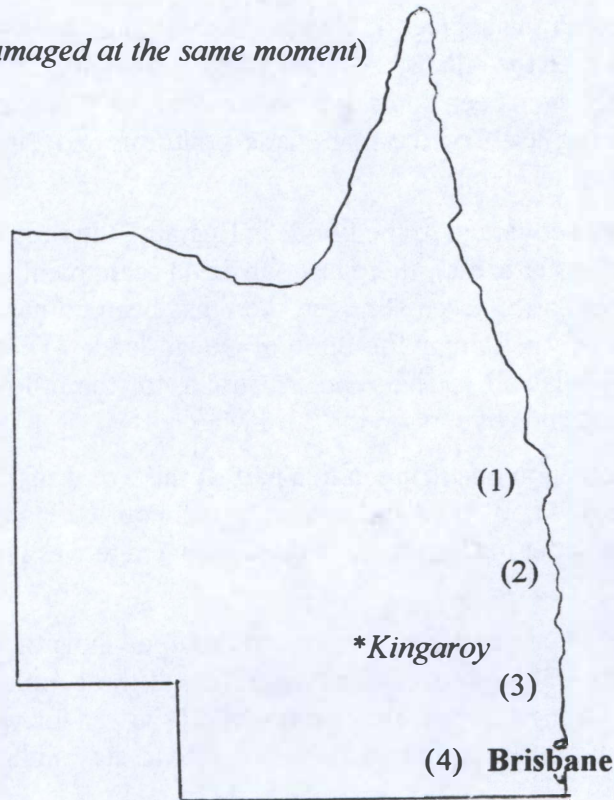
Even if you accept the breakdown in Auckland, why was it necessary to leave the city in such a hurry, or even at all? What are the odds against 4 power stations in one State, all collapsing at exactly the same moment? I would be interested to hear your comments.

Bernadette Pattison.

Map of Queensland

Power Stations (All damaged at the same moment)

1. Stanwell
2. Gladstone
3. Tarong
4. Swanbank



* Toogoolawah

The cause of this massive power failure still remains a mystery. We understand that on the night of March 14th, at 6.40pm, **Kingaroy**, a town in central Queensland about 150 miles NW of Brisbane, was subjected to a UFO 'flap', when bright white lights were reported overhead and near the horizon. The bright white lights returned on succeeding nights - at 6.33pm on Sunday March 15th, at 6.26pm on Monday March 16th and at 6.33pm on Tuesday March 17th. On the latter evening, residents of the town reported seeing a rounded-edged black cube-shaped object carrying a bright white light. The black cube dropped the 'white light' which fell to the ground. As the cube shaped object moved away to the NW and at about the same time as the 'white light' dropped to the ground, a loud rumbling noise was heard.....There have been over 1,000 'weird fireball' events during recent years. Often they are multiple events concerning aerial fireballs and associated light energy emissions.

(Source: Victor.J.Kean & Ross Dowe of the Australia/New Zealand National UFO Hotline).

The Queensland Power Failure: Jeff Whitear's Comments.

We approached PRA member Jeff Whitear, (retired electrical inspector) for his views on the Queensland power failure and his comments are printed below:

Looking at this problem, we can first see that the four power stations stretch over a distance around three hundred miles. They are situated more or less in a straight line along the Eastern Seaboard.

I am curious about the possibility of an earth fault line running down the coastline, in parallel with the line of power stations. Any shift in the earth's movement along this line would result in an equal force being exerted on the supply cables that pass across this fault at approximately the same time.

It is probable that the type of electrical cable used for carrying this very high voltage would be quite rigid and has the conductor surrounded with oil. (The oil is kept under pressure and is the main form of insulation.) This type of cable is usually situated in a trench of sand about six feet down, with a water pipe running beside it for cooling purposes. These cables always run 'warm'.

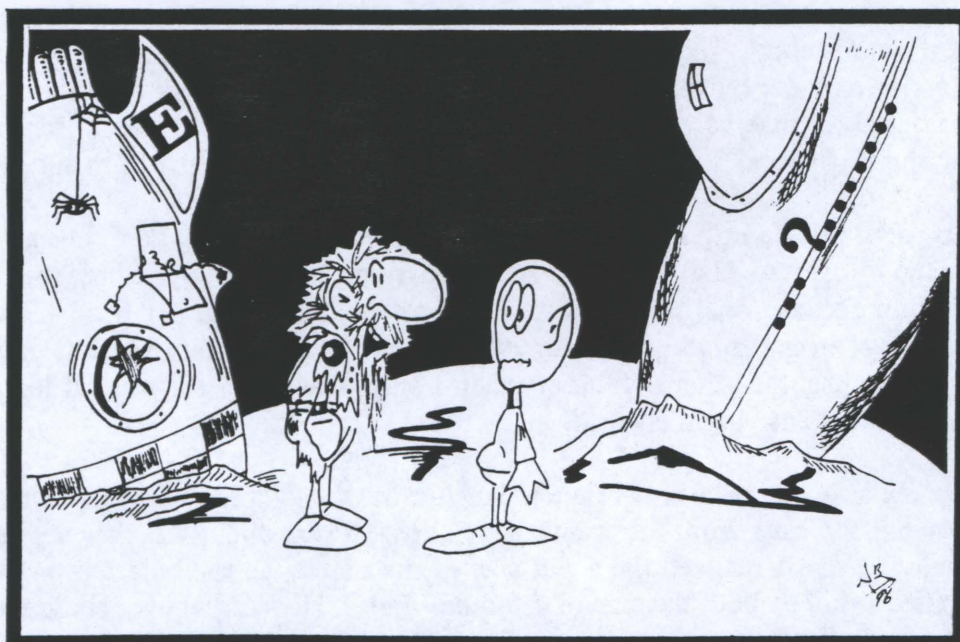
If there was an earth movement, which caused the cable to fracture, there would be a sudden surge of current to earth. This sudden surge of current would burn out the conductor and the subsequent heat generated would push the temperature of the oil beyond boiling point and rip the cable apart. This would also result in the ground soil heating up rapidly. The sudden surge would also damage the generators at the power station.

In my opinion, the destruction of the cable could not be accounted for, by a sudden demand in power from the consumer. As was suggested by Bernadette Pattison, it would be practically impossible for four individual power stations to break down at the same time!

It would be interesting to find out if there had been any reports relating to land movements. *Jeff Whitear.*

Finally, in a discussion with Tony Dodd , (Quest International) about the Queensland failure. Tony made the point that there is a lot of mystery about activities carried out at the 'Pine Gap' installation, which is situated in central Australia. It has been likened to 'Area 51' in its security and is run by the American Military. There have been alleged stories told by the Aborigines, of rays/balls of light shooting up into the sky from this establishment and there is some speculation that this may relate to beam/particle weapon development. Could one of the experiments have gone astray and pounced back a surge of tremendous power to the ground below? We will endeavour to find out more and publish any further information in a future edition of the OVNI. *(Ed.)*

A Meeting In Modern Times



"I'm Dr. Livingstone, but you don't look like much like Stanley"

(A Cartoon by Allan Baillie)

TRIANGULAR OBJECT SEEN NEAR COLE
(A Report From The P.H.U.F.O.N. Group, Burnley, Lancs.)

On Saturday June 1st 1996 an event took place which totally altered my daughter-in-law Vivienne's view as to whether U.F.O.s existed or not. My son Steven, age 30, and Vivienne, a few years younger, were returning home late in the evening from a social event. They live in a village called Denholme, which is between Keighley and Bradford. They had been to see friends in Nelson, and decided to take the country road home, as this was the route they usually took, and at that late hour, it would also be the quickest. My son had recently purchased a motorbike, and he had travelled over on this. As they had a young baby, my grandson Kyle, who was only two months old, Vivienne had travelled over in her car with him.

Travelling home from Nelson and through Colne along the A6068, then through the village of Laneshawbridge, both would turn right at the second turning to the historic village of Wycoller, following the road through Stanbury and the village of Haworth, of Bronte fame. The return journey began at about half past midnight, and would take about 35 minutes. Steven set off for home first, and was long gone before Vivienne approached the road where she would turn.

She passed the village of Wycoller down in the valley on her right, and was about one third of the way past the first reservoir also on the right, roughly half way between Laneshawbridge and Haworth, when she was forced to stop. In front of her, Vivienne saw cars parked in disorder all over the road, their lights illuminating the narrow road and grassy banks. Panicking, she stopped the car and jumped out. Her first thought was that Steven was involved in an accident on his bike – he always drove at speed. She approached a man, one of the people standing around, asking what the matter was. He simply pointed into the sky and said, "look".

Following his gaze, Vivienne looked high into the night sky and saw the most amazing sight that she had ever seen. A large triangular object hung in the night sky, beyond the reservoir, above the moors and to the left of Boulsworth Hill. It was dark, tubular in shape, and had a "hollow" middle. At the three corners, which appeared somewhat flattened, were dull violet lights. They did not appear to be rounded, but were more oblong. It was slightly tipped to the side, its base not quite parallel with the horizon, and was completely motionless. Several people, from seven cars were gazing skyward, or into the waters of the reservoir, trying to find an explanation for what they could not believe they were seeing! The first driver told how he had seen the object appear from behind the distant hills, rise almost vertically, in a straight line, stop, then tilt slightly to the side, remaining there for all gathered to observe. Vivienne chatted to several people for about ten minutes. The night was clear and warm, and there was a feeling of unreality and extreme calm and stillness.

Thinking that by now Steven might be worried about her, Vivienne then asked the car at the head of the straggle to move over so that she could pass. Arriving home, she told my son what she had witnessed. He thought she was hallucinating. She sat on the settee, her head in her hands and mulled the event over in her mind. She had always been very sceptical of U.F.O. sightings, and I had only ever really discussed them with her when I stayed with her for several long hours while my lovely grandson was entering the world.

She came to see me a few days later to relate the events of the night to me. As we talked, she made me a model of what she saw, from paper and paperclips. It was about 4 inches across. It was not until she was leaving that I realised the sheer size of the object, as she held the model against the sky. She estimated it to be about the size of a football field! Now, whenever she travels along that road, she constantly looks for the object's reappearance – she has promised to telephone me if she is lucky enough to see such a wonder again!

HEATHER CROWE

CATTLE MUTILATIONS IN ENGLAND?

By Omar Fowler

On Tuesday 21st April I took part in a one hours 'phone-in' programme on BBC Radio Derby. The first half of the programme was unfortunately interrupted by constant news flashes about a 'suspect package' found in a nursery at Burton-on-Trent, which resulted in the evacuation of over 400 people. This half-hour was shared with TV Director Tim Shawcross, phoning in from London and constantly plugging his new book 'The Roswell File' (*Bloomsbury @ £6.99 paperback*). Yet another to add to the long list, however it has had good reviews: 'The most comprehensive investigation ever into what really happened': *The People* 'An objective and exhaustive study': *The Times*. (I will probably review it for OVNI, when I have had a chance to read it.)

Thankfully the second half of the programme allowed me to expand on recent developments on the UFO scene and to draw attention to the intense 'Flying Triangle' activity over Nuclear Power Stations. Within a short time, the BBC switchboard was jammed with members of the public waiting to ask specific questions or to relate their own experiences. A farmer came on the line and read from the current 'Farmers Weekly'. This magazine carried an advertisement asking farmers to telephone Mr D. Cayton if they had found any dead stock on their farm, with eyes missing, jawbones sliced, rectums cored out etc. This call resulted in many more questions being asked, was it the M.A.F.F. secretly advertising so that they could investigate animal mutilations in the U.K.? Later investigation the same day produced the answer, it was David Cayton, celebrated UFO investigator, using his initiative to track down any mutilation cases that might have gone unreported. When I spoke to David on the phone, he informed me that yes, he had received a number of calls about farm animals being found mutilated and had in fact just completed 350 miles picking up sheep carcasses from farms in SW England. (A Veterinary specialist is going to dissect them).

I later telephoned the farmer who had spoken on the BBC programme and explained the advertisement. He then told me that he knew of two farmers that had found sheep mutilated in the way described and one lamb had been found with its head cut off (and missing). The body had been taken to a local doctor for examination. He verified that the head had been removed, not by hacking or bitten off by a predator, but that it had been surgically removed by the use of an instrument similar to a scalpel! (Both events had taken place some years previously). David Cayton is going to keep us informed of any further discoveries.

News From The USA (Source: Jeff Rayner)

The Arizona Daily Star

Tucson, Sunday, March 22, 1998

Tissue analysis probes what's behind strange cattle mutilations

By Rebecca Rolwing
The Associated Press

ARROYO HONDO, N.M. - Rancher Jessie Gonzales was tending his cattle under a pre-dawn sky when he stumbled on a frightening sight.

There in the pasture, one of his prime bulls lay mutilated. A large, neat hole had been cut in the flank and the animal's anus had been cored out. The scene was odd, though, for no blood poured from the massive wounds and there were no tracks from predators.

Another rancher, Tony Trujillo, found an eerily similar scene last spring. "The funny thing is, that you don't see the dogs or the birds. They don't get near it," Trujillo said.

For decades, seemingly healthy cattle have turned up dead in northern New Mexico, bearing mysterious holes, severed ears and missing tongues

and sex organs. There is never a sign of struggle.

Some blame the mutilations on space aliens, others credit the government, satan worshipers or drunken teen-agers. Skeptical investigators argue the animals simply died naturally and were attacked by hungry predators.

But townspeople in this small northern New Mexico ranching community where pickup trucks outnumber cars refuse to accept the mutilations as a natural phenomenon. Unlike another mythical, alienlike creature dubbed "chupacabra" - or "goat sucker" in Spanish - the cattle deaths are serious business.

"People who raise animals don't cry wolf," Gonzales said. "When you have mysterious deaths like these, you have questions."

A prosecutor for Taos, Colfax and Union counties says he wants answers, too.

Paul Velasquez, a rancher in Blanco, says two of his bulls were mutilated more than a year ago, costing him \$2,000. The animals' intestines were cut, the right ears sliced off, the tongues removed and precise holes were punched on the animals' rectums.

Velasquez suspects UFOs are responsible. He scoffs at a suggestion that birds picked at the cattle after they died of natural causes.

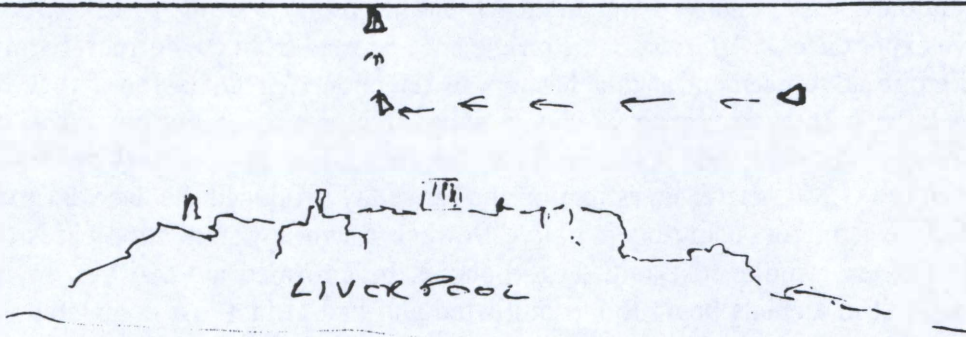
"What kind of birds do we have that would cut a hole with a sharp object? We don't have those kind of birds," he said.

Once a mutilated cow is discovered, an investigator from the district attorney's office collects evidence from the scene. Paternoster said.

FLYING TRIANGLE SEEN OVER BIRKENHEAD IN JUNE 1979

A report that has only recently come to light, concerns a FT seen by Mr Colin Crane and his workmates. The time was about 2.20pm one day in June 1997 and Mr Crane had been working with four other men. They were waiting for transport to take them for their lunchbreak, when out of the corner of his eye, Mr Crane saw something flash in the sky. He looked up and saw what he described as a very bright metallic silver triangle moving across the sky from East to West. It was travelling very fast, he estimated at a speed something like 2,000mph. It was seen to change direction and head up into the sky in a Northerly direction.

“I looked up and saw a shining silver triangle. It had a totally flat surface, it had no engines and I could hear no sound. I pointed it out to the other four men and they all saw it (names supplied). The sky was clear and blue at the time of the sighting. None of us could explain what we saw and we all thought that it was not man-made.”

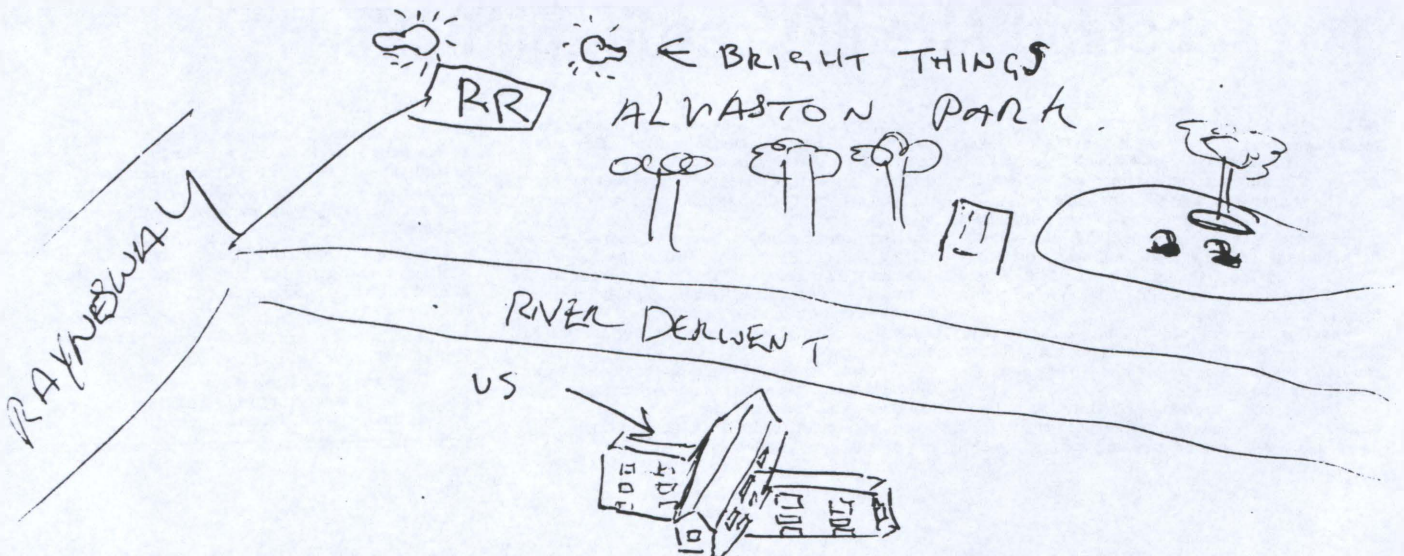


UFO LIGHTS SEEN OVER ROLLS-ROYCE NUCLEAR WORKSHOP (DERBY)

Once again as the result of the BBC UFO, 'Phone-In' programme, we have received an historical report of past UFO activity in the Derby area. The report has been sent in by Mr & Mrs M.Edwards and concerns a sighting sometime in 1980:

The time was about 10pm and I was watching TV at home, with the curtains open. We lived in a flat on the 3rd floor, overlooking fields. My attention was drawn to two white lights approaching each other, they were bright yellowy/orange and were pear shaped and sharply defined. They came from opposite directions (S & N), then joined together and as they did so, their light became brighter.

I called my wife from the kitchen and we watched them together, as they hovered for 1 -2 minutes **over the Rolls-Royce (Rainsway) Nuclear workshop** (Believed to be involved with the manufacture of engines for Nuclear Submarines). Then one took off vertically, I was amazed at the speed. Then the other also moved off, following the river Derwent, at a height of approx. 200ft.



THE REPTON SHRUBS ENCOUNTER

By Omar Fowler 18-3-98

Kevin was a forestry worker at the time of the incident in 1978. He first noticed an unusual event, when he happened to be looking south from his position in Willington, near Bretby in southern Derbyshire. Kevin and two friends saw a very large light appear over woods, situated about two miles to the south of them. The three witnesses stood and watched for several minutes and then they saw three white lights detach from the main light and drop into the woods. "The remaining light shot off almost vertically and left a streak of light behind it" commented Kevin, "it disappeared very quickly indeed and was lost in the clouds. We couldn't do anything about it, so we just looked at each other and then carried on working on the motorbike."

The woods were identified as Repton Woods, near Bretby village, the scene of several UFO reports and strange lights.

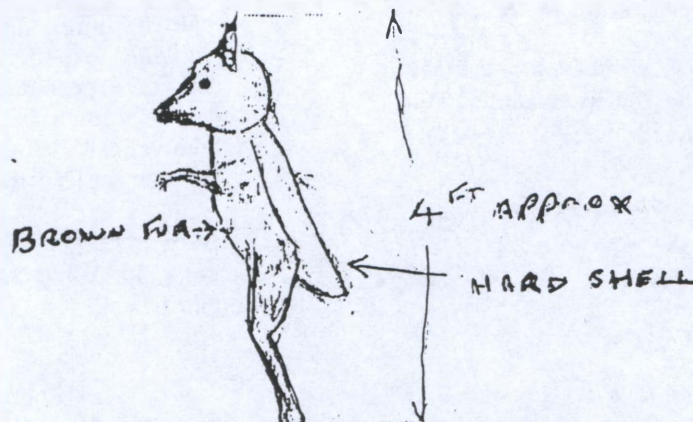
"I actually used to work in there," said Kevin, "I used to work for the Forestry Commission and I used to be there from half seven in the morning, it's an eerie place, there's hardly any animals in there, you rarely see one when your walking about. It's not a very hospitable place."

"After that, (*light incident*) probably a year went past and there was my friend and a student, who was on loan to the Forestry Commission, working with us, getting his hands dirty before he was pushing a pen about I suppose. His name was Stephen and it was just after mid-day, daylight, summertime, the sun was quite high in the sky and it was rather warm."

"We were cutting inspection tracks through the trees, so that the forester could walk down through them, without getting his uniform scratched or whatever and we got about ten to fifteen yards into the trees, off a main pebble/rock drive. Then there in front of me, it stood looking at me, it was sideways on, but its head was turned left to look at me. It was about four feet high and the best I can describe it is a fox on two legs. It was brown in colour, had short little hands, like dark little hands and its back, it was like solid, it wasn't fur, sloping down to the ground, almost like a locust's folded in wings." "It didn't make any noise, it had dark eyes and it was walking through the trees, towards where my friend was and I shouted, Stephen, there is something coming your way!" "I could see it moving through the trees, but it wasn't pushing the branches out of the way." (*Remember that Kevin was cutting a path through the trees, in order to walk through them.*)

"It was very odd, I ran back up my inspection path, towards Ian, I pointed to our right-hand side, it hadn't caught up with us as I had run across. Then we both saw it as it came on an angle towards us, then it veered away slightly and started walking down into the ground, as if it was going down steps!" "It was very odd, there was nothing there, to our eyes, (*tunnel entrance into the ground*), it was just getting smaller, there was just the head and then that disappeared. I mean it was unbelievable, it made the hairs on the back of my head stand up, it sometimes does when I tell it (*the story*) again, but it was a few years ago now."

"I can draw a sketch, I have done many a time for people, who laughed of course, but it's not the kind of thing you want to mention to people anyway."



**A REPORT FROM 'HANSARD' ON QUESTIONS RAISED BY LORD HILL-NORTON
(BRITAIN'S FORMER MILITARY SUPREMO) ON THE 'RENDLESHAM FOREST' INCIDENT.**

Written Answers

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[14 OCTOBER 1997]

Tuesday, 28th October 1997.

**Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt:
Memorandum**

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether the Ministry of Defence replied to the 1981 memorandum from Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt, which reported the presence of an unidentified craft that had landed in close proximity to RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, witnessed by United States Air Force personnel; and if not, why not; and

How the radiation readings reported to the Ministry of Defence by Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt in his memorandum dated 13 January 1981 compare to the normal levels of background radiation in Rendlesham Forest.

Lord Gilbert: The memorandum, which reported observations of unusual lights in the sky, was assessed by staff in the MoD responsible for air defence matters. Since the judgment was that it contained nothing of defence significance, no further action was taken.

There is no record of any official assessment of the radiation readings reported by Lieutenant Colonel Halt. From a Defence perspective some 16½ years after the alleged events, there is no requirement to carry out such an assessment now.

Thursday, 23rd October 1997.

Highpoint Prison

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether staff at Highpoint Prison in Suffolk received instructions to prepare for a possible evacuation of the prison at some time between 25 and 30 December 1980, and if so, why these instructions were issued.

Lord Williams of Mostyn: I regret to advise the noble Lord that I am unable to answer his Question, as records for Highpoint Prison relating to the period concerned are no longer available. The governor's journal is the record in which a written note is made of significant events concerning the establishment on a daily basis. It has not proved possible to locate that journal.

*This prison is near
Newmarket, + many miles from
Rendlesham! So... what happened
THERE???*

**RAF Bentwaters and Woodbridge:
Nuclear Weapons Allegations**

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether the allegations contained in the recently published book *Left at East Gate*, to the effect that nuclear weapons were stored at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge in violation of UK/US treaty obligations are true.

Lord Gilbert: It has always been the policy of this and previous governments neither to confirm nor to deny where nuclear weapons are located either in the UK or elsewhere, in the past or at the present time. Such information would be withheld under exemption 1 of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are aware of reports from the United States Air Force personnel that nuclear weapons stored in the Weapons Storage Area at RAF Woodbridge were struck by light beams fired from an unidentified craft seen over the base in the period 25-30 December 1980, and if so, what action was subsequently taken.

Lord Gilbert: There is no evidence to suggest that the Ministry of Defence received any such reports.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

What information they have on the suicide of the United States security policeman from the 81st Security Police Squadron who took his life at RAF Bentwaters in January 1981; and whether they will detail the involvement of the British police, Coroner's Office, and any other authorities concerned.

Lord Gilbert: MoD has no information concerning the alleged suicide. Investigations into such occurrences are carried out by the US Forces.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

What information they have on the medical problems experienced by various United States Air Force personnel based at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, which stemmed from their involvement in the so-called Rendlesham Forest incident, in December 1980.

Lord Gilbert: Information on medical matters relating to US personnel is a matter for the US authorities.

EXTRACTS FROM OUR MAIL BAG

From Cecily.M.Forder, Curbar,Sheffield.-

Recently I returned two report forms to you concerning UFO sightings. I have now been persuaded that I should also report a hole in my lawn which was made roughly a year ago.

The sod which was taken out was a perfect round with clean cut sides & bottom - like a cake turned out of a tin - 7"-8" in diameter and 6" - 7" deep.

From the bottom of the hole, a further small piece of earth had been removed - 2" in diameter, 2" deep and coming to a point. This was also left intact nearby. I was told that holes in the ground have taken over from Crop Circles. (*Certainly some huge ones have been found in recent years. Ed.*) This does seem logical as they can be made all the year around - by anyone who enjoys doing this sort of thing!

My only problem is that I can find no tool which could have achieved this. I can only find a smaller one used for planting bulbs.

I find the subject of UFO's very interesting, but would prefer to see them flying by and not landing in my garden. Sincerely, Cecily M. Forder

P.S. Since writing this letter I have just heard your very interesting talk on BBC Radio Derby and the many phone-in's.

From Tommy Dunsford, Malmesbury, Wilts.

Thank you for your letter, as I stated in my last letter, the format regarding OVNI is excellent.

I have enclosed an article from a Mr G.M. which is absolutely true in every detail:-

The evening of Friday 9/2/96 was mild and damp. At approx. 11pm I looked outside and saw a large white patch on our driveway. On close examination it was a circular patch of crystallised ice, slightly more than 4ft. in diameter. The ice was dry and crisp and the circle was slightly irregular at the circumference. The paving blocks (on the path) are not exactly level at this spot.

The driveway was excavated from ballast laid with a sand overlay in August 1995 - as far as I know there were no abnormalities underneath. G.M.

From Dr. Ellen Crystall, Ph.D. Hawley, PA. U.S.A. (*Author: Silent Invasion, The Shocking Discoveries of a UFO Researcher*)

Thank you for your booklet (*Flying Triangles:The Continuing Story*). If you haven't already read my book, you might be amazed at what I say compared to what you say—very similar—including the underground bases.

There are many things I glanced at that in your book which you didn't explain, possibly because you don't know the answer. Many of these things we figured out after so many close encounters in groups with other people, where we got video and photographs of the sightings.

I've been trying to get a second book with all new information published, but can't find a publisher. I'm beginning to think that maybe the British publishers might be more alert, because American publishers haven't a clue as to what is really going on. All they publish is bad and rehashed information on abductees, including unscrupulous cases which are fraudulent on every level. No one wants the truth—especially from a woman. Sincerely, Ellen Crystall

The Evening Sky

May 1998

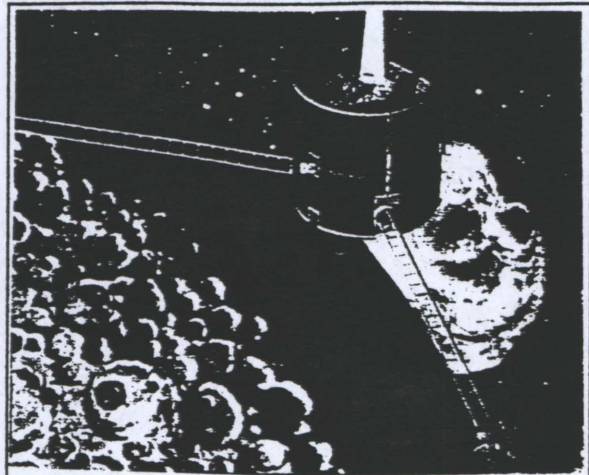
Venus and Jupiter remain the two bright planets shining low in the east as morning twilight brightens. Jupiter to the upper right of Venus is getting higher and higher while Venus is slowly heading down towards the horizon.

Around May 15th Saturn and Mercury are just visible, deep in the glow of morning twilight. From May 20th, the waning crescent Moon cascades down a sloping line of planets: Jupiter, Venus, Saturn and Mercury. Full Moon occurs on May 11th and a New Moon begins on May 25th.

Suddenly, astronomers have discovered the existence of water everywhere in the universe. On the Moon, on Europa (a moon of Jupiter), in Orion and now on Titan (a moon of Saturn). Titan was the only other world believed to harbour life or the precursor molecules responsible for creating life. The Cassini spacecraft launched last year will arrive at the Saturn system in 2004. The Huygens landing craft will descend to the surface of Titan searching for life. Incidentally, my name is archived on board, so I too am travelling to Titan - wonderful!

We have many photographs from the surface of Mars. In 1999 another Mars landing craft will be launched. This craft will carry a microphone and for the first time we will be able to hear the sounds of Mars. Japan's first mission to Mars, called Planet B, will leave the Earth in August (Planet A is the Moon).

The most elusive particles in the universe are called neutrinos. Every second, over 100,000 of these particles



Prospector finds water on the Moon

pass through every cubic inch of your brain and you do not feel a thing. Neutrinos are so intangible they travel for billions of light years without ever colliding with other particles. The world's largest neutrino telescope: Super Kamiokande in Japan detects less than a handful of neutrinos each day.

Voyager 1 spacecraft is now the most distant human-made object ever, at over 6 billion miles from home. Voyager 1, launched in 1977 is travelling at 40,000 miles an hour. Voyager is now set to cruise throughout inter-stellar space until the end of time.

The day when Australanthropus ventured beyond the communication of outward experiences, and expressed a subjective experience, saw the birth of a new world: the world of ideas. Over the last few centuries, science has turned many ideas into physical realities. However, science has failed to recognise a spiritual dimension to human existence.

There are two kinds of fool. The first fool believes everything from the ancient world is the best. The second fool believes everything from the modern world is better.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

SKYWATCH DIARY BY CAROLE BAKER, Pensacola, Florida U.S.A.

The report was furnished to me by Vicki Lyons of Project Awareness, and is as follows. The sighting occurred on December 5th, 1997 between 8:30p.m. and 9:00p.m. Melanie Patshy was driving a group of children home from a band concert at Navarre High School in Navarre, Florida. Four of her own six children were among the group and it was her fourteen year old daughter, Elizabeth who first noticed some anomalous lights over the trees along the side of the road. After turning off of Hwy. 98, continuing their western track toward home, they turned onto an often used short cut, Burgren Road. This is a dark, unlit road which connects with Santa Rosa County Road 399 in Gulf Breeze. As their vehicle turned onto this dark and deserted road, the group suddenly noticed the UFO above the treetops to their right. The UFO was a silver, oval-shaped craft with three sets of three orange pulsing lights which were rotating around its periphery. The triangular configuration of each set of lights was confirmed by all witnesses. The object was large, and was described by Mrs. Patshy as being as large as the full-size van she was driving. Mrs. Patshy stopped her vehicle in the middle of the road in order to get a better view of the object. One of the children, Elizabeth Patshy, wanted to get out of the van and go toward the object, but Mrs. Patshy restrained the child from doing so, concerned for the child's safety. There were five other children in the van as well as fourteen year old Elizabeth. Catherine Patshy, six years old; Christopher Patshy, twelve years old; Kyle Patshy, eight years old; Stephanie Williams, thirteen years old and Stephen Huber, also thirteen years old.

The group continued to observe the object as it hovered, not moving at all, just ten feet above the trees along the roadside. All the witnesses confirm that there was absolutely no sound whatsoever coming from the craft. Some of the children were becoming increasingly anxious, and although Mrs. Patshy felt no fear herself and wanted to stay and watch the object, she left since two of the children were actually now crying and extremely fearful.

Mrs. Patshy drove on with the UFO still hovering over the nearby trees. As the children looked behind them, they noticed that the UFO was now moving, since it was not getting any smaller. Mrs. Patshy confirms that it was clear to her that the UFO was actually following them. They did not lose sight of the craft until they turned off Burgren Road onto Santa Rosa County Road 399. Upon arriving in the Patshy's driveway, all occupants of the van exited hurriedly and went inside the house. After calm had been restored, they later went back outside to see if they could see anything but could not locate the craft anywhere in the sky.

Mrs. Patshy's husband discussed his family's sighting the next day with some of his co-workers and found out that another woman had reported a sighting of the same craft on the same day. Vicki Lyons is currently attempting to identify and contact this other witness. My thanks to the Patshy family and to Vicki Lyons for this excellent account.

Of particular interest in this case is the diversity of reactions of the children involved. The youngest witness, six years old, did not seem particularly frightened, but stated to Vicki Lyons during her investigative interview that "it was a flying saucer, just like I've seen on T.V." However, the reaction of some of the older children witnessing this event was not as calm, two of the boys became hysterical with fear prompting Mrs. Patshy to drive away from the scene toward home. Particularly interesting is the reaction of Mrs. Patshy's daughter, Elizabeth, who had to be restrained from exiting the vehicle and running toward the UFO "to get a better look at it". I had the opportunity to review the drawings which the witnesses had drawn independently, and they all show a similarly shaped object of either gray or dark blue color, oval, with three clusters of three orange lights in triangular configurations on the perimeter. This is an extremely interesting sighting with aspects reminiscent of both the Travis Walton case and the famous "road shot" taken by Ed Walters' in the same area in the late 1980's.

Recently, Vicki Lyons and myself drove the route followed by this group to check out the area. Of note is the fact that in this area the tree line is no more than about thirty feet high, just about the same height as the power and telephone poles. Also very close, and running through the area is a large array of high voltage cables and a generating sub-station. Of course, we were both hoping that something may show up during our foray. Nothing did, but it put the report in perspective for us to retrace the group's steps.

If you wish to contact me, please e-mail me at Cbakerswd@aol.com or write to me at P.O. Box 17152, Pensacola FL 32522-7152, thank you. And remember - Keep Looking Up!

Sywatch Diary Contd: Gulf Breeze.

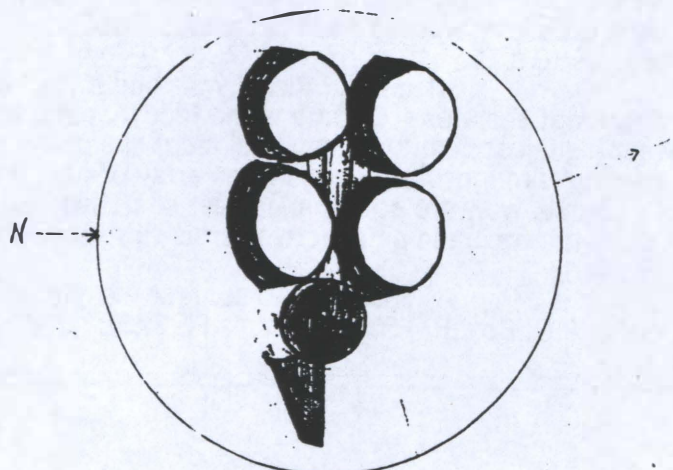
A very interesting sighting was reported to me at the beginning of February by a witness in Minotola, New Jersey. After an initial telephone call, the witness forwarded to me a full written account of his sighting together with the picture which appears adjacent to this text. His letter dated February 12th, 1998 details his sighting of February 9th, 1998: "I was walking back home from my neighbor's home about 3:10 p.m. when I noticed a bright object coming out of the north sky which looked somewhat different than a normal plane or jet. I watched it for a couple of minutes and the closer it got to me the more confusing it was. I went into my house and got a pair of 7x35 binoculars and viewed it through them. My first impression was that it might be a large white bird, possibly an Egret. It was white with a faint tint of black on the edges. I watched it for a few seconds and was going to dismiss it as that, but then the object seemed to turn and reflect the sun with a very bright glare. I immediately went back into the house and put a 200mm lens on my camera and went back out and at this time it was almost directly overhead. I had time to take two pictures, and seeing that I was still unable to make out what it was I went back inside and brought out my son's telescope. I noticed at that time there was a passenger jet which seemed to be passing above the object in a southwest direction. I then viewed the object through the eyepiece. My first impression was that it seemed to be a group of black and white balloons, but it was high in the air. I looked back into the eye piece and focused in on them and then I saw that it was not balloons. There was one large pearl black object attached to a frame that extended back and had two larger round flat objects on each side of the frame, the sides of which were charcoal colored. In front of the first black object, which may be part of the frame, was an extended section resembling half of an arrowhead. It was only visible for about two to three minutes. It was travelling at a steady even pace from north to southeast. The entire episode took only about eight minutes and then it was out of view".

This witness contacted Maguire Air Force Base in New Jersey and discussed what he had seen with an Air Force representative there. The Air Force was apparently extremely interested in the photographs this witness may have taken of this object and asked him to bring the film to them. He did not bring his film to the Air Force and has been working on getting the pictures developed and enlarged to enable the best possible view of this object.

The story does not end here. The witness telephoned me again on Wednesday, February 25th, 1998. To his astonishment, he had been watching the television show "Sightings" on February 24th, the previous evening, and had seen a video clip from Mexico of the exact same object that he had witnessed fly over his home on February 9th! I personally contacted the National Weather Service in Mobile, Alabama after the witness' initial telephone call to enquire as to the possibility of this being a weather balloon. I described the object from the witness' drawing and was told by the representative of the National Weather Service with whom I spoke that it was "unlike any weather balloon I have ever seen". Authorities also rule out the object being the Space Shuttle or a satellite. The witness himself contacted Nellis Air Force Base, which was mentioned in the report on the Sightings show. He states that the Air Force representative he spoke with there said that they were very interested in this object and particularly to hear that this witness could describe some of the superstructure of the object which, he was told, had not been visible before.

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SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURE IN THE DAILY MAIL CAUSES PANIC IN 'MILITARY' CIRCLES.

Daily Mail, Monday, April 27, 1998

RAF TRACKS MYSTERY CRAFT OVER NORTH SEA ...

24,000mph UFO buzzes Britain

By DAVID DERBYSHIRE
Science Correspondent

THE RAF has tracked a UFO 'as big as a battleship' off the coast of Britain, military sources revealed yesterday.

They said the massive craft was tracked flying in a zig-zag pattern at 17,000mph over the North Sea. It then accelerated to 24,000mph and zoomed off towards the Atlantic.

The Dutch air force also tracked the UFO, but two F-16 fighters scrambled to intercept the object were unable to keep up, it is claimed.

RAF officials are said to be baffled by the object, spotted by the Ministry of Defence long-range listening station on Fylingdales moor in North Yorkshire.

'It was definitely under control, judging by the various manoeuvres executed,' said a source. 'It appeared to be triangular and was around the size of a battleship (about 900ft long).'

Radar records of the craft are due to be presented to science and military experts from around the world, who will examine how to exploit space for military purposes at a conference at RAF College, Cranwell, Lincolnshire, in June. Other tapes of

the UFO - thought to have been made during the last two years - are being withheld because they give too much information about the radar base's scanning ability.

However, military chiefs may release a second series of tapes, reported to show 12 UFOs changing shape in mid-flight.

While the 'battleship' UFO is most likely to be an experimental aircraft or a sighting caused by a freak weather effect, UFO watchers believe it is further evidence that the Earth is being visited by alien craft.

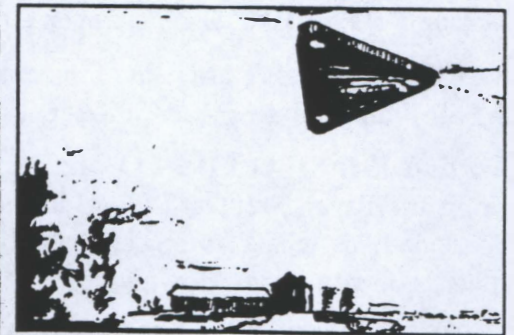
The popularity of TV series such as the X-Files has rekindled interest in flying saucers and conspiracy theories in recent years.

A spokesman for the Fortean Times, the journal devoted to UFOs, psychic phenomena and the paranormal, said: 'The vast majority of strange objects seen in the sky have a more down-to-earth explanation. But most UFO investigators would be very interested in seeing these tapes.' The latest theory, gaining

popularity among some dedicated UFO watchers is that the military deliberately release stories about UFOs as a 'smokescreen' - and that witnesses are really seeing top-secret experimental aircraft.

The base at RAF Fylingdales has been watching the skies since the end of the Cold War. A large pyramid-shaped, 360-degree radar has now replaced the gigantic landmark 'golf balls' tracking system.

The base has concentrated on tracking satellites and pieces of space junk circling the Earth.



According to a number of sources, the 'Military' establishment are scurrying around putting out counter-claims to the sensational story published in the Daily Mail on the 27th April.

We understand that Government press officers are now claiming that the story is a hoax and no such incident occurred. However freelance journalist Max Burns has spoken to David Derbyshire, the Science Correspondent of the Daily Mail and David has confirmed that his report is true and based on fact.

Graham Birdsall of Quest International has also confirmed that he believes the report is true and he is earnestly engaged in chasing up more information on when this event happened. The report has stirred the UFO fraternity into a frenzy of activity as efforts are made to substantiate the report and to locate key personnel in the story.

We expect to give a detailed report on this incident in the next issue of the OVNI. Readers will appreciate that this story has just 'broken' as the OVNI journal is about to go into print.

TALE ENDERS

CROP CIRCLES have appeared in a field of Rape near Thruxton Airfield, Andover, Hants. They were spotted and reported to Busty Taylor (the well known Crop Circle photographer), by one of his fellow pilots on Sunday 19th April. The total number of circles is believed to be four, other details are unknown at present. If you have access to the 'Net' try Busty's home page <http://www.aviation-uk.com/98Bus.htm>

BURTON-ON-TRENT has had an overflight of UFO lights at about 11.10pm on the night of Sunday 26th April. Witnessed by a stunned 'skeptic', who "had never seen anything like it!" We are awaiting full details.


CHRISTOPHER REEVE, the ex-'Superman' star who had a terrible paralysing accident, revealed in *The Times* (Monday April 27th), how he had an out-of-body experience (OOB) one week after his riding accident. A new type of treatment was undertaken on him, which involved a drug called Sygen. After the initial injection, his breathing became laboured and then stopped. As the nursing staff fought to save him, he felt himself leaving his body and the next moment he was up at ceiling height, looking down at himself in bed, with a group of nurses and hospital staff working on him. The doctors gave his heart a massive drug dose and it started again. The next moment, with a jolt, he was down from the ceiling and back in his body!

TRIANGULAR UFO's SIGHTED IN SOUTHERN INDIANA U.S.A. according to 'UFO ROUNDUP' Vol 3, Number 14 (Editor Joseph Trainor). Numerous 'V' shaped or triangular craft were sighted around Evansville during the last week of March. The types were described as 'Triangular with yellow, blue and white lights. 'A triangular craft hovering motionless 15ft above the trees.'

CARTOON FEATURE this month supplied by Allan Baillie CARTOONS, 13 Waldby Court, Bewbush, Crawley, Sussex. RH11 8QF. "Always Prepared For A Challenge". Tel: 01293-417304

FLYING TRIANGLES have been active over France. There have been frequent reports of Mirage 2000's chasing FT's across France and even a report of them entering Irish airspace!

BALLS OF LIGHT are being frequently reported, a group of 4/5 were seen flying across Derby parallel to the Sir Frank Whittle Road, at 8.25pm on the 24th January 98. Travelling very fast approx. 1,000mph!

A PIE-DISH SHAPED UFO  has been reported from two extreme'sseen flying low and slow along the River Trent at 2/3am during April 1967 at Burton-on-Trent and in 1970 at Goodna outside Brisbane, Australia. An object shaped like a disc with a jutting lip. It was travelling across the sky at high speed, going upwards, downwards and then disappeared very suddenly at incredible speed.

FT SEEN IN CENTRAL MICHIGAN- March 26th at 9.15pm, Kenneth and Katrina were enjoying the clear evening at their home in Brighton, Michigan, 30 miles west of Detroit. "Suddenly we noticed something unusual coming from the north." A V shaped object with yellowish-white lights underneath, passed overhead. "The object made no sound at all." *Source: UFO Roundup. Vol3 No.14 Editor: Joseph Trainor.*

FORTY PAGES could have been filled with the number of reports we have received recently. Our thanks to all witnesses and groups that have contributed and our apologies for being unable to include more reports. They will all be logged and the FT's included in the 'Project FT' database, controlled by Victor J.Kean. The current statistical information can be seen on . (www.farshore.Force9.co.uk)

RON WEST of the Essex UFO Group, has recently been diagnosed as having a serious illness and our best wishes go to him for a a successful recovery and hope that he will soon to be back 'on line!'

MEXICO CITY featured prominently in a series of UFO witness video's, shown to PRA members at the Royal British legion, Allenton on the 28th April. Members were impressed at some astounding footage.

FUTURE MEETING DATES AT THE RBL ALLENTON, DERBY : Tuesday 26th May. Tuesday 30th June. Venue will be notified later by post to local members.