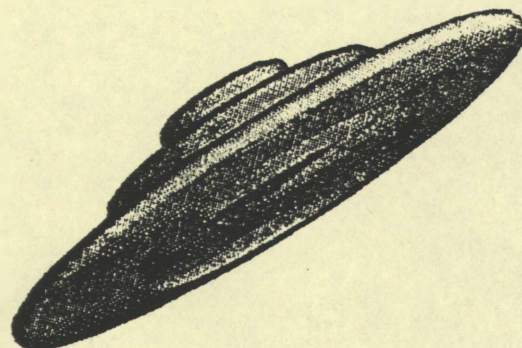
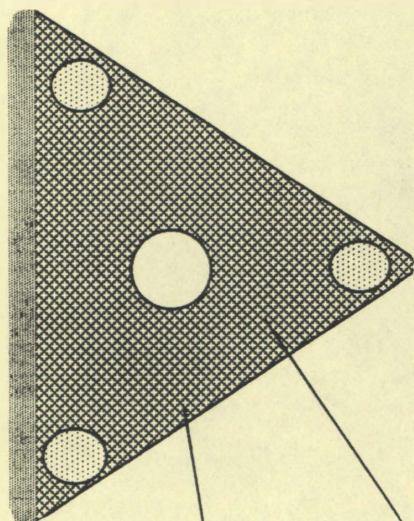
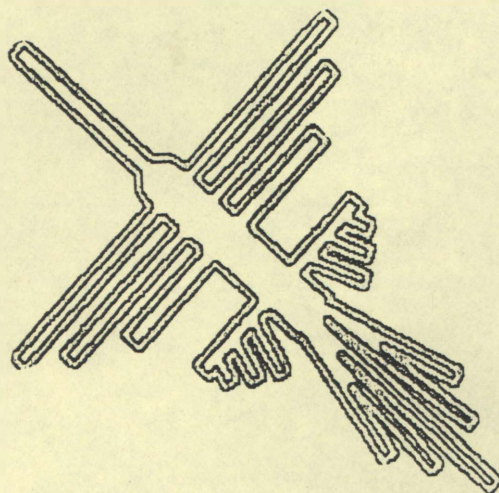
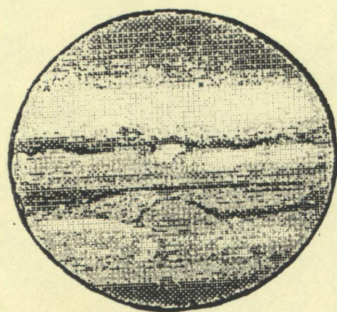


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## REPORTS GALORE, AS THE '99' FLAP CONTINUES!

A review by your Editor Omar Fowler

Just what is going on, is all this UFO activity due to the crisis in the Balkans? That is just one of the many questions that has been directed at me lately. That is a difficult question to answer, who knows the reason for this recent upsurge of UFO incidents.

I have recently had the opportunity to broadcast on a variety of BBC Midlands programmes, as well as several Television channels. This has not only given me the opportunity to 'spread the word', but also to collect a number of reports that might otherwise have gone unreported. I have been a little surprised by some of the flattering comments that have come my way and also the surprise expressed by some listeners e.g. "I couldn't believe what I was hearing...brilliant!". It seems that the general public are rapidly becoming accustomed to the fact that not only do UFO's exist, but that there are dedicated researchers who take the subject of UFO investigation seriously.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that we are now receiving excellent reports from high calibre witnesses. We have always had the odd report coming in from little old ladies who spend half their night wandering around the house in the early hours of the morning. Now we are receiving an increasing number of reports from such people as engineers in a variety of fields e.g. aircraft manufacture, aero-engine project design and structure design. When they witness a UFO event, they are well aware that it is something not only out of the ordinary, but a craft manufactured using advanced technology, unlikely to originate from our planet Earth!

It is pleasing to see that there are an increasing number of high quality magazine now being produced not only in the professional field, such as the Quest International 'UFO Magazine' and 'Flying Saucer Review', but by other dedicated groups up and down the country. The majority of poorly produced newsletters, with appalling layout and spelling mistakes seem to have fallen by the wayside. It is difficult to imagine that any scientifically minded person would ever have taken them seriously.

Whenever I have an enquiry from the 'press' or news media, I go to great lengths to ensure that they get their story right. We have thankfully seen the passing of the "little green men" approach, most journalist are now aware of the implications of 'Area 51', 'Roswell' and such subjects as cattle mutilations and human abductions. 'The Greys' are now an accepted part of the consumer toy market and gradually, either by design or natural progression, the indoctrination of the public is taking place.

The high literary and technical quality of several recent books has done a great deal to improve the presentation of the UFO subject. A few years ago, who would have thought that a UFO book would have been in the 'Top Ten' best seller's list for several weeks! I believe that the message is, we should persevere to become more professional and intense in our investigation of the UFO subject. Although World news is presently being overshadowed by the terrible events in Kosova, in the overall world-view there may be far graver implications for mankind in the increase in world-wide UFO activity.

Prof. John E.Mack once said "You have more to fear from your fellow-man than the Aliens", but have we?

## GIGANTIC UFO SEEN OVER 'IKEA' AT EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

It was a cold clear night the 8th February this year, when Mrs Campbell left her home in Mayflower Road, Newthorpe (adjacent to Eastwood), to attend her weekly evening class. The time was about 6.40pm as she turned down the road. Just then, she happened to glance back towards her house and was shocked to see what appeared to be a large 'Flying Saucer' hovering over the industrial estate situated about half a mile away. "I saw the lights and the disc shape, I couldn't believe it at first" commented Mrs Campbell. "I then ran back indoors and told my husband."

Mr Campbell took a quick look at the strange disc shaped object in the distance and immediately searched for his binoculars. Then having retrieved them he moved to the back bedroom, where he had a clear field of view. His wife had meanwhile left to continue her journey to night school.

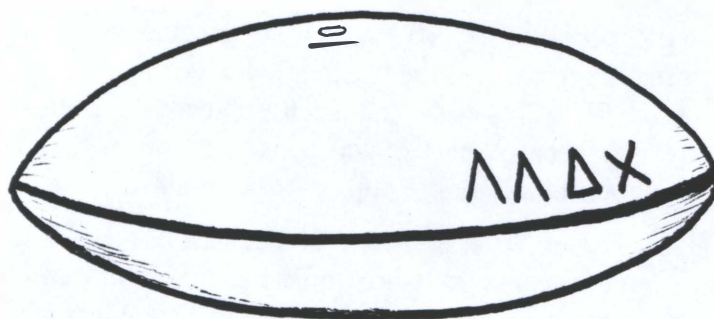
Mr Campbell watched the craft for some fifteen minutes as it hovered absolutely still, over the IKEA furniture store complex, which is situated about a quarter of a mile away. The craft was hovering so low that it was illuminated by three bright floodlights which are situated on the industrial estate.

"I've got some pretty powerful binoculars (20x) and I was able to see it clearly. It appeared to be so close, it filled the field of view and I had to scan with the binoculars in order to study it", said Mr Campbell.

"I estimate that it was no more than half a mile away, if that. It appeared to be white or a silvery colour and it was so clear, I managed to see some markings on the craft, which I took note of" said Mr Campbell. "At first I thought it read 'Max' but then when I looked more closely I made out the figures that I have noted down." (see below) "The markings were on the upper right-hand side, immediately above the green illuminated strip." "The craft was oval shaped, not self-illuminating, but appeared to have a strip of green light which went around the centre of it. Apart from that, there was one small light on the top of it."

It was then, after some twenty minutes, that the craft slowly started to move away, travelling from right to left. "It didn't go off at any great speed, but just gradually moved away silently and finally disappeared as a dot on the horizon. Initially I thought it might have been man-made, but then the sheer size of it ruled that out of my mind" said Mr Campbell.

*Editors Note: In order to rule out a hovering advertising balloon etc., a subsequent enquiry was made with the IKEA store. Their spokesperson confirmed that they had never used a balloon for publicity or any other purpose.*



Mr Campbell's sketch.

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## ROLLS-ROYCE ENGINEER SPOTS AN 'FT' 13-3-99

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A retired Rolls-Royce aeronautical development engineer Mr SH, is a man well experienced in the field of aviation. He worked for the Rolls-Royce aero engine division for many years and was involved with the development of the turbo-prop 'Dart' engine, which has proved to be one of the most successful aircraft engines ever built.

It was on the night of the 13th March this year, when he saw something in the sky that left him dumbfounded. During his many years of involvement in the aviation industry he had never seen anything like it! The time was about 8.30pm when Mr SH made his way back to his bungalow home at Little Eaton, Derby. He had just parked his car in the nearby garage and walked up to his patio, where he stood for a moment and glanced up at the darkening sky. "The sky had broken cloud at about 1500ft, the sky appeared to be blue'ish behind the white clouds" stated Mr SH. "Then I noticed a triangular shape that was black against the evening sky. It was stationary, quite sharply defined and was directly overhead. I could hear no sound and the object carried no lights of any kind. I must have stood there looking at it for about three or four minutes, when it started to rise up, increasing its altitude until it finally disappeared from sight."

"Without going into details, I am fully conversant with all types of aircraft and I believe that it was not an aircraft. Although it looked like a Stealth bomber, I do not believe that they can hover stationary and make no noise."

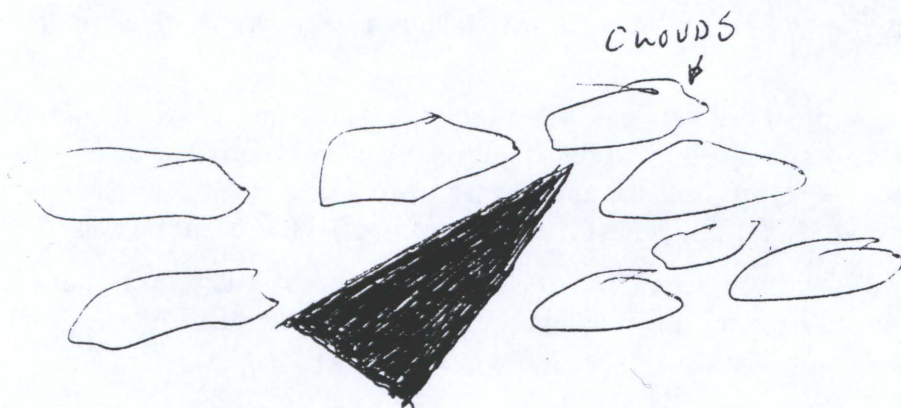
"When I came inside my house and told my wife what I had seen, I had the feeling that I had probably imagined the sighting.....but I know I hadn't!"

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### Section (A)

Please write an account of your sighting, make a drawing of what you saw and then answer the questions in section B overleaf. Write in BLOCK CAPITALS using a ball point pen.

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Witness sketch of the event 13-3-99

## AN 'FT' ENCOUNTER ON AN OLD ROMAN ROAD 31-3-99

We have received yet another well documented report concerning an FT . The encounter took place on 'Foss Way' an old Roman road and involved four witnesses in a car. One of the witnesses in the car, Mr C.J. Saunders, gave an excellent description of the encounter and also supplied several computer generated graphics, one of which has been reproduced with this article.

It transpired that Mr Colin Saunders is a design draughtsman and has previously been employed on aircraft design for Airbus Industries and SAAB . He has also worked for Courtolds PLC and Chevron Petroleum (U.K.) Ltd. The other witnesses were mainly family members and their stories have been compiled to produce the following report:

We were travelling along the old Foss Way (Roman Road) in a motorcar, all four of us saw some red pulsating lights hovering above a field close to the road in front of us. As we approached the lights which I estimated as being 100/200ft high in the air, we all mentioned how strange they looked and how close.

The lights were obviously stationary, as we drove towards them, you could see we were getting close. We then drove alongside and then slightly in front, which is how we could tell it was stationary and were able to judge the height. (*The witnesses had now established that they were on a craft of some kind.*)

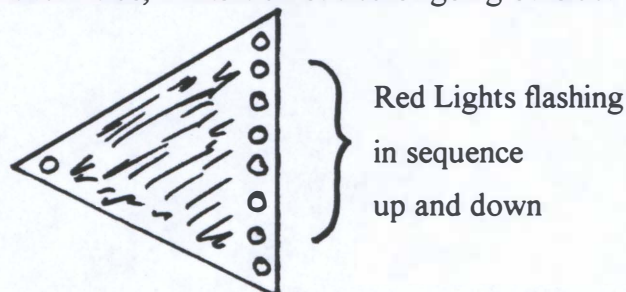
As we drove level with the lights I could see the shape of the object silhouetted against the sky. The outline at first was slightly like a diamond, but then seemed to tilt, giving the impression of a 3D pyramid or piece of 'Toberlorone' chocolate shape (*Triangular*), the object was at an angle of 20 or 30 degrees. We stopped the car slightly past the object, where a tall hedge blocked my view. We reversed the car into a gateway, where we could see the object had left, but was still visible but disappearing on the horizon at a distance of some 20 or 30 miles away in just a couple of seconds! The object still had the strange red lights visible, but seemed to me, to have grown its wings to an immense width.

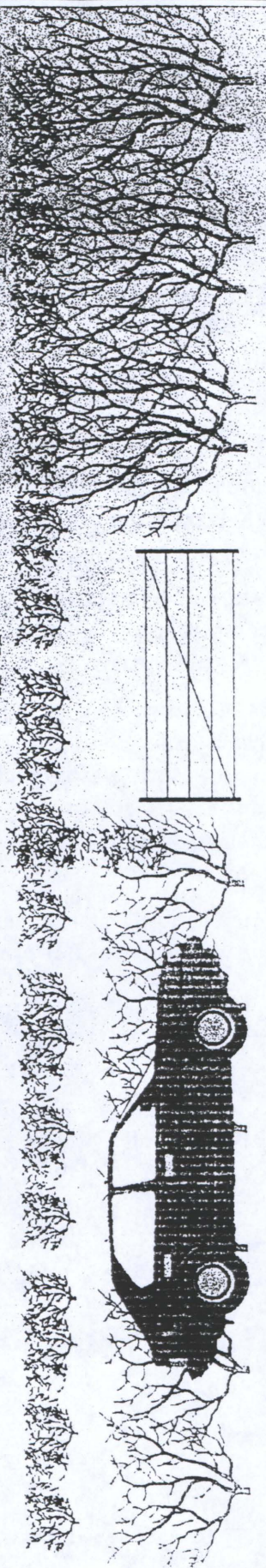
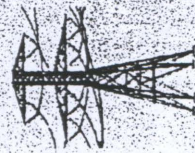
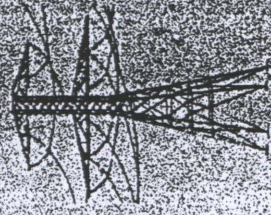
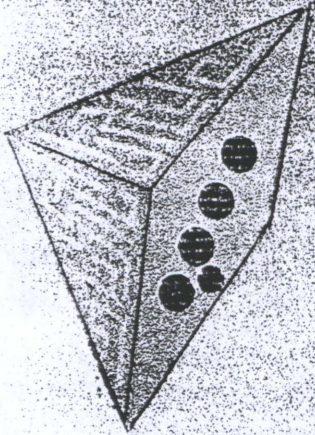
The object had been in view for some 15-20 seconds during the observation, was clearly defined and made no sound as far as we could ascertain. The object was last seen heading at high speed, in a Westerly direction towards Coventry.

In answer to the question, what was unusual about the sighting etc., Mr Colin Saunders replied: "*The type of lights, its shape, its location, its ability to hover silently, its fast disappearance and its apparent ability to change shape.*"

Victoria Saunders (12) stated, "We were driving along Foss Way after going out for a meal, when somebody said, that aeroplane looks a bit low and somebody else said that's got too many lights on to be an aeroplane. At that point the craft was stationary. We stopped the car and reversed into a gateway, but by the time we had got out of the car, all we could see was some red lights in the distance and we had heard no noise."

"When we got home, we all drew what we had seen (see sketch below). The next day Dad phoned up Coventry Airport, but they said there had been no other sightings and no large aircraft had landed or had been due to land. For a few days afterwards, I was a bit scared of going outside!"





20/4/99  
C. S. Curcio

Foss Way: FT Report Continued:

*Mr Colin Saunders later reflected on his sighting and wrote the following comments:*

It has been nearly 3 weeks now since that encounter and I still find myself constantly thinking about the event, who were they? Why are they here?

The computer picture shows our approach to the lights, these were hovering adjacent to the road at approximately 100 - 150ft high. As I stared at the lights the diamond shape around them came into view, silhouetted against the skyline. As we drew level with the gate, the object seemed to either "materialise" further or possibly tilt on its axis so the "nose" or pointed end tilted up into view.

The surface texture of this pyramid shaped object was so strange to look at, obviously manufactured but it appeared almost to be alive and moving or shimmering as though through a heat haze.

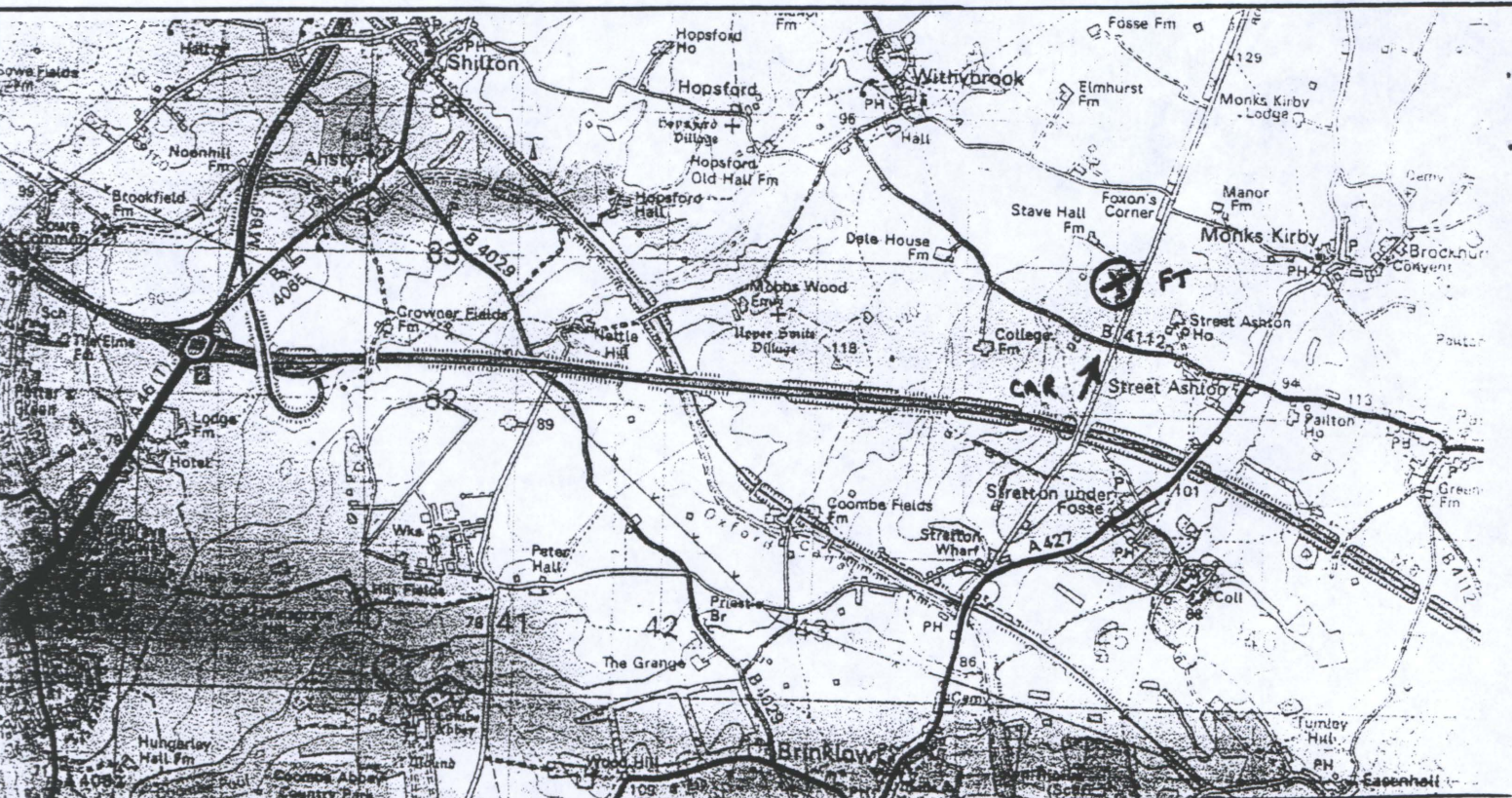
As soon as we had reversed the car the object disappeared into the horizon. We did not actually see it leave, I would estimate the objects distance as being 20 or 30 miles away within 2 or 3 seconds, the same distinctive red light pattern was clearly visible.

We returned on impulse to the same location the next day and discovered a few hidden features that could not be seen at night, mainly the pylons in the next field, which may be important. *(FT's have been seen hovering over pylons in the past. Ed.)*

Points of interest to note are that at no time was there any noise (over the car engine) heard from the object. No fear or threat was felt, in fact we felt compelled to stop and run towards it. The right of the picture and just out of view, was a block of horse stables. The horses made no noise on the night of the incident. The sighting took place on the Old Foss Road, Leicestershire, in the countryside and there were no lived in dwellings nearby. The whole scene was in total darkness and no other vehicles (as far as we are aware) were involved.

I am of the firm opinion that we were being observed whilst we were observing them, I believe the craft left the scene because of our presence and actions.

Colin John Saunders 20/4/99



## FT 'FLAP' ON THE 7TH APRIL

The following reports have been compiled with the kind co-operation of Anthony James and Dominic Beglin (B.U.F.O.R.A.)

The 7th of April 1999 stands out as a prominent date in the midst of the current UFO 'Flap'. A number of UFO incidents were reported from the East Midlands on this particular night and they are given in sequence below:

**10.10pm.** Ms. Melanie Cunningham saw a flashing formation of square lights "floating" in the sky, in front of her house in Belper, Derbyshire. The square formation had a white 'cone-shaped' light at each corner and a red light in the centre. As the lights approached, Melanie ran to the back of the house in time to see the block of lights pass overhead and out of sight behind some nearby trees at a speed she estimated of about 30 mph.

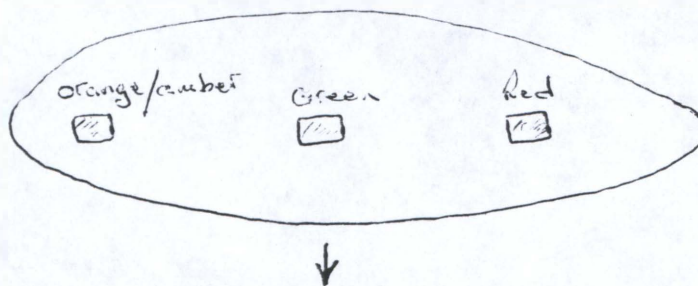


This was the beginning of a series of sightings made at Belper during the night from between 10.10pm to 11.30pm. Two triangles were later seen moving in a NW direction and three "balls" of moving light were also seen in the area. The FT's were seen to have "whitish" lights near each corner, together with a red light in the middle of the front line. (see sketch above).

**11.00pm.** In the Strelley area of Nottingham, Mr Kevin Radford was standing outside his house with his wife, when they both noticed, what was described as a "strange craft", pass overhead. The only view they had was underneath the craft, which they estimated passed over at a height of between 50-70ft.

Kevin stated that "No way was it a plane, helicopter or any type of aircraft that I have ever seen before. The base of the craft was oval and there were three lights across the centre (see sketch below). These were flashing alternately, the one on the right was red, the centre light was green and the light on the left was orange. There was no jet sound, no helicopter sound, not even a 'whoosh' of air, it was totally silent."

The estimated speed of the craft was 30mph and it was heading in a Northerly direction in the clear night sky. Kevin confirmed that it was so low the oval shape could be clearly seen.



**11.00pm.** Again another report from the Nottingham area, this time from Woodthorpe, where a witness reported seeing a large 'Triangular Craft' in the South. There were two ovoid lights seen upon two rear edges of a dark triangular structure. A single circular white light could be seen on what was described as the 'leading edge'. The FT was seen for a period of several minutes, at which time the craft appeared to be circling the area, as if in a 'holding' pattern. No noise was heard by the witness, who described the weather conditions as a clear sky, with a moderate wind condition.

*continued..*



7th April 99 UFO's contd...

11.25pm

The final report came to us from Mr Brian Payne of Lincoln, a retired Police Office, an ex-Military Policeman and currently employed as a Security Officer on an industrial complex at Lincoln.

It was a clear night and the time was 11.25pm as Mr Payne proceeded walking around on his night-time security patrol. He was about to enter one of the buildings on his rounds, this involved passing his electronic security card through a 'swipe' machine and he was just about to do this when he saw a light through the corner of his eye. He paused and turned, to see what he described as an illuminated 'boomerang' or 'horseshoe passing slowly through the sky at a speed of only 4 to 5 mph.

The boomerang shape had a leading edge full of lights and he had the impression that they were attached to a solid body/craft. The leading edge was lit up with a series of lights as though segmented. He was adamant that it was not a balloon, star or conventional aircraft. "I have seen bright stars before" commented Mr Payne, "But never have I seen anything like this!" "I am no artist, but I have done my best to draw what I saw on that night."

Mr Payne compared the brightness of the object, to that of a street light, a sodium yellow's/orange. When asked about the size, he said that a 10p piece would have covered it. At the time, he was looking Southeast and the object moving from North to South at a very slow speed. The duration of his sighting was thought to be about three to four minutes. He looked at his watch to check the time and it was 11.25pm.

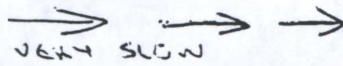
Mr Payne decided that he should continue on his security patrol and turned to 'swipe' his electronic card, as he did so, he glanced back to have another look at the flying boomerang...but it had gone! He then noticed that there were two faint fading pastel orange lights disappearing in the same Southeast direction.

"I was not stressed about the sighting" commented Mr Payne, "I just can't forget about it, it was very interesting." "I did not notice any time loss, but the speed, size, shape, lighting and sudden disappearance made me think the object was very unusual."

Mr Payne's drawing of the incident are shown below:

1st SIGHTING

ALL LIGHTS



VERY SLOW  
4 to 5 MPH.

VANISHED  
ON MY TURNING TO HAVE  
ANOTHER LOOK. \*

COULD HAVE BEEN SOLID  
BUT GOT THE IMPRESSION, DUE TO  
LIGHTS THAT IT LOOKED LIKE BOOMERANG.

THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE HAD  
PLenty OF TIME TO  
CONTINUE WATCHING IT.  
BUT THIS WAS NOT TO BE

TREE TOPS.



SHAPE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN QUITE SO ACUTE, >>>

LEADING EDGE WAS LIT UP - SEGMENTED -

FADING PASTEL  
COLOUR LIGHTS  
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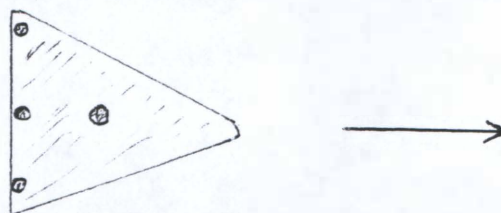
## The "99 FLAP" (Continued)

*The main purpose of the OVNI journal is to bring, you the reader, up to the minute reports of what is happening in your area. We also cover World-wide reports when space is available. However much of the latter information is now available on the Internet, whereas what is contained in the OVNI is not! Ed.*

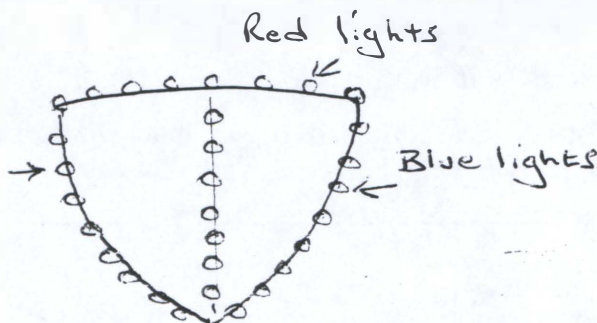
**24-2-99** Mr Adam Matthews was pottering in his back garden at his home in Brinsley, Nottingham. The time was 8.30pm, when he happened to notice a strange looking object flying in his direction (SSW). As it approached, it looked like a black square with white lamps on either side. It looked like a "flying wedge" as it passed directly overhead and Mr Matthews noticed that it had a series of lights, like "an illuminated bar" along the side of the object. (see sketch). It flew over completely silently at a slow speed, estimated to be about 30 mph. It could be clearly seen and was described by Mr Matthews as being "triangular in shape." He observed for a period of 30 to 45 seconds as it passed over. "It was low, very silent and if it wasn't for the lights, I would probably not have seen it" commented Mr Matthews.



**12-3-99** Miss Anette Doyle was travelling in her partners car along the Nottingham Road, in Chaddesden, Derby. The car had just stopped at traffic lights, when the couple noticed a row of lights hovering over the road about 100 yards ahead. At first they thought it was the new Police helicopter, but as they approached, it appeared to be a large black triangle with an orange light in the middle and three smaller red lights on the far side (see sketch). As they drove underneath it, they realised that it was hovering silently and completely still. Just after they had passed under the FT, they decided to turn the car around for a better look. It was then that the FT "took off" point first, silently and at great speed in a S.E. direction. It is believed that several other witnesses saw the FT. The total observation time was about 2 minutes. It was so low, that it "filled the sun-roof as we passed underneath it!" "I have never seen anything like it" commented Anette.



**2-4-99** Mrs Margaret Danaford told us "I don't sleep well, so when bright lights shone into my bedroom window, I got up to look." Mrs Danaford lives in Wollaton, Nottingham and the time of her sighting was 1.30am on the 2nd April 99. Margaret continued, "What appeared to be a very large kite shape was just above the trees outside. It suddenly moved away, but made a circle and returned, where it stayed for about 30 minutes. It was very large with a bar across the top, with bright red lights. There were also three rows of blue lights around it. It just sat there for a while and then went off quickly towards Derby."



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**NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T!**

By Omar Fowler

There is an increasing awareness among UFO investigators, that all is not what it may seem. I am referring to our limited visual perception in our three dimensional world.

Are we capable of seeing what is there in front of us? Our eyes have a very limited range of vision, their visible light range is only a fraction of the wide band known as the Electromagnetic Spectrum. Subsequently our brains can only sift through the wide range of signals being presented before us, but are we missing something?

One of the questions most frequently asked by UFO witnesses is "surely someone else must have seen it?" The lack of other witnesses is often puzzling. Does this mean that the UFO witness has a more sensitive visual range than just seeing the basic spectrum of red and orange, through yellow green and indigo to violet?

We are being increasingly presented with cases where someone would see a UFO very clearly and others would not see it, others would see colours and some would not. It is becoming clear that not everyone perceives reality in the same way and in order to confirm our own 'reality', it has to be confirmed by others. Dr. John E. Mack (Harvard University) has referred to this phenomenon as "differential perception". It is a phenomenon that is becoming more prominent in the minds of UFO researchers.

Gordon Creighton, the Editor of Flying Saucer review, related the story he had received from a woman who witnessed such an event. She was a passenger on a ferry sailing from the Islands of Scilly to the mainland during the summer a few years ago. The ship was crowded and together with many other passengers she was leaning on the handrail that runs along the side of the ship. They were some distance out at sea, when a disc shaped UFO craft emerged out of the water a short distance away and shot skywards. The woman was amazed by what she had seen and turned to speak to her fellow passengers. She was astonished to see people casually looking out to sea or chatting between themselves. Obviously they were completely oblivious to what had taken place!

Another strange event came to light when I recently interviewed a Mrs W. at Ilkeston, Derbyshire. She related another such incident:

Mrs W. I was going out to peg the washing out, it was about October 1989 and I saw this thing, it was only above the rooftops. It was a dull, dull colour, not a shiny colour; it was like lead in a pencil, it was that colour. It started to come over, we'd got an alleyway down the back of our house and this lady was talking to me in casual conversation. Then this thing came over our garden, I was watching this round ball and talking to this lady and I thought, well she's not looking at it, so she can't see it. I would have said can you see that? But I thought it's obvious she can't see it.

O.F. She was looking in the same direction as you?

Mrs W. Yes, she was talking to me all the time, while I was looking at this ball.

O.F. There were no windows, just a ball?

Mrs W. Yes just a dull metallic ball. It was about the size of a car where you could sit two people in. Not very big, but it was very low.

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Mrs W. There were other people coming down and I thought it's there but I didn't say anything. I thought if they can see it, they would have said something by now. Then it started to climb and go up. When it got up higher, it expanded into a brilliant white light and then just shot off.

A few days later, when my eldest boy Lee was at Ilkeston School, I thought I've got a feeling that strange ball is here again. I went outside looking but couldn't see a thing. I looked around the house and everywhere in the sky and I couldn't see a thing. Then ten minutes later, my son Lee ran up to the house and was banging on the ground floor window and he said "Mum you don't know what I've just seen?" I said I know what you've seen, you've seen a round ball haven't you? He said "it was right on top of your roof, it had prongs coming out of it and they were rotating." I didn't see it that time, but I'd got a feeling it was there, but I don't know why.

There are further examples of "differential perception" and one of the latest concerns a "Flying Triangle" sighting. A woman witness Mrs. SJ of Towcester, Northants, related this:

Mrs SJ. It was Christmas Eve 1998 and the time was 10.50pm and I was sitting in the lounge. I don't know what made me go towards the window, but I did and as I looked up, I saw this huge dark triangle object come over. It was travelling East to West and it made a slight droning noise. It-like glided and all I saw were huge red lights, but they were at the bottom of the triangle. It was so low, that if it had been a Stealth bomber, it would have taken the roof off, it was that low! My husband was with me and I said to him "can you see that?" He replied "no I can't see anything." We rushed upstairs, because we knew that if it had gone over the house, it would have gone over to the other side, but there was nothing and he said "best not say anything." It was huge and had a funny drone to it, what it was I don't know, but my husband didn't see it!

Why can some people see UFO craft and others cannot? The sensory information coming through our eyes is so incomplete and is only a small part of what may exist.

Are we entering the realms of the Psychic field? There are many reports of people having o.o.b. (*Out-of-the-body*) experiences associated with UFO craft. One such person, 'Paul' told me "The information I can gather is that the 'Triangles' are from the future and coming back. I saw a photo in a magazine somewhere of a control panel in a Grey's ship and I knew immediately! You put your hands on the panel and that's how you fly it...it's terrifying!"

These witness experiences are only a few of the many that have been related to me. The question that is now in everyone's mind is are the UFO craft travelling in another dimension? Could they be inter-Planetary, inter-Galactic or multi-dimensional?

The Aliens have told us that 'time' is a human concept and of our own making. Could they be Time Travellers, coming from another dimension already here on Earth and visible only to the gifted few?

**"We not only believe what we see: to some extent we see what we believe."**

*(Professor R.L.Gregory: 'The Intelligent Eye')*

# The Evening Sky

May 1999

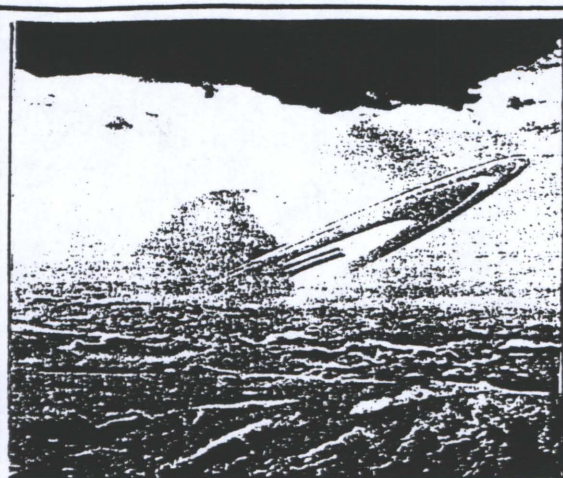
Earth's two neighbouring planets, Venus and Mars are at their evening best in May. Venus is the first to emerge as darkness falls, a third of the way up the sky in the west. Mars makes an entrance fairly low in the south east. Only after their appearance will the stars themselves come out and shine.

The other naked eye planets Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn will spend May lost in the glare of the Sun. The Moon is full on May 30th at exactly 5.40 am.

The starry evenings of May are not very bright but are dotted with some of the nearest and furthest sights seen beyond our solar system. These far off vistas include rich gatherings of galaxies, the most famous being the Virgo cluster of galaxies. This dominion of galaxies is visible through a small telescope or large binoculars and lies millions of light years away. (One light year equals 6,000,000 000,000 miles). The closer star clusters of Ursa Major shine almost overhead.

A spaceship named Stardust will be the first spacecraft to return samples to Earth from beyond the Moon. Stardust is orbiting the Sun beyond the asteroid belt and collecting interplanetary and interstellar dust and returning to Earth around 2007. We will literally pass stardust through our finger tips.

The universe is a hazardous place. On January 23rd of this year the Earth encountered two great surges of X rays and Gamma rays. This energy came from the most violent event in the universe, a Gamma Ray Burst (GRB). A GRB releases more energy in just one second than a billion, billion Suns exploding simultaneously. GRB's are created by the merger of two orbiting black holes.



Saturn looking from the moon Titan

The source of this GRB event occurred several billion light years distance from Earth. Had the black hole merger occurred within our galactic quadrant all life on Earth would have been annihilated. One current hypothesis regarding the mass extinction of species some 250 million years ago when 95% of all life of Earth perished is that it was a consequence of a near by GRB.

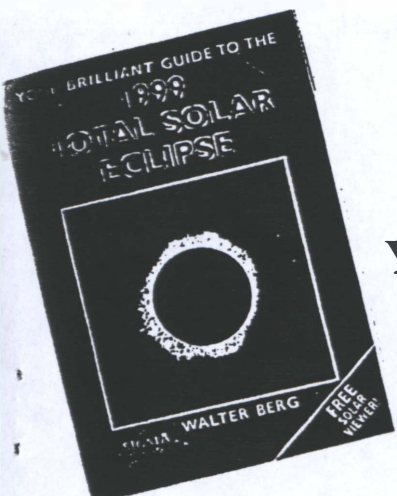
The fastest moving objects in the solar system are comets. The Earth attains a maximum speed of 68 thousand miles per hour when orbiting the Sun. Yes, it may comfort you to know right now you are whizzing around in space at this incredible speed. Halley's comet reaches a speed of 198 thousand miles an hour. The fastest comet ever discovered (C/1996 S3 SOHO) achieved a speed of two million 400 thousand miles an hour. This would get you from the Earth to the Moon in about 6 minutes.

It is difficult to comprehend fantastic speeds and distances. When you look out across the universe tonight you are seeing straight into intergalactic space, a realm so vast, billions of galaxies, the size of our own Milky Way lie in an area behind your outstretched thumb. I marvel we can grasp these enigmatic sizes and distances. I wonder what human thought would have achieved if we could not see the stars.

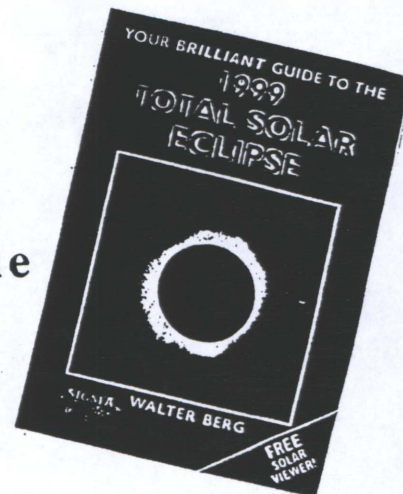
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### TALE ENDERS

**ALL UFO GROUPS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN "PROJECT FT".** At present there are 33 UFO groups assisting in this 'Flying Triangle' research and the database (Director: Victor J.Kean) has over 7,000 FT sighting reports (Aug.1942 - to the present day). See: <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Tspurrier/ufosight.htm>. Send your data to: **Tony Spurrier, 18 Argyle Road, Edmonton, London. N18 2PP**, or E-Mail Victor J.Kean: [100545.1505@Compuserve.com](mailto:100545.1505@Compuserve.com)

**SETI MYSTERY** According to Susan Cerdan (U.S.A.), a letter recently received by her revealed the suppression of an outer space message: Many years ago a Canadian scientist working with SETI in South Africa found that when a message came in from outer space, all copies including the carbon copy were 'lifted' and disappeared. No doubt there are sincere scientists who wish progress and some who do not.

**NOISY FT'S**, The CAUS org. reports that 'Shirley' lived near West Hampton Air Force Base on Long Island. On April 8, 1999, there were three triangular aircraft that flew over her home. The craft had lights all around the outside edge and a red light in the bottom centre (*see OVNI p.9*). The FT made a great deal of noise. Shirley said "I went through all the Air Force pictures on the computer and found nothing that even looks like it."

**CROP CIRCLES ARE BACK**, with the first one appearing in oilseed rape near Newton St.Loe, Nr Bath 11/4. Others have shown up near Marlborough (oilseed rape)12/4, Gravesend, Nr Rochester, Kent (oilseed rape)12/4, Bishop Cannings, Nr Devizes (oilseed rape)15/4, Milk Hill, Nr Alton Barnes (oilseed rape)16/4, Over Wallop, Nr Andover (wheat)19/4, Everleigh, Nr Pewsey (oilseed rape)19/4, Hen Wood Nr West Meon (oilseed rape)27/4.

**ALIEN ENCOUNTER IN AUSTRALIA.** In January 1971 hiker Glenn Weston had a close encounter with Aliens near Warragamba Dam on Lake Burragorang in NSW, about 110 miles west of Sydney. Glenn awoke to a loud humming noise, he got to his feet and with a torch in his hand, started off into the bush to explore where the sound was coming from. He soon became aware that the scrub ahead of him was lit up by a glowing white light. He looked through the trees to see that the glow was coming from an egg shaped structure and man-like figures appeared to moving hastily about the craft. Glenn switched off his torch and stood watching the craft. Shortly afterwards, the figures disappeared into the object, the glow suddenly faded and the mysterious craft rose silently into the air. (*Source: Mysterious Australia by Rex Gilroy*)

**NASA CONTRACTOR SPEAKS OUT:** Robert A.M.Stephens, has made a number of claims about NASA incidents that have been 'hushed-up'. (a) There are now over 100 sightings of unknown craft in Earth space **each day**, world-wide. (b) Over 40 years, there has been documented over 1.3 million implants world-wide, of unknown construction. Mr Stephens then went on to reveal a series of problems that had happened to the Shuttle: Protective tiles were discovered to be missing on the Shuttle on STS1, STS4, STS16, plus a whole series of close disasters at the time of launch and also while in orbit. (*CAUS-internet*)

**BUFORA LECTURE: Sat 6th JUNE.** Max Burns will reveal the result of his investigation into the infamous 'Sheffield Incident'. Various people have attempted to stop Max speaking, but he intends to reveal all! (*It is believed that a Tornado may have crashed, while possibly pursuing an FT*). Meetings are held at the University of Westminster, 35 Marylebone Road, Central London. Nr Baker St. Tube Station.

### NEXT MEETING

Will be held at the Allenton, Derby. Royal British Legion at 8pm on Tuesday 25th May.

Video presentation direct from the U.S.A. 'UFO's Over Phoenix' & 'Area 51 Documentary'.

Non-members welcome: £1 on the night. (Please note: NO SMOKING in the meeting room).

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