

# Readers' Reports

## UFO landing in Lincolnshire

Dear Sir,—Here is a report received from Mr. John E. Ben who now lives in Nottingham. It tells of an event that occurred late on a summer's evening in 1959:

"Four Royal Air Force personnel were returning by car to their V-Bomber Base (exact location not yet known, but it is somewhere in Lincolnshire), when the UFO sighting occurred. *En route* to the base, the four men had seen a light in the distance which was barely above ground level, but had proceeded with their journey. Some distance further along their route they rounded a bend in the road and were confronted with the sight of a UFO which 'was as big as a Vulcan Bomber' hovering above the ground some twenty yards from the road.

"The witnesses described a beam of light which emanated from the underside of the object and in which 'movements were seen, but not clearly.' This beam of light, when struck by beams from the car's headlights, vanished. The manner in which the light beam vanished was indeed most peculiar, as it seemed to be drawn gradually up into the UFO, and was not extinguished instantaneously as would be normally expected.

"On their return to base the four men enquired of the duty officer as to whether any of the aircraft had had to make a forced landing, but were told that none of the aircraft on the base had been airborne for some 48 hours. On hearing this the four men decided not to report the incident fearing that they would be either disbelieved or ridiculed."

## A FAMILY AND UFOs

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the men heard no sound from the lights, and Mr. Druce is certain that they were *not* watching helicopters.

Later on they stopped again on the Winchester by-pass. Brian George went into a field, but immediately raced back to the van in some alarm. He was unable to speak for a moment, and Mr. Druce found his pulse to be racing. When asked what was the matter, he replied: "Come and see for yourself."

Mr. Druce accompanied him back to the field, and saw, about 40 yards away, a brilliant white object, shaped like a small letter "m", with a black area in each of the "arches". This object was about 10ft. high, 7-8ft. wide, and about 2ft. off the ground. It was moving slowly to the right, over a rising incline, without making any sound.

Unnerved, both men dashed back to the van, and drove off hastily.

Subsequent questioning revealed that Brian had originally seen only one "arch", but two were present

The above facts are all that are known at the present regarding this landing report, but it is the intention of John Ben and myself to interview the witnesses as soon as possible and obtain fuller details.

Terence Collins,  
F.S.R., 21 Cecil Court, London WC2.

## Afternoon UFO at Corsham

Dear Sir,—On the afternoon of Wednesday, January 19, 1972, at 2.30 p.m. I witnessed a most unusual phenomenon at Corsham, near Chippenham: it was seen also by my daughter, Janet, aged 4 years.

At that time I sat down at the dining-room table, facing the window, to read to Janet who had her back against the window. I stopped suddenly in mid-sentence as I saw a huge red flashing light in the sky. "Janet, look!" I exclaimed.

"What is it, Mummy?" she asked, as I opened the french window. We went out into the rain and peered up at it.

What I first saw appeared like a white puff of cloud with a vivid red glow coming out of one end of it. I rubbed my eyes, put my glasses back on, and on closer observation saw a silver object, shaped like a cigar, with a row of porthole-like windows as it caught the light. It moved slowly across the sky, appearing to halt briefly at times, but it kept on a completely straight course from East to West in the direction of Bath. The red light winked on and off at regular intervals every few seconds, from the *front* of the object, not the *rear*. Much more intense than the light from a

plane, it was as though it were the blast from a furnace, yet propelling it forwards.

The whole thing was completely silent and must have been of enormous size, as I should say it was about 5-6 times the size of an average aeroplane at the same height. I am afraid, however, that I am not very good at judging heights.

I saw all this with the naked eye, and find it strange that none of my neighbours saw it. I am still making enquiries among them and meanwhile I hope this testimony will be of value for your records.

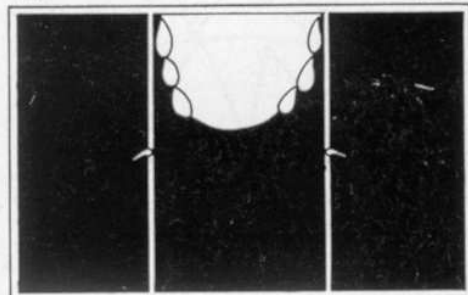
Yours truly,

Mrs. Dorothy M. Greenhalgh,  
Ludmead Road, Corsham, Wiltshire.  
February 8, 1972.

[Mrs. Greenhalgh's report was sent to Mr. Neville Armstrong of Neville Spearman Ltd., and we are grateful to him for forwarding it to us. In her covering letter she writes: "Hoping (my report) will reach the right quarter: I have not reported it officially." Which, I suggest, is as well, for had it been reported officially we would never have heard of it.—EDITOR.]

## Fireman's Hertfordshire sighting

Dear Sir,—At approximately 04.00 hrs. one morning at the beginning of September 1971, I awoke for no apparent reason and found myself



when Mr. Druce accompanied him to the field.

## Tailpieces

A UFO was seen at 6.20 p.m. on October 24 by Mr. Druce's two sisters, mother and brother and also by all the people from the house next door. This was of a red oblong shape, and was in view for many minutes.

Mr. Druce's sister telephoned him during the sighting, but, although looking in the direction indicated, he could see nothing. I have not had the opportunity to interview the witnesses of this sighting, so can give no further details.

During the course of my investigations it has also come to light that several members of the family may possess varying degrees of E.S.P. In particular Brian George, Mrs. Druce, and Mr. Druce's mother, who at times has recognised certain places, although never having seen them before.

This concentration of UFO-type and associated experiences on his family is becoming tiresome to Mr. Druce. He says he is "fed up with it all."

looking directly ahead out of my bedroom window where there was an "object" (see sketch) which seemed very close indeed. I felt in fact that I could reach out of the window and touch it. At the same time I felt no sense of fear.

I was positive that I was looking at the underside of what I now consider to have been a spacecraft. It was a brilliant white, with a number of circular "blobs" around the main body of the craft; its shape did have some similarity to a jelly mould. I continued to watch it for at least five minutes, in which time it moved slowly away in a south-westerly direction. No sound whatsoever was heard.

Yours truly,  
**P. W. Newark**, Rickmansworth, Herts.  
 October 24, 1971.

[The writer of this report, Paul Newark, is a young fireman now living in Rickmansworth. He is known to me personally. He spent some years in the Royal Navy and in my opinion one could not find a more competent and trustworthy witness.—Gordon Creighton.]

#### East Anglian Globe

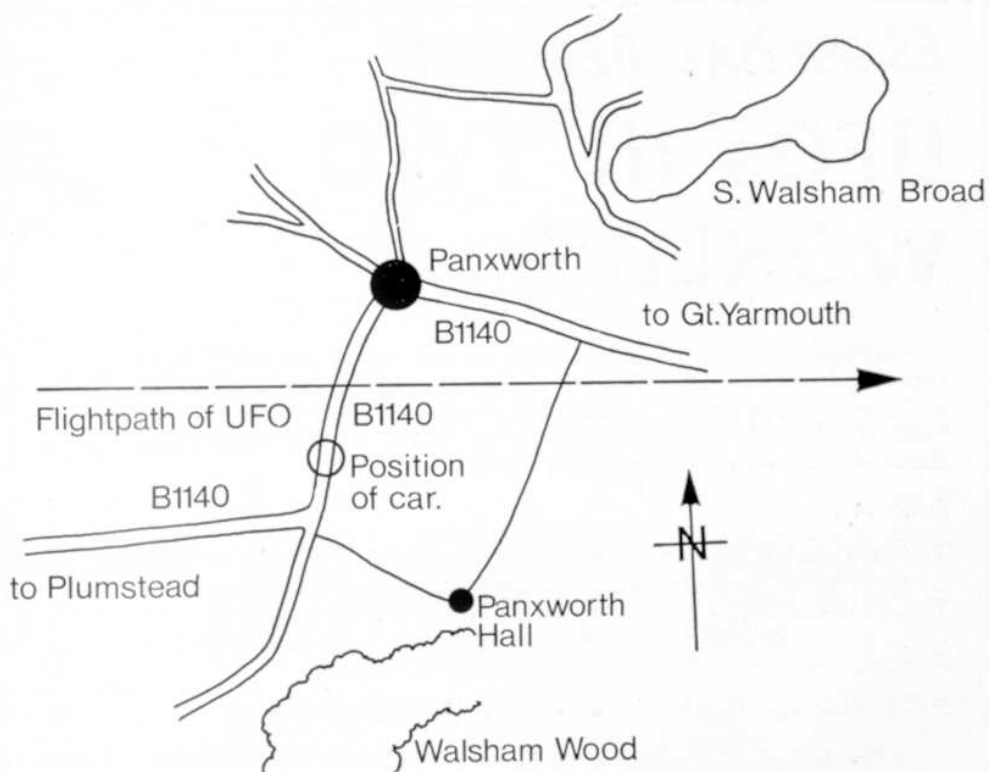
Dear Sir,—The following UFO sighting report may be of interest to you. It is written as a result of a conversation I had today with one of my colleagues at my place of work, Mr. S. C. Hannant, a housing surveyor with St. Faith's and Aylsham R.D.C., Norwich, Norfolk.

Mr. Hannant and his wife were travelling by car in a northerly direction at 11.45 p.m., Saturday, October 2, 1971, on the B1140 road towards the village of Panxworth, near South Walsham, which is in the Norfolk broadland country. Suddenly they saw a high-speed UFO cross their line of vision on an easterly trajectory.

Mr. Hannant describes the UFO as a glowing bluish-green globe, about the apparent diameter of the moon. It streaked across the part of the sky visible ahead through the car's windscreen, from West to East, in an estimated time of 12 seconds. He thought the altitude to be about 1,500-2,000ft., and compared it with a shell fired from a large gun in the distance, of which he had had experience during the 2nd World War. The object left no trail, and appeared to be on a course from Norwich to Yarmouth.

The ignition system of the car he was driving remained unaffected. The UFO was lost sight of when, in the extreme east, it disappeared into a mist cloud. The weather at the time was a mainly clear sky, with odd patches of mist about. The terrain in this location is fairly flat, with an average land height of about 50ft. above sea level.

I obtained a separate description of



the object from Mrs. Hannant. She described it as like a pale-green bubble with a yellow light in the middle. In other respects, her account tallies exactly with her husband's. You have their full permission to print this report if you wish.

Yours sincerely,  
**Maurice G. Jackson**,  
 New North Road, Attleborough,  
 Norfolk.  
 October 4, 1971.

#### A 1969 Exeter incident

The following letter to *The Observer* has been forwarded to us by the Science Correspondent of that newspaper and we are grateful to him for his help.

Dear Sir,—I have just been watching the programme on BBC2 on UFOs, and it has recalled an experience of April 1969. I made careful note as soon as possible, and sent my report to the Science Correspondent of the London daily paper I was reading at the time. I had a reply saying my letter was being posted to the BUFORA. I hoped for a reply from that Association, but had none. I would have asked them, but did not know their address, and the matter slipped my memory and interest until tonight. I wonder if you can help me. It is of course no use asking an official body such as a Ministry; I should probably get no reply at all.

As regards UFOs, I have a completely open mind; but I like to know a little of what is going on in the world, which is one reason I have recently started taking *The Observer*.

This is a copy of my notes:

"On April 3, 1969, I was waiting in

the Exeter Coach Station to pick up a traveller; alone and sober. The sky was clear and starlit. At about 8.37 p.m. I happened to look at the sky, and saw what at first looked like a shooting star, coming from roughly east. My impression was of a star brighter than Venus, much brighter, with a long tail. It passed overhead at the apparent speed of a fairly low jet plane, but there was no sound, either then or later. I was standing well away from traffic or other noises. After passing the zenith it gradually faded, as though it had burnt out, or passed from the atmosphere.

"I was so impressed that I made a most careful mental note, and put it to paper as soon as I reached home, at about 10.15 p.m., while it was still fresh in the memory. I have often seen shooting stars, but never so bright, and never with a tail. I have seen high flying jets in the setting sun, with the world around me in darkness, but all that has been visible has been the vapour trail, and a jet at such a height does not seem to move so fast.

"After the event I asked friends, but none had seen it of those I asked. Nor did I see any reports in the Press.

"Have I seen a Sputnik burning out, a meteorite burning out—if so it must have been a monster—or was it some sort of UFO?"

I should be grateful if you can get me any information, or tell me where I might try.

Yours faithfully,  
**A. E. Thomsen**,  
 17 Lonsdale Road, Exeter, EX1 3DW.  
 February 2, 1972.

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