

A Family and UFOs

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AS a follow-up to my previous article [see FSR Case Histories No. 7, October 1971—EDITOR] concerning the photograph taken by Mr. Brian George, I have now prepared reports of several UFO experiences, all involving the families of Druce and George, and which, I feel, indicate a "singling-out" of these inter-related families.

Canford Heath

About two years ago (I could not determine a more precise date) Brian George was out shooting rabbits one night on Canford Heath, Poole, Dorset. Suddenly he saw two lights descending towards him. One was red, the other green, and so close together as to appear to be touching. It is conceivable that they were carried by some object, but the lights only were visible.

Mr. George's first impression was that he was watching an aircraft, but as the lights (which were not flashing) continued to descend at a 45° angle, getting closer all the time, and as no sound at all could be heard, Mr. George became uneasy. When the lights eventually disappeared behind a clump of trees about 500-600 yards away, and therefore seemed to have landed, Mr. George became extremely scared, and hastily left the place, without attempting to investigate further.

Mr. George made another sighting about a year later, this time in broad daylight (1.30 p.m.) whilst accompanied by his wife, Sallie.

UFO over Poole Hospital

They were driving towards Poole along Longfleet Road, when they saw, above Poole Hospital, in the southern sky, a long, bright, white light, which Mr. George described as "rocket-shaped". It was climbing steeply, and disappeared into the sun's glare, only to reappear a few moments later. Mr. George, however, was obliged to concentrate on his driving, and the object was not seen again.

Mr. Druce's mother and sister watched a hovering saucer on the night of Saturday, July 31, 1971. Mr. Druce's sister, Jenny, first saw the UFO from the lounge window just after 11.00 p.m. She drew her mother's attention to it, and they both went outside for a better look.

Spinning-top UFO

The object was brilliant white, and approximately the shape of an old-fashioned child's spinning top. It was very large, and at an elevation of about 75°. During the considerable time that it was under observation, it moved to the right, and appeared to lose altitude.

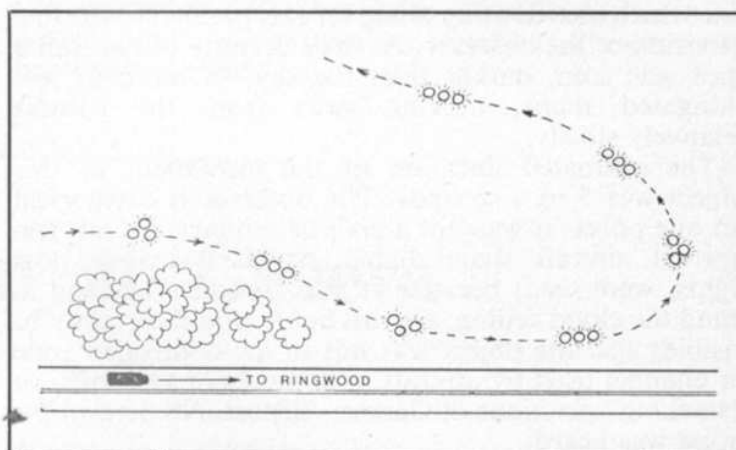
After this, the object remained stationary, apart from a slight vertical oscillation.

Then, another smaller UFO seemed to emerge from the larger one. This was about a quarter of the size of the larger object, and was a string of about five red-orange lights, which may have been carried by a solid object, although the lights only could be seen. At this point the street lights went out, enabling the witnesses to see the UFOs more clearly. The string of lights moved quite slowly away, and it was about 10 or 15 minutes before they were out of sight. No sound was heard at any time.

The large white UFO remained in the sky, and eventually the witnesses tired of watching it, and went to bed. They are convinced that no conventional explanation could account for their sighting. Neither woman had any previous interest in UFOs, and knew nothing of the photograph taken by Mr. George. In spite of this, their description of the object bears great similarity to the UFO in the photograph.

New Forest incident

On August 2, 1971, Mr. Druce and his brother-in-law, Roy George (brother of Brian), were driving in their removal van along the A.31 towards Ringwood at about 9.50 p.m., when they noticed, to their left, three brilliant white lights approaching. These lights were



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about the size of an old penny at arm's length, and flew in very close formation. For most of the sighting they were arranged in a straight line, but occasionally the formation changed slightly. The witnesses' impression was that the lights were fixed to a circular object, although the intense glare prevented any structure being seen.

As the lights (UFO) swooped close to the removal van, Roy George, who was at the wheel, instinctively slowed down, intending to stop. The UFO also slowed down, whereupon Mr. Druce, in some alarm, yelled to his brother-in-law to speed up again. As the van gathered speed, the UFO followed suit.

Mr. Druce estimates the closest approach of the UFO to be something around 100 yards, and as it slowly moved away ahead of them it reached a distance of about 600-700 yards. Its altitude was about 150-200 yards.

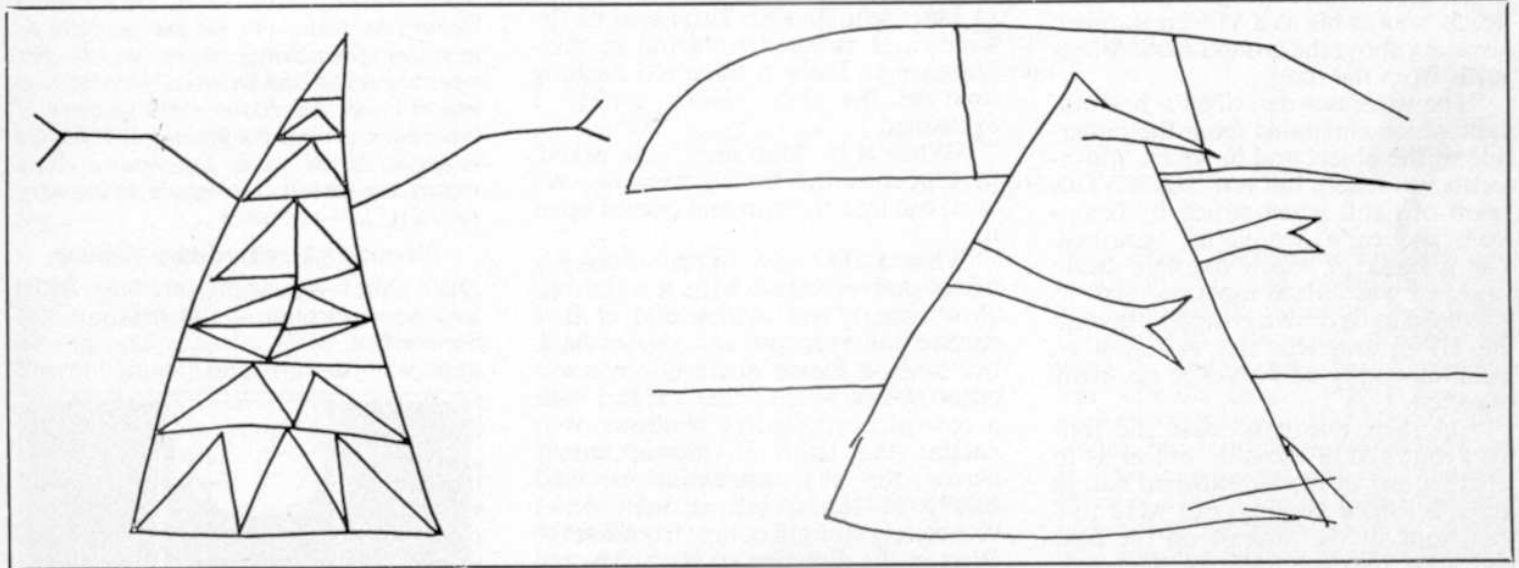
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Having moved away from the van, the UFO swung around to the left, and departed in the direction from which it had come, being quickly lost to sight. No sound was heard at any time. The removal van contained electronic components, but it is not suggested that this is a significant fact.

"Creature" in the past

An interesting incident occurred about seven years ago, which involved Mr. Druce's two stepsons, who, at the time, were no more than seven years old, Roderick now being 13, and Terence 14.

Terence awoke one night and sat up in bed, whereupon he saw, at the foot of the bed, a triangular "thing" with arms which moved in a slight "waving" motion. The triangular "body" was composed of closely-fitting triangles, in many colours, was taller than it was wide, and the arms, which were black, ended in "crab pincers".



Terence's drawing of the "Thing" in his bedroom

Roderick's drawing of the "Thing" standing by the car

Terrified, Terence screamed, waking his brother, Roderick, who slept with him. Roderick also saw the thing for a moment before it disappeared. Mrs. Druce verifies that Terence was screaming, and extremely frightened.

The following afternoon, the two brothers were returning home across a piece of land used for parking cars, when they saw the thing again. It was "standing" next to a parked car, and reached to about half-way up the car windows. This time it was completely black, and Roderick, who had a side view, described a "beak" which jutted out near the apex of the triangle. The two boys began to run, and the thing turned, following their movements, as if watching them.

I realise that this story sounds far-fetched, and could be put down to the fertile imagination of young children, but it takes on greater significance when viewed in the light of the more recent UFO experiences of the whole family. At the time neither the children nor their elders had any knowledge of, or interest in, UFOs. The boy's undoubted fear, his brother's confirmation of the presence and appearance of the thing, and their clear recollection of the event after about seven years, all suggest that they described a real, and

terrifying, experience. The drawings were made by the boys at my request.

Aerial "swish"

Now, to return to more recent events reported by members of the family.

At 3.00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 1971, 10-years-old Suzanne Druce was awakened by a "whirring, swishing" sound. She went to the window, and wiped off the condensation, but could see nothing. Running into her parents' room, she woke them, and they also heard the sound. Mr. Druce described it as like the regular swish of a skipping rope, and it seemed to pass overhead, receding into the distance. He also looked out, but saw nothing.

Shortly after hearing details of this incident from Mr. Druce, I was reading *FSR Case Histories*, Supplement 6, and came across the description of the sound produced by the UFO seen by "the doctor", in the article

entitled "Horse ill after UFO incident". I was struck by the similarity between this, and the sound described by Mr. Druce, who does not know of *Case Histories*, and whose daughter herself told me of the experience.

Motorway mysteries

The following Tuesday (October 19) Mr. Druce, accompanied by his brothers-in-law, Roy and Brian George, was travelling in their removal van along the M3, between 10.00 and 10.30 p.m. As they drove along the final stretch of the motorway between the Reading intersection and Winchester they began to notice numerous red lights in the sky.

Some of these lights were round, others oblong. Some were moving, others stationary (or appeared to be). Some were very close to the ground, and they all seemed to be going in different directions. At no time were there more than 50 lights in the sky at once, but altogether the men counted at least 200.

Stopping to look at this phenomenon, the men were immediately told to move on by policemen who had pulled up behind them (remember, they were on a motorway). During their brief period outside the van,

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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."

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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,
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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.

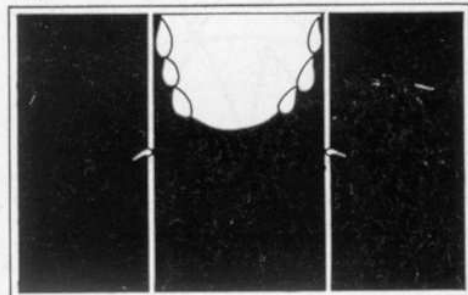
Yours truly,

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."