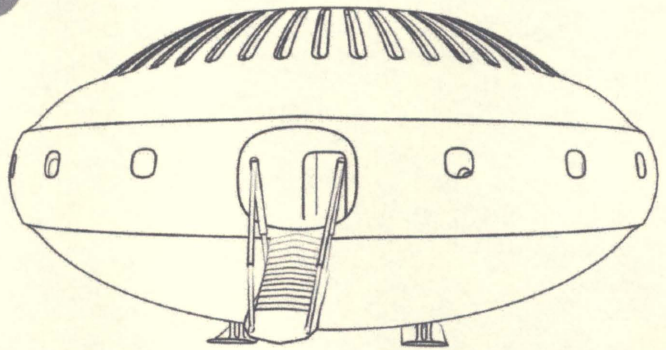
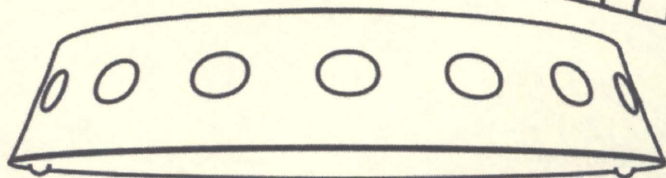
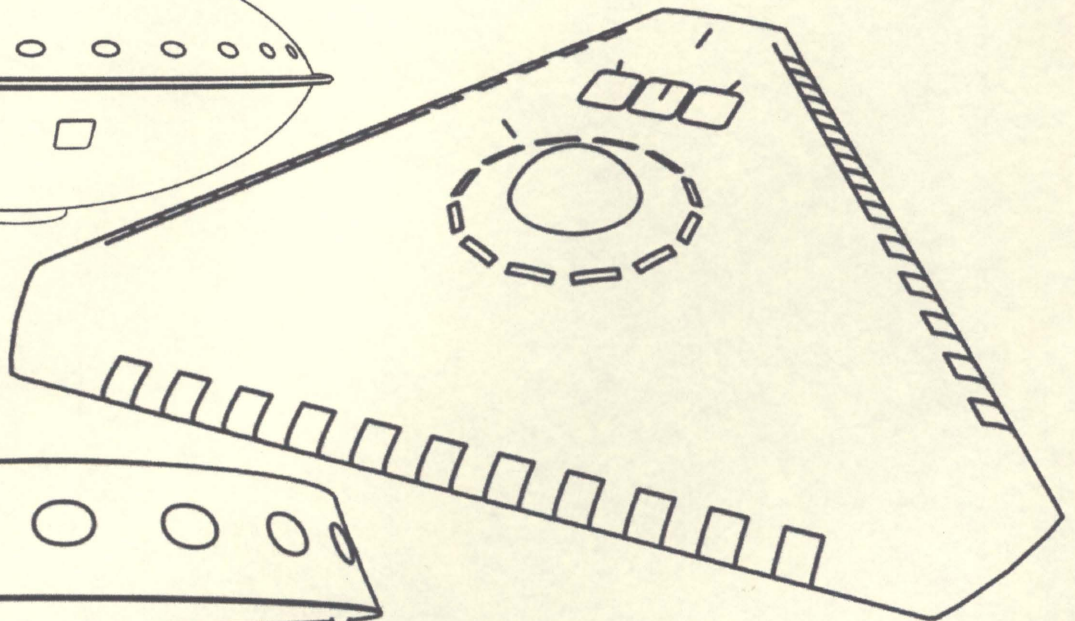
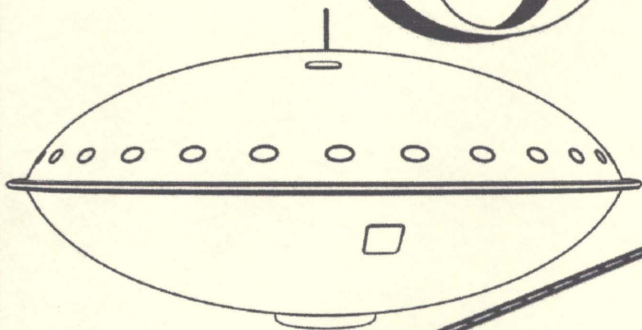


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## THE MOD RELEASE HUNDREDS OF UFO CASES!

### MoD releases British X-files -- read the weirdest cases

Aug 17th 2009

By [Michael Rundle](#) (Daily Mail)

Apparently keen to throw the tabloids a bone, the Ministry of Defence has [released thousands of pages of documents](#) relating to UFO sightings between 1981 and 1996.

The so-called British X-files total 4,000 pages of statements and handwritten accounts from fighter pilots, police officers, school kids and music fans at Glastonbury festival, and while some are clearly bonkers others make for interesting reading.

We've collected some of the highlights in our list below. Some of these stories have been picked up by the national media, others haven't. If you're a real UFO fan then be our guest to go through the files yourself -- you can download them all from the [National Archives](#).

We warn you though -- you could easily spend the rest of your life going through this stuff. It might be more productive to just sit out in a field with a torch, some sherbert and a bottle of whiskey and wait for the bright lights and noises to come to you.

### Check out the files after the jump.

#### **Britain's Roswell a 'banana skin'**

The BBC [has focused](#) on a UFO incident that occurred in 1980, known as 'Britain's Roswell'. Two US airmen at Rendlesham, Suffolk, claimed they had seen lights flying around in the sky, and their tale was taken so seriously that a former armed forces chief was inspired to warn Michael Hesselstine that the incident could be a 'banana skin' for the government. Sadly in 2003 it emerged that a pair of US officials had shone their car lights as a prank, causing the illusion of the UFO. There's that classic American sense of humour again. \*\*\* (Ed.) Not So! See page 4



#### **Lemonhead aliens attempt abduction**

The Sun [picked up](#) this story of two "youths" who reported a confrontation with a four-storey high flying saucer in April 1995. The lemon-shaped craft turned up in a field in Staffordshire, and apparently told the boys "we want you, come with us". Instead the men ran to the police and tried to tell them what happened. As you can see in the police report, they were not met with a very enthusiastic response, and the next day the police returned to the scene and found a farmer who said he hadn't seen anything. But then farmers always say that.



## Section 40

3. We returned to the Police Station and both youths attempted to convey to me what had allegedly happened. They stated that whilst walking up the Rugeley Road, Burntwood from the direction of the Nags Head Public House to Swan Island at approximately 2255 hours, at a point near the Fulfin School, they both experienced an intense heat. Their skin turned a glowing red. They then stated they saw a darkish silver inverted saucer shaped object in a field which was glowing red beneath, (brief drawing provided at time by **Section 40** Appendix A). They stated the object was about four houses high in the sky and about forty foot away from them. They then, reluctantly, went on to state that a voice which came from a lemon like head, which appeared beneath the machine, said, "We want you, come with us". Both appeared upset and shocked and as it was increasingly difficult to obtain detailed information from them they were told to go home and write an account of what they thought they had experienced for our information.

## Cemetery Sighting

In an incident not widely reported ([we read about it in the National Archives files DEFE 24/1976](#)) a man in Cheshire was walking home over a cemetery when he saw a beam of light projected on the ground and heard a wailing noise in the background. Suddenly there was a cloud of smoke and he ran away into the night. The next day police found a still-smouldering hole burned in a railway sleeper... Check out the clip from the police report, below.

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## '600 Sightings in one year'

This headline [has been reported](#) by the Daily Mail, among others, and relates to the fact that in 1996 more than 600 alien and UFO sightings were made in the UK -- almost six times the number from the year before. By 1998 the rate of sightings had dropped back down to 193 per year. The Mail's 'UFO expert' suggests this may have something to do with the popularity of the Will Smith movie Independence Day, which was released that year. Then again so was Twister, and we don't remember an unusual number of tornado reports flooding into the Met office.

## Aliens at Glastonbury

Back in June 1994 two female festival fans at Glastonbury reported seeing a UFO over the jazz stage. You can read their report in full at the [National Archives \(DEFE 1960\)](#). Luckily the two women specified on their report that they were "stone cold sober" otherwise we'd have difficulty not mocking them for this. Oh wait, they also submitted the below drawing. Let the mocking recommence.

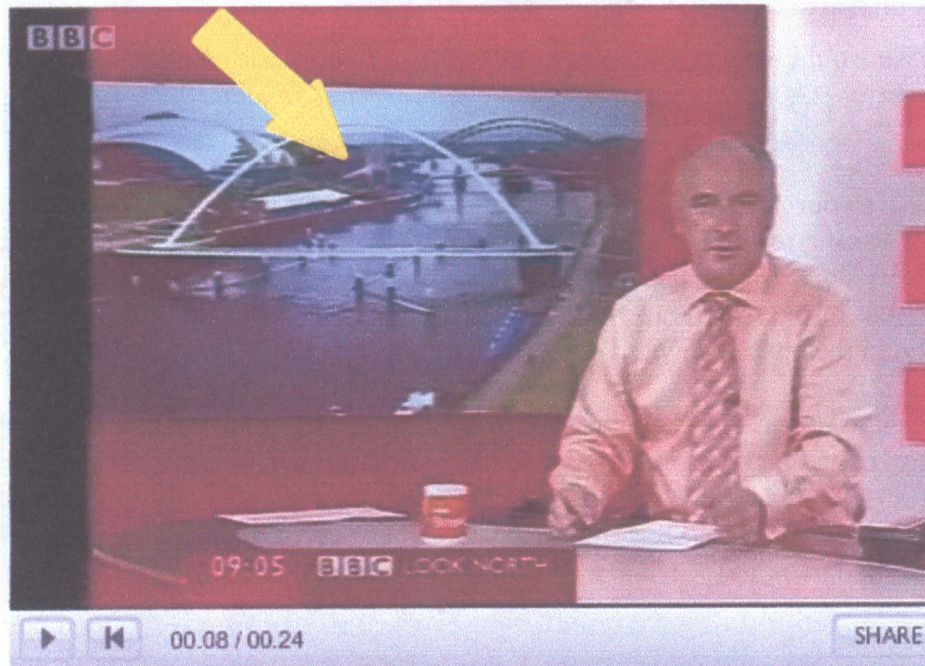
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	Sound of object(s) seen silent but we were surrounded by loud music
	Smell of object(s) seen None

## UFO captured by BBC webcam?

Aug 6th 2009

By [Michael Rundle](#)

### **'UFO' on BBC Look North webcam**



Given the choice of all the world to explore and catalogue, you might not expect aliens to choose Gateshead to make their first appearance on Earth.

However for those with an open mind, that might be exactly what the little green men have done.

Viewers on BBC Look North breakfast television were startled on Tuesday when a UFO appeared to blast across the screen and into space right in front of their eyes.

The strange blast of white light was captured via the BBC's webcam overlooking the Millenium Bridge, and caught the object as it appeared to streak into the sky behind presenter Colin Briggs.

UFO 'experts' quoted by The Sun were predictably baffled by the sight, but to us it looks a bit more like an over-caffeinated bird... Either that or Newcastle finally has its own superhero. All he needs is a name -- Magpie Man? The Tyneside Surfer? The Incredible Toon? Anyone?

Check out the 'incredible' footage below, and [after the jump](#) witness some other 'UFO's captured on BBC TV...

### **CLASSIC 'ROD' CAUGHT ON TV (See above)**

Your Editor contacted the BBC as the result of the above story being forwarded by PRA member Felicity Jones (York University).

The BBC 'Look North' TV programme replied by e-mail and asked if I could give an opinion as to what the moving object could have been. In response to the BBC enquiry, I drew their attention to the 'Rods' phenomenon, first shown in film taken at the 'Cave of Swallows' in Mexico several years ago. When delayed dropping parachutists were seen to have these strange elongated 'living' Rods flying past them!



## NEW RENDLESHAM REVELATIONS

(Local Visitors Recollections)

I was living in Ipswich with my girlfriend at the time of the "Rendlesham Forest Sightings". She was a student nurse, along with her friend, and both had dated American servicemen from the US bases Bentwaters and Woodbridge. Consequently, we would quite often socialise with the Americans when they were not on active duty.

Occasionally, the base would be on high alert and be in 'lockdown' mode. As this was at the height of the Cold War in the early 80's, it was not an unusual event. During an alert, the servicemen were confined to the base.

One evening, we went to our American friends house for a drink and to see if they wanted to go to the pub. While we were waiting for them to get ready, one of the young guys in the house related the story of the evening before, when the base had been put on a state of high alert and he had been unable to come out with us. As all of the Americans we knew were all based in the security section of the USAF, they were quite often in the control tower.

He related the incident to us, saying that there had been a very unusual happening that evening. He told us that the control tower had picked something up on radar and that it had been tracked down to the forest area not that far from the base. He said that there were many witnesses to this - including high ranking officers. He said that after a while, the object had been seen to take off once more from the forest area and proceeded to exit the area at a very high velocity, which was unlike anything they had seen before.

The way in which he related the event, was in no way sensationalised or embellished at all. He just told us what had happened as he experienced it. I didn't think much about it, until I started to read articles about it in the Sunday papers, about two years later. I am convinced that something unusual did happen that night and that it was most definitely NOT the beacon from a lighthouse or some other mundane explanation. However, whether it was a UFO or something more earthly, I am unsure about.

Paul Jeffs on August 18, 2009 at 08:20 PM

### ----- New Linda Moulton Howe Revelations about Rendlesham

August 28, 2009 [www.coasttocoastam.com](http://www.coasttocoastam.com) (COASTZONE newsletter)

During his interview (with LMH), Col. Charles Halt recounted his role in the 1980 UFO sighting at Bentwaters and reiterated his belief that the objects were extraterrestrial craft. He expressed disappointment with how his superiors handled the case at the time, noting that since they didn't seem to have an answer to what happened and the incident took place outside the American base, they decided that "it was a Brit problem."

The disillusioned Halt was highly sceptical of any answers to the UFO enigma being revealed by the government and theorized that it would take a major incident to break the mystery wide open.

Heseltine explained that the recent Halt press release was due to his urging of the colonel that "after 29 years, I would like a definitive statement" on what happened that night in Rendlesham forest. Despite the many investigations by Ufologists into the Rendlesham incident, Heseltine speculated that "we don't know more than 75% of what occurred."

Additionally, Howe noted that James Penniston, a key witness to the event who allegedly touched the craft, reported under hypnosis, that the beings were time travellers and that "they are us."

**ED:** *The possible revelation that the beings were 'time travellers' might well account for the fact that 'contactees' have referred to the Aliens stating that 'they are not allowed to intervene' when questioned why they cannot take any action to avert a disaster. Such an example was the hologram projection of the 9/11 twin towers in flames shown to contactee Mrs P. Winfield, prior to the event!*

## STRANGE LIGHTS OVER HEANOR

Here is the picture of the red glowing light that was taken on the 21-04-09 @ approx 21.45pm over Heanor, then flying over Ilkeston.

After the photo was taken, altogether there were 5 seen, going in the direction of Stapleford, . When they came over Ilkeston they were about as high as a plane when it's coming into land at East Midlands Airport, there was no noise & they were going at a steady pace going upwards gradually.

The picture was taken at Heanor by a friend and sent to us, but we also saw them coming over Ilkeston and heading towards Stapleford/Sandiacre way.

A week or so later we saw 2 more going around the same area, unfortunately we couldn't take any pictures of those.

Sorry can't give greater details, but I hope this helps.

*The picture (right) is one of the many strange lights seen over the Ilkeston area in recent weeks.*

*With thanks to Sharon & Ron Dorman (Ilkeston, Derbyshire).*



### Report From Richard Colborne

16<sup>th</sup>. Aug. 21:30 hours I was on patio to E side of Mum's bungalow in Broadway Lane, Fladbury (Evesham) WR10 2QF and saw emerge from behind bungalow 2 red lights. Bright like aircraft landing lights (no beam) / Venus, but red. I thought at first they were Chinese Lanterns, but after a few seconds decided otherwise. No flickering, and I ought to have seen the flame at such an apparently close range. Too bright. Moving too steady. Maintaining steady altitude. I was looking South, lights travelling W – E, below cloud base. No noise. I ran through bungalow from E side to front (S), calling my mother with urgency. She decide this was a cue to look for something, sauntered into the hall and started a conversation about footwear, then asked where I was, as if not obvious. Consequently she didn't see the red lights. From outside front door I was looking straight at the lights as they passed due S of me, 35 – 40 degrees from horizon. Two separate objects / aircraft, some distance apart and one behind the other. Only the two. They began to fade in exactly the same way that aircraft landing lights fade as the aircraft passes.

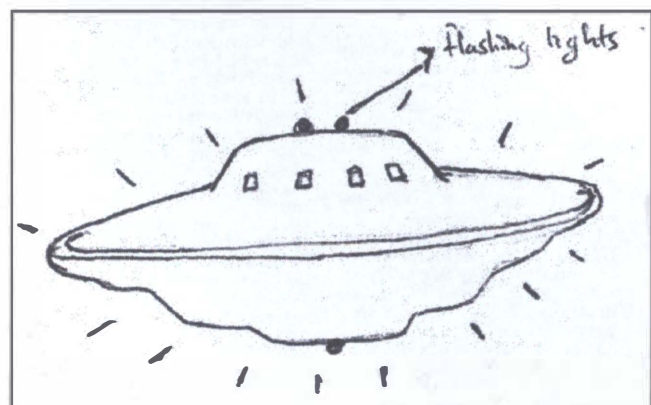
Too fast for Chinese lanterns, or they were close; but still no flickering and no burning wax falling which I have observed ½ mile away. Two small aircraft with single landing lights with red filters on them? Depending on wind direction (probably not towards me), two light aircraft could have escaped being heard. Total duration, 20 maybe 30 seconds. Two red lights, nothing else could be seen.

Military aircraft often use this route. Richard. See also page 10. : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uVSOK6xkfM> & <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bxLfxQYtF4>

### Another extract from the released MOD Files.

Intelligent life? A sketch of a UFO submitted to the authorities Photo: AFP/Getty

Rather like the green shoots of economic recovery or sunshine in summer, reported sightings of alien life are endless, but almost impossible to verify. And there will be plenty of knowing smirks following release of the government's UFO files.

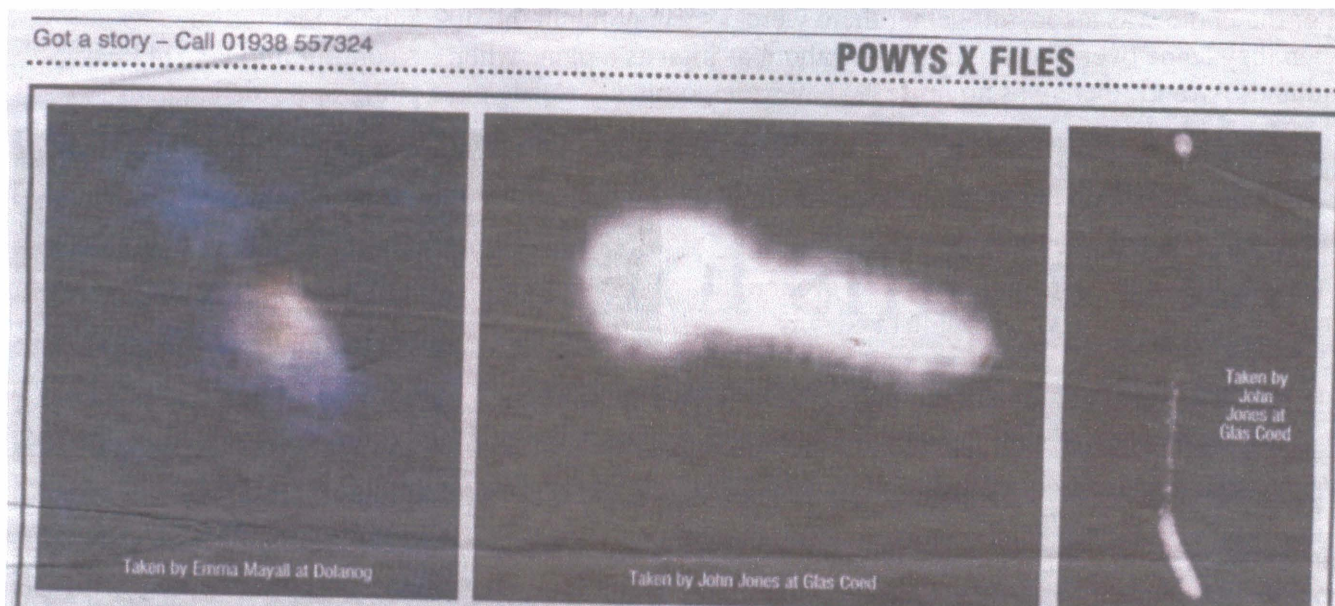




## MID-WALES UFO'S

From the Newtown 'COUNTY TIMES' (July 24th)

*With thanks to PRA member Barbara Hughes: Aberhafesp.*



# I filmed UFOs on my phone

'The white object was egg shaped and was spinning on an axis'

**UNIDENTIFIED** Flying Objects were not Chinese lanterns, according to a 17-year-old girl from Newtown who captured the bright light in the sky on her mobile phone.

Melissa Lewis Clubbe, of Canal Road, Newtown, was sitting with her friend, Rachel Kinmond, on a bench outside the Town Hall when she looked up and spotted a white light.

"The white object was egg shaped and was spinning on an axis," said Melissa.

"The object was completely silent and was hovering like a glider. There was also a bright orange light at the back."

Thankfully for *County Times* readers, Melissa filmed the action on her mobile phone and the images can now be viewed on our website - [www.countytimes.co.uk](http://www.countytimes.co.uk)

Last week we reported how UFO sightings over Newtown on Saturday, May 9, could possibly have been Chinese lanterns from a wedding party.

However, Melissa is not convinced by that explanation.

She said: "This object was going far too quickly to be a Chinese lantern."

**EXCLUSIVE**  
By RICHARD JONES  
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"I don't know what it was but it most definitely not a Chinese lantern as this object was 2D and was moving really quickly."

"At one point we thought it was going to land but then all of a sudden it shot off towards Canal Road and then over Barn Fields."

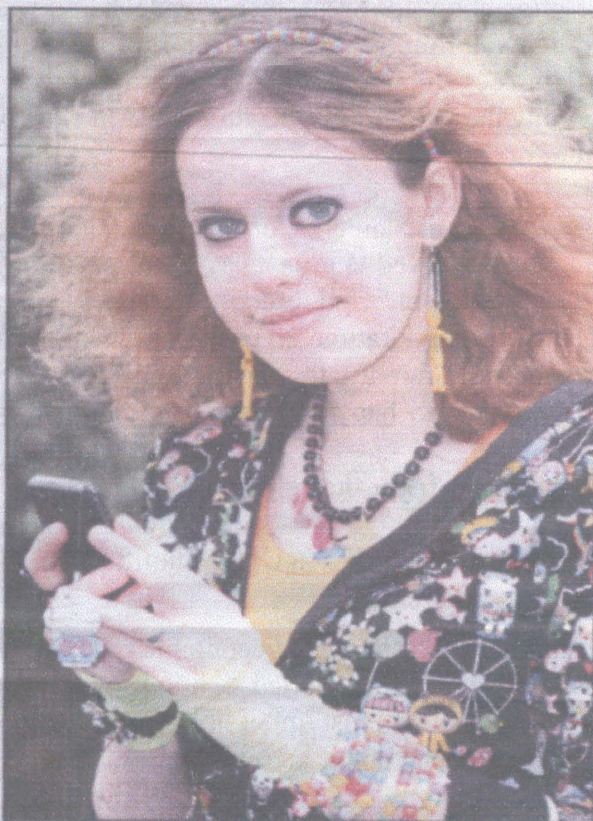
Melissa is not the only person not to be convinced the Unidentified Flying Object was a Chinese lantern.

Last week Jackie Davies, who witnessed 20 lights in the sky, said: "There's no way they were lanterns. They all went off in exactly the same direction, following each other."

"Other people have said they have seen stuff like that but they do not say anything because people think they are nuts."

UFO investigator, Phil Hoyle, added: "Many sightings have been reported over the last few months in the Mid Wales area and I'd be very interested to hear from anyone who has information to share."

Anyone with information on possible UFO sightings can contact Phil Hoyle at [phil.hoyle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:phil.hoyle@yahoo.co.uk)



**CAUGHT ON CAMERA:** Quick-thinking Melissa Lewis Clubbe got out her mobile phone and took a film of the bright light in the sky above Newtown.



## UFO over RAF C-130 at RAF Lyneham on July 22, 2009



**RAF LYNEHAM** - The mystery silver shape was spotted tracking the C-130 military craft near RAF Lyneham by John Powell, 56, who taught computer sciences in Belfast for 30 years.

He claims an unusual silver orb was following the C-130 as it came in to land at the base at 3.45 PM on July 22, 2009. The retired school teacher was gardening in nearby Westbury when he noticed the sun glinting off the circular surface.

Mr. Powell said, *"I thought at the time this is too good to miss but I didn't think the picture would come out as good as this so I'm desperately curious to find out what it is."*

"Since I've taken the photo I've been on some UFO websites and there's nothing remotely like this with an RAF plane being tracked." RAF Lyneham is the military base where the bodies of fallen British soldiers are flown back into the UK on Hercules planes.

Ministry of Defence bosses said they would not be investigating because they do not consider it a "potential threat".

## Reports of flying saucers being spotted hovering over Whitchurch (Shropshire)

Aug 6 2009 by Chris Smith, [Whitchurch Herald](#)

FLYING saucers could have been spotted over Whitchurch just days ago. Last week the Herald revealed strange lights in the sky had been spotted over Wem and Malpas. Since then two more strange sightings were recorded on the UK UFO Sightings website. George Harry Robinson also told the Herald: "At 1.35am on July 31 my brother woke me up and said 'there's a UFO hovering over our house'." "We both looked out the window and saw a saucer with light underneath, bright colours. It stayed there for about five minutes. I was so shocked I didn't get a photo of it. We have now set up a camera and a telescope just in case it comes again. We saw it really well in detail and feel very lucky."

Meanwhile, Debbie and Mark Rowley say they saw a UFO between 11.20pm and 11.30pm on July 4 at home in Blackpark Road, Whitchurch.

They wrote on the website: "While sitting in the hot tub, looking up at the stars, we both noticed a bright light, which looked similar to a large Chinese lantern."

"It sort of drifted across the sky in a northerly direction, suddenly changed direction and headed south east and upwards quite quickly. The light appeared to be a ball of fire, and we watched it for about four to five minutes."

"Approximately 10 minutes later we spotted a much bigger fireball in the east, travelling northwards."

"This object was moving at some considerable speed, and disappeared behind the trees on the horizon. It resembled a large comet, but without a tail. Neither sighting was accompanied by any discernible sound."

"As we live on the very outskirts of town, we are able to get a good clear view of the night sky with very little distortion from street lighting."



## Owl crop-circle appears in Wiltshire field

(Daily Telegraph Saturday 22nd August 09)

A giant crop circle resembling an owl has appeared in a field in Wiltshire, amid a theory that it is a tribute to Harry Potter's pet Hedwig.



Hedwig crop circle: The giant 400ft pattern, the latest in a string of bird-themed designs seen this summer, appeared overnight in a field in Woodborough Hill, Wilts. Photo: M AND Y

The 400ft pattern, the latest in a string of bird-themed designs seen this summer, appeared overnight in a field in Woodborough Hill. But while crop circle specialists are searching for a meaning, and some are convinced it is a tribute to the teenage wizard.

Steve Killick, a Harry Potter fan, said: "It is very exciting to think that there are fans of Harry from other galaxies. "Most of the world has fallen in love with Harry Potter so it makes sense that most of the universe will do eventually too."

JK Rowling's seven-book series on the adventures of wizard-in-training Harry have sold over 400 million copies since the first title was released in 1997.

Pattern expert Karen Alexander (*former PRA member*) dismissed the claims. She said: "The owl is an ancient symbol of wisdom, so perhaps it is a message to people that we should be thinking deeper about the world around us. "This is obviously a time of some upheaval in the world so perhaps this is a sign that we should be looking backwards for some wisdom in how to deal with today's problems, rather than anything to do with Harry Potter."

Crop patterns have caused fresh controversy this summer, after a farmer in Wiltshire fired a shotgun over the heads of circle-spotters last month.

**Editors Comment:** The Crop Circle makers are getting increasingly ingenious in their designs. The technology that they are using has yet to be disclosed but without doubt there are some very clever and talented designers at work (with the assistance of their computer graphics). We cannot seriously consider that an Alien intelligence is amusing itself by producing intricate designs in our summer wheatfields etc.

## Connecticut Flying Triangle

Courtesy of Files Flies #35 2009



**GUILFORD** -- I am a private investigator and was performing surveillance when I observed a large object hovering motionless a 100 yards in front of me, at 600 feet above my vehicle on **August 24, 2009**.

It was flat and triangular, with rounded corners and sides, and several lights that were yellowish-white, red, blue and green and which were pulsating. I stopped immediately, grabbed my camcorder and exited my vehicle as the object darted away at a "bullet-like" speed. As it darted away, all of its lights went out and was unable to obtain any video.

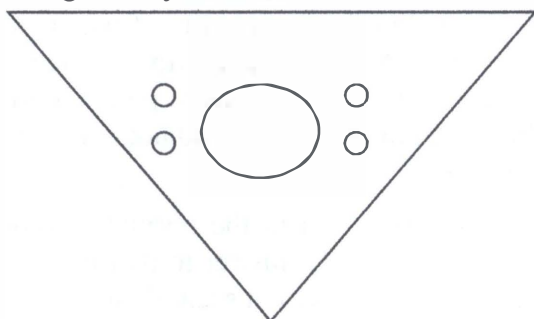
The object was half the size of a football field. Its surface appeared to be black or dark gray and emitted no sounds. I am also a licensed pilot and I am familiar with most aircraft and this object was unlike any aircraft I know, and was much larger than any aircraft I have ever seen. (MUFON CMS)

## LINCOLNSHIRE FT's

Our colleague Mr Eric Goring (Brinkhill, Lincs.) has been an avid reporter of his Flying Triangle sightings since his first encounter on the 25th September 2008.

Eric appears to be gifted in seeing the FT craft and became so fascinated by his encounters that he invested several hundred pounds in purchasing a night vision scope. He has supplied us with extensive details of his encounters over recent months and in particular the FT (see lower left).

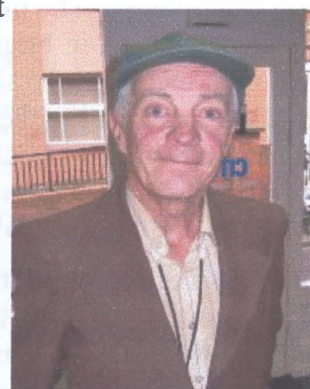
"I watched this one from my garden, it had a big pulsating white central light, but when I looked through my night vision scope, I could see four smaller dimmer lights pulsating around the main central light. The FT's appear to have gone up high again, mostly appearing as balls of light floating slowly around."



"In the OVNI many people have said that the central light is red, but I have only seen a white light.

Maybe they can change the colour of their lights, I have seen them flash a dark red light to the ground.

I think we are very fortunate that these aliens are friendly, otherwise God help us!"



Mr Eric Goring



## THE MYSTERIOUS BLUE LIGHT?

By Richard Colborne (Edited)



Some of you will recall me mentioning a blue light in the sky. I have seen this on numerous occasions from Fladbury (near Evesham) over several years.

As the sun sets in the West, the sky over the horizon due North starts to light up like daylight, and at its best, with patches of blue sky showing through the clouds. I have established that from Fladbury this point in the sky is identical with that where the city lights of Birmingham can be seen reflecting on the cloud base, however; I cannot in any way identify this phenomena with street lighting, or even with distant sports arena lighting.

The sky lights up as if daylight is approaching, though not as if the sun is rising, because sunrise is orange! Last night from Fladbury I was alerted to this again shortly after sunset, when I looked out of the front door – which faces North – and noticed that the whitewashed façade of the house opposite was illuminated. On checking, the Northern sky was lit up blue / white.

On occasions it is difficult to judge if the light is reflected from low cloud or shining through it. At other times the light appears in what seems to be a clear sky, and at its most curious, with blue patches of sky showing through gaps in the cloud, as if one is viewing the sky through gaps in rain clouds during the daytime! .

At 03:15 hours I was in the process of retiring: I was at Chadwell Heath, Essex. I turned out the light, to get into bed, and my attention was drawn to a blue light shining through the curtains, from the North. I opened the curtains, picked up my camera and took the attached photograph, holding the camera in my hand. Some camera shake can be observed from the distant street lights along the A12 (and some of the smaller lights are from the Western suburbs of Romford). The blue light seemed to be emanating from clouds in the upper atmosphere, and showing through large gaps in the lower cloud. I didn't recognise this light as being the Aurora Borealis (though I could be mistaken) and it is not normally there during hours of darkness. The light was quite steady: it did not undulate, move around, or flicker, though it did gradually increase in brightness and extent as dawn approached. Incidentally, due to the lights from London to the West, the sky never gets completely dark at night. The light (the blue quality of which is slightly exaggerated in the photo) is centred some 20 – 30 degrees East of North. The left tip is perhaps a little West of North. I checked using a magnetic compass. I closed the curtains and again prepared to go to bed. I could see that the light was getting brighter, and failing to go to sleep, by 04:00 hours it was bathing the bedroom in pale blue light, even through the heavy curtains.

There has been a suggestion that due to the ocean currents warming, plankton in the normally cold North Sea is starting to fluoresce and reflect up onto the base of the clouds. My answer to that is, as I know that luminescent plankton can be seen in satellite photographs, why have we not seen photographs of it illuminating the North Sea? Perhaps the 'powers that be' do not want to cause panic!

## Scientist Admits To Study Of Roswell Crash Debris! (Confirmed by FOIA Document)

by [Anthony Bragalia](#) ✉

Mr. Bragalia is a regular contributor to [The UFO Iconoclast\(s\)](#)

Posted: 12:00 August 17, 2009

A research study that has recently been obtained through FOIA offers stunning confirmation that Wright-Patterson Air Force base contracted Battelle Memorial Institute to analyze material from a crashed UFO at Roswell in 1947. Remarkably, the co-author of this very metals study is the same scientist who decades ago had confessed that he had examined extraterrestrial metal from a crashed UFO while he was a research scientist at Battelle! This just-received document also reveals that another one of its metallurgist authors reported directly to a Battelle scientist who was conducting secret UFO studies for the USAF. It appears that the study represents first-ever attempts in creating highly novel and advanced Titanium alloys. Some of these alloys were later associated with the development of "memory metal" of the type reported as crash debris at Roswell.

This 1949 Battelle research study had never before been publicly available until earlier this month. Its release was compelled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA.) It was sought because references to it had been found as footnotes within later military-sponsored studies on shape-memory alloys such as Nitinol. It was previously believed to be "missing" because both Battelle and Wright historians were unable to locate it. Earlier research had revealed a paper trail that led from Roswell to Wright Patterson, to the doors of Battelle- and to this 1949 study.

Once received, investigators were astounded to learn that the sought study was in fact co-authored by none other than Elroy John Center. Center was a Battelle scientist who -in June of 1960- had privately related that he had analyzed metal from a fallen UFO when he was at the Institute. Citations that had been found to this Battelle report had not listed Center as a co-author. When the report was finally received, Center was revealed to be an "et al" or "and others" author of the study. Center's story about examining ET debris was first publicly told in 1992. But it was not known that Center was the co-author of this Battelle study until it was obtained under FOIA in August of 2009!

### BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE



It was previously determined that Battelle (which operates six U.S. National Laboratories) was a likely organization to have analyzed such material. Founded in 1929, Battelle remains a major research and defense contracting organization.



## PRA MEMBER KEN POTTS DIED 9TH JULY 2009

Ken Potts may not have been generally known to many members of the PRA, but he was a stalwart member of the group and a vital cog in the communications wheel of keeping in contact with many other world-wide ufo personalities and groups.

Ken, who was 62, lived in Meden Vale near Mansfield, had suffered from bad health in recent years and on the morning of the 9th of July he had telephoned his daughter Julie to say that had a bad night, was feeling unwell and was going to visit his doctor. He collapsed on the way and died of a heart attack.

The funeral was held at his local Methodist Church on Monday 20th July and was attended by family and friends, including your editor.

His contribution to the success of the PRA has been substantial and his presence will be sorely missed.



The Late Ken Potts (left) with Santiago Yturria Garcia at a Leeds UFO conference in the late 90's.

## THE DEATH OF JOHN KEEL (1930-2009)

John Alva Keel, 79, a friend, Fortean, fierce fighter for his theories, professionally a writer and journalist, has died. A fellow admirer of Mothman and the anomalies all around us, such as the "name game," is gone.

Keel, who lived most of his life in New York City, passed away on Friday, July 3, 2009, at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, after some months in a nursing home near his Upper West Side apartment.

Keel was an early admirer of Charles Fort (1874-1932), and while still doing the mainstream writing, began authoring articles for England's *Flying Saucer Review (FSR)* and a long series of columns for *Saga*.



Further influenced by Fortean Ivan T. Sanderson and ufologist Aimé Michel, in early 1966, John Keel commenced a full-time investigation of monster, aerial and paranormal phenomena. Over a four-year period, Keel interviewed thousands of people in over twenty U.S. states, especially in the Ohio River Valley of the United States.

More than 2,000 books were reviewed in the course of his investigation, in addition to thousands of magazines, newsletters, and newspapers. Keel also subscribed to several newspaper-clipping services, which often generated up to 150 clippings for a single day during the 1966 and 1967 UFO "wave." Besides *FSR*, Keel wrote for several magazines including *Saga* with one 1967 article "UFO Agents of Terror" referring to the Men in Black. He also wrote one of the first articles on Mothman in *FSR*, during this same time period.

UFO historian Jerome Clark wrote that Keel was "a radical theorist who believes that UFOs are 'ultraterrestrial' rather than extra-terrestrial. By that he means they are shape-changing phenomena from another order of existence. These ultraterrestrials are basically hostile to, or at least contemptuous of, human beings and manipulate them in various ways for example by staging 'miracles' which inspire unfounded religious beliefs. Ultraterrestrials and their minions may manifest as monsters, space people, ghosts and other paranormal entities." (*The UFO Encyclopedia, Volume 1: UFOs in the 1980s*, page 148, NY: Agogee, 1990).



OVNI Editor Omar Fowler chatting to John Keel during a visit to Sheffield in the mid-90's.



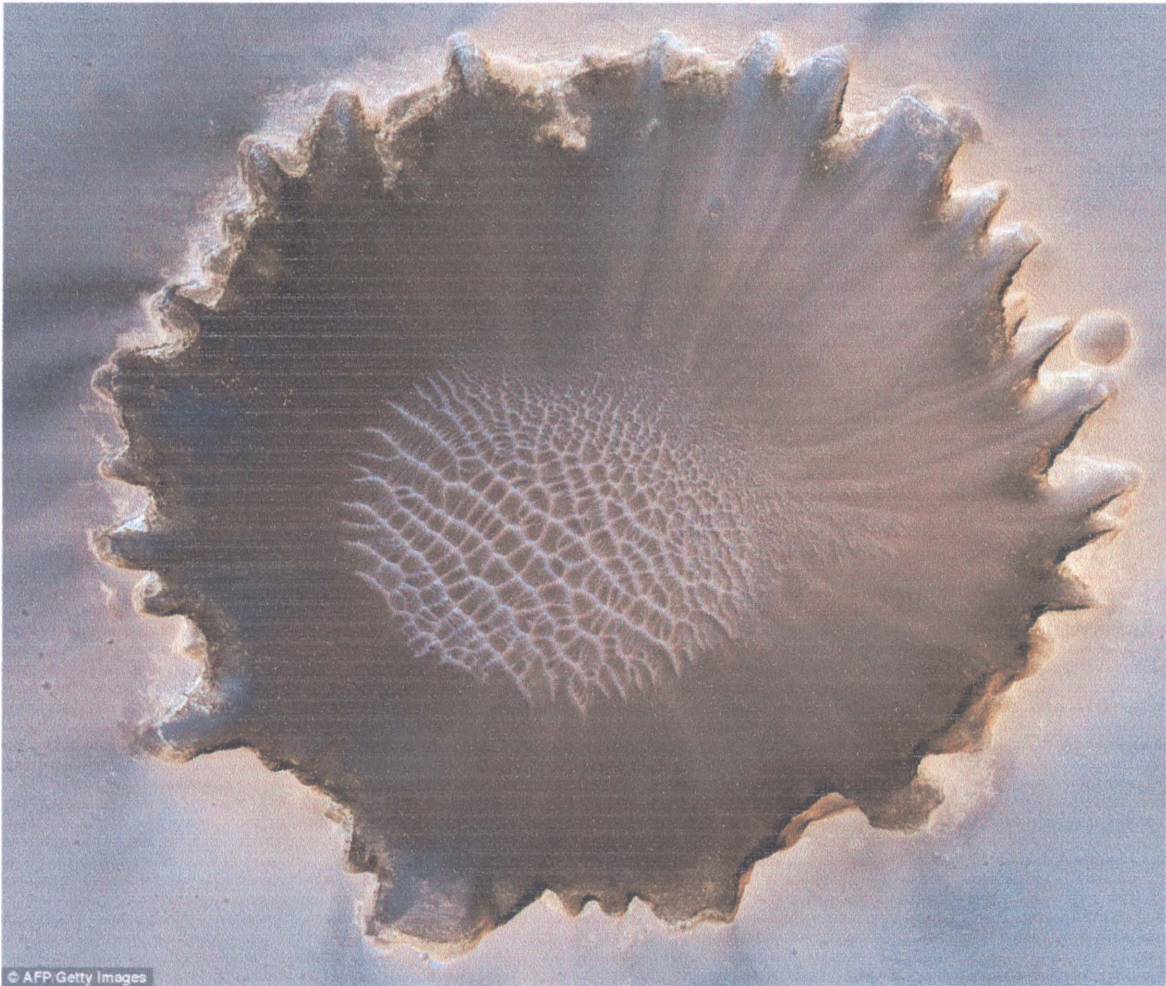
## JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: MARS LATEST PICTURE!

Pictured: Stunning new image of Mars show half-mile wide crater complete with sand dunes

By [Daily Mail Reporter](#)

It is one of the most dramatic images to ever emerge from Mars. In fact, this extraordinary photograph is so clear that even the sand dunes at the base of the half-mile wide canyon are visible.

Experts even believe that they can see the tracks of a Mars lander on the left-hand corner of the Victoria Crater.



This image of the Victoria Crater in the Meridiani Planum region of Mars was taken by the High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) camera on NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter

Its peaceful history was only broken when a Nasa rover landed in 2006 and explored the area until August last year, leaving behind its trademark tracks.

The space organisation's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter beamed down this stunning shot of the 800-metre-wide crater.

The High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) camera, which took the camera has been a useful aid in Mars exploration.

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-1206382/NASA-captures-vivid-shot-sand-dune-Martian-crater.html#ixzz0OTBbNAOv>



## TALE ENDERS

### A BIT OF GOOD NEWS FOR A CHANGE!

Hi everyone This email I thought I would never send, but here goes... I have decided, following great pressures externally and internally to retract my previous statement and I am NOT RETIRING!!!! And I am continuing with the publication of **UFONEWS UK**...Steve Gerrard (Southampton 8th Aug.)

### COPY DVD UFO PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE (To members Only)

- (1) Paul Ponsot (France), addressing the PRA meeting on 30th June 09 : World Governments and the Alien Connection. (Highly Acclaimed).
- (2) 'UFO Hunters' (American History Channel Series) Dulce and underground Bases.
- (3) 'UFO Hunters' Monster Quest: 'Rods' & UK Flap\* 2008 (*\*Extract, complete DVD is available* ).
- (4) 'UFO Hunters' The Cash/Landrum UFO Sightings (1980)
- (5) Laughlin Conference 2009, Nevada USA. Jaime Maussan & Santiago Yturria: Latest UFO footage and the 'Alien' body found in an animal trap in Mexico.
- (6) International UFO Congress 2008: UFO's over Mexico: Jaime Maussan & Santiago Yturria.
- (7) Discovery Channel: The Roswell Incident 1947.
- (8) 'Out Of The Blue': Classic USA UFO Revelations (Sci-Fi Channel)
- (9) International UFO Congress 2008: Georgio A Tsoukalos: Ancient Astronauts.
- (10) Film 'Night Skies' Based on a UFO encounter event March 13 1997: Scarey and Well Made.

The above DVD's are available from Omar Fowler (Contact info. Page 1.) £3.50 each incl. postage (UK)  
***Cheques should be made out to 'Phenomenon Research Association' (Not the 'PRA') Thank you.***

### ALVASTON (DERBY) SIGHTING

Hello, I was reading the Derby Telegraph today (19th Aug.), in which there were sightings of UFOs? However me and my partner saw these strange lights in Alvaston about the **25th July** at about 10.30pm. We saw 3 light (red) in which they where moving together and the darting behind trees and then they formed a triangle shape. theses lights then disappeared and then came back. I don't believe these were a plane as they were to close together and moving far to fast to be a plane. Nicola

**ALVASTON:** Witness Mrs Newbold reported that on the night of **25th July** at 10.30pm she and her husband had seen three "very, very bright orange lights" moving NW to E across the sky over the Bolton Lane area of Derby. Shortly afterwards 2 more lights followed on the same track.

There was no wind and no sound was heard

**DERBY SIGHTING:** Dear Sir . On Sunday night (**16 August**) ,at around 11pm ,I observed a craft flying over my house , exactly the same as the photograph in tonights Derby Telegraph (Wed 19). It was flying quite slow and very low, There was no sound at all. I watched it until it disappeared ,it did not go beyond the skyline ,it just disappeared. .

### THE NEXT PRA MEETING

Will be held at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby, 8pm on Tuesday 29 September

A DVD Presentation 'The Quicksilver Connection': Ancient Vimanhas Craft,

German WW2 Experiments Plus Flying Triangles or TR3B's?

Plus the latest UFO news & FREE UFO book raffle . Non-members welcome.

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