

# World round-up

*of news and comment  
about recent sightings*

## BRITAIN'S FLY-OVER WAVE

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**Many hundreds of sky objects were reported over the British Isles last Summer. It has been impossible to record all of them; instead, Mr. Lloyd has selected those in our files which are more than just 'star-like objects'. We are unable to indicate whether or not witnesses' subjective interpretations may have entered into some of these reports.**

March 31. Three "mystery" objects seen in field near Hanley. One large, bright orange light emitting a shower of green sparks and two smaller lights. *North Staffs. Sentinel* 1.4.67. (Credit: P. Gregory, Newcastle-under-Lyme.)

May 27. Strange bright green object in sky moving slowly towards Malham in the Yorkshire Dales. *Craven Herald and Pioneer*, 2.6.67. (Credit: Miss N. Driver, Morecambe.)

June 8. Round, shimmering silver object, large and rotating, hovered over marshes at West Caister. *Eastern Evening News*, 8.8.67. (Credit: Peter Johnson, Norwich.)

June 29. "Octopus-shaped" object seen flying near Wittenham Clumps. Bright and star-coloured, without tail and manoeuvring below wispy cloud. R.A.F. explanation: searchlight reflection on base of cloud. *Wallingford Herald*, 6.7.67.

July 2. Two bright lights, close together, appeared over Cricket Hill. Lights dimmed to pinpricks and vanished. Earlier in week, a "shimmering football" was sighted near Newlands Corner hovering over fields. Like an enormous egg, it appeared to be rising up and down "in uncanny manner". *Woking News*, 7.7.67.

July 3. Four teachers and 200 boys observed mysterious object hovering over Bearwood area, near Birmingham. Round in shape and very high. Unlikely to have been weather balloon, said Edgbaston Observatory and Met. Office, Birmingham Airport. *Birmingham Evening Mail* 6.7.67.

July 3. Silvery object scudded over Leicestershire. Large, round and very high, it moved very fast and soundlessly against wind. *Leicester Mercury* 3.7.67.

July 4. Green, cylindrical object, length of telegraph pole, seen over Weymouth. *Dorset Evening Echo* 7.7.67. (Credit: J. Randall, London, N.W.6.)

July 4. Fiery object seen in sky at height of 1,000 feet over Cromer. Reddish and sometimes violet light appeared to burst out from sides. Hovered, stationary, for two minutes, then swished off at terrific speed. Object was shaped like an egg or rugby football and was soundless. As it turned and made off, sidelights disappeared but front lights stayed on. No wings and no propellers. *Eastern Evening News* 12.7.67.

July 4. Green, glowing object with bright white centre appeared to land in Melbourne area. Mysterious green object also seen on following day over Scarborough, moving at high speed. *Yorkshire Evening Post* 6.7.67.

July 6. Object about six miles high, approximately over Warminster, seen doing complicated manoeuvres in sky impossible

to an aircraft. *Bournemouth Evening Echo*, 6.7.67. From the same paper of the previous day, date not stated, a green object with a tail of red and yellow sparks was reported travelling extremely fast along South Coast.

July 8. Object shaped like humming top with elliptical top and pointed base spun in air for 40 minutes near Ollerton, Notts. Surrounded by very bright light. *Nottingham Evening Post*, 10.7.67.

July 9. Grey-coloured disc, surrounded by a silvery glow, observed through binoculars near Dungeness. *Kent & Sussex Courier*, 14.7.67.

July 10. Fast-moving, triangular-shaped object, flawless white in colour, observed moving slowly at great height over Radcliffe-on-Trent. *Nottingham Evening Post*, 10.7.67.

July 11. Brilliantly-lit, cigar-shaped object seen moving rapidly westwards near Shipston. Shape was like stick of classroom chalk, slightly tapering, with thinner end leading in direction of motion. Edges clean cut. *Stratford-on-Avon Herald*, 14.7.67.

July 11. Glowing red object, shaped like quarter moon, manoeuvred over Dorset village of Lytchett Maltravers. *Bournemouth Evening Echo*, 13.7.67.

July 13. Red saucer-shaped object with a bright halo of light shot across sky, hovered over West Howe then moved away slowly. On same evening, a purple-coloured object moved over Wimborne without sound. *Bournemouth Evening Echo*, 14.7.67.

July 19. Object resembling a silver ball with sparks coming from it hovered over Carnoustie golf course at about 2,000 feet. *Glasgow Daily Record*, 20.7.67. (Credit: D. MacIntyre, Glasgow.)

July 23. Pink halo surrounded by a broad band hovered over Prenton, near Birkenhead, then disappeared in a flash. *Birkenhead News*, 23.8.67.

July 24. A thirty-foot silver sphere swooped down to earth at about 100 m.p.h. and disappeared at Awalton, near Peterborough. The object did not glow, made no noise and was wingless. *Peterborough Evening Telegraph*, 28.7.67.

August 2. Round, flat object about size of large dinner plate observed moving slowly in early hours over Maidstone. It made no sound, then suddenly disappeared, leaving behind three or four shafts of light, which also subsequently vanished. *Kent Messenger*, 4.8.67.

August 2. Oval-shaped object, between 20 and 30 feet across and light in colour underneath, moved slowly over Arbroath. There was a constant red glow from domed upper part. Object moved sound-

lessly over town which, at the same time, suffered an electricity failure. *Aberdeen Press & Journal*, 8.8.67.

August 3. A bright light, changing colour from orange to red, rotated in sky like a police car beacon over Abingdon. *Oxford Times*, 11.8.67.

August 4. Bright white light shot across sky over Heysham, making a humming noise, and disappeared in two or three seconds. *Morecambe and Heysham Visitor*, 9.8.67.

August 5. Orange disc with sweeping "searchlights" over Burghfield, near Reading, Berks. Object swayed from side to side and alternately dimmed and brightened. *Reading Evening Post*, 7.8.67.

August 6. Two round, silver-coloured objects sighted near Medway Bridge. *Chatham Observer, Kent*, 11.8.67.

August 10. Two Lancashire county policemen stationed at Hindley, near Wigan, reported an object in sky at high altitude, travelling east at a fast speed. It was round shape, glowing white and was well over 100 feet in diameter. (Report appeared in many national newspapers, including *The Times*, on 16.8.67.)

August 10. On same evening as above sighting, two more policemen stationed at Bledbury, near Stockport, saw a similar object three hours later. *Western Daily Press, Bristol*, 18.8.67.

August 10. The same or a similar object was seen at Farnworth on same evening. Object described as flat, about 80 to 100 feet in diameter, glowing pink and revolving. *Bolton Evening News*, 17.8.67.

August 10 (or thereabouts). Small object, about size of rugby football, seen over Stafford. Object had blue-coloured lights flashing round edge and appeared to be rotating. Strange sounds appeared to come from object in time with its rotation. Strange noises were also associated with object over Weston—a red object that roved up and down for over twenty minutes. *Staffordshire Advertiser*, 10.8.67. (Credit: Wilfrid Daniels, Stafford.)

August 11. Crescent-shaped object, like a bent red-hot poker, seen near Blackheath, Wolverhampton. Same object was described as "an orange ball which appeared to split into two halves". One part gradually got smaller until it disappeared, and the second part followed suit. *Wolverhampton Express & Star*, 15.8.67.

August 14. Two soundless lights, one of them blinking, moved slowly over a Lincoln housing estate for half an hour. *Lincoln Daily Echo*, 15.8.67.

August 15. Round, bright object remained motionless in sky for fifteen minutes, then slowly turned and appeared to be sausage-shaped. Object gave off bluish-white light. *Cornish & Devon Post*, 19.8.67.

August 15. Round, orange-red object zig-zagged across sky near Wigan. *Daily Mail, Manchester* 18.8.67.

August 16. Silver object like a spinning top hovered over Eccles. As it disappeared it became flatter. *Bolton Evening News* 17.8.67. (Credit: John Peers, Little Hulton.)

August 16. Triangular-shaped, glowing object seen over Weaverham, near

Northwich. Object moved horizontally and then disappeared vertically into clouds. Similar object reported by a Northwich man who observed it through night glasses. Object seemed to be spinning and was surrounded by lights that changed colour although centre of object maintained a steady yellow glow. *Northwich Guardian* 24.8.67. (Credit: Alan Horner, Northwich.)

August 17. Spherical, metallic-looking object stationary near Harrogate. *Harrogate Advertiser* 26.8.67.

August 17. Strange humming noise accompanied by a brilliant white light over Hesse, near Hull. *Hull Daily Mail* 18.8.67.

August 17. Object that "shone like a mirror" crossed sky near Harrogate. *Yorkshire Post*, 18.8.67.

August 18. Object like a ball of fire seen over St. Albans. Cream in colour, it was about 20 feet in diameter and was glowing. *Herts. Advertiser*, 25.8.67. (Credit: C. Troubridge, High Wycombe.)

August 18. Cigar-shaped object, coloured orange and black, pulsed as it moved over Bromley. Made noise like a heavy transport aircraft, but object had no wings. *Bromley & Kentish Times*, 25.8.67.

August 19. Hindley was the scene of another UFO visitation which was heralded by a loud buzzing noise that interfered with TV reception in the area. Object was estimated to be 200 to 300 feet across with windows and purple and green lights. Object also alarmed dogs, which barked and ran about. *Liverpool Echo*, 22.8.67.

August 20. A huge, round, bright red object flew noiselessly and very fast over Waterhead, near Oldham. *Oldham Weekly Chronicle*, 26.8.67.

August 20. A flat-bottomed object with a dome top, glowing silver in the night sky near Leeds. *Yorkshire Post*, 23.8.67.

August 21. A "spinning red circle with flashing lights" was seen near Leeds moving at fast speed. *Yorkshire Post*, 23.8.67.

August 22 (or thereabouts). A loud whirring noise attended the appearance of a large cylindrical object over a farmhouse near Ashbourne. *Derby Evening Telegraph*, 22.8.67.

August 22. A huge red disc surrounded by fourteen lights moved fast across sky over Burghfield, near Reading. Object was humming and appeared to be shimmering. *Reading Evening Post*, 23.8.67.

Aug. 22 (or thereabouts). A loud buzzing was associated with a massive white light in the sky over Shoebury, near Southend. The sound went regularly louder and softer. After a while the object dimmed to a red colour and moved away, the sound also vanishing. *Southend Standard*, 24.8.67.

August 24 (or thereabouts). An object about the size of a car, "like a pyramid with about three-quarters of the top chopped off and one corner longer than the others", hovered over trees at St. Germans, Cornwall. Object was bright orange in colour. It turned upside down, circled around and slowly disappeared. *Cornish Guardian*, 24.8.67.

August 24. A large illuminated saucer surrounded by a circle of orange light hung 800 feet over North Shields, Northumberland. *Newcastle Journal*, 25.8.67.

August 25 (or thereabouts). A dozen or more orange lights, roundish in shape, appeared suddenly near Ramsbottom in the Manchester area, grew bigger, stopped, then faded out. At one time they cast out a light

below them like a torch. *Manchester Evening News* 25.8.67.

August 27. Flashing white lights crossed sky over Torquay, fairly low. *Herald Express Torquay* 28.8.67.

August 27. Three unidentified balloon-like objects reported over a wide area of southern Lake District. Preston met. office spokesman said objects were not weather balloons sent up by them. One of the objects was described as shaped like a light bulb, transparent on the top and with an aluminium bottom, moving under own power against the wind. *North Western Evening Mail* and *Daily Telegraph, Manchester* 28.8.67.

August 27. Four children from Hucclecote, near Gloucester, saw a large "craft" which took aboard a smaller one through a door and then disappeared with a "whoosh". Objects were circular, domed in the centre, orange in colour and with bright lights around the circumference. *Gloucester Citizen* 28.8.67.

August 28 (or thereabouts). Two bright orange lights, elliptical in shape and surrounded by a luminous halo, hung motionless and soundless in sky over Shelton, near Stoke-on-Trent. *Staffordshire Evening Sentinel* 28.8.67.

August 29 (or thereabouts). Two further mystery objects, red in colour and travelling at great speed, crossed Staffordshire near Newcastle. *Staffs. Evening Sentinel*, 29.8.67.

August 29. A mysterious glowing object raced across sky over Congresbury, Somerset. *Western Daily Press*, 30.8.67. (Credit: Mary Driver, Downton.)

August 29. A dome-shaped object giving off alternate deep red and orange lights moved slowly and noiselessly across Staffordshire sky towards Talke, then returned, disappeared, and reappeared an hour later. *North Staffs. Sentinel*, 30.8.67. (Credit: P. Gregory.)

August 30. A bright orange light hovered over houses at Smallthorne, Staffs. Light appeared to revolve and there was no noise. Three other mystery objects seen at Bentilee. *North Staffs. Sentinel*, 31.8.67. (Credit: P. Gregory.)

August 30 (or thereabouts). A bright, dome-shaped object climbed high in sky over Old Trafford, Manchester. Object was tremendously bright and shining and was shaped like a spinning top, although it was not spinning. A faint humming noise came from it. *Stretford Journal*, 30.8.67.

August 30 (or thereabouts). Hindley again visited by conical, silvery object, with green and purple lights down the side and an orange-glowing dome on top. Object hovered and zig-zagged. Object has appeared over Hindley every 10 days since first sighted by two policemen, always at same time—10.00 p.m. *Bolton Evening News*, 30.8.67.

August 30. Second clear sighting in Northwich area reported within fortnight. This time a large, circular red-glowing object low in the skies. It moved slowly and soundlessly and appeared to be surrounded by a ring of glowing lights. *Northwich Guardian*, 7.9.67.

August 31 (or thereabouts). A mysterious, 18-foot-long object, glowing red and white, seen hovering over a field near the Lytham-St. Annes/Blackpool Road junction by two early-morning travellers. Scared travellers started their car and simultaneously the twinkling shape began to move and tagged along behind them as far as Peel Corner,

where it shot high above clouds and disappeared. *The London Stage*, 31.8.67.

August 31. A bright ball of light shaped like a television screen crossed sky between Chester and Prestatyn at about 15,000 feet. *Northwich Chronicle* 7.9.67. (Credit: A. Horner.)

September 5. A very bright star-like object emitting flashes of emerald-green light off and on at the edges moved in and out of scudding clouds near Worthing during a gale. (Credit: Mrs. Dora B. Reader.)

September 9. The Sussex Downs between Storrington and Washington was the scene of four hours of unusual UFO activity during the night. A bright, saucer-shaped object shone a beam like a searchlight towards another object. When the light went off, a pin-point ball of light travelled from one object to the other. At another time there were seven points of light in a row. Three were stars, but four which oscillated were unexplained. Red and yellow cones of light like retro-rockets suddenly appeared, then went out. Each time they were followed by beams of light on the ground. *Worthing Gazette* 13.9.67.

## ENGLAND

### Lancing Light

An unusual account of a strange light was reported in the *Worthing Gazette* of September 20. It seems that "Eighteen-year-old Margaret Moloney and her 11-year-old brother John are particularly puzzled by something they saw recently above a hill over the River Adur.

"She recalls: '... at about 10 o'clock at night I saw an orange-pink glow lighting up the sky in the east. I went out with my brother and saw a fantastic sight on the hill.

"The long, lighted thing was ablaze and it was making enough fire for something the size of Lancing College fully ablaze. The clouds in the sky were all pink and orange with the blaze, but it was not like a fire at all. The colour was different—it was too pink and there was no smoke at all.

"It was quite spectacular and so vast I thought that half Shoreham must have reported it, although it was a rainy night.

"We then went indoors and when my father came home five or 10 minutes later I quickly took him out to see it. But there was nothing. Not even smouldering embers or smoke or anything'."

Credit: Mrs. Dora B. Reader.

### Ghost, UFO, or what?

The following story is extracted from the Bolton (Lancashire) *Evening News* of August 28:

"For two hours of disbelieving amazement, five Horwich workmen watched a ghostly, ultra-white shape move around the Rivington castle ruins.

"From 5.30 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. on a clear bright morning they saw the white figure move backwards and forwards around the castle grounds until it finally disappeared into a clump of bushes.

"Mr. Richard Dabbs, of Abbot Croft, Daisy Hill, Westoughton, was the first to see the shape. 'I had gone outside with a wheelbarrow to remove some pipes from a kiln when I saw a white glistening shape on the highest part of the castle. At first it looked like a mirror does when the sun catches it but later when the sun had risen



a bit it just looked ultra-white.

"I couldn't think that anyone would be up there at that hour of the morning so I stopped to watch it. It moved about 3ft to one side and back again after about 10 minutes.

"When I went back inside to my mates I really didn't know what to say to them. In the end I just launched right in and told them I had just seen a ghost. None of them believed me. I got a bit rattled and let the subject drop for about half-an-hour.

"Suddenly one of the other chaps who had gone outside to do something came running back in saying: 'He's not crackers. I've just seen it too'. We all went out then and there it was at the foot of the castle by some bushes.

"From then onwards it just looked as though it was keeping lookout. It followed the same pattern going from the bottom of the castle to the top. Sometimes it went behind bushes but we could always see its glowing white top.

"One time when it went behind the bushes it didn't return. We've watched every morning since but we've seen nothing. It must have been about 10ft tall or something like that as it was so clear from where we were standing nearly three miles away.

"The men would have gone up to the castle to see what it was if they had had transport. It was all the reports in the paper about weird sightings that made us start talking about it", added Mr. Dabbs.

"It happened three weeks ago but we didn't tell anyone about it as people think you are mad. It was all the reports about weird sightings that made us think we could have seen what other people have been seeing", he said."

Credit: John Peers of Little Hulton.

## AUSTRALIA

### "Flaming" object over Sydney

From the Sydney *Sun-Herald* of July 16, 1967, comes the following account:

"Two fishermen yesterday told *The Sun-Herald* about a huge golden ball of light and flame which appeared to 'land' twice in Sydney early on Friday morning (July 14).

"The two men . . . Mr. Maurice Allen, 34, spray painter of Kingsgrove, and Mr. Glen Mitchell, 28, motor mechanic, of Beverly Hills . . . were fishing four miles out to sea off Cronulla at midnight Thursday when they first saw the object.

"Mr. Allen said: 'It was uncanny. At first I thought it was a plane with landing lights on. But I realised that was wrong. Then I thought it might be a helicopter. But that was wrong, too.

"Mr. Allen, who is training for his pilot's licence, said: 'It was like nothing that I have ever seen in the air before. We checked with the Department of Civil Aviation and there were no aircraft in the vicinity at that time'.

"The two men agree it was a golden ball of light, which had a flickering light similar to flames from a fire. They said it was 200ft in diameter. It swept across the sky and then descended almost vertically from about 1,700 feet to ground level. The sighting lasted about 12 seconds.

"It appeared to land around Cronulla golf links", Mr. Allen said.

"The two men brought their boat into Botany Bay an hour later and were fishing inside the bay when they saw the light again.

"Mr. Mitchell said: 'It had the same appearance but was probably 10 miles away. This time it seemed to land behind the Taren Point bridge. I'm surprised no one else has reported seeing it'."

Credit: Mrs. Judith Magee, VFSRS, P.O. Box 43, Moorabbin, 3189, Victoria, Australia.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

### Creatures reported

In a personal report Mr. E. Browne, of Ligoniel Road, Belfast 14, claims that, on the evening of Monday, July 17, he was walking in a wood not far distant from his home when he came upon a very strange object.

"It was dish-like, and hovering eight feet above the ground. It was a dull blue-grey colour with a rough and pitted outer surface, and was of the size of an automobile. As I stood looking at it, the middle of the craft opened and out came two silver human-shaped beings that dropped slowly and silently to the ground and then walked away into the wood. Some time later they came back and drifted back into the craft, which rose silently into the air a few seconds later and vanished from sight."

## FINLAND

### Light over Jyväskylä

From the *Helsingin Sanomat* of September 5, 1967, comes this story of a spectacular apparition in the skies over Jyväskylä, a town in mid-Finland with a population of 50,000:

"Jyväskylä, September 4. In the skies to the north of the town, a strange light was seen late in the night between Saturday and Sunday. The phenomenon lasted fifteen minutes, and differed from all known lights in connection with aeroplanes, stars and so on.

"The eye-witnesses said that a light looking rather like the moon, stood still in the sky. Above this light there appeared a red arch that spread out like a flower. In it were all the colours of the spectrum. This was repeated after a couple of minutes, and after this a cloud formed beneath the light, then, under the cloud there appeared a bright ball-like shining object. This latter then faded slowly away.

"The witnesses checked watches and found that their sighting had lasted from 10.32 p.m. to 10.47 p.m. They also checked with the near-by airport (civil and military) and were told that no aircraft had been in the air at the time, nor was there any moon in that direction."

Credit: **Elis W. Grahn**, of Gamlakarlabý (Kokkola), who also provided the translation.

## SPAIN

### Flying "Soup tureen"

The Barcelona newspaper *La Vanguardia Española* of June 4 reported how:

"As night was falling on Thursday, June 1, hundreds of people in La Villa, Madrid, saw a strange object which flew at great speed over the upper end of the Paseo de Extremadura and the suburb of San José de Valderas.

"One enthusiast even claims to have taken several photos of it, and two of them appear on the front page of today's issue of the evening paper *Informaciones*. The photographs show, at low altitude, an

object shaped like a soup-tureen, with a mark on the lower part resembling a capital H with an I in the centre—reminiscent of a cattle-brand.

"According to eye-witnesses, the 'flying saucer' paused temporarily in its rapid flight, remained stationary for a few moments, and then flew on at tremendous speed. Some people, who saw it come up from behind some trees, do not discount the possibility that there may have been a landing. They say its colour was at first reddish, turning to silvery as it disappeared. The change in colour could have been due to the rays of the sun, which was just about to set."

Credit: **Antonio Ribera**, who is trying to obtain the pictures.

Translation: G.C.

## Triangular object over Caceres

*La Vanguardia Española* of June 4 related the story of a sighting which took place on the previous evening:

"Caceres: June 3. Hundreds of people watched, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. this evening the movements of a 'flying saucer' that was larger than a normal-sized passenger airliner.

"The strange object, which made its appearance here two days after one was seen and photographed over Madrid, was triangular in shape, and according to most witnesses, of a shining pale blue colour, with luminous reflections of light. A spokesman of the Air Control Station said they had been unable to make any contact with the strange aerial craft, the altitude of which could have been between 7,000 and 10,000 metres.

"While it was being watched by numerous people, many with binoculars, it made off towards the South at high speed."

Credit: **Antonio Ribera**.

Translation: G.C.

## UFOs over Madrid

The newspaper *La Vanguardia Española* of August 23 carried the following story:

"Strange unidentified objects have been seen from several parts of Madrid. The objects were seen a little before midnight yesterday over the hills of Madrid; they could be seen by their coloured luminescence.

"The objects took several forms. First they resembled an elongated star outlined by red, green and yellow lights. A little later, the star became two, and later still, was transformed into a formation of five objects. Their presence was observed mainly in the region of the Parque del Oeste and the Plaza de la Moncloa."

Credit: **Miss Anna France**, of Farncombe, who was on holiday in Spain at the time.

Translation by Miss France.

## CANARY ISLANDS

### Rotating object over Grand Canary

*El Eco de Canarias*, of August 30, 1967, tells of an impressive sighting in these Spanish islands off the North West coast of Africa. The account was related by Sr. K. Betancourt Brito:

"At the Atalaya de Guia lookout-point, on Saturday, August 19, at 10.15 p.m., a strange object in the sky was seen by three people who were on the way to a cinema.

"We heard of the case and interviewed