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Robert Rickard & Richard Kelly's *Photographs of the Unknown*, reviewed in Bookshelf 7, is now available in a paperback edition (New English Library, £4.95). So too is Randall Jones Pugh & F. W. Holiday's *The Dyfed Enigma*, reviewed in Bookshelf 1 (Coronet, £1.25).

RETURN VISIT TO AVELEY

Bob Easton

Our contributor has recently joined the UFOIN team, and this is the report he submitted to become accepted. He also acts as RIC for BUFORA in the Essex area.

August 28 1980. 20.30 BST. Aveley, Essex. MED. Level A.

READERS of Volume 23, No. 6, and 24, No. 1, will recall the incredible story of UFO contact and abduction claimed by the family of John and Sue Day (then given the pseudonym of Avis). The incident, from 1974, and its aftermath (which still has repercussions for the family), has entered British UFO folklore as one of its more significant events.

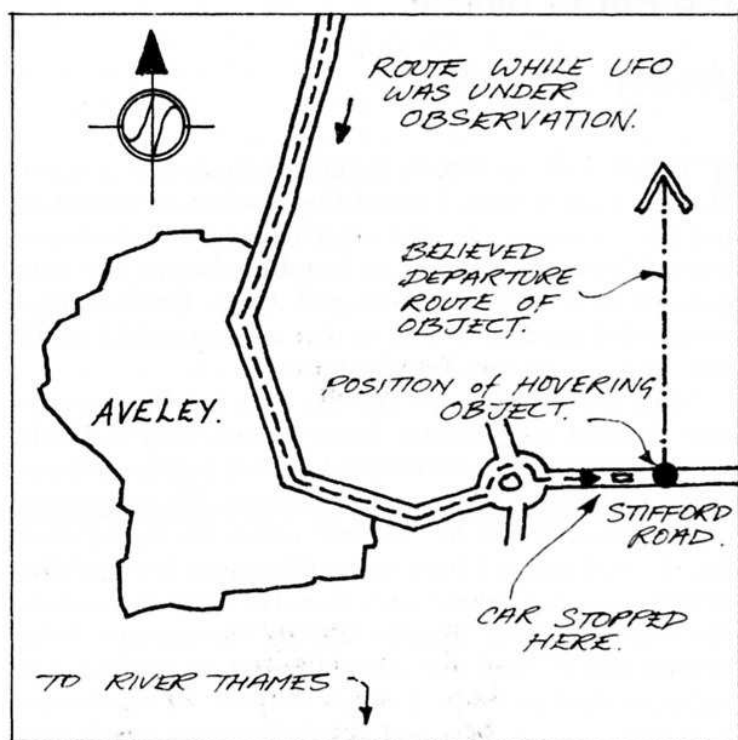
Aveley is a small village on the eastern fringes of Greater London, with flat land and dotted woods, but with a military "danger zone" situated to the south by the banks of the River Thames. We now have cause to describe another encounter which has taken place in this location.

The night was described as warm and clear (in fact weather details show 25 km visibility, a temperature of 68°F, 3/8 strato-cumulus cloud at 4000 feet, and a light south-westerly wind of 10-12 knots). There were five witnesses all travelling together by car. This is an interesting coincidence as the previous abduction involved a family of five travelling in a car at a spot very close by.

The witnesses were Anthony Constable (aged 34), a cafe proprietor from Upminster, who has no interest in UFOs, and who has sought a rational explanation for the sighting; his wife Josephine, also 34, who helps in the cafe and has a mild interest in UFOs, having read "Von Däniken"-type books, but who has never before seen anything like this, their two children, Dean (age 10) and Scott (age 8), who have not been interviewed and, finally, Carol Fisk (age 18), who is the sister of Josephine and lives in East London.

As Carol was on a visit to her sister, and as it was a pleasant evening, they decided to take a short country

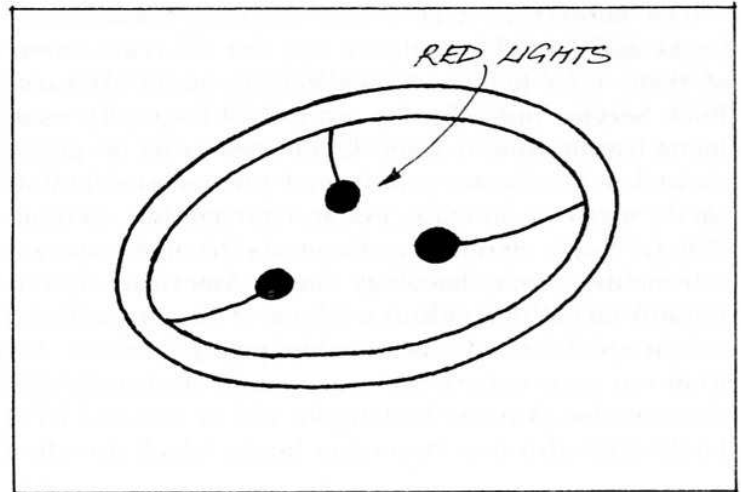
drive. They left in their Ford Escort, with Anthony driving, and after an hour or so relatively aimless wandering they found themselves on Aveley Road, heading south towards the village. Anthony and his wife noticed the phenomenon more or less at the same time, seen first visually as two very bright red lights suspended in the south-east at an elevation of about 30 degrees. Calling them to the attention of everyone else, as the lights looked rather close, it was decided to try to get a better look at them. As they drove into the



village the lights seemed to maintain constant position and brilliance. Negotiating a roundabout, they drove along Stifford Road towards the point where the lights seemed to be hovering, even though by this time the eyewitnesses were a little apprehensive.

They reached a point almost directly beneath the object. It was difficult to observe it properly, and they discussed getting out, but nobody could summon up enough courage to brave the darkening open country with this unknown object seemingly no more than 500 feet above them. They left the car engine idling while they sat there for several minutes contemplating the thing above them. They could hear no sound, and the engine suffered no adverse effects.

They could now see three bright red lights, spaced equidistantly and "brighter than streetlights." They appeared to be on the underside of a large oval shape that was light grey in colour. Estimates of its size centred on about a three inch diameter at arm's length. As they watched Anthony suggested it might be a balloon, but they could not figure out how it had remained stationary for a time that was now approaching fifteen minutes, although there was some wind. They then decided that they would drive up the road a little, turn around and approach the object from the opposite direction. They did this, taking no more than a minute to return to the scene, but they were all astonished to find no sign of the object. Anthony thinks he saw the object streak away northwards, but is not sure.



Impression of the UFO based on the Constable family's descriptions

After their experience they decided to return quickly home. They reached Upminster at just after 9.00 p.m., and since the encounter lasted between approximately 8.30 and 8.45 it is not thought that there is any time lapse. Anthony phoned the *Daily Mirror* to see if there were any other reports. They could not help but did put him in touch with investigators.

All my efforts to trace a cause for this sighting have failed. I searched for a possible balloon, but nobody knew of one. In any event this seems an unlikely explanation in view of the witness descriptions.

RESEARCH REPORT — No. 5

Too Hot to Handle

Jenny Randles

IN FSR Vol. 26, No. 5, at the conclusion of a report from Tony Green, I asked that readers comment on possible reasons why the steering wheel in this case should become "too hot to handle" during the brief passage of a large cigar-shaped UFO. Readers have responded extremely well to this request; and I would like to discuss what they had to say.

Most replies took one specific line, but there were a few unusual suggestions. **Ernie Sears**, who is Public Relations Officer for BUFORA, refers to his own personal experiences of psychic healing. He mentioned one instance where he "healed" a lady by laying on of hands, and jumped back in pain because her wedding ring suddenly became very hot. He speculates about the warm feeling, usually felt by the person being healed rather than the one engaged in healing, and suggests that perhaps a weak current, or microwave radiation, passes between the healer and the healed.

In this sense, he argues, the witness (Nick) might have absorbed the radiation himself, rather than the steering wheel, and he transferred the heat energy to it, by touching.

As **Denis Jones** from Warrington points out, car steering wheels are reinforced by a metal ring inside the outer coating. If a massive alternating current or pulsing magnetic field were to surround the car then the ring would behave as a "shorted turn," inducing high current (and, as a result heat). But as the reinforcing ring would only be of "narrow gauge" the heat retention would be short lived, just as Nick described. Denis writes as a TV and audio engineer, and says that at the implied distance the field generated would have to be of a degree unheard of.

A graphic description of this effect was given to me by **J. W. Goodes** of Lincolnshire. Some years ago he was spot-welding metal. This involved a huge and