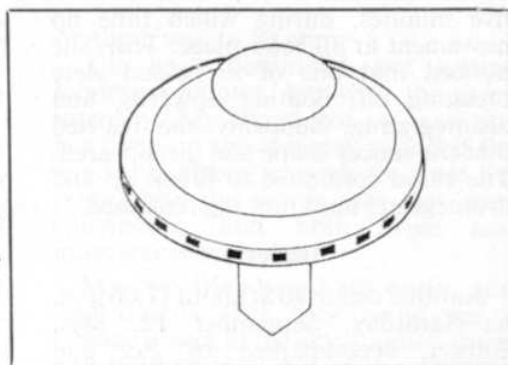


as he had given no thought to the sighting for several years. Considering this, I felt the two reports showed more consistencies than inconsistencies.

I visited the lake myself on June 22, 1969, and realised it would have been a very large object indeed to blot out the end of the lake, for although it is not a particularly large lake, the widest section is at the approximate area where the object was estimated to have been seen.

The object: based on sketch by the witness. Rim clearly visible, with dark markings. Upper part coloured like lead. Shape of lower part none too clear as it merged with the island.



Readers' Reports

Effects of a UFO in a fog?

Dear Sir,—I am particularly intrigued with the Imjärvi case in FSR. With regard to the dangerous unknown rays emitted by some UFOs, I once felt something like these dropping all around me when standing beneath what I believed was a UFO hidden by fog. The month was November and the year was, I believe, 1967.

As I was walking in Hill Top Road one Sunday afternoon there was a roar like wind coming up behind me from the west. It grew louder and I thought it was a hurricane, and didn't look round for fear of seeing tiles and chimney pots falling. As it grew nearer, and louder, I detected a mechanical noise, so I thought it was probably an aircraft making a crash landing.

Thinking I might save my life if I spotted it, I was obliged to turn round. The craft was then nearly overhead, and I noticed that it was now hovering. It suddenly occurred to me that this might be a flying saucer. (I had read only a few weeks previously a newspaper report stating that a boy of 13 years had been terrified by a saucer hovering above him.)

I stood perfectly still, and peered into the fog, but unfortunately it obliterated the "machine". All round me I could feel something dropping; it was a bit like vibration. There was, by the way, no traffic about, and the road was deserted.

After a minute or more the sound melted away. I did not notice the craft's noise departing in any particular direction. In less than a quarter of a minute the sound was gone, whereas it had been a full minute in advancing.

Apart from being a little shaken, I was not distressed by the incident. But a few weeks later I began to have some strange symptoms: a sickly feeling which lasted about a fortnight, an intense thirst late at night which

lasted nearly two years, and a very keen appetite. I lost quite a lot of weight, and neighbours remarked how thin I had become. I was surprised by my eating capacity and fed up with my nightly ritual of drinking two glasses of cold water after my usual supper of a beaker of cocoa and biscuits.

I think my mental processes were quite normal. I could concentrate on reading and writing, but was apathetic about practical matters. My nerves were bad and I grew discontented and grumbled and criticised. However, it is almost exactly three years since my strange experience and I am now getting back to normal; have put on a little weight and have less tendency to physical exhaustion. (Also my appetite is normal.)

Miss Olga Atherton, Crab Lane, Harrogate, Yorks.

A "conventional saucer" seen in India

[The following letter was addressed to Mr. Robert Chapman, who very kindly forwarded it to FSR. The author of the letter was prompted to write after reading Mr. Chapman's book "Unidentified Flying Objects."]

Dear Sir,—I would like to tell you about a sighting I experienced in 1958, when in a little village in India.

It was a clear quiet evening in December, at about 5.00 p.m., and I was out walking with a friend. We were facing roughly north, and I happened to glance to my left when a sudden flash in the sky attracted my attention. This was caused by a reflection on the polished aluminium-like underside of a "craft" as it passed between the setting sun and myself. It was slowing down and, as I watched, it stopped and just hung there, no smoke, sound or lights.

It was "conventional": one saucer

inverted over the other shape, and though the sun was not bright enough to dazzle me, I could not discern any portholes, antennae or any protuberances. It remained thus, clearly visible (and unchanging) for about half a minute, and then suddenly appeared to shrink very fast till it disappeared. For a split second I was very confused until I realised that it was moving away from me at a tremendous speed, still no smoke, noise or anything. Just disappearing.

While stationary it would have been about a mile (perhaps less) away, and about one thousand feet up, if that. In size it appeared somewhat smaller than a DC6 airliner. Of course I am aware that size and distance are misleading in the air, and it could have been a large craft further away, or a small one much closer.

My aged friend had never heard of UFOs, but, witnessing the entire incident, agreed it looked like no aircraft he had ever seen.

My reaction was not of amazement but surprised pleasure, because I have been reading about this subject, on and off, from about 1950, and I was thrilled to have been one of the comparatively few lucky enough to be granted a positive sighting.

John W. Dunn, Worcester Park, Surrey.

Boscombe UFO

Sir,—In the latter part of August, 1970, Mrs. Gilbert was working in her kitchen at about 8.00 p.m. The sun was setting, and the sky was mostly clear. She happened to glance through the window, which faces approximately N.E., and her attention was immediately caught by an odd-looking cloud. It was quite still, and in its midst Mrs. Gilbert saw a black mass, exactly the shape of the classic "Scout type" saucer. Fascinated, Mrs. Gilbert watched the phenomenon for about

five minutes, during which time no movement at all took place. Then she noticed that bits of the cloud were breaking off, floating upwards, and disintegrating. Suddenly she realised that the saucer shape had disappeared. The cloud continued to break up and disintegrate, until nothing remained.

Burley

Another occurred at about 11.00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12. Mrs. Gilbert, accompanied by her son Barry, and his friend Terry, were at their caravan at Mill Lawn, near Burley, Hampshire. Terry had been watching the sky for a while, when he saw a starlike object descending with great rapidity in the Southampton direction. It was visible for too long to have been a meteor. A little later, Terry called Mrs. Gilbert to come and see a "strange star" which he had spotted. The "star" was extremely bright, in an E.N.E. direction, at about a 20° elevation. As Mrs. Gilbert watched, it suddenly shot upwards with great speed, then stopped, hovered, and began to come closer to the witnesses, getting brighter as it did so. By now it was at 85°, and as it came nearer, its colour began to change from yellow to red. Through binoculars, Terry could discern a cigar-shape surrounding the light, but Mrs. Gilbert, although seeing a grey mass, could not identify its shape.

By now the light had begun to blink slowly, unlike the more rapid flashing of aircraft lights. The mysterious blinking light now turned southwards, and went away quite slowly. No sound was noticed.

Mrs. Gilbert rang several air bases in the area, but they denied any knowledge of the object. However, the officers to whom she spoke all asked for full details of the sighting. Finally, Mrs. Gilbert reported the sighting to the local police, and on the following Monday an account of it appeared in the Bournemouth *Evening Echo*, under the heading: "Thing With a Flashing Red Nose."

Leslie Harris, 120 River Way, Christchurch, Hants.

"UFO" seen over Westerham

Dear Sir,—Two witnesses of an unusual incident on a summer's evening last year are Keith Mason of Market Way, Westerham, Kent, and Mrs. Jean Lucas of Secker House, Minet Road, London SE9.

At approximately 7.30 p.m. on the evening of Saturday, August 1, 1970, Mr. Mason and his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. Lucas, were walking on Crockham Common, Westerham, following a public footpath towards Westerham Pond, when they sighted

an object at an estimated altitude of 2,000ft.

Mr. Mason was the first to see the object and pointed it out to Mrs. Lucas. Both agree that it consisted of two elliptical lights one behind the other. These appeared to be of the same size and were followed by a third light roughly triangular in shape moving apex first. All three lights were equidistant. Mr. Mason describes the colour as gas-flame yellow and so bright that the shape could not be clearly defined. He describes the overall length as being a little longer than a Boeing-707 which has a length of 153ft. He estimates the speed as approximately 200-300 m.p.h. The object came from the direction of Tonbridge and was heading towards slightly south of Croydon.

There was some scattered cloud, though the object was seen in a clear patch of sky. It did not change course or alter speed at any time. The light from the object was *not* constant but appeared to flicker or pulse slightly and irregularly.

Both witnesses looked away for a moment and when they looked back the object was no longer in sight. The overall sighting had lasted for a little

over 30 seconds. No sound was heard from the object at any time.

Ten minutes prior to the sighting the witnesses had seen a small aircraft at a higher altitude; they could clearly see the shape of the aircraft and heard the engine.

Both Mr. Mason and Mrs. Lucas have been known to me for many years and I consider them to be completely reliable. Mr. Mason refuses to guess at the nature of the object but simply says it was something that he could not begin to identify.

John E. Ben, West Kingsdown, Sevenoaks, Kent.

West Country Incidents

The following letter, dated November 25, 1970, was sent to us by a correspondent who was not at that time a reader of either this journal or *Flying Saucer Review*. We are indebted to Mr. Neville Armstrong of Neville Spearman Ltd. for advising him to write to FSR.

Dear Sir,—

UFO over School

At around 2.00 p.m. yesterday, November 24, 1970, under perfect weather conditions a UFO was seen hovering over my son's school, Ridgeway Comprehensive, Wroughton, Swindon, Wilts. This incident was seen by most of the school children, including teachers, who incidentally stopped lessons and called the children out to witness the sight.

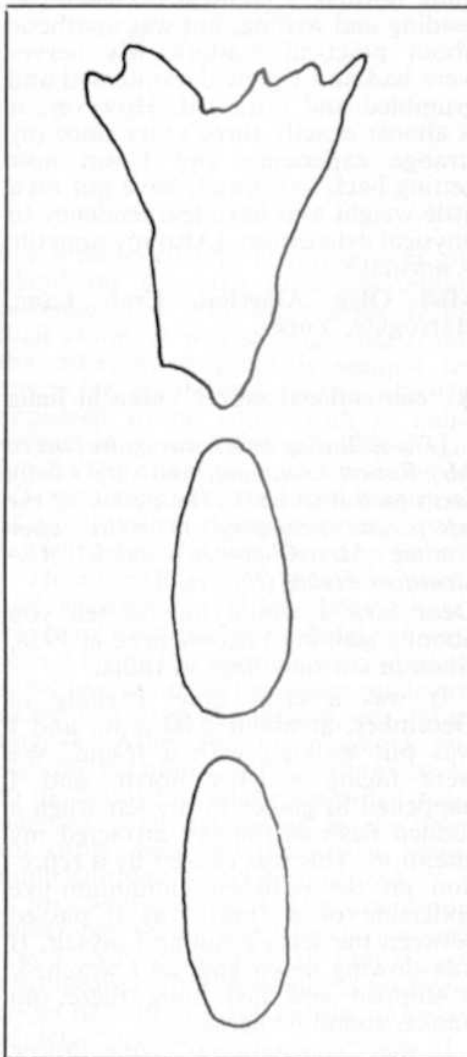
My son describes the object from where he stood as a black metallic disc 20ft. in diameter. The object was apparently being pursued (or observed) by two Hercules transport aircraft of the RAF from either RAF Lyneham, Fairford or Brize Norton. One aircraft was each side of the object, and flying around it.

After a few minutes the object tilted slightly and shot off at a fantastic speed, still pursued by the two transport planes.

Minutes later a jet fighter was also seen streaking across the sky, apparently in pursuit of the object, which, according to my son, left short black trails, but when hovering, gaps similar to smoke rings were visible when the object accelerated.

Whilst this activity was going on my son said that teachers were frantically racing about the school trying to obtain a camera to take photographs of the object. Whether or not any photographs were taken he was unable to say.

The jet fighter was seen by a friend of mine who described it as possibly one of the Red Arrows team, who I know were flying yesterday because I saw them myself. My friend also told



me he saw the two Hercules going "flat out" over RAF Lyneham but saw no object. The time was around 2.00 p.m.

Nevertheless, the disc was obviously seen by, I would say, several hundred people.

Pulsating object at night

It is interesting to note that about 3-4 weeks ago a woman and her friend travelling back from Devizes to Swindon observed a pulsating light hovering in the same area, at night. She states in her letter published in the Swindon *Evening Advertiser* that this too accelerated at a fantastic speed, and disappeared from sight. Her name was Mrs. New, and from her letter the place where she observed the object was on a hill leading into Wroughton Village (A361). From this hill one can get a really magnificent view of Swindon.

Needless to say, a few days later another reader wrote a letter to the same paper, poking fun at what Mrs. New saw.

UFOs, "auto stop", and effects on humans and a dog

If it is of further interest to you, I have a friend who, 18 months to 2 years ago, was out with his family and pet dog for an evening drive near RAF Fairford. They were travelling along one of the lonelier country roads when his car's engine cut out and his lights failed. He tried unsuccessfully to restart his car, and said he had the sensation that the air was "electrified". His dog, normally a soft old animal, went hysterical with fear. His children and his wife also felt frightened and started crying. He himself became scared, got back into the car and shut the door and windows.

To his surprise he saw three disc-shaped objects in "V" formation passing overhead and disappear in seconds.

In a state of alarm he again tried the starter and the engine fired. He drove to a call box and 'phoned RAF Fairford, not giving his name, and asked if they had any aircraft flying that evening, to which he was given the reply "No".

He told his wife not to mention anything about it to anyone, because he didn't want people to think he was "screwy". However his wife did confide in me and my wife, knowing of my interest in UFOs (although I have never seen one). I did manage to get a little bit of information out of him, but he told me that it was a sight and experience he doesn't want to go through again. I doubt very much that he would relate what he saw to anyone else.

I hope this information will be of some use to you in your research.—
J. C. Wilcox, 77 Duchess Way, Upper Stratton, Swindon, Wilts.

Humming noise, TV affected, and UFO seen

Dear Sir,—Here is an account of an incident which took place while I was staying in Bournemouth, and which may interest you and your readers.

On the evening of November 23, 1970, I was sitting in the lounge at Westcliff Hall Hotel, Priory Road, watching television with two friends, when we heard a low-pitched unusual humming noise outside. At the same time we noticed an unusual interference on the television set. At first we did not take much notice of it, thinking it was an aeroplane; but the noise continued, so that, after a few minutes, we looked outside to see where it came from.

Nothing was to be seen.

The noise continued, not getting louder or fainter, but with the same intensity. My friend got up, and put her hand up the chimney to feel if the wind was strong enough to cause the noise, but the result was not very convincing, and both noise and interference went on.

My two friends got up again, and said quietly that they could see a strange object in the sky. I joined them, and tried to look out of the window, while they were trying to explain to me the location of the object. As I could not see, I ran outside in the garden and looked up. The sky was very clear, with stars, but no moon. The object was travelling eastward, and was approximately the size of a sixpence, or slightly smaller, at arm's length. It appeared to be slightly oblong, with a yellowish light, which did not blink, on its tail.

The object travelled slowly and I could observe it at leisure, but when I was outside I did not notice any noise, so the humming sound and interference might have been connected with the television.

When the object disappeared, I looked at my watch and saw that it was exactly 10.15 p.m. I have observed planes landing at Hurn airport nearby many times, and this did not seem the same at all. Another strange sighting was reported the following Monday (exactly one week later) by a lady in Wimborne.

The interference on the television appeared as dark waves, flowing fast, a few inches apart, from left to right. I can't recall how many there were.

I hope you will find the above account, however small, of interest.

Yours faithfully,
Miss J. Duloroy, Trossachs, Perthshire Scotland.

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