

EXPANDING UFO OVER ANGLESEY

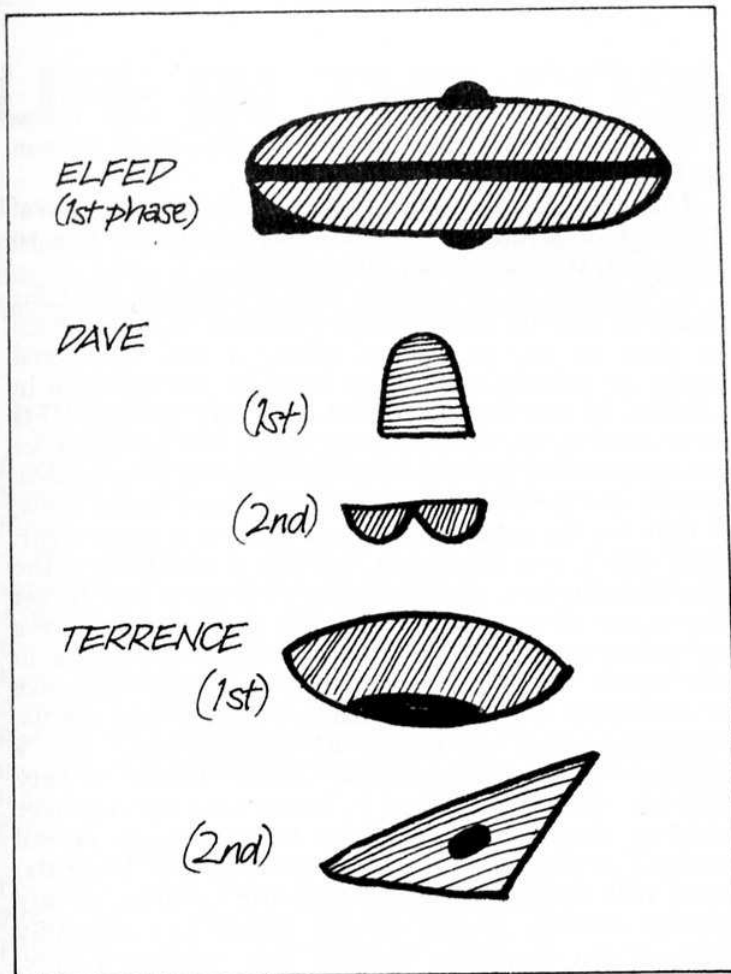
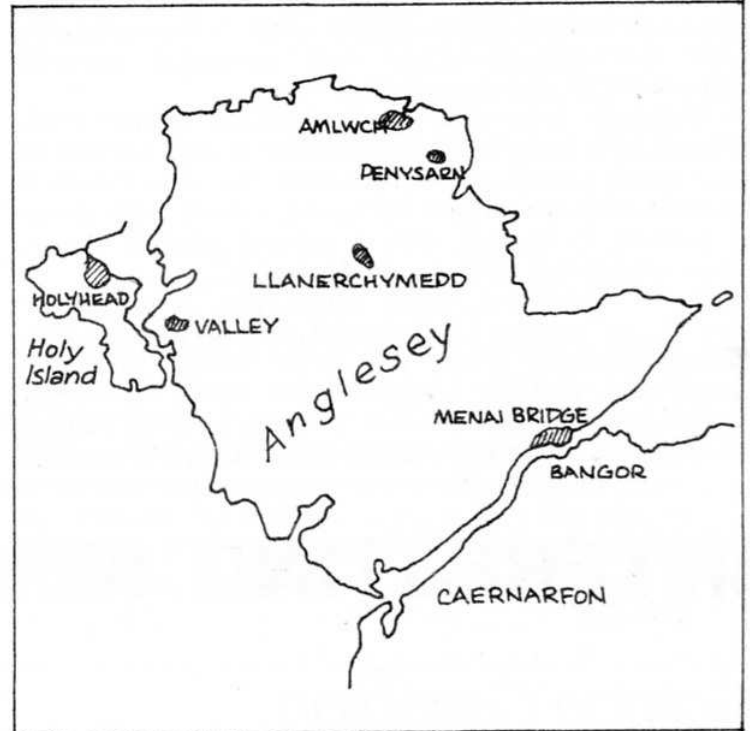
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ON October 8, 1978, we received a report from the island of Anglesey, North Wales, regarding an incident which took place at the village of Penysarn, which is some 3 to 4 miles N.W. of Llanerchymedd, where some earlier incidents had been reported.

The sighting began when 18-year-old Elfed Williams was driving his car near the village along the B5025 from Amwlch. The time was about 10.40 p.m. and he had just crossed over the bridge by the by-pass when an orange light to his left attracted his attention. It was high up and seemed to pass directly over the car. In a few moments it was seen to his right (South West) and now appeared stationary.

Because of this he decided to call at the house of a friend, Wyn Hughes, who lived in the village. Wyn was with two friends, Terrence Kellaher and David Jones, and all three were also aged 18. They all went outside when they saw the excited and frightened state of Elfed, but there was nothing to be seen. Believing that he was simply having a joke, Terry and



Wyn went back inside. Dave stayed with Elfed, and they wandered around the back of the house to see if they could see anything there. After a few minutes Elfed spotted the light again. He claimed that it just materialised in the sky. As he and Dave watched, it grew in size until it was equivalent to a matchbox held at arm's length.* However, it remained stationary. They called in to urge their two friends to come out, and all four stood on a wall at the front of the house to watch the object. After a moment Wyn rushed into the home of his next door neighbour without knocking. Owen Pritchard (aged 43) saw the obvious panic of the young man and went out with him right away. His wife Anne got some binoculars and went out into the back garden to watch.

The object was in the South East, more or less in the direction of Llanerchymedd. It seemed to be very low (estimated 200 feet) and the distance was variously estimated by the six witnesses as between half a mile and a mile. At no time did it make any sound. Individual views of the object were slightly different, as will be seen.

Elfed describes it: "It looked like two saucers joined at the rims by a black band. It appeared to move slowly towards us, and as it did so it appeared to tilt slightly to our right. As it did that it started to change shape. It took on the form of a triangle with its point uppermost and two square protrusions near

to its lower points. It was orange hued like street-lamps, and although I could make out a definite shape, it had an orange glow around it. It moved away from us and then shot off at a fast speed. We lost it in the glare of the Shell Oil tanks near Rhosybol.

Dave describes what he saw when Elfed pointed it out to him: "It appeared to me to be the shape of a triangle with its point upwards. It kind of shrunk and formed into two cup-shaped objects, rim upwards, joined together. I think this may have been due to it turning. After a short while it changed back into the triangle shape and receded towards Rhosybol (†), growing smaller."

Terrence says that he saw "...an orange oval-shaped light with a reddish bottom. It also seemed to have black panels. As we watched, the object started to drift towards us and then away. As it went away it seemed to change into a general triangle shape, again orange but with a reddish centre."

Owen Pritchard, when called out, immediately saw "...an orange oval-shaped object in the sky. Whilst watching I saw the object change into the shape of a triangle. I suppose this could have been caused by small clouds or even by it turning. I think when I saw it, it had started to go away, because it

just got smaller and smaller until it blinked out. I am sure that when it did this it was not covered by cloud or anything."

His wife saw very little except an orange light. Through binoculars she could see it clearly enough to recognise that it was nothing she had ever viewed before, but it was moving in and out of tree coverage so was not easily visible.

The weather that night was cool, with scattered cloud and a moon. It was fine. RAF Valley, who control air traffic on the island, had nothing that could account for the sighting. Local police received other calls that weekend reporting an orange sausage-shaped object.

* [And therefore an enormous object unless it was very very close. Remember that the full moon high in the sky only covers half of a 1p piece (or an old-fashioned six-penny piece, or an American "nickel") held at arm's length. This rapid expansion of a stationary object is also described in the report *Phenomenon Observed* on page 20 of this issue. The Russian article also carries a footnote referring to the remarkable Canary Islands landing which also involved a "growing" UFO. — EDITOR]

† [Rhosybol is the scene of another close encounter under investigation. — EDITOR]

INTERESTING NEWS FROM RUSSIA

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WE have recently received in confidence, from a French UFO investigator, an interesting mimeographed document in Russian, made on a very worn duplicator, barely legible in places, and bearing all the signs of an original Russian duplication, and not merely a Western copy of one. This document bears at the top the title *Life in the Cosmos*, and also the name and position of the author, from which it would appear that, if such a person does indeed exist, then the importance of this document is very great. For the post which he is described as holding is a high one in one of the departments of the prestigious USSR Academy of Sciences.

The heading also makes it clear that the document is a summary of a lecture delivered by this important Soviet scientist.

Since we have received no authorization to reveal this man's name or his position, I am not going to do so, nor will I name the French source. We can publish these details later, if authorized to do so.

This poorly mimeographed, partly illegible document strikes me as quite typical of the huge volume of so-called *Samizdat* ("self-published") material nowadays in clandestine circulation throughout the vast underground of Soviet society. Those of us who have had dealings with Russian matters have seen plenty of *samizdat* material, but it is of course generally of a social or political nature, and primarily

to do with the burning issues of elementary human rights.

This is however the first piece of *ufological samizdat* that has come our way, and one has to admit that it is distinctly interesting!

A warning is necessary. The document contains details of one or two Russian domestic reports which are new to us, as well as giving a few additional details of known cases. But most of the material in it refers to the over-all world-wide and foreign UFO scene, and as we read through these foreign cases we sometimes have the impression, either that the person making the notes has not got the story quite right, or that the lecturer himself had not got it quite right. If so, this is not surprising, for the world behind the Iron Curtain is a closed society. We must not forget that those of us who live outside that system have a far better chance of knowing what is going on in this whole UFO business than the people who live in countries with tight control of press and media, education, and all forms of information. For a Russian to get information about UFOs is very difficult. First of all there is, in any case the language problem. But then even if the Russian reads several foreign languages (and they are brilliant linguists) there still remains the fact that the securing of any sort of foreign books in the USSR is excessively difficult for anybody outside the privileged elite,