

# 1984: Saltfleet, Lincs, UK CE1

April 22, 1984 22.10 hrs.

Location: Saltfleet, Lincolnshire

As with the two previous sightings, this one occurred on the east coast of England. It has been subject to an intensive, ongoing investigation by the West Yorkshire UFO Group. I can present only a brief summary here.

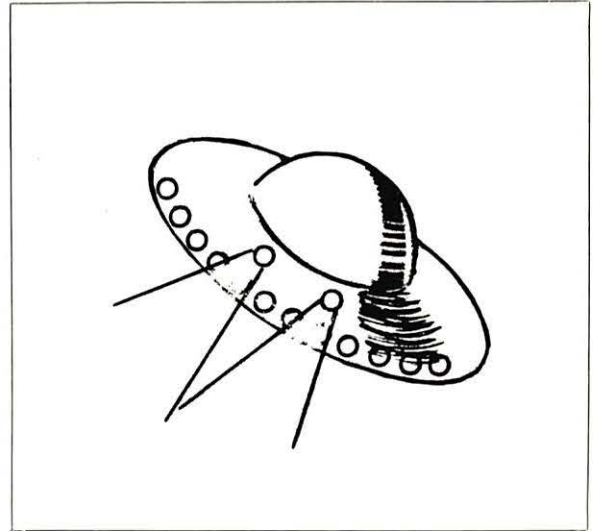
At a caravan site on this fairly remote part of the coast, 33-year-old Mrs. M (name on file) was watching television with her mother. Her two young boys were asleep in an adjacent trailer, but she heard them talking so she got up to settle them. On the way back to her film she saw a circle of white lights, a formation of smaller red lights above and a brilliant white light on top -- apparently on some dome-shaped object not far away.

She called out her mother and, by 22.17, both boys (aged 13 and 7). There was a definite oval shape with white, red green and blue lights in a circle, hovering about 500 feet up and near to the site. Then more lights came on and the entire thing began to revolve.

Lights once steady were now flashing, although this could have been an effect of the rotation. As the speed increased the colors blended into one another. The object now moved away due south.

Over the course of the next hour the object circled the caravan site in wide loops that took it several miles out to sea, before returning back right over their heads. As it flew toward the witnesses, it would switch on (and later switch off) a searchlight beam, which lit up the water, then the land below. As soon as it came on, several dogs in the area (previously undisturbed) began to bark madly. Also during the sighting Mrs. M went indoors to collect a coat because it was growing chilly. Her two dogs, trembling in fear, sat on the seat staring out through the closed curtains toward the object.

Back outside Mrs. M was looking at the object through binoculars when it came at them from the sea. It switched on the spotlight at this moment and she was blinded sufficiently to drop the field glasses. By the time she had recovered her sight, the object was almost on top of them. "Come on, you bastard, come closer and let us have a good



*The Saltfleet UFO*

look!" she was yelling up at it. It dropped to about 100 feet and hovered in absolute silence right over the heads of the four witnesses.

They could now see that the searchlight came from two "headlight" beams projecting forward. The craft had now tilted down slightly and the beam was illuminating the witnesses. After a few seconds it dimmed, giving them a spectacular view of the classic UFO shape, with a "smokey glass" dome on top. The rotating lights glowed with a fluorescent hazy appearance and as the object hovered for two minutes at a 45-degree tilt, the utter silence was in remarkable contrast to the howling of what seemed like every dog for miles about.

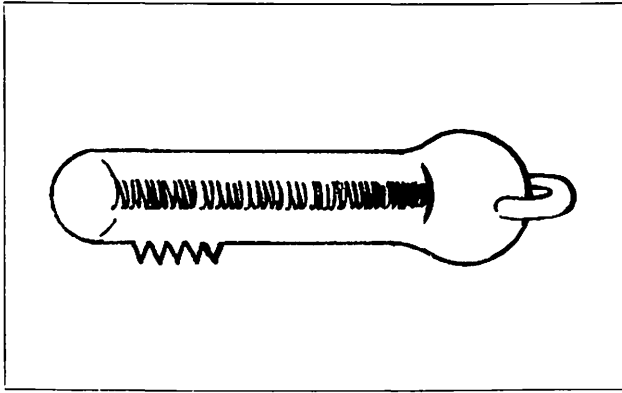
The UFO switched off all but four of its lights and climbed steeply in a vertical manner before heading out to sea to circle for a few more minutes. Meanwhile a couple who owned a beach bungalow arrived home with their baby. The infant was staring up at the UFO as if transfixed by it!

As you can see this is a potentially classic case and it is possible that much more will emerge as time goes by.

April 25, 1984 18.00 hrs.

Location: Blairgowrie, Scotland

A 59-year-old woman was in her garden doing a tapestry of the Madonna and child with her collie dog Shep by her side. The day had been warm but the evening air was cooling as the sun set. Her son was around the front of the house gardening. Suddenly Shep leaped up and fled indoors. A ball of light appeared in the air and



Key-shaped object over Blairgowrie

seemed to "enter" her body. She was blinded for a few seconds but felt calm and peaceful. A "white cloud" then rose up from her head and hovered over some bushes, where its light illuminated them. It "blinked" twice and climbed into the sky pointing out a large silvery object shaped like a house key. The cloud moved along the length of the key flashing and lighting up bits in turn.

After a few minutes the woman yelled to her son to come and look. He arrived just as the UFO swayed from side to side and vanished in a sudden pink flash. (Much like the pink flash at Llangernyw that began the wave 10 days before.) The son confirms this and says his mother was gazing at the sky "transfixed" when he approached. But he saw only the pink flash.

Summoned immediately, the police inspected the garden, took reports and filed these with the RAF base at Leuchars, on the east coast north of Edinburgh (not far from Blairgowrie). The police reported back to the family next day that neither they nor the RAF base had found any other witnesses and so they could do nothing further.

About a month later, according to both witnesses, an unmarked helicopter circled the garden five times at extremely low altitude. As it passed the trees where the silver-key UFO had been, it "tilted." Both side doors were open, and although no occupants were seen a "red glow" came from within. The son is convinced this glow was infrared and the result of RAF investigations of the landing site. He reported it to the local paper, but when reporters asked the police, they refused to comment. The paper did not pursue the story further, but two days later the helicopter flew over again, once and very briefly.

Stuart Campbell, who investigated the case for BUFORA, is no fan of "contact stories." In concluding, he asked simply "Hallucination?" A

fair point--were it not for the preceding cases in this extraordinary 10 days.

### Conclusion

It should be evident that cases like these five do not happen every day. I am aware of no other reports, not even of lights in the sky, from the same time period. None of these made the newspapers at the time. Consequently they are certainly independent of one another.

One is tempted to wonder if the sightings were caused by massive military exercises. With no Freedom of Information Act in Britain, there is little chance of our ever proving that. (All my letters to the MOD on these and other cases, post Rendlesham Forest, have not even produced the courtesy of a reply, indicating that I am "persona non grata" in Whitehall.)

It is interesting that on at least two of the other five cycle dates there *were* military exercises. In the February 1979 events we have a statement, in response to parliamentary pressure, because one UFO nearly wrecked a caravan site that time. This statement admits that a "special" USAF exercise was in force during this period. But since some of the cases those 10 days include daylight landings of a nature very similar to the "Eastern airport" case, I am fairly confident that we *cannot* account for all these things as military activity.

Exercises surely do not follow 21-month cycles, in any case--unless, of course, the "special exercises" are responses to something else that does!

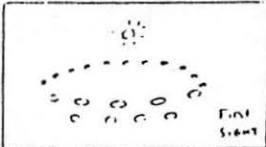
What next? I have noticed that not all of the cycle dates produce the same big number of reports. There tends to be a rise, but only every other cycle seems to be a real wave. January 1986 was the next prediction date (although as the cycle seems to waver between 21 and 22 months a one-month leeway is always needed). On December 28, 1985, there was a spectacular multiple encounter in the Pennines and Margaret Fry in Wales reported more sightings in January 1986 than for the whole of 1985. It is too early to tell yet, of course, but if the alternating pattern holds I would not expect anything like April 1984 to repeat this time.

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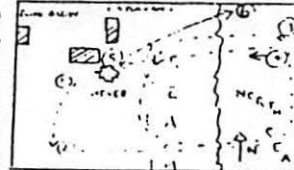
I had been holding off publication of this case pending receipt of a final report from WYUFORG, who have investigated it for us. However, I have been asked to summarise what we know for overseas ufologists who have picked up somewhat distorted press stories about it. The account is based upon a night of the WYUFORG report last October (which I was asked to return) and a talk to the principle witness, who attended the Bradford conference. Readers will note it is yet another major case in the seven day period between April 18 and 25 last year (to add to events such as the East England airport landing, the RAF Lakenheath encounter and the Blairgowrie CEM). Another significant case (dated April 23 and involving the HoD and photographs) will be featured next time.

Saltfleet is on a remote part of the Lincolnshire coast, about 40 miles ENE of Lincoln. It boasts a caravan site at which 33yr old Mrs M was staying. She had settled her two boys into bed and at 22.10 was watching TV with her mother. Then she heard sounds from them and walked over to their caravan, which was adjacent, settled them again and was returning to the film she was enjoying. On the way she spotted a circle of white lights, a formation of smaller red lights above and a bright white light atop them. Rubbing her eyes and looking again she satisfied herself that something weird was there.



Mrs M called to Mrs B (her mother aged 53) who came out. Then (at 22.17 by her watch) the boys (aged 13 and 7) also got called out. There was now a clearly structured oval shape with a circle of 9 white lights and red, blue and green lights above. It was stationary quite near to them and at a height estimated as 500'.

Suddenly many more lights now came on and the whole thing began to revolve. Once steady lights were now flashing and the speed of rotation increased until all the colours blended into a sort of blur. There was no sound as the object moved off south. The object was now visible as only a diamond of four white lights with some central red lights (see Bursley case, p.9!). It turned sharply and moved eastwards out to sea. Both Mrs M & B were taking a turn at watching through binoculars and saw the object as it moved north, parallel with the shore, very slowly, taking about 2 minutes until level with them. It then turned again, now to be heading westwards, straight at them! At this point it switched on a brilliant searchlight beam directed at the ground, illuminating first the sea and then the land beneath it. When it came on dogs all around the area began barking furiously. It was on just a few seconds and then switched off. The object came within a quarter mile, then



turned south and completed a second slow circuit similar to the first. By about 23.00 the object was back out at sea heading towards them again! Meanwhile Mrs M went into the caravan to get coats so they could go out onto the beach for a closer look. Their two dogs (a Jack Russel and a pup) were ignoring her; rigid



on a seat staring out at the sea towards the object through closed curtains. Both were trembling in fear. Upon going back outside the object had headed straight for them as before, with Mrs M looking directly at it through binoculars when the beam came on. She dropped the binoculars and was blinded for several minutes by the glare. Her elder son was forced to comfort her. The object now did not turn south, as before, but came right on top of them, descending to around 100 feet. The "beam" was seen as two headlight rays. Mrs M, now recovered (as it had taken several minutes for the approach to complete), was waving at the object screaming "Come on you b..., come closer and let us have a good look!" It did not. It hovered right over their heads, totally silent, beaming onto them and illuminating them in a spotlight! Then the spotlight dimmed and they got a fantastic view of the craft, with the lights revolving and a smoky glass dome.

The lights glowed almost fluorescent with a sort of hazy effect. The craft tilted at a 45 degree angle to reveal itself fully. It hovered for 2 minutes like this with the eerie silence contrasting with howlings from all the dogs for miles around. Then all lights but for four red ones went out, the object climbed vertically and went out to sea. There was a sequel, in that a family who owned a beach bungalow arrived, saw the lights and watched in astonishment as the object did another two circuits. The woman in the couple, Mrs W, held a baby in her arms. It was staring straight up at the object as if transfixed by it! Mr W went back inside, reported that his two dogs were strangely 'uneasy' and returned with his camera to take some pictures of what were now just high flying lights. They moved out to sea; were joined by a second set of lights, seemed to 'blink' to one another, and moved off north out of view at 23.20.

Obviously there is a lot more work to be done on this amazing case. My mind did think of air-sea rescue helicopter missions or exercises. But the proximity and silence seems to refute this. Besides, the M family have visited the same site each year since 1972 and have never observed any such activity. I hope we get a full report in due course.

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