

UFO Observations (pp. 60–78)

In the 1990s, a woman drove along a country road with her son when she saw a circular, orange object about church steeple height passing her car in a distance of some 100 m, at Hannoversch Münden. It appeared to be much quicker than a helicopter and moved in a series of sudden bursts, covering 1 km in 4 seconds. The case is classed as GOOD UFO. A second GOOD UFO case come from Bovenden and happened on 2 March 2020. The witness – who had seen UFOs before – saw a kind of liquid-metal, form changing object while driving to his workplace, He says other motorists stared at the thing, too. As he is an experienced drone pilot he rules out drones as explanation. It cannot have been a foil balloon, as it was travelling against the wind, and a halo can be ruled out as the sun was in another direction.

On 26 January 2021, over Cochem, a man snapped three pictures of two bright lights standing motionless in the sky. Comparison with the flight path of a Boeing C-17A shows it was that plane, as there are strong matches regarding place, time, and optical appearance.

A UFO in Heidelberg in the year 1811? (pp. 78-81)

The case of the jelly meteor of Heidelberg, 1811, is mentioned in quite a number of fortean books (and was first referred to by Charles Fort, himself). The author has traced three longer reports by the eyewitness in old journals which show the site was Ladenburg, and that the man saw a strange flash, than a hovering mass of fire which detonated and rained down to the ground “like a column of flames.” The gelatinous mass was only discovered at the site on the morning following the encounter.

Some Thoughts on the state of UFO Research (pp.82-93)

The author first outlines the position of UFO research according to modern knowledge theory as a heterodox area of knowledge which will not be recognized by academia until the anomalies rise high number; and the theoretical process exists by which the heterodox knowledge can be integrated. He outlines similar situations across a spectrum of acceptance, from Rupert Sheldrake’s morphogenetic fields to near-death experiences and instrumental trans communication (technological mediumship). He sees ufology and abduction studies as falsely marginalised by science and says to overcome this situation, ufology must have more measurements of UFOs, better scientific analysis of landing traces, medical records of the changes in human bodies that UFOs trigger, and better means to gauge witness reliability. Ufology will be marginalised until the media report seriously on UFO reality so that scientists can investigate the field.

Reviews (pp. 94–96)

No English language books are reviewed in this issue.