



BY LEWES ROUSER

IN this column in the "Express-Herald" of October 12 last year I introduced a celestial visitor described by many who saw it as a "flying saucer," the first of its kind to be observed passing over Lewes. Now Mr. H. Best, of 24, South-street, Lewes, tells me that at about 7.50 p.m. on Thursday last week he saw an object which he has no doubt was a "flying saucer" passing over the county town from the south-east to the north-west—roughly in the opposite direction to that taken by the October visitor. It might be described as a "return visit."

"The object was the shape of a saucer," said Mr. Best to me. "Or, to be more accurate, the shape of a Dutch cheese. It could be seen quite plainly in the brilliant moonlight. It appeared white, whether from its own luminosity or due to the moonlight I cannot say."

"A long flame was shooting out of the back of it, like a tail. But it was no meteor or comet, of that I am sure. I have always been interested in watching the night skies, and I have seen too many shooting stars to be mistaken about that."

"I have the impression that it was fairly low—not so far up as a high-flying plane—and it passed in utter silence but at great speed until it was cut off from my view to the north-west."

Naturally Mr. Best wants to know if anybody else in the vicinity saw this remarkable object in the sky. Bearing in mind the many corroborations which reached me following publication of Mr. Ernest Fuller's report last October, I expect to receive similar accounts from readers who may be able to confirm Mr. Best's observation.

of similar entertainments would do well to bear in mind.

This is that the comfortable new chairs for the Assembly Room can provide only 18 places to a row, instead of the 22 provided by the old hard chairs. So if a seating plan for 22 is drawn up and seats are sold in advance, the old chairs have to be used instead of the new.

This, I understand, is what happened at the pantomime, an annual affair, for which the customary seating plan previously used was once more adopted.

I think those who have tested the comfort of the new chairs, each fitted with arm rests, will not criticise them, and if they examine the quality of the chairs, will not accuse the Town Council of being cheeseparing.

Veiled Criticism

AN interesting reflection on the cost of living 140 years ago, coupled with an expression of ill-will towards a local miller, came to light in the course of restoring two 17th century cottages in Lewes Nos. 2 and 3, Southover, High-street.

The cottages apparently underwent some alteration or reconstruction in 1817, and the workmen of those days left rough inscriptions, probably made with the point of a trowel, in the plaster under the roof timbers.

One of these inscriptions reads: "Flour 2s. 11d. a gallon. 25 June 1817. God grant that it may soon fall and Cat may fall with it is my wish."

Mr. Cat, it is understood, was in those days a well-known and prosperous miller at Barcombe

24 South Street (formerly no. 26)

Date	Owner	Occupier	Notes	Source
	24 South Street	Formerly 26 South Street	For earlier history of site see nos 26 & 28	
1863		Colwell & Braund	Described as 'houses newly erected'	Brent
1861	Is this 24?	Abram Funnel	Age 43, merchants clerk, b. Southease; Kate Funnel, wife, age 50, b. Hamsey; Thomas Funnel, age 15, merchants clerk, b. Lewes; Mary Funnel, dau, age 11, b. Lewes; E S Funnel, dau, age 8, b. Lewes; J A Funnel, son, age 4, b. Lewes; Mary A Tucker, lodger, age 55, annuitant, b. Hamsey;	Census Brent
1871	(26a South Street)	James Bull	Age 53, commercial clerk & agent, b. Newport IoW; Edith Bull, wife, age 55, b. Whitewell, Hants; Elizabeth A Bull, dau, age 11, b. Newport IoW	Census
1881		Edith Bull	Widow, age 65, annuitant; Elizabeth Bull, dau, age 21, milliner; George Sandalls, boarder, age 20, upholsterer, b. Chailey	Census
1881/82		Mrs Bull		St Dir
1882- 1883		James Bull		St Dir
1891		David Simmonds (?)	Age 50, coal merchants foreman, b. Chailey; Elizabeth Simmonds, age 51, b. Lewes	

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1900/01		David Simmonds		St Dir
1901		Jesse Goulder	Age 29, carpenter & joiner, b. Farnham; Ada M Goulder, wife, age 30, b. Lewes; Violet M Goulder, dau, age 5, b. Lewes; Edith M Read, sister in law, age 26, lady's maid; Percy G Hoare, boarder, age 18, grocer shop assistant, b. Sittingbourne	Census
1902-1905		Jesse Goulden		St Dir
1906	No entry in St Dir			St Dir
1907		Charles Ford		St Dir
1909/10-1910/11		William Colwell jun		St Dir
1910	Mrs Simmonds	W Colwell		IRV 468
1911		William Colwell	Age 46, barge & boat builder, b. Lewes; Mary Rebecca Colwell, age 45, wife, b. Battle; Emily Colwell, dau, age 11, b. Lewes; William Colwell, son, age 8, b. Lewes; Clifford Harmer, boarder, age 33, gardener, b. Lewes 6 Rooms	Census
1913/14-1916/17		Walter Fuller		St Dir

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1921	John William Edward Funnell		Age 54; G. V. Funnell, son, age 23, Navy; E.G Funnell, son, age 20, sawyer (out of work); K M Funnell, dau age 18, Book folder, Baxters; I L Funnell, dau, age 15, Book folder; L F Funnell, son, age 8; W. Brown, boarder, age 57, widower, brewers drayman, Harveys	Census
1920/21- 1938/40		John Funnell		St Dir
1939	John William Edward Funnell		B. 7/7/1863, sawyer; Ann Funnell, b. 15/5/1867 Grandfather of Chester Funnell, son of John Funnell who lived at no. 82	1939 Register
1951/52- 1974		Alfred T Waller		St Dir