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Mystery face on camera

AMATEUR photographer Alan Irving could be a little closer to solving the mystery of the strange face he caught on camera when he photographed lights in the sky.

Two groups which investigate UFOs and related phenomena have offered to investigate the unexplained circle of lights above his home in Coombe Road, Tovil, last October and November.

Experts are keen to have a look at the picture of a man's face captured on camera by Mr Irving when he tried to photograph the lights and published in the Kent Messenger.

Mervyn Newell, co-ordinator of the East Kent Research Unit based in Herne Bay, is investigating a series of alleged UFO sightings in the area and is keen to speak to Mr Irving about his experiences.

Lights in the sky

"The photograph looks like an image from a television screen to me but the question remains if he was pointing his camera at the sky as he claims then how did this come to be on his film?"

Unemployed Mr Irving, 50, and his partner Anne Ward, 37, first saw the lights in the sky above their home late one night in October.

They re-appeared several times over the next few weeks and were seen by several other people living in the same road.

One night Mr Irving fixed a telescopic lens to his camera and took a series of photographs.

Only one picture came out which clearly showed the face of a man, eyes downcast, seemingly standing by an open hatch.

Following the story in which KM photographer John Wardley suggested Mr Irving had inadvertently photographed a television screen readers were invited to write in with their suggestions.

Mr A W Atkins, of Leeds, wrote: "Mr Irving's photograph looks suspiciously like that of the late Raymond Massey in the film version of H G Wells's *Things to Come*."

Kent Messenger 27.01.95

UFOs put phones out here, too

SURPRISE, surprise. The Russian Academy of Science admits to a study of unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

This admission comes by way of a recent TV documentary on UFOs.

What interests me about this documentary was the UFO sighting at Petrozavodsk, on the Russian-Finnish border, in September 1977.

This had remarkable similarities with that experienced by Heywood ambulancemen, in May 1989.

According to Colonel Boris Sokolov, head of the Russian Ministry of Defence investigating team, the object seen at Petrozavodsk rained down beams of light and was witnessed by 170 people, including border

guards.

The guards reported that all their communications were rendered inoperable.

After a few hours, all communications were restored.

This incident so concerned the military that the Soviet government funded their scientists to do a study of UFOs.

I interviewed the Heywood ambulancemen in May, 1989, and they were adamant that the phones went dead only when the three UFOs were overhead.

They also told me they flashed their headlights at the objects which sent out coloured lights in all directions.

MICHAEL THOMAS,
Ufologist and crop
circle researcher.

Heywood Advertiser 26.01.95

A BRITISH Airways jet was buzzed by a fast-moving UFO, it was claimed yesterday.

An inquiry was launched into the pilots' report that the brightly-lit triangular object hurtled towards them before veering off down the side of the airliner.

They instinctively ducked before calling air traffic control. They were told that there were no other planes in the area and at first did not officially report the incident for fear of being ridiculed.

The Boeing 737 heading for Manchester's Ringway airport from Milan with 60 people on board was at 13,000ft over the Pennines when the pilots had their close encounter on January 6.

Now, on the evidence of Captain Roger Wills and first officer Mark Stuart, reports have been sent to the Civil Aviation Authority's Joint Air Miss

UFO was police copter

THE mystery of a UFO seen over Clacton has been solved — it was the Essex Police helicopter.

The Gazette received several calls from readers claiming to have seen a large round object at 2am on New Year's Eve.

Linda and Eddie Britton, of Page Road, and Ellen Medlicott, of Severn Road, all thought they had seen a UFO.

But Barry Guymer, of St Mary's Road, said the helicopter had been looking for burglars. Police confirmed the force helicopter had been flying at that time in that area.

Evening Gazette 10.01.95

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Working Group. The pilots would not comment but a colleague said: "They are high-grade, sensible guys. Everyone's talking about what they saw and it is right that it is reported, so the experts can try to establish what it was."

CAA spokesman Chris Mason said any suggestion that the object was a UFO was "purely speculative" but the investigation could last six months.

He said: "A very small proportion of near-miss situations involving untraced aircraft remain unsolved.

"They often turn out to be air balloons or small private aircraft. A glider, for example would not show up on a radar."

But ex-CAA man Arnold West, now director of the British UFO Research Association, said: "We know of several spottings of triangular flying objects over the past few years — the design varies but the wedge shape is common."

Daily Express 28.01.95

Count me out if it's UFOs!

WELL, it's the time to make predictions again. What will this new year bring? That sort of stuff. Where will we be in 1995?

I'll tell you where I certainly WILL NOT be in June 1995 - always assuming I'm not abducted by aliens, as one letter threatened this year.

I will not be in Cardiff's City Hall on Saturday, June 17.

And why not, you are wondering? I'll tell you. Because that's the day those celestial train-spotters known as UFOlogists come to City Hall surrenders to a bizarre band who know, really KNOW, that flying saucers haven't only landed but are still landing - many of 'em scooping up Earthlings for various dubious experiments.

I've been interested in the subject ever since running into the followers of George King, founder of the Aetherius Society. George, now a sort of self-propelled Space Age Pope, entranced his followers with tales

I'll consider them if one actually LANDS

of battles on the moon, of saving our earth from evil scaly entities from the Black Planet Shan, and of taking a trip in a Flying Saucer piloted by no less a personage than Jesus himself.

The fact that thousands of people believed this gibberish only confirmed my opinion - still held, by the way - that if you're looking for the one Barnum said is born every minute, you should attend a UFO conference.

Then you have the team led by Eric von Daniken, who makes the Gospel sound like Flash Gordon's Trip To Mars.

Ah, say the UFOlogists who will congregate in Cardiff next June, ah, that's not the REAL story. The real story of UFO visits and abductions is there for all to see - trapped on tape, and they'll be showing the evidence at City Hall. The camera, you see, cannot lie.

Tell that to Jeff Llewellyn, of the Swansea Valley.

Jeff is what the faithful call a "UFO expert," a phrase with no meaning at all, for to be an expert you need a solid specimen or unarguable proof of whatever you're an expert on. Anyway Jeff was, to stay in context, over the moon when a photograph turned up at his house one day last year. This was it. A genuine photograph of a UFO.

Jeff preached the Word. Until he discovered that his UFO was a picture of a weight-training dumb-bell wrapped in tinfoil before being tossed into the air. But . . . say those men and women who will be in Cardiff, but that doesn't invalidate all the other evidence.

Listen, I've SEEN the other evidence. Showing odd shapes in the skies.

I've seen the famous tape of

the alleged UFO hovering in the woods near a US airbase in Suffolk - and read the put-downs. I've seen Star Wars - and I still don't believe in Darth Vader. I'll believe in UFO's when one actually LANDS.

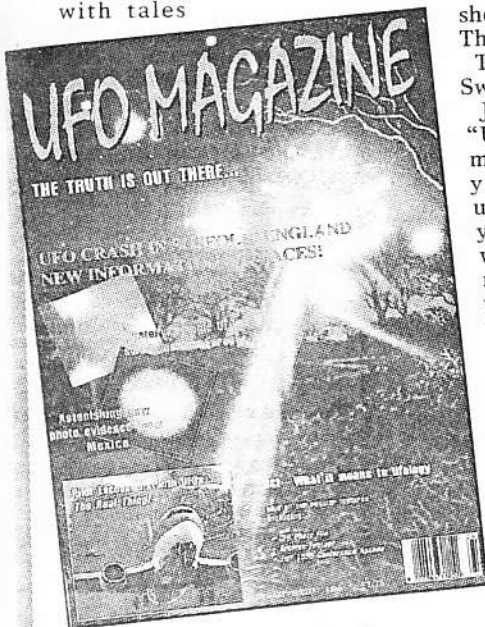
Since I came away from last year's UFO conference in Cardiff unconvinced, I have been, well, not flooded, maybe trickled with letters and phone calls, and presented with a tape purporting to show UFO's zooming over Mexico. The tape intrigues me because something is definitely Up There. But if it's a visitor from Out There, why ain't it Down Here to end the arguments once and for all?

Incidentally, I've also the famous photograph of the Loch Ness Monster, the one offering PROOF. It was exposed last year as a fake.

The UFOlogists insist that there is a world-wide conspiracy aimed at covering up all the evidence - which includes the bodies of aliens kept in cold storage by our American friends. After browsing through UFO Magazine I suggest there is a world-wide conspiracy aimed at keeping the pot boiling. 'Cos that's gold in them thar aliens, friends. As a glance at the magazine shows.

The thing itself costs £1.75. And it's packed with advertisements for videos, tapes, books, conferences and such oddities as the Urane UFO Model "based upon decades of eye-witness accounts." Just fifty quid. But the daftest one of all is the "Pocket UFO Detector, with Alarm Sounder and Tone-Pip Status". Yours for a mere £47.

Okay, those are my reasons for not going to the City Hall in June. So I will not be following up UFO Magazine's revelation that Marilyn Monroe was murdered to stop her leaking space secrets. . .



UFO MAGAZINE: A world-wide conspiracy to keep the pot boiling?

The real

Like characters in BBC2's *The X Files*, each year thousands of people claim to have been abducted by aliens. The startling thing is how similar their testimonies are. This week, *Horizon* shows psychologist Susan Blackmore's interviews with people who have had 'close encounters'. Here are their stories...



Wendy with a drawing of one of the 'grey beings' she says she met



Wendy, a mum-of-two from Pennsylvania, says aliens have often abducted her...

'One time, I was lying asleep in bed when something woke me. I looked up and saw these grey beings with huge, shiny, liquid-black eyes. They had large heads and incredibly thin, small bodies with no real nose and just a slit for a mouth. I was terrified.

'They stared at me in a hypnotic sort of way, as if they were controlling me. I was drawn into a bright beam of light that led to a craft of some sort — a UFO, I suppose.

'I was taken into a sterile metal room containing instruments and equipment like you might find in a hospital. My clothes were removed and I lay down on a metal table.

'Two of the beings touched me all over my body. Their fingers moved really fast, sort of like they were typing, and they checked my eyes, ears and nose — like a doctor. Then a taller being, who seemed to be in charge, came over and put its face close to mine. It looked directly into my eyes and I felt calm.

'I couldn't feel much, even when they gave me a gynaecological examination. My feet were in stirrups and I wondered if they were implanting an embryo inside me, as I'd felt they'd done on other occasions.

'Then I caught sight of the foetus. It must have been growing inside me and they had just taken it out. Then a long needle-like instrument was inserted in my abdomen and some eggs were removed.

'After a while, I was taken along to the nursery where they keep the hybrid children created using human and alien eggs and sperm. I was urged to interact with the children. They seemed to need it. There were newborns and toddlers. I could tell they were a mix between the two species. Some looked quite human, apart from their odd-shaped eyes or head. Others looked much more alien. They had normal arms and hands with big heads or all-black eyes.

'Then it was time to go. A beam of light appeared and the next thing I knew I was back in bed — in exactly the same position I'd been in when I was woken up. It was as if I had never moved. I glanced at the clock — I'd been gone for two and a half hours.'



Carrie says she has been abducted from her New York home many times by grey beings, similar to those described by Wendy.

'She's seen the incubators containing babies with tiny, thin bodies and huge heads. One night, she was taken into a spaceship's playroom where human-alien hybrids were playing. Two children stood out...'

'There was a small boy of about two and a girl of four. I wasn't actually told: "These are your children," but somehow it was conveyed that they were a part of me.

'I felt I was being encouraged to hold the little boy, and I got down on my hands and knees and hugged him. The girl had more alien qualities about her. I wasn't encouraged to hold her.'

'One evening in March 1993, Carrie spotted a UFO from her back porch. It was too low for a plane and made no sound.'

'I thought nothing of it. But, during the night, I woke up lying flat on my stomach. I tried to turn over, but found I could only move my head. I was very scared because all I could see was a swirling blackness.

'Suddenly, I felt my legs being spread apart. I panicked. Then I felt the most incredible pain, like a bullet being shot up into my uterus and hitting the top.

'I screamed out loud, and gradually everything subsided and I could see again.

'Six weeks later, I had a vivid dream in which I was with two of the beings and I felt as if something was dropping out from inside of me.

'I squatted slightly, reached down and caught it as it fell out of me.

In my hand was a tiny foetus, like a human-alien child. It was just a bit longer than my hand — with a head the size of an apple and large black eyes.'



The baby that fell out of Carrie. It had large black eyes.



Rusty, a man in his 30s who lives in New York, says he was abducted from a hotel room in Florida in 1980.

'He and two friends were up late when a brilliant light began to shine from the bathroom...'

'It got brighter and brighter. I remember thinking I was dying — that maybe I'd had a stroke or a nuclear war had started. One of the other guys began to scream.

'A figure came towards me. It had black, oval eyes and a little, greyish, powdery-looking figure. It was staring into my eyes and I couldn't move. I was crying with terror.

'Then, suddenly, I was in my own room, staring at a test card on the TV. Two hours had passed since I saw the light in the other room, was exhausted and slept through until morning.

'That day, the others confirmed what I'd seen. Years later, after suffering nightmares, Rusty was hypnotised to see if he could remember any more details of that night. Under hypnosis, he recalled being taken to an alien spaceship...

'There was one creature who was taller than the others. It had black liquid spheres for eyes and only a slit for a mouth. It appeared to be in charge and the only one there that seemed to be communicating with me.

'It sounds crazy, but I sensed this being was saying: "Don't worry, we're not going to hurt you." Like you'd say to an animal at the vet's.

'They passed an instrument over me and I felt a sharp pain just above my left knee.

'The hypnotist asked me if I'd ever noticed a mark there. "No," I said, but I checked when I got home. On the very spot where I'd felt the pain, I found a scar, a very neat, razor-like incision.'



'It fell out of me... a human-alien child with black eyes'

X Files



Mary, a US Defense employee from Rhode Island, has suffered from numerous gynaecological problems that have baffled her doctor. She, too, claims to have been abducted by aliens several times.

'It's always a couple of the small grey beings with the big black eyes who come to get me. I'm transported into a small craft, about the size of a Volkswagen, and taken to a large spaceship.

'Sometimes they put implants inside me. Other times they remove eggs from my ovaries. But I've had a lot of problems with my reproductive organs as a result, including six ovarian cysts. My doctor has been puzzled as to why some of the problems have happened and also why some of them have been resolved so quickly.

'I've had two operations to correct some of the things that were done to me, and needed a third because I had not healed properly inside. But a week before I was scheduled to have surgery, I was taken to a place where three of the smaller beings — all female — were waiting for me. I was put onto a table and they took an instrument and moved it across my abdomen.

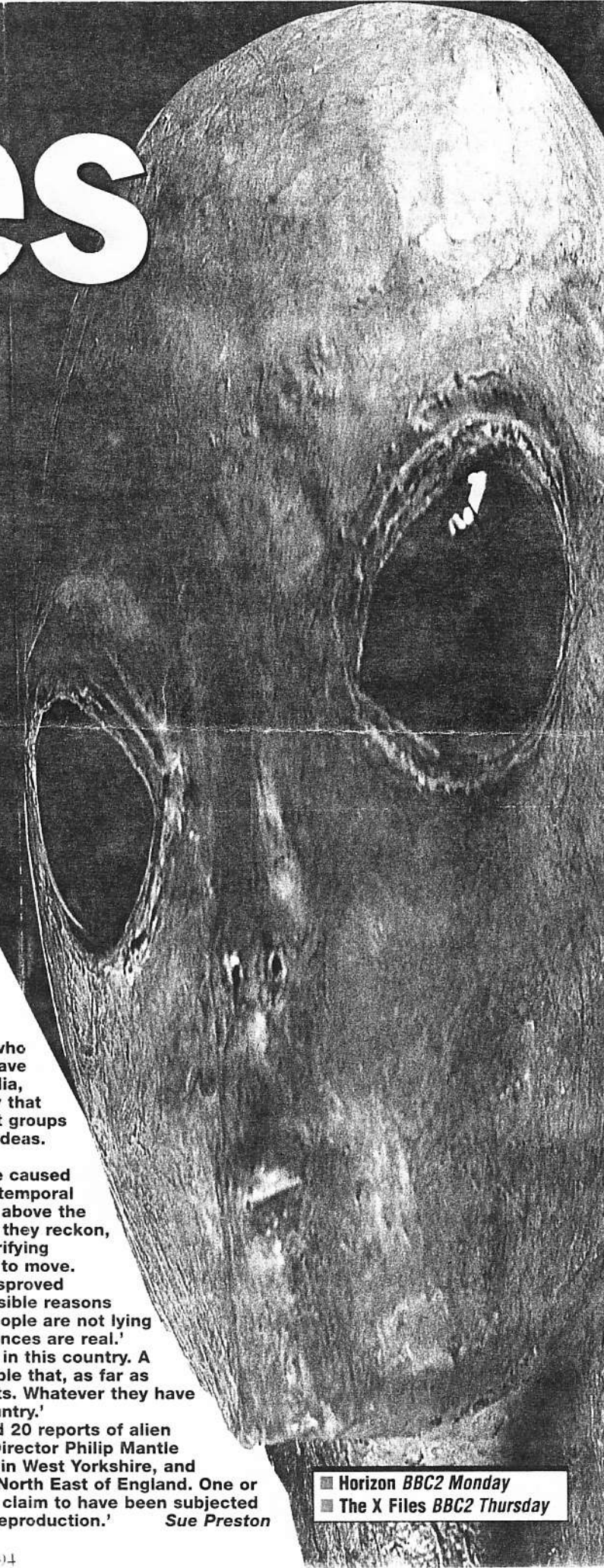
'They communicated to me telepathically: "We're all set now... you're all done."

'I felt great. The continuous pain I'd had for four months was gone, so I cancelled my surgery.

'That was a pleasant experience. I'm not scared any more, now that I am better able to communicate with them. I'm no longer a victim, I'm a participant.'



Mary's walls are covered with pictures of aliens



There have been 226 reported UFO sightings in Britain so far this year



What the experts say

Experts argue that people who claim to have seen aliens have been influenced by the media, books and films. Others say that hypnotists and UFO support groups have an effect on people's ideas.

Another theory is that all paranormal experiences are caused by abnormal activity in the temporal lobes of the brain, situated above the ears. The alien abductions, they reckon,

are also linked to sleep paralysis — a sometimes terrifying condition where a person wakes up but feels unable to move.

However, Dr Susan Blackmore says: 'We haven't disproved anything, although we have come up with some plausible reasons why people believe they've been abducted. These people are not lying and they're not mad. They're convinced their experiences are real.'

Last year, there were 258 reports of UFO sightings in this country. A Ministry of Defence spokesperson says: 'We tell people that, as far as science is concerned, there is no life on other planets. Whatever they have seen is not considered to present a threat to the country.'

The British UFO Research Association has received 20 reports of alien encounters and 226 UFO sightings so far this year. Director Philip Mantle says: 'There is intense activity in Somerset, at Ilkley in West Yorkshire, and Bonnybridge, near Falkirk. Also in Cheshire and the North East of England. One or two abductees have described grey creatures. Many claim to have been subjected to medical experiments, particularly ones involving reproduction.'

Sue Preston

■ Horizon BBC2 Monday
■ The X Files BBC2 Thursday

by Mark Rowe

UFO ACTIVITY in North Yorkshire is on the increase, says a Tadcaster investigator.

Andrew Rayner says close encounters, ranging from lights to seeing human-type beings and crafts to abductions by aliens, are escalating.

"The main areas are on the high ground, North Yorkshire all the way across the Pennines. Ilkley Moor is a real hotspot."

Andrew, who runs the Yorkshire UFO and Paranormal Research Group, says UFOs are not science fiction. He believes people should speak of their experiences and not fear ridicule if they see something they cannot explain.

"The more information we can get, and the more cases we have to look



ANDREW RAYNER:
'A real hotspot'

into, the better chance we have of putting everything together and coming up with some explanation."

Andrew says to sceptics that the UFO evidence is

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overwhelming and we cannot ignore it. Nine times out of ten, natural phenomena are behind an unidentified flying object, such as emergency service or military lights, he says.

But he is convinced beyond doubt there is something out there, whether it is from another planet or some intelligence on Earth we have yet to encounter. When people are abducted, they might have several hours of their life they cannot account for, and strange marks on their bodies. Hypnosis is a way of finding out what happened.

UFO watchers are often reluctant to share their research, but moves are afoot for groups to pool what they know.

● You can ring Andrew in confidence on (0937) 833917.

UFO spotting

A GANG of North-East UFO spotters have pledged to help people who have had close encounters of a third kind.

The newly-founded North-East Unidentified Flying Object Reporters Magazine believes the region's skies are flooded with alien craft.

And the 'UFO busters' are keen to hear from people who have seen a flying saucer or a little green man. NEUFORM can be contacted on 0191 490 1370.

The Mail 12.11.94

Aspel's aliens

FOR the last time in this series of ITV's "Strange But True" Michael Aspel probes the uncanny and bizarre. And he signs off by investigating what may well be Britain's greatest UFO riddle.

The case involves senior air force officers, radar operators and a former Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Defence and resulted in both questions in Parliament and an investigation by a U.S. senator.

Woodbridge and Bentwaters are air bases near Ipswich in Suffolk, until last

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ROCK group Simple Minds sparked off a flying saucers scare when people mistook the powerful lights used to shoot their video for UFOs.

The Scottish group was filming at night in the desert near Los Angeles because it was too hot to work during the day.

Locals were convinced they were having a close encounters experience when they saw the inexplicable lights last weekend and dozens drove off into the desert to investigate.

"It was chaos with people turning up on the set to see what was happening," said a spokeswoman for the group.

The video is for the band's new single, "She's A River", released in January.

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year occupied by the U.S. Air Force. The three miles that separate them are filled by Rendlesham Forest.

It was there that, one night in December 1980, a security patrol reported bizarre lights. Suffolk police, called to investigate, confirmed indentation in the ground. Their officers believed they were made by burrowing animals, but the Americans found they formed a perfect triangle.

A few nights later, more lights were reported in the forest. This time, the airbase deputy commander at the Woodbridge base, Lt Col Charles Halt, was ready. He set out with a team of men — equipped with a Geiger counter, night vision scope and tape recorder — to debunk the claims.

But Lt Col Halt and his team claim they saw a UFO too. The Geiger counter recorded 25 times normal background radiation, the night vision scope picked up heat readings from the trees and on tape the men recorded an astonishing account of what happened.

Nearby, a British radar operator remembers an inexplicable object being detected around the same time. Two fighter jets were sent to chase it, but the object flew off the radar scope — in a way impossible for any known aircraft.

Lt Col Halt wrote a memo to the Ministry of Defence, but never received a reply.

A IS FOR ALIEN ENCOUNTERS that are being covered up by the authorities. Perhaps the best-documented close encounter of the third kind took place on 27 December 1980, when airmen at two RAF stations in East Anglia witnessed something extraordinary. First radar operators at RAF Watton in Norfolk picked up an oddity on their screens. Then RAF Phantom pilots reported seeing intense bright lights in the sky. Former radar operator Mal Scurrah said: 'As the Phantoms got close the hovering object shot upwards at phenomenal speed — monitored at more than 1,000 mph.'

Later, airmen stationed at RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk investigated a mystery fire in Rendlesham Forest. Sergeant Jim Penniston witnessed the encounter with airman John Burroughs. Penniston said: 'The air was filled with electricity and we saw an object about the size of a tank. It was triangular, moulded of black glass and had symbols on it. Suddenly it shot off faster than any aircraft I have ever observed.' The next day the object returned. Base commander Lt Col Charles Halt saw the flying saucer himself: 'I couldn't believe what I was seeing. It looked like the rising sun with a black pulsating centre. It appeared to be dripping molten metal.' Hall acted coolly, taping and photographing the object engineered by 'an intelligence which didn't originate on Earth'. His tape and film were confiscated by visiting US defence officials. Former British Chief of Defence Staff Lord Hill-Norton has claimed: 'Someone is sitting on information that should be in the public domain.'

BELIEVABILITY: 9/10

(Possible explanation: what the airmen saw may not have been a UFO, but a prototype of the Stealth bomber, which has a black triangular shape, a strange radar print and was, in 1980, ultra-secret. Project Aurora, a new ultra-ultra-secret Pentagon Black Budget reconnaissance aircraft, is probably responsible for all subsequent UFO sightings.)

Observer 12.02.95

On the track of close encounters

A LOCAL UFO expert claims she has been inundated with reports of mysterious sightings in the Denbigh area over the past couple of months.

Mrs Margaret Fry, of Llangernyw, who is busy compiling her very own X-files to uncover the truth about the strange phenomena, says she has been contacted by several residents on the matter.

She told the *Denbighshire Free Press* that she has been inundated with reports and she believes that many more people have borne witness to strange occurrences, but are too frightened to come forward.

She said: "I saw a UFO over a friend's house in Rhyl about two weeks ago. There are sightings of them all the time."

"And a report just in from a pupil of mine, said that another man saw a triangle shape floating in the sky near the Shell petrol station in Denbigh. This was on October 11."

Explanations

She is in frequent contact with the Ministry of Defence, but they often claim there are rational explanations for what has claimed to have been seen.

But at a recent conference in Kent, Mrs Fry claimed two British Airways pilots told her that they had had 3,000 near misses with unexplained flying objects.

However, Mrs Fry says there have been many unexplained sightings in the Denbigh area.

Back in May this year, she said one woman, who did not wish to be named, said that from her home in Ysgol Y Parc she saw about half-a-dozen bright lights which filled the sky.

Around the same time, a security guard who

Denbighshire Free Press 25.11.94

Were strange lights a 'UFO' or just a plane?

IS it a bird, is it a plane?

Chris Hylton was convinced it was neither when he saw a strange object in the skies on his way home near Wymondham on Friday.

The biochemist from

Hardingham reports seeing a jumbo-jet-sized object while he was crossing the B1108 at about 7.20pm.

An RAF Coltishall spokesman said it could have been a survey plane which would use bright

white lights for mapping purposes.

Mr Hylton, 31, is keen to hear from anyone else who may have seen the object. They can contact him on 0953-850124.

Eastern Evening News 20.02.95

STRANGE bright lights have been spotted in the night sky near York.

A number of people contacted the *Yorkshire Evening Press* to report sightings of UFOs on Saturday night.

One shocked woman said there was no reasonable explanation for what she saw hovering over Escrick on Saturday night.

Dawn Richardson, 19, of Main Street, said: "It was like the shape of a whirlwind with a yellow coloured light on the top."

"I was just amazed when I saw it because you never believe in that sort of thing until you see it for yourself."

Another man told the *Evening Press* he had seen an object fitting the same description that night over Wilberfoss.

Dawn's brother Paul, 21, first alerted her to the UFO after he had followed it in his car from Naburn to North Duffield.

Earlier that evening, Stephen Davenport, of Abbots Road, Selby, reported seeing a UFO of a different description on the A19 at Crockey Hill.

"It was kind of a flashing blue light which kept doing half a revolution and then turning back again," said Stephen.

"Three or four other cars actually pulled off the road to get a better look at it."

Experts at Leeds Weather Centre were baffled by the sightings.

A spokesman said: "In midsummer you can get funny lights in the sky when magnetic fields get excited by the sun's rays, but conditions in York weren't like that."

Did you see or take a photograph of anything strange in the skies over York on Saturday night? If you did, telephone Gregg Eastale at the *Evening Press* Selby office on 0757 703580.

Yorkshire Evening Press 25.10.94

BELIEVING that she had received a telepathic message that a flying saucer would land near Loon Lake, Minnesota, a local woman camped out on the shore for four weeks. The UFO never appeared — and she died of starvation and cold.

Daily Sport 10.10.94

MY boyfriend George and I saw the same thing Ethel Morrison described (Space ship vision shared, *Evening Express*, September 30).

It was about 10.30pm on September 17. There were a lot of white lights forming a shape, flashing in and out and moving very fast from left to right. As we walked down Constitution Street

towards Queen's Links it seemed to be moving with us from left to right, up and down Constitution Street.

I was very glad to see the story in the paper and to know other people saw it too.

Theresa Steele,
Constitution Street,
Aberdeen.

Evening Express

Driver spots UFO over A1079

A UFO has been spotted on the border of North and East Yorkshire.

Helen Flaherty, from Allerthorpe, near Pocklington, was travelling to York on the A1079 when she saw a light in the sky at 3.10pm last night.

She said: "My partner spotted it first. There was a light in the sky. It got brighter and brighter. It was cottage-loaf shaped. It was moving quite fast, then it veered off to the left. It was travelling at quite a rate of knots. It appeared to be climbing then it just disappeared."

Miss Flaherty said she had checked with all local airbases but they had nothing flying at the time.

Yorkshire Evening Press 09.07.94

Party lights in sky spark UFO scare

HUNDREDS of calls clogged telephone switchboards last night after bizarre lights in the sky triggered a UFO scare across South Wales.

Calls flooded in to police and the Echo after four lights were seen above Cardiff, Merthyr, Caerphilly and Newport. Gwent police switchboard was jammed by 999 calls.

But the mystery lights were four World War II searchlight beams from an 18th birthday party with a Hollywood theme for Debbie Thomas, of Rudry Road, Lisvane, Cardiff.

Eventually police told party organisers to switch the beams off after worried air traffic controllers in London told them they had received reports of UFOs over South Wales.

The police said: "By 9.45pm we had been flooded with calls and told organisers to turn the lights off." South Wales Echo 03.09.94

MOVIE-MAKERS are only too well aware of how much audiences love getting their teeth into something spooky.

The latest film to get viewers on the edge of their seats is *Interview With The Vampire*, starring heart-throb Tom Cruise, which looks set to be a huge box office hit.

But it's not just on film that strange things happen, according to ghosthunter Peter Hough who has researched Britain's haunted places.

There are all kinds of strange things out there to keep you gibbering with fear - ghosts, poltergeists, UFOs and witches, to name but a few. And he has some tips for those who want to do their own investigations.



UFO sightings are not proof of extraterrestrial spaceships, says Peter Hough

Hough, an active investigator and researcher into the paranormal, has written *Supernatural Britain* in which he describes 30 of the most interesting cases of unexplained phenomena. Among them are Loch Ness in Scotland; Glastonbury in Somerset; Highgate Cemetery in London; Glamis Castle in Scotland; and Ilkley Moor in Yorkshire.

The author says his main purpose in writing the book has been to produce an easy-to-follow reference for car or rucksack, to enable people to visit and experience for themselves locations where strange events have been reported in the past and, in many cases, continue to be documented today.

He advises: "An investigator needs a lot of patience in order to retain his or her objectivity. Someone may witness a 'ghost', but is it really a spirit or might there be another explanation? UFO sightings are not proof of extraterrestrial spacecraft.

"Investigators must console themselves with recording the evidence of witnesses' testimonies and looking for physical clues. Their first duty is to find a rational solution to a case."

Hough points out that some basic items, such as cameras, thermometers and tape recorders, are essential as it would be foolish to visit a location where an apparition has been active, or a UFO reported on a regular basis, and be unable to record proof if something happens.

Hough's book gives fascinating detail about the Highgate Vampire. It was in the 1970s that the legend of a vampire living in Highgate Cemetery in London emerged.

There was a mass vampire hunt on the night of Friday, March 13, 1970. Says Hough: "Like a scene from a Hammer horror film, a crowd of a 100 or so, some protected with crucifixes and sharpened stakes, rampaged through the tree-lined avenues carrying torches. They were unsuccessful."

There have been mysterious cases in Britain of sheep being found dead with their blood drained.

Says Hough: "Sheep are still mysteriously dying in this way. I investigated a case at a farm near Rhyader in mid-Wales. During August and October 1988, 35 sheep were discovered dead or dying. The only marks on them were puncture wounds through which blood had been extracted. Locals saw and heard nothing."

Supernatural Britain: A Guide To Britain's Most Haunted Places, by Peter Hough, is published by Piatkus Books, £12.99.

A LEADING UFO researcher from Llangernyw is helping to set up a breakaway investigative group after splitting from the British UFO Research Association following an internal row.

Mrs Margaret Fry is recognised as one of the country's most able and experienced UFO researchers and lectures on the subject throughout Britain.

But, after 30 years of investigating sightings, Mrs Fry has decided to help form a new group which she hopes will attract professional people who can contribute their skills to help with research.

"We are hoping to call ourselves the Wales Federation of Independent Ufologists and to operate as an umbrella that will give credence to independent researchers," said Mrs Fry.

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By George Rodgers

"Anyone wanting to join must say what their involvement is and what they have done, though they don't have to be investigators.

"Anyone who is interested can apply to join but what we are really looking for are people such as physicists, computer photo enhancers and those skilled in hypnotic regression."

Mrs Fry, who says she has seen 52 UFOs since her first sighting in 1955, said she left BUFORA after a senior officer with 25 years' service was sacked without the knowledge of the association's 68 accredited investigators.

Anyone interested in joining the Wales Federation can contact PO Box 43, Rhyll LL18 1YW.

witnesses tend to speak very inconsistently; it's a bit like describing a dream - very sketchy. You also find that most witnesses have had experiences from a very early age that are repeated throughout their lives.

"Some abduction cases are very disturbing. Many claim they have experienced physical examinations on board UFOs, as if these aliens are conducting a genetic study or trying to create a hybrid race; they are very interested in the human reproductive system. There are discrepancies over what the aliens look like; one lot are reported to have large heads and big, black, almond-shaped eyes; the others seem to look as if they are wearing an artificial coating. But whatever the experience, it can ruin family relationships and affect people - mentally and physically - for the rest of their lives. I think it has got to the point where UFO witnesses should be recognised alongside any other group needing help."

If you want to contact Janice Georgiou, write to her at 64 Nightingale Lane, London N8 7QX. BUFORA may be contacted at 1 Woodhill Drive, Batley, West Yorkshire WF17 7SU.

"I had been having visitations from non-human intelligence since I was 13 years old and never told anyone. Then I found a book about investigators - people you could talk to - and I contacted Ken Phillips, who interviewed me as a close-encounter witness. It was marvelous to talk to someone who said they believed I had these experiences.

"It was then I said that if there were so many other witnesses, I wanted to meet them. In 1989, Ken Phillips and another witness, Ted Baker, contacted other witnesses, and I turned up for the first Witness Support Group at my house in north London. We could finally meet other people who'd been through the same thing, and share our experiences.

"Nobody wants these experiences and no one benefits from them, except perhaps in a spiritual way. Sometimes we get people crying their eyes out over the telephone because they are frightened their spouse will think they've gone mad or they'll be locked up if they tell anyone, so just talking to them makes all the difference. We do get the odd fake; it didn't take me five minutes to realise one person was talking about the film *Predator*. Most genuine

GROUP THE (UFO) WITNESS SUPPORT GROUP FOUNDERS JANICE GEORGIOU, 45 (a witness herself), AND KEN PHILIPS (a research investigator for BUFORA (the British UFO Research Association) and editor of *The UFO Times*)

STARTED 1991, although last year the group split. Janice has since started up alone, giving one-to-one support to ensure privacy from infiltrators. Ken still runs a group which meets every other month at Westminster University

"Unfortunately, when people have UFO experiences, most others say they are crackpots. It was in 1989 that Ken Phillips and I started The Witness Support Group to help witnesses, like me, who found themselves ridiculed or unable to tell anyone about what had happened. I felt the need to share my experiences, and a support group seemed the only answer.

"I now have 210 registered witnesses whose experiences range from sightings in the sky to the full-blown abduction experience. Most can't remember their experiences clearly but have a quick flash of something that has happened. Others are hypnotically regressed and then can let it all come out.

Strange lights 'could be aliens'



"I wonder if that's the last we'll see of the Local Government Commissioners..."

According to one local expert, the last living alien held in captivity has now died. But we still have parts of spaceships which have crashed or been shot down... Chief Writer BARRY AYRTON continues his look at the UFO phenomenon

Aliens are not the cute creatures depicted in films such as ET. If anything, ET should not stand for Extra Terrestrial but Extremely Terrifying.

That is the view of John Omega, a man who has been studying the UFO phenomenon for 30 years, many as an investigator for Quest International.

The work of Quest International and its Director of Investigations Tony Dodd - an ex-policeman who saw his first UFO while on patrol at Cononley in 1978 - was featured in last week's Keighley News.

Yet Tony's belief that aliens are basically benign and wish no harm to humans is strongly challenged by John. "They are about as benign as Josef Mengele," says John, referring to the infamous Nazi doctor who performed unspeakable medical experiments on inmates at Auschwitz concentration camp.

"These things are doing the same thing," says John. "They are carrying out abductions. They are taking people against their will. They are doing medical experiments which are bordering on the obscene. As far as we know they don't use any painkillers. They stop the pain through hypnosis which doesn't always work."

Many of the experiments are carried out by beings which John says are described as "grey, small and ugly with large insect-like eyes." Indications are that they could be some sort of being inside a protective suit.

He says there have been cases of humans and cattle being mutilated, and foetuses being removed from pregnant women.

"My advice to anyone coming across a craft on the floor is to keep away," says John. "Never approach these things. They are highly dangerous and they will hurt people."

Spacecraft should be left alone and sightings reported to the police, military or Ministry of Defence.

John admits that in 30 years - although he has witnessed things he has been unable to explain - he has never seen anything sufficiently close-up to swear that it was a spacecraft.

Yet it is his contacts in the American military and Central Intelligence Agency which allow him to pull back at least a corner of the blanket of secrecy surrounding UFOs.

His career in the army, also as a mercenary - one of the reasons he asked us not to publish his address - and as a private investigator in the United States gives him access to a wide range of individuals involved in secret operations to which ordinary members of the public or media are denied access.

"According to my information, in the United States the authorities which are involved with UFOs are Naval Intelligence, the National Security Agency and the military. They know that these craft are entering but they can't stop them."

John says the Americans have in their possession whole or parts of "at least four or five" alien spacecrafts which have mainly been brought down because of electrical storms.

He says an unknown number of live aliens was discovered as well as bodies. "My last information was that the last living one is now dead."

The craft are stored in great secrecy at American air force bases, with some of the bodies being taken to the headquarters of the CIA at Langley in Virginia.

He says in Britain there is no evidence of any craft being brought down, only rumours. "Yet I understand that anything that comes down in the western hemisphere is usually given over to the Americans at the end of the day because of their massive research facilities," says John. That was what happened to an alien craft shot down by a South African pilot flying over the Kalahari Desert.

He believes there has been a cover-up by the military. "I think it started many years ago and has spiralled since. Now they do not know how to release the information."

John says he has no theory about where the aliens come from but believes they must have the technology to somehow rapidly travel vast distances.

"Perhaps they can bend light or travel through wormholes or whatever. We just don't know. There is no actual evidence for the layman."

He says that many people approach organisations such as Quest International after unexplained sightings or abductions because they do not know where else to turn. "They are genuine, sincere, frightened people who need help and assurance and answers. All we can do is to try and rationalise and give them some kind of assurance about what has happened to them, but we are falling short of satisfying these people."

"What are we to do? We do not have the whole answer but it is better than no answer at all."

John says he is not interested in launching magazines or seeking recognition as the world's leading ufologist. "I do it because I want to know the answer."

● Next week: the weird phenomenon of travelling balls of light. Are they an alien intelligence which regards humans as the equivalent of ants? And if you know of anything strange or unexplained contact Barry Ayrton on 606611 extension 242.

STRANGE lights spotted in the skies over Anthorn and Wigton have prompted a local UFO expert to claim the mysterious sightings could be connected to aliens from outer space.

David Robinson, of Carlisle, wants to talk to anyone who had any 'close encounters' in the area last Monday.

"We are wanting more people to back up these sightings. They are unidentified and I am trying to explain them," he said.

David - who is interested in all things extra-terrestrial - calls his

tracking set-up SHARP Research - Scientific History of Anomalous Re-occurring Phenomena.

He said the latest sightings were a series of strange lights, but could not be more specific in case he prejudiced the views of local spotters.

David can recall well-reported sightings of UFOs in recent years in Silloth and Morton West, Carlisle.

Anyone who spotted the latest apparitions can phone David on the UFO Hotline on Carlisle (0228) 27374.

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UFO may have been space debris

UFOs busy over Oxon this week

BOY SEES UFO OVER OXFORD

pattern 'repeated'

More UFO sightings were reported from Hook Norton and the Blackbird Leys on Wednesday night. The first came from a 14-year-old boy, Terry Win, something in the area of events keeps on repeating itself.

from sighted an unidentified flying object early today. Charles H. Lane, C. served in the RAF and was involved in the crash of a Spitfire in 1944. He is now a resident of Hook Norton.

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FLASHBACK: What the papers said in 1971

A MYSTERY sighting in the skies above Oxfordshire plays a key part in a TV documentary investigating unidentified flying objects being screened tomorrow night.

Network First: UFO, which uses footage shot by a TV cameraman at Enstone in October 1971, attempts to unravel the mystery behind unsolved sightings.

Filmed during a farming interview, the Oxfordshire UFO sighting is one of 8,000 reported to the Ministry of Defence over the past 30 years. Four hundred of the sightings remain unidentified.

The footage, shot by an ATV crew, shows a large thick vapour trail which suddenly stopped.

Cameraman Noel Smart said an orange and yellow circular object then became clearly visible.

He said: "It stopped slowly and then went very quickly out of frame. It went so quickly we couldn't follow it."

An ITN news bulletin was interrupted at the time so the film sequence could be shown and la-

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By DAVID DUFFY

ter callers swamped the television company's studios in Birmingham, saying they had seen the UFO.

The filmed sighting came in a month which saw a host of UFO sightings over Oxfordshire.

Reports flooded in from Banbury, Adderbury, Hook Norton, Chipping Norton, Witney and Blackbird Leys.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman put forward the theory that the sightings may have been caused by space debris.

The programme, being screened tomorrow at 10.40pm on Central, was directed by Lawrence Moore, a founder member of the British UFO Research Association.

He hopes the documentary will spur people to use camcorders to film any strange aerial sightings.

He said: "The general public now have a marvellous weapon in their hands in terms of filming UFOs. I am hoping the programme will stimulate people to be on the look-out."

A PROPERTY developer and his common law wife were stunned this week after watching what they believed to be a huge UFO.

Danny Vassar and Julie Beasley stood terrified in the early hours of Monday morning as they witnessed something they had only ever seen in films.

And numerous other

residents in the area also claim to have spotted the phenomenon.

The couple described the UFO as oblong, 100 metres in diameter and with half circles on the top and bottom and red, yellow and orange flashing lights. There was a red glow, possibly an emission, from the bottom of it.

The couple reported the sighting to police who al-

ready had a call from Chelmsford.

Mr Vasser, 36, of Friars Close, Ipswich Road, Colchester, said: "It was absolutely enormous. It was almost close enough to touch."

"If only I had seen it, it would be different but my wife saw it as well. It terrified us at the time."

He said: "It will take us a long time to get over this. What anyone else

DO you believe that life exists on other worlds and that UFOs visit our planet? Have you had a close encounter of the third kind or seen an alien craft in the skies?

If the answer is yes, or if you have an interest in UFOs and related paranormal phenomena, a new Thanet group wants to hear from you.

Astrasearch has been launched by UFO enthusiast David Quickenden, of Eaton Road, Margate, to hold serious discussions and investigations of astral phenomena that cannot be explained away as low flying aircraft or weather balloons.

David, 50, explains: "Too many people still scoff at the idea of there being alien life forms in space who would wish to visit our world in their spacecraft to observe our civilisation."

"It is easy to ridicule the concept and go on about little green men from Mars with goldfish bowl helmets in flying saucers, but we are very serious in our approach — and I stress Astrasearch is intended to be an adult study group."

Mr Quickenden believes in UFOs and has sighted "an unidentified object in the sky over the Lord of the Manor at Ramsgate".

He would like to hear from local people with similar experiences.

Mr Quickenden — "I'm not a crank but a sensible level-headed fellow who is not easily led" — has researched the subject for many years and has established links with other like-minded people across the country.

"I am keen to attract people from all walks of life to the group, which meets regularly and will be addressed by guest speakers on subjects of interest to us from time to time. As well as being fascinating, it should also be a lot of fun."

More information: David Quickenden, Thanet 221015.

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'UFO' was spy rocket debris

By Our Science Correspondent

Thousands reported seeing a "flaming flying object" in the skies above southern Africa yesterday.

But the "UFO", seen from Zaire to Johannesburg, was the upper stage of a Russian rocket, used to launch a spy satellite last month.

says to us it is not significant. We have seen everything now."

"We have just witnessed something that is so incredible that people have been making movies about it for years and we stood and watched it for 20 minutes."

UFO investigator Sheridan Lane recently reported seeing a strange object flying over her Bosted home.

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KEN PHILLIPS Editor: UFO Times

"I WOULDN'T recommend to anyone getting involved in this business," says Ken Phillips, with resignation. "It's caused me a lot of heartache and grief over the years. People think it's an absurd subject; no one wants to be associated with it, especially if they want to keep their research grants. All in all, I have a very bleak and cheerless view of the scene."

Phillips has been editor for a year of *UFO Times*, the official journal of the British UFO Research Association. The *Times* has a circulation of around 500 per month and for every one of those readers there is a different opin-

ion. "The magazine tries to accommodate many different perspectives, some of which I'll admit I can't abide, but I have to be representative."

In a typical 20-page issue there are pieces on Alien Encounters — In Search of Confirmation; The Final Secret of Free Energy (Only Dissipate Free Energy From A Collector. Not The Source); and an advertisement for the book *Alien Identities*.

Phillips believes that the subject has

been soured by its own eccentricities. "There are people who need something to latch on to for reasons of their own. They use phenomena as a vehicle for their own emotions, and they can develop very weird ideas sometimes."

One of his regular contributors is James Millan, sceptic-turned-believer. "For a long time I didn't know what to believe about UFOs. That was until my wife and I lost two hours and 35 minutes of time when we were camping." Four years on, Millan has read 150 books on the subject, joined a witness support group and has firm evidence — from TV — of a city on Mars.

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UFOs have been lighting up North-east imaginations as well as the skies. Dozens of readers have contacted the Evening Express following a recent sighting at Bridge of Don — not just to share similar experiences, but with their theories behind it.

From Jumbo jets to mirages, from dimension-hopping beings to the Second Coming, there was no shortage of explanations for the mystery object which baffled Anne Marnie (42) following an early morning close encounter recently.

Sales assistant Anne saw a dark object which emitted a "two-tone sound" and trailed a broad band of vapour above her home in Forvie Crescent.

"It was flying far too low and far too slowly to be a large plane as has been suggested," she said. "I live on the Aberdeen Airport flight path so I'm used to the sight and sound of planes and helicopters passing overhead."

City aviation expert Jim Ferguson warns: "It is difficult to judge the height aircraft at night.

"One possible explanation is that it was a military aircraft flying to or from bases at Lossiemouth and Kinloss," said Jim. "You've also got to remember that we don't know what every military craft looks like ..."

The Stealth Bomber, for example, was only seen by the public for the first time during the Gulf War, though the plane had been tested many years before that.

Just a week before Ann Marnie's close encounter, Faye Donald saw beams of strong white light emerging from the sky on three separate occasions while travelling through Banchoory Devenick.

"It was as if the light was scanning the ground," she said. "The light beams appeared to focus upwards to a central point, but because it was foggy it was difficult to see past the obscuring beams." Other sightings date from years ago.

"I have twice seen UFOs," said Alan Reid, Balnagask Circle, Torry. "In 1957 I saw a bright green oval body with a red vapour trail, and in 1976 a grey circular shaped object over Tullos Hill."

Jim Ferguson explains that planes

display a variety of coloured lights — yellow on the back, white on the belly, red on the port wing, green on the starboard. Military aircraft also carry flashing lights which make them easier to see, and many civilian aircraft now do likewise.

Curiously, the craft Anne Marnie saw at 3am only had three constant white lights. One of the hardest stories to explain comes from Robert Finlay. He will never forget the day he was camping with his son on Balmedie Beach back in 1961, two weeks after Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space.

"I'd been collecting firewood on the beach when he shouted 'bloody hell, dad, what's that!?' from the cliffs above.

"A few hundred feet above there was this big, round, motionless object with white oblong lights. I was absolutely petrified. If there had been money on the beach, I couldn't have bent down to pick it up — I was transfixed. It was a terrible feeling I can't begin to describe.

"After a few seconds it shot away out to sea at great speed. We went to the police but they said there wasn't much they could do. The weather people at Dyce said it was a balloon ..."

Grampian Police says reports of UFOs or close encounters are "very rare", amounting to only a handful in any year.

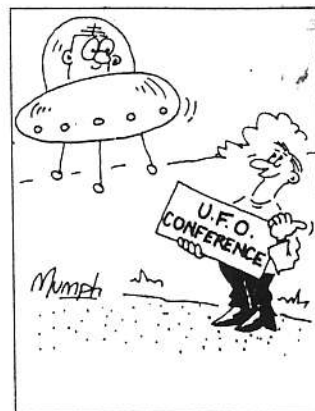
Police must inform the Aeronautical Information Section of London Air Traffic Control and the RAF at West Dreyton in Middlesex of any UFO sighting.

"If there is suspected space or meteorological debris then we must contact the Civil Emergencies Division of the Scottish Home and Health Department," says Grampian Police Inspector Debroah MacLarty.

"The universe is so huge that the odds on the human race being the only intelligence is low," observes Fraserburgh reader Malcolm Simpson (21).

"I'm sure that the Government could give us the proof that there is something out there. The only mystery is why they don't.

"A UFO doesn't necessarily mean something from outer space," concludes Anne Marnie, "but I certainly couldn't identify the object I saw."



Eyes up for ETs over Wales

A RED glow in the night skies over Wales could be the lights of a transatlantic jet.

Blinking lights on a mountain horizon might well be a farmer moving stock from one high field to another.

But according to the organisers of a conference in Cardiff next summer, sights like this are just as likely to be close encounters of an extra-terrestrial kind — and there are plenty of them in Wales.

The meeting in Cardiff will bring together an estimated 400 people from South Wales and the West Country who claim to have witnessed the flights and lights of alien spacecraft.

Organised by UFO magazine, the meeting at Cardiff City Hall aims to focus on unexplained sightings in the region.

Margaret Fry, of Llangeryny in Clwyd, claims her car was followed by a metallic blue-grey UFO in 1955. "It hovered above our car and stalled it," she said. "It then landed on the road in front."

Mrs Fry is convinced that alien craft fly over the Irish Sea and through the Clwydian valleys before disappearing above the Denbigh Moors. "We believe they must have some sort of underground base on the moors, and probably in many remote parts of the world," she said.

Star Trek is still boldly going ...

AS science fiction becomes science fact, more and more people are becoming convinced UFOs really do exist. Our obsession with space travel isn't just reflected in the growing number of dedicated magazines that line newsagents's shelves, but in the popularity of the top-rated BBC 2 series The X-files and the evergreen Star Trek. This week the most spectacu-

lar exhibition of memorabilia opens in Edinburgh.

"We thought Scotland was the perfect place to launch the exhibition," said co-ordinator Gil Johnson. "Fans will see and touch items they never dreamed of."

■ Star Trek: The Exhibition runs from, February 4 to May 7, at Edinburgh's City Art Centre.



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'UFO' photos probe

EXPERT UFO investigators are studying photographs which are believed to show a flying saucer over the sky of Bridgwater.

The pictures were taken at night from a house in Tulip Tree Road and one clearly shows a pulsing bright yellow trail being emitted by the object.

They were taken by Shaun Depledge from his bedroom window. His mother Susan said: "They are genuine. It was the night we had a bad storm. He took them with a Polaroid camera and we said he should contact a UFO group."

The Ministry of Defence has a special department which deals with UFO reports and it maintains close links with the British UFO Research Association.

An MOD spokesman said: "These photographs should be sent directly to the association. At the MOD we are concerned there is no breach of air defences and no threat to the British public."

Initially the photographs were sent to Tim Ash, Somerset branch chairman of the national group London UFO Studies.

At his home in Sherwege Court, Bridgwater, Mr Ash said: "They are not hoaxes as they were taken with a Polaroid camera."