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being stood up to become a let-down, and the conference, near the Costa Rican city of Miramar, continued with speeches from UFO "contactees" and a psychoanalyst investigating Brazilian Indian culture for references to ETs.

Sceptics out there might be able to think of other potential subjects for psychoanalysis.

ALIEN ON ICE

As controversy over the alleged alien autopsy footage continues, saucer-fans with credit cards can buy their own complete copy on <http://www.paragon.co.uk/ros/ros.htm> - but at £33 a tape the encounter does not come cheap.

Ufologists may now have little grey men in their video collection, but a Puerto Rican rancher has one in his freezer. According to a report in US-based *Strange* magazine, the

unnamed rancher bagged himself a "grey" with a shotgun after it had been bothering his cattle. The unfortunate ufonaut is kept in deep-freeze, and only taken out for snap-shots with the rancher and family.

Following the financial success of the

Roswell film, showbiz agents are probably beating a path to the ranch door. *Focus* predicts that having your picture taken with a dead alien will be the craze of '96.

THE SPACEMAN COMETH

A councillor for the town dubbed the UFO capital of Scotland claims the secrets of the universe are about to be revealed.

A mystery Man In Black has told Billy Buchanan he will reveal The Whole Truth. Buchanan, councillor for Bonnybridge, is sufficiently convinced to have hired the 900-capacity Falkirk Town Hall for a speech by the MIB next month.

"Quite simply what this man has to say will be the most important thing we have ever heard," says Buchanan, who has spent the last few years pressing the Government to investigate mass UFO sightings over Bonnybridge. The reason for these visitations will be one of the issues covered in the speech.

The friendly MIB, Zal-us, is one of the "Council of Nine" watching over our planet. He is described as wearing a black suit, white shirt and black tie, which makes him either a classic MIB (famous for shadowing "contactees") or a Quentin Tarantino fan. All will be revealed on 9 October...



WAITING FOR THE SPACEMEN

Believing did not mean seeing for 1,500 people at a summer UFO congress. Mediums asked all present to concentrate on the arrival of flying saucers - as a psychic summons for extraterrestrials.

Obviously they didn't think hard enough because the aliens didn't show. Participants didn't allow



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HAMPSHIRE | Friends spot moving circle in the air

Mystery lights in night sky

People in a village in Dorset want to know if it was a sighting of a UFO that caused a mysterious moving light above their heads.

Samantha Mills and her friends first spotted it on Wednesday evening.

"We were in Amberley Road in Elson when we watched a circle of light moving across the sky. It had beams like sunbeams coming out of it," she said.

"I saw it again when I went home to Southampton, West in Alton street and pointed it

"Next morning I was listening to a phone-in programme when I heard someone in Cornwall describe what she saw the night before. It was just what we had seen."

"I wondered if someone was using lasers. What else could it have been? A UFO?"

A Southsea resident called *The News* the same evening to report seeing a moving light.

But police at Portsmouth said they had received no calls and had no explanation

WELCOME once again to the unbelievably popular UFO update. If you're one of those blinkered people who refuses to believe that there is something else out there, then don't bother reading this.

If you are open-minded then you'll enjoy this fascinating account from a 50-year-old Platt Bridge woman, even though it happened in 1976.

The woman lived in Lancaster Road in Hindley at the time and can remember the searing heat from the long hot summer of '76, like it was yesterday.

She remembers being in mourning because her father had died just a couple of weeks earlier - late on in June.

She was in bed but not asleep because of the heat and because the grief at the loss of her father was overwhelming.

She remembers going over to the window and looking out at the stars. It was a very clear night and very humid and everyone had their windows and curtains open.

Her children were asleep in the same room and the woman recalls looking at one particularly bright star which seemed bigger than the rest.

She was thinking of her father and looking at the star when out of the blue, a beam shot out of it and there before her eyes hovering above the houses across the road was a bronze coloured saucer shaped object.

"I could not believe it," she said "it was amazing. I pinched myself and started shaking the kids to try and wake them, but as quick as it appeared, the beam came down again and it shot back up to that same star, exactly where it had come from.

"It all happened so fast, one minute I was looking at the star, the next a thing shot out of it and stopped just above the houses across the road. It was about as big as two or three houses and just hovered there.

"It was really breathtaking and ever since I have been watching the skies. Few people believe me, but I know what I saw. I hadn't been drinking, my frame of mind was fine - it happened. I saw a U.F.O."

Have you seen a U.F.O. in the area. If you have contact Jon Peake on 228000 and tell him about your encounter. The Wigan Reporter works in conjunction with Jason Houghton (pictured) the Quest International Investigator for Wigan.

● A NEW group, the 'Wigan Area Society for Paranormal Study and Investigation' has been set up to study the weird and wonderful in Wigan.

The group's first meeting is this Monday (Oct 30) at The Orwell.

'WasPsi' seeks to bring together anybody and everybody interested in the mysteries and wonders of the world. Whether it be Ghosts, Fortean, Miracles, Mysteries or Strange-but-true, the society will appeal to you.

U.F.O buff and Quest International investigator David Cayton will give the society's first presentation at The Orwell.

The meeting kicks off in the George Orwell suite at The Orwell, admission is £1 - be there. There will be video footage and slides on display.

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'Alien messages' drive demand for release of MoD data on UFOs

Sarah Boseley talks to Rael believers

WITH the air of a con-juror, the protester produced an oblong metal contraption, apparently for picking up messages from aliens. "I have detected a porthole," he confided.

The gizmo emitted a crackling noise. "It sounds like chaos," said the inventor, answering on this planet to the description of Steve Clementson, from Welwyn Garden City, Herts. "You have to do it

An awful lot is going on, according to the 40 or so protesters outside the House of Commons yesterday. They were UFO spotters, believers in the paranormal — indeed, a strange light in some of their eyes suggested extra-terrestrial origins themselves. They had come to demand that the Government give up its secrets. They want details of the UFO sightings they are convinced have been documented and studied by

of the relative openness of the Chief of Air Staff in Belgium in July 1990, recording observations of a flying craft able to accelerate from 150 knots to 980

★ UFO watchers have uncovered an obscure law which, they claim, is more proof that the government knows about real-life ETs. The Code of Federal Regulations, Section 14, Part 1211, says anyone shaking an alien's hand will be quarantined without hearing.

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Village goes UFO-crazy

A Sutton UFO Watchers' Group is being formed as a result of the shared experience of 70 people last weekend. A crowd who took part in a sponsored UFO watch known as a "dweebie" to raise funds for Cowling Junior Football Club are convinced they saw an alien spacecraft far larger than a star, zig-zagging over a large area of sky faster than the eye could blink," says club leader Stephen Place, of Main Street, Sutton. "It

travelled in vertical, horizontal and diagonal lines over distances of very many miles and was observed continuously for 15 minutes by all present. Most were in a complete state of shock. The crowd of 50 boys, 10 St John Ambulance members and 10 adult helpers who gathered on a bleak and windy hill top above Sutton had their close encounter around 2am on Monday. The new group plans to meet regularly at Crag Delph Nook, West Lane, Sutton.

20,000 documents released in the United States under the Freedom of Information Act have some references to UFOs, he claimed, although many parts had been blacked out in the interests of national security. Some referred to incidents in the UK. Then there is the report from the Chief of Air Staff in Belgium in July 1990, recording observations of a flying craft able to accelerate from 150 knots to 980

"The speeds would be impossible to tolerate for a human being," he wrote, and the craft was noiseless. "I'm as sceptical as the next person," Mr Holman said. "I can't see what they [the UFOs] are. They are not balloons or aircraft. The point is, we have the physical evidence. But why ask the Government what is going on, when the Raelians behind him know the answers. We're working to estab-

terrestrials," said the man with very bright eyes known as Giles Dext. "We believe that human is created by extra-terrestrial — an advanced, living race who 25,000 years ago had reached a level of development slightly ahead of where we are now. Using DNA, they put together in their lab planted us on Earth send messages through prophets, the most recent of whom is a French man called Paul

UFO expert wanted

A SAWTRY-based astronomical society is looking for an expert on UFOs to give a talk about flying saucers. The Sawtry and District Astronomical Society is holding an open evening at Greenfields Cricket Pavillion in the village on November 24 at 7.30pm. Activities at the event will include illustrated talks, a telescope surgery, photo-

graphic exhibition and a chance to see various objects such as the Great Nebula in Orion M42. And to add another dimension to the evening, organiser Mike Glazier wants someone who can come along to the meeting to explain about UFOs to those present. ● If you can help with the request, contact Mr Glazier on 01487 832470.

A UFO studies centre is set to investigate a mysterious sighting at Deeside. The Cheshire-based British UFO Centre is trying to discover more about an incident on the Ewloe to Northop road after a report in the *Evening Leader*. They are eager to speak to the driver, Mr Phillip Young, 27, whose car stopped dead when two bright blue lights passed over it and headed towards Halkyn Mountain last month. Centre director Eric Morris contacted Mr Young for more details. He said: "We are very keen to discover further information. Surprised "One of our investigators wishes to pursue this interesting case." Mr Young of Summersville Close, Conna's Quay said: "I'm quite surprised to hear that a national organisation wants to hear my story. "I hope that they will be able to come up with answers. I can't explain what I saw as it was so strange and frightening. "I've taken quite a lot of stick about this, but I've also been contacted by someone who also saw something strange that night."

Another UFO in night sky

A 'SCEPTICAL' civil servant has had his views changed forever on the point of UFOs after seeing a strange craft in Nuneaton's night sky.

In this latest sighting, Steven Whittingham, 38, from Purcell Avenue, Whitestone, Nuneaton, claims to have spotted the UFO at 4.30am on Saturday morning.

The employee of Bedworth Job Centre says he has no problem with his name going in print - despite ridicule from his friends and colleagues - as he is sure what he saw was a UFO.

Mr Whittingham's sighting is the latest in a spate of UFO reports in this area.

He said: "It was about 4.30am on Saturday morning and I was playing cards with a friend of mine, Richard Cook - we hadn't been drinking.

"Out of the window we spotted what we thought was a plane taking off, but from the lights on it we could see that it wasn't plane shaped, and there was virtually no noise coming from it.

"The lights lit up sections of the craft which had strange lines on it, but we still thought it was a bit of a laugh at first and it was just one of the planes going into a nearby airport.

"I'm certainly not one to make up tales. I've got a respectable job, and I'm sceptical myself, but there's no other way to describe what I've seen other than a UFO."

Mr Whittingham went on to say that he wasn't sure if the craft was moving slowly

low down, or was a massive flying object high up.

He said: "I'd love anyone to come forward with a logical explanation, because seeing this has really spooked me.

"This was a non-plane shaped metallic structure and it is very disturbing to see.

"We realised no-one would believe us and made a sketch of the object as we saw it."

If you have had a similar experience or have a rational explanation for this incident contact John Linstead at the Heartland Evening News on 01203 353534 with your comments or stories.

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A close encounter

IF you haven't seen or heard about the television programme about the Roswell Incident, the reported UFO crash and retrieval in 1947, then you must have been visiting another planet!

This item had been in the press for more than a month prior to the screening and continued to make news for many weeks afterwards.

By now you should all be aware of my interest in crop circles and UFOs. In fact, anything that is unexplained

This started when I was young and studied old civilisations like the Incas and Aztecs.

One thing led to another and when the Von Daniken books were published, I naturally followed this course and became enmeshed in the mysteries of our planet.

Where is this leading? You may well ask.

It concerns an event that happened to me last summer - 1994 - and it has never been put into writing until now.

I had been to Wiltshire on a crop watch with my wife, who was a reluctant passenger.

evening was warm and sunny we left home at 6.30pm for a quick visit to the most prominent area for crop circles. Being the height of the season I was confident of finding something worth photographing. I was not disappointed. But that is another story as the circumstances were a little strange.

Anyway, we rode around and called into Pewsey for fish and chips before parking at Knap Hill.

This site was selected for its vantage

Countryside Scenes

By STEPHEN JONES

point over an area that was renowned for the appearance of formations.

I intended staying for the night, but perched on top of an exposed hill soon lowers the temperature.

A mist was rolling into the valley and by midnight my wife had taken all she could bear, so we left and called in at Silbury Hill and had a cup of coffee. Here the skies were crystal clear and it was a beautiful calm night.

We set off for the M4 and just outside

night sky. I was driving so I eased up and watch the formation of lights pass across in front of me.

What had first attracted my attention was the layout of the lights. There were three red lights in a triangular shape. The lights weren't flashing, nor were there any other lights of other colours save for what appeared to be three or four white lights from the front red light going back to the centre of the craft.

The craft was travelling at about 70mph, not the normal speed for an aircraft. It headed off in a westerly direction and vanished behind the houses and trees of the village.

To this day I still don't know what it was that I witnessed that night. I informed Quest International, who run a UFO hotline, but never heard back from them. I spoke to many other people, including an ex-RAF engineer. All stated that all aircraft carry the same navigation lights.

Having lived in this area for nearly 15 years, and living on the flight path of Brize Norton airfield for three years, I believe I am familiar with aircraft in flight at all times of day and night.

If anyone has any ideas on what I saw that night, in Wiltshire, please get in touch on (01344) 27755 and let me know your thoughts.

Conference fails to solve mysteries of Bonnybridge

UFO BUFFS MISS THE TARGET

THEY came, they saw, they asked questions. But did the people of Bonnybridge get any answers to their village's UFO phenomenon?

Probably not, if the feedback from large sections of the audience at Monday night's Cosmic Agendas conference in Falkirk Town Hall was anything to go by.

The three-and-a-half hour event was organised by Bonnybridge councillor Billy Buchanan and there were hopes it might point to explanations for the 2,000 reported UFO sightings in the Bonnybridge area in the last couple of years.

A crowd of around 900 people - including reporters from national newspapers and television - paid £2 each to hear a lot about religion, ethics, government conspiracies, meditation and mythology from a panel of three guest speakers - but very little about UFOs.

And towards the end, disillusioned members of the audience began to heckle the panel and leave.

One of the speakers, American Phyllis Schlessler, claims to have communicated with the so-called Council of Nine, described as "principals of the universe" for several years.

Their main message, he told the audience, was that people had to take responsibility for their own actions on earth.

She indicated that Bonnybridge may be attracting alien attention because of the warmth of its residents.

Ms Schlessler said: "I've never experienced what I've experienced here in Scotland. I feel great kindness when I speak to people in the street."

Cheshire-based UFO expert Ken McFarlane said: "There are 40 million stars in our galaxy. Even if only ten per cent have a planet around them that can support life, we're looking at

by TOM HUNTER

four million planets which could be holding intelligent life.

Edinburgh historian Gert Rogers suggested alien life forms might be attracted to Bonnybridge because of the area's important historical links.

He said: "The people of Strathclyde are testifying to something extraordinary. The Bonnybridge Bravehearts who speak out are like prophetic voices from the past."

Religion

Response to the conference was mixed. Although applause for the speakers was generous, one Bonnybridge man told The Falkirk Herald: "I came here tonight because I wanted a few answers to the things that have been seen, but the audience got a mix of politics, religion and morals. What did it have to do with UFOs?"

Bonnybridge Councillor Billy Buchanan, who organised the conference, said: "I thought it went very well. A lot of people have contacted me to say how much they enjoyed it.

On the other hand, some people might have thought they heard a lot of rubbish. But what's important to remember is that these were the views of one group of people, and they might not have been what everyone expected to hear."

The solution to UFOs?

Sir - Re the sightings of UFOs in the Bonnybridge area is it just co-incidence that this is located almost half-way between Edinburgh and Glasgow airports? Depending on the direction of the wind the aircraft could be seen making their approach for one or the other practically all the time.

The aircraft may have their landing lights on when they are 50 miles away and when they are flying towards you they appear to be stationary. When they turn to make their final approach the lights disappear quickly.

Here in Burntisland, we see this often but I am still looking for my first UFO.

John Haliburton,

21 Bolam Drive, Burntisland.

UFO is seen by mum in Taunton

A TAUNTON mum couldn't believe her eyes when she saw a UFO early on Sunday morning.

The woman, who doesn't want to be named, woke early because her daughter was crying.

"I took her back to my bedroom and while sitting on the bed saw flashing lights out of the window," said the woman, who lives on the Lane estate.

"I put on my glasses and saw an oval shaped object with lights around the middle hovering over the block of flats opposite.

"There were some people getting out of a taxi opposite the house and I noticed that they were also looking at this object. I am sure they must have seen this UFO as well."

"I went downstairs to get my husband, but when he looked out of the window it had gone."

The woman said she was always hearing of people who had seen ghosts or UFOs, or had something strange happen to them. "I just wished something like that would happen to me so I could believe it — and now I do," she said.

"Friends have been taking the mickey a little bit, and when the telephone rings my husband says it's ET — but I know what I saw."

She has reported her sighting to UFO expert Sue Hembury-Kellow, who recorded the sighting, but she said nobody else had reported seeing anything in the area at that time.

Tales of a UFO spotter

AN EX-POLICEMAN who believes real UFOs have been spotted in the skies above Scarborough will be speaking of his claims on the town's airwaves.

Tony Dodd, a former a sergeant in the North Yorkshire Police Force who now devotes his life to investigating strange happenings, will be interviewed by DJ Barry Robinson on his Yorkshire Coast Radio show tomorrow.

Mr Dodd now investigates real live X-Files, writes for the international UFO Magazine and speaks at conferences all around the world about his findings.

Among his investigations include sightings of saucer-like objects over Scarborough, Bridlington and Filey since the 1970s.

He claims many have been intercepted by military aircraft as part of a top secret Government plan.

Barry was invited to Mr Dodd's home in Grassington near Skipton to see his collection of evidence and he said he found it fascinating. He said: "I don't know whether he's telling the truth or not, but he impressed me because he's convinced of it himself. He's certainly not a crank."

The first of a three-part interview with Mr Dodds will be broadcast tomorrow, from 2-4pm.

MoD files reveal new UFO cases

by Tim Kelsey and David Leppard

DOZENS of incidents involving unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have been revealed by Ministry of Defence files kept secret for decades. They show the government took such reports seriously and wanted to allay public fears about claims of visiting alien aircraft.

One document reports that two RAF planes were sent to intercept UFOs over the Strait of Dover in April 1957. Two objects were seen, but the Jetlin jets were unable to track them on their radar. Fighter Command told ministers it believed the objects were other RAF jets on exercise.

In another case the previous year, an RAF Venom jet was sent to intercept a UFO moving at very high speed picked up by radar. The pilot saw nothing, but two other aircraft scrambled in pursuit made "a momentary contact".

In 1963, an object that looked like a flying saucer was seen hovering by a hangar at RAF Cosford, near Wolverhampton, by two airmen. An MoD file records that "as they watched they saw a trap door in the upper part slowly open". An internal inquiry dismissed the incident as "a piece of youthful high spirits".

The alleged sightings are detailed in files spanning more than a decade which have been uncovered at the Public Records Office. They were quietly released by Lord Henley, a defence minister, at the end of last year.

In some cases, officials admit they can find no explanation. In 1962 the RAF police launched an investigation after a motorist driving near Luton in the early hours saw "an object like a hovercraft flying approximately 30ft above the road surface... An unknown force slowed him down to 20mph... then the object suddenly flew off".

By ANDREA THOMPSON
THE X-Files, cult TV series and inspiration behind The Mail's own investigation of the paranormal, uses the stunning forests and mountains ranges of Canada as an eerie background to the show's intriguing plots.

But the experiences of a 16-year-old man more than two decades ago suggest the country has its own rich source of strange phenomena. John Bourton told the Mail of a series of UFO encounters which occurred while he was living in a ski lodge in the Alberta mountains in 1972.

He said: "The lodge was located in a remote area, 15 miles from the nearest post office and 12 miles from the nearest town, so there were no artificial lights cluttering the skyline."

The first suggestion of UFO activity began with a bright light which appeared at the top of the mountain.

"It was brilliant, much too bright to have come from a man-made source, and it did not look like sun, star or moon," John explained.

The light appeared in the same spot every evening around 8.15pm, and John decided to investigate with a party from the lodge.

Only one man actually made it to the top, after the others were forced to return because of the altitude.

But an encounter on the ridge sent him tearing back down in record speed.

"He was so afraid, he was speechless for several hours," John said.

"Apparently, when he reached the top there were two lights so bright he couldn't see beyond them."

"And they kept pushing him back," he said. The incident was followed some weeks later by a host of UFOs which appeared along the

mountain tops and in the valley below.

John compared the mountain lights to a group of people parading with torches.

"There were lights all along the ridge."

"Then we became aware of about 40 bright lights hovering in the valley below, but there was no sound."

"The lights then moved into a V formation and travelled up towards the mountains, going from left to right."

John said: "To this day, we do not know what it was."

'He was so afraid he was speechless for several hours.'

"It had to be an amazing UFO, but what was it doing in the mountains?"

John believes some alien life force may have been drawing energy from the iron ore in the region, but he was left with another puzzle — the reaction of his fellow witnesses.

"Everyone was totally non-committal about what we had seen."

"I got the impression one man had actually seen something out there, but he was too afraid to say anything."

Soon after the incident the two other witnesses were killed in mysterious road accidents.

The ski lodge later burned down, and after the death of his wife, John remains the only living witness to the encounter.

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Space lights set phones ringing

STRANGE lights seen in the sky over Helston last week had some people phoning the police, others calling RNAS Culdrose and even a few crawling under the duvet convinced the Martians had landed.

But what was first thought to be Helston's first "X File" turned out to nothing but a very elaborate, and very expensive, VX publicity launch.

Ward Vauxhall owner Mike Ward confirmed last Friday that the only thing which landed was the new Vectra car designed to replace the Cavalier.

The model was launched on Thursday evening with the help of a "Space Flower" display which beams patterns of light five miles high and ten miles wide.

Mr Ward needed permission from the Civil

Aviation Authority and RNAS Culdrose before the show went on the road, or in this case up in the air, and a trial run on Wednesday evening exceeded all expectations.

It went so well in fact that Mr Ward had a visit from the police, who were convinced an illegal rave party was going on!

"I never set out to cause a disturbance or to give people the idea that grey people had landed. It was just a very innovative and creative launch," he said.

The lights were seen for miles around. Mr Ward, who lives in Devoran, could see them 14 miles away and he even had an avid UFO hunter from Falmouth knocking on Ward's door.

Some people were so convinced the War of

the Worlds had finally started that informed Radio Cornwall to put their at rest.

Even the children of Halwin School Porkellis were talking about the phenomenon the following day.

RNAS Culdrose public liaison officer Bradbury said although no one "ph home," they did have a few calls them.

"All the pilots knew about it and were quite happy with the arrangements. I phoned the air traffic control tower had a few calls," she said.

Mr Ward said interest in the Vectra been astounding since the launch but "I'm not looking forward to my electr

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'Come clean' plea over UFOs

THE British Government is hiding secret 'X-files' on UFOs and extraterrestrial beings, according to a group of UFO watchers who have launched a drive to get the Ministry of Defence to "come clean" about UFO sightings in British airspace.

The ufologists have already lobbied the House of Commons and believe the Royal Air Force has a catalogue of sightings and interceptions which it is refusing to release to the public. They want the alien life or to suggest

that alien spacecraft have landed on Earth."

John Holman, UK coordinator of Operation Right to Know — the body behind the drive, said: "The base line is that they must know about all objects that continue to intrude into our airspace. They don't have to say 'we are being invaded' by extraterrestrials' but if they know British airspace is being penetrated by objects they should tell us."

Mr Holman, of Ripon,

North Yorkshire, and his fellow ufologists have taken the leap of faith and believe in other life forms probing the Earth's atmosphere.

According to Mr Holman, there have been 5,000 separate videotapes taken of suspect objects in the sky over Mexico alone since 1991.

While cynics and conspiracy theorists would say this just means that the US Air Force is getting sloppy and getting caught on camera more often, the ufologists say

they should be told what the air forces know.

They admit that many UFO sightings may just be helicopters or aeroplanes — but they want to be sure.

Mr Holman said he believed there is an RAF department called Defence Intelligence 55 (DI55) which monitors, collects and analyses data on UFO sightings.

When asked about the existence of the mysterious DI55, the Ministry of Defence spokesman replied, rather cryptically: "We have no

department which is set for the study of UFO reports, nor is anyone employed on the subject full-time."

And he added: "The Ministry of Defence do receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings but our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom."

"Unless we judge that they do, and this has been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further or identify who ever may have been seen

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UFOs are seen over Taunton

TWO unidentified flying objects have been sighted from Taunton's Priorswood housing estate.

A man in his mid-30s, who does not want to be named, reported the UFOs to SUFFOLIN, the Society for UFO research and investigation.

Sue Hembury-Kellow, SUFFOLIN's Stoke St Gregory-based director of investigations, said: "His wife spotted them as she went out into the back garden Thursday last week. She wants anybody who spots them to contact a 24-hour hotline on 01823 491068.

"They were lower than a normal aircraft, looked very big and moved more slowly. They appeared to be going south to north."

"The man saw the object for about 15 seconds and his wife for around half a minute. They agree about what they saw and are confident that they were not aircraft."

Mrs Hembury-Kellow said investigations had shown that no authorised flights took place at the time of the sighting — about 9 pm on Thursday last week. She wants anybody who spots them to contact a 24-hour hotline on 01823 491068.

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UFOs sighted in Hinckley

MYSTERY surrounds several sightings of UFOs — unidentified flying objects — in the Hinckley area. In the last couple of weeks several people have claimed to see a strange shaped, brightly lit, saucer.

The eye witnesses claim that often it is only feet above the ground and has been seen hovering above the A5. One woman, a 62-year-old from Stoney Stanton, claims that she spotted two of the craft above the Three Pots on the A5.

She said: "It was round and bright like a star and hovered there and twinkled, with green and red lights underneath it."

"While I was watching another identical craft appeared from nowhere in parallel with it." Anyone spotting any more of the craft, or knowing a rational reason for their appearance should contact the Evening News on 01203 353534 and ask for ext 243.

Why that alien just could be your granny!

A UFO expert is coming to Thanet to try to convince people that alien beings have been visiting the island for CENTURIES.

He will be talking to Thanet group Astrasearch which believes UFOs have been buzzing around since prehistoric times and could be our own ANCESTORS.

The group, formed to study outer space phenomena, hopes the expert will support claims that UFOs have been spotted and aliens may even have settled here after taking a liking to PLANET THANET.

Chairman David Quickenden,

of Eaton Road, Margate, claimed: "A lot of our history has not been revealed for what it really is. But study of our ancient civilization reveals evidence that UFOs were well-known in those days."

Astrasearch was formed a year ago and now has 20 members who regularly attend meetings.

Space nuts

After one meeting, the group spotted a UFO from a member's garden, David said.

"It was a very clear night and we spotted what we thought was a star, but then it moved very rapidly across the sky."

"It was obvious to the people

who saw it that it was incredible. He denies the group are outer space nuts whose ideas can not be backed up through research.

"As we approach the new millennium, a lot of truth about our origins will come to light and more people want to learn about them," he said.

"But we're not just going to about little green men from Mars. We are a serious study group who genuinely want to learn."

The talk by UFO expert James Hipkiss is at the Ocean View Hotel in Eitelherb Terrace, Chiltonville, on 1 November at 7.45pm. Admission is £2.50 or the door. For more information call Thanet 221015.

Eye-witnesses

report more UFO sightings

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Please tell me we didn't see a UFO...

PEOPLE from all around the Scarborough area have been contacting the Evening News to report sightings of strange lights in the area last week.

The witnesses have come forward after a woman reported seeing two lights flying near her home in Sleights, near Whitby, last Tuesday at 7.10pm.

She and her son watched the lights for a short time before they flew off at a fast speed towards the sea.

Her story was in Monday's Evening News and another witness says she saw an intense bright light hovering by Scarborough Castle at about 7.40pm the same night.

She said: "I was driving along North Bay Promenade when I noticed a small group of people stood looking up at the castle.

"When I looked I saw a light just hovering there - it was not a helicopter because it didn't make a sound and it didn't look like one."

Woman's new appeal over hovering UFOs

WANT: lights were reported to have been seen flying in the air above the Scarborough area. The UFO sighting was reported by a woman who lives in the Scarborough area. WANT: My son saw from his window a bright light above the sea from other parts of the area to come forward. In August the lights were seen flying in the air above the Scarborough area.

How we reported the story in Monday's Evening News

By the time she got round to the South Bay she could not see the light.

Another witness who saw a light at 7.30pm over Ravenscar said she was "amazed" by what she saw.

The woman, who had two children in the car at the time, said: "I had just dropped someone off and was heading home to Robin Hood's Bay when I saw what looked like a very bright star in the sky above Ravenscar.

"The light went off but came back on again a few moments later. We all saw it."

A man fishing between Goathland and Egton Bridge said he saw a silent bright light above the trees just a few hundred feet from where he sat.

The man, who describes himself as being a "UFO sceptic", says he was unnerved enough to pack up

his fishing gear immediately and go home.

Another woman says she saw a strange light above Reighton on the previous Sunday night and discounted the possibility it may have been a shooting star or a comet.

A Whitby-based UFO investigator for Quest International, which examines such sightings, says there has been increased activity over recent months for sightings of possible UFOs along the north east coast from Teesside to Bridlington.

Paul Upton said: "We have had lots of reports and one was made last Tuesday night by someone in Scarborough who saw a group of lights heading from the sea inland."

Mr Upton can be contacted on 01947 602089.

WELL, did anyone else see the spinning, dancing, wheel of white light darting around in the clouds above Pitt and Hursley on the A3090 that my daughter and I witnessed while driving along at about 2135 on the night of Wednesday October 18?

The driver in front of us obviously did, judging by his erratic progress along the road!

If anyone has a logical explanation, I would like to know it, if only to satisfy my other daughter, who, despite being a devotee of the X Files, nearly fell off the sofa laughing when told of our experience.

Somebody please tell me it was just a helicopter or an outdoor disco or something.

Otherwise it means that we saw an unidentified flying object - and I can't believe I just said that!

MIKE MACQUEEN "Sceptic",
Chandler's Ford.

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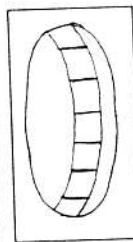
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SOMETHING OUT THERE

Last week we reported on Jil Faulkner's, first paranormal experience. This week we look at the second event which actually involved a sighting of actual alien lifeforms.



Above: The UFO Jil saw

The second vision came while she was looking out of her window. "I saw a diffuse ball of light in the sky," said Jil, now 35. "I watched its movements for about 10 minutes. The light suddenly proceeded from the horizon, directly towards me. It approached slowly and silently, gradually appearing bigger as it got nearer at almost eye level from my first floor window. As it came over the garden behind ours, one of the children playing outside shouted 'it's going to land'. At this point the ball of light stopped. It hung in the air in silence with absolutely no perceptible movement. The 'ball' was a huge oval now. The light was still fuzzy at the edges and I could not see through it. All of a sudden the 'ball of light' disappeared - it was like it was switched off. Directly in front of me now was a very clearly defined grey oval craft with a row of partitioned windows. Behind them I could see the fuzzy outlines of "people". They were a darker shade of grey against the dim interior light. There were five or six figures, which I recognised to be standing due to the fact that I could see to just below 'waist' level. I couldn't see clothing or even hair. They were just body shaped and we just stared at each other for a few minutes. I also noticed coloured lights now at the bottom edge of the craft. It started to move slowly about 20 feet over our roof then I ran from my window to my brother's at the front of the house. The craft's front was just appearing over the roof when it should have been the end. The next strange thing was I checked my watch and it had taken me seven minutes to run from one window to the next - when it should have taken seconds! Then I experienced a voice in my head which clearly and firmly said "We know where you are." The craft changed into a yellow ball of light again and moved off silently and slowly."

THE three flying saucer-shaped objects came from nowhere. They changed formation and hovered over the outskirts of York for about 30 seconds before vanishing at great speed.

The experience chilled David Clayden to the bone. "It is something I'll never forget. I was terrified," he said.

The close encounter occurred at dusk, around 4.50pm, last Friday near his home in Osbaldwick.

Five minutes earlier three mysterious lights were spotted at Long Marston by Steve Jones and his daughters Rachel, 10, and Katie, seven.



TERRIFIED: David Clayden saw three flying saucer-shaped objects



CASE THREE: York postman John Hunt saw an 'onion-shaped' object flying at high speed over his houseboat

Mr Clayden, 54, a former BT storeman, was looking at the birds in the garden when he saw the objects.

"I thought 'What the hell are those?'" he said.

"When they first came they were almost like flying saucers. They were spherical in shape. When they came closer they looked very bright.

"One of them had the appearance of a little tail or something coming off it. I don't know what it was. There was no noise, either.

"They were definitely objects. They could have been machines

but they changed shape from spherical to oblong.

He estimates the height of the objects at around 500ft and about a mile to a mile-and-a-half north east of his home in Wydale Road, Osbaldwick.

"I reckon each object was around 20ft across and there was quite a big gap between them, around 50ft to 60ft."

He went towards the kitchen and shouted to his wife, Jean. "I

wanted her to see them as well.

"But when we got back there was nothing. They must have left at great speed.

"They came in on a flight path, one, two three. They came across and then they stopped, or they seemed to stop should I say. They could have been hovering.

"When I first saw them I thought 'Wonderful!' and then I had second thoughts and thought 'Bloomin' heck, what's happening here?'"

"I've read about things and there is usually an explanation, but in this case I discounted

fireworks or even satellites because they definitely were static.

"It is very difficult to say what the exact colour was. They were fluorescent, with a touch of yellow and silver.

"I've never seen anything like them before. I'm not into UFOs or anything like that. I was absolutely gobsmacked.

"I was so shaken up by it I hardly slept that night."

Steve Aldous, 38, of Wigginton, York, was driving along the Wetherby to York road when he saw three bright lights in the sky.

"We saw them for about five seconds before they just disappeared.

"They seemed to be in some sort of formation.

"We drove into Long Marston and we saw them again just for a matter of seconds before they went again."

Flight Lieutenant Dave Taylor, of RAF Linton-on-Ouse, said they had no aircraft flying over York at the times mentioned.

"Anyway, we have to fly at 2,000ft above York," he added.

He said radar operators had not reported anything unusual in the area.

A spokesman for the Ouse Gliding Club at Rufforth added that they had nothing flying at the time.

North Yorkshire has become the UFO capital of Britain, with hundreds of reported sightings.

The Alien Acknowledgement Campaign is based in the county and the specialist UFO Magazine is published in Skipton.

UFO Magazine's chief investigator, former police officer Tony Dodd, said: "There are some hotbeds of UFO sightings in the country and North Yorkshire for some reason is one of them.

"People are now more willing to come forward with sightings. It is something which just will not go away."

● Have you had a close encounter or a brush with the paranormal? Contact Simon Ritchie on the Y-Files desk on 01904-653051.

'BETA' - search for extra-terrestrial life

Although no life beyond earth has yet been found, many scientists believe that life is prevalent in the universe. Project BETA is to attempt to answer the question 'Are we alone?' by detecting radio signals broadcast intentionally by a civilisation like ours orbiting any of the nearest thousand sun-like stars

Milky Way galaxy contains an estimated 100,000,000,000 stars

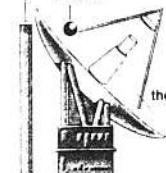


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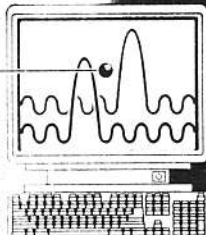
Two simultaneous high-gain beams, separated in east-west direction, can detect signals in 250 million channels

Each low-gain antenna detects and eliminates signals of terrestrial origin

26 metre steerable antenna



If a signal is seen first in east then west beam and is not vetoed by third antenna, dish is triggered to follow source



Source: Professor Paul Horowitz, Harvard University

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The celestial haystack

A GIANT step has been taken in solving one of mankind's most intriguing riddles - the search for signs of life elsewhere in the universe.

At the Oak Ridge Observatory near Harvard University, Massachusetts, a radio telescope will search the skies for evidence of radio transmissions of alien origin.

It will spend the next five years looking for signs of life. Astronomers involved with the Billion-channel Extra Terrestrial Assay (BETA) project believe they have the greatest ever chance of finding signals in space.

The search, however, is the astronomical equivalent of looking for a needle in a haystack. There are an estimated 400 billion stars in our galaxy alone.

CASE SIX

November 1994: Roadworker Robert Morris saw a huge bright light between Sutton-on-Derwent and Melbourne.
"It was hovering just below the clouds. The object was totally stationary and was not attached to anything.
"When I looked up again there were two lights about 40 yards apart. Both were completely still.
"The lights were about 20

CASE FIVE

May 1994: Ron Cowl saw a yellow light, between 200ft and 300ft above the ground, while driving home from York to Strensall.
"I thought it was a street light at first, but it was too high in the sky," said Mr Cowl.
He watched the light, which he estimated to be six to 10 feet in diameter, for half a minute before it disappeared.

CASE FOUR

January 1991: Roger and Dawn Tinsley of Moorcroft Road, York, spotted a series of lights hovering 500metres above their home at around 11pm.
"It was a long, frosty morning.
"It was a pair of lights, about the length of two to three basketballs, flashing on and off intermittently," said Mr Tinsley.
A spokesman for RAF Linton-on-Ouse said air force authorities were unable to identify the lights.

CASE THREE

May 1994: York postman John Hunt saw an "onion-shaped" object fly at high speed over his houseboat on the Ouse.
"It shot over my head, I'd say about the speed of a fighter plane. It was like a hot-air balloon only onion-shaped and travelling at break-neck speed. It had a triangular base which was pointing downwards.
"I don't know what it was. I know it was not a plane, helicopter or a hot air balloon."

CASE TWO

December 1987: Housewife Elizabeth Rogers, of Hamerton Close, Chapelfields, York, spotted a flying object "the size and shape of a pumpkin" in the sky. "It just seemed to appear from the south west like a white light getting brighter. Then an orange thing in the sky appeared. It just shot across the sky and vanished," she said.
"It was close but I couldn't hear or smell anything."
Two friends in her house at the time also saw the strange object. A check with RAF Linton-on-Ouse confirmed that there were no aircraft in the area at the time.

CASE ONE

July 1994 Helen Flaherty, from Allerbeds near Pocklington, saw a "saucer-like" shaped light while driving on the A1079 towards York.
"My partner spotted it first. The light the sky got brighter and brighter. It was cottage-loaf shaped.
"It was moving quite fast, then it veered to the left.
"It was travelling at quite a rate of knots. It appeared to be climbing then it just disappeared."
She said she checked with all local airbases but they had nothing flying at the time.

Prepare to meet thy alien

ALIEN news, now, and creatures from outer space appear to be wreaking havoc across this sceptical isle of ours.

Mrs Veronica Armes, 49, who first spotted something hovering over her house in Beacontree Avenue, Dagenham, shortly after a new Salsbury store opened in 1990, tells the *Barking, Thurrock and Dagenham Post* that spacecraft are now causing such a noise nuisance in the borough they are keeping her awake at night.

"I heard a strange noise at about 2am one morning and when I went to my window I saw a circular object moving very slowly over the rooftops behind my house. I can't really describe the noise... it was like nothing I'd ever heard before."

Last month, the *Post* reports, Mrs Armes was awoken in the middle of the night by another inexplicable noise. "I pressed my face against my window but I just couldn't pinpoint where the strange noise was coming from. It was a kind of pulsating two-tone noise. It was very eerie."

Farther west meanwhile, The *Nailsea Paper* reports the sighting of a UFO over Nailsea's Myrtle Farm. "Several homes lost their electricity supply and a field below was set alight," it says.

Proof that aliens have landed and started burning and looting? No, but evidence of what happens when an umbrella gets "caught in a freak gust of wind and carried on to some power lines."

In the Lake District there was also a UFO scare over a "big object in the sky" with "flashing red, green and white lights". The *Westmorland Gazette* notes how confusing it is now that aliens use the same navigation lights as our own earthbound aircraft.

Before scoffing, though, heed the sensible words of veteran UFO-er John Lingley, 80, who saw his first in 1960 while living in Middlesex and then another while

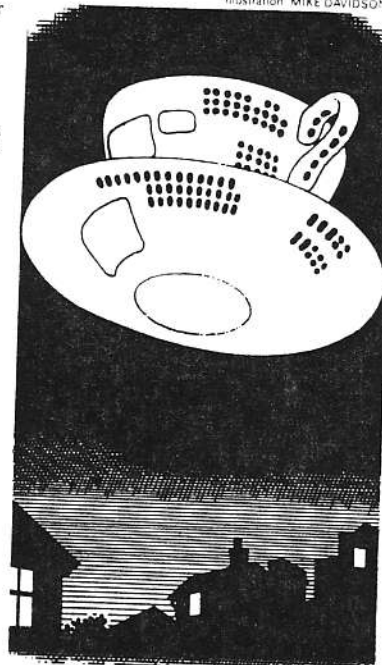


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gardening in north London. He tells the *Worcester Evening News*: "Governments know what is going on but they are covering it up. It is my belief these things are made of pure consciousness and are able to appear as anything."

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Is there anybody out there?

A LIENS landed on Earth 48 years ago but their arrival was covered up by the U.S. Government.

In a nutshell, that is what a former nuclear physicist and now leading UFO expert in America, Stanton T. Friedman believes.

Stanton has spent 37 years investigating all aspects of UFOs and for half of that time has been particularly interested in researching crashed flying saucers.

He says: "I don't need any more convincing whether UFOs are out there. I have conclusive proof. I would have more if the Government was not keeping so much secret."

He adds: "I am convinced that the worldwide evidence is overwhelming that some UFOs are intelligently controlled vehicles originating in other solar systems."

"None of the sceptical arguments stand up under careful scrutiny. Documents have revealed that both the US and other governments have been covering up in a UFO cosmic Watergate."

In case you were any doubt, good ol' boy Stanton is a conspiracy theorist, his time. He is

not quite in the league that claims behind every grassy knoll by the book deposit an alien is lurking, but he is getting close.

Much of his work has been focused on the Roswell Incident. An amazing TV documentary was screened across the world earlier this Summer.

Stanton has spent a great deal of time investigating the alleged US military cover-up of a recovered crashed saucer. Inside it, according to some dodgy film footage, were alien bodies.

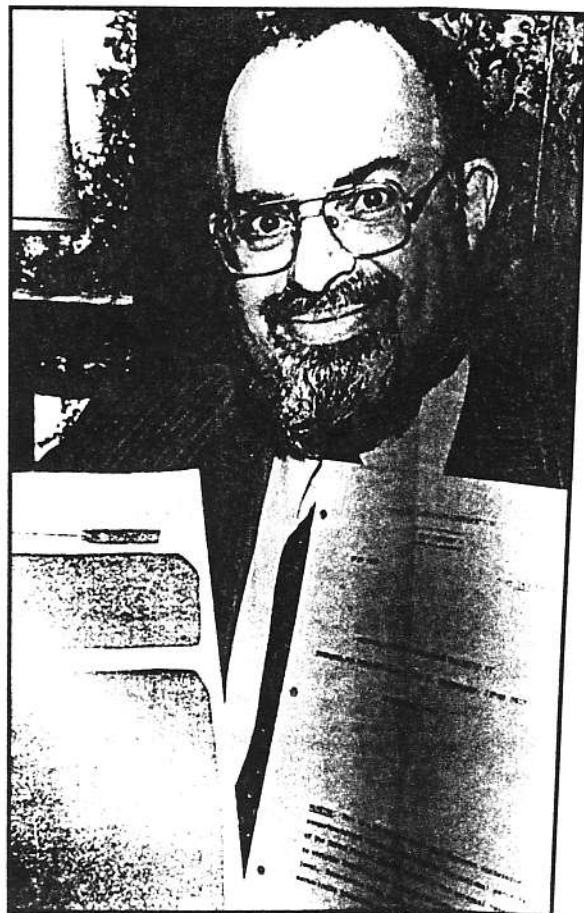
Some experts on the other side of the debate think they were merely bodies made of foam which were used in the remarkable footage of what is claimed to be the first alien autopsy on Earth.

Since the incident in New Mexico in 1937, he has been researching and interviewing those involved in Roswell.

He says: "After much work I managed to get hold of documents from the government which were 97 per cent obscured with a black pen. You do wonder what was hidden under there."

He believes there is a large scale cover-up for economical and political reasons.

He says: "It is not in governments' interests to say there is alien life. Citizens will then stop



Stanton T Friedman: Believes that aliens landed on Earth

obeying and being nationalistic and realise they are just Earthlings.

"Also all economic stability would go if the government admitted there was other life. Who would invest or plan for the future knowing there were alien life forms out there?"

You have no chance to make up your own mind when Stanton comes to Brighton on October 31. During his talk at The Dome, the entertaining speaker will show 70 slides and answer any of your UFO inquiries.

Adrian Monti

Tell me, have you seen the lights?

From John Paul Cotton
I WOULD appreciate some help from your readers on a certain issue.

I am a freelance writer, currently researching the subject of unusual lights in the sky.

This would include will-o-the-wisp, ball lightning and, of course, UFOs.

I would like very much to contact anyone who lives in the Cambridgeshire/Fenland area and has witnessed this type of phenomenon.

If you have, I would be very interested in hearing about your experiences.

I can be contacted at the address below.

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Hollywood vigil for unidentified visitors

If Darren Langley won a jackpot on the National Lottery he would like to buy himself the time to indulge his fascination with Unidentified Flying Objects.

Darren, aged 20, from Hollywood, Birmingham, is a member of the British UFO Research Association and has been interested in the phenomena since he heard a radio programme four years ago.

The Staffordshire University student subscribes to four publications about UFOs, attends conferences with fellow Ufologists and last year did a project for Solihull College on the subject.

This is quite a passion for someone who is not even sure if they exist.

"I keep an open mind," he said. "A UFO is any phenomenon that can't be identified. Sometimes people think they have seen UFOs, but they haven't. People often mistake Jupiter for a UFO, but that's misinterpretation."

"If something can't be explained as an aeroplane or a star or a planet or anything else then it's classed as a UFO."

So has he ever seen one? "No," said Darren and though he casts his eyes to the skies

Consuming Passions

Jo Ind talks to a Midland UFO spotter

frequently he is not a member of an organised UFO-spotting group.

"I did have a very vivid dream that I was walking along a street near my house in Stoke on Trent when a UFO flew straight past and started doing these bizarre manoeuvres."

"The strange thing was that one of the people I live with said he had had a dream that night in which he was flying around in a test plane."

What interests Darren is the interpretation of UFOs. One theory is that they are the technology of aliens. Another is that they are natural phenomena and Darren is still keeping an open mind as to which interpretation he prefers.

At the moment he is interested in what is known as the Roswell Incident, when some-

thing landed in the New Mexico Desert in July 1947.

At the time the press, including the *London Times*, reported that a flying saucer had landed. It was believed there had been alien beings on board.

Soon afterwards the US Air Force said it was an air balloon. Jessie Marcell, a member of the US Air Force sent to assess the wreckage, initially said it was a flying saucer. Later he faced the press saying it was a balloon but, before his death in the 70s, he said it could not have been a balloon after all.

A film which some believe to have been an autopsy of the aliens who landed was recently discovered and screened on Channel 4 and at a conference in Sheffield which Darren attended.

It showed short, bald beings with oversized heads and six fingers and six toes. "People at the conference were either saying it's definitely genuine or definitely fake," said Darren. "I'm keeping an open mind."

"It's possible that they were time travellers from the future. It's also possible that the film's a hoax. There's always people who want to cash in on these things. That makes Ufologists quite weary."

Darren believes that his interest in UFOs has changed his perception on other aspects of life.

"I like to think that I've got quite a wide perception," he said. "It makes me more open-minded. It means I don't necessarily believe exactly what people are saying. I'm not saying I don't believe them but I think about what their perception might be."

"It makes you quite philosophical about life. I'm not a very religious person, it could be a substitute for that."

"It's like the modern mythology. Ufology isn't factual. It's basically down to opinion and how people perceive certain events."

Darren, who is studying electronic media at university, says he sometimes thinks it would be interesting to make a career out of his interest in UFOs.

"It's not really a professional thing," he says. "Only a couple of people make a living from it and they are basically authors."

"It would be an interesting field to work in, but if I did I'd have to develop other interests to balance it, otherwise it's too easy to get stuck down a certain alley. It's important to keep an open mind."

CASE SEVEN

July 1999: Clive and Yvonne Howard of York, spotted six "flying saucers" in a cluster over Sutton-on-Derwent.

"I have seen planes flying at night and they certainly were not planes," said Mrs Howard.

There was a faint whirring sound and that was all, then all of a sudden they disappeared.

CASE EIGHT

January 1995: Farm worker Wayne Simpson claims to have seen a flying saucer as he tended his sheep near Holme-on-Spalding Moor.

The grey-coloured UFO zig-zagged across the sky and then, after a loud bang like thunder, disappeared.

"It was just like a plate with a lump in the middle. There were no lights on it or anything like that."

CASE NINE

September 1971: Leslie Brigham photographed a mysterious light in the sky over York, which was also witnessed by his grandson John Ward.

Explanations for the UFO include a cloud of ionised particles from a rocket, a meteorite and an alien vessel. No-one knows for sure exactly what it was.

They came from outer Falkirk

The world of unidentified flying objects draws its share of cranks and charlatans, but **John Linklater** discovers many anxious people simply need explanations

THE conspiracy theories on UFO documentation has been launched with a new demonstration outside the commons yesterday, demanding the release of X-files. And on Monday night, 700 people attended a meeting in Falkirk Town Hall to hear American ufologist Philip Schelemmer deliver a message direct from the Council of State-legal guardians of the cosmos. You are not alone and there is no death. "What is going on?"

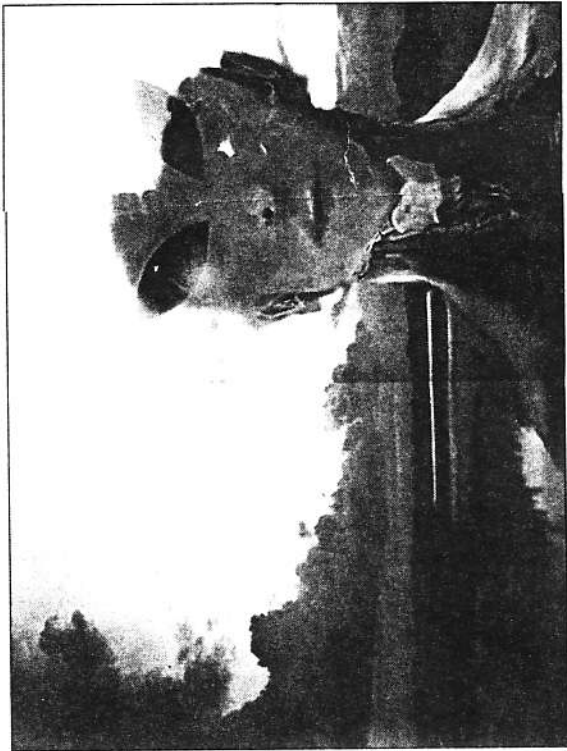
Ever since Orson Welles produced mass hysteria throughout the United States on Halloween 1938, with his radio dramatization of *The War of the Worlds*, the world has been a place of confusion and uncertainty. In the past, there has been a reliance on the printed word, but now, with the advent of video, there has been a reliance on the visual. The world of unidentified flying objects draws its share of cranks and charlatans, but John Linklater discovers many anxious people simply need explanations.

might say. Government agencies have investigated claims of sightings and abductions. The National Security Agency's 21-page affidavit, arguing why further material should continue to be withheld, was itself classified as "beyond top secret". This does little to help.

It is no coincidence that Operation Right to Know is an organisation which originated in America, where 57% of the population accept that there are UFOs and aliens.

But the clamour for answers is disconcerting when it comes from closer to home. There may be many who enjoy "Bonny" rides, but they do not enjoy the "Bonny" ride of a UFO cult. In Great Britain, but there has been a persistent failure to account satisfactorily for some 250 sightings which cannot be dismissed as weather conditions, ball lightning, look of oxygen to the brain or rampant schizophrenia.

Monday night's meeting did little to satisfy its audience. Half had travelled from beyond the immediate Falkirk catchment, and half claimed to have sighted UFOs. Among the anomalies, the transpotters, the phenomenology tourists, alien breakshow punters dropping to witness the falsely heralded appearance of the alien Zai-usi and earnest seekers after new truths, there was a core of Bonnybridge folk who simply wanted answers and support.



Gathering storm: interplanetary visitations are believed by some ufologists to take place so aliens can study human genetics.

Their exasperation with messages from Mrs Schelemmer's Council of Nine and other exotic mysticism from the panel threatened to have the meeting break up in chaos. In a chorus of angry bawling from the gallery and impromptu pleas for sensible contributions from the floor.

The much ridiculed Councillor Bill Buchanan managed to restore order and the meeting closed hostily. But not before Mrs Schelemmer, an American who claimed her introduction to the Council of Nine had come through the late Dr. Andrija Puharich, who discovered Uri Geller and acted as a psychic for the Reagan's when they were in the White House, attempted to offer solidarity with her claims to other "experienced" UFOs regularly since her first sighting of a 25-foot alien craft from the balcony of her high-rise home in New Jersey in the early morning of December 31, 1952.

Whatever comfort this might have lent her audience was undermined by her unfortunate reference to the people of "Bonnybrook, Falkirk". Her geographical precision was not as impressive as the UFOs which are claimed to have made the Stirlingshire village a magnet for operations over the past two years.

Councillor Buchanan's campaign for a full-scale military and scientific investigation into the "Bonny-

bridge phenomenon", supported by Falkirk West MP Dennis Chisham is not as risible as it might appear given the genuine disquiet among the constituents they represent.

If there are rational explanations, let them be given in the time that is left. Or, at least, in the time that is left for the Air Staff 23 Office with its own secretariat at the Ministry of Defence, in common parlance its UFO Desk. It is hardly satisfactory for the MoD to afford disinterest because "there are no national security implications", as the Bonnybridge campaign has been told and Operation Right to Know is sick of hearing. What is this, anyway? An admission that extraterrestrial beings exist, but there's no alarm because they come with benign intent?

UFOs are apparently one MoD embarrassment that will not go away, sighted or unsighted. At least one former air minister of the 1950s, George Ward, is believed to have been privately convinced of the existence of UFOs but resolutely declined to go public, and a former chief of the defence staff, Lord Hill Norton, writes forewords for new books on the subject.

Operation Right to Know would like to make public the data that evidently convinced those two gentlemen. If they're all bawling mad in there, perhaps we should be allowed to junkle for ourselves.

A modern mystery at Kynance Cove

THE father of Packet and contained a picture of a rock face at Kynance Cove showing the outline of a skeleton.

After the picture was developed, a strange figure could be seen looking like a skeletal body sitting cross-legged against a ledge.

The picture was taken by holidaymakers Mick and Carol Smaczynski in September. Both said there were no distinct markings on the rock cave when they took the picture at the popular cove in the morning.

The object has been dismissed as merely sunlight illuminating the area of rock but light what was it?

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