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Skywatch fans spot two UFOs

A RASH of UFO sightings has left skywatchers baffled.

A "V-shaped craft" with about 20 lights on its flanks was spotted by Southend couple Mike and Kay Rose, at about 8.35pm on Wednesday.

The couple, of Bournemouth Park Road, were watching the comet Hyakutake when they saw the craft.

Mick said: "It looked like a formation of ducks, but crossed the sky from east to west in about five seconds."

Hawkwell woman Barbara Cook, 67, of Heycroft Road, claims she saw a UFO at about 9.15pm.

She said: "It was a terrific bright light, and looked like the head of a prawn, with light coming off it in arcs."

Rayleigh astronomer Royston Dean, from the Astronomy Resource Centre in Hawkwell, is baffled by the sightings. He said: "I am at a loss to explain them. The second one could be the comet which is in the north-west, but I just don't know. It's a mystery."

● A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to clearly see the comet is being offered by the centre in Hawkwell for the next few nights.

Anyone interested in a closer look at the comet is more than welcome to go down to the Centre and use their telescope.

UFO seen again

More sightings of Southport's "Silent Vulcan" UFO were reported to the Southport Visiter this week. Two separate accounts said the UFO had been seen in hovering above Ovington Drive area — but this time it had not been alone. Witnesses reported seeing TWO triangular shaped craft last Friday, at around 7.30pm.

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BAe and the UFO files ...

By **SHELAGH IREDALE**

COULD unexplained lights in the sky over Lancashire be linked to secret technology being developed at British Aerospace Warton?

That is one of the questions being asked by a BBC programme due to be screened tonight which tackles the phenomena of UFOs.

Programme-makers will investigate claims that BAe is helping to develop a secret radar-invisible fighter jet and that strange sightings could be the plane being flight-tested.

But although the company admits it is involved in stealth-type technology, a spokesman said so far any futuristic ideas were still at the concept stage.

Sightings

A BAe spokesman said: "There is nothing like that flying from here at the moment."

Close Up North. The UFO Files, takes to the airwaves on BBC2 at 7.30pm tonight, and will look into sightings from over the past 10 years.

Among them is the sighting by two British Airways pilots who told Manchester air traffic control that an object had silently passed their jet 4000 feet above Wilmslow.

It was suggested it could be a secret airforce plane. But when a year-long report provided no answers, ufologists in the North West proclaimed it as a milestone in official recognition.

The programme covers sightings from across the region and talks to people including representatives of the North Lancashire UFO Investigation Group in Morecambe, and Eric Morris from Cheshire, home of the British UFO Studies Centre.

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UFO zooms in for oil check

SAUDI observers claim to have seen a UFO near the country's second largest oil refinery.

"I thought I was dreaming," said one of a group of people camping north of the Gulf coast city of Jubail.

The witnesses said the area was bathed for minutes by a brilliant oval blue light which disappeared "in an unnatural fashion".

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Desert UFO

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object was sighted last week in Saudi Arabia's oil-producing eastern region. A newspaper there said the sighting was reported by a group of people who were camping north of the Gulf coast city. They said the area was illuminated for minutes by a brilliant oval blue light which disappeared "in an unnatural fashion."

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Out of this world....a spaceship in my garden!

ABREATH of fresh air in the back garden resulted in an out-of-this-world experience for a Tamworth woman who claims she could have touched an alien craft that hovered just feet above her head.

Mrs Pauline Tew, of Laburnum Avenue, Gillway, said she was waiting for her dog to come back in from the rear garden when she noticed a row of multi-coloured lights by

Nathan Rous

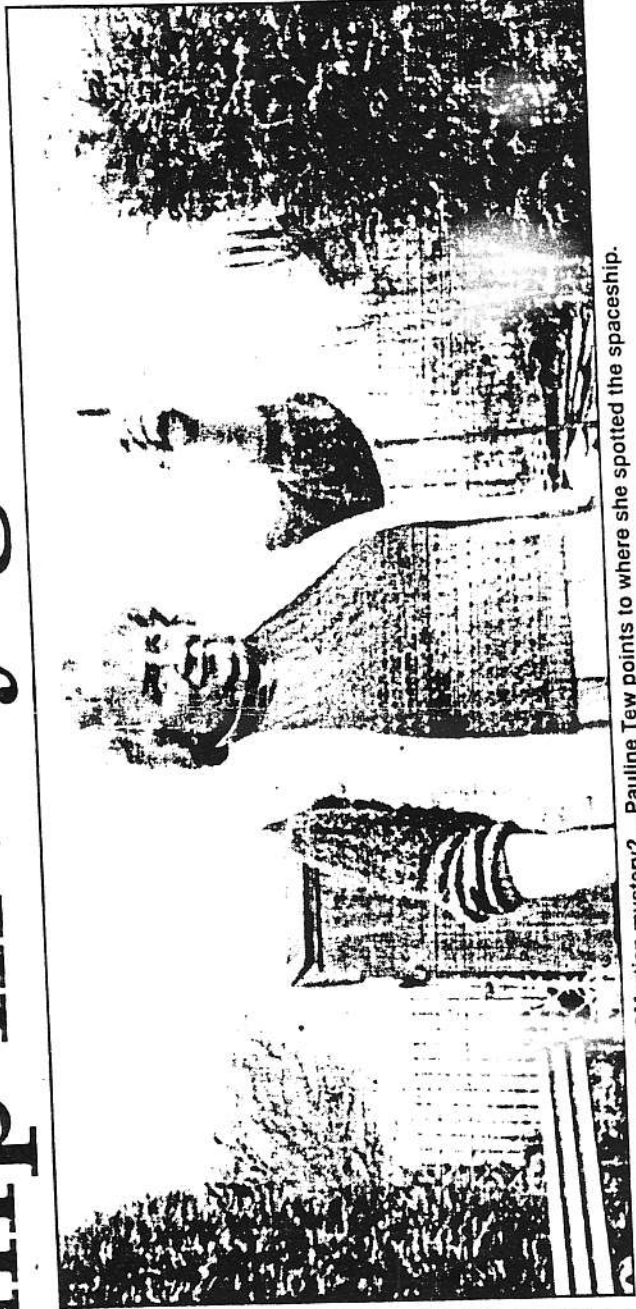
above her. "I could sense something as soon as I went out but, as it was dark, it took a while for my eyes to adjust.

"As they focused, I saw a row of green, red and blue lights illuminating a massive shape that hovered about seven feet in the air," she recounted.

"It was massive, spanning about three gardens, but it made absolutely no noise. I must have just stood and gazed at it for about five minutes in a sort of trance."

Mrs Tew said she ran back into the house to get her husband, Robert, but the spaceship had gone when they returned.

Strange
"It was so strange. I've never seen anything like this before. It has really affected me and I can't stop thinking about it."



●Martian mystery?...Pauline Tew points to where she spotted the spaceship.

33 see strange flying objects

THE Birmingham UFO Society has been called in to investigate several alleged sightings of a mystery object over a Midland village.

The first sightings in Tamworth and Dosthill were in early February and now 33 people have called the society to say they have seen the unidentified flying object.

Rob and Marilyn Aldworth, of Holly Lane, Erdington, who run the UFO society, have been staging vigils in the area.

Frightened

Pauline Tew, aged 60, of Laburnum Avenue, Gillway, Tamworth, said she saw a saucer-shaped craft, on February 8 at around 10pm as she stood in her back garden.

She said: "At first I couldn't believe what I was seeing."

"It frightened me a bit and I went back inside the house."

●The society meets in room 261 of Aston University's main hall on March 18 at 7.30pm to discuss the sightings.

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By Darren Parkin

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City light riddle

DERBY: Experts are investigating a second reported sighting of a UFO in the skies over the city.

Julie Whitmore, of Wiltshire Road, Chaddesden, saw the bright light hovering over her home for about half-an-hour.

The Phenomenon Research Association is already looking into another sighting over the city early last Saturday.

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Earthlings want UFOs honoured

SO many UFO sightings have been reported along a lonely stretch of a Nevada desert highway that locals are pushing for the road to be renamed the Alien and Extraterrestrial Highway.

Tour operators take UFO buffs from all over the world on guided tours of the area. They camp out under the stars, watching through telescopes for the mysterious objects they insist are spacecraft.

From Highway 375, white sand roads lead to the edge of the Nellis Air Force base

and Area 51, a highly secret military installation. Legend among UFO buffs has it that the air force holds captured spaceships there.

In public, the air force does not even call it Area 51. This secrecy and the mystery of UFOs are inextricably linked in the minds of those who insist they have seen unexplained lights or ghostly blobs in the sky.

"There are UFO sightings all the time around here," said Paula Clayton, the manageress of the Little

A'Le'Inn hotel and restaurant at Rachel on Highway 375. "I have often seen lights and things that can't be explained. They don't fly like a plane or like anything from our world."

Mrs Clayton and the owners of the Little A'Le'Inn (a sign outside proclaims "Earthlings Welcome") are among those supporting a move by some Nevada state assemblymen to rename the highway.

"It's wonderful for tourism," said Mrs Clayton.

John Hiscock

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CONCERNING your recent reports on UFO sightings in Tamworth, we of the Birmingham UFO Society went to see Mrs Tew and heard of her amazing experience of seeing an unknown object in the back garden (Herald, February 23).

We have heard of this scenario before with a UFO propping itself up against the bedroom level of the house, but it is extremely

rare and this is certainly one of the best sightings we have ever heard of, as it was so close.

We believe Mrs Tew to be a genuine person who has never researched UFOs, and we believe she is telling the truth.

At the moment more and more sighting reports are coming in to all groups around the country. We are not sure of the reason for it.

Tamworth is getting a lot of amazing sightings with the large black triangle, Mrs Tew's sighting, a silver disc over Riverside, an object near the Belfry, and other reports we have received and are investigating. Animal mutilations are also happening worldwide, including the UK, and this involves finding a wide variety of dead animals. We believe this is associated with UFOs in the area. If readers hear of any such occurrences in the area, please let us know.

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Pilots' close encounter

A British Airways passenger jet encountered an unidentified flying object in an incident last year that has left aviation experts baffled. The fast-travelling, wedge-shaped UFO was spotted by Captain Roger Wills and co-pilot Mark Stewart as their Boeing 737 approached Manchester airport.

The pilots filed a formal near-miss report, and Capt Wills was certain it was a solid object and not a bird, balloon or kite. An official report was at a loss to explain the incident, saying visibility was good and that air traffic controllers had seen nothing on radar.

By SEAN RAYMENT
Defence Correspondent

A SENIOR Ministry of Defence official has confirmed the existence of UFOs, it was claimed yesterday.

Believed to be a member of the RAF, he was coaxed into appearing on a TV documentary by investigator Jenny Randles.

In a programme to be shown on BBC2 next month, the official reveals how some case reports of UFOs over Britain consistently defy rational explanation.

Last night, a BBC source said the programme, UFOs — Britain's Secret Files, would shock sceptics.

"It becomes apparent there are now people at the highest levels of the Government who have not discounted the possibility of life on other planets," he added. The programme also features a former head of a

Government UFO monitoring unit confirming reports of craft moving at huge speeds. "We had radar reports of objects travelling at 4,000mph across the North Sea into British airspace — objects as big as battleships," he reveals.

An incident in which two fighter planes were scrambled over East Anglia on the night of August 13, 1956 to intercept a UFO is

investigated. Surviving crew members insist they had a 'close encounter'.

A BBC spokesman said: "The MoD finally concede that they remain 'totally open-minded' about extraterrestrial life forms."

However, a Ministry spokesman poured scorn on the claims, adding: "We have one person in the RAF secretariat answering inquiries about UFOs — that's it."

Air force jets were scrambled for UFOs

A SERVING official at the Ministry of Defence (MoD) revealed yesterday that British jets were scrambled to intercept unidentified flying objects (UFOs) as recently as the 1980s, write *Richard Woods and Steve Ball*.

Nick Pope, who was the MoD official in charge of investigating UFO reports until 1994 and still works for the ministry, said RAF fighters tried to intercept the UFOs but failed to lock on to the objects, leaving open the possibility of error by ground-based radars.

However, Pope said he knew of other credible reports that UFOs based on high technology had flown over Britain.

In June Pope is publishing a book on UFO incidents and his experience at the MoD. "There is no cover-up or a lot of classified information about extra-terrestrials," he said at Unconvention, a conference organised by Fortean Times, the magazine about the paranormal. "What there is is a total lack of official understanding. This is not something that is a joke. Our air defences have been penetrated by structured aircraft."

SECRETS of the Paranormal (BBC2 Thursday 8pm) asks why the Ministry of Defence is spending so much time tracing evidence about the existence of UFOs.

For 20 years, Jenny Randle has devoted her time to investigating the existence of UFOs. Now a renowned ufologist, she claims that the MoD knows more than it is telling.

One former head of the MoD confirms government interest, saying: "We had radar reports of objects travelling up to 4,000mph across the North Sea into British airspace, as big as battleships."

Unfortunately, as he recalls, after "every endeavour to investigate," nothing was ever found out. Another official claims, that there "remains a hard core of observations that defy explanation."

Randle even suggests that the famous sighting of a UFO by British and US military over East Anglia in 1956 had the men from the ministry prepared to believe in "extraterrestrial life forms."

Maybe the sky pilots should ask whether their unidentified flying martyr was in fact a friendly alien from space all the time.

JEFF SAWTELL

GASBAG The column that gets you talking

Stop this UFO baloney

For some reason people keep writing to me instead of the police, the RAF, or the Editor, with their UFO experiences. Well I'm telling them now, stop it! I don't believe a word of it.

Maybe there was something genuinely strange in the sky as reported in the Vis on March 8; but aliens shopping at the Spar shop in Ovington Drive? Pull the other one!

Apparently there was a recent sighting of the Silent Vulcan over Folkestone Road. Then it hovered near the Spar shop in Ovington Drive, no doubt checking out

the alcoholic soft drinks and the Australian beef sections. Or maybe they'd come to collect their £10 lottery winnings (well done, Spar!).

"Please don't jump to the conclusion that I'm making this up, because believe me I am not," writes a UFO spotter.

I think this person doth protest too much.

"This was such an amazing sight — if only I had grabbed my video camera!" Yes, if only.

Crikey — what's the point of owning a video camera if you don't use it to shoot UFOs. Well, there's grandad falling in the paddling pool

again — let's get that on video...never mind the vast triangular thing with lights on hovering over the off-licence!

Amazing, isn't it? I am told that "lots of people gathered round the field watching in total confusion" — and there wasn't a camera among 'em.

There's only one thing more unbelievable than a UFO — and that's the fact that no-one ever seems to have a camera handy when they believe they've seen one.

It's all about as convincing as the Government's previous assurances about BSE.

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Welcome to Extraterrestrials

I hear that signs welcoming aliens and their transport are being erected in Nevada this month as a wave of hysteria about spacecraft sweeps a 100 mile stretch of desert highway.

The centre of interest is Area 51, a top secret military base whose former workers claim to have seen flying saucers being dismantled. UFO experts even believe aliens are actually living on the base teaching scientists how their flying saucers operate.

Road sign renaming the highway 'Extraterrestrial Alien Highway' are to be erected with some signs facing traffic and some directed into the sky. Beside the road is the A 'Le' Inn hotel complete with its 'Welcome UFOs' doormat.

Bar owner and alien sympathiser Pat Travis says hundreds flock to sit night after night on mountains overlooking Area 51 in the hope of seeing aliens. She adds "I think aliens have come to help us. They've certainly helped our business."

Meanwhile the US government remains tight-lipped about the area, with not even an acknowledgement about its existence.

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UFO probe

A TV programme is to ask whether reports of UFOs in the skies above the North West could be a new radar-dodging stealth aircraft being tested by British Aerospace.

application for planning permission which is due to be considered by councillors next week.

"They feel it's an advertising sign," said club owner Terry Lake.

"Other places like Tattersalls (the race-horse auctioneers) have a searchlight and a lot of the churches have spotlights on them."

He said the Skytracker spotlight cost more than £3,000 to install.

"It isn't a new thing and other councils elsewhere in the country haven't made such a fuss. Maybe if we had a horse on the end of the light beam it would make a difference."

The council's development control manager Richard Plowman said that so far there had been no written objections to the light from local residents.

Neighbouring East Cambridgeshire District Council had expressed concern that the light could be distracting for motorists and could lead to others.

A TOWN night-club is facing a wrangle with planners over a searchlight which led to UFO reports to the police.

The Pacino's, De Niro's and Celebrities club complex has been told by Forest Heath District Council officials that planning permission is needed for the light.

The light on the club roof is used at weekends and the beams are seen all over the town.

Police received numerous reports of "UFO" sightings when the light was used at the same time as one on a rival club, The White House, on the opposite side of the High Street.

Now the White House has removed its light which was only hired for a limited period.

SAUDI ARABIA: A UFO was sighted in the oil-producing eastern region, a Saudi newspaper reported.

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It's life, but not as we know it

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It's an alien world!

HERE'S a case for the X-files. Sightings of UFO-type lights in the skies over Preston have led to claims that Lancashire planemakers are developing a secret radar-invisible fighter jet.

UFO experts believe a possible explanation for several sightings of bright orange lights above the M55 are from a top secret plane being developed by British Aerospace at Warton.

UFO expert Catherine Calvo, of North Lancashire UFO Investigation Group, based in Morecambe, supported recent research into the sightings.

She said: "There is a claim that something is going on. There have been so many sightings in the Warton area that have gone unexplained."

But BAe today disputed the claims. A spokesman said: "There is no truth in this theory despite much investigation. The idea is really quite alien to us!"



Mysterious sightings in the North West, including Warton, will be the subject of a BBC1 Close Up North investigation tonight when researchers open up The UFO Files.

ON THE CASE?
Dana Scully in The X Files

THE truth is out there ... at least that is what UFO hunter Jenny Randles says. And she's determined to prove the British Government is hiding a real-life set of X-Files. Since Prime Minister Winston Churchill first demanded the truth about flying saucers, the Ministry of Defence has secretly monitored UFO activity. In a new series, *Secrets of the Paranormal*, (BBC2, April 11), Jenny exposes the extent of their interest, tracks down secret files and discovers what she believes is their top secret surveillance site. And best of all, the former head of the MoD unit which



monitors UFO reports, confirms there's growing evidence to suggest the existence of extra-terrestrial life forms. "We had radar reports of objects travelling up to 4,000mph across the North Sea into British airspace," he recalls. "We made every endeavour to investigate, but we never found out."

Have ALIENS in Britain?



No fearfully sounds strange, but I wasn't frightened," says Elsie

I had a CLOSE ENCOUNTER of the third kind

Elsie Oakensen checked her rear-view mirror and swung the car into the outside lane. Then her eyes fell on a dumb-bell shaped object suspended in the sky. "I was transfixed," admits Elsie. "As I drove underneath, I expected it to zoom over my head like a plane - but it just hung there, hovering."

Elsie veered off down

It was something out of this world

a narrow country lane, heading for her home in Church Stowe, Northants. But as she changed up to third gear, instead of going faster, her car slowed down.

Seconds later the engine died. "I kept turning the ignition but nothing happened," explains Elsie,

67. "It was pitch black and I couldn't see a thing."

Suddenly, the side of her car was illuminated by a bright circle of light. "It was like a spotlight, only there was no beam."

Other circles appeared around the car, flicking on and off. "It sounds strange, but I wasn't frightened," says Elsie. The lights disappeared as quickly as they came and Elsie found herself and her car 30 yards further down the road, with the engine running.

Back home, Elsie glanced at her watch. Her 15-minute journey had taken twice as long. She told her husband John, a police chief inspector, about her bizarre experience.

"I didn't mention a UFO - I'd never even heard of them," jokes Elsie. "I saw two grey shapes forming out of the hazy lights. I don't know for sure what happened to me that night, but it was something out of this world."

As Susan Mantle stands outside the school gates swapping gossip, she's as down-to-earth as any other mum. But Susan's no ordinary housewife. After picking up the kids, she returns to her semi in Batley, West Yorkshire...to run Britain's only Alien Hotline.

"The other parents and the teachers are forever quizzing me about the latest sightings," laughs Susan, 40. "Some are sceptical, but once I've reassured people I don't walk around in a space suit they realise I'm not a freak."

Susan started working as a UFO monitor three

years ago after she married another flying saucer expert, Philip Mantle.

"If you report a UFO sighting to the police or the Ministry of Defence they give you our number," says Susan. "I get calls from people aged 16 to 60. Some

report flashing lights in the sky, others talk of close encounters..."

Susan met Philip, 38, at a UFO conference.

Within a year the couple were married and Philip, a director of the British UFO Research Association who's co-written a book about British UFO phenomena called *Without Consent*, had helped Susan set up her hotline from their home.

Their phone hasn't stopped ringing since. One week they had 500 calls.

"We log them all and investigate the more interesting ones," Susan

Family first - the Mantles with Shona, 3, and Sarah, 7



I had SEX with a 7ft

Jane pulled the duvet snugly around her and drifted off to sleep. After a day of looking after her baby, she was shattered.

All of a sudden she woke up with a start. Opening her eyes, Jane, of West Yorkshire, found herself standing in a field, gazing at a huge metallic object hovering above in the sky.

Then she passed out

and, when she came round, Jane was in a strange room surrounded by 7ft aliens.

"I buried my head in my hands because I didn't want to look at them," she recalls. Naked, Jane was lifted on to a table in the centre of the room. One of the figures stood over her.

"I looked into his big, black eyes and knew

what was going to happen," says 37-year-old Jane. "Suddenly, he was lying on the table and I was on top of him. We were sort of embracing, but lying very still.

"I remember noticing his smell...it wasn't very pleasant - not a human smell at all," she says. "Then we had sex, which was the strangest sensation of all. We were



AMAZING !!

anded

What would you do if you saw a UFO, or came face to face with a bug-eyed alien, or had sex with a 7ft alien? Call the Alien Hotline, of course!



...ky - the Mantles man the Alien Hotline and investigate all... just like agents Mulder and Scully in TV's The X Files (left) in her first marriage. The answerphone is switched on at meal times while we're in bed. Since the term 'flying saucer' was first coined in 1947, there have been 40 million UFO sightings and thousands of reports of abductions by aliens. Just like agents Mulder and Scully in BBC1's The X Files, the couple investigate everything. "One woman said she'd spotted an alien in her back garden," says Susan. "Instead of being shocked, she was indignant that he was eyeing up her black knickers on the washing line. Even I had to laugh!"

◆ Alien Hotline 01924 444049

I was ABDUCTED by six small aliens



Happy ending - Ros and Mark were united by aliens

◆ It was a warm September evening and Ros Reynolds and her boyfriend Philip were on their way from Clacton, Essex, to visit family in Northamptonshire. Suddenly, Ros' attention was caught by a horse-shoe shaped set of lights hovering overhead. "It looked just like the undercarriage of an aircraft," says Ros. "But it was too low to be a plane or helicopter." Seconds later, the multi-coloured object swooped down over their car. "Neither of us spoke," recalls Ros, 36. "We just watched as it drew level, then stayed with us." The object mirrored them for another couple of miles. Then, suddenly, the car cut out and stopped. "The

egg-shaped craft just hung at the side of us," says Ros. "I was numb with fear." Reluctantly, the couple

They led me back to their craft

clambered out of their car and peered under the bonnet to try to find the fault. "The next thing I recall is being approached by six small silver-grey beings," says Ros. "They took my hand and led me back to their craft. I was undressed

and lifted on to a table where they examined me. "Philip wasn't with me. It's as if he lost consciousness for a while. Then I was back in my seat and the car was moving." The couple's two-and-a-half-hour journey had taken five-and-a-half hours. Within months, Ros and Phil split up. Still perplexed by what she saw, Ros contacted Mark Parnham, 41, a psychic investigator. "I hadn't been able to talk to anyone about that night," she explains. "But Mark was a real comfort." In fact, Ros and Mark fell in love - two months later Mark proposed and the couple are now married. "If I hadn't been abducted, Mark and I would never have met," says Ros. "The aliens brought me love!"

THIS ALIEN NATION OF OURS

alien...

...lying together, not moving, but all the feelings of human sex were there." Later on, Jane was examined by other aliens and taken on a tour of their craft. Soon after, she was back in her own bed. "I'm certain I wasn't dreaming," says Jane. "I even found a tiny puncture mark on my arm where one of the aliens had given me an injection."



Housewife Gabriella Verssacci reported being abducted by aliens after her car broke down on an isolated road at Langford Budville, Somerset.

A young couple were having a barbecue at home in Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, with two relatives when they witnessed a grey circular object with rotating lights. All four suffered a 'time loss' and were ill for several days.

Lisa was celebrating her 18th birthday party at home in Shropshire when friends realised she'd disappeared. Lisa's mum found her daughter

at the bottom of the garden in a distressed state. The teenager claimed to have met an alien who took her back to his space ship where she was examined.

A married woman from Liverpool reported night visits by aliens. They fixated her with a hypnotic gaze and she experienced all the sensations of sexual intercourse.

A pregnant woman from Humberside claimed her foetus was stolen after she was abducted by aliens. Doctors, who'd earlier confirmed she was pregnant, could give no explanation for the sudden termination.

Feature: Caroline Reid; photos: Jim Duxbury, Jamie Hughes, Danny Tracey; BBC; Fortean Picture Library

question time

Chris Harrison, 43, is an active member of the Havant-based Southern Paranormal Investigations Group, which researches unexplained phenomena including UFOs.

What made you interested in UFOs?

I remember reading an article in a newspaper about UFOs about 20 years ago and I have been interested ever since. I joined SPIG about five years ago.

I believe there is something there - it's a sixth sense.



If alien life exists, what do you think it looks like?

I would like to think that some of them are no differ-

ent from us. The possibilities are there that they do look very similar. Even the ones who abduct people are like us because there are people who take things without asking first.

Do you think you will ever have the chance of encountering aliens?

I don't think I will ever be lucky enough to meet extra-terrestrials but I think it will be possible. It is short-sighted and narrow-minded to think they do not exist.

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UFO expert throws light on strange sights

A UFO investigator has discovered what caused a strange pulsating light in the sky over Yeovil on Sunday evening.

Two members of the public contacted RNAS Yeovil last week after spotting the weird phenomenon.

One man said he saw the pulsating light throughout his journey from his parent's home at Devizes to Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

But an investigator for the British UFO Research Association said this week: "Most UFO sightings have an explanation.

"We have consulted astronomical records - in this case the first thing the man saw

was Venus which is extremely bright in the Western sky in the evening.

"It is second in brightness after the moon.

"When he got home and saw it in a different direction over Yeovil Venus had set and gone below the horizon and it was a star called Regulus which is very bright.

"Sometimes the effect of pollution in the upper atmosphere can make a star appear as though it is twinkling and moving."

But a third woman from East Chinnock reported last week that she saw yellow-white lights in the sky which the investigator is now studying.

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UFO over hospital

POSSIBLE sightings of UFOs lurking over Clacton Hospital have been reported.

Ron West, chairman of Essex UFO Research, said there was a report from a worker at the hospital of a triangular-shaped object hovering over the hospital at midnight last Wednesday.

He added there have also been recent reports of similar objects sighted from Clacton seafront and over Harwich harbour.

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■ A 25 year old shop assistant from Ness who wishes to remain anonymous tells the Gazette of a UFO experience.

She describes a "pear sized fireball" in the night sky as she drove home, saying: "I was coming down through Habost when I saw this orange light. I couldn't keep my eyes off it.

"It seemed to drop down and hover behind some houses before slowly rising up and shooting across the sky at high speed."

Checks with air traffic control, coastguards, the met office and even the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh fail to shed any light on the phenomenon.

What have politics got to do with it?

□ JOHN Wickett (Postbag, February 23) asks: "Where else could you read an attack on the government over UFOs in the letters columns and then discover on another page that the writer has just joined the Labour Party?"

Let me state quite clearly that my interest in the Ufology is unrelated to my political beliefs. Mr Wickett is obviously so desperate in his efforts to knock the Labour Party that he needs to make such a ridiculous

statement.

I can name any number of professional people, including a large percentage of pilots, who have observed UFOs in some form and now continue to research the phenomenon.

If the government is capable of misleading its own ministers regarding the recent Scott report, then it is quite possible that it continues to cover up on other issues.

GUILLAUME RIVAUD
Stoke Road,
Taunton.

Gullibility or beliefs

IF there's one group more gullible than UFO believers, it is the disbelievers. Thousands of UFOs have been seen by trained aircrew. Thousands of landings have been observed by credible witnesses, including police, scientists, and military personnel. It takes a special kind of gullibility to glibly dismiss all of these as barmy.

The believers, alas, are little better, seeing UFOs in ordinary everyday phenomena, and rushing to embrace a thousand and one wacky 'explanations' with scant regard for the laws of physics and statistical probability.

Then there's the Great International Cover-up Conspiracy. USAP and RAF intelligence have both admitted UFOs may be interplanetary; in 1964 the French Minister of the Interior admitted UFOs had been landing in France; and NORAD (part of NATO) regularly issues communiques on UFOs manoeuvring in North American airspace. Some cover-up!

The truth is, UFOs lie outside our normal conceptual framework: they make us stop and think, and many find this an uncomfortable experience.

'UFO Investigator'.

Arkansas, the final frontier



The eighth annual UFO conference takes place in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, the home state of President Bill Clinton (to Apr 14). The conference will feature

delegates' personal accounts of UFO experiences, audio-visual presentations and a panel discussion concerning the existence or otherwise of UFOs.

Town- seen UFOs probe

UFO sightings, reported and authenticated by many locals in last week's

Guardian are to be the subject of a major follow-up by a national organisation.

It follows the "spacecraft lights in the sky" spotted by readers being brought to the attention of London-based UFO-research agency.

Close Encounter of a remarkable kind
Numerous credible sightings of UFO over town

• Our report last week on the town-wide UFO alert. Their representative Kane Hodder visited our offices this week to collect the Middleton data. Kane — a parapsychologist — says he will use local members of the organisation to carry out a thorough investigation.

"We will be checking with North West Electricity and water agencies as this kind of activity often leads to power surges and changes in the levels of reservoirs," he explained.

He said the reports carried in the **Guardian** were "fairly typical of the kind of incidents we investigate" — around 50 to 60 a year.

"Exceptional, though, as regards the Middleton sightings, were the number of eye witnesses who came forward to your newspaper and were happy to be named. That makes out conducting a probe all the more relevant," he said.

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UFOs in Essex skies

SIR, — It is indeed reassuring to know (Chronicle, March 1) that a UFO hotline has been set up to gather information on the eerie manifestations in our skies. After all, what know we of these strange visitors? Who knows what intergalactic hazards they braved crossing the vast tracts of space in their mighty quest, thinking only of their noble goal, to hover enigmatically over the streets of Chelmsford and, er, all that other stuff they do which we probably can't see, and can't remember due to their hypnotic powers.

What know we of their advanced technology, their Romulan cloaking device which blinds our radars — and yet is strangely unable to conceal the circular rotating lights on the undersides of their mighty vessels.

And what know we of their unearthly pleasures? This is where I can shed some light. Evidence suggests that our extra-terrestrial friends are big fans of MN8 and the Pasadenas, because they only manifest themselves when the laser at Club Zeus are switched on. What other explanation could there be?

Remember, the truth is out there!

ANDY WARD

Pearce Manor, Chelmsford.

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Listen - and all will be revealed

ANDOVER is promised its own version of the X-Files when unexplained mysteries come under the spotlight at two special events being organised by one of the area's leading experts on crop circles, Busty Taylor.

Locals with an interest in the unexplained are set to hear fascinating information about UFOs when a former US Army officer, Robert O Dean comes to reveal government knowledge of extra-terrestrial activities.

Robert Dean had 'Top Secret' clearance during his Army career. While he worked with NATO he read a detailed report on UFO activities compiled by the military from throughout the world.

Since then he has dedicated his time to researching the phenomenon and educating others on it.

He is coming to the Cricklade Theatre on 16 March and his talk starts

at 7pm.

Yet another treat is in store at a special extravaganza for UFO and crop circle buffs being held on 22 June when Robert Morning Sky, a Hopi Apache Indian, visits Andover to give his own version of the truth.

He is said to be highly intelligent and articulate and has credible and understandable explanations of the many subjects which have baffled people for years.

Event organiser Busty Taylor says that Robert Morning Sky is 'quite astounding'.

He also has a theory that the crop circles are prophecies. Robert Morning Sky appears in full Red Indian Dance costume and will perform a rain dance on stage.

The programme, also at Cricklade Theatre, is set to last much of the day and evening and includes presentations from another crop circle expert, Colin Andrews.

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Northwich's UFO boffins in TV documentary

NORTHWICH UFO investigators will be featured in a special BBC documentary tomorrow, Thursday.

Members of the British UFO Society will talk about their work and reveal their part in the recent inquiry into the sighting by two airline pilots above Manchester Airport.

The programme is being broadcast as part of the Look North series on Thursday, BBC2 at 7.30pm.

CLACTON GAZETTE

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Clacton's UFO mystery on TV

THE deepening mystery of UFO sightings around Clacton has been highlighted on TV.

Former pop star Toyah was the presenter on Anglia's Magic and Mystery Show.

She was filmed on Clacton beach talking with Ron West, chairman of the Essex UFO Research Group.

Mr West told of the hundreds of

sightings of triangular-shaped objects that had been spotted in recent months.

He dismissed claims they were military aircraft and said one sighting was viewed by more than 150 witnesses.

Toyah told the audience: "Can hundreds of eye-witnesses to these spectacular events all be mistaken?"

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'UFO' follow-up

A SURREY based UFO enthusiast has been in contact with The Herald after last week's story on a strange sighting near Coxbridge Roundabout.

Gordon Millington, Chairman of Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena (SIGAP), was keen to document the case for his quarterly magazine 'Pegasus'.

Pegasus makes fascinating reading for any budding Fox Mulders or Dana Scullys, or anyone interested in alien phenomena or the paranormal.

Copies are available from Mr Millington by either phoning or faxing 01483 821040.

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Chronicle & X-Files
 In this week's episode of the Chronicle & X-Files, **RUTH SUPPLE** meets a woman who says an abduction by aliens has left her with special powers.

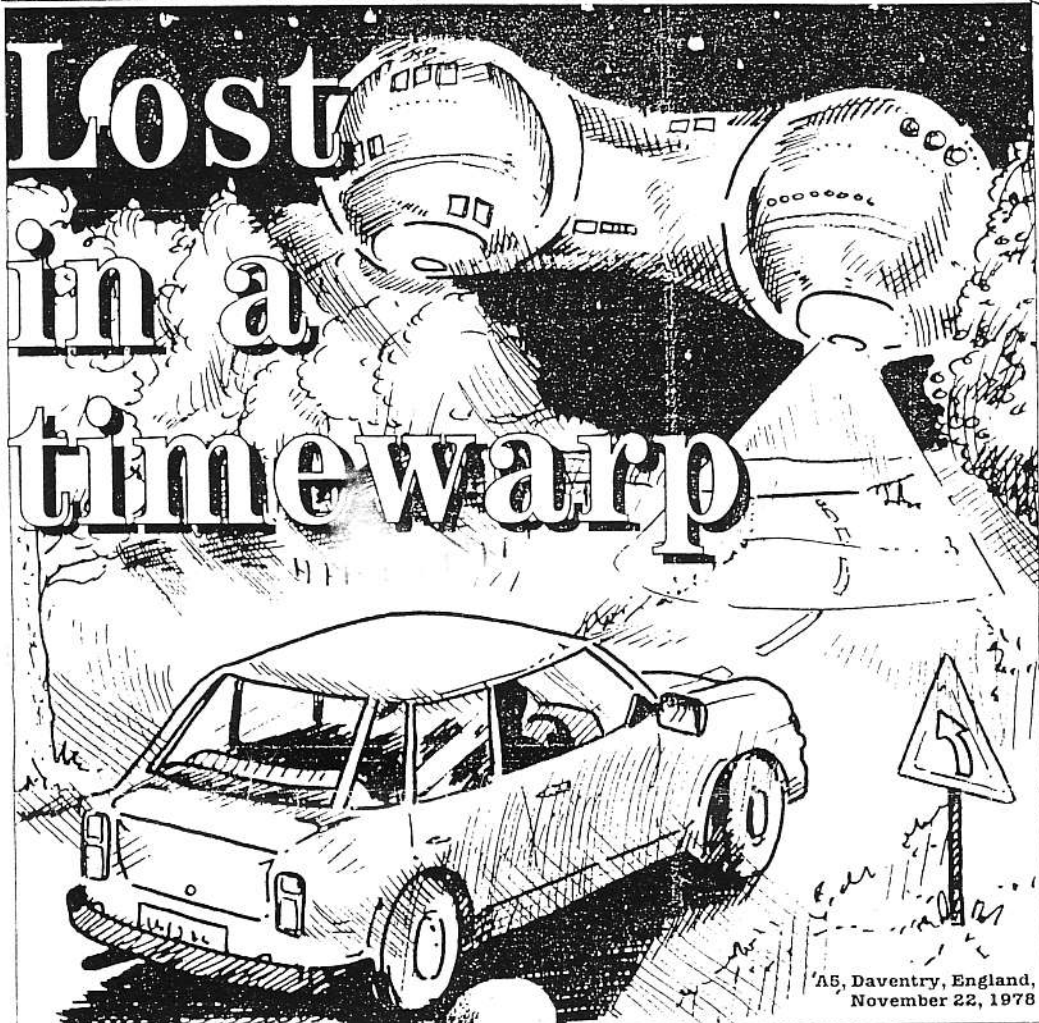
The truth is out there

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Lost in a timewarp



A5, Daventry, England, November 22, 1978

Power to heal is from 'ghosts'

ELSIE has discovered new powers since her paranormal experience.

"The 'ghost beings' have given her healing hands, which she has used to help others."

"It was the beginning of 1990 and I was in bed one night when my hands were getting hot - mainly in the palms - and my fingers were tingling."

Soon after, a friend persuaded Elsie to see a medium, who told her she was a healer.

Elsie developed her skills with the help of another healer and now offers to help others - and doesn't charge for the service.

"I put my hands on their shoulders and move them over their body, usually holding my hands a few inches away," she said.

"I can tell if there is a problem because my hands either get really hot or cold."

"But I won't diagnose a person's ailment and always suggest they go to a doctor."


"I act as a channel for spirits to give the healing and although I can help people I cannot guarantee a cure."

Elsie also believes the encounter has left her with the ability to do what she calls psychic art. "One night my hand started to shake and I began drawing this logical picture which was incredibly symmetrical," she said. "I had to have some kind of help - my hand was guided."

"I've never been able to draw anything properly before."

Coming soon

Just like Scully and Mulder on TV, the Chronicle & X-Files continues its investigations next week when we meet a couple who communicate with the dead to help heal the living...



ONE STEP BEYOND...

PERSONAL UFO ABDUCTION EXPERIENCE

by **ELSIE OAKENSEN**

Aliens on her mind

HER encounter resulted in Elsie being psychoanalysed and hypnotised by the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association (BUFORA).

"Three people hypnotised me and I'd like to say that I had never read anything about UFOs before," she said.

Under hypnosis Elsie saw the light on the road come towards her. "This grey shape with light around it came to the left of the shape and right up to me," she said.

"Then another shape appeared on the right and they both came together and then went away. I called them ghost shapes, but know they were friendly."

The experience didn't particularly affect Elsie until 1988, when UFO author Jenny Randless produced a book featuring the Upper Stowe incident.

"She said I had been abducted by aliens, which made me think yes, something more had happened."

"But I actually think it was a spiritual experience which happened; a clairvoyant vision from another dimension or time."

A WHITE haired granny and former head teacher married to a policeman is hardly the type of person you would associate with UFOs.

But Elsie Oakensen not only believes she has seen a spaceship, she reckons she was abducted by aliens on board and given healing hands as a result of the close encounter.

What's more, she's just written a book, *One Step Beyond*, about her "personal UFO abduction experience."

Sixty-seven-year-old Elsie's story begins on November 22, 1978 - when she was driving to her home in Upper Stowe, near Weedon, Northamptonshire.

Her journey from Daventry's teaching centre took her along the old Roman road, the A5.

"There above the road in front of me was a grey dumb-bell shaped object with a red light under one sphere and a green light under the other," said Elsie, a mother of three and grandmother of five.

"It was about 50ft wide and 100ft above the road and I drove

under it.

"(Being married to a policeman made me try and remember everything about it because I knew I'd be quizzed when I got home)."

"It was about 5.15pm at the time and against the darkening sky it looked very smooth and plastic," she added.

"I didn't see any windows and doors, but felt compelled to stop and look at it."

"I couldn't though, because I would have caused a crash so I

carried on driving."

When Elsie took the turning off the A5 to Upper Stowe, she stopped to look back.

"The green light started to flash. I didn't know why. I carried on driving again and came to the T-junction. As I turned into the village, I changed up into third gear but instead of going faster, the car was slowing down and I came to a stop.

"My car had been serviced so that day so I was cursing and completely forgot that thing over the road," continued Elsie. "My husband's always taught me not to panic so I put the car into first gear

and it started again.

"I went under the trees and into third gear. It was completely dark and all daylight just disappeared."

"I didn't know where I was, but I knew I was in the car and my hands were on the steering wheel."

"Suddenly a circular white light about one metre across shone on to the road by the passenger door. The light kept punctuating the darkness. A semi-circular light shone on to the road in front of the car, then it reached my door."

The next thing Elsie says she knew was the light had gone and her car had moved 30 yards down the road with normal daylight resumed.

"I was in third gear driving quite normally," said Elsie. "I drove home and found that the journey had taken 15 minutes longer than normal - I had lost time."

● Elsie Oakensen's book, *One Step Beyond*, will be available soon from Regency Press, priced £7.50.

