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Odd lights in sky caught on camera

A KEEN amateur photographer at Wellington, Chris Ferrin, has taken a picture in the night sky of a bright object which might be a UFO.

The black and white print shows a series of splodges or dashes of bright light in a straight line joined or almost joined together by a very thin line.

"It looks very strange to me," said Chris. "I've got an open mind on the subject of UFOs and the like. After all, we don't know everything there is to know yet. On the other hand, there could be a very logical answer," said Chris, a printer and a member of the local camera club.

He was in his back garden in George Street just before midnight on February 4 or 5 waiting for his dog when he looked up into the sky. "It was a lovely clear night and I noticed that one of the 'stars' seemed to be pulsat-

ing — nearly going out."

He called the family and they tried to get a better look through binoculars.

Meanwhile he set up his camera with 400m lens and clicked away for the next 30 minutes, taking about half a dozen shots. During this time the object seemed to remain in one spot. At about 3 am when he looked skywards again it had disappeared.

The film remained in his camera until he heard a local radio news bulletin reporting strange lights in the sky near Weston-super-Mare. Some people had seen these lights and Bristol Airport said they had no aircraft in the vicinity but had tracked something on their radar before losing it. He then decided to develop his film.

SOMERSET COUNTY GAZETTE
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Robot theory on forestry worker's UFO attack claim

A forestry worker who said he was attacked by aliens had a close encounter with an earthly military craft, it was claimed yesterday.

Science fiction writer Duncan Lunan debunked the well-known UFO sighting experienced by Bob Taylor at Livingston, West Lothian, Scotland.

There have been many attempts to explain Mr Taylor's story that he

was attacked by two creatures after confronting a silver craft in a forest clearing in 1979.

But Mr Lunan told a lecture titled "The Truth about UFOs", at Edinburgh International Science Festival, that he was convinced the forestry worker was caught up in an undercover military test.

He believes the craft was a

remotely piloted vehicle, used by the military for surveillance from the air, which was being tested.

"Some of these things are pushed into the air by rocket charges," said Mr Lunan. "It is more likely this one had come down and they were trying to get it back into the air when it misfired. They brought in robots to make it safe when this man appeared on the scene."

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UFO sighting

WORCESTER could have been buzzed by America's latest top secret spy plane which was flying backwards at the time, according to a puzzled city UFO investigator.

Mat Luder, who lives in the north of town, said he saw a triangular craft flying over Barbourne in October last year.

From its appearance, Mat thinks it could be the fabled new spy plane Aurora, blamed by many experts for an well-reported UFO flap over Belgium in 1995.

But in the case of the Worcester sighting, the dark craft with wild flashing lights appeared to be travelling backwards, with its point to the rear.

Mat Luder, who does not want his full address known said: "I only saw this craft for a couple of seconds. I remember different coloured lights flashing rapidly, completely out of sequence."

Mat contacted the Journal following last week's report of an alleged UFO encounter by a woman on a lonely Barbourne road, two weeks ago.

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Airport UFO mystery hits the TV screens

A UFO spotted flying near Manchester Airport is the subject of a special investigation on television this week.

Close Up North will focus attention on one of the most intriguing sightings in recent history.

It will report on the baffling case when two British Airways pilots told Manchester Air Traffic Control an object had silently passed their jet 4000 feet above Wilmslow.

Initial inquiries concluded that it could have been a secret airforce plane.

And the programme asks if this

By Lawrence Matheson

may be linked to claims that British Aerospace is helping develop a radar-invisible fighter jet.

But a year long investigation followed the incident which provided no answers.

UFO experts in Cheshire proclaimed it as a milestone in official recognition.

Eric Morris of the British UFO Studies Centre, is ready to accept the Wilmslow sighting could have an earthly explanation.

He said: "There are an awful lot of experimental things going on within the aircraft industry which people don't know about. And even

people like ourselves don't get to find out until the later stages."

Close Up North also meets some of Cheshire's eternal sceptics when it comes to believing visitors from outer space exist.

The programme interviews Ian Morrison, who works at Jodrell Bank. He said: "Well, perhaps it's surprising that no astronomers that I know of across the world have ever come into contact with anybody.

"And you might think if they were coming to earth they might let us know. But they certainly haven't."

The UFO Files will be screened on BBC two at 7.30pm on March 21.

KNUTSFORD EXPRESS ADVERTISER

21 MAR 96

Seeking answers for unexplained

A TEAM of amateur investigators are poised to begin probing some of North Staffordshire's unexplained mysteries...

Post office worker Gary Cartledge and his friends have formed the Potteries Organisation for Paranormal Investigation.

And they plan to use the group to research everything from local UFO activity to hauntings and psychic phenomena.

"A workmate Adrian Degg and I discovered a common interest in UFOs, and that was the starting point for the organisation," said Gary, 28, of Deanscroft Way, Meir Hay, Longton.

The other founder members of P.O.P.I. are Gary's partner Deborah Dobson, and their next-door neighbour Dave Birks.

"The curious thing is that each one of us has witnessed strange lights in the sky in the past - but we don't want the group to be limited to UFO investigations," said Gary.

"We all have very open minds and want to look rationally at all aspects of the paranormal. We are not in this to make money, and we're certainly not out for any form of glory, on the back of programmes like 'The X Files'."

So far, the group has invested more than £3,000 on video, recording, camera and computer equipment to assist in monitoring and logging cases they are called on to investigate.

And they plan to hold regular monthly meetings for anyone else interested in the unexplained.

by Advertiser reporter

The first is at 7pm on Saturday, March 23, in the Ashley Building lecture theatre, Staffordshire University, in Leek Road, Stoke.

Added Gary: "We're not saying we'll have all the answers at the end of the day - we simply want to carry out serious investigations into every aspect of the paranormal, and consult the relevant experts on our subsequent findings. The more work that is done on the subject, the better the chances are of getting a little nearer to the truth or origin of some of these mysteries."

● For further information on Saturday's meeting and P.O.P.I., Gary can be contacted on 593719.

THE ADVERTISER (STOKE-ON-TRENT)

21 MAR 96

UFO mystery solved

MYSTERIOUS lights circled and flashed over Bacup on Tuesday night leading many people to believe that aliens had landed.

Three Bacup firefighters were among several people who rang the Free Press when they saw the darting lights above Lee Quarry.

But the UFO's were, in fact, nothing more serious than laser lights at the Warner Cinema complex in Pilsforth.

The cinema was hosting a special charity night premiere of John Travolta's Broken Arrow.

Police in Bacup knew nothing of the lasers but police based at Bury say they were fielding UFO queries until midnight.

AUTHOR of the amazing *UFO Retrievals* book and story consultant to TV's *Strange But True*, programme, Jenny Randles, took time out recently from a hectic investigation schedule to visit a wind-swept and rather chilly Morecambe.

The reason - to speak at the Lancaster UFO Group's Planetary Connection Conference, writes Adrian Mullen.

Former teacher Jenny has, arguably, the highest profile of UFO investigators in the UK and is busy working on a BBC documentary, *Britain's Secret UFO Files*, due for broadcast in April.

She remains t.p.-lipped about the programme - in which Cumbria is heavily featured - but

revealed: "In 1952 Winston Churchill issued a document, the Air Ministry saying what do all this stuff about flying saucer amount to? 'Give me your answer, he said.

"Forty-four years later we have a right to ask what answer we given.

"Last summer I went to locations, looked through information, evidence and conclusion and the documentary is based on those findings."

Jenny, now based in Fleetwood, is a leading UFO researcher who's penned 35 books since she started taking more than a passing interest in the paranormal around 1969.

Her first book was published in 1976 when she was still Cheshire school teacher before finally becoming a full-time writer in 1982.

One of Jenny's most famous books was her third, *The Pennine UFO Mystery*, published in 1982.

Included in the famous ton was the startling case of Todmorden bobby Alan Godfrey, who after his baffling UFO encounter, was, says Jenny, "woefully treated by the West Yorkshire Police Force," who tried to force him out of his job.

As far as advanced technology is concerned and links with the infamous and remote Area 51 Nevada test site, Jenny claims have spoken to scientists from the facility who say that the US military is building aircraft that won't be seen until the year 2010.

"The scientists say it is our own technology on a fantastic level with no connection to aliens.

"Let's face it, we know Stealth was being tested in this country in 1978 and we have many UFO sightings in the late 70s and early 80s, which I am now totally convinced were Stealth aircraft years before it was admitted exist.

"Our own technology is being tested in a way which will enhance the idea that they're UFOs."

Part of Jenny's UFO conference presentation included an idea that UFOs could be time travellers from our own future, or visitors from a parallel-type universe existing here on earth.

Finally, admitted Jenny "About 95 per cent of all UFO sightings can be explained in a simple conventional terms, many of which I believe relate to natural physical phenomena on the borders of scientific understanding."

ROSSENDALE FREE PRESS

29 MAR 96

Mid-Essex is UFO hot spot

MID-ESSEX is recording a surge of mystery aircraft sightings to the Essex UFO Group.

Chairman Ron West listed Chelmsford, Braintree and Witham areas as particularly frequent for reports.

Other reports have come from Silver End, Great Bardfield, Great Saling, Hatfield Peverel, Wickham Bishops and Burnham.

Mr West said: "Since November 15 we have had reports by 183 people of objects. We have had a steady build up of objects across Essex. I have been

doing this since 1950 and recording figures for 15 years. This is the busiest year ever."

The hottest weekends recently were February 10-11 and 17-18, when 80 mysterious sightings were recorded from people in Chelmsford, Great Leighs, Writtle, Great Baddow, Broomfield and Galleywood.

At similar times, Braintree and Witham reports included claims that a craft was hovering

above houses.

Mr West said most people described a circle of eight white lights with a ninth in the middle.

Others reported a craft with three massive yellow lights, or two red lights. Most people said it hovered without any noise, and was spinning anti clockwise.

Mr West said most sightings were made in the late evening although one was at 1.10pm on Sunday, February 18.

The latest reports to be recorded occurred in Braintree on March 2 and March 9.

"They usually just disappear instantly, or shoot straight up into the hemisphere," Mr West said.

His group investigates claims, analysing any video tapes, contacting the police, civil airfields and military bases: "We usually get a standard reply - that they have nothing on radar," he said.

Mr West would like people to report any sightings on his hot-line 01787 223306.

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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THE UFO PHENOMENA

EDWARD ASHPOLE

Was the Belgian UFO wave, supported by reports from the police and air force, evidence of extraterrestrial activity?

Could the New Mexico footage of dead aliens recovered from a crashed craft confirm our planet is under ET surveillance? These and many more questions and theories are explored in this scientific look at the UFO phenomenon, backed by interesting photographs.

(Headline paperback, £7.99)

ESSEX CHRONICLE

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The UFOs are flying much closer to home

STRANGE lights in the skies above the North-West - unidentified flying objects. For the past 10 years the region has been at the forefront of sightings. Most can be explained as unusual weather phenomena, meteors or aircraft.

But a few defy explanation. "Close Up North" (BBC-2, 7.30 pm) flicks through the region's UFO files and shows film shot by a Cheshire man of unusual shapes in the sky.

And the programme asks if the strange sightings may be linked to claims that British Aerospace, at Wharton, is helping to develop a secret radar-invisible fighter?

"Close Up North" looks at one of the most intriguing sightings in the North-West for some years. Two British Airways' pilots told Manchester air traffic control that an object had silently passed their jet

4,000ft above Wilmslow.

It was suggested that it could be a secret air force plane. But when a year-long report provided no answers UFO experts in the area proclaimed it as a milestone in official recognition.

"Close Up North" has met UFO seekers across the region... from Morecambe, with the North Lancs UFO Investigation Group, to Winsford in Cheshire, to the home of Eric Morris and the base for BUFOSO (British UFO Studies Centre).

Bewildered

Eric is ready to accept that some of the sightings have an earthly explanation. "There are an awful lot of experimental things going on in the aircraft industry which people don't know about. And even people like ourselves don't get to find out until

the later stages."

But BUFOSO takes regular UFO sightings from people like 16-year-old John Taylor, from Runcorn. What he witnessed in the sky above the giant ICI works near his home left him bewildered.

"I saw this light just moving round by ICI and then it just seemed to hover and, for no apparent reason, fly around a bit more and then go back."

And "Close Up North" meets the North-West's eternal sceptics when it comes to visitors from other worlds. Ian Morrison works at Jodrell Bank observatory in Cheshire.

"It's surprising that no astronomers I know of have ever come into contact with anybody. And you might think that if they were coming to Earth they might let us know - but they certainly haven't."

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WEST LANCASHIRE EVENING GAZETTE

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Space invaders



Coronation Street star Betty Driver has told *eva* how a UFO followed her one night as she drove home with her sister.

'We were returning home from Ellesmere Port in the Wirral one night and the traffic was quite heavy,' recalls Betty - who plays barmaid Betty Williams. 'All of a sudden I noticed this bright light shining above us as we stopped at some traffic lights.'

'I looked up through the sun roof and saw a big light bulb-shaped object above the car. It was about a quarter of the size of our car and was hovering 30ft above us. I said to Freda: "Is that a balloon up there?" She couldn't believe it and said: "It can't be, it's too low and bright."

'It was so dazzling that you couldn't see if there was anyone in it or not. As I pulled away from the traffic lights, it moved with me and stayed directly above us as we drove.'

'I was getting panicky and kept saying: "What is it, why's it following us?" We were terrified and I pulled on to the hard shoulder to see what it was.'

'It followed us down the road until I found somewhere to pull in,

but as I slowed down it just suddenly flew off and we never saw it again.'

Betty, who's launched a range of frozen hotpots and pies, favourites in the Rovers, called Betty's Kitchen, says they were both shaken up as they drove home.

Strange spaceship terrified the Street star

'There was just no explanation for it. Freda was lost for words.' When they got indoors they tuned into the news and were astonished when they heard reports that an unidentified flying object had been spotted in Ellesmere Port.

'The reports kept saying it had been seen by many eyewitnesses following a car and asked if the driver could phone in and tell them what happened.'

'I didn't dare phone up, though. I thought that people would think I was mad. But after that no-one can tell me that there isn't any paranormal activity.' ■

IN recent years we have seen strange objects flying through the our skies, including one in the shape of sewage from an aeroplane! But the latest unexpected visitor may not be of this world.

According to 45-year-old Jonathan Johnson of the Essex Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Research Group, Brentwood is becoming a hotspot for alien visitors.

And with sightings increasing by the month, the group has set up a branch in Brentwood to "eliminate all possible explanations."

"We have only been in Brentwood for two weeks but we are already receiving calls," said Jonathan.

"The most interesting calls we have had have been linked with similar sightings of a UFO which we have been tracking throughout Anglia and which now seems to be making its way over Brentwood," he added.

Report by Daniel Rickards

"It is described by many as a black triangle with bright white lights around it and an orange light in the middle which we believe changes colour depending on the power the craft."

Running the Brentwood branch of the Research Group with his wife Barbara, 40, Jonathan is a firm believer in the existence of aliens.

But with interesting tip-offs of alien craft come disappointing calls such as last week when many people called Jonathan claiming a ship had landed in the middle of Chelmsford! When he investigated it he discovered the bright lights shining to the sky were in fact spotlights coming from Zeus nightclub.

Jonathan said he is interested in talking to anyone who believes they have had a close encounter with a UFO. Contact him on (01277) 230013.

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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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Not one, but two flying triangles

As on a usual night, I was driving down Ovington Drive at around 7.45pm on Friday, March 15.

I decided to put on my car radio, but to my surprise nothing happened. It didn't bother me at the time, because I was nearly home.

As I had drove past the row of houses on Ovington Drive I saw that the field and the small church had been lit up like a football pitch.

I looked up and saw not one, but two identical triangular objects - they both had a white light in each corner and a green light in the middle and they were spinning around each other in a most spectacular manner.

Then something very unusual happened - the objects just floated in mid-air and then one of them flew off straight over the church.

A few minutes later the other object shot over my parked car. This was the most unusual event of my life and I hope to see the craft again - but this time I will have my camera!

MR R. CROFT, Folkestone Road, Southport.

Bright lights worry John

MYSTERIOUS bright lights in the sky over Manchester have left sky-watchers scratching their heads.

John Priestman, of Pearn Road, Burnage, said he spotted the "very bright, silvery lights" a week ago.

But when he rang Ringway airport he was told it was probably Venus.

BRIGHTON & HOVE LEADER

21 MAR 96

UFO hunter called in after Doreen's close encounter

TEACHER Doreen Wallace found herself the subject of an alien experience when she was woken in the middle of the night by a "hypnotic" whirring noise.

She looked out of her window - and saw a row of disembodied lights floating above the rooftops of Albion Hill, Brighton.

Mother-of-two Doreen, 36, said: "I didn't believe what I was seeing, so I went downstairs to look outside. I saw triangular red flashing lights. Then they split in two and alternate sets of red and yellow lights flashed."

A white beam came from within the object and pointed in the

REPORT by CARRIE TIDEY
PHOTOGRAPH: TONY WOOD

direction of Preston Park. It then began to rotate.

"I only became scared when the light started circling," Doreen said.

Doreen got her nine-year-old daughter to look as well. "But she thought it was too scary and told me to come away from the window," she said.

The lights vanished suddenly. The whole experience had gone on for half-an-hour until about 1.30am.

WESTERN GAZETTE (WELLS)

07 MAR 96

IS ANYBODY OUT THERE?

THE people of Derbyshire are in the grips of UFO fever. Reports of sightings are on the increase and there are those who think they may have some answers. Reporter Mick Lea delves into the unknown.



A CRAFT WORK: Omar Fowler of Derbyshire PRA and an artist impression of one of the UFOs.

SCORES of UFO sightings around Derby could be the result of the city's location in a supernatural flight path dubbed The Pennine Corridor.

During the past 10 years sky-watchers have been mystified by strange lights and objects hovering above the city. Many claim the sightings prove the existence of extraterrestrials. In the latest round of sightings dozens of people phoned the Evening Telegraph after witnessing a triangular shape in the sky. Now UFO experts are linking the

large number of incidents around the county to similar sightings along the Pennines stretching from the Midlands to Yorkshire. Researcher Nick Pope, who has spent three years investigating the phenomena, has conducted much of his study in the East Midlands. He claims the Flying Triangle, a craft beyond our own technology, was a recurring image spotted above the Pennines. The findings led Mr Pope, who works for the Ministry of Defence, to conclude in his book, *Open Skies*,

Closed Minds, that UFOs can no longer be dismissed as fantasy. He is backed by Derbyshire's own UFO buffs who say the presence of stone circles in the Pennines attract craft from other galaxies. Pete Edwards, an investigator with the county's Phenomenon Research Association, said: "Stone circles, such as the Nine Ladies, near Bakewell, could be interlinked with the Pennine Corridor theory. "It is more than a coincidence that the corridor has seen a lot of triangular activity and also contains stone

Corridor sightings

- February 22, 1995: Four people claimed to have seen a triangular-shaped UFO hovering above the Penge Road area, Mackworth.
- March 16, 1995: Former RAF engineer Nigel Johnson claimed to have captured dramatic video footage of a UFO hovering outside his Derby home.
- June 28, 1995: Two fishermen at Markeaton Park reported seeing two star-like lights move slowly together and then shoot off at speed.
- December 30, 1995: Sightings of a multi-coloured object hovering above Chaddesden between 1.15am and 2.45am.
- February 8, 1996: Sky-watchers were baffled by a mysterious mushroom-shaped light above Derby.

Microwaves blamed for crop circles

CROP circles are likely to be caused by microwave energy, say researchers at the first ever full-scale conference on the phenomenon, held in Dorchester. A team of scientists from Harvard last year carried out research on samples gathered from circles formed in Dorset and Hampshire. Microwave energy was detected in the bent or exploded "nodes" of joints in stalks of corn. Centre for Crop Circle Studies Dorset investigator David Kingston said: "We know it's microwaves that are doing it. We just don't know where they are coming from." At least 40 crop circles have been reported in Dorset over the last five years. The microwaves detected are not on the same frequency as those used in communications or ovens. Mr Kingston, a 58-year-old civil servant from Winterborne Kingston near Dorchester, believes there could be a link with UFOs. "Where UFOs have been sighted, microwave communications have also been jammed," said Mr Kingston. The conference will now become an annual event.

BOURNEMOUTH EVENING ECHO



SKY WATCH: Pete Edwards of DPRA

Watching them, watching us!

INVESTIGATORS in Derby hope to keep tabs on any strange objects flying above the city using their own hi-tech sky-watching equipment. The home-made geomagnetometer, developed by members of Derbyshire's Phenomenon Research Association, measures interference with the earth's magnetic field. PRA investigator Pete Edwards says the equipment has already proved useful during several sky watch sessions.

ROCHDALE OBSERVER
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SHOCKED pub landlady Sheila Scott believes she has seen a UFO.

Mrs Scott, of the Bonny Dundee, Fishwick Street, Rochdale, was about to put her daughter Rebecca to bed when she noticed a bright light shining through the window. She called her friend, Elaine Quinn, from the next room and the three of them looked out to see a strange unidentified object hovering in the sky over Newbold. Mrs Scott said: "It was on Monday night, about 10.15pm. The bedroom window faces towards Newbold and when we looked out we saw this thing in the sky. "It looked to be rotating and it gave off a light which kept changing colour - from red, to green, to white, to silver. "It flew backwards and forwards, from Newbold towards the town centre and back again, six or seven times. "Each time it stopped it seemed to hover in one place. Then it suddenly shot off towards Milnrow at a very high speed. "I don't know what it was but I know I've never seen anything like it in my life."

The Civil Aviation Authority at Manchester Airport was unable to offer any explanation - although no other sightings had been reported.

Mrs Scott said: "Before I saw it I would have said I did not believe in UFOs - and I'm still not sure.

"But I've seen helicopters and planes out of the window before and this was nothing like either of them."

Local UFO expert Mike Jones said this description fitted in with other sightings in the area.

He said there were almost always rational explanations for UFO sightings, with aeroplanes and helicopters being the most common - but a significant number could not be explained away.

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UFO riddle
A mystery object shining in South African skies has been identified as a high-technology cable lost in space on a failed US space shuttle experiment.

UFOs over Basin?

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects were spotted hovering over Montrose Basin last week.

Kay Simpson, Adams Way, was alerted to the strange phenomenon on Thursday night by her neighbours.

They noticed two bright lights in the sky over the basin at 8.30pm and asked Kay to confirm what they were seeing.

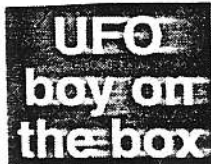
She said: "I looked through their binoculars and at first it looked like there was just one bright light with a white haze round about it. But there were actually two; one was whole and the other was made up of smaller white lights. "We watched them until they sank slowly down towards the basin and we lost sight of them behind a building at around 10pm."

Kay and her neighbours were not the only ones to witness the mysterious lights as family and friends in Dalhousie Terrace confirmed the sighting.

A spokesman for RAF Leuchars said no reports had been received about the lights and was at a loss to explain them as no operations were underway in the area at the time.

MONTROSE REVIEW
07 MAR 96

Probing mystery of crop circles



A RUNCORN teenager who claimed to see a UFO is to feature in a TV documentary into the phenomenon.

John Taylor, 16, is one of many local residents who last year said they saw a strange object in the sky.

He told the BBC-2 *Close Up North* programme: "I saw this light just moving round by ICI and then it just seemed to hover and, with no apparent reason, fly around a bit more and then go back."

The programme, screened on Thursday, March 21, at 7.30pm, interviews several Cheshire people who claim to have spotted UFOs and also talks to local experts.



CROP CIRCLES: Investigations into the mystery continue.

THE crop circle formations discovered last year appear to be spreading further afield. We had only a few in Dorset but other counties such as Hampshire had a large number of very complex formations. As I write, reports are coming in from Holland, Denmark, Japan, Germany, America, Romania, Mexico and Norway.

Last year saw the arrival of the new Criminal Justice Act which should deter some of the criminal damage that has been done by well known hoaxers in the fields and should benefit the farmers and landowners, scientists and serious researchers into this phenomenon.

Inundated

The BLT Research Team in America has been inundated with samples taken from the formations in this country, plus numerous others from around the world, and Dr William Levegood heading the team has been extremely busy, to say the least. ADAS Plant Clinic based at Cambridge here in this country was also very busy obtaining some interesting results but it might be difficult to follow up work with ADAS in future years. Complaints were conveyed from Government level to ADAS central office about the work being done for the Centre for Crop Circle Studies. The ADAS branch carrying out the tests at Cambridge has been disbanded.

Why? What is the Government worried about? What was discovered? Why did samples go astray? This catalogue of events all occurred subsequent to an announcement by BBC1 and 4 that the results of scientific tests by ADAS had shown that not all crop formations were hoaxes.

The research will not stop, it is a great shame that the field of politics should literally enter the fields to hinder the work in this

country. I know that the serious researchers and scientists from not only this country will persist until an answer is found.

Any company or person wishing to sponsor the very expensive research that is being carried out by Dr Levegood, the team's leader in America, and the BLT Research units in this country can contact: Dr William Levegood, PO Box 127, Cambridge, MA 02140, USA. He will be only too pleased to send you full copies of his research papers and the work of the BLT Research teams.

Should you wish to be kept up to date with the research that is currently being carried out in England you can become a member of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies (CCCS) by writing to: Ron Jones, Hillview, Abbots Ann, Andover, SP11 7BA (01264) 710356.

If there are any agriculture colleges in England that are interested in research on soil and plants I know Dr Levegood would be only too pleased to enlist your

help and would also send you full details of his scientific papers.

We really are very serious that we do not wish six years of research to end and will do all in our power to ensure that it continues. I have been researching the phenomena since 1988 and passing on my results to BLT Research Unit in America and the CCCS; I have written articles for many magazines in this country and abroad as well as giving interviews for radio and television, plus lecture tours of the United Kingdom which help to finance the expensive research costs.

A meeting of the Dorset field researchers was held on March 12. There is to be a full day's conference in Dorchester covering the research that is being carried out on crop circles and associated phenomena on April 14. Anyone interested can obtain full details by telephoning (01305) 266832.

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RUNCORN WORLD

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WOMAN

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A crowd gathered in the Malaysian state of Selangor after alleged sightings of a UFO occupied by aliens with long ears and little red eyes. Eyewitnesses claimed the UFO was as big as a football field and several storeys high. It was encircled by flashing red, orange and green lights.

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Local 'alien' craft

LIKE another reader, I was sure I'd seen a UFO recently. I live in a second-floor flat and my eyes were drawn to a bright object outside while I was watching television.

It consisted of several colours and my heart missed a beat as it seemed to remain stationary for quite some time.

Then a powerful beam of light hit the ground before travelling up the side of our block of flats. By the time I'd jumped up and dashed to the window, the object had disappeared.

I was considering phoning the police when I realised the "alien" craft was in fact a helicopter, probably from a nearby airfield.

With my triple-glazed windows and the volume turned up on my television, I hadn't heard the usual drone of its engines and jumped to the wrong con-

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— THE UFO seen over Littleborough —
repeated in last Saturday's *Observer* —
was spotted by a second man.

Mr Bob Weatherley, of Calderbrook, has told of seeing "a very bright light" about 10pm.

He said: "I was turning into Smithy Bridge Road, from Halifax Road.

"It was above the sky line on the moors just away from the White House."

Mr Weatherley, who has a keen interest in UFOs and the paranormal, said that he was keeping an open mind on the mystery.

He said: "It could have been a police helicopter, but you would have thought someone would have heard it, particularly people having a drink at the White House.

"Alternatively, it could have been a four-wheeled drive vehicle on the moors.

"Whatever it was, it was far too low for an aircraft, and it was an exceedingly bright light.

"I have never seen anything like it before and I certainly wasn't imagining the incident."

● In February, two British Airways pilots contacted air traffic control at Manchester Airport saying that a mystery, triangular-shaped object had flashed across the front of their aircraft, while they were making their descent to over Saddleworth Moor.

One of the pilots said that the craft was travelling very fast, but air traffic control picked up nothing on radar.

Mystery in the evening skies

Stranger than fiction

UFOs hovering above Southport left witnesses stunned this week.

A number of shocked motorists have contacted the Visiter to report close encounters with the unidentified flying object.

And now the claims have been backed up by experts in extraterrestrial affairs.

One man was driving along Meols Cop Road at about 6pm last Friday when he came face to face with a craft hovering over a field.

He said: "This thing was unreal. It was sort of triangle-shaped with a white light in each corner and a square green light in the middle.

"It remained motionless for at least five minutes. By that time several cars had stopped and the drivers and passengers were standing by their cars watching in amazement.

"Suddenly, the object started going round the field for a minute or two. Then it

Was 'Flying Triangle' an alien craft over town?

stopped and the lights gathered together. Now, it was just one big green light and, without warning, it just flew off."

A couple driving home along New Cut Lane at 8.30pm on Sunday also spotted an unidentifiable craft. Mr Dave Singleton, of Shaftesbury Road, said: "I saw a flash across the sky very high up. Then it came back a few seconds later, leaving behind a vapour trail. It was moving too fast to be a plane."

Merseyside Police say their helicopter was not in the area at the time of the sightings, and the RAF say they know nothing about it.

"We don't fly at night," said squadron leader Nigel May at

Woodvale. "I can categorically say it was not a plane from Woodvale."

The Visiter contacted UFO expert Jenny Randles. Ms Randles is editor of "Northern UFO" magazine and has been investigating sightings of this mysterious triangular object for months.

According to Ms Randles, there have been many sightings of this "craft" over Morecambe and Scarisbrick in recent weeks.

She believes it is a secret Stealth aircraft being developed by British Aerospace at Warton, near Preston, but the company denies the existence of any such plane.

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Object in the sky

ON Thursday evening, February 29, we sighted an unusual object in the sky to the west of Greenfield. It was fairly high (about 75 degrees) was bright gold, like a mushroom on its side with the stalk towards its path of travel.

The movement was imperceptible and could only be judged by the fact that it took two hours to move out of our view from a window. The movement was northwards.

Three of us watched it and it was very plainly seen by the naked eye and more detailed of course through our binoculars which

revealed that the stalk appeared to be in separate pieces.

We reported it to the police, who said they would contact us, but did not.

Last Sunday (March 10) we saw the same object, again mid-evening, and this time it was lower, say 45 degrees, otherwise the details were the same.

My family and our neighbours watched it for about two hours and this time we reported it through Manchester Airport to the Civil Aviation Authority.

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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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Burgh Marsh, Cumbria, May 1964

Amateur photographer Jim Templeton and his family are enjoying a Sunday picnic on Burgh Marsh, six miles from their home in Carlisle. While his wife Anne unpacks the sandwiches, his five-year-old daughter Elizabeth runs about picking wild flowers. She is wearing a pretty new dress.

'Smile, Elizabeth,' Jim says, crouching down to take a picture. 'Let's get a photo of your new frock.' His daughter grins at the camera.

'That's lovely,' says Jim, taking three exposures.

British missile test site, Woomera, Southern Australia, May 1964

The countdown for a Blue Streak missile launch has begun. Technicians monitor the launch site.

'Stop the countdown,' one of the staff says urgently. 'There's someone out there.' Two white figures have appeared in the firing area. Staff carry out a search, but no one is found.

Photographic centre, Carlisle, Cumbria, May 1964

Jim collects his pictures. 'There's a lovely one of your Elizabeth,' the manager tells him. 'But who's this big man in the shot?'

Jim takes a closer look. There, behind his daughter, is a large white figure. 'Well I'll be...' says Jim. 'I've not got a clue what that can be.'

On the way home Jim tries to find an explanation. 'It can't be a double exposure — that just wouldn't happen with the camera I used,' he mutters. 'It doesn't appear in any other shots. So what is it?'

Baffled, Jim takes the picture to the Press a few weeks later. In a few days, it's flashed to newspapers around the world.

Woomera, Australia, July 1964

A technician from the missile launch site sits down with a cup of tea to read the morning paper. He sees Jim's picture and almost chokes on his first sip. 'My God,' he says to a colleague, 'that looks exactly like one of the guys we saw in the firing area.'

Fire station, Carlisle, August 1964

Jim is on duty at the station where he works. Two official-looking men wearing black suits and bowler hats walk in. 'We would like you to show us exactly where you took the photograph,' they tell him.

'Can I ask where you're from?' Jim asks.

'That's not for you to know. We're from Her Majesty's Government.' They show Jim to their Jaguar and he climbs in. They drive in silence.

The men look over the marsh. 'Did you notice anything odd about the animals that day?' one asks.

'Yes, I didn't think of it at first, but all the sheep and cows were huddled together at the other end of the marsh, as if they'd been scared by something.'

The man gives no reaction. 'So this is where you saw the large man?' he continues.

'Excuse me,' Jim says, feeling they're trying to catch him out. 'But I didn't see anybody that day.'

The men glance at each other. 'Thank you very much,' one says.

'Is that it? Wait a minute! Come back...' calls Jim. But, before he knows what's happening, the men climb into the Jaguar and drive away.

Jim's home, Carlisle, a few weeks later

Jim hears from his local newspaper about the sighting by missile staff in Woomera. He knows Blue

Streak missiles are being assembled at Spadeadam Waste, just a few miles from Burgh Marsh. 'There must be a connection,' Jim tells himself.

Jim's home, Carlisle, January 1996

Jim's story is well-known to UFO researchers, including Jenny Randles. The incident is more than 30 years old, meaning that secret papers on the case have been made public. Jenny decides it is the perfect time to delve deeper. She visits Jim at his home and he tells her everything he can.

Public Records Office, London, January 1996

Jenny ploughs through file after file. 'Here it is!' she gasps at last. There, in a Ministry of Defence letter dated 29 December 1964, is a reference to the 'Cumberland Spaceman'. It seems the Department of Scientific and Technical Intelligence had been carrying out some investigations. 'This suggests

they did take this case seriously,' Jenny thinks.

Next, Jenny hunts for references to Woomera. From the files she learns there is film of an incident at the missile test site. The documents say a launch was aborted due to cameras recording an unexplained object at the site. The file is incomplete.

Jenny's office, Blackpool, January 1996

Jenny calls the Central Office of Information in London, where old records are stored. They refuse to confirm or deny the incident at Woomera.

'You can have access to any Blue Streak film you like,' the assistant tells her.

'I'd like to see the film of an aborted launch in May 1964,' Jenny replies.

'Ah,' the voice falters. 'I don't know if we have it — but we couldn't show it to you even if we did. You see, we don't release film of aborted launches.'

BBC archives, Shepherds Bush, London, several days later

Jenny finds shelves full of missile launch film. She looks through the reference cards until she comes to May 1964. The card reads: *Can missing*.

Obviously, someone out there does not want this film viewed by the public.

'Clearly there's a story to tell here,' says Jenny. 'Something is being kept hidden. Over the years, there have been many theories to explain Jim's photo. One is that the figure was a holographic image of a man in protective clothing, somehow projected from the nearby missile site. Another theory suggests the figure is a ghost from the future. And of course, some people believe it's an alien.'

'All I can say is that there is a strange figure in the picture. It was there for a fraction of a second, briefly appearing in our reality. I can honestly say it is the strangest photograph I have ever seen.'

Jenny is not giving up the case and wants to find the Woomera film. Through fellow investigators in Australia she is continuing the inquiry. 'We're pushing the government there for records,' she says. 'I won't rest until I've got to the truth.'

Elaine Pearson

● *UFO Retrievals: The Recovery of Alien Spacecraft*, by Jenny Randles (Blandford Press, £8.99).

Unusual sighting

MRS Caroline Gregory is convinced she witnessed a UFO from her Cholderton home last week.

The large, bright light hovered in the sky towards Andover for a long time, enabling her to judge that it was too large for a star. It was surrounded by a spread of light that fanned out like the skeins of a jellyfish.

A report has gone to Reg Presley, the Andover based singer with The Trogs and a firm believer in supernatural sightings.

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BRACE yourself for the big one.

The Orwell in Wigan plays host to WasPsi again this Monday (March 25). The subject of this month's meeting is Alien Encounters.

UFO investigator Harry Harris will offer his expertise and answer questions.

If UFO's are your bag get along to this one because you'll have to wait another four months for a meeting dedicated completely to the subject.

The meeting starts at 8pm and the bar will be

open all evening.

Admission is just £1. Next month the subject will be astrology.

On the subject of UFO's, things seem to have calmed down after a bizarre flurry of sightings over the last couple of months although one lady has written in with an odd encounter.

The lady, who lives in St James' Crescent in Bickershaw, writes: "Myself and a friend live in a big crescent. We were standing at my front door having a chat when to the

left of us a huge, very bright light appeared behind the flats that go along the bottom of the crescent. It was so bright it completely blocked out the flats to us altogether, at the same time a big bright white light completely lit up the whole crescent at the front of us. It was as if it had just turned to daylight all at once, it was so bright. It lasted a few seconds then vanished just as quickly as it had appeared. All we heard was a faint noise.

"My daughter, who is 13, and one of her friends were just up the road from Bickershaw. They also saw a bright orange and purple light.

"This happened on Saturday night, March 9 between 9.30 to 10 o'clock.

"It was a weird experience to say the least. As far as we are concerned it had to be some sort of UFO.

"No aircraft that we know of could have lights that big and bright and also move so fast."

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Mystery light calls

Residents of Dundee were baffled last night by the appearance—and abrupt disappearance—of a light in the sky to the north of the city.

Forth District Coastguard confirmed they took three calls from people in Dundee reporting the sighting of what looked like a flare. The first call was at around 6.26 pm. They have passed the information to the police.

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.'

SOMERSET based UFO group had a record ever attendance at a meeting at the Stoke St Gregory, near Taunton, on Wednesday night.

The Society for UFO Research and Investigation welcomed people from as far afield as Bristol and Avebury to its 25th meeting in the Royal Oak.

President and director of investigations, Sue Hembury-Kellow said she was impressed with the turnout, which she put down to recent media coverage of the lecture for the evening — the 'Mars' lecture by Professor...

people this is the first time they are going to hear about it."

Assistant director of investigations for SUFORIN Peter Oakley presented the lecture, linking unusual formations in the Cydonia area on Mars with the standing stones at Avebury in Wiltshire and the ancient Egyptian pyramids.

The mathematician, archaeologist and amateur astronomer told the meeting that features on the planet are identical to features at the two sites on Earth.

He presented facts and figures, accompanied by slides, showing the mathematical and geometric connection between the structures to back up the theory that an alien life form was responsible for their construction.

Ms Hembury-Kellow, who watched the lecture along with around 30 enthusiasts in an upstairs function room at the local pub, said: "As a ufologist I have never encountered anything like it."

She told the Gazette that although the link was not discovered by Mr Oakley he has independently verified it and is still working on the subject with a view to uncovering more fascinating evidence.

"When he has perfected his work he will come back and let us know but in the meantime there is nothing worse than going public with an incomplete project," she said.

SUFORIN, which was formerly the Somerset UFO Research and Investigation Network, was set up in 1993 in response to an increase in UFO sightings in the county.

It now has 150 members nationwide and is one of the largest of its kind in the UK.

Ms Hembury-Kellow said: "Somerset is one of the top three areas in Britain for sightings and Taunton in particular is a focal area."

"We regularly have reports of sightings in Trull, Corfe and Bradford-Tone, and we would encourage anyone who thinks they have seen a UFO to contact us on our hotline, 01823 491068."

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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

DAILY MAIL

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STRANGE things are afoot at Gallows Corner in Romford.

A mysterious craft, the size of a football pitch and complete with flashing lights, was spotted hovering above the junction on Saturday night by no less than five witnesses.

Sceptics will no doubt claim it's the product of a rather joyous evening at the near-by Plough public house, but to Jonathan Johnson, of Costead Manor Road in Brentwood, it's a bona fide UFO that just can't keep away.

"This particular UFO has been seen so often now that we're more than used to it," he said.

As local area co-ordinator of the Essex UFO Research Group, the list of sightings collected by Mr Johnson, a 44-year-old courier and his wife Barbara, of this particular visitor is almost endless.

"It's a large triangular-shaped craft with white lights at each corner and a pulsating orange light in the centre," he said.

It was seen at 10.50pm on Saturday at Gallows Corner by five people in two independent groups.

"Three men in one car and an elderly couple in another saw it, and called our hotline number."



The truth is probably out there, somewhere, and Recorder reporter Dan Humphreys did his best to go and find it.

"We make out a full report of each sighting, and ask witnesses to send us drawings of what they've seen."

Amazingly, sketches of the flying triangle are almost identical. "It's been seen very regularly in Havering, the rest of Essex and Norfolk, and each witness describes the same thing," explained Jonathan.

Exactly why a visitor from the furthest reaches of the galaxy would choose to pay a visit to the unpicturesque Gallows Corner is still a mystery.

"Of course, we would like to know what it is, and we have done our best to find a valid explanation from the military and the Civil Aviation Authority, but there isn't one," said Mr Johnson.

As an ex-RAF man, he knows his planes — "And this is no plane," he says.

So, what else could it be, and has anyone else out there seen it?

The hotline number for sightings is 01277 230013, and anyone interested in joining the research group, which hold regular talks and sky-watches, can call the same number.

SOMERSET COUNTY GAZETTE

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More strange sightings

FURTHER sighting of UFOs has been reported, following a story in last week's Gazette revealing that a number of strange flying craft have been seen in the area.

Since then calls have been coming into the UFO hotline at the home of Mrs Barbara

Johnson with details of more mysterious experiences in the area, including over Coxtie Green Road, Galleywood and Great Baddow.

In one incident at Mountnessing round about a woman was forced to stop her car when she was faced with an intense white light

about 20-40 feet up in the sky. She saw a solid, black mass before she sped off.

Mrs Emily Chatfield and her husband Arthur were called to look at the huge, mysterious object in the sky by their son, Roy, aged 50, when he came in from work, one evening about a fortnight ago.

Mrs Chatfield said: "It was in the sky over the A127 making no noise at all, it was big and white with little white lights and we watched it on and off for about an hour."

"Two jets flew over after it left and seemed tiny in comparison."

Anyone who sees any UFOs should call the hotline before 10.30 pm on 01277 230013.

UFO mystery solved

REPORTED sightings of UFOs over West Cornwall recently, have been identified.

They are not alien spacecraft but the reflected sunlight from wind turbines on the Lizard, says a spokesman from RNAS Culdrose.

He explained: "During fine sunny mornings the wind direction has been such that the windmill vanes have been aligned to reflect the sunlight to the north."

"From a distance, the actual windmills are not visible, but the flashes of reflected sunlight look like an object in the sky."

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THE picture that featured in a recent UFO Update of an object over the Red Rock area has sparked great interest.

A number of calls have come in to me from people who have seen something exactly the same or very similar.

A woman from Appley Bridge says she saw it around a fortnight ago as she glanced across towards Parbold Hill.

The woman said it was very bright and too big to be a star and there was a beam coming down from the underside of the object just like in the picture.

Her husband suggested it might be a helicopter but she says the beam stayed still and there was no noise plus it was far to bright.

Another sighting came in from a resident of Mannion House in Wigan

who said she saw it on December 13 over the Civic Centre.

The time of the sighting was around 7.40am and she believes other people must have seen the object as it was just getting light.

She stared at it for a while then the object shot backwards and upwards and disappeared behind a cloud. She could see it for a short time behind the cloud but as it became lighter, the object disappeared altogether.

A sighting of a different object, similar to the wedge shaped craft seen over Wigan recently, has also come in.

It comes from a woman and her husband who were returning to their home in Up Holland, coming off the motorway at Shevington.

The woman explained: "I was looking over at the sunset when I saw a grey object just hovering in the sky."

"It was wider at the bottom than it was at the top and was sort of a wedge shape. It was over towards Ashurst Beacon."

"I told my husband to look and he saw it too."

The woman added: "It was just hanging in the air, I don't know what it was but it wasn't a plane or a helicopter."

Have you seen anything in the skies above Wigan. Contact Jon Peake, (tel 22800) or write in to UFO Update, Wigan Reporter, Martland Mill, Martland Mill, Martland Mill Lane, Wigan WNS 0LX.

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Here's your UFO!

(Ultimate Flue Outlet)

It's a bird, it's a plane ... no, it's a chimney cowl.

Reports of Chichester UFOs might not be all they seem after the launch of a UFO-look-alike chimney cowl by Quarry Lane-based Brewer Metalcraft.

Bob Hodgson, product manager, said the small family business was discussing a name for its new product when someone suggested the UFO.

"Somebody said it looks like a flying saucer so we call it the Ultimate Flue Outlet."

Meanwhile, Nick Wood who works just off Eastgate Square in Chichester has come up with an explanation for the recent sighting of a supposed UFO floating over Ship-pams.

Workers at the factory were convinced they had seen something alien, de-

scribing it as a red metallic colour, squashed oval in shape, with lights around the centre rim and a few spasmodic lights above and below.

Nick saw it too: "The object was large and kept changing colour, from gold to red and what it looked like small bright lights flashing along the side, and the shape kept changing from oval to oval with what looked like two engine pods at the rear."

"The smaller object was keeping its distance from the main object and was also giving similar character-changing shape and colour as the larger object."

"I thought it might have been some sort of UFO but it was only a large amount of shiny foil-type helium balloons - and we don't know where they came from."

SOLIHULL NEWS

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A L T H O U G H Worcestershire is setting the pace for sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Midlands, Solihull is catching up fast according to an expert on the subject. John Hanson, of Quest International, a group which records and investigates sightings of strange phenomena and who was featured in the Solihull News at the end of January, has been contacted with yet another mysterious sighting over Shirley.

It was initially sighted by a Coventry man outside his West Heath workplace on St Valentine's Day at 8pm and was still visible when he got to his mother's house in Shirley. The man, whose identity has

been changed into a changing star shape with red traces on each rough edge, before shrinking back into a yellow light."

Shrinking

After a brief break the man attempted to find the object again but discovered it had vanished and it did not reappear. Mr Hanson said Quest International always try to dis-

cover a scientific solution to reported sightings before declaring they could be extra-terrestrial craft. He said: "Around 50 per cent of sightings can be explained as meteorites, airships, weather balloons and search lights but that still leaves 50 per cent of sightings unexplained with the truth still out there."

Anyone who thinks they have seen a UFO can contact John Hanson and Quest International on 0121 447 7091.

Alternatively you can write giving as much detail as possible about your sighting to UFO, Solihull News, 150 High Street, Solihull.

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