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# UFO sighting leaves witnesses stunned

by Graeme Goundry

A UFO sighting over Birkdale has left witnesses stunned.

The mysterious white object was spotted by seven people as it passed over the area two weeks ago.

The group of witnesses was enjoying a get-together in the Guildford Road garden of 28-year-old Carla Frost, when the UFO made its appearance.

Carla told the Visitor: "It wasn't flying very high, only about the height of two houses. It came from the direction of Waterloo Road and headed off in the direction of Ormskirk.

"My 10-year-old daughter saw it from her bedroom window. It was very bright and was shaped like a jellyfish.

We must have watched it for about 30 or 40 seconds."

Tracy Marshall (21) of Claremont Road, who also witnessed the UFO, is convinced that the object is extra-terrestrial.

She said: "I thought at first it might have been a satellite but one of my friends is into UFOs, and lent me a book about them. There were two pictures in the book that were very similar to what we saw that night."

Both Tracy and Carla admitted that their experience has been met with scepticism: "Most people just laugh when you tell them about it," said Tracy.

The Birkdale UFO is the latest in a

## Object shaped like a jellyfish

series of strange incidents the Southport Visitor has reported in the last six months.

Drivers in Meols Cop Road and New Cut Lane reported seeing a triangular UFO hovering above a field in March.

Jenny Randles, the editor of "Northern UFO" magazine, said that she believed the craft was a secret Stealth aircraft being developed by British Aerospace at Warton, near Preston.

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# Just what flew over Calderdale?

AN unidentified flying object startled residents as it put on a light show above Calderdale.

Most believed it to be a meteor from outer space but some were not so sure whether it was visitors from another planet.

Mr Paul Flanagan, of Goitside, Booth, saw a bright light streaking across the sky at about 9pm on Sunday.

"It looked 1,000ft long but it could have been much more. You usually see shooting stars at this time of the year but this was a meteor.

"It shot straight across from Mount Tabor and over towards Mount Skip."

The strange object was sapphire blue and brilliant white in

By NICK DRAINEY

colour and it lit up the wisps of cloud which were around.

Mr Flanagan was convinced it was not a flying saucer because of the way it flew along.

Mr John Swift, of Haugh End

Lane, Sowerby Bridge, saw a white flash of light at about the same time going towards the west. He did not know if it was a meteor

or something more paranormal.

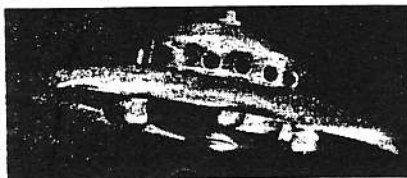
"It was as if there was a core of something and a long tail which went for a mile or two.

"It disappeared within three to four seconds, it must have been travelling thousands of miles an hour."

Mr Kenneth Bufton, of Hebble Court, Mixenden, Halifax, has been studying strange phenomena for 20 years and believed a meteor

or could have flown over the district.

"It does sound like one although they are not normally sapphire blue. They can spring up at any time but I have heard they are reasonably popular in October.



"A meteor is a piece of rubble that has come through the Earth's atmosphere. The friction that it causes makes it heat up and causes the tail as it breaks down."

He said they could break through the atmosphere as a large boulder but end up as a small rock when they hit the Earth.

Dr Ian Brown, a scientist at Jodrell Bank Science Centre, Cheshire, said a number of sightings of meteors had been made in the Calderdale district on Sunday night.

"Some of the descriptions sounded very plausible. These things can usually be seen from a range of 100 miles. Their light can be seen when they are 50 to 100 miles above the Earth."

# 'Spinning UFO' has firemen mystified

A midnight sighting of a UFO hovering above Bradford has left firemen in a spin.

Four members of a crew from Bradford Central station spotted the mysterious object in the sky after being called out to deal with a car fire in Wapping Road on Saturday night.

And a Wilsden man claims to have seen two UFOs in the village in the last month.

Of the Wapping sighting, Bradford station sub officer Harvey Stewart said: "It was a tubular object in the sky spinning over the Bolton Road area," he said.

"It was visible for around 30 seconds before disappearing in a shower of sparks.

"There was no obvious explanation of what it was and so we're convinced it must have been a UFO."

The mystified fire fighters said they would like to hear from anyone else who either saw the object or who can provide an explanation.

Meanwhile, retired lorry driver Thomas Daw, 71, was mystified by a brightly-coloured craft gliding silently in the night sky above Wilsden.

Neither Leeds Bradford Airport nor West Yorkshire Police can find any explanation for the sightings.

Widower Mr Daw first spotted the flying object around midnight three weeks ago as he stood outside his house in Royd Street, Wilsden.

● UFO fans have a treat in tonight when *The X Files* returns on BBC1 at 10.25pm.

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# UFO concern over bright light in sky

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DUNDEE MAY have been buzzed by a UFO early yesterday morning while thousands of citizens slept unaware.

A concerned reader told The Courier that his startled wife had seen a strange object in the sky at about 5 am over the Douglas area of the city.

"It was a strange bright light with a red bit in the middle and it seemed to hover over the Baldovie Incinerator," he said.

"It was silent and there was another light whizzing round it in a circle. My wife watched the object for around 15 minutes and it remained static.

"She has no idea what it was and did not see it move off but it sounds to me like an unidentified flying object."

With many aircraft heading for home yesterday in the aftermath of the RAF Leuchars Airshow, the man thought the object may have been a plane.

But a spokesperson for the Fife air base said there was nothing flying in the area at that time and no communications made with aircraft from outwith Leuchars air space.

Tayside Police and Dundee Airport also knew nothing.

This sighting comes only a month after a strange light was reported in the sky over Arbroath and follows numerous unexplained sightings of lights over Tayside and Fife earlier in the year.

But before readers panic and think an alien invasion is imminent, Dundee City astronomer Brian Kelly said yesterday that it is highly unlikely there will be any attack from outer space.

Speaking from his base at the Mills Observatory he offered a much more scientific explanation.

"If someone is out and about early on a clear morning and looks east towards where the sun comes up, then the chances are they will see the planet Venus," said the astronomer.

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# If there are any UFOs out there — please phone home



**A FORMER market trader who was caught up in an X-Files-style alien sighting is looking for other people with unexplained stories to tell.**

Brian Tomlinson, who used to run the home brew stall on Accrington Market, became interested in strange phenomena after spotting two unexplained "flying saucers".

He said: "I witnessed what I believe were alien ships and 100 other people reported the sighting at the same time.

"They were just two bright lights in the sky over Rossendale.

"They were stationary

**By SHELLEY WRIGHT**

and then all of a sudden one shot towards Burnley and the other headed off towards Manchester."

## Perfect

Now Brian wants to hear about any similar incidents in the area, saying "I believe East Lancashire is a particular hot-spot for UFO sightings.

**"There are so many reports of strange phenomena that have never been explained, I think it would be very interesting to get them all together for a book."**

Brian, who lives in Yew Tree Drive, Oswaldtwistle, with his wife Sue, has attempted to write a book before, but believes he has stumbled on the perfect subject this time.

He said: "It's one in which a lot of people are interested and have opinions.

"I'd really like to believe there are other life forms out there and one way of getting closer to the truth is to investigate sightings."

Anyone with a story or sighting can contact Brian on Accrington 394092.

● **BRIAN wonders...is there anybody out there?**

(Picture: TONY CROSS Q4481)

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**CHELMSFORD** police were contacted by a host of people who thought they had spotted a UFO above the town.

But the mystery was solved - it was the laser lights from Club Zeus.

Inspector Chris McIntosh said: "We got several calls on Friday night from people saying they had seen a UFO.

"But we were able to tell them we weren't being invaded and where the lights came from.

"When the atmospheric conditions are of a particular type, the lights can be seen for some considerable distance."

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### Close encounter for Liskeard man

**SUPERMARKET** shelf-stacker Duncan Edwards and his girlfriend had a close encounter on their way home to Liskeard from Millendreath on Monday night.

The couple were in a car being driven along the Looe-Liskeard road by a friend when they saw what they are convinced was a UFO.

Duncan, 25, of Fairlights Flats, Liskeard, says they were travelling near Bindon at about 11.20pm when they spotted a large saucer-shaped craft with dazzling lights travelling parallel to the car.

"I shouted to my friend to stop the car and as he did the UFO came drifting down slowly over the lane, within 100 yards of us," said Duncan. "We all saw it clearly and as we drove off it followed us. We stopped again further down the road and again the object came to a halt hovering alongside us.

"By that stage I'd had enough and we jumped back into the car but it followed us all the way back to Liskeard.

"It was exactly as you see pictures of UFOs - curved saucer shaped, with a raised bit at the top.

"When we got home it hovered outside and I watched it for nearly an hour. It looked as though it was dangling on a piece of string.

"I know it sounds absurd but we all saw it and it definitely was not a plane. I just wish I'd had a camera with me."

# AYRSHIRE A UFO

AYRSHIRE is one of the UFO 'hotspots' of the world, it was confirmed this week!

Michael Robinson, Scotland's Chief Investigator for the British UFO Association, said that more than 24 reports of Unidentified Flying Objects seen in the Stewarton area have been reported so far this year.

Among the witnesses who have seen a UFO in the area is Colin Chisholm, a science and technology student at Kilmarnock College. He was waiting at a bus stop in the village late one night when he saw a long cigar shaped craft the size of a oil tanker flying at low altitude about 100 feet away.

"It was almost above my head. It made no sound but there was a feeling which I can't begin to describe but which made me look up. I was gobsmacked at what I'd seen," he said.

"There wasn't an audible sound, but there was something you could detect," he said.

"I watched this thing move slowly across the sky. I actually thought it was a UFO but I cannot explain it," he said.

Of the sightings in Ayrshire so far, this is the most unusual, said Mr Robinson.

"But none of the sightings conform to conventional type aircraft," he said.

"I've spoken with several witnesses from the area and most of them tell me that the objects they have sighted resemble a classic flying saucer, rather like two soup plates being joined together at the rim, a kind of disc shaped object.

"There's also been evidence of balls of light in the sky, which we cannot put down to aircraft navigational lights.

"Whenever we receive a sighting we always check with the airport authorities and the police to ensure that there were no aircraft in the vicinity at the time," he told the Leader.

"You do get misidentifications of aircraft, but all the reports we have received appear to be genuine sightings."

One of the reasons for the greater number of reports to UFO investigators is as a result of greater public interest in the whole subject.

"Programmes like the X-Files and Strange But True have led to a greater awareness," said Mr Robinson.

Among the other UFO hotspots in Scotland, only Bonnybridge in Stirlingshire has had more sightings than Stewarton, he said.

**More than 24 reports received so far this year says top investigator**

## 'UFO' lights probably lasers

Madam - I write regarding the recent spate of UFO sightings.

I believe a lot of the strange lights in the sky going round and round with very long beams were without a shadow of doubt the laser lights from the Bull Dog Bash at Long Marston on Friday August 9 and Saturday August 10.

They were still going round at 2am on the Saturday. I must admit they were an eerie sight as they were right over the roof of my house.

We watched them for a long time. If you did not know what they were you would have thought they were UFOs.

J Malin,  
Mill Avenue,  
Broadway.

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## UFO sightings were from Zeus

CHELMSFORD police had to reassure people that Independence Day had not arrived at the weekend when they received a spate of calls from people who thought they had seen UFO's.

The lights mistakenly taken to be signs of extra terrestrial life turned out to be those beaming out from the top of Zeus nightclub on Rainsford Road.

A police spokesman said: "We had a spate of calls from people who thought the lights were from UFO's. If you happen to see collection of lights in the clouds that come from Zeus, just reassure people who are not being invaded."

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## UFO makes radio waves

STAFF at a local radio station claim they were buzzed by a UFO.

Moray Firth workers said they were amazed to see a mystery object hovering for half-an-hour above their Inverness-based studios.

'UFO at Valley'

TWO Hawk trainers and two tornadoes were sent up to investigate a UFO which buzzed the control tower at RAF Valley last September, according to eye-witnesses. Several people living in and around the base have already confirmed that they saw the object passing over the tower several times which caused some distress to one civilian worker.

Now UFO investigator for the Global UFO Investigation Systems, Dr Colin Ridyard has appealed to anyone who saw the object to contact him.

"An abortive attempt to intercept the craft was made using two Hawk trainers," said Dr Ridyard.

"Forty five minutes after the first sighting, two Tornadoses from another base made a similarly abortive attempt to intercept the UFO."

Now, Dr Ridyard would like to speak to anyone who saw the object or anyone at the base who was on duty at the time. He can be contacted in the strictest confidence on 01248 811580.

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## I AM NOT ALONE SAYS UFO SPOTTER

A COOKHAM man who says he saw a UFO floating above his home this week claimed: 'I'm not alone'.

Mr David Elderfield, who lives in Grange Road, woke in the early hours of the morning to see a large triangle dotted with lights hovering motionless in the sky above the village.

And although a leading UFO expert dismissed it as probably a mirage caused by clear skies and high humidity, Mr Elderfield this week said the same object had been spotted on the same night in Surrey.

"By all accounts quite a few people over at Slough saw it as well so I'm not the only lunatic about," he said.

"And I think many more people saw it too but have decided not to mention it."

Mr Elderfield, 64, called the police when he spotted the object in the sky over Cookham in the early hours of the morning, 10 days ago.

Now despite the scepticism of friends and neighbours, Mr Elderfield says he has been vindicated after someone told him their father had seen the same object on the same night in the sky above Sudbury, Surrey.

"To some of my neighbours it's a big joke. And though I have still not got a clue about what it might be, I know I saw something which just cannot be explained," he said.

# MYSTERY 'TRIANGLE' SIGHTED

# Police baffled by UFO drama

MAIDENHEAD police opened up its very own X-File this week when a UFO was spotted hovering over Cookham.

A large triangle, dotted with lights, was seen in the skies above the village by 64-year-old David Elderfield in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

"I rang the police and said: 'I'm not mad, stupid or just out of a loony bin but there's an object floating in the sky,'" he told the Advertiser.

"I could not believe my eyes. You couldn't fail to notice it because it was so bright," said an amazed Mr Elderfield, who lives in Grange Road.

"When people say they have seen a UFO I have said: 'Don't be so bloody foolish.' But now I know different."

Police say there were also other unconfirmed reports of UFOs in the area on the same night.

"It was a large triangle and it was hanging in the sky. I moved away from the window but when I looked again it was still there in the same place," he said.

"It was there for two hours until about 5.30am when it got light - I just could not believe it."

"I don't know what it could have been. I have never seen a UFO before, but if it was one I wish it had come down and let me know what was going on."

Police admitted they had no answer to the mystery.

"There have been other reports so there was obviously something about but we are unable to say what," said PC Ralph Hinchliffe.

But one of the country's leading authorities on UFOs, writer Jenny Randles, said the chances of Mr Elderfield having seen a UFO were small.

"It's 99.9 per cent likely it has got a conventional explanation," she said.

"UFOs do not hang around for two hours and I would say it was probably a mis-perception of some kind.

"Because of the humidity and clear skies there can be mirages in the sky. It's exactly the same as seeing mirages in the desert," she explained.

Mrs Randles, who is the main advisor to the ITV series



THE TRUTH is out there somewhere...



COOKHAM man David Elderfield who claims he saw a UFO.

on the paranormal. Strange But True, revealed that there are 500 reported sightings of UFOs in Britain each year but only one in a thousand are potentially extraterrestrial.

"We find an answer to 95 per

cent of them but about 20 or 30 cases remain unsolved every year," she said.

"But I do believe there are genuine UFOs. There are many strange things in the sky and we are looking for the answers."

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This sighting comes a month after a

# Was it a bird.... was it a plane?

DID Moray come close to making an encounter of the third kind at the weekend?  
Dunphail man Mr Paul Robinson, Wester Greens Farm House, is convinced he and his family witnessed something strange between 11pm and midnight on Sunday.  
"It was a ball of light, with lights circling underneath and changing colours, and it was hovering just below the height of the trees," he said.  
"We watched it from the kitchen window, then went up to the front bedroom for a better look. It was about

50 or 60 feet up, then it seemed to go down very slowly behind the trees."  
Mr Robinson said they rushed downstairs to the kitchen again, but the light had disappeared.  
The sighting was to the south of his home. He was unable to estimate how big the light was, but thought it must have been more than 15 or 20 feet, and it made no noise, which ruled out a helicopter.  
"I did wonder if it could have been a car in the distance, but it was much too high up for a road."  
"I would like to know, if anyone else saw it."

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# 'Flying saucer's' breakfast show baffles radio team

DONALD FRASER

A SCOTS radio breakfast show team thought they were the victims of a crank call when they were told there was a UFO hovering above their studios. But when they went outside they were amazed to see multi-coloured flashing lights in the sky over Inverness-based Moray Firth Radio.

The news presenter John Murchison, sports reporter Alan Gillies and travel man Jason Barker gazed skywards as the mystery object remained almost stationary for over half an hour.  
Mr Murchison, 33, said: "It was quite an amazing sight. There was a spherical shaped light which changed colour from blue to green to red and then to white."  
"At first we thought that it

was a plane but it did not move so we had to rule that one out. The lights remained very intense so that seemed to indicate that the object was not travelling away from us."  
"I went in and phoned air traffic control at Dalross Airport, near Inverness, and they told me that there was no aircraft activity in the area at that time."  
"Our next thought was that it might be a helicopter, but why would a pilot want to hover for what must have been over an hour in total so high up in the sky."  
"I must say we are all bemused and bewildered by the sighting. It could have been a UFO. There does not appear to be any other explanation."  
"It was a very clear day and there was no noise at that time of the morning so we would have heard it if it was an aircraft

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subject of hypnosis regression and was regressed someone on the night. Everyone was on the edge of their seat, it was fascinating, the best meeting yet."  
If you would like to find out more about the past life then contact Ian at 01942 228000. HAVE you seen anything in the skies above Wigan? If you have then drop me a line at UFO Update, Wigan Reporter, Marsland Mill, Marsland Mill Lane, Wigan, WNS: OLY. Alternatively telephone 01942 228000.

REPORTER Tony Dodd is rapidly approaching.  
The time was I think, around 7pm. Did you see anything? Eng.  
One onlooker said: "They were moving quite fast and there was a sss as they whizzed over my head."  
The November Wasps meeting featuring the Phillipp Munitz, director of investigations at the Wigan Reporter, Marsland Mill, Marsland Mill Lane, Wigan, WNS: OLY. Alternatively telephone 01942 228000.

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# Something is out there

BY ROYSTON ROBERTSON

## UFO MYSTERY RETURNS



UNEXPLAINED: Simon Riches may never know what he saw

A MAN who saw a light in the sky which was "as bright as burning magnesium" is the latest in a long line of UFO spotters in the area.

Unemployed designer Simon Riches, 25, reported the object to the Ministry of Defence, but he is unlikely ever to find out exactly what it was.

MOD spokesman Nigel Sargeant told the Guardian that while all sightings are checked out, investigations are dropped once it is established that the object is not a threat to national security - such as a foreign aircraft.

But Mr Riches, who lives near the Billet roundabout in Chingford Road, said the object he saw, at around 3am last Friday, was definitely no aircraft.

"It was a really bright, round light which circled around for three or four sec-

onds and then shot up vertically into the night sky, at tremendous speed," he said.

"I opened the window to see if I could hear anything but it was silent. It was not a helicopter and I've never heard of any kind of plane which could move that fast vertically."

He said the craft appeared to be hovering above the Waterworks roundabout, an area which has been the scene of many UFO sightings in recent months.

After informing the RAF about his sighting, Mr Riches was told there was no aircraft in the area at that time.

His experience will be investigated by the MOD, as all sightings are. But spokesman Mr Sargeant said many reports were being received from all over the country at the moment, simply because more people were outside.

He said: "There is an official who consults air traffic and other aviation..."

contacts to investigate these sightings. "But she doesn't really try to find out what they are - rather what they are not."

"As long as there is no threat to national security the matter is dropped. But obviously if we can find a natural explanation we will."

He said low-flying aircraft were the most common explanation. The "UFOs" were often helicopters but people could not hear the noise because of traffic.

However, Mr Riches felt the MOD had a strange attitude. He said it should be more concerned about what is in our airspace.

He said although he was not sure exactly what the object was, it had certainly given him food for thought.

"I used to think people who said they had seen UFOs were just cranks. But I've never seen anything like that. It really made me..."

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### DRAMA

#### Intruders

9.00pm Sky 1

A UFO is picked up on the radar screens of a Colorado surveillance centre. Simultaneously, a woman in Nebraska finds herself in her nightgown 50 miles from home with no idea how she got there and a Californian woman is woken by bright lights. Under hypnosis both recall being abducted by little grey creatures. This four-part mini series, which is based on real-life case histories, shows how a psychiatrist (Richard Crenna) helps the women unravel their experiences.

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### Bright light in the sky launches UFO group

NEVER MIND the X Files, the Brit Files could soon be a rival attraction for paranormal investigators.

UFO spotters are due to land in the resort after a spate of strange bright objects have been seen lighting up the sky.

Hostler Deirdre Dodds had a Close Encounter of the Brid Kind when she spotted a mysterious object while peering out her washing and is now

planning to organise UFO weekends.

Mrs Dodds, who runs the Mount Hotel, in the town's Roundhay Road said: "I have actually seen a UFO myself, from the back of the hotel."

"I was peering out a washing and this triangular shaped object just appeared above me in the sky. When Martyn Cheshire formed the East Yorkshire

UFO Research Network (ECUFORN) from his home in Meadow Road, Bridlington, she was happy to get involved.

Mrs Dodds said: "Martyn has set all that up himself and is inviting interested people to contact him to join his group." She added that some UFO spotters may have been frightened, so it would be helpful if they could meet others who have had similar experiences.

# CHOICES

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## Dreamland

8.00pm Sky 1

Deep in the Nevada desert is an 89,000 acre air base known as Dreamland. Its work is said to be so secret that the US Government denies the base even exists. But according to this two-part documentary, the government is not only developing top secret spy planes and fighters but is also rebuilding UFOs which have crashed in the area. An ex-employee, Bob Lazar, claims that nine captured UFOs have been tested there and that he has seen bodies of aliens on the site as well. Other technicians and military personnel also confirm their existence. Part two is tomorrow.

**+ BRITAIN'S BRIGHTEST**

**THEY'VE LANDED!**

**DREAMLAND**  
Sky One, 8pm

...attempts to lift the lid on the strange goings-on deep in the Nevada desert. It claims that the base, mysteriously called Area 51, harbours some interesting operations. Among the collection of UFOs that are being rebuilt by scientists after crash-landing in the isolated area. But, of course, all this talk of aliens and sightings could just be a smoke-screen to mask the development of U.S. stealth aircraft and other secret projects.

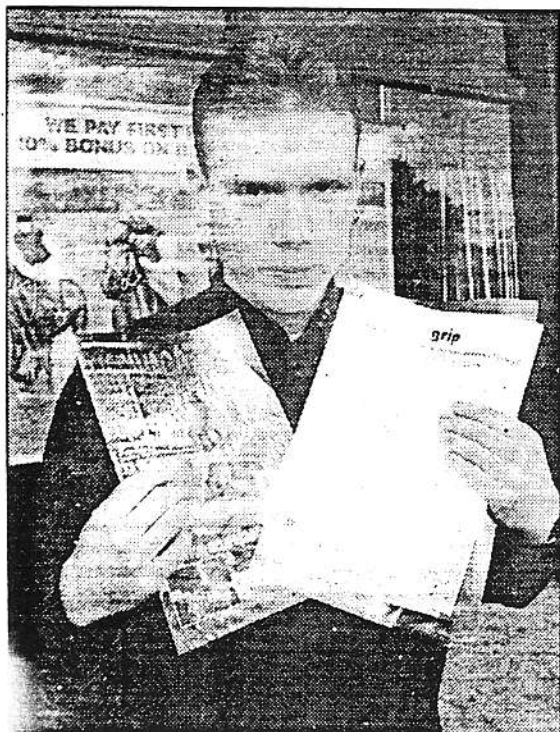
...countless reports of UFO sightings in the area. It is thought to have something to do with it. This two-part document-

**THERE'S an American air base that's so hush-hush the U.S. government doesn't admit it exists. So why all the secrecy? No one knows - but the fact that there've been**

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Printer insures himself against abduction by aliens

# IT CAME FROM OUTER SPACE!



**A FEAR of aliens has made a printer take out an insurance policy against being kidnapped in outer space.**

Paul Clarkson is taking no chances - he has insured himself against abduction, impregnation, or consumption by creatures from another planet.

Paul, 26, of Westfield Road, Dagenham, will receive £100,000 if aliens return him to Earth after abduction.

If however, the men in flying saucers swallow him up, and he's never seen again, his next of kin will receive £300,000.

Paul, who works at Printstop 2000 in Seven Kings, said: "I believe in all UFOs and aliens. I truly believe that one day little green men are going to come to Dagenham."

"I find it hard to believe that it is just us in the entire universe. There must be other beings out there."

Paul says he has always believed in life in outer-space, and became truly convinced when he saw a UFO on holiday in Scotland three years ago.

He said: "I was sitting outside in the night with two friends looking up at the stars.

**By JULIE RUSSELL**

"We were actually discussing which actress had the nicest bum on television when we noticed this amazing shining light in the distance."

"It wasn't very big but the light was rapidly zig-zagging. The two friends I was with are also considering taking out the same policy."

The policy, which costs £102.50 from Docklands-based First Paranormal Insurers, part of Grip Insurance Services, also covers Mr Clarkson against poltergeists.

The company's Spokesman and Paranormal Investigator Joe Tagliarini said "We threw the poltergeist cover in for free. He was also covered against conversion to a werewolf and vampires. But we had to scrap that policy as we had too many cults claiming they were real vampires."

Mr Tagliarini says they are the first paranormal insurance company and the only ones in the world to offer alien abduction insurance. Mr Tagliarini says he is a great X Files fan.

Paul with his UFO magazine and insurance policy against being abducted by aliens. He is also covered for attack by poltergeists!

# The truth is out there...

UFO watchers have completed their report into the mysterious sighting's of objects and lights in the sky above Trafford earlier this year.

Trafford police and Manchester Airport were inundated with calls from people who saw a mysterious craft cruising the skies on February 8.

Civil Aviation Authority officials say their radars showed nothing unusual that night - but UFO investigator Stephen Mera from Ashton-on-Mersey has taken the investigations further.

Stephen and his band of UFO spotters, known as the Manchester Anomalous Phenomena Investigation Team or MAPIT, have published their own findings. And the report makes pretty scary reading.

They have tracked down a total of nine witnesses to the UFO in Trafford alone, most of whom report seeing a

## Intrepid reporter Rob Cave uncovers his very own X-file

triangular space craft or green, also coincided with unexplained lights. But one Sale businessman, identified poltergeist and psychic man, who understandably, actively hid a rare natural phenomenon known as 'freak' says he actually had a real 'ou' clouds - all in the Manchester area.

The man awoke in the small hours to find the the two aliens holding an instrument in his bedroom. He says that when he screamed the two extra-terrestrials disappeared through a doorway of light.

One witness who would talk to SAM was 82-year-old Margaret Spittle, from Stretford, who says: "I saw two objects from my lounge window. They were very big and triangular with a ring of light around them."

But what were they? Says Stephen: "That is unknown at the moment. One theory is that they could be military - some sort of military object."

Stephen says the sightings



he knew it was a weather balloon or an aircraft were being one of ours, adding: "If

IF you want to report any strange phenomena in the sky, call Stephen Mera on 905-3047.



Two report seeing UFOs in Ceredigion in last few weeks

# Aliens may have visited!

■ By Sue Goddard

SPECULATION is growing that alien life forms may be taking a special interest in Ceredigion and north Carmarthenshire.

Two people have reported seeing unidentified flying objects in Pencader and Ponthydfendigaid in the last few weeks.

Richard Alexander, of Pencader, was gazing out of his bedroom window at about 12.15am when he spotted a "glowing, white ball of light" behaving in a strange way.

"It suddenly came into my field of vision from the south of the village.

"I would estimate that it was travelling at about 150mph.

"I watched it disappear in the direction of Brechfa and about five minutes later

another one did exactly the same thing," said Richard.

He insists that they were not aeroplanes as an aeroplane flew over soon afterwards and he was able to see its navigation lights and the shape of the machine quite clearly.

"They were of constant brightness throughout their transit, which is strange because you would expect the intensity to diminish as they got further away.

"I have no idea what they were, but I would love to hear from anybody who has any suggestions.

"I don't think they were extra-terrestrial or anything like that, but I have an open mind on the subject," he said.

A similar phenomenon was observed by Keith Stevenson, of Ponthydfendigaid as he travelled home from a meeting of the West

Wales Paranormal Group in Aberaeron.

Keith, who used to write a column on the paranormal in *The Cambrian News* under the pen name "Lowarch", was driving through Swyddffynnon and Ystrad Meurig at about 9.45pm when he caught sight of a strange light in the sky.

"It was extremely bright, yellowish-white in colour and approximately circular in shape.

"It was at an elevation of approximately 45 degrees and to the North East of the road.

"At first I thought it was a farm light or a motorbike on a hill, but there is no hill in that direction," he said.

He said he stopped the car for a couple of seconds to watch it and then drove home. Keith saw a second UFO

three days later while walking his dog in Ponthydfendigaid just before 5am.

He said it was similar in appearance to the first and travelled from South to North before disappearing from view.

"They were not aircraft and they did not move fast like shooting stars.

"I'm not a believer in little green men, but I certainly don't think we are alone in the universe.

"I've no idea what I saw. I can only describe them as UFOs," said Keith.

Adam Whaley, founder member of the West Wales Paranormal Group, who can be contacted on (01545) 560164, is keen to hear from anyone who has had similar experiences or believes they may be able to explain the UFOs seen by Keith and Richard in the last two weeks.

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# UFO probe sheds no light

COULD it be Islington's own Independence Day or is there a perfectly simple explanation?

For the past seven days at about 9.20pm, Teresa Lyons says she has seen what she describes as "big circles of light" darting about in the sky.

Ms Lyons of Muriel Street, Half Moon Crescent, Islington, put the lights down to a laser show, but when they were repeated night after night she went to the police to see if they could explain the strange phenomenon.

The police told her there were no laser shows in the area, but as the disturbance continued, Ms Lyons began to worry more and more.

She said: "I have contacted a UFO group who are very interested in these sightings, but they can't tell me what they are. I know some people might think I am a crackpot but I would just like anyone who knows what it is to inform me," she said.

A spokesman for the police said: "The complaint was investigated but we have been unable to shed any light on it!"

## Calls pour in after last week's UFO story

FLOODS of calls have poured in since the article in last week's Independent appealing for witnesses to a mysterious cosmic event in the Edmonton night sky on Sunday, August 18.

Astronomer Daniel Richmond had reported seeing two fast moving "star-like" objects and asked for other witnesses to speak out.

Alan Husseyin says he saw something strange hovering overhead as he drove home.

Angela Zucconi, of The Larches, Palmers Green, said: "I saw it too. They were just moving across the sky."

Lisa Lockyer, of Jeremys Green, Edmonton was sitting in the garden when she spotted the moving objects.

She said: "I've never seen anything like it before. I wouldn't like to say whether it was an alien. I couldn't say what it was."

# Women say they watched UFOs for an hour

A WOMAN who watched brightly lit objects for nearly an hour above Breamore House, near Fordingbridge, is convinced they were UFOs.

By Roland Batten

Jennifer Hart and a woman friend were driving near Woodgreen Common at night when they saw an intense light in the sky ahead.

Mrs Hart (50), of High Street, Woodgreen, said they got out, unable to stop staring at the light which seemed to be stationary.

"I could look at an electric bulb easier than looking at that light but it was so bright we could not help but study it," she said.

Mrs Hart said the light seemed to come from a long cylindrical object, which turned sideways.

She added: "It was far bigger than an aircraft and was silent.

"It was still for quite a while, then turned quickly disappearing into some cloud.

"At that moment, a second one appeared and came towards us before it too turned and went upwards into cloud."

She said a third light appeared and seemed to hover.

Mrs Hart said: "The whole thing lasted nearly an hour until we got cold. I drove home to try to get a closer look but they had disappeared."

Mrs Hart and her friend saw the lights on August 4 but were reluctant to talk about their sighting.

She said: "I am used to seeing aircraft as we are on a flight path and I certainly know what helicopters look like.

"I have an open mind about UFOs but I cannot believe what we saw were aircraft or helicopters."

# NEW UFO SIGHTINGS 'NO DEFENCE THREAT'

By DAVID EYRE

STRANGE UFOs have been spotted in the Colne Valley by a Golcar family.

Maria Krystina Styrbowska of Scar Lane saw the strange craft, shaped like an upside-down shuttlecock, hovering as if it was examining the area.

Mrs Styrbowska and her two children Peter and Maria all saw the craft on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights between 10pm and 11.30 pm.

Peter said: "I first saw it about two weeks ago with some friends and I've seen it several times since."

"There are two rings of circular lights on it, one larger than the other. First they spin clockwise and then they spin anti-clockwise.

"At first we thought it might be lasers, but we don't think that now."

Over the past few weeks there have been several sightings of UFOs in the Huddersfield area. Many people have described seeing lights very similar to those seen by the Styrbowskas.

One Almondbury resident Caroline Wells, 15, said: "The lights were in semi-circles of little circles, going around anti-clockwise and clockwise."

A previous theory that a laser and light show at the Old Corn Mill pub in Cooper Bridge was responsible for the strange sights was ruled out when people saw UFOs before and after the display was switched on.

Mrs Styrbowska said: "It's hard to explain but it looks as if it's got two rows of little square windows. It was on the left-hand side of the sky on Saturday night and the right-hand side on Sunday."

"Your imagination starts going when you see it. We got so frightened at one stage we ran into the house. It's definitely not lasers or discs or anything like that."

Mrs Styrbowska has taken photos of the craft and her children believe they may have caught it on video tape.

She said: "We read about these kinds of things in storybooks, but we don't believe in them until we actually see them."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said there had been no increase in reports of sightings in the West Yorkshire area, but any reports they received would be investigated.

He said: "We receive many reports of this nature and we always look at them from the standpoint of whether they pose a threat to national security."

"I have to say that we find reasonable explanations for most sightings, but for others we can find no explanation. But we have never found an instance where one of these sightings has posed a problem from a defence point of view."

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Reports of a bright white shining object were received by Boston and Norfolk and over the Norfolk coast near Wroxham, RAF Neatishead, near Wroxham, Norfolk, confirmed it had tracked a mystery signal on their radar. Flight Lieutenant Keith Sweatman said the RAF would be investigating the matter thoroughly.

# MOD probes UFO sighting

The Ministry of Defence and RAF were today investigating multiple sightings of a UFO.