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Day I saw a UFO over North Bay

A SCARBOROUGH woman is trying to solve the mystery of a strange sighting in the sky which she believes may have been a UFO.

Housewife Elizabeth Chadwick was hanging out her washing on Thursday when she spotted two white oblong-shaped objects zooming across the sky in the North Bay area of the town, and then they just disappeared.

Mrs Chadwick, 56, of North Leas Avenue, said: "I don't really believe in these things, but to me it was a UFO."

The sighting comes in a week when a space-probing duo from Bridlington launched the resort's first ever UFO research network.

Martyn Cheshire and Deidre Dodds have formed ECUFORN - East Coast UFO Research Network, a group dedi-

by **Simon Haldenby**

cated to investigating unexplained sightings and researching incidents involving unidentified flying objects.

In Thursday's sighting, Mrs Chadwick said she saw the objects streaking across the sky at around 2.45pm.

She said: "There were two oblong-shaped objects in the sky, and one seemed to be attached to the other.

"One went quite a distance and then disappeared and the other one just appeared out of nowhere, travelled for a very short distance and then that disappeared.

"It was a blue sky, so you could clearly see them and there was no vapour trail."

Mrs Chadwick said she had never seen anything like them before and is curious to find out if anyone else shared her experience.

The new UFO group in Bridlington

may be interested in the case.

Mr Cheshire, who is self-employed, and Mrs Dodds, who runs the Mount Hotel in Roundhay Road, Bridlington, hope to hold regular meetings and even conferences at the hotel and will also offer confidential witness support.

Mr Cheshire's interest was sparked in 1981 when he says he spotted a UFO hovering above houses in Eastfield.

He said: "I saw a white light in the sky that I could not explain - there was no noise and I knew it was not a shooting star.

"I have been interested in UFOs for many years and I have always believed there is life out there."

After only one week of advertising in local newspapers, including the Evening News, the group say almost 20 people have been in touch.

Anyone interested in joining ECUFORN can contact Mrs Dodds on 01262 672306.

THE word in is that the November meeting of WasPsi at The Orwell with Tony Dodd is going to be huge.

I don't want to detract from this month's meeting because that promises to be a stormer as well, but Tony promises an extraspecial night for UFO enthusiasts. Video footage...the works!

Phillip Mantle of BUFORA hosts the next meeting which kicks-off at 8pm at The Orwell on Monday, September 30.

Meanwhile, Bill Eatock of Quest International faxed in a sighting to UFO Update this week.

It comes from a man who was travelling on a bus in the Hindley

area on Sunday at about 5pm.

The man says he saw a long thin cylindrical shaped object travelling from Hindley in the direction of Leigh - passing over the circus that was in Bickershaw Lane near to Hindley prison.

He described the object as being very long, at least 150ft, thin and flying very low. He soon lost sight of it as the bus was mobile.

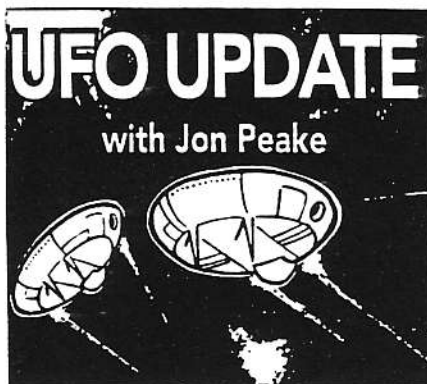
Did you see anything? It was broad daylight.

If you did see this peculiar object or indeed any other UFOs in the skies above Wigan write to UFO Update, Wigan Reporter, Martland Mill, Martland Mill Lane, Wigan WN5 0LX.

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Strange lights in sky start a UFO mystery

by HEATHER BISHOP

T&A Reporter

"We are not alone" claim baffled Bradford residents after a spate of unidentified flying objects have been spotted hovering in the region.

The Bradford equivalent of TV's The X-Files include strange lights seen over the Wyke Hills, a circular metallic object above Manningham, and a brightly coloured craft gliding across Wilsden.

Steve Verdeyen, 36, a carpet contractor of Wibsey, said he was stunned when he saw a dozen lights flashing in the sky one evening.

"I couldn't believe it. It was like a carousel rotating in the sky somewhere over Wyke Hills. It lasted about half an hour and then suddenly disappeared," he said.

"I woke my wife and my two children and rung my neighbours. The whole street witnessed this and we were all amazed."

He said: "It definitely wasn't any form of aircraft, because of the sheer volume of what was there. It was incredible."

East Anglia's UFO mystery deepened last night when a tanker crew which tracked strange lights in the sky dismissed official explanations.

The tanker Conocoast was contacted by Yarmouth Coastguard last Saturday week after two large lights were seen hovering in the skies over The Wash.

The sightings prompted an investigation by the Ministry of Defence.

Radar experts at RAF Neatishead, near Wroxham, said last week that the mystery could be explained by a combination of the 200ft Boston Stump church tower, and an electrical storm over the North Sea.

Last night the crew of the Conocoast dismissed the RAF's theory. In a ship-to-shore telephone call, the vessel's mate David Hutchinson told the EDP: "It was too high in the sky and in the wrong position."

"It could not have been the Boston Stump."

He said the crew, who were on their way to Skegness from Rochester, Kent, tracked the two sets of coloured lights for four to five hours.

Green, red, white and blue revolving lights could be seen through normal binoculars during daylight.

Mr Hutchinson also stressed there had been no storm in the area at the time.

The operation to track the lights was co-ordinated by Yarmouth coastguards and spanned Scotland and the east coast of England. It also involved the police.

Amateur UFO sleuths have accused the MoD of staging an X-Files-style cover-up.

Norfolk UFO investigator David Dane said the RAF explanation was not good enough to account for a "whole rash of unexplained sightings across the country on the same night."

Mr Verdeyen's colleague, Nigel Heap, also saw the lights the following night.

He said: "I'm no UFO expert but I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I thought it was a prank at first."

A Heaton UFO fan known only as Wayne was taking photographs of a sunset in Manningham when he spotted a bright metallic circular object moving across the sky.

"I'd never seen anything like it. It definitely wasn't a plane," he said.

Retired lorry driver Thomas Daw, was mystified when he saw a brightly coloured craft hovering in Wilsden at midnight.

He said: "It was very brightly lit and moved very slowly across the sky."

Leeds-Bradford Airport, which receives at least two calls a week about UFOs, and West Yorkshire Police have no explanation for the sighting.

The co-ordinator of the Bradford UFO Research Network, Russell Kellett, investigates UFO sightings.

"There have been strange things happening round Bradford lately and it seems to be increasing," he said.

GRAN is at the centre of a real-life X-Files investigation. Specialists believe 63-year-old Margaret Ross has sensational evidence of a UFO. Margaret captured pictures of a UFO on video from her home in Falkirk. The tape shot from her bedroom window shows a pulsating

bright object in a cloudless early morning sky. It then turns into a half-moon shape with four dazzling diagonal bars. Yesterday, Margaret said: "I wasn't frightened - I was speechless. I just watched in awe." Experts are poring over the 40-minute tape.

Digest X-files

MY RECENT appeal on this page for readers to describe any UFO experiences brought an interesting response.

Strange lights in the sky were the most common reports to come my way. Most eye-witnesses were certain they had not seen a conventional aircraft and could find no logical explanation for what they saw.

The topic was first highlighted recently on the Sunday night phone-in on Carlisle-based radio station C.FM when an Annan listener recalled a strange encounter with a bright UFO spotted over the Dumfriesshire Newspapers Offices in Annan.

Now another reader from the town, Gordon Duff, a former leading observer in the Royal Observer Corps, has made two models of objects he says he has spotted in the sky in the area over the last year.

The smaller one he is holding in our pic-

ture shows what he believes was the underside of the object he saw in the night sky last October.

His second encounter, which he illustrates with the large saucer-like model, took place in daylight during the severe snow-fall last February.

He was taking pictures of an RAF Wessex helicopter lifting off with a hospital-bound patient from Annan Academy playing fields when he spotted three tiny objects in the sky which could later be seen in his pictures.

Gordon, who says he keeps an open mind on the subject of flying saucers, tells me that his account and pictures have now attracted the interest of a national Sunday newspaper.

Meanwhile, any other readers with an interesting experience to tell are invited to call District Digest on 01461 - 202417 or write to Rambler, 96 High Street, Annan, DG12 5RB. Watch this space!

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WIGAN has gone triangle mad after last week's UFO Update special report.

Reports have come in from all over the borough from people claiming to have seen the now famous 'black triangle' and I've even been sent a video of what could be the object over Scotsmans Flash.

Then again it could be an elaborate hoax - come to think of it at the end of the tape if you look hard enough you can see Princess Di in her undies cavorting with a bunch of Aliens!

Seriously the tape is quiet fascinating and even Ian Hawthorn, the Chairman of the popular WasPsi organisation was intrigued

when he viewed it.

The tape shows various different objects at night and in daylight. The objects are different shapes and sizes and certainly don't look like conventional aircraft.

Said Ian: "It's interesting. Some of the images are obviously of planes at various stages of approach. But one of the images which shows a series of lights in diagonal pattern - which then splits into a V formation - is worthy of further study."

For those of you who want to see the video hopefully I'll be taking it along to the November meeting of WasPsi with Tony Dodd.

Another Fife UFO sighting

ANOTHER FIFE man claims to have seen a UFO only days after a similar sighting was reported in Dundee and Glenrothes.

Mark McRobbie (24) of Carden Castle Avenue, Cardenden, says he watched two identical triangular lights travel at an amazing speed across the night sky a few weeks ago.

"It was about 11 pm and I was sitting at home watching TV with the curtains open when something caught my attention out the corner of my eye," said Mark.

"There were two objects. One was over the primary school and the other was over Clunie Woods. They both looked identical and had a white glow and made no sound. Visually they looked about three inches long but they were several miles away.

"I ran upstairs to get a better look and watched them hover for about 40 seconds. Then the one over the school darted across the sky without a sound, travelling what must have been miles in only a couple of seconds, and joined the other one over the woods.

"The last I saw of them was when they both disappeared down behind the trees."

Mark, an unemployed general labourer, cannot explain what he saw but would like to believe he had a close encounter with an unidentified flying object.

Earlier this week, Glenrothes man Edward Preston reported seeing a light in the sky which appeared in the form of a perfect equilateral triangle. A Dundee man also reported the sighting of a strange light over the Douglas area of the city. An explanation given for this is that it may have been the planet Venus which was being sighted.

None of the reported phenomena have ever been officially explained.

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Dancing globes of light spin a circle of mystery

RECENTLY, the West Sussex County Times was kind enough to devote most of a page to my new book *Fields of Mystery*, which tells the history of the crop circle phenomenon in Sussex.

However, the reviewer Robert Shaw takes a very sceptical tone despite the book giving a wealth of reasons why the crop circles cannot simply be crushed out by "inebriated pranksters".

The points he raises against there being a non-human explanation are answered clearly within the text.

The trails seen in some photos going into fields are simply where later visitors sadly choose to walk across the crop and are not present when the patterns are first found. There are nearly always tractor tramlines present, so how to enter a field is not a puzzle.

It is the extraordinary effects found in the formations, the sheer large numbers of events, the geometrical accuracy and the growing scientific evidence that plants laid down in circles are changed at a biological level that make the crop circles a mystery.

If crop formations were all made by people, they would have to be planned and executed in ways far beyond the means of drunken jokers.

This year, an astonishing video has been taken in Wiltshire of a complex design being created within five seconds by several dancing globes of light, corroborating previous eye-witness accounts. Inebriated pranksters?

Sussex had nine crop formations in 1996. If any one would like to know more about this phenomenon, the Centre for Crop Circle Studies Sussex branch meets once a month at Burgess Hill and produces a monthly journal. Telephone 01273 474711 for details.

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UFOs were spotted over the skies of Islington

every night last week by local resident Teresa Lyons. The police can find no explanation for the mysterious circles of light, but Lyons says that UFO groups are still looking into the matter. She denies being a 'crackpot'.

Investigating Dorset's UFO mysteries

THE story headlined 'UFO may have been top secret plane' and subtitled 'Experts clash on Dorset sighting' (Echo, August 27) has just been shown to me on returning from an extended Bank Holiday.

Publication of an extract from my letter was not expected in quite the context you gave it.

I would be grateful therefore if you could possibly inform your readers that BUFORA has no intention whatsoever of having any confrontation with any other aerial phenomenon investigation organisations.

In fact we have recently opened

our files to other recognised bodies who, like us, are intent on solving the phenomenon generally known as UFOs.

I suggested in my letter to you that these reports may be a new, advanced type of aircraft, similar to the Stealth fighter bombers, on trials. But I also stressed the point that we have yet to investigate these particular Dorset sightings.

The whole point of writing to you was possibly to obtain the names and addresses of the people who witnessed this triangular object, with the aim of having our investigators interview them to

determine what it could possibly have been.

For the information of Echo readers who may be interested in BUFORA, we have been investigating reports since the 1950s and annually we have a vast number of reports coming in countrywide.

Of these reports, approximately only 15 per cent are actually passed on to our research department for further analysis. The remainder are either explained away conventionally or discarded as being not genuine.

I would also like to assure possible witnesses that all our

interviews and investigations are executed in a professional manner with respect for the anonymity of the witnesses.

Our investigators are now required to pass a training course and examination and even then they are not accredited as BUFORA investigators until they have successfully completed a comprehensive sighting report.

Finally I would like to ask that anyone who has witnessed any peculiar aerial sightings, in particular the people who experienced the triangular object of last month, writes to us about the experience, sending their letter to: Phillip Mantle, Director of Investigations, BUFORA, 1 Woodhall Drive, Batley, West Yorkshire, WF17 7SW.

These reports will then filter down through the system via myself to our local investigators. Thank you.

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BUFORA.

Is UFO a balloon?

THE MYSTERIOUS hovering object seen by a Tunbridge Wells woman recently has been sighted in Rusthall no less than three times, the Courier has been told.

Hazel Teather, of Manor Road in the village, revealed that on several occasions she saw the very same gold circular bubble described by Helen Padden in last week's paper.

Mrs Teather, 73, said she last saw "the large, perfectly circular, hovering object surrounded by lights like tiny stars, with a flashing light in the centre" 100 yards from her bedroom window at 4am at the end of August.

It made no noise and stayed hovering for a few minutes each time.

"It has appeared in the same spot on all three occasions, so maybe it is there every night," she said. "I attempted to take a photograph but by the time I found my camera it had started to move away."

Her brother-in-law, John Teather, a BBC weather producer, suggested the object was just a routine weather balloon, often sighted at night.

"But this was different," said Mrs Teather, who has little interest in the

By Anna Barden

paranormal. "It was perfectly circular and just like the one described."

However, a Paddock Wood resident believes he can solve the mystery.

● Ronald Rosewell, of Mascalls Park, thinks the UFO seen by both women was actually one of his mother's golden helium balloons which accidentally escaped from her 90th birthday party the night before the "gold bubble" was sighted in Cunningham Road.

Disappeared

He told the Courier: "I removed the sand weight from the string as I thought it would be handy to make cement and before I knew what had happened it disappeared out of the door."

● A further sighting was reported at a barn dance in Peshurst by 11-year-old Hayden Bannochie.

Hayden, of Powdermill Lane in Leigh, was at a recent Christian event at Well Place Farm in Peshurst when he saw a glowing object in the sky.

His mother, Susan Bannochie, was not convinced it could have been a weather balloon. "He watches The X-files and knows what a UFO looks like," she said.

Experts clash on Dorset sighting

AN unidentified flying object seen by dozens of West Dorset residents could have been the top secret Stealth fighter plane, national researchers claimed today.

Investigators all over the country are trying to find an explanation for last week's sighting near Dorchester.

Now experts at the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) believe trials for the radar-invisible American fighter plane could be at the root of the mystery.

Regional investigations co-ordinator Roger Lowless said: "At this time there is a line of thought that it may well turn out to be a new type of American aircraft on trial, for example the Stealth Fighter Bomber."

Echo offices were flooded with calls after a Dorchester family reported seeing a UFO hovering 50 feet above their car on the Puddletown to Dorchester dual carriageway.

Mr Lowless said: "The triangular shape seen near Puddletown has only come on the scene quite recently," he said.

"Increasing reports are coming in all the time from around the country.

"These could well turn out to be sightings of the Stealth, which was not



DAVID KINGSTON.

admitted publicly by the American authorities until after five years in service."

Local researcher David Kingston has spent the last week interviewing everyone who witnessed the Puddletown UFO.

Now he is challenging BUFORA's claims that the American bomber is behind the sightings.

He said: "The Stealth can't fly at 50 feet and it certainly can't hover.

"It was seen flying through the trees near the Puddletown to Dorchester dual carriageway, but there was no damage.

"Everyone said the craft was silent — the Stealth would definitely make a noise."

Another UFO sighting recorded in Fleetwood

ANOTHER report of a UFO has been recorded in Fleetwood.

A local man giving his name as David Jessop said he saw a silver disk-shaped object in the sky out towards Barrow.

Mr Jessop said he saw the object at 6.45am on Tuesday September, as he was walking along the promenade between Rossall School and the neighbouring hospital.

After his startling experience Mr Jessop was keen to know if anyone had witnessed a similar sighting.

He told the Weekly News: "It shook me up, to be honest.

"I didn't know wheth-

er I'd seem something I wasn't supposed to see.

"It was so clear that I know that I didn't imagine it, and it couldn't have been a plane or helicopter."

The object, he said, appeared very high up in the sky, then fell sharply until it was hovering quite low over the sea.

It then shot off at an incredible speed.

Mr Jessop, who said he lived close to Amounderness Way, explained how he felt reluctant to tell anyone about what he had seen for almost the whole day.

His sighting comes just four weeks after an-

other local man, Mark Swales of Rydal Avenue, reported a bright, hovering object to the local police.

On that occasion the sighting was at 5.50am and occurred in the direction of Knott End.

The date of that sighting co-incided with confirmed reports of fireball meteors appearing over North West England.

But the latest incident so far appears to be an isolated case.

Internationally renowned UFO expert Jenny Randles, who lives close to where Mr Jessop witnessed the object, said she had heard of no other reports locally.

Manchester's Jodrell Bank, home to Britain's largest telescope and a centre collating information on movement in the sky, had reported a number of unidentified sightings.

But although none were near Fleetwood or Barrow, Jenny was still interested in the local report.

She said: "It can't be discounted.

"Many people who do experience a UFO-type phenomenon are disorientated by it and want reassurance that others have seen it too.

"It could be that no one else has come forward."

Pensioner shoots UFO in dawn 'spectacular'

A GRANDMOTHER from Falkirk is at the centre of a real-life X-Files investigation.

Specialist investigators believe Margaret Ross, 63, has sensational evidence of a UFO sighting.

Pensioner Margaret captured startling pictures on her video camera from her bedroom window at daybreak on Friday, September 27.

The tape shows a pulsating bright object in a cloudless sky to the south of her home.

The mystery object is seen on tape for about 40 minutes before it disappears from the sky.

As experts poured over the latest alleged UFO sighting in Central Scotland, Mrs Ross told of her encounter: "I got up at 6am and looked out of my bedroom window. I saw what looked like a big snowball in the sky. Its outside edges then became pointed."



■ A close-up of the mysterious light

The pensioner grabbed her video camera and started filming.

She said: "The object didn't move. It just stayed still; and seemed to pulsate."

"But, after about 15 minutes, it blossomed into a half circle shape with four diagonal stripes."

"It began rotating and returned to its original shape. It then seemed to speed away eastwards in the direction of Linlithgow."

"I don't know what this was but it definitely was not a star, plane, helicopter or balloon."

"It didn't frighten me. I was just fascinated by the changing shape. I was speechless. I just watched in awe."

Meanwhile, only two miles away from Mrs Ross's home, the phenomenon was also being witnessed by her daughter, Alexis, and her family.

Six months ago, Mrs Ross taped a similar light in the sky.

Her film was scrutinised by Archie Roy, eminent professor of physics and astronomy at Glasgow University, who said: "Around 92% of sightings can be easily explained."

"But this is one of the 8% which science cannot recognise."

But Margaret stressed last night: "That event was nothing compared to this. This one is spectacular."

Now, UFO specialist researchers believe the latest sighting is the most significant yet in the strange saga of reported weird happenings in the skies over Scotland.

UFO sleuths are quick to stress that — after investigation — the vast majority of reported alien activity turn out to have more down-to-earth explanations such as aircraft, balloons, stars and tricks of light caused by freak atmospheric conditions ... and downright hoaxes.



■ Falkirk woman Mrs Margaret Ross with the tape of the UFO which she captured on her video camera from her bedroom window.

"But" top researcher Ron Halliday, of Stirling University, said last night: "It is one of the best footages I have seen from anywhere in the world."

"Such a length of footage is very unusual."

"Film of alleged phen-

omena is very rare and usually lasts for a few fleeting seconds."

Research into Unidentified Flying Objects, said: "It's as good a piece of evidence of a UFO in Scotland as I've seen."

"It is very rare that you get

footage of anything other than a bright light."

For years, there have been hundreds of reported sightings of strange phenomena in the skies around Bonnybridge, Denny and Falkirk.

The reports sparked off

global interest from UFO buffs. And TV crews from around the world swarmed into the area to film dozens of documentaries.

But, each time, researcher went home without any visual evidence of weird activity in the skies.

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WEST LANCASHIRE EVENING GAZETTE

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A DUNDEE man who thinks he had a close encounter with an unidentified flying object on Friday night may have mistaken a scheduled flight landing at Dundee Airport for an alien spacecraft.

Richard Bowles (19) of Albany Terrace, has been reading of the resurgence of UFO sightings reported in Tayside and Fife over the past week.

But the timing of this latest sighting coincides almost exactly with the arrival of the Saab 340 service from Edinburgh Airport on Friday.

"It was about 8.15 last night and I was sitting in my living room when I saw a really really bright light race up vertically from above the trees outside,"

'UFO' may be right on schedule

said Richard, an architecture student at Edinburgh Art College.

"I ran out to my back yard and it was making this incredible noise like thunder as if I was standing right next to a jet engine."

"I was interested because the stories in the paper this week have described a triangular light and that was how this looked. It was so unusual and did not look like a plane because of the way it moved up vertically."

A spokeswoman at Dundee Airport later said a plane landed at the airport at 8.16 pm on Friday.

She said, "The Saab 340 service from Edinburgh Airport landed in Dundee at about the time the man says he saw a light in the sky. This was a scheduled flight which left Edinburgh just after 8 pm with a journey time to Dundee of about 12 to 15 minutes."

"The plane would have looked to have quite bright lights when it came in to land and this may have been what was spotted."

Other reports last week include the sighting of a bright light over Douglas in Dundee and the description of a bright equilateral triangle over Glenrothes and Cardenden in Fife.

Strange lights in the sky

wind, this illuminated triangle was moving eastwards with lights flashing and off continuously.

AT APPROXIMATELY 1.45 am last Thursday I was unable to sleep owing to an irritating cough. I heard a droning which I thought was a plane. But, strangely the sound did not seem to be moving away. I got out of bed and looked through the window opposite.

Please don't think I imagined or dreamt it. I was wide awake as I've said before, I was unable to sleep. In fact, from then on it was hours before I could get to sleep. I was puzzled about this queer triangle. I'd be grateful if you know of any other similar reports.

In the sky I saw what appeared to be a triangle of lights, staying static. I watched this for a few minutes trying to think what it could be. I feel sure it wasn't the usual plane especially as it wasn't moving.

MRS CHRISTINE MAYBURY
Orkney Road
Blackpool

Very puzzled, I went to the bathroom. On the way back this loud droning began again. On taking another look from the

Is you'll recognise prices you would out a crop circle

Mystery object

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

Reports of a bright white shining object were received by Boston and Skegness police forces in Lincolnshire and over the Norfolk coast near The Wash.

RAF Neatishead, near Wroxham, Norfolk, confirmed it had tracked a mystery signal on their radar.

Flight Lieutenant Keith Sweatman said: "The object appeared on our radars and stayed there for a number of hours.

"It moved some 50 miles down the coast at a speed which suggested it wasn't a weather balloon."

EXPERTS are examining video footage which appears to show four UFOs carving out a crop circle in a wheat field.

Hampshire-based circle enthusiast Colin Andrews has flown out to America with the film which was taken by a UFO watcher at Olivers Castle, in Wiltshire.

By James Chapman

If it is genuine, the mystery of the South's crop circles could finally be unravelled ... after 300 years.

Mr Andrews, from Andover, speaking from Connecticut, said the film showed four small glowing, white spheres creating a snowflake-shaped pattern in less than seven seconds.

He said: "Some extraordinary detail can be seen. It could be amongst the best UFO footage taken."

The UFO buff who took the film, who does not want to be named, told Mr Andrews that he had been attracted to the field by a trilling noise "like a cricket."

But already there are doubts over the film's authenticity.

Mr Andrews said: "A number of leading film analysts will shortly take a look at the make-up of the film. I am told they should easily be able to resolve if this has been faked."

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Travolta the bright light

FILM REVIEW: By NICOLA CALLAGHAN

ONE word of advice if you're going to see *Phenomenon* — take a box of tissues with you.

For, unlike most films where the story is given away in the trailer, *Phenomenon* will take you completely by surprise with its sad but poignant ending.

John Travolta plays popular small town mechanic George Malley who leads a normal life revolving around his friends, garden and work.

In a town where nothing much ever happens, George happily plods from day to day until the night of his 36th birthday when his life changes forever.

While walking home from a party, George is struck by a strange white light and almost overnight becomes a genius, reading up to four books a day and learning new languages within minutes.

Unable to sleep at nights, George comes up with weird and wonderful money-saving inventions and finds that, along with his increased intelligence, he is also able to move objects without even touching them.

However stories soon begin to spread around the town about UFO's and alien abductions and before long George discovers that his new-found talent is more of a hinderance than a help.

His friends become wary of him and he is hounded by the FBI but through all the problems, he manages to form a bond with artist Kyra Sedgewick and her two children who keep themselves to themselves at their out of town farm.

The bond grows into love but just as George seems finally able to get his life together, tragedy strikes.

Although slow to start with, *Phenomenon* is worth going to see and John Travolta pulls out all the stops to turn in a brilliant

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UFO watchers probe 'lights in sky' mystery

By MATTHEW EDGAR

MYSTERY lights have been reported over Lancashire — just as UFO enthusiasts gathered for a conference.

Callers contacted the Evening Post to report strange sightings over the western side of Preston.

At 10pm on Saturday, residents of the Larches estate were stunned to see a circle of lights hovering over the estate.

An hour later, a man walking his dog near Ingol Golf Course was bathed in the light of what he thought might be a meteorite.

Staff at the University of Central Lancashire's Jeremiah Horrocks Observatory in Moor Park were contacted.

Anita Ward, 14, of Ryelands Crescent, Larches, was with her mum Julie when they saw the lights.

Anita said: "There were about 15 circles like car headlights in the sky, and an individual beam coming from one of them.

"It followed us home and it was very



frightening."

Tanterton man Alan Lang was out walking his dog at about 11pm.

He said: "I saw a light going across the sky towards the M55 motorway and then it vanished behind trees."

The reports are being investigated by members of the Lancashire UFO Society, who met last night for a conference in Southport.

UFO spot Andrew is not alone!

INVESTIGATIONS are continuing into the sighting of a mysterious bright object in the sky above Bolton.

And now the man who first reported the brilliant white light in the sky last Sunday evening has been enlisted by a major UFO group to be their local co-ordinator.

As reported in the BEN Harwood man Andrew Landwieser was stunned by the sighting of the light as he walked with his girlfriend past the Safeway supermarket near his home.

He got in touch with the

By MARK LONGBOTTOM

UFO Research Network organisation in Bradford who confirmed similar sightings about five minutes after it had appeared in the skies above Bolton.

Andrew said: "The research network have invited me to become their contact in this part of the country. I'll be delighted to do that."

Reports

"My sighting has attracted a lot of interest and now we need to get as many positive sightings together so all the information can be analysed in detail."

Andrew has special UFO report sheets available where

sightings can be recorded with specific details about time, location and the angle the UFO was seen in the sky.

The mysterious object was also spotted by a group of teenagers in Kearsley. The mother of one of the boys Anne Langley said: "My son was very laid back about it. But he did describe what they had seen in detail. Then when I saw the story in the paper I realised the details matched up."

"He's a very honest boy and definitely not one to exaggerate so I certainly believe he's seen something extraordinary."

Anyone who wants to get in touch with Andrew can call him on Bolton 794444.

Radio men check out a UFO mystery

A RADIO team was alerted early yesterday to a mystery object hovering high above the studio.

At first they thought it was a hoax but nipped outside to reassure themselves — just in case.

That is when they saw the multi-coloured flashing lights high in the sky over Inverness-based Moray Firth Radio.

News presenter John Murchison, sports reporter Alan Gillies and travel man Jason Barker gazed skywards for half an hour as the mystery object stayed almost stationary.

Mr Murchison, 33, said: "It was a spherical shaped light which changed colour from blue to green to red and then to white. We thought that it might be navigation lights from a plane but it did not move so we ruled that out."

"I phoned air traffic control at Dalcross Airport, near Inverness, and they told me there was no aircraft activity in the area at that time."

"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."

Quenten Taylor, 17, of Craighton Avenue, Inverness, who spotted the object at 5.05am, alerted the radio men.

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UFO HUNTERS ARE FLYING IN

UFO HUNTERS are coming to Islington.

Registered tracers of unidentified flying objects will take up residence in a house in Half Moon Crescent, Islington, to track a series of mysterious lights.

Paul Southcatt, director of investigations with London UFO Studies, will bring his full investigating kit including a video camera to the home of Theresa Lyons.

She spotted lights in the sky night after night, which no-one, including the police, can explain.

Mr Southcatt, of Old Street, said: "It looks promising. We will stay there for as long as it takes."

London UFO Studies has been contacted by 26 people who claimed to have seen flying saucers in September. Said Mr Southcatt: "Just because something is unidentified it doesn't mean there are aliens in it."

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UFOs: The proof is out there

UFO experts are studying video footage which could prove conclusively that aliens exist.

The potential break-through comes as investigators quiz four other people in a UFO probe following the *Express* story on two mysterious sightings in the area.

Jerry Anderson, coordinator of UFO Monitors East Kent (UFOMEK), recorded four white lights on video as they appeared above his Wingham home at 6.30am on Monday.

Leading investigator Chris Rolfe stressed this could be the proof they have been waiting for.

He said: "We are going to get the

video analysed because it could show UFOs exist.

"We may even hold a vigil in the area because these sightings may be the start of something similar to the 1970s deluge of sightings."

The lights were said to be heading north towards Herne Bay.

New leads

Investigators claim a passenger jet had to change its course because of the oncoming objects and say RAF Manston officials have ruled out fighter jets going to Bosnia.

Readers rang the *Dover Express* as a result of last week's story of

unusual objects seen in the sky in Whitfield and near Ash.

Excited experts are following new leads in Nonington, Preston, and Eythorne areas — despite claims by one reader that the objects are likely to be US Air Force Stealth bombers.

Two sightings were made in Nonington on September 7 and 8.

One, which had blue and green lights, was described as a huge triangle which moved back and forth.

Amazed Tony Edwards, 43, of St Mary's Close, Nonington, described the other sighting: "It was a very unusual and gave off a silvery light. The only shape I could pick out was cylindrical."

Region is hot bed of UFO activity

THE PUBLIC school-educated son of a former High Sheriff of Cumberland is the last person in the universe you would expect to claim that beings from other planets have been watching us for decades.

But fear of public ridicule does not bother David Trimble, a director of Border TV, who openly asserts that Dumfries and Galloway and Cumbria are hotbeds of UFO activity because of the presence of Chapelcross and Sellafield.

"The Aethelus society, which I represent, has received messages from extra-terrestrial beings for over 40 years," said David.

"They have been mopping up our muck, such as the Windscale filth, for a long time now in case it affects the rest of the solar system.

"They are clearing up the atmosphere of radioactivity and other pollution. Winston Churchill set up the first UFO enquiry that I know of in 1952, but it has been kept pretty secret.

"An awful lot of people accept the fact that there are UFOs, although you were considered a nutter at one time if you talked about them. Even governments take them seriously.

"A few years ago if you talked about such things you got a glazed look. Nowadays it is amazing how many people are interested.

"I know a very well-known landowner in Annandale who has seen numerous UFOs. I have never seen one, but my father, the last High Sheriff of Cumbria, watched one with other shooters during a shoot near Dalston in the 1960s.

"A lot of serious, independent-minded people have seen them."

According to David Trimble, beings from outer space are aware that mankind has been "messing about with atomics at its peril."

He accuses the British press of refusing to cover landings of spacecraft in Russian villages in the days of perestroika and glasnost.

Promote

He will be holding a seminar at the County Hotel in Carlisle in November to promote a new book by Sir George King, a Western Yoga master, who rocked the establishment 42 years ago with claims that he had communicated telepathically with beings from outer space.

His book, 'Contacts with the Gods from Space', to be published on May 17th, is billed as 'The UFO Contact Book of the Century', and it claims that world government cover-ups on UFOs have been exposed.

King tells us who the extra-terrestrials are, why they are here, when they will land openly among us and what we can do to co-operate with them.

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Plea for details in UFO mystery

A WIGAN man has appealed for help in piecing together details of a mysterious aircraft seen flying over the area.

Mr Peter Hough, of Silsden Avenue, Lowton, wants to hear from anyone who saw the aircraft which was reported to be seen flying over Hindley and heading towards Westthroughton on Friday August 16, at 8pm.

A witness called the emergency services to report the aircraft and appliances from three local fire stations along with a police helicopter were called out but failed to see the aircraft.

Anyone with information should contact Mr Hough telephone 01942 604265.

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UFO hunters may be heading for Wilsden after bright coloured craft were twice spotted hovering over the village in recent weeks.

Retired lorry driver Thomas Daw was mystified by bright lights gliding silently in the night sky.

Leeds Bradford Airport and West Yorkshire Police have no explanation for either sighting.

Mr Daw first spotted the flying object three weeks ago at midnight from his house in Royd Street.

"It was very brightly lit and moved very slowly across the sky," he said. "It was absolutely quiet and didn't seem very high."

And he watched a similar craft over Wilsden for half an hour at 4.30am on Sunday September 1.

It is not the first time a suspected UFO has hovered over Wilsden. In January 1994 pensioner Stella Hamilton saw a cigar-shaped object with winking lights gliding towards Oxenhope and Haworth.

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'UFO' reported

RAF investigators are today looking into reports of a UFO seen over the county coast. The bright white object was spotted in Boston and Skegness at 3am this morning.

Sightings sparked major probe

THE CULT book 'Chariots of the Gods' proves to many people's satisfaction that extra-terrestrial beings have been visiting planet Earth almost since time began.

There have been too many sightings of UFOs for them to be written off as products of cranky minds.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, many ordinary, sensible people put their heads above the parapet by reporting unexplained sightings.

Spotting UFOs became so commonplace in Dumfries and Galloway that it would be narrow-minded to write them off as mirages, wills-of-the-wisp or optical illusions.

Space experts say there were more sightings in Dumfries and Galloway in the early 1980s than anywhere else in Scotland.

In 1979 a Moffat woman sparked off a major investigation by the British UFO Research Association with her diary of 100 sightings in the Dumfriesshire hills.

She and a friend saw egg-timer-shaped and ball-shaped objects landing in the hills.

But she no longer wants to get involved in the debate: "I was heckled and my children were called 'Martians'. You could not take the dog a walk without somebody laughing at you. However, I think people will find out soon enough."

A few weeks beforehand two school cleaners had spotted a UFO from a window at Lockerbie Academy.

It was a round disc-shape at the front, which was a dull wine colour, and it had a trail of white light," said one of them.

They watched in awe as it went down in the hills towards Lanholm. Neither of them wishes to speak about the incident now.

A man from Closeburn had already

rung Eskdalemuir observatory to report "a red ball of fire descending at an angle to the ground."

Six months previously a "saucer-shaped green sphere" had been spotted east of Annan.

But the most celebrated UFO scare came in August 1980 when five policemen and a number of residents of Lochside reported "an oblong-shaped cluster of lights hovering north-west of town."

A "sceptical but baffled" Sergeant Bill McDavid told a police press conference of something like an airship, which had had five or six lights in a row.

A subsequent book, The World's Greatest UFO Mysteries recounted the mystery. But, when he was contacted by Dumfriesshire Newspapers last week, Mr McDavid, now a police superintendent, said: "It was a long time ago."

Lights

It was satisfactorily explained. Engineers from the GPO had been working during the night on a mast near Terregles.

In February, 1981, a UFO with bright-yellow and bright-red lights was seen hovering above Lockerbie.

The following month Stanley Dalrymple of Waterfoot Road, Annan, reported a "cornet-shaped, triple-coloured object moving east."

"A wonderful sight," it was moving too fast to be an aeroplane and too slow to be a shooting star.

To Logan Paterson, the sight of a UFO the size of a three-storey house hovering above trees near Balmacellan was anything but wonderful.

Describing his close encounter in September 1981, he said: "It was a frightening awe-inspiring experience. I kept asking myself what this could be, it was so bright and so big."

The object had three banks of lights, the bottom right-hand one a large red one, and it made a noise like a high-pitched electrical induction motor.

'Silvery balls'

James Thomson and his wife Helga, of Lanlands Road, Ecclefechan, have seen several UFOs over the years, the most notable being a cluster of "silvery balls" the size of a car high above the Brownmoor in 1979.

A week or so later they spotted a cigar-shaped object over their garden.

But James Thomson said this week: "When you tell people, they think you have lost your marbles, so I just keep quiet about it now."

"When we reported it to the press in 1979, they kidded the life out of us for years afterwards."



● Eye-witness Margaret Potts, who lives near Lochmaben, saw a UFO go over her home.

Margaret's brush with the unexplained

THERE ARE probably many people who have taken secrets of UFOs to the grave. So unwilling are many people to talk about them.

But housewife Margaret Potts is up-front about the night she and her son, John, saw a huge, bright UFO going over their roof at Parkfoot near Lochmaben.

"Seeing is believing," she said last night. "We had seen lights on many occasions, but in September 1982, John came running through to tell me there was something going over the house."

"My husband Bill was on night shift. There were three lights instead of one. I thought it was going to land. Suddenly to the right-hand side it sped off."

"I rang the police the next day, and they told me not to worry, that the police had seen them too."

She added: "I was brought up in Prestwick and my father worked for the Air Traffic Police. So I should know what an aeroplane looks like."

Alien sightings are such a gas

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PEOPLE living in Lindal thought they were being invaded by aliens when they spotted mysterious lights hovering above the rail tracks near the village.

UFO sightings came in thick and fast but a police officer despatched to investigate could not find any signs and spotted British Gas engineers instead.

A team from TransCo, the British gas pipeline sector, was replacing a gas main running beside the railway track. And to minimise disruption to passengers the work was carried out in the middle of the night.

By JULIE COLVIN

The bright halogen lights which illuminated the site cast a spooky glow over the whole area which caused alarm to local people who rang the police.

TransCo's network development manager Ian Hargreaves said: "The police told us they received calls from several people, including one old lady who was convinced there was a train crash."

"The first we knew of it was when a police officer came walking up the track and he had a torch in his hand."

"We must apologise to local peo-

ple for giving them a bit of a start, but it was important that we carried out the work to ensure that the village can continue to rely on a safe and efficient gas supply. We didn't anticipate the lights would be seen over such a distance."

During the project, 160 metres of cast iron main was replaced with more durable polythene pipe. The work was carried out over four nights when no trains ran.

Mr Hargreaves added: "I would just like to reassure the folks of Lindal that they can sleep safe in the knowledge that they shouldn't be getting another nocturnal visit from TransCo, but we can't guarantee the aliens won't show up."

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Alien abductions 'all in the mind'

Anyone who believes they have been kidnapped by aliens has simply had a bad dream, an expert has said.

Some people claim they have travelled through space or have had a sexual encounter with an extra-terrestrial.

But their experiences are nothing more than a vivid dream caused by tiredness, stress or excitement, according to a leading researcher into the paranormal.

Delegates at the British Association Annual Festival of Science in

Bad dreams to blame, says expert

Birmingham will be told by Dr Susan Blackmore next month that alien abductions are just figments of the imagination.

Dr Blackmore, of the University of the West of England in Bristol, says "sleep paralysis" is the most likely explanation.

are there some 'funny' (peculiar) scientific goings on at ground level?"

I was sure the incident would have had news coverage the next day but if so, I didn't see it.

Bearing in mind that there have been many incidents from time to time on this subject, isn't it time for the public to have information from the Government or an explanation instead of this guessing game?

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

This happens when the dreamer slips out of their normal sleep pattern because of exhaustion, excitement or worry.

They may hear whining or roaring noises, see flashing lights and stars and experience shaking, juddering or believe they have been turned in their beds. Some even report undergoing sexual encounters.

She said: "Nowadays people are more likely to report that a 4ft-tall alien with big slanty black eyes took them from their room at night."

"They are whisked off in a spaceship where they are operated on, sexually manipulated and returned to bed with an hour or two of missing time."

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Another UFO seen in Liskeard

THE report in last week's Cornish Times of a UFO seen in the area has prompted a Liskeard lady to contact the paper to say that she too has seen a strange object in the sky recently.

The lady, who does not wish to be named, says she looked up at the sky at about 7.30pm in the evening in late August and saw a large object shaped like a cotton reel.

"The sky was a brilliant blue and as I looked up something caught my eye. The object was large, like a big cotton reel and it was going round and round. It was in view quite clearly for about 40 seconds and then it just vanished."

The lady contacted Quest International, a national UFO magazine, and they told her that similar objects had been seen in other parts of the United Kingdom, but never before in Cornwall. They took down full details of the sighting. The object was seen in the vicinity of Maddever Crescent, Liskeard, and if anyone else saw it we would be happy to hear from them.

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A hover bower for kids

A GROUP of kids thought they were going to be abducted by a UFO.

The scare started when Danny Briggs, 13, and chums Neil, 13, and Lucy Armitage, 10, were being driven by Danny's dad Mike along a quiet road in the Black Isle when they spotted strange, hovering lights.

As the lights shone, they lit up a black, flat-topped disc shape which then flew off.

Mr Briggs, of Castle Street, Fortrose, said: "I only caught a glimpse of something big and bright, about the height of a pylon."

"The kids are very reliable and were shouting for me to stop. We all saw an aircraft approaching Inverness Airport earlier, but this was totally different."

Light thrown on UFO riddle

WAS it a UFO, or just disco lights?

Brighton police opened their own X-file early today after receiving two calls from members of the public reporting unusual lights in the sky.

One came from publican Gary Lewis, 39, who said he arrived at his home in Bates Road, Hollingdean, at 1.20am and spotted the lights towards Preston Park.

He said: "There were two circles of light shapes, one inside the other, and it looked like the light was coming down through the clouds, not going up from the ground.

"I thought I was going off my head, but my family saw it too."

Police received a second report, but they could not provide an answer to the mystery.

The Argus contacted the Island Club in Kingsway, Hove, which shoots laser beams into the sky.

A spokesman confirmed their lights were on at about the time of the sightings.

He said: "It was probably us. The lights can be seen from a long way off, especially when they hit clouds."

Crowd watches UFO over Troedyrhiw

Mystery of lights in sky

TROEDYRHIW villagers experienced a close encounter straight out of the X-Files.

But Mulder and Scully were nowhere to be seen as a large crowd watched the strange goings on.

For an hour and a half, a circle of lights was seen hovering above the village.

Was it ET trying to phone home? Or invaders from another world like those featured in *Independence Day*?

Whatever it was, it had everyone from the village spellbound.

Hilary Bishop, aged 49, of Harriet Town, Troedyrhiw, said:

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"We saw it from 9.30-10pm but other people say they saw it an hour before that.

"It looked like swirling clouds. They all joined together in a huge circle. It was half the size of a football pitch."

"They were all lit up with a glow.

"At first they swung high speed one way, then stopped and swirled the other way."

"All of a sudden it just vanished. There are lots of rumours going

round as to what it might have been but nobody knows for sure."

Her daughter Juliet Dickson, aged, 27, also of Harriet Town, said: "I saw it before my mother. It was quite a big object, swinging one way and then the other and getting brighter as it rotated."

The lights were also sighted in Aberfan, Treharris and Pentrebach.

So what was this strange light? Was it an X-File or can people in Troedyrhiw sleep safely in their beds?

Can you offer any explanation of the strange events in Troedyrhiw? Ring the *Merthyr Express* on 01685 385818.

Keep watching the skies...

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Experts probe UFO sighting

UFO experts are probing reports of a mysterious bright object in the sky over north Bolton.

Specialists in the paranormal were called in after Harwood man Andrew Landwieser saw a brilliant white light moving in the sky on Sunday evening.

Andrew said: "It was quite cloudy but there was a clear patch in the sky and as I was walking along I noticed a really bright white light. It slowly became bigger as though it

was getting closer. Then it shot off horizontally, leaving behind a glare where it had been for about 30 seconds."

The object was also seen by Andrew's girlfriend as they walked near the Safeway superstore. He said: "She was really shocked by it.

Too fast

"There's no chance it could have been a conventional plane, it just moved too fast. And I don't think it could have been a shooting star because it moved off in a perfect

horizontal line. A workmate of Andrew's girlfriend who also lives in Harwood also saw the light at about 9.35pm on Sunday.

And similar sightings were also reported to a UFO researcher in Bradford, West Yorkshire about five minutes later.

Founder of the Horwich UFO Research Group Phil Catterall did not see the object but he has spoken to Andrew and is now investigating.

This sighting follows a series of recent unexplained phenomena spotted high above Bolton.

ONLY A day after reports of the Douglas area of Dundee apparently being buzzed by a UFO, a man from Glenrothes yesterday came forward with his tale of a similar experience on Sunday evening.

Edward Preston was standing outside his house at around 9 pm. "I was watching the sky in the west, trying to catch a glimpse of the planet Jupiter, when I noticed it," he said. "The shape caught my attention first of all, a perfectly equilateral triangle.

"I've seen jets before and none of them are perfect triangles, the cockpit normally juts out. This was like nothing I've seen before.

"The aircraft, or whatever it was, moved over from west to east over my house. The sighting only lasted eight to 10 seconds, because I called my wife when it first came into view, but by the time she got outside it was disappearing into the distance.

"Because I don't know the size of the craft I can only guess, but it would appear to have been flying at about 1000 feet. This was one of the things that struck me as strange, especially as the craft did not make a sound.

"I was perfectly prepared to accept the sighting as a jet, perhaps travelling back to RAF Leuchars, but after reading the story in *The Courier* this morning I started to query it."

A Leuchars spokesman said yesterday they had no aircraft over Glenrothes at that time on Sunday. However, he added: "That doesn't rule out the possibility of civil air traffic or traffic from elsewhere, but it definitely wasn't from Leuchars."

Mr Preston dismissed the suggestion of civil aircraft because of the speed, height and shape of the craft.

Instead he thinks another explanation is much more likely and more terrestrial than little green men. "The craft I saw was so advanced that if it was launched by RAF Leuchars or another military base they're not very likely to admit it."

This sighting was reported only a day after lights were spotted over Douglas, and 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.