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## 'UFOs could have been planet, star'

STARGAZERS believe they witnessed some unidentified flying objects over The Wash at the weekend.

A number of people reported bright lights over the sea and over Skegness between 3am and 9am on Saturday.

Sgt Mick Slowey, of Lincolnshire Police headquarters, said: "We can confirm that a sighting of strange lights was reported by several people.

"They were strange lights which couldn't be explained and so they were reported to the RAF for further investigations with the Ministry of Defence."

An MoD spokesman suggested that the lights were probably a planet or star from space.

He told the Spalding Guardian: "We looked into the matter although it isn't the Ministry of Defence's responsibility to investigate unidentified flying objects.

by deputy news editor  
**SARAH BUTT**

"On this occasion having checked all available sources of the information we are satisfied there was nothing of air defence implication or significance. We are content there was nothing of threat to the UK air space.

"It could have been anything. We believe it was probably something out in space like a planet or star but we can't find any evidence of any flying objects in the vicinity of Skegness at that time."

But he added: "It is not uncommon for people to misidentify the planet of Venus because of the bright colours."

● Tomorrow afternoon (Saturday) there will be a partial eclipse of the sun - for full story, see back page.

## THEY landed in S Wales

AMAZING what a good film can do.

I refer, of course, to the rash of sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects wherever the current blockbuster cinema hit Independence Day is showing.

In case you've just landed here from another planet, and haven't read all the hype, the film is about an alien invasion of Earth.

Many of us have our own UFO story. Mine starts with a dark and stormy night in South Wales.

I was walking to the pub when something passed over me. I sensed, rather than saw or heard it, and thought no more about it until I arrived in work the next morning

to be confronted with a harassed news editor who had spent the last hour taking telephone calls from people who had seen strange things up and down the Welsh coastline all night.

Hallucination? Mass hysteria? I doubt it. Among the witnesses were a bunch of coalminers - a section of society not renowned for being highly-strung.

My theory? I think the military were testing some secret plane that night, perhaps a prototype of the Stealth Bomber (if I'm right, it wasn't very stealthy, was it?).

But what do I know? The X Files hadn't even been invented back then.

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## UFO report probe

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.

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## UFO mystery gathers pace

MORE sightings of a mysterious flying object in the skies above the county have been reported.

Two women travelling back to Metherningham from Skegness said they saw a strange white light which hovered above their car.

The news comes after the Echo revealed yesterday the Ministry of Defence is investigating a possible UFO sighting off the county coast picked up by RAF radar.

The driver of the car, who wished to remain anonymous, said: "It was

pouring with rain and just after midnight. We had been out to see friends and were driving back towards Metherningham.

"All of a sudden there was this bright white round light which hovered over the car. When I stopped the car it disappeared.

"We didn't like to say anything we just looked at one another. It wasn't a reflection I'm certain of that."

The incident happened just a week before radar operators at RAF Neatishead in Norfolk picked up a mystery object on their screens on Saturday.

It stayed on the radar screens for several hours and travelled 50 miles down the coast at a speed which suggested it wasn't a weather balloon, said an RAF spokesman.

At the same time Skegness and Boston police and the coastguard also received calls about the white light.

An investigation is now under way.

● Have you seen any strange or unusual objects in the skies above the county? Call the Echo hotline on (01522) 540001.



● Flashback: From yesterday's Echo.

# The truth must be out there ..

Dear Alan, I'm at my wit's end and really need your help. I am very interested in ghosts and UFOs and, like everyone else, I love watching The X-Files on telly.

The thing is, while ghost stories go back thousands of years, there seems to be no UFO history.

In fact, UFOs only seem to have been around since the 1940s, with one or two notable exceptions. I've read books that link the birth of Christ with a UFO landing.

And I've heard there are cave drawings supposedly showing men in space suits, but it seems that there were no UFO sightings between the time of Christ and the 1940s. Do

you know of any UFO sightings in that middle period? — TERRY DOBSON, Byker, Newcastle.

★ There have been hundreds, but they are not very well documented. We even had one in our patch in the Border Country at Castlecraig in 1592.

The people heard large noises in the sky, now thought to be sonic booms, then they claim that something flew above them almost blotting out the sun.

They saw a plate-shaped object that, it was written, "hovered over them before sweeping into the sky at high speed that was followed by a mighty boom that scattered animals and people alike."

# Was it or wasn't it? - it's not quite clear

A COOMBE Bissett special lighting effects enthusiast may be responsible for UFO sightings near Salisbury.

Following our reports last week of bright lights seen in the sky over Breamore one evening in early August, 23-year-old Richard Hunt contacted the Journal to say he might be the cause.

Richard, who lives in Grimslodge Farm, Coombe Bissett, runs Full Power Sound and Light, a company specialising in mobile displays for concerts, parties etc.

"It is a similar to a laser display but is a cross between a laser and searchlights," he said.

On occasions he has to test the equipment at his home and, he explained, the result is a hovering bright light in the sky which, if reflected by clouds, can resemble a stationary bright glow.

But, there is one drawback to his explanation — on the evening of August 4 when three bright lights in the shape of a cylinder were seen hovering near Breamore House by a Woodgreen woman, Richard cannot be certain whether he was using his equipment or not.

# UFO — false alarm or was it for real?

by MARK EVANS

THIS is the UFO that baffled police, coastguards and RAF staff as it hovered a mile in the sky over the Wash.

Emergency services and a North Sea tanker reported two, large, unexplained objects hovering in the sky.

There were also reports of an unidentified flying object being spotted on radar screens across the area.

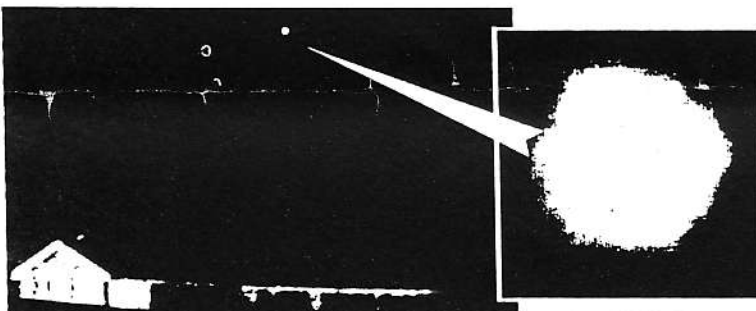
Our picture is taken from a video shot by police at Skegness, Lincolnshire.

An investigation was launched by the Ministry of Defence which has concluded it was a false alarm.

An MoD spokesman said the radar reading was caused by the Boston Stump, a 200ft church tower, and the multi-coloured lights by a star.

But this does little to explain a sighting from the tanker Conocoast of "two lights flashing red, blue, green and white."

The object was visible for more than six hours on Saturday and, during a conversation with Great Yarmouth coastguards, Flt Lt George, of RAF Northwood in Middlesex, said at the time: "This echo is still on our screens and we cannot explain this at all apart from it being a meteorological phenomena but then again we have visual sightings as well. The civilian aircraft that reported these lights as a flare was six miles away at the time. All very



“They looked like a light show, similar to the effect of a lighthouse

— Clare Simmons, witness to UFO sighting

strange.” Witnesses to the UFO sighting include Clare Simmons who was driving with three friends to Great Yarmouth along the A47 on Saturday between 7.30pm and 7.45pm when they saw a strange light in the sky.

Hairdresser Clare, 34, of Aylesbury Close, off St Clement's Hill, Norwich, said: "We saw what looked like a stationary white lights. They looked like a light show, similar to

the effect of a lighthouse, they would all go round in a circle, stop, and then 10 seconds later they would go round again.

"It was no way a star fluttering and the nearest lighthouse is miles away."

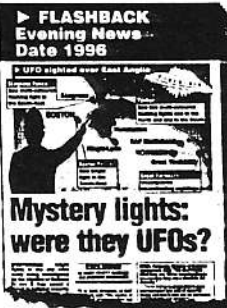
Richard West and his family saw unexplained lights in the sky above their Waterloo Road home in Norwich, on September 13.

Mr West, a postman, said: "At 8.15pm I went outside and saw a star-like object coming towards me. I called to my wife and son and they saw this as well.

"After a few moments we saw a star-like object flying very fast across the sky. Later we saw many more moving in irregular patterns, some much higher and brighter than others.

"They did not curve when they changed direction, just turned sharply."

**CLOSE ENCOUNTER:** above, the pinpoint of light enlarged and, left, how it looked in the night sky. Below, how we reported the story.



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# Police chase UFO over Pretoria

**SOUTH AFRICA** - An unidentified flying object (UFO) over Pretoria was chased by a police helicopter, police spokesman Captain Dave Harrington said.

"It was a bright light surrounded by a circle of red dots," said Harrington, adding the object was also noticed on radar screens at Johannesburg international airport and Waterkloof air base near Pretoria.

A police helicopter was dispatched. It approached the object where it had come to a standstill before gaining height and moving away again.

At about 9,000 feet the helicopter gave up the chase as the object disappeared. The police helicopter pilot confirmed with Waterkloof air base that a strange object had been noticed on their radar screens.

However, he added it was a moonlit night, and there could be many explanations for the object.

# SIGHTINGS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD

## Flying triangle pops up all over county

**U**FO hunters have compiled an X-File on the mysterious 'flying triangle' spotted hovering over Derby.

Sinfin-based Phenomenon Research Association has followed Mulder and Scully's example and painstakingly put together first hand accounts of strange sightings.

Author Omar Fowler, who heads the group, says the craft was first seen in the county hovering over Bakewell on the night of September 26, 1993.

Since then it is said to have returned, with 52 sightings in Derbyshire between December 1994 and May 1995, in areas stretching from Matlock to Chaddesden and Allenton.

### Hovering

In one reported sighting, a mother and her eight-year-old daughter spotted the craft flying over their car as they were driving through Sinfin in March last year.

They described it as having red, yellow and white lights and said it turned onto its side as it glided past.

In another sighting, in February last year, Mark Cheetham and his girlfriend were driving on

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**Omar Fowler**  
— Author

by Simon Burch

Moorfield Road, near South Wingfield, when they saw the Flying Triangle hovering 200ft over a cottage.

When they took a closer look they saw it had red and white lights. It then flew over their car and disappeared in the direction of Tansley.

Mr Fowler also lists examples of sightings from around the world, including Japan, USA, Russia and Puerto Rico, but leaves it up to others to decide if we are not alone.

He writes: "It will soon become obvious to the reader that what is being reported is not a new stealth aircraft. It is far more likely to be a new type of alien craft that does not originate from planet earth."

"You may come to the conclusion that the Flying Triangle craft exhibit performance capabilities beyond our present capabilities."

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A SIGHTING comes in from a Hawley Hall High school pupil this week.

The pupil, Daniel, 13, says he was looking through his telescope at around 11.20pm on Thursday, August 29.

Read his account and cast your mind back to that night. Did you see anything in the Hawley Hall area of Wigan?

Daniel says: I was looking at the sky and I saw a plane. I knew it was a plane because it was going slow and it had flashing lights on it.

"Then I saw another light behind it, bigger

and brighter and it was going about four times as fast.

"It caught up with the plane and stopped just behind it. I watched it for about a minute then it just shot off to the east.

"I thought it was unusual so I wrote it down in my book so I wouldn't forget.

"I am interested to know if anyone else

saw this event."

So there you have it readers. If you did see something on the night of August 29 drop me a line at UFO Update, Martland Mill, Martland Mill Lane, Wigan, WN5 0LX.

DON'T forget the Orwell meeting a week on Monday, September 30.

Guest speaker is director of investigations at BUFORA, Phillip Mantle. Admission is £1 or £2 and the bar is open all night. The meeting will be held in the George Orwell suite at The Orwell starting at 8pm.

ACCORDING to Bill Eatock, Quest International investigator, the Hale-Bopp comet is visible now in the western sky.

Bill says it's definitely worth a look as it is visible with the naked eye.

Says Bill: "There is a lot of speculation about how close it will pass to Earth. Not too close I hope!"

## Open minded on the UFOs

It was eleven thirty, Tuesday evening the 4th September.

I heard a noise outside and naturally got up to investigate. Looking out of the back bedroom window, it was a clear sky. I noticed over Pilsworth what looked like a very bright star.

Suddenly, it shot across the sky over to Rosendale Valley. It moved from one point to another in less than a second.

It was like nothing I have ever seen before. It was not a plane, helicopter or a shooting star and no little green men!

I do not know what it was, but I do know I like to keep an open mind on the subject.

B WILLIAMS

(address supplied)  
Heywood

This information has been passed to town UFO expert Paul Williams who says that he has had a report from another witness of a similar sighting on the same night. Two other incidents have also been reported to Paul from different members of the public, one of which he claims to have actually seen himself while sky watching last week - Editor

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# Boy's UFO shock

A 13-YEAR-OLD schoolboy is convinced he saw a UFO after seeing a number of bright lights hovering in the sky at the weekend.

Danny Briggs, of Castle Street, Fortrose, spotted the unexplained lights between Avoch and Munloch just after 9pm on Friday.

He was coming home in a car with his dad Mike, friend Neil Armitage and Neil's sister Lucy, 10, from their martial arts class in Dingwall.

Danny said: "At first, we saw one white light with a fre-

quently flashing red and green light, and one not so frequently flashing.

"Then three lights lit up and we saw a disc-shaped thing which was stationary in the air.

"Six really bright lights lit up and it flew off over Ord Hill.

He added: "It couldn't have been an aeroplane because we saw one just before and there was quite an obvious difference.

"We didn't know what it was but we were joking that we were almost abducted."

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## UFO sighting?

A 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 they went outside just to check and were amazed to see 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 over half an hour as the mystery object stayed almost stationary.

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



# Secret craft theory on UFO

THE UFO sighted by the crews of two Eyemouth fishing boats earlier this year could have been a secret test flight of an experimental craft being developed jointly by NASA and the US Air Force.

The sighting, on the evening of February 14, has been investigated by the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) who have concluded that it was "a sighting of unusual characteristics".

The UFO was sighted by the crews of two fishing boats while they were at sea 70 miles south east of Eyemouth. The fishermen described the object "as triangular and black in colour with 15 red lights along its side and no navigational lights visible on its underside.

The crews of the boats made contact with each other by VHF radio to confirm the sighting. Both boats detected the craft on their radar systems and gave an exact location.

George Niedzwiedz of Coldingham, who investigates UFO sightings in the Borders for BUFORA, told the Berwickshire News just why this sighting was so unusual.

"It was a sighting of unusual characteristics in that this craft did not display any anti-collision lights it appeared to travel very

By SANDY BRYDON

slowly but it was large in size and the Ministry of Defence denied its presence."

He added: "On the information gained from the MOD they denied the presence of any aircraft — including the two fighter jets which overflew the boats 15 minutes after the sighting. The area the boats were in, or near, while fishing is a Low Flying Training Area and according to the Coastguard an RAF Nimrod was indeed overflying that area on the night in question.

## No airships

"I also contacted the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) at both Edinburgh and Newcastle Airports and they confirmed there were no airships in that vicinity but that there would not have been any in the first place as these craft do not normally fly 70 miles out at sea.

"The CAA at both Edinburgh and Newcastle also stated that the area is beyond their RADAR capabilities of just ten nautical miles."

A phone call to the Police at Fettes, Edinburgh, confirmed no police activity at sea on the night in question although there was police activity on the mainland as they were carrying out a surveillance operation.

The craft seen by the

fisherman was described as half the size of a football pitch, silent and was detected on the boats' simple RADAR system.

Mr Niedzwiedz explained that there had been a report in the press recently about a flying craft named "Loflyte" (Low Observable Flight Test Experiment) which has been developed jointly by NASA and the United States Air Force.

He said, "This craft is large and triangular in shape. It appears from the press article that it has been tested all over the world and has been giving rise to UFO reports — but does it display anti-collision lights? I am sure it would not have been allowed to fly in British air space if it did not.

## Evidence

"This craft may or may not have been the object seen by the fishermen but the evidence appears to give that impression. It is possible that more information will come to light at a later date, which may prove conclusive one way or another.

"Another point worth mentioning is that this craft would probably have been fitted out with the most up to date, highly sophisticated, electronic stealth equipment and counter measures costing millions so how was it detected on a fishing boat RADAR system?

"Could it be that they wanted to be seen? Who knows!"

## Star trek for local UFO spotters

● The moon will be totally eclipsed for 70 minutes in the early hours of Friday September 27.

The lunar eclipse, one of the easiest celestial events to observe, can be followed by the naked eye — although binoculars would help.

The moon is expected to begin darkening at about 2.12am and may turn deep orange or red.

It should be totally eclipsed at 3.19am, but will probably not disappear completely. The darkness of the shadow will vary depending on conditions like clouds and dust. The show will be over at 5.36am.

burton, Shepley, Almondbury, Waterloo and Golear say they have seen bright discs of lights rotating in skies above their homes.

But society secretary Mr Robert Williams said he believed all such sightings have a natural explanation.

He said: "It is usually some sort of natural phenomenon like a fireball or a meteor or some such thing."

The lecture on the history and discovery of the planets leading to the discovery of Neptune will be held at 4a Railway Street, Huddersfield, between 7.30 and 9.30pm on Friday September 27.

An admission fee of £1 for adults and 50p for children includes refreshments.

STAR gazers fired up by strange lights over Huddersfield can attend a space-themed lecture.

The Huddersfield Astronomical and Philosophical Society will commemorate Neptune's 150th birthday with the slide presentation, one of many events around the country during National Astronomy Week from September 21 to 28.

It follows countless sightings of what some local people believe are UFOs hovering backwards and forwards as if scanning the area.

More interest in extra-terrestrial matters has been drummed up by hit movie *Independence Day*.

Residents in districts including Kirk-

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## Several sightings of 'triangular, orange UFO'

A MAN in Howard Road, Walthamstow, claims to have seen a mysterious craft in the sky at 2.40am on Friday, the same night as the eclipse of the moon.

He described the unidentified flying object as 'triangular and orange in colour'.

Roy Lake, a London UFO specialist

to whom the man reported the sighting, says the description bears out other sightings across the capital over the last few weeks.

"In September last year we had only three reports of UFOs. This year, we have had 40. They include several of this triangular object with green lights which has now been seen in

Walthamstow and Chingford.

"There is definitely something big happening," he said.

Mr Lake wants to hear from anyone else who has seen the UFO. All phone calls will be treated in complete confidence.

Call Mr Lake on 270 9919 or his colleague on 0171 684 0775.

# A real life X-Files man

## Expert heads UFOs conference

A TOP UFO investigator is set to touch down in Lytham to lift the lid on secret sightings and mysterious incidents which have baffled government experts.

Ex-CIA operative and current Chief Abduction Investigator for the Houston UFO Network, Derrel Sims, has agreed to speak at a UFO conference in Lytham.

Footage never before seen in this country will be on view to the hundreds of stargazers who believe the frontiers of civilisation stretch far beyond our own planet.

Sims, who believes his own son was abducted by aliens when he was just 13 years old, will also exhibit alien implants, the small metal devices found inside the bodies of people who it is claimed have been abducted.

Also crossing the Atlantic specially for the conference will be author Michael Lindemann whose talk will also include material never before seen in public.

The conference, at Lowther Pavilion on November 16 and 17, is the

biggest to be held by the Blackpool-based Lancashire Aerial Phenomena Investigation Society and has already attracted an audience from all over Europe.

Secret sightings notified to the CIA in America and to Airstaff 2a, which keeps a records of UFO incidents in the UK, will be revealed.

Sam Wright, one of the conference organisers, said: "We've managed to get some of the best UFO experts in the world and there will be some fascinating evidence on display.

### Footage

"It's the biggest event we have ever held and probably the best UFO conference in the country. People will be coming to it from all over Europe. Some of the things we have, have never been seen before.

"Derrel Sims is probably the number one UFO investigator in the world. He is a real life X-Files investigator. He will also be holding a work-

shop when he will demonstrate the techniques used to produce information on abductions and abductees."

Another UK exclusive for the conference will happen on the second day when Philip Mantle will show 20 minutes of previously unseen footage relating to the alien autopsies which were the subject of a Channel 4 documentary.

Mr Wright added: "About 75 per cent of ufologists think it was faked but there is another 20 minutes of footage which no-one has ever seen before."

Other speakers will include Nick Pope, former head of Airstaff 2a, who will outline Ministry of Defence policies towards the handling of UFO material, psychologist Doris Sims and Fleetwood's Jenny Randles who is at the forefront of British UFO research.

Tickets are selling fast for the conference, but for more information contact Paulette on 01253 391704.

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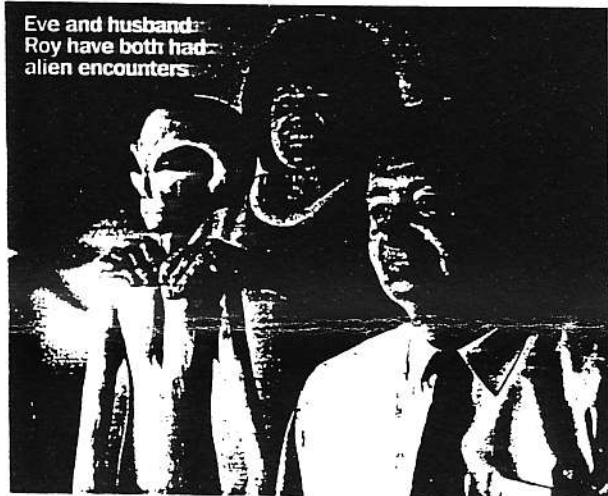
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Eve and husband Roy have both had alien encounters.

## His hobby's out of this world

My husband Roy now runs the London UFO Studies group from home. We are forever receiving phone calls from people who've been 'abducted by aliens' or seen strange craft in the sky. One woman remembered, under hypnosis, being picked up by a spacecraft and having something like knitting needles stuck into her nose and navel!

Roy's interest began when he was 13 and his parents saw a saucer-shaped craft. In 1968 he saw an amazingly bright light in the sky. Now Roy spends every spare hour

reading up on the latest research or going skywatching.

Three years ago something happened that convinced me. One night at about 1am, I was woken up by a bright light on the wall which had two jet-black, oval-shaped eyes. I tried to wake up Roy to tell him, but I was frozen with fear. The next morning I drew a picture of it and Roy convinced me I'd had an alien encounter.

Sometimes I get cross that Roy's UFOs mean so much to him, but at least if aliens land he'll be well prepared!

Eve Lake, Barking, Essex

# THANET'S THE PLACE TO BE FOR ETs, SAYS UFO BUFF

MORE amazing sightings of alien spacecraft have been reported on the Planet Thanet.

A number of people have now reported seeing a strange triangular object surrounded by little red balls of light.

And UFO experts monitoring the area are becoming increasingly convinced that the island is being singled out by alien beings orbiting Earth.

The Thanet Times revealed how several residents had seen a bizarre formation in the sky dubbed the Flying Triangle.

They included fisherman Tom Cruickshank, of Guildford Avenue, Westgate, who said the aliens had entered his bedroom and left strange scorch marks on his chest.

Then holidaymaker Pamela Davies called our UFO hotline to say that she had seen exactly the same configuration fluttering over rooftops in Cliftonville.

Another caller, who was too frightened to leave her name, described the same triangle of light and fiery balls.

Now Chris Rolfe of UFO Monitors East Kent, which has been studying the sightings, believes there is a definite link.

He said the last sighting reported was by a couple who spotted an object the size of a Boeing 747 hanging over Margate.

He said: "They said it was one extremely big bright light which split into smaller ones and then re-formed before shooting off at high speed with a glittering plume. There have been so many sightings of UFOs in this area that we believe the area must be being targeted."

## Something in my sky?

YOU hear of many sightings — but are they real? What am I talking about — UFO's or unidentified flying object or flying saucers.

Studies of saucer reports show that UFO's are different from one another.

Some people report seeing flat saucers; others shaped like spheres, cigars or doughnuts even different colours.

They have been seen to move in every direction and at nearly every speed.

When the United States Air Force started to investigate the reports about flying saucers, it discovered that people weren't imagining things.

Everyone who reported a flying saucer had seen something — but what?

If saucers were really spaceships, there would be a certain pattern in the reports about them.

But there is no pattern. The reason is that people are not seeing spaceships but many other things.

So scientists believe that there is no evidence that we are being visited, watched, or invaded by intelligent beings from other worlds.

# UFO probe following local sightings

TWO mysterious sightings in Dover have triggered a UFO probe.

Trained experts of UFO Monitors East Kent (UFOMEK) are now investigating a darting white object seen at Whitfield and a triangular craft spotted near Ash.

Startled grandmother Iris Eversfield, 57, contacted UFOMEK after reading about the group in the *Dover Express*.

She was in Whitfield Recreation Ground with two of her grandchil-

dren when she spotted something unusual at 2pm on Tuesday, September 3.

Mrs Eversfield, of Alison Crescent, Dover, said: "It was long and thin and at first I thought it was an aircraft. But it had no tail and it kept going back and forth and made no noise."

She added: "I have never seen anything like it and I am a sceptic when it comes to this type of thing but it seemed very odd. I saw the

story in the *Express* and I thought I would ring them because they wouldn't think I was barmy!"

The next sighting was made at 8.45pm on Sunday night.

## Triangular object

A middle-aged couple, who live in Sheerwater, between Ash and Wingham, claim to have seen a black triangular object in the sky.

Leading UFOMEK investigator

Chris Rolfe explained: "There were apparently up to ten lights around the edges. These intensified so that it then appeared as one white light.

He added: "It then faded and shot off towards Canterbury."

In both cases the sky-gazers are adamant what they saw were not aircraft.

Mr Rolfe is appealing via the *Express* for any more witnesses to these sightings.

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# UFOs 'may have been satellites'

AN ABERYSTWYTH astronomy expert believes he may have solved the mystery of the unidentified flying objects sighted over Pencader and Pontrhydfendigaid last month.

Following the report in last week's *Cambrian News*, James Davies, of the university's physics department, said the objects were probably some of the 20 or so satellites that have been visible in the night sky during recent weeks.

Richard Alexander, of Pencader, had reported seeing "a glowing white ball of light" from his bedroom window in the early hours of the morning.

And a similar

phenomenon was spotted by Keith Stephenson, of Pont-rhydfendigaid, while he was driving through Swyddffynnon and Ystrad Meurig at about 9.45pm.

Keith saw a second UFO three days later, while walking his dog in Pont-rhydfendigaid just before 5am.

Mr Davies at first thought the pair may have seen the space shuttle, which had been making regular trips over Ceredigion during the last few weeks to visit the Russian space station.

But he ruled this out after checking the dates and times of the sightings with data on shuttle flights.

His calculations also

showed that they could not have seen the space station, which has been clearly visible in the night sky at certain times.

"These three sightings were probably of one or more of the 20 or so satellites that were visible on the horizon at the times stated."

"Alternatively, they may have been the third stage of a rocket used to push a satellite into orbit.

"Bits of the rockets drop off as satellites are launched. Most fall back down to the ground, but the third and final stage kicks the satellite into orbit then remains in orbit itself," he said.

● The West Wales Paranormal Group is meeting at 7.30pm tomorrow (Thursday) at The Feathers Hotel in Aberaeron, to discuss UFOs and collate details of sightings in the area.

## Sightings off coast tracked by air base

THE MINISTRY of Defence is today investigating a possible UFO sighting off the county coast which was picked up by RAF radar.

Reports of a bright white shining object in the sky were received by RAF radar at about 3am on Saturday.

The mystery object was also reported around The Wash. The MoD and RAF officials are looking into the incident.

RAF Neatishead, near Wrotham, Norfolk, was the nearest base to the incident.

Flight Lieutenant Keith Sweetman, 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."

"We will be investigating the matter thoroughly and are already collating all the information we have. The number of independent reports there is, in itself, that suggest there is something to follow up."

It was confirmed that the base had not been conducting operations in the area at the time of the sighting.

Special 'Q' aircraft normally investigate UFO sightings, but there were none available at the time as the nearest one was at RAF Leuchars in Scotland.

The MoD has a special cell which investigates all reported UFO sightings. It will be carrying out extensive checks into what was seen.

A spokesman for Skegness Police said: "We had calls which suggested a large bright object over the coast. In the past, sightings like this have been either a plane or a weather balloon but we have not yet had this confirmed."

## Half-moon 'UFO' is tracked on video for 40 minutes

SPECIALIST investigators believe Stirlingshire woman Margaret Ross has evidence of a UFO sighting.

Mrs Ross, 63, of Falkirk, captured pictures on her video camera from her bedroom window at daybreak on Friday, September 27.

The footage shows a pulsating bright object in a cloudless sky to the south of her home. The snowball-like object is obviously far brighter and bigger than any star in the sky.

Its appearance gradually transforms into a half-moon shape with four diagonal bars of high intensity brightness.

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

Mrs Ross said: "After about 15 minutes, it blossomed into a half circle shape with four diagonal stripes. It then 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."

Two miles from Mrs Ross's home, the phenomenon was being witnessed by her daughter, Alexis, 42, and her family. She said: "I phoned my mother at 7am and asked her if she had seen anything in the sky. She told me she had it on tape. It's absolutely amazing."

Mr Ron Halliday, of Stirling University, chairman of Scottish Earth Mysteries Research, said last night: "It is one of the best footages I have ever seen from anywhere in the world. Such a length of footage is very unusual."

"Film of alleged phenomena is very rare and usually lasts for a few fleeting seconds."

"It is extremely rare to have film evidence backed up by multiple witnesses."

"At the moment, there is no obvious explanation as to what Mrs Ross captured on video."

Mr Kenny Higgins, chairman of Scottish Research into Unidentified Flying Objects, said: "I have never seen anything resembling the shape in the sky that Mrs Ross has captured. It is as good a piece of evidence of UFO in Scotland as I've ever seen."

For years, there have been hundreds of reported sightings of strange phenomena in



# The truth is out there!

A SPACE-PROBING duo are taking a giant leap for Bridlington with the launch of the resort's first ever UFO research network.

Self-employed Martyn Cheshire is hoping interest will rocket in his new 'enterprise' - which will offer UFO spotters the chance to share their experiences.

Called ECUFORN - East Yorkshire UFO Research Network - the group will be dedicated to investigating UFO sightings and researching incidents involving unidentified flying objects.

And joined by hotelier Deldre Dodds they will hold meetings - and even UFO conferences - at her hotel, Mount Hotel, Roundhay Road, Bridlington.

Founded by Mr Cheshire, of Meadow Road, Bridlington, the network - motto 'To Research and Report' will also offer confidential witness support.

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

"I've wanted to start a research group for a long time; it will be a good opportunity for like-minded people to get together and report sightings."

After just one week of advertising the group in local papers nearly 20 people, mostly from Hull, have been in touch.

Ecuform meetings will feature guest speakers, video shows and Martyn said the members will scrutinise the skies of Bridlington as they keep a look out for alien life.

In 1981 Martyn came face to face with extraterrestrial life when he spotted a UFO hovering above houses in Eastfield, Scarborough.

"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," he said.

"Scientists play down the idea of UFOs by



● Is there anybody out there? - Deldre and Mike Dodds search the skies for UFOs. (9638-23)

saying they cannot prove extraterrestrial life exists, but they cannot disprove it either."

Mrs Dodds is also convinced the universe holds secrets which mankind still has to discover.

"I have believed in UFO's since 1991 - I firmly believe that we are not alone in the universe," she said.

She is hoping to host UFO conferences at her hotel and has gone as far as advertising the hotel in 'UFO Magazine'.

And last summer Mrs Dodds, who has lived in Bridlington for two years, said she witnessed extraterrestrial activity.

"It was about 4.45pm on a lovely, clear night and I was hanging out washing when I saw a triangular object just hanging in the sky," she said.

"It was making no noise but when I turned to call my husband it disappeared."

Both UFO enthusiasts believe knowledge of alien life is deliberately kept from becoming public knowledge by the American and British governments.

Anyone interested in joining Ecuform should contact Mrs Dodds, tel 672306.



WATCHING THE SKY: Presenter John Murchison

## UFO on the air

A BREAKFAST radio team claim they had a Close Encounter with a UFO at their studio.

The team, from Inverness-based Moray Firth Radio, thought they were the victims of a crank call when a listener rang in to tell them of a mystery object above their HQ.

But when they went outside they saw a spher-

ical light which changed colour several times and hovered overhead for about half an hour.

News presenter John Murchison said: "We are 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."

## Granny's UFO video shocker

GRANNY Margaret Ross claims to have captured startling pictures of a snowball-like UFO with her video camera.

Margaret, 63, filmed the pulsating white ball hovering in the sky above her home in Falkirk, Stirlingshire, for around 40 minutes before it vanished.

UFO researcher Ron Halliday, of Stirling University, said: "It is one of the best bits of footage I have ever seen from anywhere in the world."

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## Several sightings of 'triangular, orange UFO'

A MAN from Howard Road, Walthamstow, claims to have seen a mysterious craft in the sky at 2.40am on Friday, the same night as the eclipse of the moon.

He described the unidentified flying object as 'triangular and orange in colour'.

Roy Lake, a London UFO specialist

to whom the man reported the sighting, says the description bears out other sightings across the capital over the last few weeks.

"In September last year we had only three reports of UFOs. This year, we have had 40. They include several of this triangular object with green lights which has now been seen in

Walthamstow and Chingford.

"There is definitely something big happening," he said.

Mr Lake wants to hear from anyone else who has seen the UFO. All phone calls will be treated in complete confidence.

Call Mr Lake on 270 9919 or his colleague on 0171 684 0775.

# Tony Lord

## Come on down

IN July 1974, Mrs Hanson-Abbot was standing by the window of her flat at the top of Lewisham Hill when she saw a very bright light in the night sky. Was it a star? "If so", she said, "It was the only one in the sky that night." Was it an aeroplane? "If it was it must have had a silencer on it." The time was ten o'clock. "The light was burning extremely brightly.

It started moving to the left, quite fast and then an enormous yellow flash came from it and moved backwards!" Mrs Abbott thinks what she saw was UFO.

A week later Mr Pettit, of Gabriel St, Forest Hill was getting on the act. Writing to the K.M. he confirmed Mrs. Abbott's story. I quote from his letter. "I read your article about the UFO seen over Lewisham last week and wish to say that Mrs Abbott was not alone in seeing it that night. I also saw it over the weekend. It was a clear night with hardly any cloud, the light was very brilliant and low. It was hovering over Catford or Downham.

I did not see any flash because I went to fetch my binoculars and when I returned it was gone. This is the third UFO I have seen over Lewisham recently. I did not bother to tell anyone about this because people think you are up a gum tree. (This was an old fashioned expression meaning a sandwich short of a picnic).

Another week passes and then Mr J Bailey,

co-director of UFOIS (possibly UFO Investigation Service) writes from Urlwin St, Camberwell. "I feel I may be able to shed some light on the strange object seen by Mr Pettit. The planet Jupiter is rising in the late evening and is very bright at the moment. I suspect the UFO was in fact Jupiter seen through some haze.

Well, I don't know what you think about all this, but there's always some kill-joy who comes up with a rational explanation for lights in the sky, headless ghosts and loud knocking noises in the night and spoils the whole thing.

I mean I've been seeing space travellers for over sixty years. You must have noticed Buck Rogers and Flash Gordon in their rubber suits painted silver with crinkly knees. Every week they were going off to other planets in little rocket ships (designed by mad professors) that moved rather jerkily up launching ramps with steam coming out of the tail.

Conveniently the planets came complete with breathing atmosphere scantly clad girls, futuristic cities and with nasty bits of work lurking in the background whose names always began with K, X, or Z.

The planets had weird names like 'Krell' or 'Irkon' and were mostly sandy deserts littered with big boulders for monsters to hide behind.

Frequently there was a beautiful princess who fell head over heels in love with the captain of the spaceship. Putting her duty first she would watch tearfully from the palace balcony as the spaceship XK15 finally zoomed off towards earth at incredible speed.

As I've grown older, instead of going out the spaceman started coming in! Innocent girls found they had married hideous monsters from outer space (my ex-wife says this happened to her).

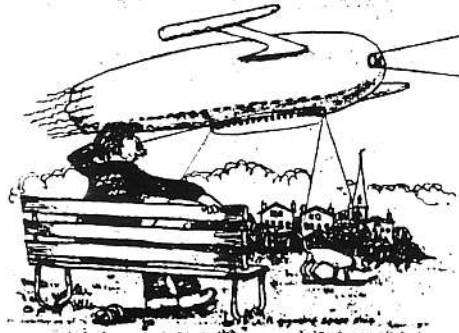
Then there was the familiar scenario of the freckled American teenager drinking a large glass of milk in the kitchen before saying "goodnight Mom" and going off to bed. Scarcely had he (or she) closed their eyes before the room would fill with a bright light and they'd rush to the window just in time to see something crash in the woods half a mile away.

In no time at all Mervyn (or Mary-Lou) would be hurrying down to the back lot in their pyjamas and pushing through the undergrowth to discover aliens with high foreheads climbing out of a glowing cylinder half buried in the glowing earth.

This always happened in isolated places like Colorado or Arizona. In a few minutes there'd be the wailing of police sirens and the local sheriff would climb heavily out of his car and promptly shoot the strangers from out of town who'd only come to advise the earthlines not to mess about with hydrogen bombs and please to stop smoking those fatal cigarettes.

Some time later Michael Rennie would turn up as the saviour of the world he's called 'Klaaf' (another K). As usual someone takes a pop at him and he sulks back into his flying saucer to try his luck elsewhere.

Then, as the years went by, we discovered



that out there in the vastness of space are crowds of nasty blood-sucking creatures disguised as handsome young men (or voluptuous ladies) whose only wish is to plant eggs in peoples' stomachs with repulsive results after an hour's gestation.

These aliens are always scaly reptiles, never giraffes or camels. Their masters carry guns that vaporise anyone who gets in their way, except for the leading actors and actresses. The odd helpful robot may get damaged but we can fix that with a bit of soldering.

Browsing through old copies of The Kentish Mercury, I continually come across stories of people who disappeared for several weeks and then turned up looking bewildered and explaining that 'I lost my memory/I had a lovely dream/we ran away to Gretna Green/I went to sleep in Danson Park and woke up a fortnight

later". "Are these people being beamed up for close examination by aliens of superior intelligence?" I ask myself.

Personally, if I'm sitting on Blackhead one summer evening, while Sandy my dog sniffs hopefully around the gorse bushes where he found the discarded cheese sandwich years ago, and a gigantic spaceship with the banks of lights appears overhead, I would hope to give the visitors to our planet a warm welcome and a cup of tea with a digestive back at his place.

Don't forget that besides the farer guns they've invented these small vibrators that heal up cuts, boils, bunions and internal injuries.

Maybe they've got a tablet that will make me feel sixteen again. As the host in the TV programme says "Come on Down."

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I'm ruin  
out there

Fred Wood, Oakes  
Avenue, Brockholes

I WONDER if any of the readers of the Express saw the documentary on UFOs in Florida on tv two weeks ago.

Although it was only a documentary the camera crew did a good job on imitating the UFOs, even to showing a plane crashing into one (I hope none of the little green men were hurt).

Then they interviewed four people who saw the real thing. All four gave a different version of what they saw, the colour, the brightness and the speed, which goes to show that people see what they want to see.

Last week in a Huddersfield tabloid was a report that two young men from Bourne-mouth had seen the Loch Ness Monster, the monster that has never aged in the last 70 years.

Well, they had beaten the deep sea divers, the sonic rays, the midjet Japanese submarines. Perhaps they got the date wrong, thinking it was April 1, or was the inhibiting of more than a dram of the Scottish dew to blame?

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# David's guide to life, the universe and everything

A COMPANY director and former merchant banker from Dalston is helping to launch a drive to convince Cumbrians that extra-terrestrials are trying to get in touch.

Businessman David Trimble is a member of a select society which will be holding a meeting in Carlisle to tell people that aliens do exist and want to help make the Earth a better place.

Mr Trimble, educated at Lime House and Rugby Schools and Cambridge University, has booked a venue in the city for a lecture by a leading light of the Aetherius Society — whose leader says he is in regular touch with extra-terrestrials.

Among the society's more controversial views are that many religious leaders were planetary beings, with Jesus coming from Venus.

They also believe the human race is going through its fourth reincarnation after destroying itself on three previous occasions.

Mr Trimble has been a member of the society for 16 years. He hopes the lecture will attract new members but says the society is not a cult and is registered as a church. It was

By Richard Moss

### The universe according to the Aetherius Society

● All the solar system's planets are inhabited by peace-loving people whose existence is hidden from most Earth-dwellers.

● Every human is constantly reincarnated until they learn enough lessons to progress to a higher plane on another planet.

● A "New Master" will be arriving on Earth soon to help believers but remove those who do not heed him.

● Visits by "planetary beings" in flying saucers have been constantly covered-up by governments.

founded 40 years ago when, he says, Sir George King began getting messages from extra-terrestrials.

Mr Trimble, 57, a director of Dalston company Jacob Cowen and the CN Group, which owns The Cumberland News, claims to be able to heal

people by prayer, even though they might be hundred of miles away, and sits down once a week with a list of people to help. He says he has been healed himself by another society member.

He also says he is among society members who pour their energy into "psychic batteries" which are released to defuse world crises.

He said: "I do have to put up with a lot of scepticism and ridicule about my beliefs but I am convinced.

"I have not had an encounter with aliens myself but when I first attended a lecture by the society in 1980 everything began to make sense.

"We would very much like people to explore our beliefs and make up their own minds but we do not go out to brainwash people."

● Dr Richard Lawrence will conduct the Aetherius Society lecture at The Cumbrian Hotel, Carlisle, on November 14, to promote his new book *Contacts With the Gods From Space*, co-written with Sir George King. Reservations can be made through Mr Trimble on 01228 710240

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**UFO hunt**

LINCOLNSHIRE The Ministry of Defence and RAF are today investigating multiple sightings of a UFO. Reports of a bright white glowing object were received from Boston and Skegness. Police forces in Lincolnshire and over the Norfolk coast near The Wash, RAF Great Yarmouth, and near Wroxham, Norfolk, confirmed it had tracked a mystery signal on radar. Flight Lieutenant Sweetman said: "The number of independent reports had suggested there is something to follow up."



It can be no coincidence that the organisers of Mind Body Spirit have chosen tomorrow, Friday the 13th, to celebrate their 20th year. On a day when even the rational are sympathetic to paranormal forces, G-Mex will welcome the attendants of this New Age festival. We talk to two of the star turns

BY LEE HENSHAW



CONTACT: Pauline Delcour-Min had a UFO experience

# Pauline's paranormal experiences

OUR two star turns have had a common experience despite being placed on a different scale of paranormal investigation. Pauline Delcour-Min, 39, and Linda Myers, 38, both women turned to a broken marriage. Linda, 38, became disillusioned with her job as a cabaret artist. And they both believe themselves in other dimensions... inhabited ones.

Pauline claims to have been abducted by aliens in Frodsham when she was 16 and Linda, from Didsbury, to have seen fairies in the woods at the bottom of her garden. Strange but true...

A member of the Association of Life and Soul Therapists, Pauline helps clients recall past life experiences (for £25 an hour), via regression rather than hypnosis.

A contributor to *Alien Encounter* magazine and a leading light in the UFO fraternity, she uses regression to help clients determine whether they've ever been abducted by aliens and she should know...

"It was a warm summer evening in July 1964," she begins precisely, unfolding the tale of intrigue that has dominated her life for the past 32 years.

"My best friend and I went for a walk, but we went much further than normal and found ourselves walking up a deserted country lane. Suddenly, we were in a field. I was on my hands and knees, feeling I'd fallen over, but I couldn't remember falling.

"On our way back I noticed my white ankle sock was soaked with blood gushing from a long cut down the back of my right calf. It just felt icy, frozen and numb, but it didn't hurt. The wound healed remarkably quickly, but the four-inch long scar is still visible."

IT was four years ago that the mystery was finally solved for Pauline, when she underwent regression.

"During the regression I was taken back to that summer's evening and the time my friend and I were walking up the deserted lane chatting away," she says. "We were caught up in an energy beam that seemed to disconnect us from our earth's energy field, and we were literally lifted into another dimension and drawn

up... everything is fine. I was aware in this craft was beaming people in for checks."

Pauline states matter-of-factly that her abduction was by a breed of alien called The Greys.

"They were taking some of my cells

for cloning, and something had gone wrong," she says, her explanation for being left with a scar while her friend wasn't. I try not to smile at this story for Pauline takes it very seriously. She continues. "The bleeding wouldn't stop, and they couldn't do their usual

instantaneous wound closure." Pauline explains this in the same tone as discussing a tooth extraction.

"The beings doing all this were small and grey with spindly arms and legs, and fingers like hollow straws. They had large heads and huge black eyes. They seemed to be wearing tight-fitting grey suits and their eyes were covered by fine black mesh."

Not surprisingly, Pauline has encountered some scepticism about her trade, but she's not out to convince us all. "I'm not bothered about changing people's minds, if they don't want to believe in past lives, that's fine," she says calmly.

Pauline will be appearing at Mind Body Spirit at G-Mex on Saturday talking about extra-terrestrial communications. She's also an exhibitor - the Association of Past Life and Soul Therapists have stand number 47. Linda will be performing tomorrow at 5.30pm, as well as selling products from stall number 88. In addition to exhibitors selling their tangibles (from the Yogurt Shoppe to the International Federation of Aromatherapists), there'll be lectures, workshops, performance art, and a psychics and mystics fair. It's a chance to learn about the menopause, prostate problems or ageing in relation to neurophysiological reprogramming, music therapy, homeopathy and numerous other enlightening experiences. Opens daily 10.30am to 7.30pm. Admission for adults is £3, concessions £2, children under 16, free. Friday is half price day. For more information call 0161 834 3700.



LINDA MYERS used to be a star of Manchester's cabaret circuit, and a former Miss Stafford, but these days she's a singer-songwriter of a different genre of music. Her latest album, *Invincible Friends*, is about "being a free spirit, which is what I am," she says. "My music connects with nature and gives out messages of beauty, truth and harmony through the lyrics."

Linda is also the author of *The Garden Of Secrets*, an audio book she describes as "healing through sounds and words... it's just another way of uplifting the spirit," she says. "It's been guided through a garden full of poetry, sound and stories. And if it makes just one person happy then I've fulfilled my task, because that's my sole purpose, to give joy to people."

But *Invincible Friends* is more than a collection of rather intangible faith - she believes in fairies and, what's more,

people who come up to me at festivals, including quiet, down-to-earth old men who say, 'I just want to tell you that I've seen fairies at the bottom of my garden, but I don't tell anybody else!'"

But Linda couldn't be more sympathetic. "I saw one at the bottom of my garden. It ran so fast I could hardly see what it was. I know it wasn't a fox, because it was very tall and thin. They come when they feel they're safe," she offers. "I believe they're in my house."

Linda concedes that she doesn't find it easy talking about such encounters. Like Pauline, she works in an arena that's at odds with what society's bulk would consider "normal."

"I'm glad I live in my own world, if you know what I mean," she says. "That way, one has to face only a certain amount of reality."

## Aliens descend for a close encounter of the third tee

BY SYAN LIC  
The Birmingham Post

Aliens from the deepest, darkest corner of the universe yesterday began their mission to convince humans they really do exist - by flying over part of Worcestershire.

On the day astronomers released images of the faintest galaxies ever seen, dating back ten billion years, there were reported sightings of UFOs over Blackwell Golf Course, in Barnet Green.

Dr Richard Lawrence of the Aetherius Society, which believes in UFOs, extra-sensory perception and healing, said yesterday it was all part of an extra-terrestrial plan eventually to make contact with life on earth.

Dr Lawrence, who saw a UFO in 1972 while he was a student at Hull Univer-

sity, said extra-terrestrials were waiting for a change of opinion on earth before finally making contact.

He said: "They have a subtle plan to change people's minds. They are waiting for us and they are waiting until we are ready."

"There is not going to be an *Independence Day* scenario; we wouldn't stand a chance if that happened.

"But if they were hostile, we wouldn't even be talking about it now because they could easily invade us."

"The whole of the universe is teeming with life at different levels of vibration and frequencies. There could be life on Mars and we just don't know about it."

From somewhere in the universe yesterday, a "blue, silvery object, about the length of two double-decker buses" hovered over part of Worcestershire before speeding away.

Mr Clive Timpen, aged 23, of Barnet Green, said he saw the object "drifting" in the sky while walking his dog at around 6pm.

But a spokeswoman for the golf club said no one had reported anything unusual.

Dr Lawrence, whose Aetherius Society will give a lecture on UFOs at the Birmingham and Midland Institute, in Margaret Street, on September 26, said it was "beyond doubt" that earth will experience the "wonderful happening" of alien contact in the early part of the next millennium.

He advises we look out for "humanoid" figures, who are "tall, bronzed, with long hair and single-piece suits".

Meanwhile, studies of pictures of the most distant galaxies in space have shown that they are much older than expected.

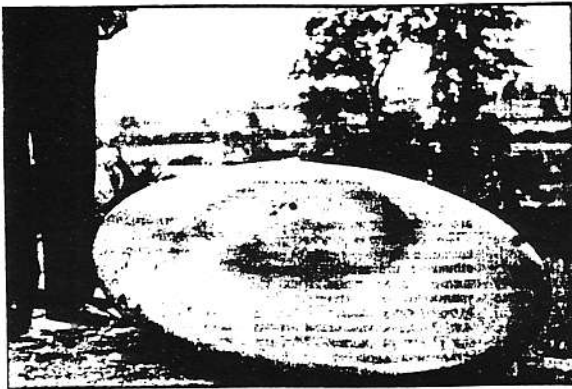
The galaxies are so far away from Earth that light from them travelling at 187,500 miles per second has taken ten billion years to reach earth.

The pictures were taken from the Hubble Telescope orbiting in space, the William Herschel Telescope on the Canary Islands and the UK infra-red Telescope on Hawaii.

Analysis was carried out by the Durham Cosmology Group in the city university's physics department.

Our photograph is based on a scale model of a flying saucer made by the Aetherius Society and based on photographs taken by members, superimposed on to images from the deepest part of the universe - taken by the Herschel Telescope.

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**Fact or fantasy:** A UFO (above left) reportedly discovered by Chippenham farmer Mr Richard Jennings in the 1980s and Mr Tony Dodd — a firm believer in extra-terrestrials.

## UFO proof is still up in the air

Did Worcestershire have the privilege of being viewed by aliens this week?

People near the Lickey Hills reported seeing "a blue silvery object about the length of two double-decker buses" briefly hovering over Blackwell Golf Club around 10pm on Wednesday.

Disappointingly, Mr Philip Mantle, director of investigations for British UFO Research Association, has his doubts the object was a flying saucer.

"One of the things people normally do is exaggerate the size of things," he said yesterday from his home near Leeds. "If it was the size of two double-decker buses, it would have been seen for miles around."

"What you have to remember is the vast majority of UFO sightings have a rational explanation. There is no reason why this should not fall into this category."

"It could be a balloon, for example. I am not saying it is a balloon but it could be a balloon. We get hundreds of sightings a year. Only a small percentage — around five per cent — have no rational explanation."

Mr Mantle's only UFO sighting was when he saw two luminous spheres in the night sky just before 10pm on July 23, 1984, hovering for a few minutes over a hill above Middleton in Leeds before disappearing. He has never found an explanation for the sight.

He remains a firm fence-sitter on the subject of flying saucers and aliens. "I wouldn't rule anything out," said 38-year-old Mr Mantle, a printing plate manufacturer when he isn't investigating sightings.

"Having been involved in the subject for over 17 years now, I argue the 'U' in UFO as far as I am concerned still stands for 'Unidentified.' Nothing has

### Ross Reyburn tries to find a down-to-earth explanation for extra-terrestrial sightings.

been categorically proved one way or the other in my opinion."

He rates the grainy black-and-white footage of the Roswell autopsy as the most interesting film of all related to UFOs.

Shown on British television last year by Channel 4, the film claims to show the corpse of an alien undergoing a post-mortem after a UFO crashed-landed at Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947.

"It is the only film of an alleged alien that bears any scrutiny whatsoever," said Mr Mantle, who has co-written a book on the subject *Beyond Roswell*, being published this year in America. "We have shown the film around the world, by and large to people of the medical profession. Almost to a man the physicians have said, as far as they are concerned, it is a flesh and blood creature, not a special effects dummy. But they can't fathom exactly what it is."

"This creature has no navel for example — every human being has a navel. I think it is a genuine film. I have no idea what this creature is. I would not expect anybody from any profession to stake their profession on what it may or may not be by just viewing the film."

The most impressive British UFO sighting he lists as the Rendlesham Forest incident in December 1980 by an American air base in Suffolk.

"Both civilian and military personnel observed a UFO in the Rendlesham Forest just off base," he said. "They got quite close to this UFO. It left ra-

diation readings, it left marks on the environment.

"It was officially noted by the deputy base commander Lieut Col Charles Halt. They have no idea what it was."

Is the Leeds area the centre of Britain's UFO industry? In the Yorkshire city not far from Mr Mantle is Mr Tony Dodd, a former policeman who is investigations director for Quest International, looking at people's claims they have been abducted by aliens.

While Mr Mantle is stranded on the fence, Mr Dodd is firmly on the side of the aliens. He told a Southall conference last year hundreds of people are taken away each year.

"World War III was nearly started in 1962 when a crowd of UFOs flew across from east to west," he told delegates.

Furthermore, UFO sightings are nothing new.

"We know that Christopher Columbus's ship was buzzed by UFOs when he was sailing to America," said Mr Dodd.

Mr Mantle remains less convinced. He admits to being baffled by the lack of physical evidence to back UFO and alien claims. Then there is the odd fact that nobody ever seems to see aliens dropping down to earth and abducting people.

"All we have is anecdotal evidence," said Mr Mantle, who wrote a book, *Without Consent*, on abductions published two years ago.

"The puzzling thing is when people are abducted by aliens, there is no third party independent witness to these events."

"For example, Mr Smith isn't walking across the golf course and seeing a total stranger being abducted. There isn't a case like that on record."

BY MIKE FINN-KELCEY

UFO watchers have launched their own X-Files style investigation following reports of strange lights in the night skies over Northampton.

Separate sightings of an unidentified flying object were reported over the eastern district of Northampton during the weekend.

Now the Northamptonshire UFO Research Club has appealed for anyone else who thinks they may have seen the object to get in touch.

Club member Patrick Leonard said the sightings matched the classic description of UFOs.

Mr Leonard said: "We will be investigating this further."

"We are not talking about a conventional piece of aircraft technology as we know and understand it."

### Flashing

A couple from Swinford Hollow in Billing told the *Chronicle & Echo* they had seen a brightly flashing light in the sky in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Mary Jackson, from Eastfield, Northampton, revealed how she had a similar experience at about the same time.

Mrs Jackson, 54, said: "It was the noise that woke me up, not the light. It was a humming, like a spinning top."

She said the light hovered very low for about five minutes before it disappeared.

*We are not talking about a conventional aircraft*

— Patrick Leonard

"It was standing still and then it swerved off and then it just vanished. It was too fast for an aircraft. It was like a shooting star."

Mr Leonard said Mrs Jackson had seen something very unusual.

He added: "The fact she heard a humming noise and she witnessed it taking off at high speed shows we are not talking about a conventional aircraft."

"It was a UFO, purely because it was unidentified. The only question left is 'what was it?'"

Anyone who would like to contact the club should phone Northampton 860766 or contact them on the Internet

at <http://dispace.dial.pipex.com/town/square/e182/mulcor.htm>

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★ **GOODNESS gracious - are ETs visiting Harlow?** There was "an enormous ball of fire" in the sky last Friday evening according to a man out walking his dog on the cycle track at Staple Tye.

The man, from Ridsens, told the police: "The centre of it was dark and it was trailing arms of embers either side of it. It was twice the size of a jumbo jet." It disappeared towards Takeley. A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "We have investigated and we are satisfied there is no threat to national security and that there was no incursion on our airspace."

Did you see anything that evening? Have you had any close encounters? Call the *Herald* on 01992 824083 and tell us.

# Exploring mysteries of crop circle phenomena

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By PHIL HEWITT

Six years of crop circle phenomena in Sussex are explored in a new book by Andy Thomas.

*Fields of Mystery* gives a chronology of recent instances in an area already considered one of the country's major sites for the crop circle phenomenon.

Formations in South Harting, Compton, Chilgrove, Kingley Vale, Cocking, East Dean, Tangmers, Selsey, Yaptan and Arundel are included in the survey.

Mr Thomas said his book was intended as a guide to a fascinating journey of discovery through ancient vistas, revealing a mysterious landscape where strange and seemingly magical events occur on a regular basis — events which sceptics are still at loss to explain, despite their continued efforts.

"Sussex provides an excellent macrocosm of the circle phenomenon as a whole, which is simply to be expected



**BIZARRE:** The strange crop circles that have baffled many an expert.

ing the events which have occurred here puts the crop circles under a magnifying glass, recording important details rarely discussed elsewhere."

Mr Thomas insisted that his book was not an attempt to provide a solution to the crop circle mystery.

"No one has, as yet, found an answer that successfully pieces together all the many parts of this strange puzzle."

people to ask their own questions about the extraordinary events occurring in the fields around us.

"Most of all, it may inspire you to question severely what you have been told about crop circles in the media by those who would rather we did nothing but laugh at things that are not understood, jumping on easy and mundane answers instead of looking at the facts," added Mr Thomas.

"Regardless of what might be behind these incredible appearing shapes, one thing is clear — the crop circles have changed many people's lives."

"The seemingly multi-cultural symbols touch the hearts of those who encounter them in ways which are hard to define yet are tangible in the transformation of personalities, usually for the better, and expanding outlooks."

"The questions raised by

the unexplained presence of these wonders invariably lead to greater contemplation of the true nature of the world and the surrounding universe.

"Whatever their real purpose, no one can deny that the crop formations are acting as catalysts for spiritual growth and, by implication, world change." *Fields of Mystery* (S B Publications) is available at £8.95.

## UFO convert

LONDON'S BURNING star Clive Wood is convinced he and two actor pals saw a UFO while driving near Nottinghamshire.

The 41-year-old TV firefighter said: "Whenever we tell people what happened they assume we must have been drunk or pulling their legs. But the image was so vivid I've thought about it ever since. I'm convinced of what we saw."

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