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Truth over UFO claim

BONNYBRIDGE Councillor Billy Buchanan is calling for a string of national newspapers to print apologies following their claims last year that he had invited an alien to Falkirk.

The man behind the claims, Malcolm Robinson of Strange Phenomena Investigations, says he is writing a book in which he will 'come clean'.

Councillor Buchanan was alleged to have said he would bring an alien named Zalus to Falkirk Town Hall. It sparked widespread national publicity.

He denied it and tried to sue the papers for defamation, calling a halt to the legal action just months ago on cost grounds.

Now he has been told by Malcolm Robinson that, in a book about UFO sightings in Scotland, he will 'tell the true story of the Zalus affair'.

Mr Buchanan said: "I hope these people will be big enough to absolve me and apologise."

The new book on UFO sightings will include a major section on Bonnybridge. It is still in its early stages.

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Brilliant Venus

SIR, — In "Pensioner shoots UFO in dawn 'spectacular'" (Press and Journal, October 14), the video shot by Mrs Margaret Ross in Falkirk and the subsequent excitement it has caused among UFO investigators is described. At 6.30am on September 27,

the planet Venus was visible in the east-southeast, a brilliant object about 15 times brighter than Sirius, the brightest star. It is still visible there, but a little lower in the sky.

Mrs Ross shot her video in a "cloudless sky" and so Venus was certainly visible to her. No other explanation than Venus is required, otherwise she would have seen two bright objects in the sky.

Presently, Venus is about 150million kilometres from Earth, moving away from us to pass behind the Sun next April. It is moving lower in the sky as it appears to follow the Sun and will become quite difficult to see just before sunrise by the end of the year. Next May,

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Shedding some light

High over the coast near Boston it hung, a strange flashing, red and green rotating light which the Ministry of Defence is now investigating to see whether it was a "threat to our security".

According to RAF Kinloss, it seemed obvious "that it does not want anyone to know that it is there". Not surprisingly, even normally sceptical UFO researchers are impressed.

We confess to being intrigued, and will feel hugely let down if, as in Anglia radar's view, this revolving aerial show proves to be nothing more extra-terrestrial than the tower of Boston's famous church.

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RAF spots UFO

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UFO claims rejected

A PHYSICIST claims unidentified flying objects reported over the area in recent weeks were probably a series of satellites, or the remains of rocket propulsion units. James Davies, of the physics department at University of Wales, Aberystwyth, says rocket-launched propulsion units that fall away sometimes stay in orbit, and look like UFOs.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PROBES UFO SIGHTING
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Lights in the sky were not a storm, say crew

A TANKER crew which tracked unexplained lights in the sky, sparking a UFO alert, say they were not caused by a church tower or stormy weather.

Just days after the sightings, the Ministry of Defence brushed them off as a false alarm, saying they were caused by the Boston Stump or an electric storm.

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by BETH ROSE-WAGHORN

But that has sparked an outcry from national UFO investigators who are accusing the MoD of a cover up. The Conocast tanker was contacted by Great Yarmouth Coastguard last Saturday week after two large unexplained objects were seen hovering in the skies over The Wash.

What followed was a coastguard coordinated exercise, spanning Scotland and the east coast of England, involving the police and the RAF, to track the lights.

In a ship to shore call, tanker mate David Hutchinson told the Evening News: "It was too high in the sky and in the wrong position. "It could not have been the Boston Stump." And he said there had been no storm.

The crew, who were on the way to Skegness from Rochester in Kent, tracked the two sets of lights for four or five hours.

"Yarmouth coastguard asked us if we had got any sightings in the sky of these lights. We looked up and there they were," he said. The two objects had green, red, white and blue revolving lights, which could still be seen through binoculars in the daylight, he said.

Video mystery for UFO expert

A UFO researcher is studying video film of an object in the sky, described as the "best and clearest" film of a mystery sighting ever recorded in Scotland.

The footage was taken last week by a couple who saw an object low in the sky above Camelon, in Falkirk - just a few miles from Bonnybridge, which is reputed to be Scotland's capital for UFO sightings.

Ron Halliday, a UFO researcher at the University of Stirling, said: "It is the best and clearest video footage I have ever seen and I have examined a lot. "It was taken in daylight against clear blue sky and you get a very good view of the object."

The film was taken by Barry McDonald, 27, and his girlfriend Jane Adam-

son, 23, at around 6.30pm last Wednesday. The couple were travelling from their home in the Falkirk area when they spotted something in the sky.

Ms Adamson said: "We just couldn't believe it. I got such a fright, I couldn't speak."

The couple said that when they first saw the object it looked like an orange-coloured football and then changed to a flat saucer shape before disappearing.

Mr Halliday said: "I can't think of an explanation for the footage other than it is a UFO, because whatever else it is, it is definitely unidentified."

And Ms Adamson said: "I believe there is something there but I'm not sure what it is."

Mystery lights spark fresh UFO speculation

A MORAY Firth Radio breakfast show team were amazed to see multi-coloured flashing lights high in the sky over their Inverness-based broadcast station last Thursday.

At first believing it was a crank call that a UFO was hovering above their studio in the Scorguie area of the town, news presenter John Murchinson, sports reporter Alan Gillies and travel man Jason Barker

were amazed to see the mystery object when they went outside to check.

They watched the light show for over half an hour as it remained in an almost stationary position.

The radio team had been alerted by Quenten Taylor (17), of nearby Craigton Avenue.

Mr Murchison said: "I must say we are all bemused and bewildered by the sighting."

UFO at Horne

A MYSTERIOUS object has appeared in Horncourt Wood and there is speculation about its identity and origin. Looking rather like two halves of an aluminium football which were once taped together with yellow plastic tape, it remains a mystery. One theory is that it is part of an aircraft which dropped off near Gatwick, but bits just do not drop off aircraft, do they? Another thought is that it may have been a piece of meteorological equipment which has plummeted to earth after releasing its instruments by parachute. It could also have been an unexploded bomb, but where is the explosive? The most likely solution is a UFO. Certainly it remains unidentified, surely it must have flown down to get there and there is no doubt that it is an object. So that's it - a UFO.

That cigar must be a spaceship

OAP convinced light was a UFO

by Neil Hallows

Former air gunner Ron Bassett has had some close shaves in his time - but now he has seen something to top the lot.

Mr Bassett saw a bright light in the sky outside his home in the London Road area of Cirencester and he thinks it was a UFO.

His report was one of a number of sightings in the Cirencester and Stroud area on the same night.

Mr Bassett, 82, was putting out his milk bottles at about 10.30pm on Thursday when he saw the shape in the sky.

He said: "It was small at first, like a very bright star. It got larger and I could see it had little flashing lights in front like port holes. After about 10 minutes it moved all of a sudden and hovered over my bungalow.

"I could see it better then. It was about 500ft up. It was cigar-shaped and very bright. It made no sound at all."

Mr Bassett used to be a training officer for air gunners during the Second World War and has seen a lot of aircraft but not anything like that.

"I've no idea what it was. We get a lot of helicopters over here but it wasn't one of those. I never believed in UFOs before but I'm changing my mind," he said.

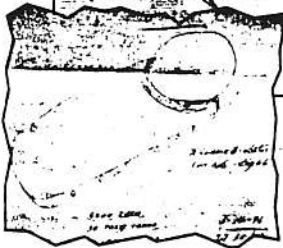
Mr Robin Cole runs a 24-hour telephone hotline for UFO sightings called the Circular Forum.

He said: "We also had three reports from the Stroud area. Two were at about the same time as Mr Bassett's sighting and a third was in the early hours of Friday morning. We haven't had the report forms back yet but at least one of the sightings was also of a cigar-shaped object."

Anyone who thinks they have seen a UFO can contact the Circular Forum on 0973 778906.



Ron Bassett at home in Cirencester



Left: the sketch he drew of the object he saw

Friends in outer space

UFO? So now I have fallen victim to a cruel hoax! (See last Saturday's *Examiner*).

Will readers please note: this letter was not written by me.

Oh, yes, it was actually signed in my name, giving my full address; also inviting people to come to my home on a certain date, in the evening!

Incredible, isn't it? Obviously, this poor, anonymous letter-writer is sick and needs help.

It is quite clear to me that this hoaxer has been studying my many past letters on UFO information for months, possibly for years, and has now made this ridiculous and pathetic job of trying to copy my style. Why?

No need to talk of "little green men" from way up there; things far more bizarre happen down here.

JOYCE M WOODHOUSE
Brian Avenue, Dalton.

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Strange lights at Cemetery Junction

A TILFURST resident has claimed she saw a UFO streaking across Reading's night-sky last week.

Stephanie Syms said: "I was waiting at Cemetery Junction and was gazing at the sky because it was so clear.

"I was watching an aeroplane fly across the sky and then suddenly a weird triangle of light appeared, much larger than the plane. At each point there was a bright light.

"It wasn't the right shape to be a helicopter or plane and it wasn't Concorde because it made no noise as it crossed the sky - in a blink of an eye."

Stephanie, who works for a computer software company, said she was not a UFO fanatic but added: "It is arrogant of mankind to believe they are the only beings in the universe."

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Mecca of mystery honoured

FOR decades, the town has been a mecca for fans of the unexplained.

From all over the world, thousands have travelled to Warminster in Wiltshire to keep vigils on surrounding hills for mysterious lights in the sky. Nearby are the prehistoric stone circles at Stonehenge and Avebury, and more recently crop circles have caused controversy.

Now the town is being declared the UFO capital of Britain, and a plaque is to be unveiled today in the town hall.

Warminster lies on the

By JAMES GOLDEN

confluence of two so-called ley-lines, which some say is the reason for the strange goings-on. Others put them down to the proximity of Salisbury Plain, home of secret military work.

The award has been inspired by Twentieth Century Fox, which has combined with the West Country Tourist Board to arrange the ceremony presided over by Lord Bath. At the unveiling, the film giant will announce the release date for the video of the alien invasion film

Independence Day. Ron Morrison Smith of the West Country Tourist Board said: "The area has a rich and fascinating history of mystic links. We want to attract as many visitors as we can, and for Warminster it seems as if that could mean from this world and beyond."

● An explosion which lit up the skies over the Hebridean island of Lewis on Saturday was still unexplained last night. Witnesses thought a plane had crashed, but after a fruitless air and sea search, space debris falling to earth was seen as the most likely cause.

Search leaves islanders in the dark over unearthly lights in the sky

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

IT HAD all the ingredients of a case for *The X-Files*. Strange phenomena in the sky observed by a remote community. Defence forces being scrambled in a massive search. Then offers of a convenient explanation.

Mulder and Scully, star investigators in the hit television series, might not have accepted that a meteorite or manmade space debris was the cause of huge flashes and explosions which lit up the sky off the Outer Hebrides. Some villagers who saw a mystery object falling from the sky were not totally convinced that it was no close encounter.

Many of the reported sightings on Saturday evening came from the village of Cross in northern Lewis, and from Stornoway. An RAF spokesman said: "There were about a dozen reports in all, and they were all consistent: an explosion in the sky,



X-files heroes Scully and Mulder: they say the truth is out there, but this time, no one could find it

something spiralling to the sea, and flames and smoke persisting for a few minutes."

An RAF Nimrod and two helicopters were out searching from first light yesterday, helped by a coastguard vessel and a French fishing boat.

They pulled out around lunchtime after an air search of more than 1,000 square miles, much of it under the main American air route.

A problem with a civil airliner were ruled out after checks with flight controllers.

The RAF tracking station at Fylingdales in Yorkshire also drew a blank.

One of the witnesses, Norman Macdonald, 57, a joinery contractor in Port of Ness, said: "I saw three flashes in total and heard a further two bangs. I rushed into the local shop and took the staff and customers out. They also saw the dense smoke spiral."

Simon Riley, of Stornoway coastguards, said the most likely cause was a meteorite burning up in the atmosphere: "We have not ruled out falling space debris. Extensive inquiries have been made but nothing has been found, or a positive explanation. It is very puzzling."

A spokesman for the RAF said space debris was unlikely as space-tracking radar had drawn a blank. A spokesman said: "We are sure there is nothing there."

In *The X-Files*, of course, it is always said: The truth is out there.

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Daylight video of UFO 'tremendous'

MORE evidence of unexplained activity in the sky above the Bonnybridge area was revealed last night. UFO experts described the latest video footage as "tremendous".

Mr Barry McDonald, 27, and his girlfriend Jane Adamson, 23, saw the object low in the sky above Camelon, Falkirk, a few miles from Bonnybridge, the UK's UFO Mecca.

They were travelling from their home in Hallglen, Falkirk, at 6.40pm last Wednesday, when Mr McDonald braked suddenly.

Ms Adamson, due to have a baby next week, said: "We saw this weird object in the sky. I got such a fright, I thought I was going to give birth."

Mr McDonald said: "We saw a bright light low in the sky ahead of us. We watched it for about 20 minutes. Then

I remembered I had my camcorder in the car boot.

"The object was white at first and stationary. Then it changed shape into a saucer-type appearance and became an orange colour. I filmed it on tape for about half a minute. It then turned white again and vanished from the sky."

UFO researcher Ron Halliday, of Stirling University, said: "The footage is tremendous. We can see the object clearly. It shows a orange-coloured saucer-shape which then changes to white against a bright blue sky.

"It's by far the best bit of daylight film of a UFO that I have seen."

A spokesman at Scottish Air Traffic Control HQ in Prestwick said they had no reports of any unusual activity in the Falkirk area at the time of the latest sighting.

Should they tell us more on X-files?

CLAIMS in a Canadian newspaper that a space alien was shot and captured alive by US marines has prompted a Tonbridge man to believe there is more to X-File type sightings than governments admit.

The story said Green Berets shot the extra-terrestrial after the space ship crashed in the South Pacific and kept it alive in a 1950s style iron lung.

A doctor in the Philippines said he was ordered at gunpoint to treat the alien, which had a broken arm and bullets in its left leg and chest. No pulse could be found and the doctor said he was not surprised as he could find no heart. Once stabilised, the alien was taken away to an unknown destination.

Convinced

Alan Clements, former leatherwork lecturer at West Kent College, told the Courier this week he was convinced the story was true.

"I believe it because I've read some true stories from prominent people, like retired Army generals in the US, about a desert site where they keep space ships that have crashed.

"It is all very secret but they say they have repaired some and used them for test flights. America seems to keep all these UFOs and anything to do with them very secret but I think people have a right to know."

Mr Clements, of Bracken Walk, said he saw a UFO while living in North Wales. A story went round that a helicopter had crashed but Mr Clements and others who saw it were sure it was a space ship.

There have been several UFO sightings in and around Tonbridge, the most recent spotted by mum Valerie Bell. It was shortly after midnight on a Friday that she saw a bright light coming fast towards her home in Shepton Close.

"It was over the garden for about 10 minutes and it seemed the light was moving around like an eye. I've never seen anything like it," said Mrs Bell, who was adamant it was not a plane or a helicopter.

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A close encounter - with an airship!

WORRIED residents flooded a Midland police station with calls after they believed they had a close encounter with a UFO - only to find it was an airship.

Police in Redditch were inundated with calls from residents in the Woodrow, Tardebigge and Batchley areas after they claimed they saw bright lights in the sky at 11.30pm yesterday.

Police spokesman, Sergeant Roger Thatcher, said: "After investigation, the Civil Aviation Authority confirmed the object was actually an airship passing over the area."

UFOs expose 9-5 defence danger

I READ with interest how our ever vigilant police forces, coastguards and military radar observers spent from 3.15am to 11.09am on Saturday, October 5 watching an unidentified brightly lit flying object.

In the shadow of "Independence Day" hysteria, what is indeed phenomenal is the fact that "Military officials said no air force planes had scrambled to investigate."

Our multi-billion pound defence budget to which we, the tax paying public are forced to contribute, equips our national protection with Tornados, Jaguars and F18 fighter aircraft at £30-million a throw and pilots to fly them costing £5-million each to train.

It all seems pretty pointless if they only fly 9-5 on

Mystery lights in the sky highlight a problem or two

Monday to Friday.

We must think ourselves fortunate the bright lights over the Wash were not Saddam Hussein or some other crackpot targeting us for nuclear obliteration, because if it had been, you would not be reading this letter.

**Damian O'Connor,
King Street,
Norwich.**

■ WITH everyone's minds on strange things in the sky (Evening News, October 7) now seems a good time to

ask whether anyone else saw the silent object I did over the centre of Norwich at around 9am on December 27 last year, a date and time which meant the city was virtually empty.

It certainly wasn't a flying saucer, more a brightly coloured flying object, and appeared at first to be a giant kite about the dimensions of a single-decker bus.

As the fair was here at the time it might well have been a publicity stunt to attract attention. It might have been any number of things — but

quite what is the puzzle.

**Malcolm Chamberlin,
Highland Road,
Norwich.**

■ IN YOUR leader (October 7) referring to the mysterious lights seen over The Wash at the weekend, you comment: "The strange sightings of a stationery object over East Anglia have so far defied a rational explanation."

I take it you mean there is no cause for concern as it is no more than a paper exercise?

**Warren King,
Alderley Drive,
Norwich.**

■ Editor's note: Oops! Looks like one of the little green men got into the works — perhaps the same one which dated Mr King's letter as March 8. Sorry about the slip. We will try to do better.

UFO chased after me, says spooked motorist

IT was a close encounter of the second kind for a Yeovil man who says he was chased by a UFO through a Dorset village.

Around 8.30pm on Thursday, the man, who does not want to be named, was driving through Ryme Intrinsic approaching the Dorchester road when the road ahead became bathed in light.

The man, who is in his late 30s, says: "It looked at first like a car was approaching me from my left or it was going down a driveway.

"It suddenly crossed my mind that it could not be because there are no driveways there, so I slowed down to about 15 mph to be cautious.

"I looked out to my left and there was a diamond shape in the sky emanating white light. I looked at it intently for about three seconds and it was something totally out of the ordinary.

"It was only about 50 or 60ft across

and no more than 80 to 100ft away from me. I could tell that it was moving toward me.

"At that point I just bolted. I went into primeval flight mode and put my foot down. I turned around and it was following me so I started to go a bit faster.

"I was going down the hill and and slowed down as I came to the Dorchester road which is normally fairly busy.

"But there were no cars at all, it was dead. It spooked me and I was terrified.

"The light was gone and in my rear view mirror, it looked like a bright star in the sky."

The man describes himself as level-headed and is convinced it was no trick of the light. He said the object looked "elaborate."

"I had a definite shape, there was nothing subtle about it," he said.

Light show theory rules out aliens

Mystery circles could be lasers

By JENNY PARKIN

MYSTERIOUS lights circling the night sky above Huddersfield are probably nothing to do with aliens after all, it is claimed.

Yesterday we appealed to readers to ring in if they thought they could explain the phenomenon.

Dozens who telephoned all gave the same answer — that powerful lasers at a Brighouse pub are behind the eerie light show.

The Old Corn Mill pub switches its lasers on almost every night and on some clearer days the shapes they cast can be seen all over the surrounding area.

Spokeswoman for the Wakefield Road pub Margaret Collins said: "Yes, we've been confusing a lot of people with our laser lights.

"We have even had calls from a UFO organisation that was frantically trying to trace the source of these strange sightings.

"The beams can be seen from a long way off. We've had them for

about six months now and they're on most nights, later on."

The disc-like formations of tiny, bright lights, which swivel backwards and forwards, have been baffling people from several districts.

Some residents believed they might have been flying saucers.

But the Old Corn Mill lasers cannot account for all such sightings. People have also spotted strange lights early in the evening before the show begins at 9pm.

One day in August a Lindley woman saw bright lights tipping from side to side at about 8.45pm. On the same night a Shepley couple described seeing a "cigar-shaped light" travelling over the village.

Student Dominic Beresford, of Kirkburton, described a solid, red hexagonal shape moving across the sky near his home — nothing at all like a laser show.

Meteorologists from Leeds Weather Centre, scientists at Kirklees Council, and aviation experts from London-based air traffic control services have been at a loss to come up with any explanation.

Mystery UFO is a hoax

I HAVE read recent reports of the mystery UFO in the area and have concluded that the UFO watchers are the victims of a hoax compounded by their own inability to ascribe a simple explanation to a simple event. Let us examine the facts.

Why does it have flashing lights? Obviously these are to make the 'craft' visible.

Why is it only seen at night? Because if it appeared in daylight we would all recognise it for what it really is.

Why does it always appear in and around Derby and Derbyshire? This is because the hoaxer has no wish to travel far from home.

How can it hover as it does? Why is it triangular? How can it zoom off at impossible speeds? Well I know the answers to these questions and can reproduce such a UFO using very simple technology, but I'll leave you to figure it out yourself.

I must add that I am not the hoaxer.
D Beresford, Hazel Close, Findern.

New row erupts over 'alien spaceship' fragment

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A ROW is erupting in America over a fragment of metal purported to come from the mysterious craft that crashed near Roswell in 1947, writes Sean Harrarovic.

Although the board of the Roswell International UFO Museum and Research Centre believes the thin, jagged piece of metal comes from an Ohio jeweller's scrap bin, the two local residents who supplied the fragment in March remain unconvinced.

The museum claims the fragment, which is only a few centimetres wide and long, was probably made by an ancient Japanese metalworking technique called *makume* (one rare method of folding and stretching metal to give it the appearance of wood grain.

Miller Johnson, head of research at the museum, took the

fragment to the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico to ensure that the museum could not be accused of making unfounded claims.

"Nobody around here had ever seen anything like it before," he says. "It was definitely metal, but looked like wood, so we thought it was best to get it checked out."

The nearby laboratory was given the fragment this summer. It concluded that it was made of silver and copper that definitely emanated from earth.

Randy Fullbright, a jeweller from Ohio, came forward after reading about the mysterious piece of metal to show that it was likely to have been an off-cut from one of his pieces made that something strange occurred at Roswell and that somebody involved in the clear-up still has a fragment from whatever crashed in the desert that day.

"We would like to be able to prove what happened, but at the moment we have no physical evidence," says Blake Larsen, a Roswell painter who gave the fragment to the museum after moving to the area recently. "I don't believe Fullbright's story, so I'm having more tests run."

He claims the fragments were given to him by a friend who was himself given them by a man in Alaska, who swore he was involved in the military clear-up of the 1947 crash site.

"He never said they were from an alien ship," he says, "but they were apparently taken from the site. I don't believe Fullbright's story, so I'm having more tests run."

I saw UFO over me says company boss

INDEPENDENT witnesses have reported seeing a UFO at Great Cornard, near Sudbury.

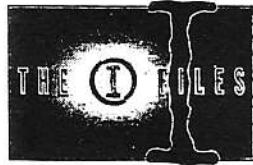
Jason Newman, of Chaplin Walk, told of a strange, misty patch in the sky which then showed lights.

"It was like a circle made up of round lights - it was hard to see. It was big - as big as half a football pitch, and about ten houses high in the sky," said Jason.

The object was also seen by friends of Jason, and he roused his boss, Mark Gardiner, as another witness.

Mark, who runs Sudbury Security, admitted he was dubious at first.

"The lights were very dim and they oscillated



rather than faded and became brighter again. It looked saucer-shaped to me and it appeared to rotate through 180 degrees and back again," said Mark, of Guy Cook Close.

The sighting took place on Sunday evening between 8pm and 9.30pm looking south-west from Chaplin Walk towards open country.

Mark said: "I've lived here for seven years and the only other lights in that direction would be

floodlights at the rugby pitch. I'm in the security business so I work with lights and I've also done some light shows, but I can't say I've ever seen anything like this before."

Jason said the sighting was also witnessed by a young girl named Katie Dixon and her parents who live nearby.

■ A man calling himself Mr Goodwin left a message on the Star answerphone to say that he and his daughter had seen a UFO near Pin Mill.

He described it as having a misty appearance. Can Mr Goodwin tell of the time and day of this sighting by contacting Gavin Hodge on 01473 282310.

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Walker reports 'ball of flame' UFO sighting

POLICE were called to the Staple Tye area of Harlow on Friday night following reports of an unidentified flying object.

Officers searched the area after they were contacted by a man who claimed he had spotted the mysterious object while walking his dog on a cycle track near the shopping centre.

"He described the object as an enormous ball of fire with a dark core and trailing arms of embers on either side," said Sergeant Andy Bray, of Harlow police.

"He said it appeared to him to be about two times the size of a jumbo jet."

The man claimed the object has disappeared in the direction of Takeley, still burning brightly.

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UFO hunt is on says the RAF

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The MoD said it has a special cell which investigates all reported UFO sightings.

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object spotted hovering off the county coast has sent tongues wagging at the highest levels.

As the Echo revealed yesterday, transcripts of conversations between Royal Air Force radar operators, coastguards and the police, serve only to deepen the mystery.

The strange sighting in the night sky caught on both radar and seen by the naked eye - has left experts baffled.

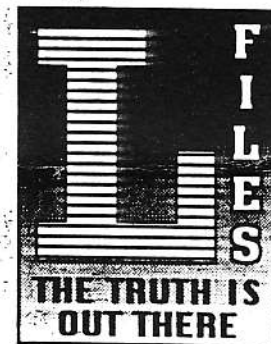
Director of investigations from the British UFO Research Association Gloria Dixon, said: "Some of the things that we get here are certainly stranger than the X Files.

"However, the chances are that it will probably turn out that there is a conventional explanation.

"It does sound unusual and I would very much like to view the original video tape, but what is really important to us is what is seen with the naked eye."

Mrs Dixon added: "Without wanting to sound too cynical, we do see a great deal of video footage of unexplained white blobs in the sky.

"Camcorders can create the illusion of movement to both operator and viewer and high powered binoculars produce all sorts of dome-like distortions."



But that would not explain the radar coverage of Lincolnshire's latest UFO.

Lincolnshire astronomer Heather Hobden said: "Sometimes meteorological effects can cause optical illusions, especially out at sea."

But Mrs Hobden admitted that this did not explain the radar images and said that if it was the glow of meteorites or falling satellite debris it would have lasted nothing like the reported duration.

History of sightings

DURING the last 30 years the Echo has recorded dozens of unexplained sightings.

In August 1967, seven eye witnesses told mystery lights circling the sky above the Erm estate.

In September 1971 scientists were involved piecing together evidence from witness reports of a bright unexplained object flying over Lincolnshire.

In November 1978, there was a spate of strange sightings including massive great orange objects to a rocket-shaped object.

In November 1984, the teenage pals were shaking with fear when they spotted mysterious lights in the sky.

In March 1988, F-119 chiefs were at a loss to explain a sighting of a bright object hovering in the sky over Sleaford.

In August 1992, a string of reports reached the Echo following sightings of blue flashing lights.

The sky's the limit in the holiday trade **UFO sightings even pull in extra tourists**



Mr MacKay - Reports from visitor attractions have been mixed.

IT'S BEEN a hot summer for tourism in Kirkcaldy this year.

Initial indications suggest the Lang Toun and its surrounding area proved to be a bigger tourist trap in 1996 than in previous years.

And, according to one worker at Kirkcaldy's Tourist Information Office, visitors reckon the area's attractions are simply out of this world.

"Some people asked where they should go to see the UFOs," said the assistant, who discovered that the potential travellers had heard of recent news reports surrounding strange objects in the skies above Kirkcaldy.

Report by IAIN MUIRHEAD

And she revealed: "We referred them to The Fife Free Press office, and they called back to book accommodation!"

The assistant explained that, over a very busy summer, enquiries had come in from as far afield as Russia, Canada and the United Arab Emirate.

And Kyle MacKay, operations director of the Kingdom of Fife Tourist Board, confirmed that the newly-established single tourist authority had been pleased with its first few months of operation.

He explained that, in general terms, Scotland had fared well during this year's summer season, and Fife had shared in this prosperity.

This meant that, although the figures were still to be finalised, it was expected that the Kingdom would show an improvement in tourism income over the previous year.

He continued: "The impression we have from the accommodation sector is that hotels and guest-houses have fared reasonably well, as has the self catering sector throughout the area."

"But reports from visitor attractions have been mixed, with some showing significant increases and others not doing so well."

Looking to the future, Mr MacKay stressed that Fife would be doing its bit to attract a share of the growing autumn tourist market.

"The Scottish Tourist Board is spending over a million pounds on its Autumn Gold campaign and the Kingdom of Fife Tourist Board will be taking part.

"October and November can be a very good period so we're hoping for good weather," he added.

With brochures being sent all over the world, information on Fife's tourist appeal is already widely available.

But, following a successful pilot scheme to promote the Kingdom's golfing opportunities, the Board hopes to offer Internet users everything they need to know about the region.

Tourist chiefs are currently in discussion with Fife Enterprise, and hope to launch a new World Wide Web site featuring a wealth of information on local attractions and businesses.

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Graham Clews meets the hi-tech flying saucer sleuths...

The 'UFO' Files

THE UFO-hunters have come to town on the trail of little green men and flying saucers.

But these intrepid investigators are no joke and they brought hi-tech kit to Half-Moon Crescent, Islington, to check on reported lights in the sky.

They came to the home of Theresa Lyons, 35, who saw the lights and as well as quizzing her closely, they double-checked to make sure she had not been abducted by aliens.

Mrs Lyons says she has seen lights in the sky most nights over the past few weeks but her own investigations provided no answers and the police could shed no light on what it was.

In desperation she called in Paul Southcott and Roy Lake of London UFO studies.

They took photographs of the lights, gave her a rigorous questionnaire which included probing her health and state of mind. Her answers were videotaped for detailed study later.

"They checked all behind my ears and they were talking about looking for implants and things," said Mrs Lyons.

"They asked me if I had any discharges coming from my ears or my navel.

"They wanted to see if I had been abducted."

And she said the UFO-hunters were optimistic the lights she had seen could mean something.

"They said that, from the way I was talking and my reaction, what I said was very interesting," she said.

"I'm glad that someone is taking an interest, because the lights I have seen have been there for a long time, and other people must be wondering what they are."

Paul Southcott, of London UFO studies said he and his colleagues will analyse the photographs they have taken, using picture enhancement technology.

But it was too early to say if what they had found was significant.

"We are going to have to study it a bit longer and do further checks," he said.

"The photographs can be broken down and we can find a shape if there is one there.

"We will check pictures and see if there are any solid structures or if it is just light."

Mr Southcott is also investigating a sighting of a UFO which was described as being the size of seven football pitches surrounded by flashing lights, in Galway Street, Finsbury.

Jenny Scaton, who lives in the street, spotted it when walking her dog and she called in the UFO-hunters.



© Paul Southcott, left, and Roy Lake in Islington for London UFO studies. Picture Terry Gay

UFO mystery resolved

SIR. 'UFOs' should no longer be a mystery.

Only a few weeks ago a British scientist spoke on TV of the MOD in Britain having built at a cost of £100m a saucer-type plane with lights and gases underneath exactly as the sightings of UFOs are photographed. Four were sold to Sweden and this plane was then discontinued.

The secrecy behind it may have had military implications, but other countries may well have designed such planes and fly them all over the world.

We have hovercraft plying the channel on an air cushion.

I once saw in daylight a normal plane flying back to front over Torquay. I expect another experimental project!

Such saucer planes have been in existence for many years, but ETs stepping out of them to capture Earthlings is obviously embroidery.

There is no living planet in our galaxy and beyond capable of sending UFOs at great distance, taking years, to reach us.

Miss Ann Wood,
Babbacombe Road,
Torquay

Mystery of ET's Flying Triangle

THEORIES vary on whether the incredible craft pictured above is the latest in air force technology or the latest alien vessel to visit our planet.

But one exclusive and fascinating phone call I received recently about the strange object supports strongly that it is indeed man made.

A reader in reception of my letter regarding the recent UFO Update discussing the sighting of the black triangular object spotted being pursued by a Chinook helicopter and a Jaguar fighter plane over Wigan.

The man, a respectable businessman, told how a friend of the family - a retired General in the US Air Force - was staying with them at the time and knew a great deal about the craft.

The man said: "The guy told us how he'd actually been a passenger in one of these triangular aircraft on one occasion and told us that he was amazed that there was no sound whatsoever from inside or outside the craft."

"He said it flew using a different propulsion system, certainly not the conventional jet engine."

"He also told us how it flew at incredible speeds and was top secret."

"He was deadly serious and knew an awful lot of stuff about this craft and other so-called UFO projects."

"He said that the craft was made using Stealth technology on a much more advanced level."

The following are some of the amazing Flying Triangle's specifications.

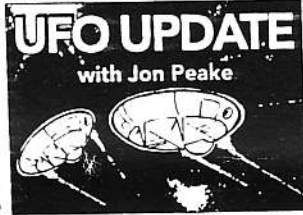
Speed: Capable of rapid acceleration. On one occasion a triangle was monitored moving from a standstill to a speed of 900mph almost instantly.

Size: Three times that of a Jumbo Jet. Sounds: Silent, although on occasions sightings have been accompanied by a low drone.

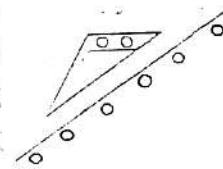
Manoeuvrability: Amazing. These things can fly in any direction at any speed and any height it seems.

Reported hostilities: Only one. One of these objects shot a beam out at a radar antennae in Russia that was monitoring it. It totally destroyed it.

Purpose: Their purpose seems to be for monitoring. Triangles are often seen hovering stationary over one particular area directing a white beam of light onto the area as though



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with Jon Peake



HOLLOW: Flying Triangle, seen by an engineer near Derby

surveying it. They have been seen near nuclear power works, industrial plants and water treatment plants also.

Going back about a year to a report in UFO Update, a man walking his dog in the Red Rock area of Wigan spotted such a craft.

He said it shot over him at an incredible speed.

Later, Ministry of Defence officials were called out and sealed the area off.

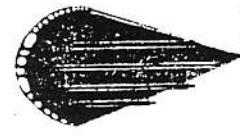
The craft's print could be seen in a field where it had been standing before soaring above the man's head.

Needless to say the man was terrified.

Derby man Omar Fowler has written a fantastic report on the Flying Triangle mystery, detailing sightings from across the globe.

It is full of fascinating information and costs just £3 plus 50p postage and packaging.

The Flying Triangle Mystery is available from The Phenomenon Research Association, 94 The Circle South, Derby DE24 9UR.



CURVED: Flying Triangle seen near Longford, Derbyshire

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WALES IS AN INTER-GALACTIC STOP

Watch out for those aliens!



OCTOBER 17, 1973, was the day that changed Dr Richard Lawrence's life.

Not because Poland knocked England out of the 1974 World Cup - instead, it was the day the young graduate, a keen football fan, had his first UFO sighting.

On a cold, clear night outside Hull University a cigar-shaped object whizzed past bemused onlookers and headed for the hills.

The excited student and his friend raced after it in their car and caught up with the UFO in a field two miles outside the city.

The 15 minutes the 20 year old claims he spent staring at the illuminated craft, was enough to keep him hooked for the rest of his life.

Now 43 years old and a world authority on UFOs, the Berkshire-born ufologist (above right) has recently started a UK tour to convince people that we are not alone.

By Jason Lamport

And the Cardiff leg of his month-long tour will be especially exciting for him as he reckons Wales is a popular site for aliens who visit Earth.

"Wales has always been a notorious spot for UFOs," said Dr Lawrence, who now lives in Fulham.

"I have had at least six sittings in Wales and the records show there is something about the South West and Wales which attracts beings from other galaxies."

"I was with my family holidaying in the Brecon Beacons in 1987 last time I had an alien sighting."

"Three stationary bright lights illuminated the sky for a few seconds and then shot off at great speed in different directions."

"There is a wealth of evidence to show UFOs exist and recent sur-

veys suggest that 67 per cent of the population believe.

"My tour is designed to convince the other 33 per cent."

During his tour, which comes to Cardiff next month, Dr Lawrence will talk through his new book with the audience, showing them official evidence that the government is seriously investigating UFO movements.

One of the documents, a top secret CIA record, tells how a pilot was scrambled to intercept a UFO. His instruments went dead when he tried to fire and the craft sped off.

Dr Lawrence said: "I have plenty of evidence to show UFOs exist - people will believe if they come to the meetings."

● The tour is being held at: The Friends Meeting House, 43, Charles Street, Cardiff, on October 11. Call 0171 736 4187 for tickets.

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Mystery deepens over UFO sighting

SIGHTINGS of a bizarre object in the skies over the county continue to be reported.

Mystified car restorer David Moon (42), of High Street, Collingham, between Lincoln and Newark, claims he saw a UFO hovering in the sky the day before dozens of people spotted a similar mystery object, as reported in the Echo.

"I was walking through Collingham at about 3.45pm on Friday October 4 - it was broad daylight and there had just been a thunderstorm," he said.

by Rachel Kerr

"Suddenly I saw a really bright object in the sky - it looked as if it was between Lincoln and Waddington. I thought it was a weather balloon to start with but then it started moving around."

"It was moving very fast from cloud to cloud as if it was trying to hide itself. I was flabbergasted when I saw it."

Mr Moon said the object, which he described as very bright and cylindrical in shape, hovered in the sky for three or four minutes before shooting off towards Skegness.

"I'm not a crank but I had never seen anything like it before - I try to keep an open mind about this type of thing," he said.

"After seeing this object in the sky I am sure there is something out there. I would be interested to talk to anyone else who saw the same thing."

An investigation was launched by the Ministry of Defence after a strange object was seen off the county coast, near Skegness, on Saturday October 5.

Boston and Skegness police and the coastguard all received reports of a mysterious bright white shining object in the sky.

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Tape stumps UFO experts

A PENSIONER'S 40-minute video of a UFO had flying saucer experts baffled today.

Margaret Ross saw a mystery object hurtling through the sky towards West Lothian from her Falkirk home.

And today Ron Halliday, chairman of Scottish Earth Mysteries Research, said he could not rule out the possibility Mrs Ross had spotted a spaceship.

Now Mr Halliday plans to carry out a detailed analysis of the tape to try to establish what it is.

Mrs Ross (63) saw the pulsating bright object in the sky at daybreak on September 27. It gradually changed into a half-moon shape with four diagonal bars of high-intensity brightness before it disappeared towards Linlithgow.

"I have never seen anything like it," admitted Mr Halliday today.

"I have watched the video a few times and it is really quite intriguing.

"The next thing, as far as



AWESTRUCK: Margaret

we're concerned, is to carry out a frame-by-frame analysis to try to get a clear picture of what it actually is.

"I must admit it is a very strange object. I have been looking at photographs, pictures and diagrams but I cannot find anything to compare it with.

Mrs Ross said: "I watched in awe. It looked like a big snowball. Its outside edges then became pointed."

Are we alone? That is one of the biggest questions facing mankind which surely will be answered in the next millennium - if not before.

The questions of extra-terrestrials - do they exist? Are they already with us? Do they have underground bases on Earth? Are they running a huge experiment with humans as subjects? - are not new, nor are they easy to answer.

It is alleged that the United States possesses crashed spacecraft, even that aliens have helped the American military build its latest high-speed aircraft.

There are UFO sightings all over the world, all the time, by hundreds of respectable people. Most are explainable as weather conditions, man-made aircraft or astronomical phenomena.

But some are not so easy to explain.

There have been recent claims that aliens crashed and were captured in a small Brazilian town. Many 'ordinary' people saw the weird creatures scampering around after the crash before American military personnel turned up and carted the creatures off.

It is claimed that the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico is home to several alien bases.

And there have been several sightings locally. A recent UFO over Ilkley Moor could have been Venus, said a local astronomer, but we don't know for sure.

Many people - some believable, some not - claim to have been abducted by aliens.

It is easy to scoff. But many of the

Alone?

Individuals who say they have seen or been contacted by aliens are reputable, 'average' people.

Today's science tells us not to believe anything unless we see it with our own eyes and it can be 'proved'. If something doesn't fit one of our scientific laws then it doesn't - and cannot - exist.

That is why many people discount UFOs.

Some people say those who claim to have seen them are lying or deluded. Others allege conspiracy theories involving governments and top-secret, shadowy projects by the American military around which the UFO 'myths' are merely a sight-screen to hide the truth. It can all get a bit X-Files-ish. I've never seen a UFO, nor do I know of any evidence that the people of the world are being manipulated by the American government. But I've read a lot of accounts of UFO sightings and abductions.

And I find it a lot more far-fetched that so many people should either

almost certainly not!

lie about such things or be deluded about them than that we should be alone in the universe.

I think it would be incredible - almost beyond belief - if extra-terrestrials did not exist.

It's not a big step from that to accept that they might have visited our planet.

Perhaps the new millennium will reveal the answers.

In fact, perhaps the 'alien question' will be one of the less significant revelations of the new millennium.

If the world changes as much during the next 1,000 years as during the last then many things will happen which will surprise the narrow-minded in the 'scientific' community.

David Mason
KN sub-editor

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A SPATE of UFO sightings over Wearside has left boffins buzzing with excitement.

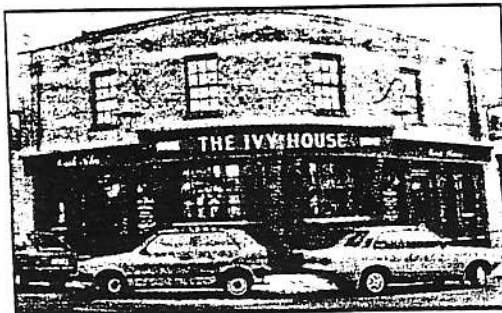
Experts say there have been at least 70 suspected incidents over Tyne and Wear in the last two weeks - more than 10 times the normal amount.

The UFO watchers are mystified by the flood of calls to their hotline.

The Newcastle-based Probare Institute, which catalogues and investigates sightings, says a sphere-shaped object was spotted going out to sea at Sunderland.

Sightings have included two in Jarrow and one in South Shields, ranging from flashing lights in the sky to large hovering objects.

A strange craft was seen in the sky over Thornhill and then over Hendon, emitting bright yellow rays on Thursday night.



UFO ALERT: Strange sightings near the Ivy House pub

Susan Wingate, 26, of The Elms West, Ashbrooke, who saw the UFO near the Ivy House pub, said: "There were lots of rays coming from a cloud, like they were searching for something. It wasn't a helicopter - there was no noise."

A friend, Stephanie Graham, 24, saw a craft near her home in Athol Road, Hendon.

The institute receives on average three or four reports a week.

"We take a sceptical view of stories", said spokesman John Russell.

"People are convinced about what they have seen, but our job is to look at the facts carefully and objectively."

"The vast majority of sightings can be explained as weather balloons, unusual cloud formations, optical illusions, Jupiter or hoaxes."

The Probare Institute is an independent organisation founded in 1988 by a group of graduate physicists and engineers.

Over the past two years they have been collecting statistics into UFOs. They will publish their findings in a report later this year.

"There is absolutely no evidence of sightings" added Mr Russell.

● If you see something unusual, give our UFO hotline a call ☎ 534 3011.