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## Alien goings on in space

A FURTHER sighting of what appears to be a triangular-shaped space ship has been made in Derby.

Mavis Castledine, of Kin Ross Avenue, Chaddesden, has seen the triangular flying object hovering above the city on two occasions.

The 49-year-old housewife contacted the Telegraph after reading our story about similar UFO sightings in Littleover.

She said: "The first time I saw it was about two months ago.

"Then about two weeks ago I saw the same thing — a triangle shape with rows and rows of lights.

"It moved off so quickly — it was amazing."

Omar Fowler, of Sinfen, is a sights coordinator with the Phenomenon Research Association.

He said: "We are currently receiving information showing a large increase in UFO activity."

DOZENS of people in Oxfordshire reported seeing a cigar-shaped craft with red flashing lights hovering in the sky on Tuesday night.

It was spotted close to RAF Benson, Cowley and Bicester before moving to Banbury.

Police insisted that it was an airship. A spokesman said: "We had been notified before. It travelled from Reading to Warwick."

A spokesman for the UFO organisation, Contact International, said that they will, however, investigate the sighting despite the police insistence that it was an airship.

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## IW opens up X Files on Newport UFO sighting

AN UNEXPLAINED object in the sky seen by a Newport man while walking on Hunnyhill, was also seen on the mainland.

Richard Cattle, 18, of Northumberland Road, Newport, was walking home from a party at 6.30 am on Sunday when he saw the strange light.

"I had just got to the top, near Hunnyhill School, and saw there were two airplanes travelling eastwards."

Flying over the aircraft was something he could not recognise so easily.

"It was a round ball of pulsating, white light," he said.

Mr Cattle said the light seemed to be quite large and to change size.

He said it followed the aircraft for a time before it accelerated, overtook the aircraft and flew off eastwards over the Solent at a rate faster than any aircraft.

Mr Cattle said although he had been at a party earlier that night, he was not drunk or seeing

things.

"I am interested to know if anyone else saw it," he said.

The IW branch of the Global UFO Investigation Systems group have checked with other branches and confirmed that a similar sighting was made in Littlehampton at the same time.

Mr Stuart Shore, 24, of Crossway, Bembridge who organises the recently formed IW group, said they existed to collect reports of unidentified flying objects, and had branches all over the world.

He said people like Mr Cattle who saw something they would not explain could contact him, and he would either interview them or send a report form to fill in.

Mr Shore said more than 90 percent of reports could be explained by known phenomena, but there was ten percent that could not.

"It is that ten percent that we are interested in investigating," he said.

Mr Shore can be contacted on 873200.

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## UFO sightings

IT SOUNDS like a case for Mulder and Scully . . .

Strange objects appear in the sky over Monklands — and nobody knows anything about it.

Cops say they have no record of any UFO sightings above Airdrie and Coatbridge on Thursday night.

And the Civil Aviation Authority deny all knowledge of the extraterrestrial activity.

The Advertiser had calls from worried readers claiming they'd seen strange lights in the night sky.

One reader, who did not wish to be named, said: "I don't believe in UFOs, but there must be a reason for it."

A spokesman for Monklands Police said they had had no reports of UFO activity on Thursday night.

And Alistair Campbell, air traffic control watch manager at Glasgow Airport, said: "We haven't heard anything about it."

"We've got nothing at all in our log. We didn't see anything and nobody is talking about it."

"It doesn't appear to have had any effect on us at all." But remember: The truth is out there . . .

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## UFO investigator looks for help

HAVE you any information on a downed UFO being housed at RAF Farnborough this year?

An investigator with Global UFO Investigation Systems believes the government is covering-up research into UFO and alien technology at Farnborough.

Steve Marriott is hot on the trail after a report in a paranormal magazine said secret investigations were held at the military base in the 1950s. In the 1970s, there was reportedly an encounter between Ministry of Defence person-

nel and a UFO in Minley Manor woods.

And as recently as April 1996, there have been rumours of a UFO being housed at the base.

Mr Marriott wants to hear from anyone with information regarding the above incidents or any other UFO sightings in the area.

He can be contacted c/o Global Investigation Systems, Unit C4, The Modern Moulds Business Centre, Harwood Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN17 7AU.

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# Neighbours explode over alien invasion

ANGRY earthlings bombarded police with complaints as Legoland celebrated the end of its first season with an alien invasion.

Laser lights and fireworks helped by thousands of children fought off the imaginary invaders on Saturday and Sunday.

But the booming sound system left the Winkfield Road theme park's neighbours reaching for the cotton wool.

April Reardon, of Dower Park, St Leonard's Hill, Windsor, said: "The noise was unbelievable and people heard it all over.

By CHLOE SMITH

The only thing which drowned it out was Concorde passing!

"We are next to the site and I got a letter afterwards from Legoland's press officer saying they are still learning how the park reacts during special events. What a load of cobblers!"

Mrs Reardon, who has written a letter to Windsor council's Environmental Health Officer, explained Dower Park is on the edge of Legoland's open-air theatre's boundary. She said: "I would ask them to move

it to a different location. Don't get me wrong, Legoland is lovely for the kids but we are all worried here about the noise."

Helen Matthews, Legoland press officer, said: "We informed many people in the area it was happening and on Sunday, we took extreme measures and cut the noise of the show by half.

"We became aware the sound was bouncing out and annoying people and we will make sure we get it right next time."

Neighbours complained in the summer about noise from a GMTV live broadcast.

spotted around Derbyshire. He said: "It does look like the object that people have seen. In the dark you can't see the vehicle or the people."

"I believe they have made it themselves and are doing it to kid people. I think it is quite funny myself."

The Derby-based Phenomenon Research Association admitted that the kite may be a prank, but said flying triangles are real.

Member Alan Hitchcock said: "We do sometimes come across hoaxes and it is often done by students who are larking around."

"I can accept that this might be a hoax which I suppose is a bit of fun."

"Some of the sightings over Derbyshire may have been this kite but flying triangles are a reality and have been seen all over the world."

by Cheryl Dinning



out this giant kite, about 12ft-long by 8ft-wide, and put some bars in place.

"Two of them managed to put it up into the air and it was connected to a winch on the Land Rover."

"Then, all of a sudden, coloured lights along the side of the kite and in the middle began flashing."

"I noticed one of the men had what appeared to be a remote control gadget and every time he played with it the lights went on and off."

Now Brian is convinced the kite is the 'flying triangle' UFO which has been

**LABORATE hoaxers with a 12ft-long kite, complete with flashing lights, may be responsible for UFO sightings in Derbyshire.**

Brian Glasgow (60), of Acorn Way, Chaddesden, spotted a giant remote-controlled kite which he says could account for some recent sightings.

Taxi driver Brian was travelling along Acorn Way as it started to get dark, when he spotted a Land Rover parked in playing fields at Lees Brook Secondary School, Morley Road, Chaddesden.

He said: "I pulled the car over and saw four people near the vehicle. They pulled

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# UFO reported

Another UFO was claimed to have been sighted in the Cotswolds, this time by four teenagers on a camping trip.

The friends were staying at Mayfields Park camp site, at Perrott's Brook, near Cirencester as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

One 15-year-old girl, who did not want to be named, claimed they saw the object at about 9.40pm.

"It was extremely high and made no noise at all," she said. "Its four lights were arranged in a square and they were flashing red, green, red, green."

"As it approached us overhead it suddenly changed its course and continued towards the road. About 60 seconds later our attention was drawn to a flash of white light across the sky."

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## Aircraft test claim denied

THE AMERICAN airforce has denied recent UFO sightings in the Cirencester area are actually an experimental aircraft known as the "wave rider".

Squadron leader Alan Pearson of RAF Fairford said: "We have nothing flying out of Fairford at the moment."

"I also contacted the American airforce at Mildenhall and they confirmed that nothing is being tested in the UK at the present time."

Local UFO researcher Ron Barrett said the UFO sightings might be explained by the testing of such an aircraft.

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## Mystery of Lewis explosion

AMERICAN space spy scientists are probing the mysterious mid-air explosion off the Outer Hebrides.

The military have denied they were involved in causing the sky blast, though a massive NATO exercise - involving over 30 ships and 80 aircraft - started in the area days later.

Nick Pope, a former MoD UFO hunter, is looking into the bang and believes the explosion could be extra-terrestrial.

The SNP claim they have information that a naval frigate was seen off the west coast of Lewis uplifting wreckage from the area - as if it was involved in a recovery operation.

The SNP's Margaret Ewing has been asked to raise the issue in Parliament.

# Woman driver 'saw UFO near the Menai Straits'

A WOMAN who saw a triangular shaped flying object over the Menai Straits last week has called on others who might have also seen it to report their sighting.

The woman, who was driving with her husband and son from Bangor towards the Menai Bridge at about 6.25 on Thursday night first noticed two lights, one green, one red and another white light in the sky to her left as she sat in the front passenger seat of the car.

The woman said she could make out

a faint triangular shape behind the lights and after reaching the roundabout she headed back towards Bangor to see if the object was still hovering about 100 foot above the road.

## Spotted

Her son stopped the car on a grass verge but there was no object to be seen anywhere.

The next time she spotted the three lights over the Straits was when she arrived in Beaumaris and a few moments later, the object moved off slowly towards the Llandegfan direction.

"There was no wind, it was very quiet and the strange thing is that the object didn't make even the slightest noise," said the woman who doesn't want to be named.

"This is the first time I have seen

this sort of thing and if it was a plane or a helicopter, it would have made a noise."

Dr Colin Ridyard from Beaumaris who investigates sightings of unidentified flying objects said that

anyone who had seen the lights should contact him with information so that a clearer picture of what happened could be put together.

Dr Ridyard can be contacted in the strictest confidence on 01248 811580.

A HALIFAX man has spoken of his own extraordinary extraterrestrial experience after soccer chairman Mr Michael Knighton saw a UFO above Calderdale.

Mr Geoffrey Smith, 62, of Claremount Road, Halifax, described today how he had spotted a strange shape in the sky at the same time as the Carlisle United supremo 20 years ago.

Mr Knighton threatened to resign earlier this week following newspaper reports of his sighting which he said had ridiculed him.

On his way to work the night-shift as a maintenance engineer

## By NICK DRAINEY

at the former Crosrol factory, Pellon Lane, Halifax, Mr Smith saw the unexplained phenomena above the Golden Pheasant pub, Pellon New Road, Halifax.

"I saw this thing hovering around above the pub, it looked like a cross," he said.

"It just disappeared fast. I do not know what it was but it wasn't a shooting star, definitely."

Mr Smith said he had kept quiet about his sighting since but decided to speak out now in support of Mr Knighton.

"What I would like to do is put this chap's mind at rest because everybody thinks he is

going round the twist. If somebody else has seen it, it will look good for him."

A woman was also reported in the "Evening Courier" seeing a similar object in November 1976 above Hanson Lane, Halifax.

"I should have reported it then as well. At least if two people had seen it, it would have been more believable," said Mr Smith. "But when I got to work and told the lads they said it was a load of rubbish."

Mr Smith said he had not seen any other UFOs since the eerie moment 20 years ago.

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# Mystery lights in the night sky

A HARVINGTON woman says she was left scared and mystified after seeing an unidentified flying object. Jane Thompson, aged 38, who runs the Golden Cross pub in the village, says the 'weird' happening was at about 10.15pm, on November 11, on the road between Harrington and Bidford. She said: "I was in my Land Rover between Salford Priors and the bypass roundabout. There was one large beam of light surrounded by about 12 or 15 smaller lights that kept ducking and diving. It was bizarre and left me quite scared." Insp Ian Browning of Evesham police said he had not received any other reports but suggested it may have been somebody using a laser light.

Former CIA officer presents 'evidence' of UFO interference on Earth

# Body implant puts the T in ET mystery

By CRAIG FLEMING

SO just who did put the T in ET then?

A tiny T-shaped fragment, protected in its own case, proved to be one of the most pored over artefacts for those in search of... the truth.

Not that you could accuse these people of having their heads in the clouds. The five hundred who flocked to the Fylde for the weekend were looking well beyond the night-time skies for their answers.

Lytham's Lowther Pavilion was the launching pad for an international UFO conference organised by LAPIS - Lancashire Area Phenomenon Investigation Society.

But anyone expecting Star Trek-style Klingon costumes and Spock-sized ears would have been disappointed almost as soon as they had boarded.

This wasn't role-playing science fiction but a serious look at science facts by people from all walks of life convinced that extra terrestrial life is not just created on movie lots with computer-generated effects.

## Puzzling

Take ex-CIA officer Derrel Sims, regarded as one of the world's most important UFOlogists.

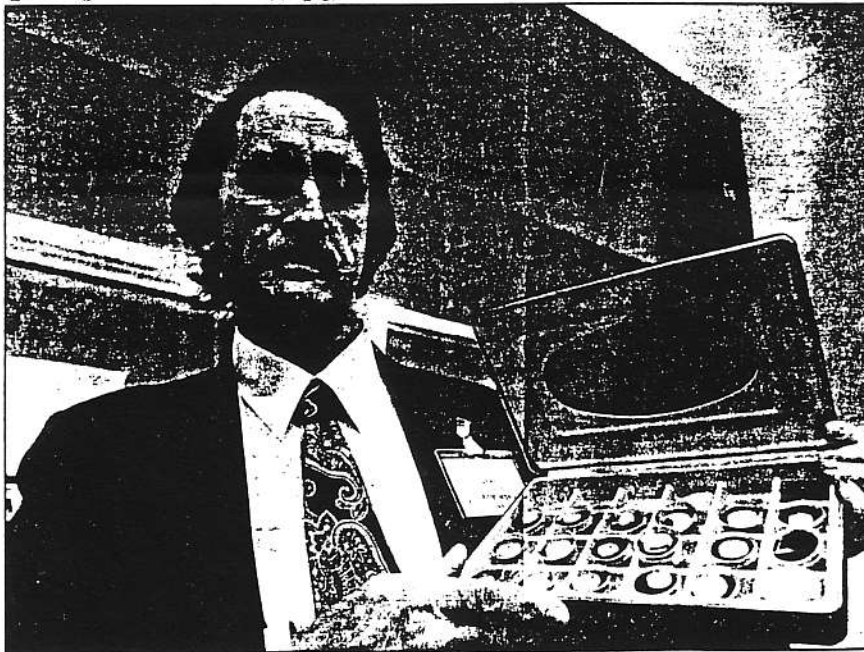
This real-life X-files hunter gave two lengthy lectures to an alien-hungry audience. But away from the podium he could be found in the entrance hall surrounded by a display of photographs, medical notes and that puzzling T-shaped tiny piece of metal.

Texan Derrel, who believes his own son was abducted by aliens at 13, had brought along quite a collection of implants.

Not the Pamela Anderson kind. These were more silicon chip size than Baywatch Babe, very small devices found inside the bodies of people who, it is claimed, have been abducted.

Derrel is a founder of FIRST - Fund for Interactive Research and Space Technology - which maintains that evidence must stand or fall on its own merit without the hindrance of beliefs or prejudices.

The T-shaped implant, surgically removed from a woman's foot, was found to be made of magnetic metal of metallic origin and surrounded in a protective membrane of human skin.



As well as Exhibit X itself, the T could be clearly seen on an X-ray of the foot.

Derrel said: "This must have been surgically implanted yet the woman insisted she had never had such treatment. Medically these implants do not stand up to normal scrutiny because they should have been quickly rejected as a foreign body."

"The implants are not tracking devices but seem to modify behaviour, controlling moods."

Other speakers at the convention included another American, futurist

Michael Lindemann, who shared his conspiracy cover-up theories: Nick Pope, former head of Air Staff 2, the UK government department dedicated to the investigation of UFO reports; and Fleetwood's Jenny Randles who discussed UFOs from a British viewpoint.

One of the organisers, Sam Wright, of Blackpool, has yet to see flying saucers or occupants for himself. But he insisted: "I believe in UFOs. I think there is something there. Sightings have been made by thousands of people - why disbelieve them?"

"Or as another delegate put it: "A good dose of scepticism goes a long way."



Allen evidence: Derrel Sims, with a case of allegedly alien implants above, and left, an X ray which purports to show a tiny T-shaped alien implant in a woman's foot

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Australia's UFO hotline was kept busy over the weekend with more calls from Tasmania over two days than it has received from the state in four years.

The culmination of a series of yet-to-be-explained phenomena was a report by Marlene Smith, who woke up to find blobs in front of her house in Kempton, about 25 miles north of Hobart.

"It was queer stuff, white-clear jelly, oodles of it," Smith said.

"I've lived here for 56 years and never seen anything like it. We could have got a bucket of it."

The slime came after a night of thunderstorms - during which her husband, Barry saw a ball of yellowish fire fall from the sky and disappear over the horizon.

The Smiths weren't the only ones to be affected. A nearby farmer also found a paddock covered with the jellylike substance on the same morning.

The Smiths' son-in-law collected a small sample to send to the UFO hotline, which will have it analysed.

The hotline had a record number of calls from Tasmania with sightings of lights and fireballs and sightings of lights and other unexplained events were reported from an area spanning about 400 miles on mainland Australia

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## Call for an X-Files explanation of UFO lights in cloud

A TEYNHAM couple who spotted a UFO flying over the village on Friday night are appealing for information to explain what the mysterious object could be.

Sherie and Kevin Keeler of Cherry Tree Close, who have lived in Teynham for more than 10 years, spotted a group of six flashing lights hovering inside a cloud just after 10.30pm.

After a few minutes the

lights left their fixed position and began travelling randomly around the inside of the cloud before regrouping. The couple claim the incident lasted 15 minutes.

This is the second UFO sighting in the village in the last five years.

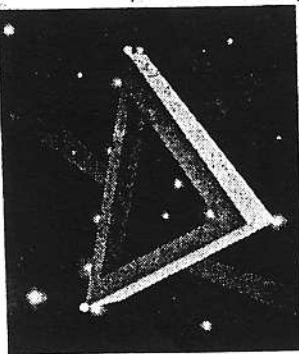
In December, 1991, Mrs Lynne Yates and her family saw a UFO hovering above Teynham church for more than 30 minutes.

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## The kite is out of the bag!



AT last the kite is out of the bag regarding the Great Derbyshire UFO Hoax (Kite theory in UFO riddle, Derby Telegraph, Tuesday, November 12).

A kite more than adequately meets the specification of the UFO which has been seen on numerous occasions in the Derby area and is exactly what I had in mind when I first wrote on the subject and claimed it was a hoax.

I must congratulate the pranksters on the construction and deployment of what has been described by many as a magnificent sight and perhaps now is the time for the hoaxers to come forward and take a well earned bow.

Maybe we can now look skywards with more observant eyes and see unexplained phenomena in a new light and

● The shape of things that are said to be coming... our artist's impression after reported UFO sightings in the area.

remember that not all the old technologies have been superseded. Kite flying is more fun nowadays than it has ever been before.

D. Beresford, proprietor, Derby Kite Centre, Main Centre, Derby.

## THREE local teenagers have become the latest witnesses to strange bright lights in the skies above Kirkcaldy.

The trio spotted the incredible objects over the Forth after leaving a nightclub and watched them until dawn.

The following morning one of them contacted RAF Leuchars to report the sighting and ask if airmen could shed any light on it.

He also called the Ministry of Defence and now he's revealed the department took his story seriously and taped his statement.

The excited 18-year-old, who studied the two objects through binoculars, told The Press: "They were so clear it was incredible."

"Three of us saw them as clear as day through the binoculars and it was obviously something quite out of the ordinary."

Describing one of the objects as boomerang-shaped, he claimed the brightly coloured spectral bodies appeared to be made up with dazzling lights and seemed to have colour flowing through them.

One remained stationary but the second object repeatedly left its position only to return to the same spot later on.

"This was no plane, no helicopter, no comet or anything like that," said the

youth, who asked not to be named for fear of ridicule.

"There is no doubt in my mind as to what it was. I know it sounds absurd but it was absolutely unbelievable."

"The three of us witnessed it over the weekend, and it would be interesting to find out if other people out there saw it too."

"I told the Ministry of Defence everything and it didn't seem to surprise them at all. It was a lengthy conversation."

A spokesman at the MOD confirmed that a report of a sighting had been received from a member of the public in the Kirkcaldy area.

"It would be looked into and there appeared to be nothing in it which would suggest a security risk, which is the only interest we have," he continued.

"The purpose of the Ministry of Defence is to protect the security of the country."

"The only interest we have is to establish that any object reported to us does not appear to represent an invasion of our air space by a hostile party."

"Once we have established that does not appear to be the case, which is the way it has always come out every single time, we lose interest."

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## Reader spots UFO over M3

UFO EXPERTS are investigating after a man and his friends spotted an unusual white light from a motorway.

Express reader Steve McGarry, 33, of Park Avenue, Dover, was driving along the M3 after visiting Southampton at the end of October when he saw a huge white light. "Cars were slowing down on the motorway to look at it. It was the size of Dover Castle lit up in the sky about a mile away. It was one big white light."

"I couldn't believe it. I was tempted to pull over, but was in the fast lane. My mate went bananas!"

Local UFO expert Chris Rolfe said he had not heard any reported sightings but has contacted sister groups in the Southampton area for further information.

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### UFO spotted

▷ AN "amazingly bright" light travelling swiftly through the sky over Teignbridge has been spotted by Newton Abbot newsagent George Husband.

Mr Husband, of Bradley Barton Stores, said today that he believed the light was a UFO.

He said: "I am certain that it was. I saw it at 3.25am yesterday, it was incredibly bright — six times brighter than the brightest planet."

### The truth is out there

WE NOW have a rational explanation for the UFO which appeared over Broughty Ferry. A Barnhill reader saw the object from her south-facing window on Friday morning. When it appeared again on Saturday, she took a closer look with her binoculars and identified the object as an aircraft whose vapour trails were made to look fuzzy by the morning light.

This view is backed up by Sheila Clark, who E-mailed saying, "The length of vapour trails seems to depend on atmospheric conditions. Without the vapour trail, some aircraft would be virtually invisible."

So the people of Dundee can rest assured that the aliens are not coming to get

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# Were "they" in Nairn on Saturday morning?

Was the Nairn area visited by aliens early on Saturday morning?

An Achareidh lady is wondering whether anyone else in Nairn saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) towards the east of Nairnshire.

Mrs June Hudson told the Nairnshire that she and her daughter Leanne (16) were in their kitchen at 7.50am when they saw an unexplained light from their kitchen window.

"At first the light was stationary and then it moved from one cloud to another and back again," said Mrs Hudson. After about 10 minutes it travelled downwards at speed and disappeared.

"Having never encountered anything like this before,

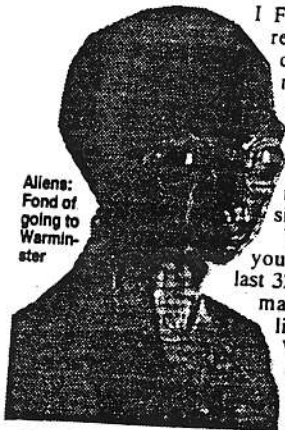
curiosity has got the better of me and I would like to know if anyone else saw anything.

Leanne described the light as white and very bright. It was in the sky to the east of Nairn and held still for about 4 minutes. It disappeared towards the Inverness direction. "It was not like an aeroplane or helicopter."

UFOs have been in the news in the north lately with numerous reported sightings in the Inverness area and a well observed but unexplained explosion north of Lewis last week.

At the time of going to press official authorities could not offer a view on the Nairn sighting.

# Seeing is believing



Aliens: Fond of going to Warminster

I FEEL I should respond to your dismissive comments in last week's Off The Cuff column, regarding the Warminster UFO sightings.

Where have you been for the last 32 years? You make it sound like the idea of Warminster as a UFO hotspot has just been invented!

Yet, ever since January 1965, when the wife of an RAF pilot saw a large cigar-shaped glowing object hovering in the sky, there have been an average of two sightings per week of unidentified flying objects in the skies above the triangle of land roughly bordered by Warminster, Winchester and Glastonbury.

Should one infer from your comments that the hundreds of ordinary people who have witnessed these mysterious aerial phenomena are all to be dismissed as 'twerps' with too much empty space between their ears?

Lewis J. Rowe, East India Dock Road, Poplar.

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First it was strange lights in the sky, then it was fireballs, then it rained slime in southern Tasmania.

The Unidentified Flying Objects reporting service ran hot over the weekend with more calls from Tasmania over two days than the line has received from the state in four years, UFO hotline spokesman Ross Dowse said today.

The culmination of a series of yet-to-be-explained phenomena was a report by Marlene Smith, who woke up to find blobs in front of her house in Kempton, about 25 miles north of Hobart.

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# Tasmanian 'alien blobs' revive Scottish mystery

ALIEN SLIME, frogs, spacecraft, fairies, ghosts and The Courier are all elements of a mystery begun on a Perthshire mountainside nearly 40 years ago which resurfaced in Tasmania this week.

The fantastic story began half a mile up the side of Schiehallion in summer 1958 with the discovery of strange "blobs of slime," like "giant frogspawn without the eggs."

Student Edgar Blazier found the substance, in globules about three inches in diameter, in a bowl-shaped spot on the side of the mountain. Highly puzzled, he wrote to The Courier's nature diary.

Baffled diarist Colin Gibson, who still writes the column, suggested it might be over-sized spawn left by frogs out of season. He even took a similar sample sent from Fort William to Dundee University.

Academics there were also stumped and could not say if the frogspawn explanation was correct.

Despite the rising popularity of science fiction in the 1950s, no-one thought to blame monsters from another planet for the blobs. All concerned put it down to experience and thought no more of it.

This week a substance matching the description of the "frogspawn" was found in Kempton, Tasmania, about 25 miles north of the capital Hobart. The mooted explanation is that the blobs are fish eggs or even

baby jellyfish—but Kempton is 37 miles inland.

Tasmania's UFO hotline service has been swamped with calls this week and enthusiasts are speculating the slime could have been left by visitors from outer space.

A shocked Mr Blazier, now a computer salesman in his 50s and obviously a determined person, contacted The Courier yesterday to ask if the mystery could now be solved.

Although convinced there must be a natural, terrestrial, explanation, he could not guarantee his mind is not being controlled by an outside force.

On a more serious note, Schiehallion has always been surrounded by mystery. Its name means, roughly, Fairy Peak of the Caledonians, and there are tales which eerily parallel sightings in the Tasmanian sky this week.

Locals talk of the Solas Raineach, or Rannoch Light, a ball of fire often seen skimming Loch Rannoch up to the ruined village of Annat, deserted since the Highland Clearances. There was also "the death light" said to herald the death of a chieftain.

Anyone who can help clear any of these mysteries—be they human or otherwise—should contact The Courier, preferably in daylight hours.

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# Call for an X-Files explanation of UFO lights in cloud

A TEYNHAM couple who spotted a UFO flying over the village on Friday night are appealing for information to explain what the mysterious object could be. Sherie and Kevin Keeler of Cherry Tree Close, who have lived in Teynham for more than 10 years, spotted a group of six flashing lights hovering inside a cloud just after 10.30pm.

After a few minutes the

lights left their fixed position and began travelling randomly around the inside of the cloud before regrouping. The couple claim the incident lasted 15 minutes.

This is the second UFO sighting in the village in the last five years.

In December 1991 Mrs Lynne Yates and her family saw a UFO hovering above Teynham church for more than 30 minutes.

# LOOKING GOOD THIS CHRISTMAS

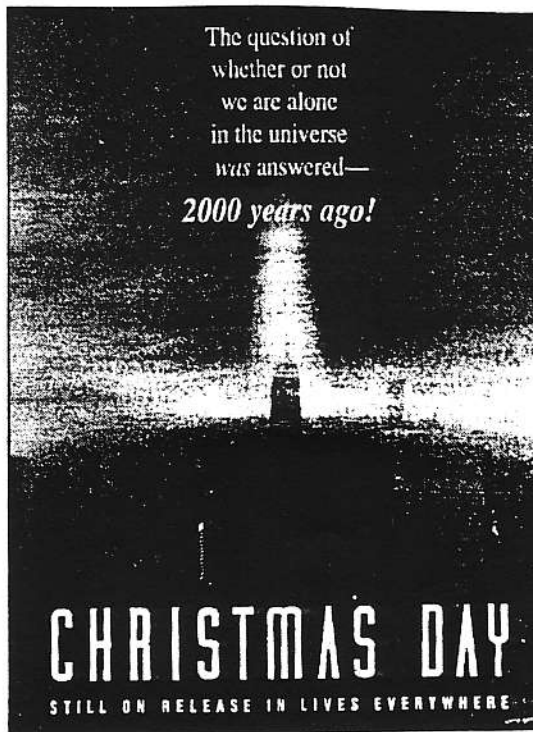
The Christian Publicity Organisation have come up with some good printing for Christmas, maintaining the excellent quality we have come to expect from them over these many years. As usual there is choice.

With UFOs, The X-Files and science fiction being all the rage at the moment, the poster called *Christmas Day* is topical and eye-catching. It mimics the design of the recent alien-invasion blockbuster movie Independence Day, the hookline of which was "The question of whether or not we are alone in the universe has been answered."

A magazine style tract for giving away at carol singing or carol services, called *The X-mas Files*, follows up the theme of the poster and the recent comments that there might have been life on Mars.

*Delivered in Time* is a part printed leaflet to use as an invitation to overprint with local details.

A third range features a Santa Claus who cannot deliver the goods. The invitational tract compares the "harmless fairy tale" to the historical fact of Jesus. However, the matching poster has a picture of Santa on a roof top and carries the caption "Jesus - Someone You Can Believe In". A bit confusing ... especially to a child who still believes in both!



## UFO spotted over Falkirk

A FALKIRK man was left baffled by a mystery object he saw in the sky on his way to work.

The man telephoned The Falkirk Herald this week to say he spotted the object above the Magpie Inn in Maggie Woods Loan, Falkirk, at around 11.50 p.m. last Thursday.

The Royal Mail worker, who did not wish to be named, said: "I was going to my work when this light came up behind the Magpie. It was about 500 feet above the pub and it was lit up really brightly."

"I would say it was roughly the size of a medium-haul jet, but it couldn't have been a jet or a helicopter because there was no noise. It was moving at about 10 miles an hour towards Bantaskine and then it just disappeared."

The man added: "When I got to my work, two of my workmates said they had seen it as well. I'd never seen anything like it before, although I've always had an open mind about that sort of thing."

A Falkirk police spokesman said they had not received any telephone calls from other people claiming to have spotted the mystery object.

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### Cigar-shaped flying object spotted in skies

CORNWALL may be described as a land of legend, but those seeking a real mystery should perhaps look skywards.

Sightings of strange flying objects are a common occurrence in the county.

The Cornwall UFO Research Group (CUFORG), based in Truro, is contacted daily by members of the public who claim they have seen an unexplained phenomena.

The latest report was of a cigar-shaped silver "ship", spotted high in the skies near Tregony.

The witness, a businessman from Truro and a self-confessed sceptic, said: "The object was 200ft long and moved at tremendous speed."

"I watched it for three minutes - then it disappeared."

The incident was reported to Camborne police and CUFORG.

FURTHER sightings of a mysterious flying object in the county have been reported. Husband and wife Kate and Paul Lamymam say they saw a strange bright light moving up and down in the sky above their home in St Martin's Way, Ancaster, near Grantham. Mrs Lamymam (36) said they noticed the object just before midnight last Saturday. "It was directly opposite, over the house, and there was one central bright light and about 10 or 12 beams going around and around it," she said.

The latest sighting follows reports of a UFO in the Collingham area at the beginning of the month. Lincoln man Wayne Mullen said he saw a bright light over Swinderby with a flashing light on top. "You couldn't see a craft, because it seemed to be in a mist. "It wasn't hovering, it seemed to follow the railway line and it kept going up and down." Mrs Lamymam said they contacted police, who told them it was probably fireworks, but she is adamant it was a UFO.

## Couple tell of mystery object in the night sky

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### The British view

A mysterious light has been floating around in the early morning sky in the Vale of Clwyd. Mr Tom Prydderch and his wife Margaret of Rhyl Road, Denbigh, believe they saw a UFO. Two years ago Mrs Prydderch saw the same light dancing wildly around the sky. "It was definitely not a car, motorcycle or searchlight because we could see it in the sky, a very bright white light that was certainly not a star." A spokesman for RAF Valley on Anglesey said that nothing had taken off from the base at that time, but suggested that it might have been

a helicopter searchlight. A north Wales Police spokesman said that the police helicopter would not have been in the area at that time. Denbighshire Free Press & North Wales Times

### UFO spotted

TWO retired Taunton couple reported a UFO in the sky in the Ruishton Village Hall which had bright lights the length of a cricket pitch and was heading for Taunton. It was reported to Sue Hembury-Kellow, of the Somerset UFO Research Group.

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## St Paul's Road: 'Huge boomerang-shaped' object spotted

# Rob is mystified by UFO sighting

SKY watcher Rob Martin is appealing for information after spotting a huge boomerang-shaped object just below the clouds over Gloucester.

The 27-year-old saw the mystery object as he gazed up from the back garden of his house in St Paul's Road.

He was puzzled because it was silent, bigger than a plane and left no smoke trail behind.

"It looked as though there were five little pinpricks of light on each wing," said Mr Martin.

"The thing was just flying in a straight

direction underneath the cloud cover, and moving pretty fast.

"When I first saw the object, it was actually overhead but within five seconds had disappeared into the distance.

"It looked exactly like a great big boomerang, but had the wingspan of a very large jumbo jet.

"I watch Star Trek and get the odd UFO magazine, but nothing like this has happened before.

"It really foxed me at the time - I just couldn't believe it."

Mr Martin spotted the object at 9.10pm on

Saturday and went out the following night but there was no repeat performance.

Robin Cole, of the UFO group Circular Forum, said he was waiting to receive a full report of the incident.

"There have been a number of reports over the years of boomerang or triangular-shaped objects," said Mr Cole.

"If anyone has seen anything similar we would like them to come forward."

The group was alerted to a black boomerang-type object over Charlton Kings at 12.45pm on July 29.

Anyone with information about the latest sighting is asked to phone Mr Cole on 0973 778906.

## Flying Oranges

A MAN was out walking his dog at 6.15 am when a round orange object appeared on the horizon.

No this was an advertisement for orange juice but an unidentified flying object spotted in the skies of Uffington. "It suddenly stopped motionless, and then the ball exploded into a bright light. Then it got smaller and smaller, and just disappeared. There was a ginormous brightness. It was amazing," he said.

Previously in the year, there had been a similar kind of sighting in Norfolk by Jeanette Hackett from Mayton Avenue, Frettenham. "I saw a strange phenomenon in the clear night sky. This was a large red/orange stationary ball of light, on a north west heading, making no sound and not pulsating. After a few seconds it just blinked out like a light being switched off."

Extensive inquiries and investigations by the Norfolk UFO Society (NUFOS) have revealed no explanation for this so far.

★ FURTHER to your news item (Faversham Times, 6 November) on the possible UFO sighting at Teynham. I have been mystified on two occasions, one in August and another a few days ago, by similar sights.

I am sure it is an aeroplane, but it appears to have very bright lights in front of it and right across - maybe four or more lights in a row. As it flies, the beam goes before it like a searchlight, and it has a wonderful effect when it goes through clouds. While I was watching the other night, the lights suddenly went off.

I have spoken to lots of people about it, but even my 14-year-old grandson in South Yorkshire knew what I was talking about because he had seen it once. He agreed with me that it was a plane fitted with searchlights - but for what purpose, we didn't know.

GLADYS LAWRENCE, Stanhope Avenue, Sittingbourne.

★ MY wife and I saw the lights in the sky you mentioned. We put it down to the laser display at Leeds Castle.

There was a beam that looked like a searchlight and when I spoke to somebody who does a little bit of weather-watching, he said when you get lights in the sky they bounce from cloud to cloud. Apparently, it is the rain in the cloud and the droplets of water that make the lights bounce.

ALFRED ROGERS, Wrens Road, Borden.



# UFOs disappear in a flash of light

**I**t takes a brave man to debunk the enthusiasm for spotting little green men because, as yet, there is not much money in it. Conversely, follow the tried and tested extra-terrestrial route and UFO spotters everywhere will dig into their anorak pockets to buy your evidence.

Paul Devereux is one of the brave heretics. He is a researcher with the International Consciousness Research Laboratories in New York and believes that many so-called UFO sightings have a rational explanation relating to fault lines within the earth. The blazing lights which fascinate ufologists are actually earth lights, or flashes of energy which erupt from the earth as a result of geophysical processes, he explains. If he is right, the truth is not out there, as X Files aficionados would have it, but has been here all along.

Devereux's theory, to be aired next Sunday in Channel 4's Equinox programme, Identified Flying Objects, is based on a study of earth lights reported over North Wales in 1904-05 which, when plotted on a map, matched fault lines and preceded an earthquake. Another study has made the same link, more recently, in Washington state in America. If earth lights precede earthquakes, surely they could be used to predict earthquakes, so Devereux reasons.

Furthermore, he suggests, earth lights have enormous potential as sources of energy. "It is rather like asking in 1495 what uses might be found for lightning," he said. "We have none, but we do now rely on electricity. What might come out of earth lights could be whole new technologies and new ways of looking at the world."

Is his supposedly rational explanation for UFO sightings as wild as the rumours of flying saucers themselves? Although the Equinox programme takes his theory seriously, those he most seeks to convince are

**A new theory banishes spacemen but offers earthlings a new energy source, finds Penny Wark**

inclined to dismiss him as a peddler of more UFO bunkum. So far only Japanese scientists have reacted positively by investing in researching the potential energy force. For other scientists, seeing is not necessarily believing.

"When I first wrote about earth lights I was condemned by scientists who said I should not be looking at it because it was associated with UFOs, and ufologists tore into me

**Those he most seeks to convince are inclined to dismiss him as a peddler of flying saucer bunkum**

because I was reductionist and knocked down their alien theories," Devereux said. "It's disappointing that today we have a situation where the only people who pay any attention to these things are people who believe in alien spaceships and because of that a lot of scientists won't touch the subject. One hopes bolder scientists will be prepared to take a risk and become involved in the research this subject needs."

His difficulty is that however logical and plausible his argument, it holds no water unless you accept the existence of earth lights. Wary of falling into the anorak bracket them-

selves, American top brass reject it. To them, lights in the sky are the preserve of nerds and dogmatic fantasists. All of which Devereux acknowledges.

"Ufology is a belief system, rather like a religious cult," he said. "In America the suggestion that UFOs are anything but alien craft is almost impossible to get across because the UFO notion is so ingrained in mythology."

The biggest stumbling block to accepting the alien theory is, of course, the idea that the 5m UFOs observed throughout the world since 1945 were all aircraft engaged on an intergalactic journey. Psychologists would rather latch on to the cultural references thrown up by sightings. Given that reports of visitations mirror contemporary culture — 500 years ago lights in the sky were regarded as dragons, and only when mechanised travel was developed did people start to see airships — might not the phenomenon be no more than a cultural joke?

Nice theory, said Jenny Randles, a professional UFO researcher, but she clings to the notion that nobody has proved that one, either. "I would be delighted if we could establish that what is happening is a combination of natural phenomena like earth lights, hallucinations and a mass global psychosis based on a desire to believe in aliens, but there is no evidence to support the last point. To prove it we would need to know that people who claim to have been kidnapped by aliens have difficulty separating dreams from reality. They do not."

The sceptical view is summed up by a sighting recorded by three experienced American pilots on the ground in Concord, California. They saw a silent and silvery craft the size of a 707, travelling at jet altitude and manoeuvring like no earthly craft. Only when it moved between them and some trees did they recognise it as a weed seed. What they saw was just a piece of fluff.

# Aliens ruled out as mystery distress calls alert satellite

**MYSTERIOUS** distress beeps from off Lewis were picked up by a satellite yesterday afternoon.

But aliens are being discounted — despite an apparent UFO sighting in the area recently.

After a five-hour search by the Stormway coastguard helicopter, the local lifeboat and several other vessels, it looked last night as if a discarded emergency beacon was the cause.

"We had a report from a vessel that its EPIRB (emergency position indicating radio beacon) was lost overboard," said a coastguard spokesman.

"By then the helicopter had pinpointed

the signals to an area of a few hundred yards 15 miles north-east of the Butt of Lewis. But it was too dark to see."

A freighter, the Celtic Terrier, and three trawlers also diverted to help in the fruitless search.

The alarm was raised after 1pm when Falmouth Coastguard was alerted that satellite "hits" on the 121.5 MHz civil air distress frequency and the 243 MHz military distress frequency were showing as coming from the Minch area.

Further "hits", which continued all day, were able to pinpoint the source to 15 miles north-north-east of the Butt.

Although the satellite system is quite accurate, a boat found listing badly in Stormway harbour was checked by police and coastguards in case the water level had set off its emergency beacon.

Coastguards said the emergency beacon would probably continue emitting signals unless its batteries run out.

On October 26, several people reported loud bangs and a UFO spiralling in a swirl of smoke into the sea to the west of the Butt of Lewis.

But the coastguard spokesman said: "Despite the proximity of this search area to that incident, we can confirm that alien activity is totally dissipated."

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## WHAT RETIRED COUPLES SAW ON WAY HOME FROM THE DANCE

# Late-night UFO is a puzzler

**TWO** retired couples were amazed at what they saw after a village hall dance.

Peter and Mary Wills and Ray and Sylvia Fouracre, all of Taunton, described seeing a UFO with lights the length of a cricket pitch.

Peter said he saw it at 10.50 pm above Ruishton village hall on a Monday night last month. It appeared to be travelling towards Taunton.

"All I could see was what seemed like hundreds of really bright white lights in the sky," he said.

"My wife also saw it along with my two friends who were also in my car.

"Everything was very quiet and in an instant it just seemed to disappear. It was very peculiar."

Ray said: "It was uncanny. We

were all so taken aback by it. The lights were incredibly bright and I could also see green and red lights.

"It was definitely not an aircraft. It was an incredibly long row of lights and because they were so bright we couldn't quite see the shape of the object. There was no sound at all and after a short while it just seemed to disappear.

"We carried on driving, hoping to see it again, but it had gone."

Sue Hembury-Kellow, of the Somerset UFO Research Group, said: "It

sounds like this could be Hercules aircraft which have very bright lights and regularly fly over this area. They often fly in tight formation and I assume with the car engine it could be difficult to hear them, and this type of aircraft does have a lower sound to many others.

Disappearance could be due to cloud but "this could easily not be the case." She would ask the MoD if aircraft were up on October 14.

The group can be contacted on (01823) 491068.

ALYSON STOODLEY

## Seeing the light!

Several reports have been made of mysterious lights in the sky above Bedrule around 8.30 on Saturday night. Among those who witnessed the strange triangular lights was Mrs Anne Keddie, Hassendean Station Cottage, who said she had never seen anything like it before. "They appeared to be above Bedrule between the mast and Ruberslaw and seemed bigger than the mast itself. Two of them hovered then the lights went out. When they came on again they had changed position and a third one appeared."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said later that no flights had been reported over the Borders at the relevant time.

# Close encounters of the hedge kind

INTEREST in the paranormal is becoming increasingly abnormal. The bandwagon thunders along, with television and new magazines clinging desperately to the handrails.

You can hardly switch on a set these days without Michael Aspel or Carol Vorderman looming grimly out of the shadows and saying something like: "Two hundred years ago local legend has it that a pig spontaneously combusted on this very spot."

"It is now the site of a proposed bacon factory, and people living nearby say that in the dead of night the sound of sizzling can be heard. It's strange ... but true."

Cue the portentous cello music, spooky lighting effects and smoky dry ice.

I'm a sucker for all this stuff. I hang on Carol's every word, and can frequently be seen scuttling out of newsagents with magazines with titles like Alien Landing or The World of the Unknown stuffed inside my coat.

I think I once saw a ghost, but it was a very ordinary moment. It happened in the middle of a Saturday afternoon

## Keith Newbery



while I was watching Grandstand on the telly and the subject has therefore never been considered glitzy enough to feature in anything other than conversations with close friends.

My consolation, therefore, comes in sharing the supernatural experiences of others. Depending on the source, they are classified as fanciful, reasonably interesting and absolutely fascinating.

The one I recently heard about is quite definitely in the final category, and involves a friend of mine, a professional woman in a responsible job, who is not given to foolish whimsy.

She was driving down a lonely country lane one evening last month at around 10.15pm, when she became aware of a light the other side of a high

hedge travelling alongside her car and at the same speed.

She stopped, thinking it must have been some strange reflection from her headlights. The light stopped. She switched her lights off. The light on the other side remained shining.

She moved away slowly. The light kept pace. She eased to a halt. This time the light kept moving. About 70 yards ahead there was a break in the hedge and the light source moved silently into the centre of the deserted lane.

My friend described it as shaped like a Victorian hot air balloon, about as high as a house and surrounded by what appeared to be a swirling mist.

The UFO revolved slowly, with a row of lights at the top turning in the opposite direction. It floated back into the field and my friend made off at speed.

She drove through the small village, but as soon as she re-emerged onto the lane, the light was back behind the hedge. It remained with her until she reached a crossroads, from where it sped off, literally at the speed of light.

Strange, but knowing the person concerned, perfectly true.

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## Another UFO sighting?

SIR  
WITH regards to the article on page 2 of last weeks Gazette. I too have seen a strange formation of lights in the sky.

It happened on Monday night at around 6pm. Whilst walking with a friend and his dog, we noticed in the clear night sky a line of lights coming towards us and over where we were standing.

This took place off the second left hand turn off out of Alnwick on the B6341.

Its actual shape resembled what I can only describe as a huge 'tick' in the sky, which I have enclosed a sketch of. There was only a faint humming coming from it and it was moving quite slowly. It came from the Bolton area and headed straight for the Shilbottle area. Someone must have seen it on the A1.

Perhaps a military aircraft only to be flown at night. But whatever it was, I've never seen anything that size, shape or that quiet flying over.

Can anyone give an explanation?

JOE HALLIDAY  
8 Cedar Grove  
Alnwick

# Woman driver 'saw UFO near the Menai Straits'

A WOMAN who saw a triangular shaped flying object over the Menai Straits last week has called on others who might have also seen it to report their sighting.

The woman, who was driving with her husband and son from Bangor towards the Menai Bridge at about 6.25 on Thursday night first noticed two lights, one green, one red and another white light in the sky to her left as she sat in the front passenger seat of the car.

The woman said she could make out

a faint triangular shape behind the lights and after reaching the roundabout she headed back towards Bangor to see if the object was still hovering about 100 foot above the road.

### Spotted

Her son stopped the car on a grass verge but there was no object to be seen anywhere.

The next time she spotted the three lights over the Straits was when she arrived in Beaumaris and a few moments later, the object moved off slowly towards the Llandegfan direction.

"There was no wind, it was very quiet and the strange thing is that the object didn't make even the slightest noise," said the woman who doesn't want to be named.

"This is the first time I have seen

this sort of thing and if it was a plane or a helicopter, it would have made a noise."

Dr Colin Ridyard from Beaumaris who investigates sightings of unidentified flying objects said that

anyone who had seen the lights should contact him with information so that a clearer picture of what happened could be put together.

Dr Ridyard can be contacted in the strictest confidence on 01248 811580.

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A RESIDENT of Greenstreet, Teynham, tells me that fireworks from a big nearby display caused interference to her television reception. And she says she has the videotape to prove it.

Another cynical colleague says it obviously wasn't the fireworks at all, but one of the UFOs just spotted over Teynham. On balance, I think the flying saucer theory seems more likely.