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## Another sighting, same day and time

□ A WEST Somerset woman was amazed when she read of a UFO sighting in the *County Gazette* as she saw a similar object in the sky, at the same time, on the same day, reports **ALYSON STOODLEY**.

Last week the *Gazette* reported how Sally O'Brien, who lives on the Blackdown Hills, saw a dome-shaped object with flashing lights at 6.30 am on Monday, October 21.

Betty Elliott, of Viking Close, Watchet, said she could hardly believe her eyes at what she saw from her bedroom window.

Mrs Elliott said: "It was very high up and I could see a big circle with a light on the top.

"The light moved at very high speed to the left and then over to the right, downwards and then almost to the middle of the circle when it disappeared."

Mrs Elliott added: "It was truly fantastic and I have never seen anything like this before in my life.

"I was just stood looking out of my bedroom window at around 6.30 am drinking a cup of tea."

Sue Hembury-Kellow of the Somerset UFO Research Group, said: "This report is very interesting, it sounds similar to the object seen by the O'Brien's."

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## Sky rockets or star cruisers?

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.

A 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.

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## UFOs are uncovered

REPORTS of UFOs - unidentified flying objects - over Gloucestershire will feature in an open day organised by Circular Forum, the county's UFO investigation group.

Spokesman Robin Cole said photographic and video evidence will be on show together with reports of UFOs from around the county.

Equipment and resources used by the group in compiling their information will be on show at the Rhythm Room, formerly the Shaftesbury Hall in Clarence Street, Cheltenham on the afternoon of Saturday, November 2.

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## Explanation for sightings?

A UFO researcher claims the recent spate of sightings in the Cirencester and Cotswold area could be explained by a revolutionary new American aircraft.

Ron Barrett, who investigates UFO sightings in the Cotswolds, said: "I would put money on it being a new type of craft the Americans are developing called the 'wave rider'."

"Apparently the craft rides on a cushion of air and can travel at speeds of up to 4,500 mph. They are highly manoeuvrable and can operate without a pilot using a very sophisticated computer."

There have been several UFO sightings in the area in recent weeks. Ron Bassett, a retired air gunner, spotted a brightly-lit craft hovering above his home in Fosse Close, Cirencester, three weeks ago. There were several other sightings in the Gloucestershire area around the same time.

Mr Barrett said the 'wave rider' would be able to perform the sort of manoeuvre Mr Bassett had seen.

But he would not rule out the possibility of it being an extra-terrestrial spacecraft.

No-one from the American airforce was available for comment.

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## Temple Guiting



Mrs. Jean Purdy  
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● First of all, congratulations to the residents of The Sherry who, as reported in the *Echo* recently, have won their battle to maintain the status quo. The wooden Swedish houses will be renovated and maintained, and will stay put.

● A resident of The Sherry, Mrs Holder, recently woke very early one morning at around 3am and, on looking through the window over towards Hyde, was surprised to see a tubular, slightly curved craft hovering. Mrs Holder described it as being lit up for its whole length. As she watched, it moved sideways, round towards the top of the village. When she looked through the window on the other side of the house, over towards the shop, the craft was hovering above the houses through the trees, where it stayed for several minutes before moving away. As a non-believer in UFOs, Mrs Holder was quite surprised by what she saw.

## Mystery over UFO sighting

AN Eglington woman who was woken by strange flashing lights early on Monday morning, believes it could have been a UFO.

The woman says she saw a large flying object over Beanley Heugh about 5.45am where it stayed for about an hour.

She said: "I was watching it for about an hour and I saw red, white and green flashing lights. I know a few other people must have seen it because several cars had stopped on the A697."

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# UFO sighting - was it just a lighthouse?

EVIDENCE is mounting that a world-famous UFO sighting near Woodbridge was nothing more sinister than lights from a lighthouse - or was it?

There are still numerous explanations for the events at Christmas, 1980, when American servicemen claim they saw a "strange glowing object" touching down in Rendlesham Forest close to RAF Woodbridge.

A top-level campaign of disinformation shielding the real truth, the possibility of Russians up to mysterious activities along the Suffolk coast, a fireball in space, the after effects of a boozey Christmas party or just Orford Ness lighthouse beaming away all rank among today's possibilities for the 16-year-old mystery.

The riddle is taking on a new twist with the publication of a book by former MoD employee Nick Pope.

By RICHARD SMITH

He gives the Rendlesham incident the same billing as the American Roswell mystery, ranking it as one of the top UFO stories of all time.

Americans claim they found a crashed saucer and aliens after the Second World War. No saucers or aliens were discovered near Woodbridge but there were enough clues to make people think the Americans had seen something extremely suspicious on several occasions.

A discussion about the UFO at Rendlesham Forest was organised by Forest Enterprise and attracted many men, women and children still intrigued by the sightings.

Also present were Brenda Butler, of Leiston, who wrote a book about the UFO; astronomer Ian Ridpath and forester Vince Thirkettle who lived in the forest in 1980.

The group was taken to an area where the Americans saw unusual lights and discovered an object which "illuminated the entire forest with a white light."

A report written by deputy base commander at RAF Woodbridge, Lt Col Charles Halt, says: "The object was hovering on legs. As patrolmen approached it, it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The next day three depressions one and half inches deep and seven inches in diameter were found where the object had been sited on the ground."

The area is in a direct line with the lighthouse whose lights can bounce off the clouds and trees to cast strange signs at night.

Mr Ridpath said: "We are being asked to believe that something was coming back night after night in the same place. Normally, if you see a UFO you only see it once."

"When police came here on the first night they said all they could see was the lighthouse. At 3am a bright

fireball was seen over Britain. Something like this can give the appearance of something coming down quite nearby. Initially what they saw was a bright fireball."

Mr Thirkettle scotched rumours about strange marks after the sightings. He said a forester's axe cutting at trees makes a burn mark; rabbits are responsible for making a depression and trees that died were suffering from Dutch Elm disease.

However a woman, who declined to be named, told how she saw strange lights when she was a pregnant teenager while at a touring couples' spot in Tunstall Forest.

Her boyfriend said it was "the Yanks playing around", but the woman remains convinced they were UFO lights in an area from where you can not see the lighthouse.

## Town's bid to become UFO capital

A town will today be declared the UFO capital of Britain.

The West Country Tourist Board will award the market town of Warmminster in Wiltshire a certificate in recognition of its pre-eminence for alleged extra-terrestrial sightings.

For decades the Army town has recorded UFOs and other unexplained phenomena. Hills around Warmminster and the nearby prehistoric stone circles at Stonehenge and Avebury are long-standing venues for UFO spotters.

Warmminster's mayoress Ms Helen Rowley and Army and RAF representatives will attend the award ceremony presided over by Lord Bath.

His stately home at nearby Longleat House is rumoured to have been a crash site for an alien spacecraft.

At the event Twentieth Century Fox will announce the release date for the video of the film *Independence Day*.

Mr Ron Morrison Smith, chief executive of the West Country Tourist Board, said: "We are delighted to support Warmminster's bid to become the UFO capital of the UK."

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# Orbiting oddball has astronomers stumped

IS IT a comet? Is it an asteroid? An unidentified flying object found circling the sun has forced astronomers to question some of their most basic assumptions about our own back yard, the solar system.

The object, which is about 10 miles wide, ought to be a comet, with plumes streaming out across the heavens, creating a spectacular display in our night skies. Its highly elongated orbit matches that of a comet and analysis of the light reflected from it suggests it contains the ice and gases necessary to provide such a display.

Instead the object, designated 1996 PW, is inert and

by Jonathan Leake

is acting just like an asteroid, a far more boring interplanetary body, made out of solid rock. Even when its orbit took it so close to the sun that its surface should have started boiling away, it remained inactive.

The object has been tracked by scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa), who describe it as an interplanetary oddball. "This is a misfit in the grand scheme of things," said Eleanor Helin, a planetary astronomer at Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California.

The problem is that every

other known asteroid has a roughly circular orbit around the sun, going no farther out than Jupiter. The shape of such orbits implies that asteroids were created from the rubble left over as planets formed.

By contrast, comets are thought to have formed from the gravitational effects of the sun as the solar system passed through interstellar dust clouds, a process which created their elongated orbits. That of 1996 PW, for example, is 3.5m miles long and takes 5,000 years to complete. Its discovery implies that there are deep flaws in one or both theories; comets and asteroids may even have a common origin.

## UFO expert baffled by 'flying saucer' sighting

Special report by KEVIN SCHOFIELD

A UFO expert has been left baffled by a mysterious orange object filmed in the skies above Camelot.

Ron Halliday of the Scottish Earth Mysteries Research Group admitted he has no idea what the strange, brightly-lit shape filmed by Hallglen man Barry McDonald could be.

Mr Halliday, a lecturer at Stirling University, plans to analyse the 30-second video frame by frame in an attempt to solve the puzzle.

Mr McDonald captured the strange object on camera as he and his girlfriend, Jane Adamson, were driving towards Camelot at around 6.40 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15. It is shaped like the classic 'flying saucer' seen in science fiction but no one is yet claiming it is an alien space ship.

Mr McDonald said: "I've watched the video 100 times to try to understand what it is but I haven't a clue."

After watching the amazing video, Mr Halliday told The Falkirk Herald: "I was impressed by the quality of what I saw. It was an excellent bit of video. Mr McDonald says he'll get me a copy of the tape so I can study it frame by frame. The fact it was taken in daylight will help us when we analyse it."

"The object on the video is certainly very strange. It's very difficult to determine exactly what it is, but nothing obvious springs to mind. What struck me was the shape of the object and the fact that it changed colour, then moved away and disappeared."

"Mr McDonald and his girlfriend also told me they watched the object with the naked eye, so there's no question of it just being something on the camera lens. It's certainly very intriguing."

The latest UFO is the SECOND to be caught on camera in the Falkirk area in the past month. On September 27, Stenhousemuir woman Margaret Ross filmed a strange shape above Falkirk. The area has become a Mecca for UFO enthusiasts after scores of sightings in the past four years.

# Rachel, Nevada, capital of the intergalactic federation

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN RACHEL, NEVADA

IN THE UFO capital of the world there is no disagreement about whether or not alien spacecraft exist near by, merely about what the Pentagon is doing with them.

A dozen or so miles from the US Government's most secret military testing site in the bleak desert of central Nevada, the psychic and the merely paranoid gathered at the weekend to demand that the authorities own up about the flying saucers they have, apparently, been "reverse engineering" since the 1940s.

"We are big boys, and we can handle this," said Don Suttle, the diehard "ufologist" who organised the meeting almost within binocular range of the base on Groom Dry Lake, known to enthusiasts as Area 51. "Our Government is treating us like children. We could be in danger of invasion and we ought to know about it," he said.

Dr Barbie Taylor, wide-eyed and purple-clad, was less confrontational. "We need to raise our consciousness enough to come into the intergalactic federation, but we

can't do it while we're fighting each other," she said.

For the people of Rachel, aliens are real, imminent and very good for business. This lonely scattering of mobile homes survived until recently on a trickle of visitors to the aptly named Little A-Le-Inn, its only motel. Most were UFO believers who frequently reported sightings at a famous "black mail-box" 20 miles down the road. Some were conspiracy theorists hoping to photograph Area 51 installations from a vantage point known as Freedom Ridge. A few came out of morbid curiosity to be close to the vast Nellis Nuclear Test Site of which Groom Lake is a part.

Yesterday's gathering, some 300 strong, confirmed the town's rise to dominance of the global UFO industry. The release of *Independence Day*, which depicts aliens captured in New Mexico in 1947 and stored in a vault in Area 51, has turned a stream of visitors into a flood.

The Little A-Le-Inn is fully booked for most of the summer. Marcus Pizzutti, a "crimi-

nologist-artist", is selling alien statuettes as fast as he can make them. "I do believe in the great possibility of alien abduction," he said solemnly.

Equally solemnly, Meisha Johnstone declared that she was "part of a hybrid programme". Abducted by aliens three years ago, she was gone from this Earth for an hour and 20 minutes and returned with extraterrestrial implants in her legs. She was later impregnated by aliens and now makes regular visits to her hybrid child on another, "brown", planet, probably in the constellation of Orion. When on terra firma, she runs support groups for fellow abductees in Las Vegas.

The closest thing in Rachel to an objective source on Area 51 is Glenn Campbell. A self-appointed watchdog over government ethical and financial misdeeds, he calls Groom Dry Lake "our own little pocket of communism", but dismisses talk of UFOs. Leaving his caravan, this reporter was briefly alarmed by a bright white disk in the night sky. It was the moon.

MEMBERS of Penwith UFO Research met at the Acorn Theatre, Penzance, recently, where they viewed a film made by American scientists involved with the journey of The Voyager to Mars.

Following the viewing of the film, members of the group, along with members of the public present, discussed the possibilities of life on Mars and links with Stonehenge and The Sphinx in Egypt.

Members also reported that since Penwith UFO Research was founded in September 1994 the group of around 20 researchers had received countless accounts from local people of strange lights and objects in the skies of the district.

They have compiled reports on 24 of the sightings in Penwith, the most vivid of which, they claim, was seen by a bus load of people travelling from Pendennis to Penzance.

Founder member of the group, Jude Colwyn explains: "Locally, one of our most interesting sightings occurred one winter's night a couple of years ago when several people on a Western National bus apparently saw a huge UFO at about 10 pm.

It was rotating slowly, then performed a rising zig-zag manoeuvre before shooting off out to sea, hitting the viewers with a blast of air as it left," said Jude.

# UFO group in Acorn space!

She said that the bus driver brought the bus to a stop and that passengers described a disk "as big as a football field," which slowly came to rest about 50 yards from the bus, hovering about 30 feet above the ground.

"We are still looking for witnesses to this event, and in particular would love to hear from the bus driver."

# Secret craft theory on UFO

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

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

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

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

Another point worth noting is that this craft may have been highly sophisticated, electronic stealth equipment counter measures costing millions so how was it detected on a fishing boat RADAR system? Who wanted to be seen? Who knows!

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

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

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

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

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

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

George Niedzwiedz, a ham radio operator who has investigated UFO sightings in the Borders for BUFORA, told the Berwickshire News just why this sighting was so unusual.

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

slowly. The craft, seen by the

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Warminster - West Wiltshire

# Town is out of this world for alien life

Movie bosses used Warminster and its history of UFO sightings to announce the video release of Independence Day. JOANNE MOORE beamed down to find out why.

**A**N alien helped launch Warminster as Britain's UFO capital when movie moguls re-launched the biggest-selling film of the year. The film company chose Warminster as the location to announce February 10 as the release date of Independence Day.

The movie, which portrays an alien invasion of the earth, broke box office records worldwide and is still number one in the international box office.

Warminster with its military bases has long been a UFO spotter's paradise with numerous strange sightings of shapes and lights in the sky.

The video launch attracted plenty of media attention but failed to produce any new evidence of alien craft or landings.

Nobody in the audience came forward to share strange experiences but afterwards Warminster Mayor Helen Rowley admitted she believed she had seen a UFO.

She saw a cigar shaped object with glowing lights as she drove with her mother from Warminster towards Westbury.

"We both saw this glowing shape in the sky. I have no idea what it was but I don't think it was an aircraft," said Mrs Rowley.

She is hopeful that Warminster's new found status will help to bring more tourists into the town.

"There is already a lot of interest but hopefully this will stimulate even more. I often get people asking

about UFOs at Gley Hill." Warminster's best known UFO expert was Ken Rogers who first came to the town in the 1960s to report on the growing number of sightings in the area.

He was fascinated with the paranormal and moved to live in Warminster to continue his re-

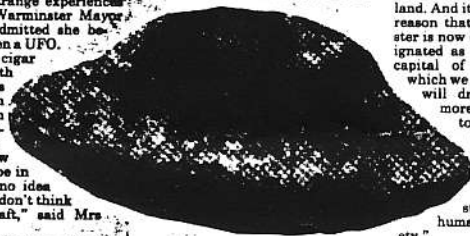
search. Warminster museum held a special exhibition in 1994 called Objective Evidence which detailed some of the most unusual happenings.

These included the report of Charles Hudd on April 1, 1966 who was on duty at the central car park in Warminster. A huge silvery cigar shape sailed over the downs from west to east. Just before it reached Cophead it became a poker of hot fire. One of the most famous sightings came in 1965 when a flying saucer was captured on film above the town. Later it was claimed the spaceship photograph was a hoax but it cemented the town's reputation for being a place of unusual sightings. UFO experts claim that whenever you go on a nocturnal UFO spotting mission you should carry a compass. When inexplicable phenomena are flying at fairly close range, normal compass alignments will go haywire. This has been noticed many times on Cradle Hill.

He said it was one of his sad regrets not to have seen a UFO himself even though his Longleat home is one of the places sightings are often made. To mark the occasion Mrs Rowley was presented with a framed certificate declaring Warminster the UFO capital of the UK by Karen Martin from the West Country Tourist Board.

Simon Hewlett from 20th Century Fox said he was pleased that Warminster was finally receiving its official recognition. American researcher Paul Devereux believes many so called UFO sightings have a rational explanation relating to fault lines within the earth.

His theory will be revealed on Equinox on Channel 4 at 7pm on Sunday.



TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER: The alien from Independence Day in Warminster on Monday. TOP: The 1965 UFO sighting in the town, later claimed to be a hoax.



CLOSE ENCOUNTER: Simon Hewlett of 20th Century Fox, Lord Bath, Helen Rowley and

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# The morning Gran spotted a spaceship

By DEBORAH ANDERSON

IT may not rival the X-Files, but the sight a grandmother saw when she looked out of her bedroom window has baffled all the experts.

They cannot explain what pensioner Margaret Ross, of Falkirk, Stirlingshire, captured on her video camera.

The tape shows a pulsating bright object in a cloudless sky to the south of her home. It remained in the same place for 15 minutes, then gradually transformed into a half moon shape with four diagonal bars of high intensity brightness. After about 40 minutes it disappeared.

As experts studied last month's latest UFO sighting in Central Scotland, Mrs Ross said: "I got up at 6am and looked out of my bedroom window. I saw what looked like a big snowball in

the sky. Its outside edges then became pointed." The pensioner then grabbed her video camera and started filming.

She said: "The object didn't move. It just stayed still and seemed to pulsate. But after about 15 minutes it blossomed into a half circle shape with four diagonal stripes.

"I don't know what it was but it definitely wasn't a star, plane, helicopter or balloon. It didn't frighten me, I was just fascinated by the changing shape. I just watched in awe."

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

Alexis, 42, said: "I saw it changing shape. It was awesome. I got my husband,

George, and my two children out of bed and they all saw it too.

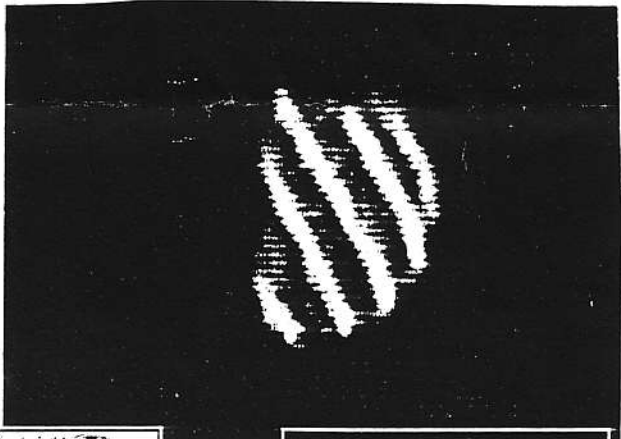
"I phoned my mum at 7am and asked her if she had seen anything in the sky. She told me she had it on tape. It's absolutely amazing."

Six months ago Mrs Ross taped a similar light in the sky. That film was scrutinised by Archie Roy, Emeritus Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Glasgow University.

He said: "Around 92 per cent of sightings can be easily explained. But this is one of the 8 per cent which science cannot recognise."

But Mrs Ross insisted last night: "That event was nothing compared to this. This one is spectacular."

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



Strange but true: UFO spotter Margaret Ross and her mystery object

Ron Halliday of Stirling University said last night: "It's one of the best footages I have ever seen from anywhere in the world. Such a length of footage is very unusual."

Mr Halliday, chairman of Scottish Earth Mysteries Research, added: "It's extremely rare to have film evidence backed up by multiple witnesses."

Kenny Higgins, chairman of Scottish Research into Unidentified Flying Objects, said: "It's as good a piece of evidence of a UFO in Scotland as I've ever seen. It's very rare that you get footage of anything other than a bright light."

Mr Higgins, a recognised authority on the subject, has been researching UFOs for 20 years. He added: "I have never seen anything resembling the shape in the sky that Mrs Ross has captured."

The sighting is the latest in a series of strange incidents in the skies around Falkirk.

# I was chased by the triangle

WELCOME once again to UFO Update readers. Check out this fascinating account from an Orrell man named Alan.

It's that triangle again!  
Alan says: "I was driving along the M6 from Haydock with a passenger in my car.

"As we got on the motorway I remarked that the north star was very bright. As we drove along my eyes kept being drawn to it, it was so bright.

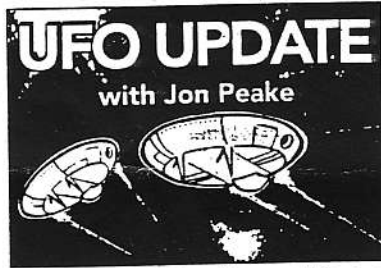
"At the M58 turn-off it got larger then shot across the motorway stopping on the left hand side of the car.

"It looked about the size of a helicopter and I would estimate its height at about 300ft but I don't know really.

"It was triangular shaped with one side red and the other side a light colour. It was hovering and as my engine noise was low as I was cruising off the motorway I opened my window but couldn't hear anything.

"My passenger saw this too. It was as though it was glued to the sky. I got to the bottom of the slip road, stopped and got out of the car and turned to look.

"There was nothing. The sky was clear, absolutely clear. I've never seen anything like this before. I probably would have scoffed but I ended up driving along the motorway to Ashton and back again to see if we could see it.



"There was nothing - the star we had thought bright had gone as well. I can't think what it could have been but a UFO."

Next week - a fascinating tale from Quest International investigator Bill Eatock.

Don't miss it. Also coming up full details of the eagerly awaited November meeting of WasPsi featuring Quest head honcho Tony Dodd.

Have you seen anything in the skies above Wigan. If you have then telephone Jon Peake on 228000 or write in to UFO Update, Wigan Reporter, Martland Mill, Martland Mill Lane, Wigan WN5 0LX.

## Methil woman's close encounter

A WOMAN flying low and very, believes she saw an unidentified flying object in the skies over Methil. very slowly."

A spokesman for the R.A.F. confirmed that one person had contacted the base on Friday to report a low-flying object and the sighting had been passed to the Ministry of Defence who "were not that interested," unless there was some positive evidence.

"We regularly get reports of U.F.Os but there are usually ordinary explanations for things that people might think strange," he said. "We were not aware of anything flying in the area at that time and had nothing flying ourselves."

"I wasn't worried at all, but it came back again about half an hour later.

"I phoned R.A.F. Leuchars to let them know what I'd seen. It was

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# Mother is convinced of truth behind UFO claims

WEEKLY News reader Susan Eastwood is convinced there is some truth to recent stories of UFOs over Fleetwood.

For Susan, of Darbishire Road, was at home when her two young daughters burst in and told her they had seen one.

Her daughters Emma (10) and Sarah (8) said they saw a silvery light in the sky above Fleetwood, shaped like a disk.

At the time they were with three school friends from Chaucer Primary School.

Said Susan: "I believe they saw some-

thing strange - one girl even dashed off to tell her mum.

"The girls aren't stupid - they know what an aeroplane or a hot air balloon looks like.

"They were very excited and I could tell they weren't joking."

None of the girls had

ever seen anything strange in the sky before.

Emma told the Weekly News: "I was more excited than scared, but if I'd been by myself it would have been frightening."

It is the third report of a UFO near Fleetwood within a month.

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## Flying banana

UFO investigators want to hear from anyone else who saw lights shaped like a "crushed banana" hovering above the Saxon Mill Harvester restaurant in Coventry Road, Guy's Cliffe, Warwick, at about 11.40 pm on Friday, as reported by a motorist. Call Birmingham UFO Society on 0121 681 6344.

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**SOCCER** chief Michael Knighton — the man who tried to buy Manchester United — has been in touch with ALIENS.

The Carlisle United supremo has revealed he had a close encounter of the third division kind with a UFO which changed his life.

Knighton, 43, made contact with the extraterrestrials back in 1977... somewhere on the M62. He claims the all-

## Soccer supremo talks to aliens

**EXCLUSIVE**  
By KIRSTY JOHNSON

He "spoke" to him telepathically and said: "Don't be afraid".

Knighton was driving along the motorway with his wife Rosemary when they both saw

mysterious lights in the sky.

"A bright dot became a triangle and shot down at incredible speed," he said.

"Then it turned into a glowing disc which hovered above a petrol



**KNIGHTON:** Sky light station. I was so excited — it was the most incredible experience. "I just wish I could come into contact with them again." Knighton's revelations came at a lecture on UFOs in Carlisle.

THERE'S a frightening story for UFO Update readers this week.

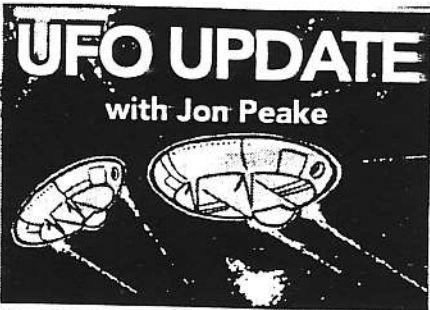
It comes from a lady called Sheila from Wigan.

Sheila explained: 'About a year ago I woke in the night and noticed flashing lights. I thought it was an ambulance or fire brigade so I got out of bed and looked through the window. To my astonishment I saw about 12 coloured lights in a diamond pattern in the sky.'

Each light was glowing and something within the lights was spinning rapidly and pulsating.

Suddenly the lights got nearer to my house and I got scared so I quickly shut the curtains and got back in bed. My first thoughts about an ambulance or fire brigade were quashed. I didn't know what it was. Eventually I must have dozed off.

Later in the night I woke up to find this being stood at the bottom of my bed. I couldn't scream but I tried to get away. It was about 4ft tall and brilliant white and glowing. It's eyes



were massive oval shaped and the brightest blue I've ever seen.

Then it smiled at me but to my amazement it's teeth were yellow. I tried so hard to get away from it and out of the room but I couldn't move. I knew I wasn't dreaming. I was scared stiff.

The next thing I remember it was morning. I sat up in bed and I felt unwell, sort of drugged and sluggish so I went to the bathroom. I looked in the mirror and got the shock of my life. I had bruises on both temples and my right eye, and spots on my stomach.

I went to the doctors and he gave me some cream to put on the spot and told me that I was allergic to cats!

I told him that I didn't have a cat. He said I must have had

hold of one but I hadn't. I couldn't tell the doctor what had happened in case he just laughed and said it was a nightmare.'

I swear it was no dream that night.

Later the following day I noticed a hole in my curtains. It was about 6ft x 6ft. Before I witnessed what I had there had been no holes in the curtains.

Sheila concludes: 'Could you please put this in the paper and ask anyone if they could shed some light on it. It worries me sometimes. What did they do to me?'

Can anyone shed any light on Sheila's strange encounter. *Contact UFO Update at the Wigan Reporter, Martland Mill Lane, Wigan WNS OLX.*

# Couple tell of close encounter Mystery of lights out of the blue

AN IPSWICH couple have reported a startling UFO sighting near Rendlesham Forest - a real hotspot for UFOs.

Tony and Maureen Boreham were returning home from visiting relatives in Rendlesham when they saw what they believe to be a giant spaceship.

"We were quite shocked. We suddenly saw

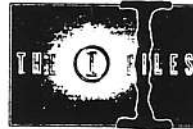
By GAVIN HODGE

this huge thing which was a mass of bright orange lights hovering above the trees. Then just as suddenly it was gone," said Maureen.

She said she is sure it was a spaceship and described the UFO as being "as big as a fair-ground Ferris wheel."

"I've never seen anything like it in my life. My husband swerved the van because of the surprise it gave us. He said: 'Where the hell did that go?'" said Maureen.

She said the sighting took place at 10.5 o'clock at night just after they had been through Eyke, heading towards Woodbridge. The object appeared to the right of the car so it must have been close to the village of Bromeswell. Did anyone else see anything mysterious on Saturday?



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# No UFOs says MP

**CRAWLEY MP Nicholas Soames says reports that he believes in little green men is out of this world.**

The down-to-earth Armed Forces Minister says the truth is out there...but not in *UFO Magazine*.

The latest edition of the space cadets' bible features Mr Soames being quizzed about the government's own X-Files in the House of Commons.

The re-opened alien archives included claims an RAF Tornado was overtaken by a speedy UFO and that an RAF weatherman watched a flying saucer orbit his base.

Mr Soames answered: "Reports of sightings on these dates are

By JO PORTER

ined by staff responsible for air defence matters.

"No firm conclusions were drawn about the nature of the phenomena reported, but the events were not judged to be of defence significance."

But *UFO Magazine* argues it is what Mr Soames did not say that says so much.

The lunar lovers gloat: "Nicholas Soames is a man of great integrity and, doubtless, will have ensured he was exceedingly well briefed by MoD officials before attaching his name to matters of the UFO kind.

"At first glance he has either failed to answer specific questions in great detail or ignored them altogether."

They go on: "However consider

● The MoD has accepted the fact that their fastest aircraft **HAVE** been casually overtaken by UFOs.

● That UFOs have overflowed military bases."

But Mr Soames claims their deductions are off the planet.

He said: "I do not take the magazine myself and I am sure they are all absolutely heroic people, a fine body of men."

"But I personally do not believe in UFOs."

Meanwhile Mr Soames has refused to answer *Private Eye's* accusation he lied about a pesticide link to Gulf War Syndrome.

The magazine claims he denied the connection and only admitted it earlier this month when he knew he was about to be 'rumbled'.

But Mr Soames would only say: "Whilst I have every respect for *Private Eye*, I'm not sure I can comment on it."

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# Teenagers spot UFO

THREE spooked-out teenage lads claim they spotted a UFO in Gorrick Woods, Wokingham. Paul Broady, Howard Rowntree and Graham Fox say they were out walking a dog last Thursday night (July 4) when they saw a triangle-shaped plane with red and green flashing lights hovering above the trees. Paul, aged 15, who admitted they were scared by the incident, said: "It was a really bright light and we couldn't see properly."

Then the UFO allegedly disappeared, returning again five minutes later. Paul and Howard, 16, from Thornbers Way, Charvil, were staying with Graham, also 16, at Gorrick Cottage where he lives with his parents. Paul said: "We told Graham's parents in the morning but they didn't believe us. But I am sure we saw what we saw."

Howard added: "We did not believe in UFOs until we saw them."

# UFO specialist investigates isles blast mystery

MIKE MERRITT

BRITAIN'S top UFO hunter, Nick Pope, is investigating the cause of the mysterious mid-air explosion off Lewis that led to a £200,000 search nine days ago.

Mr Pope is a former official government investigator of unidentified flying objects.

No explanation has yet been found for the object, which was seen and heard to explode off the north of Lewis. A dozen witnesses saw the object light up the sky and explode into a ball of black smoke, sending two fragments trailing dark vapour into the sea.

Over two days the RAF and the Coastguards searched 400 square miles, but no trace of wreckage was found.

The Labour MP for the Western Isles, Calum Macdonald, has asked the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, if the military was responsible for the explosion. He is still awaiting a reply. But inquiries last week at the Ministry of Defence, Coastguards and the RAF all led to denials that the explosion had been linked to the armed services.

In fact RAF Kinloss, which coordinated the search, even checked through the military channels whether a United States radar-avoiding Stealth bomber was in the area. But the answer was a firm "no".

A NATO training exercise, involving 32 ships, seven submarines and 80 military planes

began off Lewis last Monday, but a navy spokeswoman denied that any of the vessels had been even near the area of the explosion two days earlier.

A spokesman at Kinloss confirmed that there had been reports of three UFOs flying in formation over the Scottish Borders and heading north on the same day as the explosion off Lewis. Three weeks previously a passenger on a transatlantic flight to Vancouver saw another exploding light off Lewis.

Now Mr Pope, who spent three years investigating UFO sightings for the MoD secretariat (air staff), is looking at the case.

"There are reports of UFOs crashing, most notably at Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947," said Mr Pope, 31, who wrote the bestseller, *Open Skies, Closed Minds*. "This could be another case. I firmly believe it has happened before. Many UFOs are sighted around military installations or activity, the theory being that they are keeping an eye on our technology.

"When I worked for the MoDI had to evaluate UFOs for any military threat to the UK. Some people in the ministry believe in them more than you realise. Many RAF pilots told me of their sightings, some not officially reported, for fear of ridicule or marring their careers.

"This sighting off Lewis could be a UFO. I would not rule it out until I look at reports I have asked for. But it is not a classic sighting."

# Lawyer's wife says truth is out there

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A Fleet Air Arm spokesman at RNAS Yeovilton said they had no helicopters or other aircraft flying in the area at that time.

Ufologist Doug Cooper, an investigator with the British UFO Association, said: "A number of similar sightings involving small dome-shaped objects with flashing lights have been reported in the area."

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"I opened the window but we did not hear any noise.

"People may think I am a bit of a wally but there was certainly something unusual there. I am sure others must have seen it but may be afraid to report it in case of ridicule."

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**Flashing**

"It was about the size of a helicopter but seemed to be a solid semi-domed shape.

"I could not see its colour because it was dark, but it had

watched in amazement as the UFO, flying erratically, approached before dawn on Monday.

"My husband saw it first from our bedroom window at the front of the house just after 6.30 am and we watched it for about five minutes", said Mrs O'Brien, 42.

"We get lots of helicopters and planes flying over here,

UFO spotters are investigating a couple's early morning encounter with a dome-shaped object with flashing lights.

Lawyer's wife Mrs Sally O'Brien kept the UFO in sight as it flew past her hilltop home and eventually disappeared in the distance.

Mrs O'Brien, of Blagdon Hill, near Taunton, Somerset, said she and her husband

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# EXPERT IN UFO PROBE ON ISLE

EXCLUSIVE

By MIKE MERRITT

TOP UFO hunter Nick Pope is probing a mysterious mid-air explosion which sparked a massive search nine days ago.

No explanation has been found for the blast off the Isle of Lewis, which was seen and heard by a dozen witnesses.

Pope - a former UFO investigator for the MoD - is now studying the mystery and has called for files on the case.

The author of a top-selling book on UFOs said: "This sighting off Lewis could be a UFO - I would not rule it out until I look at reports I have asked for."

The object lit up the sky and exploded into a ball of smoke, leaving vapour-trailing fragments falling to the sea.

The RAF and Coastguard mounted a two-day air-sea search, but no wreckage was found.

The MoD deny any knowledge of the blast, and civilian planes or drug-running aircraft have been ruled out.

Experts also doubt it was a meteorite.

LAWYER and his wife living on the Blackdown Hills, near Taunton, watched in amazement as a UFO 'buzzed' their hilltop home shortly before dawn on Monday.

The dome-shaped object

**By ALISON STOODLEY**

with flashing lights passed near their home before moving slowly off towards Honiton and the East

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Devon coast. Mrs Sally O'Brien said the unidentified flying object moved erratically up and down and then reappeared from behind a tree before flying off along a valley.

"My husband saw it first from our bedroom window at the front of the house just after 6.30 am. We watched it for about five minutes," said 42-year-old Mrs O'Brien.

"We get loads of helicopters and planes flying over here, but I have never seen anything like this before. It came around the back of the house and meandered off down the valley before it went out of sight.

"It was about the size of a helicopter but seemed to

be a solid semi-domed shape. I could not see its colour because it was dark, but it had different shades of flashing lights whizzing all around the centre as if they were revolving at high speed.

"I opened the window but we did not hear any noise. People may think I'm a bit of a wally, but there was certainly something unusual there.

### Peculiar

"We can't be the only ones to have seen it but others may be afraid to report it in case of ridicule.

"It was a most peculiar object and I just want to know what it was."

Police in Devon and Somerset said there had been no reported UFO sightings on Monday.

A spokesman at RNAS Yeovilton said they had no helicopters or other aircraft flying in the area at the time.

UFO expert Sue Hembury-Kellow said the sightings almost mirrored UFOs seen in the same area two years ago.

Mrs Hembury-Kellow, of the Somerset UFO Research Group, added that despite extensive investigations the sightings were never cleared up.

"They were described as horseshoe-shaped objects, which could be the same as a semi-dome if seen from a different aspect."

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GEORGE Adamski became an overnight celebrity in 1953 when his book 'Flying Saucers Have Landed' first came out.

He claimed that he had met a Venusian and photographed his flying saucer. The Venusian looked fairly human, but had long hair, wore ski pants and possessed feet 18ins long. Adamski produced two pieces of evidence.

### Thought for the week

One was a plaster cast of a Venusian footprint. But he had been trekking in the desert when he had met the spacemen. He also had a photo of the space ship which bore a resemblance to the canister of a vacuum cleaner.

Adamski's wild claim was

founded on shoddy evidence. Yet millions believed him. The evidence is much better - historically, psychologically, rationally - that Jesus Christ really was God and is still changing lives this century.

So how come more people aren't interested? Which is more important - meeting a Venusian, or meeting God?

Rev Dr Derek Stringer  
Elmwood Church

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## UFOs are uncovered

REPORTS of UFOs - unidentified flying objects - over Gloucestershire will feature in an open day organised by Circular Forum, the county's UFO investigation group.

Spokesman Robin Cole said photographic and video evidence will be on show together with reports of UFOs from around the county. Equipment and resources used by the group in compiling their information will be on show at the Rhythm Room, formerly the Shaftesbury Hall in Clarence Street, Cheltenham on the afternoon of Saturday, November 2.

# Neil's very own mystery

IT'S not clear whether UFOs exist, and seeing this strange machine but Neil Buchanan tries to find out in with two bright lights hovering It's A Mystery (ITV, 4.45pm).

Neil and sidekick Sophie Aldred us saw it but even now I have no idea also attempt to track down who, or what we were watching."

what, lives in an ancient tree in Sherwood Forest and discover if the number 13 really is as unlucky as some people believe.

The pair of paranormal presenters, dubbed ITV's answer to Mulder and Scully, have already investigated the Yeti, exploded the myth of the Bermuda Triangle, gone behind-the-scenes at one of Britain's most haunted theatres, probed crop circles and studied strange psychic powers. But this week's show holds a special fascination for Neil.

He confesses: "I have seen a UFO. It was a long time ago.

"I was a kid growing up in Liverpool but I remember looking up

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## Why the future MAY be orange!

By Hull Daily Mail  
NEWS REPORTER

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects have been spotted shooting over the city as a new group prepares to watch the skies. In the latest UFO sighting, orange balls were seen flying over Newtown Court, Southcoates Lane.

An eyewitness, who lives in the area, said his first encounter with the strange objects began on Friday, November 8, at 10.30pm.

"There were between 12 and 20 orange balls of light in the sky going east over Hull Prison," he said.

"They were about 15,000 ft up, and travelling at about three or four hundred miles an hour."

His second sighting was last Tuesday, November 12, above Alexandra Dock. The eyewitness said this time they were about 5,000 ft up.

"It was amazing - there was no sound, but it couldn't have been a laser show and they definitely weren't planes.

"They were in formation but one or two were breaking away, zig zagging about and shooting forwards. I just can't believe I was the only person to see this."

After the second sighting, the police were alerted and took a statement which they sent to the Ministry of Defence.

An MoD spokesman said the statement would have been analysed to ensure that the UFO was not a national threat. He said their investigations ended if it was found to be non-hostile.

"It could have been a number of things, including light bouncing off clouds, low, bright planets, or a helicopter flying overhead," he added.

The sightings come as the Hull UFO Society held its first meeting on Tuesday. The society is looking into the possibility of staging the area's first major UFO-related conference early next year.

Anyone interested in the society should ring Mr Evers or Mr Lewis on (01482) 565273 or 643898 for more details.



# Spy in the sky may solve blast mystery

IT WASN'T a bird, it wasn't a plane — and nobody has proved it was a meteorite.

Last night the mysterious mid-air explosion which filled the skies over the Hebrides remained shrouded in mist.

An air and sea search costing some £200,000 failed to shed light on the Isle of Lewis's X-Files experience.

The Ministry of Defence claims it is also in the dark and the folk of the Hebrides are now putting their faith in American space spy scientists to explain the bolt from the blue.

Experts from the U.S. Sandia National Laboratories spy satellite station are examining data. If their satellites spotted the blast, the question of whether the explosion was natural or man-made will be answered.

State-of-the-art technology at Sandia, Albuquerque, New Mexico, can spot the difference between meteorite explosions and those made by military bombs.

Data is being supplied to the U.S. by the Armagh Observatory in Northern Ireland, Britain's leading astronomical research centre for fireballs.

Observatory director Professor Mark Bailey

## U.S. satellite is drafted in to probe isles bolt from the blue

By TRACEY LAWSON

exact time of the Hebridean explosion could be the key to explaining the mystery.

"This is a very strange incident. I am torn between this being caused by the military, such as target practice, and a natural phenomenon like a fireball."

Hebridean islanders hope the U.S. probe will put an end to weeks of speculation.

A dozen eyewitnesses at the village of Ness on the Butt of Lewis reported a large flash

in the sky, accompa-

trail of smoke into the sea.

One shocked villager said: "It lit up the sky and then fell into the sea. It was like a scene from The X-Files."

Another islander reported seeing what looked like a plane trailing a normal white slipstream high in the sky over Lewis.

Moments later there was a huge explosion resulting in a large black ball of smoke — then the aircraft disappeared as two fragments trailing smoke fell into the sea.

Emergency services

search of a mid-air disaster, but flight controllers on both sides of the Atlantic reported no aircraft were missing.

An extensive two-day RAF search of 400 square miles of sea did not discover any wreckage.

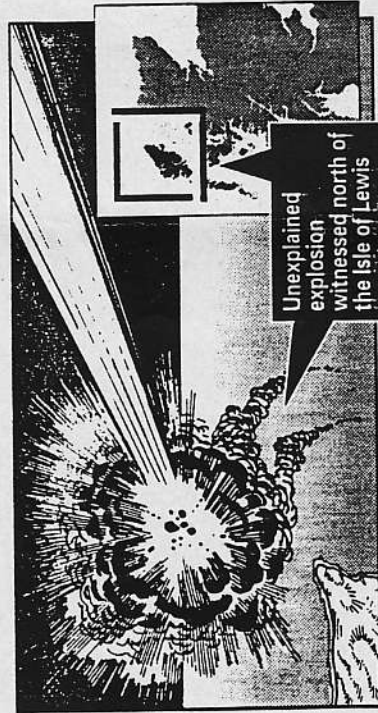
Rumours that the explosion was caused by a military plane that a two-day NATO exercise involving 80 RAF and Royal Navy aircraft began off Lewis two days after the fireball appeared

But the Ministry of

puzzled as the islanders. Suggestions that a radar-avoiding American Stealth bomber was in the area at the time were also denied.

Checks with the top-secret RAF Fylingdales early-warning missile tracking station in Yorkshire and its counterpart in Virginia have also drawn a blank.

If the American spy satellite experts fail to turn up pictures of the explosion, the notion of a UFO in their skies may be the most rational explanation



# Light in sky thrills UFO man

A NEW case in Norwich's own X-files has been opened by a UFO spotter on the Heartsease Estate.

Raymond Evans was left baffled after hearing an unexplained low humming noise and spotting a bright white light on Wednesday.

"I was in two minds about whether UFOs existed but now I believe in them," said Mr Evans, 61, who lives on Redfern Road.

Unable to sleep in the early hours of Wednesday morning, Mr Evans went into his garden to see if neighbours were playing music.

"I saw a brilliant light about six times bigger than a star," he said.

"I think the humming was coming from it.

"When I thought about what I'd seen I was really thrilled."

The light appeared to be

hovering motionless in the direction of Great Yarmouth and was spotted at 2.30am.

Now Mr Evans is hoping other Evening News readers will be able to explain the strange sighting.

Contact reporter Stacia Briggs at the Evening News on Norwich 772439 if you can help solve the mystery.

for. The military are not the only people investigating the event.

Former Ministry of Defence UFO hunter Nick Pope believes the fireball might have been caused by a crashed UFO.

Mr Pope, author of Open Skies, Closed Minds, said: "I firmly believe it has happened before. This could be another case.

"Many UFOs are sighted around military installations or activity, the theory being that they are keeping an eye on our

## Tailpiece

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 Dowe 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. "It was queer stuff, white-clear jelly, oodles of it," Smith said. The Smith's son-in-law collected a small sample to send to the UFO hotline, which will have it analysed.

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## Strange lights and 'blobs' in Tasmania

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

The culmination of a series of yet-to-be-explained phenomena was a report by Marlene Smith, who woke up to find blobs of slime 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.

The slime came after a night of thunderstorms.

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.

Mr Dowe said that it might be fish eggs, or baby jellyfish.

Kempton is 37 miles inland, but he said there had been several cases reported of atmospheric conditions causing it to rain fish eggs in the desert.

The hotline also had a record number of calls from Tasmania over sightings of lights and fireballs, which were also sighted in Australia.

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## Much ado about a UFO over Tilehurst

I HAD the strangest call ever on my show at the end of last week.

A woman called in to say she thought she had seen a UFO above Dee Road in Tilehurst at about 10.30am, and had anyone else seen it?

Far be it for me to

accuse her of being barking, I mentioned it on air and I got a stream of calls. It was being described as a big black box with windows on it and a kind of caravan on the top.

Some people seemed convinced it was an alien being, and Karen Sharpe

from Lower Earley spotted it as far as the A329M. I was just about to call Mulder from the X-Files (the excuse I had been waiting months for), when I was told it was in fact a hot air balloon in the shape of a video.

Still, we can dream..

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# RAF IN X-FILE ALERT!

ALIENS from outer space may be visiting Britain, the Government has sensationally admitted.

In an incredible letter obtained by The People, Defence Minister Earl Frederick Howe reveals that ALL RAF station commanders are under orders to report UFO sightings.

And he adds: "So far as the existence of extraterrestrial lifeforms is concerned we remain open-minded." The letter was sent to Don Valley Labour MP Martin Redmond, who is trying to break the MoD's veil of secrecy over flying saucers.

*He is concerned about a UFO with a red and green rotating light that appeared over East Anglia last month.*

It was tracked by radar at RAF Neatishead and RAF Northwood for several hours as it hovered in the sky before flying 50 miles down the coast.

It was also spotted by the crews of a tanker and civilian plane, while a video - now in the MoD's hands - was taken by police.

"It's incredible no aircraft were scrambled when a target was picked up so close to the coast," Mr Redmond told Defence Secretary Michael Portillo.

*"This raises questions on the way we police the UK Air Defence Region."*

Earl Howe replied that the RAF does not respond unless there is evidence UK air space has been "compromised". He added:

### By NIGEL NELSON

"To date no sighting has provided such evidence.

"We do not investigate further or provide an explanation for what might have been observed."

Mr Redmond is accusing the Government of covering up information on UFOs and says if there is no defence threat, there is no excuse for secrecy either.

"The answers I've been given lead me to think there is something more to this," added the MP.

*"The only thing I know for sure is this whole issue is shrouded in secrecy."*

Last week Defence Minister Nicholas Soames refused to reveal how many UFOs RAF pilots have spotted since 1966. He said the information would cost too much to obtain.

But he added: "Unidentified contacts penetrating UK airspace are identified by all available means, including interception."

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## UFO was airship

DOZENS of people in the Banbury area rang the police saying they had spotted a UFO on Tuesday evening.

But Pc John Pepper, from Banbury police station, also saw the 'craft' moving slowly north along the M40 at about 9.30pm revealed it to be an airship.

He said: "I was watching it for about 20 minutes. It was definitely an airship although it had no advertising on its skin and it was illuminated from the inside." It was travelling at about 15mph.