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THIS week UFO Update brings you, as promised, the first part of a fascinating tale from Quest International investigator Bill Eatock.

Bill, from Hindley was abducted by aliens some five years ago. Needless to say since his bizarre encounter Bill has dedicated his life to the study of UFOs and their extra terrestrial passengers.

In his own words Bill recalls his close encounter:

"I purchased some walkie talkie radios and I decided to test them. At about 7.45 at night I left one radio with my wife at home and set off in my car driving progressively further away, speaking to my wife at regular intervals to find some idea of range of reception. At about 8pm I was driving along a country road, it was a dark, clear, dry night and reception on the radio was very good.

"As I drove along the road I suddenly saw a wall of fog in front of me and was surprised that it started so suddenly. I drove into the fog and immediately heard a very high pitched whining sound. The sound was gaining in intensity to the extent that it was hurting my ears. I was unable to see anything due to the fog. By this time, the sound was overpowering and I reached for the car radio to see if it was turned on but it wasn't. My ears were really hurting by this time and I was fast becoming disorientated. In desperation I pulled the wires out of the car radio in case it was coming from



there and I made certain the walkie-talkie was turned off but the sound still continued.

"At this stage everything got confused and the next thing I remember was driving out of the fog onto a totally clear road which was usually busy. I drove home feeling sick with the left side of my face burning.

"When I arrived home my wife noticed that the left side of my face appeared to have been sunburned. I don't know what caused this but I felt ill."

Even now, five years after the occurrence Bill remembers with clarity the events that followed his encounter.

Read next week's UFO Update for the concluding part of Bill's mysterious encounter and the strange symptoms he suffered as a result of it.

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ITALY was swept by UFO fever today after witnesses reported a strange green light flash through the evening sky near Rome's main airport. Air traffic controllers said last night's mystery sighting was probably the result of an optical effect caused by the light. Three pilots at Fiumicino airport and air traffic controllers said they saw a luminous green sphere speed through the sky from east to west along the coastline near Rome.

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UFO claims are still flying about

CLAIMS that the 'flying saucer' that was seen above Bretforton last month was in fact an airship, are being hotly disputed.

Yvonne and Gary Lewis claim they saw a flying saucer from their Bretforton home on November 26.

Now, a Cleeve Prior woman (who asked not to be named) says she is certain that what the Lewises saw was an illuminated airship advertising Coca Cola.

She says: "My husband and I were driving back from Stratford on that night and we saw it. It was definitely an airship."

However, another Vale couple say they also saw a strange sight that night and they are convinced it was not an airship.

Tim and Natasha Heath say they saw a 'bright yellow oval shape' in the sky from their home in Middle Littleton.

Mr Heath said: "I've always been interested in aircraft and what I saw was definitely not an airship.

"There was no engine noise and an airship would have been longer."

The couple also say they had a second sighting of a UFO on December 15.

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PARANORMAL: New society to discuss UFO sightings, ghosts and spiritual healing

Flying triangle joins balls of light on roll call of mystery

PARANORMAL investigators are studying a spate of sightings of a mysterious black triangle in the sky.

The triangle craft, and a series of other unexplained balls of light in the sky around Cardigan Bay, have been reported by about 20 people to the newly formed West Wales Paranormal Society.

Now the society is recording all the information it has received onto a new database of UFO sightings in West Wales.

And information is being passed on to similar bodies worldwide through the Internet in the hope they can discover whether the craft is really something out of this world or has a basis in more mundane reality.

"Ultimately we hope to get to the bottom of it all," said the society's organiser Adam Whaley from Newquay.

"But we have no videos, no photos and no multiple witnesses so it's a bit like trying to catch shadows."

He said the black triangle craft,

which was first seen in the US around 1988, has since been spotted by hundreds of people worldwide but there has been no official explanation for its existence.

Whether of military or alien origin, it invariably appears in the night sky preceded by a flash of lightning.

Witnesses say it is huge and moves from a stationary hovering position to hundreds of miles an hour within seconds.

It was first spotted in West Wales some months ago.

But on the night of November 21 last year there were around half a dozen separate sightings along with numerous other accounts of mysterious colours lighting up the night sky around Cardigan Bay.

"People definitely saw something," said Mr Whaley.

"There are too many different accounts for it to be merely the work of the imagination.

"My own view is that it is probably some sort of secret military craft which the authorities want to

keep quiet."

The investigation into the mysterious black triangle is the first major research project to be undertaken by the paranormal society which meets once a month in Lampeter.

But unexplained UFO sightings is only part of their interest.

The 50-strong group will also discuss any phenomena for which there appears, as yet, to be no scientific explanation, such as ghosts, spiritual healing, ley lines or crop circles.

"We'll look at anything," said Mr Whaley. "Our members range from those deeply committed to spiritual explanation of events to those more like myself who are sceptical and keep an open mind."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence dismissed reports of any UFO sighting and said it did not believe there were any real or tangible sightings of UFOs.

"We only investigate occurrences if they have a defence implication," he said.

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UFO sighting is probed by expert

A COUPLE are mystified after seeing a mystery object in the sky.

Christine and Richard Crick, both 53, were driving home to Desborough from Market Harborough along the A6 when they were startled by a big bright light.

The object dropped at high speed from what looked like about 400ft. It seemed to land around the Rigid Containers factory in Stoke Road, Desborough.

Mrs Crick, of Ise View Road, Desborough, said: "I didn't feel scared, more excited than anything."

After contacting police they were put in touch with Iain McClements who researches UFOs from his home in Kettering.

He said: "I am currently investigating this sighting but I have no other witnesses at the moment."

He said the light may have been the Geminids meteor shower which is sometimes seen at this time of year.

A Rigid Containers spokesman could not explain the sighting on Friday last week and said nobody at the factory had reported seeing anything unusual.

UFOs truth may be out next year

WAS the Star of Bethlehem a UFO? Unidentified flying object it certainly was and in today's world it would have been logged as such.

Two thousand years on, people are still seeing them and in the year since Dorset's first UFO conference, magazines, movies and videos have boomed in the wake of a wave of sightings and TV's X-Files blockbuster.

Next year's Dorchester conference on UFOs, Crop Circles and Government Conspiracies is from 10 till 6.30 on Sunday, April 6 and already the £15 tickets are selling fast.

Speaking about his belief that extra-terrestrials are visiting our planet will be former Ministry of Defence UFO investigator Nick Pope; Tony Dodd, a retired policeman whose squad car was stopped by a huge metallic disc, his first of many UFO encounters; Marcus Allen, Nexus magazine executive who has researched Government conspiracies for 30 years and Mars expert David Percy, who reckons he has a stack of evidence to prove the Moon landings were a hoax stunted up in an aircraft hangar!

Conference organiser David Kingston, who has been probing crop formations and UFOs for 40 years, will update delegates on his research.

David said: "There are many rumours that an American government public announcement over the reality of UFOs will be made at the end of next year." Meanwhile, the truth is out there....

Conference details on 01305 - 266832

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Village Link TOTTERNHOE

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At mid-morning on Sunday, December 15, a large, black, round, object was seen "flying" across the sky from the direction of Pitstone towards Dunstable. Although it was balloon-shaped it was too large and didn't float, but seemed to be powered. When aeroplanes are seen from certain angles the wings are not always visible, but even when the object changed course no wings or tail could be seen. If it had been some sort of helicopter a rotor or tail would also have been seen, but it was just an almost perfect round shape with nothing sticking out from it. I say "almost" round because it appeared slightly out of true. It would be very interesting to hear of any other sightings or explanation as to what this "machine" was.

Speeder's shock sighting

A DINNER party guest who thought he saw a UFO in Chideock was left red-faced when police explained his "sighting". The Litton Cheney man was momentarily stunned by a flash of white light directly in front of his car as he drove home and got out of his vehicle to investigate. However, the only explanation he could come up with

was that he had seen a UFO and he decided to tell Bridport police. They agreed to investigate and several days later an amused officer rang the man back to say that the mystery had been solved. The flash of light was Chideock's recently-installed main road speed camera! Police are unrepentant about the camera which is

catching speeders on the notoriously dangerous stretch of the A35 east of the village centre. "There is a speed camera in Chideock and we have had several complaints about it," said Bridport's Insp Ian Toomer. "The moral of the story is that if you don't want to see a bright white light — don't exceed the speed limit."

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Man's night swarm fright



AN UNUSUAL tale to report in this week's UFO Update. But a very interesting one as well. It comes from a man called Rob from Hindley. In his own words Rob writes: "At approximately 10.30pm, I went to bed as usual to listen to the radio before going to sleep. After about half an hour I switched it off and soon went off myself. "I was awakened by a high-pitched piercing sound. I had been in a deep slumber though and was only really half awake. "The noise got louder and louder, it reminded me of the sound of a swarm of bees. That's the best way I can describe the noise. "When it reached its peak it was almost vibratory and very intense. The sound gradually subsided after about 15-20 seconds. "My apprehension stopped me from getting out of bed to investigate as did the strange feeling of dizziness I had. "My main concern at the time was if I had got up to try and find where the noise was coming from and opened the window, a swarm of bees would have flown in. This seemed odd as the sound seemed to

be coming from inside the room itself rather than outside. "During the strange phenomenon my wife was unaffected and was still fast asleep. I couldn't understand this as the sound was so intense. "I checked the time and it was 1.52am. I woke my wife and she was oblivious as to what had occurred. "I lay awake for about 20 minutes contemplating what had happened and then drifted back to sleep. "In the morning I awoke feeling very tired and very agitated and needed to tell someone of my odd experience." Rob told Quest International investigator Bill Eatock about his experience. Bill said: "My house is just across the road from Rob's and I only went to bed around 2am that night. I saw and heard nothing out of the ordinary but Rob was very agitated and shaken up at what had happened." Have you seen or heard anything strange in Wigan? If you have and want to share your experience write to UFO Update, Wigan Reporter, Martland Mill, Martland Mill Lane, Wigan WN5 0LX.

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Arizona desert. No fear. They'd rush off to Paris or London or (yes) Washington DC. A book on UFOs that I once had in my library featured on the dust jacket a squadron of UFOs photographed at night immediately over the Capitol in Washington. The book's blurb featured this phenomenon at length, so I looked at it more closely. I put a transparency over the streetlights in the foreground and marked the position of each. When the transparency was tipped over, the 'lights in the sky' were found to align exactly with all the street lights, a result of internal reflection within the camera. So much for a featured UFO photograph and the story! Is it any wonder that some of us have to speak up to expose such eccentric ideas? Now then, would anyone out there like to claim that ghosts and poltergeists exist or that Uri Geller can bend cutlery with his mind? — Clive Shaw, Nursery Close, Hailsham.

Natural phenomena

PERHAPS one example will serve to demolish the nonsense presented by the UFOs-are-out-there brigade. Yes, I've read a lot of the literature, initially searching for clues as to how aliens could visit earth (I wish they could). They can, of course, if they don't mind strap-hanging for a decade or so. Once here, they are not going to potter about in the

Women sight V-shaped UFO

TWO women are still pinching themselves in disbelief after they believe they saw a UFO hovering above Hartlepool.

The 70-year-old woman and her daughter, from Hart Station, claim they saw a motionless V-shaped object with flickering lights shortly after midnight on Sunday.

They watched dumbstruck as the mysterious object remained motionless in the sky before it was hidden by clouds.

One said: "At first we thought it was a plane but it just stayed where it was. It seemed to be near

Henry Smith Comprehensive and we got some binoculars and watched it for about 15 minutes.

"It was shaped like an ice cream cone on its side and had flashing red green and blue lights that seemed to rotate."

Her daughter, 44, said: "I've never seen anything like it before.

"I know it sounds crazy but we're not the types to get drunk or think every plane is a UFO. But we definitely saw something," she said.

Coastguards say there were no distress flares fired at sea off Hartlepool on Sunday night.

A COUNTY UFO group have released their end of year report, which reveals details of apparent alien activity in the Stroud area.

It has been a busy year for our extra-terrestrial friends in Stroud, according to Circular Forum, with UFOs being spotted by ordinary people across the Stroud Valleys.

The CF reports how a gas engineer spotted a strange light in the sky at Claypits, near Eastington in April and how a woman driving near Aston Down saw a strange object on an early October morning.

The Forum, which was set up to investigate local UFO sightings in the county, have set up a 24-hour hotline for sightings: 0973 778906.

Lights spark UFO claim in village

BAFFLED villagers have called in UFO experts to probe mysterious lights seen hovering in the Ollerton night sky.

Tuxford residents saw an object above Ollerton and have reported the incident to investigation groups.

Mr Philip Gropazzi (46), of Newcastle Street, Tuxford, was walking his dog when he saw the strange lights.

He contacted neighbours and a group of 11 people saw the object hovering 400ft

above the ground before disappearing 30 minutes later.

He said: "It looked like five or six powerful lighthouse beams above cloud level, which were rotating from a central object.

Similar

"I have lived here for 15 years and in that time I have never seen anything like it. It was obvious that it was not a natural light."

After ringing a UFO telephone line, he was told that a

similar sighting had been reported in Somerset in 1995.

Radio producer Mr Roger Waldron (45), of Willow Holt, Sutton-on-Trent, is appealing for people with similar experiences to contact him. He is currently producing a series called *Strange Reports* for BBC Radio which will deal with the world of the paranormal.

He said: "I am looking for ghost stories, UFOs, strange smells, thunderbolts, fireballs and things that go bump in the night.

"I am keeping the programmes as serious as possible, but there will be a balanced view and I hope listeners will be able to make their own minds up on each issue. The more bizarre the experiences we get the better."

A pilot programme has already been produced and Mr Waldron is hoping to hear from schedulers when it will be aired on Radio 2.

Anyone with an interesting story can contact Mr Waldron on 01777 822396.

Lights puzzle solved

THE UFO mystery which baffled villagers around Ollerton and Tuxford may have been solved with a more down-to-earth explanation.

It is likely that the sighting, thought to be an alien craft, was actually a new restaurant in Bawtry called Brewsters.

Owner Mrs Jane Clark said many people had been alerted to the lights.

"It's amazing just to watch how many cars pull into the restaurant each evening to look at the power of the 3,000-watt light which can be seen up to eight miles away.

"We informed the Civil Aviation Authority, who control the planes in the sky at night, and they said it was great as it will give the pilots a new landmark to look out for."

Light fingered thieves -beam up 'Alien' rays-

THE famous 'UFO' lights which brighten up the sky around the Casablanca Restaurant, Bawtry have been beamed up and stolen without a trace.

And diners at the Moroccan and Mediterranean restaurant have been left in the dark over who made off with the equipment from the front of the premises.

Two weeks ago the Retford Times revealed how mystified motorists and pedestrians had seen the cylindrical beams above the clouds and believed they had seen an alien spaceship.

But the strange encounter was soon revealed to be the powerful Studio Due Space Flower which shines 12 beams of

light high into the night sky and can be clearly seen up to eight miles away.

Now thieves have made off with the device and keen-eyed passers-by are being encouraged to shed some light on its disappearance by the promise of a substantial reward.

Helpful

Restaurant Manager Dale Clark said the lights made regional headline news when he identified the unexplained UFO 'lights in the sky' story and pointed out it wasn't aliens but Casablanca.

"Now we're all saddened by the almost instant disappearance of our goods. Guests and the last customers into our restaurant

were Mr and Mrs Cossack from Doncaster who saw the lights illuminating as they came in, ten minutes earlier," he said.

The restaurant rang the police who were very helpful and the management have since put up a reward for information.

"We are still hoping for their safe return as we have a charity night on February 14 on behalf of The Royal Variety Club of Great Britain and want to set the skies alight for this special occasion," he added.

The restaurant said if the lights were spotted working anywhere else in the region it would almost certainly be theirs.

"A substantial reward is being offered to anyone with information leading to the whereabouts of the light and conviction of the thieves," he added.

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WELCOME once again to UFO Update and this week the concluding part of Bill Eatock's fascinating abduction account.

Bill told us last week how he had encountered a thick wall of fog while testing some walkie-talkies and had emerged through the fog with a burning sensation down one side of his face and feeling nauseous.

He also told of a painfully high-pitched sound coming from somewhere inside the fog.

Here he tells of the aftermath of that strange incident.

"My wife was in the kitchen waiting for me when I got home and when she looked at me her eyes opened wide. She could see I was in a bad way. She said, 'What the hell's happened to you? Where did you go for those 30 minutes?'"

"I didn't know what she was talking about. As far as I knew I'd been talking to her non-stop on the walkie-talkies.

"I went into the bathroom and I saw the sun tan down one side of my face. Then I was sick, I started vomiting really bad and it was clear liquid, water coloured liquid - loads of it.

"It was as if something had been pumped inside me. It was very unpleasant. Then I noticed my ear was bleeding. Ever since that day I have had poor hearing in



"I just had to go to bed. I fell asleep for hours as if I'd been up all night and my wife woke me up bringing me a drink.

"She was really concerned I felt like I'd been in a road accident and looked terrible.

"I felt like I was dying. When I woke up it was pitch black and it really scared me. I jumped up and grabbed the door to try and get out of the room.

"The day after I still felt terrible. My stomach was killing me, my bowels were up the creek and I had aches and pains all over my body. There were a few marks on me as well - puncture marks and bruises, my ear was still trickling with blood and my face still looked burnt.

"When I went to the doctors, the doctor said, 'What have you done? Have you fallen asleep under a sun lamp?'"

me to Wigan Infirmary for blood tests and when I had had the tests they found that my white corpuscles were destroyed. They thought that I worked at a power station."

Bill is still struggling to come to terms with what happened to him that night. There is no doubt in his mind that he was abducted by other beings and taken aboard a craft where experiments were carried out on his body. Bill now also believes, as do many abductees, that this wasn't an isolated incident. He believes that he has had many experiences ranging from his childhood to the present day.

Have you been abducted by aliens? Have you seen a UFO in the skies above Wigan? Drop me a line at *UFO Update*, Wigan Reporter, Martland Mill, Martland Mill Lane, Wigan, WNS 0LY.

UFO theory

A UFO spotted over the Solway area on Saturday night may have been the star Sirius, an expert suggested this week.

A number of reports were made in the Annan area of an object, which was constantly changing colour, low in the sky in a south easterly direction.

Eyewitnesses, some who looked through binoculars, say the phenomenon appeared to have a diamond shape with light lines which regularly changed.

Eskdalemuir Observatory was alerted but the lights were so low in the sky staff were unable to reach any conclusion due to the surrounding hills.

The object was at its brightest between 9.30 and 10.45 pm and, say witnesses, the colour range included red, orange and green.

"It looked very much like a star to the naked eye apart from the changing colours", said one person who watched the spectacle.

"It was a clear frosty night and when you took a closer look through field glasses it clearly appeared to be changing shape as well as colour".

Air Traffic Control at Prestwick received no reports from aircraft in the area although a spokesman told me: "The description is similar to sightings in recent months in the Bonnybridge area near Falkirk".

Mark Toner, president of Dumfries Astronomy Club, yesterday suggested that Sirius, nine light years away, may have been responsible.

He explained that at this time of the year when the star is close to the horizon a refraction effect can produce a range of colours.

He said: "The conditions on Saturday night and the direction of the sightings make Sirius the most likely explanation. It has often been confused by motorists as being a UFO because it gives the illusion of movement.

"In fact, it is stationary and the star is actually white in colour".

Great balls of fire and flying ponies!

FROM flying ponies to flying saucers, the New Forest has seen it all over the past three decades.

Strange occurrences throughout the locality have been described in detail in a new book, *UFOs Over Hampshire*, by motorway officer Bob Price.

Bob has worked for Hampshire Police for 10 years and has heard numerous accounts of one of the 20th century's greatest mysteries - UFOs.

He told *The Post*: "With its wide expanse of land and dark nights the New Forest is a common place for strange sightings.

"Ninety per cent of these sightings can easily be explained but the rest remain a mystery to this day."

Like the night of March 18 1979 when PC John Ford saw a ball of light come towards him.

Bob said: "As it came

nearer, the officer's car came to a stop, his lights and engine went off - a classic UFO happening."

An official explanation said a meteorite had travelled across the south west and landed in the North Sea - but PC Ford saw it land over the trees and there were no further sightings reported after this...

And in 1967 two cars came to a halt near the village of Ibsley when a flying object landed between them.

Neither driver got out and when the object flew off their engines instantly came alive.

But one strange occurrence, the tale of Langley's flying ponies, was explained.

Two boys playing on a field were startled by flying bright lights coming towards them.

Police investigated the frightening lights - whilst shining torches on the objects they saw ponies running silently across the field.

"The lights from Fawley Refinery had reflected light from the ponies coats which caused the bright balls," Bob said.

"I believe most sightings can be explained but there are enough mysteries to convince me other planets are trying to contact us."

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UFO on broomstick

ITALIAN paramilitary police combed a pine forest near Rome yesterday after pilots and motorists reported seeing a bright, green object streak across the sky and plunge towards Earth.

The UFO hunt began on Monday night after air traffic controllers and the pilot of an Alitalia jet reported seeing an object arc through the sky and go down over Fregene, a seaside resort.

RAI state radio said authorities thought the UFO might be a rocket. "But we prefer to think it was the Befana leaving after delivering her gifts," it said, referring to the witch-on-a-broomstick who traditionally arrives on January 6. — AP, Rome.

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UFO expert baffled by video of lights in sky

A UFO expert has admitted he is "flummoxed" by the latest video of strange lights in Falkirk's skies.

Malcolm Robinson was speaking after watching footage of two bright lights seen near Maddiston.

The video was taken by Maddiston man Andrew McLeish. Mr Robinson, founder of the paranormal research group Strange Phenomena Investigations, said: "For the first time in a long while, I've seen a video

by TOM HUNTER

which has got me flummoxed. It's very interesting.

"I'd say 99 out of 100 videos I see can be attributed to aeroplanes or helicopters. But my immediate reaction was that these lights could not have been caused by aircraft."

Mr Robinson has reported the incident to air traffic controllers at Edinburgh Airport.

He said: "We had a number of sightings recently when Edinburgh Airport was affected by ice - a lot of planes were forced

to circle over this area while the runways were being cleared.

But the airport has confirmed that there was no problem the night this video was taken.

"They've also said they didn't pick up anything untoward on radar."

Mr Robinson is planning to send a copy of Mr McLeish's video to the British UFO Research Association in England for analysis.

He said: "They will enhance and test the video and really have a good close look at it.

"If anyone can come up with a definitive answer, they can."

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A UFO group is trying to track down possible sightings of flying saucers in the sky near Wolverhampton shortly before Christmas.

The British UFO Research Association launched an investigation following a report of a sighting on the M54 motorway between junctions 2 and 3 on December 4.

"A motorist and his passenger say they saw a number of bright lights moving rapidly in the sky towards Cosford," said Dave Pointon, association investigation co-ordinator.

Witnesses, from Telford, also noticed a rectangular bright, white object hovering in the sky. He also saw another rectangular craft cross over the M54 towards the M54.

Witnesses can contact Mr Pointon, from Chapel Street, Stoke-on-Trent, on 01782 522620.

UFO sighting 'a genuine X-file'

PHOTOGRAPHS from a UFO sighting in Bottesford have been hailed as a genuine X File by a leading ufology body.

Quest International of Derbyshire say the pictures taken by a Bottesford woman may not be a hoax but could be the real McCoy.

The photos show two mysterious lights in the sky snapped by the woman who claimed to have spotted them three times in one week.

Her story was revealed in the Evening Telegraph in October, but it is only now that investigations to find logical explanations for the pictures have drawn a blank.

Ian Taylor, regional co-ordinator of Quest International of Derbyshire, said: "I would say with the light configuration and

colouration they wouldn't be compatible with conventional aircraft.

"Obviously I didn't see the object but from what members of Hangar 18 have told me about it and with the evidence there could be some connection with a UFO "flap" at that time - a number of different witnesses who reported unidentified objects centred mainly around Skegness and many other areas.

"I would say it would be classed as a UFO from what they have told me."

Organiser Dave Jackson said: "They were taken with a small, compact camera and from the distance they were taken from whatever it was must have been giving off an awful lot of light.

"It is good for the witness they have been confirmed as it proves

she saw something and that is something she has always been adamant about.

"We showed those at the meeting the photos are what happened at the time and we are letting them draw their own conclusions.

"There was never any reason to disbelieve her in the first place but this is photographic proof."

And the photos are set to be shown again at the next meeting of Scunthorpe UFO group Hangar 18 and Quest International, Derbyshire at the Dragonby Hotel at 7.30pm on February 28.

For more information or if you have seen a UFO sighting contact Dave Jackson on (01724) 848612 or Shaun Brader on (01724) 866097.

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Lights mystery

STRANGE lights in the night sky over Bridlington have sent UFO spotters reaching for their telescopes.

The sightings have been blamed on meteorites and military exercises but they remain a mystery.

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MYSTERIOUS blue lights in the dark east coast skies have alerted UFO spotters.

Investigators from a national UFO magazine say sightings over Bridlington and North Yorkshire can't be meteorites.

Instead they may signify a seaside visit by lifeforms from another planet.

Dozens of worried resort residents bombarded the town's police station with calls when they spotted the bright blue glows moving across the heavens this week.

Despite strenuous local enquiries, officers failed to unravel the mystery and attributed the lights to top-secret military exercises.

Bridlington coastguards later said the lights were meteorites visible because of the particularly clear skies.

But Chris Evers, a city-based investigator for UFO Magazine, said there was no trace of meteorites that evening.

Mr Evers said: "If these things had been meteorites they would also have been seen in the

Sightings set buzzing

Hull area, so we are saying they were unexplained flying objects."

"As meteorites move through the atmosphere they burn up. Nine times out of ten they crash land on the earth, but these objects were moving from side to side, upwards and downwards.

"Since Christmas we have had lots of reports of coloured lights in the sky. We are not saying they are all extra terrestrial, but these latest sightings definitely sound like something along those lines."

Dr Dean Johnson, lecturer in astro-physics at Leeds University, agreed the lights did not sound like meteorites.

He said most meteorites could only be seen for a few seconds and were usually white or orange.

"They do not sound like meteorites to me," he said.

The sightings are the latest in a series of unexplained incidents of lights being seen across the East Riding.

Last year a shocked Easington couple told how their car was circled by a ball of blue light as they neared the village of Welwick in Holderness.

A UFO group is trying to track down possible sightings of flying saucers after two people from Telford reported a possible close encounter.

The motorist and his passenger, who have not been named, reported seeing a number of lights in the skies above Cosford.

Now the British UFO Research Association has launched an investigation following the sighting from

the M54 between 8.30pm and 9pm on December 4.

The organisation is appealing for anyone else who spotted the strange lights in the sky at the same time to come forward.

David Pointon, investigating co-ordinator for the association, said: "A motorist and his passenger say they saw a number of bright lights moving rapidly in the sky towards

Cosford. 522620.

He added the witnesses also noticed a rectangular bright, white object hovering in the sky.

He said they saw another rectangular craft cross over the M54 towards the object.

"We want anyone else who may have seen this event to contact us as soon as possible," said Mr Pointon from Chapel Street, Stoke-on-Trent. He can be contacted on (0178

A couple's close encounter . . .

Real life city X-Files

FANS of TV's X-Files will be interested in a new group in Plymouth dedicated to investigating the mysteries of UFOs and paranormal phenomena.

Nick Bolton, a marine technology and astronomy student at the University of Plymouth, is looking for members to join his new Plymouth branch of the British Earth and Aerial Society (BEAMS).

Although the group will be concentrating on UFO sightings Nick said they

will also be looking into mysteries such as ghosts, poltergeists, the Beast of Bodmin and ley lines.

Nick, 25, who lives in Mutley, said: 'The idea is that people get together to share their UFO sightings or paranormal experiences although you do not need to have had one to join.'

He says where before such claims were quickly dismissed by people, programmes such as the X-Files have made the subject more trendy and acceptable.

He said: 'About 95 per cent of phenomena can be people wanting attention and making it up, or can be identified as common objects but there is always the element of the unexplained.'

One woman, he said, told him that she saw a UFO while looking out of her window in Stonehouse.

But after a minute the mysterious flying object just disappeared.

Although there is a UFO research group in the city BEAMS aim not just to con-

centrate on UFOs and they hope also to offer a social side to the club.

Nick has already had a number of calls from people interested in joining although he says some people are too modest to talk about their experiences of strange happenings.

Anyone who is interested in joining the group can contact Nick on 01752 660461. He is also keen to hear from anyone who has had a paranormal experience.

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Plane chased UFO over Sauchie

UFOs have been spotted flying over Sauchie - and one woman is certain they are not aeroplanes.

Margaret Dewar, of Marchside Court, is adamant that she saw something that wasn't a plane flying slowly through the air.

She described her sighting as cigar-shaped, small, moving slowly and leaving a trail of smoke or steam behind it.

Margaret told the *Advertiser*, "I've seen it on a number of occasions. Last Tuesday I was lying down on my couch and it just caught my eye.

"It came out of the clouds and at first I thought it was a meteorite. It definitely wasn't a plane. A plane actually followed after the object."

Edinburgh Airport, which has sparked previous UFO sightings by 'stacking' flights

- which are then seen circling over the Ochils - if delays occur, denied that any aeroplanes had been in the area that afternoon.

Hotbed

Ron Halliday, chairman of the Scottish Earth Mysteries Research, said, "Alloa is a hotbed for UFO sightings. In the last year we have had a couple hundreds of sightings.

"It sounds like a typical sighting, which we will investigate. Some of them are down to aeroplanes, but we can't tell what a good proportion of them are."

Embarrassed Margaret said she felt she had to speak out about the sighting despite being concerned that it might leave her open to ridicule.

She added, "People may think I am silly, but I know what I saw."

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Roswell, New Mexico, the Town for UFO Lovers

By Sue Anne Pressley

Washington Post Service

ROSWELL, New Mexico — Something crashed here nearly 50 years ago, out where the town gives way to the empty hills and the bright stars.

Maybe it was "a flying saucer," as the army first said. Or just a weather balloon, as the army said the next day. Or a listening device for spying on the Soviets, as the federal government announced only last year.

Nobody knew it then, but on that evening in early July 1947, the fate, and the very identity, of this unassuming town was forever sealed. The theories about forces beyond our ken, the dark whispers of governmental coverups, the hopes of believers everywhere in alien journeys and visitors in silvery suits have come together in this far-

flung spot: Roswell, the UFO Town.

"People didn't want to have fun with this for a long time," said Stan Crosby, 45, a lifelong resident who is organizing the town's second annual UFO festival for next summer. "This was a military town. People kept their mouths shut. And some people felt like Roswell didn't need to be known as a kook city."

Were it not for the mystery of 1947, Roswell, population 45,000, might have been nothing more glamorous than the cheese capital of southeastern New Mexico, a city of overachieving retirees in a rolling, but not terribly picturesque, landscape of artesian wells and dairy farms.

But in the town square on Main Street sits the two-year-old International UFO Museum and Research Center, a flying saucer proudly launched from its roof. Within, volunteers like Hugh Barker speak knowledgeably about aliens emer-

ging from "the mother ship." "My interest is the interest of believers everywhere," said Barker, who retired here a dozen years ago from Chicago. Nearly 80,000 people a year, from all the states and 60 countries, come to Roswell and this museum, looking for something.

There are differing degrees of belief in the UFO Town. Mayor Thomas Jennings tries to sell the area's agricultural strengths, but the official Roswell pin is still shaped like a flying saucer beaming down rays of otherworldly light.

Out beyond the town limits 25 miles (40 kilometers), at Eden Valley Farm, owner Hub Corn directs guided tours of the cracked earth where the glittering wreckage was strewn, for \$15 a person; last time Japanese visitors were here, they rented helicopters. The town's embarrassment has gradually turned into cheerful enterprise.

Investigations fail to shed light on unexplained UFOs

SPACE above and beyond has been exciting the interest of Brid townsfolk who have reported seeing strange lights in the sky.

Pensioners Reg and Grace Waites, of New Pasture Walk, Bridlington, were among the first to report seeing two silent blue lights zig-zagging across the sky on Monday evening.

The blue flashes appeared at 8.30pm and at around 200 feet from the ground flung themselves all over the sky for 15 minutes, before vanishing in the direction of Flamborough.

"We have lived here for 10 years and we have got used to the planes and parachutists from Grindale, but we have never seen anything like it," Mr Waites said.

"This was no military exercise, I have served in the forces and I know there are no operations involving silent blue lights."

At around 9.30pm the lights returned and Mr Waites said they once again performed aerobatics in the night sky, before disappearing in the direction of York.

UFO buffs will be excited to learn the truth is still out there as no organisation has as yet come forward to explain the mysterious incident.

Members of the public alerted the coastguard to the unidentified flying objects, but none of the 14 vessels between Hull and Spurn Point reported using flares at that time.

RAF Leconfield and the Humberside Helicopter Support Unit have denied being airborne between those times and the Army Air Corp was also grounded that night.

A UFO group is trying to track down possible sightings of flying saucers after two people from Telford reported a possible close encounter.

The motorist and his passenger, who have not been named, reported witnessing a number of lights in the skies above Cosford, it emerged today.

Now the British UFO Research Association has launched an investigation after the sighting on the M54 between junction A4 and the A449, between 8.30pm and 9pm on December 4.

The organisation is appealing for anyone else who spotted the strange lights in the sky to come forward.

David Pinton, investigating co-ordinator for the association, said: "A motorist and his passenger say they saw a number of bright lights moving rapidly in the sky towards Cosford."

They also noticed a rectangular bright, white object hovering in the sky.

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ALF puts on a New Year aerial flying spectacular

THE NEW year has brought with it more reports of UFO action in the Vale of Clwyd.

Towards the end of last year the *Free Press* carried details of a number of reported local sightings and a Henllan couple believe that the alien visitors are continuing their late night flights in the area.

At 2.36am last Thursday, Dot Milnes woke at her home in Maes Sadwrn, Henllan and peered out of the window.

She saw what she first thought to be a flashing star - then she noticed pink and blue rotating

lights that clearly distinguished it.

Dot then woke Pete Sinclair and they watched the lights for some 20 minutes before reaching for the binoculars.

She said: "The lights seemed to be circling; you could see the colours without binoculars."

"We were looking towards the coast, probably in the direction of Blackpool. We watched them for an hour. It was amazing."

"It wasn't a helicopter because we would have identified that through the binoculars."

After an hour the light

disappeared but the couple are sure that other people must have seen what they believe was a UFO.

Mr Sinclair said: "After about an hour the object got smaller and smaller, then disappeared. We felt really strange and didn't want it to go."

Both are sure that they have seen something extra terrestrial and have even christened it 'ALF' - for Alien Life Form.

We at the *Free Press* would like to hear from anybody else who thinks they saw the mysterious lights.

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Out of this world! Could the 'visitors' be back?

I WAS amazed to see the picture of the UFO taken over Heywood by Paul Williams. I've got news for him ... it's back!

At 3.10 pm on Sunday 22 December my 13-years-old daughter was watching the light cloud cover racing overhead when she spotted a stationary 'cloud' at a greater height than those she had been observing. She called for both mine and my wife's attention and we all observed it for about 10 minutes.

About this time an aircraft passed several thousand feet below it, heading roughly

from Manchester towards the North West. The object was hovering above this aircraft, perfectly stationary, and several miles south of Heywood — somewhere over Manchester.

After 10 minutes, interestingly enough, we observed a second aircraft flying in a North West to South Easterly direction at a greater altitude than the first one. This craft was in a position where the flight crew must have been able to physically see the

object if it was a cloud or on radar if a UFO. I'd love to find out!

As the aircraft approached our mystery object it completely disappeared. We did not see it move off as our gaze was more directed towards the aircraft.

Did anyone else see this phenomenon or are we cracking up too!

JOHN BUTTERWORTH
Royal Avenue
Heywood

Flying cheese flans are flannel

I HAVE written before on this subject and hope that you will grant me the courtesy of being printed again — especially as my letter is about the *Advertiser* repeating itself.

I would like to know two things:

● Firstly, why do you insist on filling space in your otherwise excellent newspaper with nonsense from so-called Ufologists?

● Secondly, why do you always print a ridiculous picture from 'town Ufologist' Paul Williams each time one

of these daft items appears?

The reason for this letter is that complete load of drivel printed last week by some 'expert' from the Manchester UFO club. And yes, it came complete with the picture that looks like a luminous cheese flan floating over Heywood!

I am sure that many local folk are as bemused as I am by your apparent infatuation and encouragement of what — until proven otherwise — has to be seen as complete tosh.

The only positive thing I got

from the letter last week was the discovery that there is a society in Manchester for these cranks ... if they are in contact with each other, they could perhaps leave the rest of us alone.

EARTHLING
(Name & address supplied)
Planet Heywood

● We were greatly tempted to use your letter as another excuse to print the picture of the 'luminous cheese flan', but as it is the season of goodwill we exercised some self-control — EDITOR

Triple UFO claim over day of sky-blast

A FLYING saucer magazine is this week claiming three UFO's were detected flying north over the Scottish islands on the same day as the mysterious explosions off the Butt of Lewis.

"UFO Magazine" in its latest edition alleges that RAF Kinloss have confirmed reports of three UFO's flying in formation and heading north.

It also reveals that a researcher overheard part of a transmission between a Nimrod involved in the search operation and RAF Kinloss. Poor reception made the Nimrod's transmission 'unreadable', but the loud and clear answer from RAF Kinloss was: "Confirm. Six feet long and three feet in diameter?"

UFO Magazine asks: "Now, what do you suppose they could possibly be referring to?"

"If some £200,000 of taxpayers money has been eaten up by this operation, perhaps the Ministry of Defence will explain why such a reference has never been made public before now?"

The X-files-type magazine also comments that it is no

surprise there was a huge naval exercise in the area shortly after the sightings on October 26. Recent research had highlighted "curious naval exercises conducted in close proximity to areas of intense aerial and undersea UFO and USO (Unidentified-Submersible Objects) activity." The supposedly routine training exercise comprised a NATO naval task force of 32 surface warships, 7 submarines and 80 aircraft.

Meanwhile, a fireball or meteorite being responsible for the sightings remains the favourite theory of the Armagh Observatory in Northern Ireland.

Observatory director Prof. Mark Bailey, who is helping US scientists trying to track down the Ness incident from military satellite pictures, said the reports of three UFO's flying in formation lends support to a fireball or meteorite being the most likely cause.

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Experts to look into Norfolk UFO reports

Experts are to carry out a full investigation into reports of a slow-moving, shining object seen in the skies over North Norfolk by two policemen.

About 40 people have contacted Fakenham police with sightings of the craft since the EDP reported on the UFO, which the pair tracked for 10 miles.

Air traffic controllers had no logical explanation for the object, seen shortly before Christmas, and recorded it as a UFO.

The British UFO Research Association (Bufora) has been in contact with the two police officers and asked them to complete questionnaires on the sighting.

PC Andy Collier and Sgt Steve King stared in disbelief as the red and white lights moved across the

sky, but they lost sight of the craft when it moved out across the sea at Cromer.

"Steve spotted it first and pointed it out to me. He's not interested in UFOs at all but I am. I got him to stop and took out some binoculars," said PC Collier.

"My first reaction was this is weird. I knew it wasn't an ordinary aircraft.

"I couldn't really make out the shape of it. It made no noise. There were four lights in a square flashing and it left a vapour trail behind it."

John Copsy, of Bufora, said: "We will pass the information to investigators across the country and contact experts to find out if there is any logical explanation for the object. We will certainly carry out a full investigation."

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Space sighting

BRICKIE Terry Thomas, of Maes-y-Deri, Winch Wen, claims he saw a spaceship cruising across the skies above Swansea.

The 57-year-old says he looked out of his home around 6.50am on Sunday and saw two bright lights moving slowly but steadily over Penlan and heading out towards Port Talbot.

Swansea Astronomical Society Secretary Dave Tovey said: "It may have been a satellite, possibly the Russian space station Mir."

Mysterious lights over Carluke

JUST before Hogmanay Ivan Young saw a strange sight in the sky.

Having read until 1.45 a.m. he got up to the bathroom and looked out the window of his house at Needlegreen.

"I always like to look out last thing to see what the weather is like and on this occasion a light caught my eye," he explained.

"At first I thought it was a star, shining in the direction of Forth but, as I looked closer, I could make out that the object was cylindrical, or triangular and it had a tail with red and blue lights. The main body had white lights which were glittering."

At this point Mr Young went away from the window because he thought he was seeing things - the Gazette ascertained very early on that Mr Young is not a drinker!

He then went to the kitchen window to get a better view and, sure enough, the lights were still in the sky.

"Whatever it was was just hovering but there are only three things which hover like that, a skylark, a helicopter or a Harrier Jump Jet.

"It certainly wasn't a skylark and I doubt if it would be a jump jet. Apart from the fact the lights were all wrong, had it been a helicopter you would have expected to see a beam being trained on the ground, looking for something, because in all it must have hovered for about 30 minutes.

"I tried to wake my wife, Agnes, to get her to see what it was but she wasn't interested. I did get the binoculars out and it did show up the object a bit clearer but I still could not identify what it was."

Mr Young added: "It was lit up like a Christmas tree, looking very festive, but it was so static in the sky. I must have watched it for about 30 minutes and the lights were as clear as a bell, with a glittering effect."

The following day Mr Young told the rest of the family about his strange sighting but no-one thought any more about it until a small paragraph caught their eye in a daily paper on Tuesday.

The paper said a probe had started after a couple, on their way home from Lanark, spotted blue and white lights hovering above them near "Scotland's UFO capital", Bonnybridge. They described the incident as "eerie".

Mr Young finished: "I am not claiming it to be anything - but it was mysterious."