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## Pentagon 'UFO' site revealed on film

THE Pentagon is bracing itself for calls from conspiracy theorists after news that Area 51, a top-secret site where the American Government tests stealth aircraft and is alleged to have held captured UFOs, has been revealed on camera (Anjana Ahuja writes).

The film, made in 1964, does not record details of the site but shows a scientist chalking on a blackboard the phrase

"move out to Area 51". The authorities have never acknowledged the site, and often deny its existence.

The footage was uncovered by Hugh McDaid while shooting *Robot Warriors*, a documentary on unmanned aircraft.

According to Mr McDaid, the film was a top-secret briefing film for military and intelligence personnel. The scientist shown writing on the blackboard was

Clarence "Kelly" Johnson, who designed the Lockheed U2 spy plane.

The refusal of the USAF to confirm or deny anything regarding the site has fuelled speculation that it is a cover for something more sinister than testing new aircraft. Some believe the US Government has captured flying saucers and used the base to conduct experiments on the vehicles and their inhabitants.

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## UFOs are 'seldom beneficial'

by Helen Saxbee

A NEW PRESSURE GROUP is warning against the satanic nature of UFOs. The founders of UFO Concern say that alien intelligences "are operating increasingly amongst mankind", and that contacts with UFOs "have seldom been beneficial".

The founder of the group is Lord Hill-Norton, a retired Admiral of the Fleet and Chief of Defence Staff. He has written to interested parties claiming that "the subjective influence of UFOs is essentially a religious matter". He says in the letter that quite often UFO encounters were "definitely antithetical to orthodox Christian belief".

The Revd Paul Inglesby, coordinating secretary of the group, said last week that response to Lord Hill-Norton's appeal had been good; the group had received 150 letters of support in three months. He said several churchpeople had expressed interest, including two bishops.

Gordon Creighton, another member of the group and editor of *Flying Saucer Review* (a magazine devoted to exposing the sinister aspects of UFO encounters), said his readers had become increasingly concerned with the "UFO problem". They were

becoming convinced that UFOs were "under satanic control".

At least one member of the group appeared to be less concerned, however. The Rt Revd Paul Burrough, a retired Bishop of Mashonaland whose name appears on the group's stationery, said on Wednesday that, while alien influences were a cause for worry "a few years ago", he did not feel they were a topic worth considering at the moment.

The Revd Dr David Wilkinson, a Methodist minister and an astrophysicist, whose book *Alone in the Universe?* (Monarch, £7.99) was published this month, said on Wednesday that Christians have nothing to fear from alien life-forms. Dr Wilkinson (who is not a member of UFO Concern) thought it "very unlikely" that there was intelligent alien life in our galaxy, or even the universe, but even if there were, "it would only add to the extravagance of God's creativity."

UFO Concern can be contacted at: The Old Store, Athelney, Burrowbridge, Bridgwater, Somerset TA7 0SE.



### My car's a spacecraft

WACKY Adam Crawford claims he can run his car on rays from outer space since he had an encounter with aliens.

Retired engineer Adam, 74, says he charges his 13-year-old Renault with galactic energy using two lengths of flex and a device he built from a cassette storage box.

And baffled experts believe the motor DOES run more efficiently. Adam, of Motherwell, claims he was buzzed by a UFO 18 years ago. He said: "This invention could change our world."

Call the group on 01872 76381.

The white triangular object surrounded by bright light was seen in a field at Treven at about 4am.

contact them.

CORNWALL UFO Research Group is appealing for witnesses of a mystery object seen in the Tintagel area on January 12 to contact them.

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**UFO 'increase'**  
THE number of UFO sightings in Scotland has increased sharply in recent years, an investigator from Alloa will claim on TV next week.  
Malcolm Robinson, of Strange Phenomena Investigations, will tell Grampian's We The Jury programme he has tried but failed to find a "normal explanation" for unusual objects in the sky.

## UFO sky watch at quarry site

PARANORMAL investigators POPI are holding a comet and UFO evening at a disused quarry.

They will meet off Oakamoor Road on the B5417 in Cheadle from 11pm on Saturday to around 3am on Sunday.

POPI will be open to questions about any astronomical queries and have telescopes on site.

The skywatch is a result of numerous reports of UFO movements over Cheadle.

They will also be using their equipment to study the Hale-Bopp comet, which is a 25 miles wide snowball of ice and dust, and should be clearly visible.

For further information contact Gary Cartledge on 01782-314332.

# Music plus minds make crop rings

by David Haith

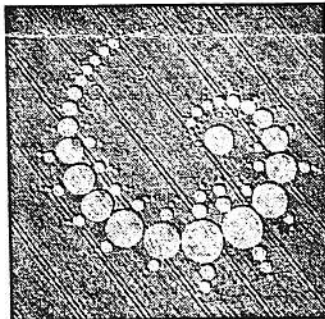
CROP circle researcher Andy Thomas has revealed to The Advertiser how he and eight people created a formation in wheat... by sound and thought power!

The complex pattern in a field at Selbridge, near East Grinstead, was shaped exactly how the experimenters predicted according to their meditations and musical notes.

It was the climax of seven years of research into the phenomenon which author Andy, 31, will explain to a Bournemouth public meeting on Monday evening.

Despite massive publicity about hoaxing, Andy — who runs a crop circle magazine — believes that fake formations make up a minority of the 300 patterns in the crops each year.

He said: "The sheer size and complexity of the latest formations, the fact that they're all over the world, plus American research



● Stonehenge rings pictured by Steve Alexander, phone 01705 352867.

showing cellular change in the plants inside circles, indicates a genuine phenomenon.

"It may be something to do with ancient sites and electromagnetism but it does suggest an intelligence is involved."

Last year there was a 915 ft long formation at Stonehenge with evidence that it appeared in 15 minutes.

Andy, author of Fields of Mystery, has another book out in May

called Quest for Contact which involves his research with the circles, psychics and UFOs.

He claims: "Working with these eight people over three years, we experienced much phenomena including balls of light flying over the crops."

He added: "Exploring an idea that the formations were connected with sound, we created certain tones on a synthesizer. It sounded more like a fax machine than the music on the Close Encounters movie!"

"We had worked out what these notes would represent in geometric form and then visualised energy. A crop formation appeared 10 miles away which was exactly the shape one of the team had drawn.

"It suggests there is some link between the human mind and the crop circles."

Andy's talk and slide show is at the Positive Living Group, St Ambrose Church Hall, 72 West Cliff Road, Westbourne on Monday, 7.30 pm, admission £3.50.

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## Beaming smiles over UFO

BAFFLED sky-gazers feared alien activity was afoot when they spotted a mystery circle of lights above Accrington.

Worried residents within a five-mile radius of the town centre saw the laser-like beam, twirling and swooping in the dark sky on two consecutive nights.

Even the police were sent on a special mission to check out the cause.

But there was no need to call on Mulder and Scully from

the X-Files to see if "The truth is out there."

The mystery source was traced to local Peugeot dealer Lythgoe Motors, in Milnshaw Lane.

### Giveaways

To promote their new 405 estate model, bosses decided to borrow the light from Bacup-based Valley Sound and Lighting to draw attention to the showroom.

It was the highlight of four days of competitions and

giveaways for the new car.

General manager Tom Robinson said: "We really did it just to see what kind of an effect it might have.

"It really lit up the sky. Even the police came down to see what was going on.

"We had a lot of people ringing up and quite a big crowd outside.

"It was the first time we have tried it but we will definitely be thinking about it again. It certainly did the trick."

## Update on UFOs

UFOKENT 1997, a one-day conference on UFOlogy, will be held on April 26.

There will be seven speakers, stalls, and Kent UFO groups will give information on sightings, crop circles and supplying information on their research.

Doors open 9.30am, at the Cliff Room, The Lido, Cliftonville, Margate. Tickets £10. Ring 01843 221015 or 01227 364291 for details.

# The aliens are coming, but don't panic, don't panic

**A**N ALIEN spacecraft is heading towards Earth under cover of the brightest comet for 400 years, but Nasa and the US Government are suppressing the images that prove it. That, at least, is the story being put about as a bitter debate about Comet Hale-Bopp rages across America.

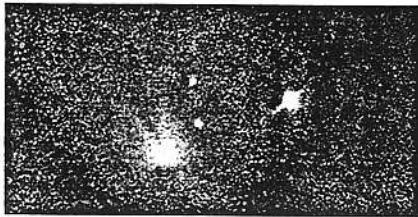
Now visible in the northern sky from all parts of Britain for most of the night — the best view being an hour or more before sunrise — the comet has produced an extraordinary outburst of conspiracy theory, not to mention prophecies of Apocalypse.

If anyone thought that the belief in comets as omens of disaster and doom died with the advent of modern astronomy, they should try looking at the Internet, on which UFO-spotters are citing the prophecies of Nostradamus as evidence.

It started with a claim by a Chuck Shramek, of Texas, that a "Saturn-like object" that seemed to be close to the comet was, in fact, an alien spacecraft keeping pace with it.

It was clearly artificially powered, he said, because it must be travelling at the comet's current speed of about 77,000mph.

Mr Shramek, whose claim was made on the basis of a photograph of the comet, made an appearance on a late-night radio chat show



The alien "spaceship", far right, tracks Comet Hale-Bopp

by GERAINT SMITH

hosted by Chuck Bell, heard nationally across the States, and the theorists ran wild.

A guest on the programme claimed that he had "remotely viewed" the alien spaceship using a form of telepathic eyesight.

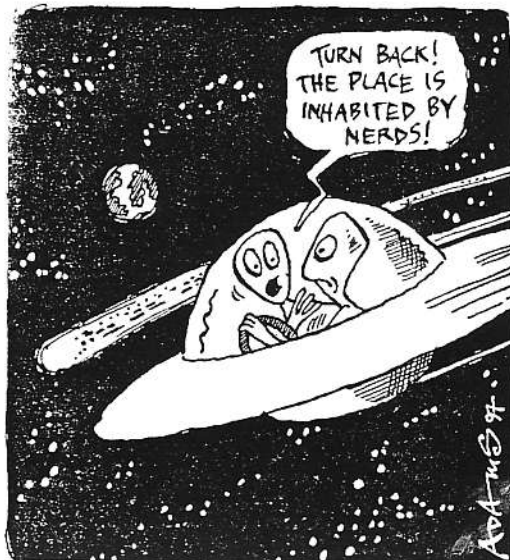
Elsewhere, there were claims that Nasa knew all about this, and the reason for the relatively small number of photographs available was that they did not want people panicking.

The astronomers, continuing to

gather information about the comet, recalculated its orbit. That was interpreted as "the comet has changed course", something no comet could do.

Then the Apocalypics popped up. According to Nostradamus, (Quatrain VI 97, to be precise) the sky will burn at 45 degrees in the Millennium as Apocalypse approaches.

Comet Hale-Bopp will be at its closest to the sun in April, at 45 degrees latitude and about the same time that Nostradamus prophesied for the arrival of a star called Wormwood. The debate has



raged most fiercely on the Internet, where rebuttals of these claims have been greeted by hysterical shrieks of rage. "You are an IDIOT!!!!!" howled one.

**T**HE CONSPIRACISTS, according to Brian Dunbar, Internet services manager of Nasa public affairs department, had even managed to get through to the chief scientist of the Hubble Space Telescope on his home computer.

The astronomers are pointing out, increasingly testily, that the "Saturn-like object" is, in fact, a star — well attested and

recognised for years — which appears to keep pace with Hale-Bopp because the comet is 122 million miles away, the star is considerably further and the earth's orbit appears to make both of them move every night roughly together.

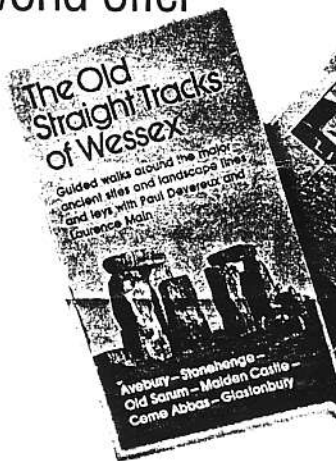
Using the same computer star atlas that had prompted Mr Shramek to make his claim in the first place, one amateur astronomer superimposed a star map over his photograph.

He found that the "travelling companion" exactly coincided with a fairly bright star known as SAO141894.

# UFOs OVER HAMPSHIRE!

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The truth is in there...

UFOs over Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, published at the end of last year, reflects the increasing interest in UFO phenomena triggered by successful television programmes such as the X Files.

The author Bob Price, who lives and works in Southampton, brings the reality of UFO sightings closer to home through interviews with those people in the Hampshire region who have experienced Close Encounters with UFOs and their alien occupants. The book also features extraordinary photographs and remarkable evidence that such sightings can-

not be dismissed, and that those who have met alien beings are ordinary people rather than sensation-seekers.

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# Christmas sky lights prompt UFO alert

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asked if there had been a glow around them which there had.

"He said the lights looked like they were in the clouds because the objects emit their own mist. If we had been in Tuxford we wouldn't have seen it because when I like it is very dark with only two street lamps," he added.

Everyone, he said, who had witnessed the lights had no idea what could have caused them and all reasonable explanations had been ruled out.

"We know what we saw and it was very strange. I have no doubts whatsoever. It was a UFO. Nothing on earth could be like that. It was lights or anything like that," he added.

beams above the cloud level which began spinning in a circular motion from left to right every 30 seconds and then stopped abruptly. They then began spinning in the opposite direction.

Mists

"The beams of light were parallel to the ground and they were moving in a circular motion," he said. They were overlooking Olterton and we could find no explanation for what was causing them," he added.

Philip immediately contacted the UFO Society to see if anyone could explain what the lights were and why they had visited Tuxford.

"A man called back and I explained what I had seen. He said there was no explanation at all for the lights but the same lights had been seen in Somerset. He

BAFFLED villagers in Tuxford are hoping UFO experts can shed some light on a strange experience they encountered — but can not explain.

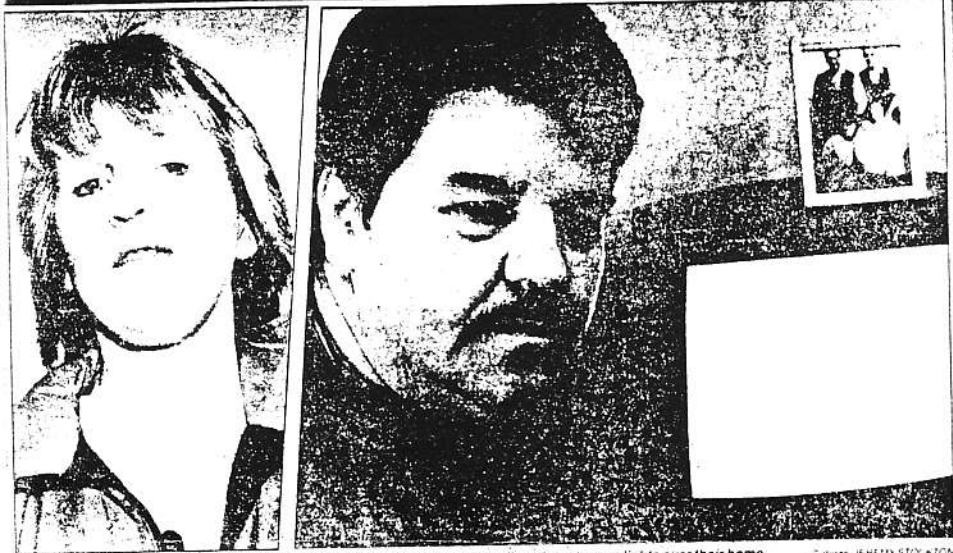
It was on a cold winter's evening in the Christmas season when Tuxford comes alive with its own array of colourful Christmas lights, a light with a difference was spotted in the sky out towards Olterton.

Philip Gropazzi, of Long Lane, was out walking his dog when he noticed a strange, bright object in the sky.

"The light was really unusual and I knocked on my neighbours' doors who also came out and witnessed it. The lights stayed there for about half an hour and were very bright," he said.

Philip explained how he had seen a series of light

# UFO terror No2 strikes family in playground



WHAT A FRIGHT: Elaine Wallace saw a UFO in daylight, while husband Peter filmed mysterious lights over their home. PHOTOS BY JEREMY STOCKTON

# MUMMY THERE'S A FIREBALL IN THE SKY

By CRAIG MACDONALD

**A** YOUNG mum has described how she watched terrified as a UFO like a fireball hovered in the sky.

Elaine Wallace, 35, claims she spotted the flaming orange ball over a Bonnyrigg school.

And police confirmed they have had a second report which fits her description of the incident, at Hopfield Primary School playground at 10am on Tuesday.

Elaine, of Chester Grove, Bonnyrigg, was with her three-year-old daughter Kimberly when she saw the UFO.

She said: "We were petrified. We were walking through the playground and the wee one said: 'Mummy, mummy, what's that in the sky?'"

"I looked and there was this big bright orange ball of flame and there was a trail of smoke coming from it."

"Then it just stopped in its tracks and hovered and we were that frightened we ran into the school to tell them what was going on."

"It was away by the time we came out again and there was no trace - the sky was clear."

## Petrified

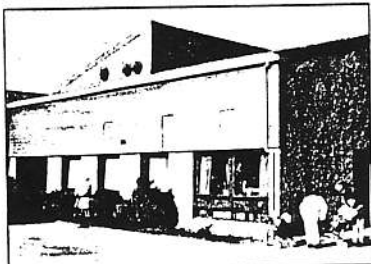
"It was really strange and the wee one was petrified. It was coming towards us and we thought it was going to hit the school."

A Bonnyrigg police spokesman said they were investigating the reports and working on the theory it was a comet.

But Edinburgh Royal Observatory information officer Simon Dye said Elaine's description did not sound like a comet.

He said: "If it just stopped, it won't be a meteor. But they have a habit of exploding or fizzing out and that might be what she observed."

Tony Dodd, director of investigations with UFO magazine Quest International, said there had been



CLEAR SKY: But the fireball hung over Hopfield Primary

mon, but what they are is another thing.

Similar fireballs have been spotted in Lincoln, Shropshire and Somerset.

The Army, RAF and Edinburgh Airport said the phenomenon had nothing to do with them.

Last May Elaine's husband Peter, 43, spotted and filmed similar strange lights in the sky above their home.

## Strange

Peter saw the strange light from his back garden when it first appeared last May.

The object, which appeared just after 10pm every night for two weeks, mainly just hovered and pulsed but occasionally made erratic movements.

He said: "I have no idea what it was. I just looked out one night and saw it."

Last Friday the Evening News reported two women's claims they had been chased by aliens in Falkland, Fife.



FLASHBACK: We report aliens chase scare in Fife

a spate of similar sightings across the globe.

"We've been getting reports from Australia and ships at sea with exactly the same description and nobody knows what they are."

"They just don't fit the profile of anything we know."

"They are not uncommon, but what they are is another thing."

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# Ian set for city destroyer

ROSS-ON-WYE balloonist Ian Ashpole will be taking to the skies for the promotion of the film Independence Day on video.

He will pilot the promotional balloon which will be floating around the country. It is designed to look like one of the city destroyers in the movie.

The balloon measures 28 metres by 20 metres high and will be illuminated. Sky watchers are warned not to panic - balloons lit up at night are one of the most regular reasons for calls to police reporting UFOs.



The city destroyer balloon Ian Ashpole will pilot.



WELCOME my friends to the 'real' UFO Update. Sorry about that drive! last week written by my square-jawed colleague Neil 'Buzz' Billingham. He has to get his kicks somehow.

Now, back to business and more on the black triangle - which, if you read last week's column, was explained away as the new stealth aircraft and part of project HALO.

That's one theory and probably not a million miles away from the truth - but as yet there is no proof so the numerous sightings that come in are still filed under the category UFO.

One such sighting came in this week from a young Wigan woman who was on her way to see her boyfriend in Ormskirk.

To make it easier to follow, we refer to the young woman as Jane. Her tale goes like this:

Jane made her way from the Shevington area of Wigan via Gathurst, the time was about 7.45pm. On passing under the motorway bridge near Orrell she was startled by a very bright light shining down from above her.

Jane stopped the car to investigate, she looked up and described the object she saw as a huge triangle, with a spotlight of some type shining down on the road about 100ft in front of her position.

The triangle made no noise and the whole event lasted no more than 60 seconds. It then moved off - without a sound - in the direction of Up Holland. Jane estimated it to be travelling at no more than 10mph.

Excited by what she had seen she got back into her car and attempted to follow the object but by the time she reached Orrell traffic lights it was out of sight and she didn't manage to see it again.

Jane said that she wasn't frightened at all as she would have expected herself to be but found the experience to be "awe inspiring."

She was also surprised that to her knowledge no other vehicles had stopped to observe the phenomenon but she was sure some had passed by. She can offer no rational explanation as to what she witnessed.

**Wacky World**  
**Aliens WILL invade Earth - next June!**

THE Earth will be invaded by aliens next June say scientists after a 20-year study costing millions of pounds.

The prediction comes after 30 military strategists and scientists began researching UFO sightings in 1976.

Their mind-numbing conclusion is based on the alarming number of "encounters" which have increased tenfold this year.

## Mad

Top Swiss physicist, Dr Hans Ludin, who has been leading the study, said: "We have no doubt the attack will come in June in Bavaria."

That's when atmospheric and weather conditions will be ideal.

But his findings have been mocked by the World Astronomical Society head Randolph James who blasted: "They are mad. Most UFO sightings prove to be false alarms. What a waste of taxpayer's money."

ANORAKS GATHER NEAR UFO HOTSPOT TO ASK THE UNTHINKABLE QUESTION

# Have Grey aliens stolen the brains of Dundee?

By GORDON CURRIE

IT seems there is nothing weary aliens enjoy more after 37 light years on the road than to suck the brains of a few unsuspecting Dundonians.

More than a dozen of the city's residents have rung a new alien abduction hotline claiming they have been beamed up to a spacecraft by beings from outer space who feed on information from their brains.

A UFO conference at Falkirk heard how four-foot aliens called Greys placed the unfortunate humans on a table to examine and operate on them before returning them to Dundee. It is not known if the Greys have an interest in jam, jute and journalism, or are simply keeping up with Dundee United's league results.

The man behind the hotline is 38-year-old former pub musician and self-styled psychic counsellor Grahame Wyllie.

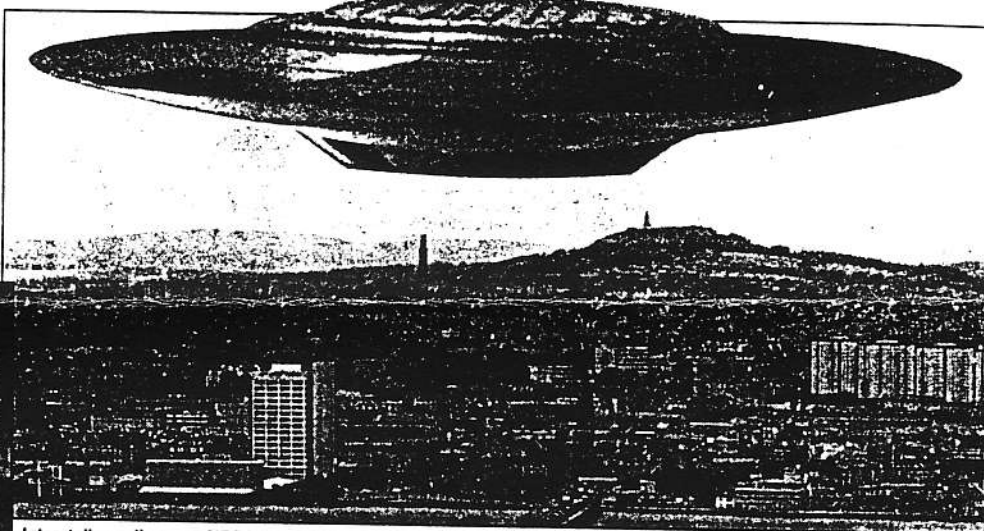
He said: 'It's been a good quality response so far and we've discovered that there's a lot of frightened people out there.'

'The Greys' mother ship is coming to earth in the next three or four years and our government knows all about it.

'I expect them to make an announcement later this year. The evidence I have got is overwhelming that abductions are going on and a lot of people make jokes because they're afraid - their way of dealing with reality is to turn away from it.'

Mr Wyllie said the aliens, coming from a planet 37 light years away, would arrive in force by the year 2,000 to ensure the survival of their own species. He had heard the Pope was also concerned.

Fony-called Mr Wyllie said the Greys were



Interstellar policeman: UFO hunter Tony Dodd believes in phenomena such as alien spacecraft homina in on Dundee

trying to get a foothold on earth by getting inside people's heads and merging with them.

People abducted from Dundee had become the subject of regular psychic intrusions, he said, and it appeared aliens had been feeding on the information carried in their brains.

'It's a good idea to get a handle on it now and resistance is not futile,' he said, adding that Dundee was just one of many places they would come to.

'I have just started the hotline in Dundee because a lot of people there needed help, but I want to expand nationally.'

About 300 people will try to believe 'the truth

is out there' turned up to the day-long Falkirk conference organised by UFO magazine.

UFO researcher Malcolm Robinson said: 'What we have found here in Scotland is that there's a higher ratio of totally inexplicable reports that completely defy description.'

'We tried to get the government to open up an inquiry because people are demanding answers, but they just said the objects spotted are not consistent with a threat to the public in the UK.'

Mr Robinson, who concentrates his research on Europe's UFO hotspot in nearby Bonnybridge (2,000 reported sightings so far), said similar things

were happening in every country around the world.

'My opinion, shared with colleagues the world over, appears to be crazy and sounds like Star Trek. But I believe there's a genetic engineering programme to take sperm and ova from us to create another race or species.'

Nodding sagely in agreement was one of the day's main speakers, retired Yorkshire policeman and now full-time UFO hunter Tony Dodd.

He said: 'This is so outlandish and outrageous that people say you are crackers, but when you use every means to rationalise it there's a real physical

event taking place'. The town hall, thronging with young men in anoraks, fell silent as Mr Dodd presented his case. Many took notes as he showed slides of animals, from cows to mice, which had been sucked dry of blood through a hole in the skull.

Hooked on the search for UFOs since a close encounter between his patrol car and an alien craft on a North Yorkshire moor nine years ago, Mr Dodd said abduction had affected thousands around the world.

'It doesn't matter if you're a Cabinet minister or a man in the street. People from the Ministry of Defence have been abducted -

## Experts investigate alien abduction claim

Months afterwards he began having flashbacks and recalled the object having a "fast strobe" effect which could have hypnotised him.

He remembers being observed by beings and lying inside a large white room.

Cheltenham-based Circular Forum has contacted several respected experts from UFO groups for their views.

Robin Cole, of Circular Forum, said the case was very sensitive and complex. No conclusions had been reached.

In 1995, The Citizen detailed how a number of people in the county - including a Gloucester businessman and a Dursley couple - believed they may have been abducted by aliens.

UFO experts are studying claims a man was abducted by aliens.

He is said to have experienced vivid flashbacks and may even be suffering from post traumatic stress disorder.

The man, who is not being identified to guard against potential ridicule, reported the case to the Circular Forum group last year.

He said the incident had happened while driving on the M50 near Newent 15 months earlier.

While emerging from under a bridge, he said an 80ft tall bright white object which was about the width of the motorway hovered overhead.

The man pulled over, but next remembers driving in the middle lane 40 minutes later.

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By MARTIN O'HAGAN

A ZANY DJ, who claimed that he was abducted by aliens, has been branded 'a lunatic' by one of Ulster's leading UFO hunters.

'It's all in your mind,' former pirate radio guru Myles Johnson told ex-BCR presenter Lawrence John.

Two weeks ago Lawrence John claimed he and his dog were snatched twice by little grey men from a Co. Monaghan country park.

The DJ insisted that he was beamed aboard a 'strange type of craft' while he and his faithful pooch Lobo walked near the scenic St Brigid's Well.

Now Myles Johnson, an electronic engineer with the London based Sky Television, accused Lawrence John of "publicity seeking."

Both men were originally pirate broadcasters when they worked for the ill-fated Kiss FM radio station.

Myles Johnson said "People like Lawrence undermine bona fide attempts by organisations such as the Yorkshire based Quest International to properly investigate genuine cases of abduction."

"Most cases of imagined abduction are caused by micro-waves from a secret government programme known as Project Ultra Green."

"This causes susceptible people to think they have been beamed up into a space ship when in fact they have been brainwashed."

"Only a lunatic like Lawrence would believe he was abducted by the so called greys," Myles said.

# Aliens may be behind Accrington disco fever

**PARANORMAL activity?**  
Date line: Friday 28 February 1997, Accrington, Lancs.  
It was a cool, crisp, cloudy night.  
Accringtonians were going about their weekend business, winding down, watching TV, getting ready for an evening out.  
Majorie Clegg had completed a busy day working at Peggy's Cafe on Accrington Market and was enjoying a rest before an even busier Saturday.  
Nothing had prepared her for what came next.  
"I was outside my house on

## Special X-File Investigation By Agent JIM WILKINSON

Whitewell Road and saw what I can only describe as an unidentified flying object circling above," she told us.

"It was behind the clouds and had lights all round a circular structure. At one point the clouds seemed to be parting and I thought it was going to land!"

She added: "My daughter Barbara, who lives on nearby

Oswald Street, also saw it clearly and friends as far away as Huncote saw the thing too."

The *Observer* detailed special agents to investigate the matter and our initial inquiries suggested that a nightclub in the area might be sending disco laser beams into the night sky.

Agent Shelley (Wright), something of a sceptic in these matters, thought this the likeliest explanation.

But a spokesman for Afrika's nightclub said: "Not guilty, mate. We haven't any lights like that!"

Mohammed Nasir from the New Top Club, Clayton-le-Moors, added: "Not here. We have a ghost in the club which has frightened me several times but no laser lights."

Our man Muddler (Jim Wilkinson) remains convinced that aliens descended on Hyndburn but decided to return to the comparative safety of their mother planet after examining the life forms from a safe distance.

Perhaps we'll never know, but one thing's for sure... The truth is out there.

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# 'Aliens' spotted by Thwaite Street folk

RESIDENTS of a Barrow street are all-a-buzz after spotting an unusual object in the sky.

Neighbours were out on their doorsteps in Thwaite Street after one spotted a prominent reddish green glow among the stars.

Although the Hale Bopp comet is supposed to be visible near Black Combe at a certain time of the day, the residents say their discovery is in a different part of the heavens.

"It's more in the direction of Grange from where we are," reported one resident who alerted the Evening Mail.

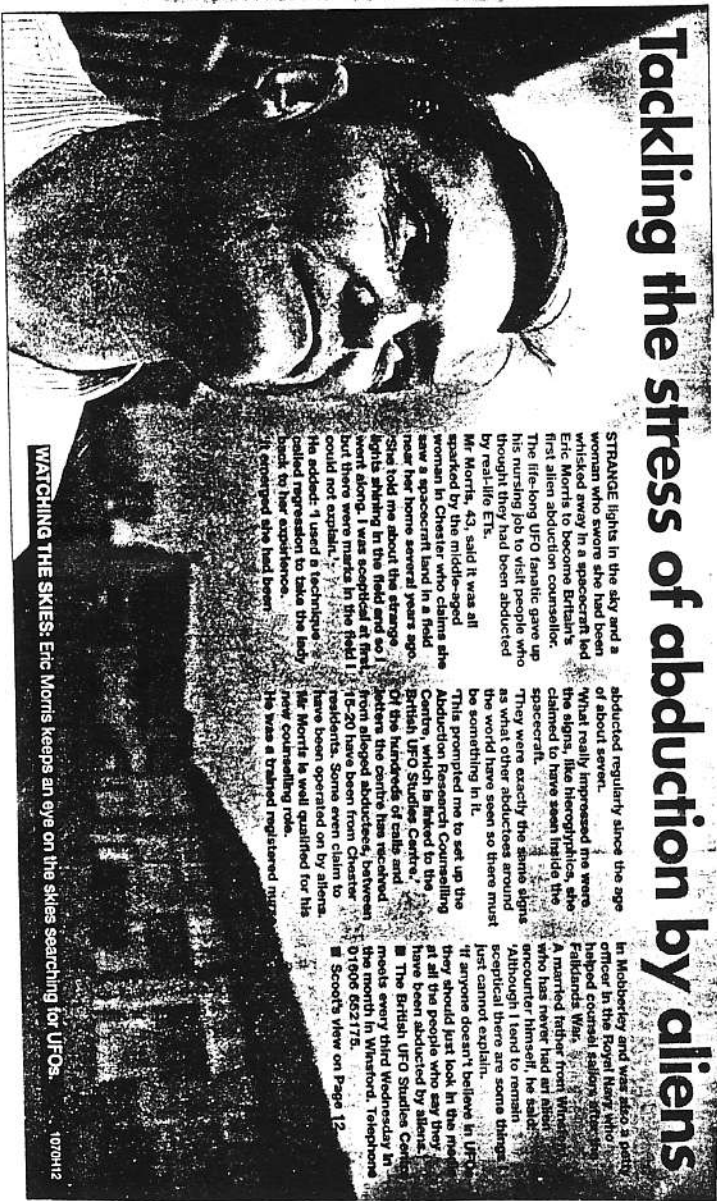
Sadly Mulder and Scully aren't available so we've thrown open the *X-Files* challenge to our army of readers.

The unidentified object is described as having a green light around the outside and a red glow in the middle.

The resident added: "The bloke next door came in and said 'what's that, it hasn't moved in ages.'"

"I've no idea what it is. I don't disbelieve in UFOs but I'm not an alien fanatic, it could be anything. It looks like two stars stuck together."

Anyone who thinks they may know can contact our newsdesk on 840150.



## Tackling the stress of abduction by aliens

STRANGE lights in the sky and a woman who swore she had been whisked away in a spacecraft led Eric Morris to become Britain's first alien abduction counsellor. The life-long UFO fanatic gave up his nursing job to visit people who thought they had been abducted by real-life ETs.

Mr Morris, 43, said it was all sparked by the middle-aged woman in Chester who claims she saw a spacecraft land in a field near her home several years ago. She told me about the strange lights shining in the field and so I went along. I was sceptical at first but there were marks in the field I could not explain. She said: "I used a technique called regression to take the lady back to her experience. I encouraged her to describe what she had seen."

What really impressed me were the signs, like hieroglyphics, she claimed to have seen inside the spacecraft. They were exactly the same signs as what other abductees around the world have seen so there must be something in it.

This prompted me to set up the Abduction Research Counselling Centre, which is linked to the British UFO Studies Centre. Of the hundreds of calls and letters the Centre has received from alleged abductees, between 15-20 have been from claims to residents. Some have been operated on by aliens. Mr Morris is well qualified for his new counselling role. He was a trained registered nurse.

In Manchester and was also a part-time lecturer in the Royal Navy who founded several sailing clubs. A married father of two, he has never had an other encounter himself, he said. Although I tend to remain sceptical there are some things just cannot explain.

"If anyone doesn't believe in UFOs they should just look in the night sky. At all the people who say they have been abducted by aliens."

The British UFO Studies Centre meets every third Wednesday in Leeds every third Wednesday in Wetherby in Wharfedale. Telephone 01906 652175.

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WATCHING THE SKIES: Eric Morris keeps an eye on the skies searching for UFOs.

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# Spaceships, aliens and the Home Sec

UFO'S spotted over Shepway could have been looking for Home Secretary, Michael Howard, experts have warned.

Following reports of mystery aircraft sightings in New Romney and Burmarsh in last week's *Herald*, Chris Rolfe, co-ordinator of UFOMEK, has highlighted the closeness of the sightings to the Shepway MP's home near the old Lympe Castle ruins.

And he fears that the position of the sightings is more than just coincidence.

Mr Rolfe cautioned: "It would seem the UFO was totally disinterested in Sophie, the girl who reported it and watched it for quite a long time.

By Sarah Hall

"This certainly makes it seem like it had a purpose and has left me wondering if it's purpose had something to do with Mr Howard."

However Mr Rolfe was amazed to learn that Mr Howard's party agent knew all about the UFO.

He said: "I phoned Mr Howard's party agent in Folkestone and asked whether Mr Howard had seen anything strange I was immediately asked if I meant the UFO.

"The story in last

week's *Herald* only said Donkey Street as the sight of the spotting.

"Donkey Street is a very long road and the report did not state which end the UFO was seen at - so it seems very odd that those close to Mr Howard already knew that it was near his house."

And now Mr Rolfe and UFOMEK would like to see some questions answered.

"I would like to know whether anyone spotted any strange men poking about around the area afterwards or whether Mr Howard's security system was activated in any way.

"The whole story is creating a lot of interest all over England and when

you think of the implications it is quite easy to see why.

"I would love to know what the Government think of a strange aircraft being spotted near to the home of one of its senior cabinet ministers."

Sophie Wadleigh, of Shepherds Walk, Hythe, who saw the large object in the sky while driving home in the early hours of Saturday, March 8 said: "The UFO I saw was a large triangular shaped craft with bright lights running all round its edge - it was above the field which lays directly opposite the turn off to Donkey Street in Burmarsh.

"When you have seen something like that you have to ask yourself why was it there - and maybe the Home secretary was the reason."

When the *Herald* contacted Mr Howard's office he was unavailable for comment.

THE Cornwall UFO Research Group is appealing for witnesses following a report that a mystery object was spotted in a field at Treven, Tintagel, in the early hours of January 12.

A local woman woke at 4am to see a bright light flickering through her window, and when she looked outside she saw a white triangular object surrounded by a pulsing halo of light.

The Group would like to hear from any witnesses to this or any other incident. It meets regularly at Richard Lander School in Truro and can be contacted on 01872 76381.

## Mystery UFO spotted

### UFO fans are set to investigate alien activity in the county.

They are staging a day-long conference at Cogenhoe at the end of the month.

The conference has been organised by a newly-formed group called Truthseekers Northampton which also aims to investigate ghosts and the paranormal.

Sue Dilworth, 36, a Northampton-based amateur UFO researcher who is behind the new group, said: "There's definitely another side to life.

"People need up-to-date infor-

## Conference visitors take a galactic view

mation, especially in this time of great interest in the subjects of the paranormal.

"To many people the cases we speak of are too strange. Some people are frightened by the truth, but we at Truthseekers are interested by all these things because some of us have experienced the

paranormal for ourselves.

"We aren't frightened so we feel other people shouldn't be either."

The conference will be held at the Glenville's Conference Hall and Nightclub near Cogenhoe off the A45 on Sunday, March 23.

Speakers will cover a range of subjects including UFOs, cover-ups, recent UFO sightings in Scotland and photographs claimed to show a city on Mars. There will also be stalls, workshops and book signings.

Ms Dilworth said: "There will be a lot of hard evidence shown at the conference."

The doors open at 9am for a 9.30am start and tickets cost £10.

For more information telephone 01604 891072 or the Glenvilles booking office on 01604 786666.

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### UFO mystery

I WAS intrigued to hear Tom Slemen on Radio City the other morning talking to Billy Butler about an alleged UFO crash which took place in the Berwyn Mountains in Clwyd in January 1974.

At the time I was living in Chester, and I certainly remember the tremendous "quake" which shook the entire street and caused a panic in the area.

My sister who lived in Lee Park, Liverpool, rang me and said a massive tremor had shook her block of flats and had cracked her mirror in two.

At the time there was a rumour in Chester that the source of the tremor had been a UFO which had crashed in the Welsh mountains, and that the Ministry of Defence had sent the Army to recover the remains.

A convoy of Army trucks were passing through the town that week, which strengthened all the hearsay.

Jennifer Wakefield, Grassendale

# Aliens out there — mother

A woman's claim that aliens snatched her from her home are being probed by X-Files style investigators.

Officials from the British UFO Research Association are investigating claims by the 35-year-old woman that aliens visited her home near Ellesmere, Shropshire, before abducting her.

Up to three other separate sightings of strange lights in the sky in Shropshire have been reported to the investigators.

The mother of two, who does not want to be named, said she spotted bright lights outside her bedroom window and then saw the face of an alien.

She says the close encounter happened early on December 15, minutes after she put her young daughter back to bed after she had woken at 4am.

"I was very frightened," she said. "I saw flashing blue and red lights going on and off outside the window. I tried to wake my husband but I could not move or speak.

"I could see the alien so clearly. It had huge slanting eyes, a large head and it was wearing a silvery white helmet.

"It was not hostile and, it sounds really corny, but it was full of love.

"The next instant everything had gone and I could just see its face above me. I feel as though I was taken somewhere."

She added that the experience left her feeling revitalised for about a week.



POUNDSGATE, where in August 1980, two teenagers saw three bizarre craft flying towards Dartmoor

## Perhaps it was a jellycopter . . .

**W**HAT is jelly of the stars, and has it been discovered on Dartmoor? These are the questions posed in an intriguing letter I received from a reader this week.

Jeremy Smith, of Stonehouse, was writing in response to my Dartmoor Diary of February 13, in which I reported that another Herald reader had found a strange white jelly near Cramber Tor.

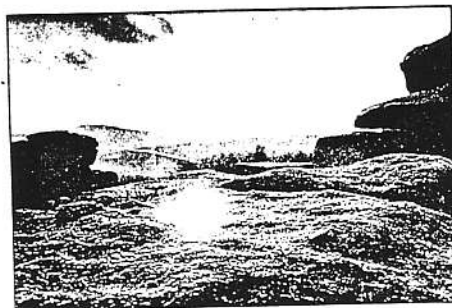
If you saw that Diary you might recall that I discussed whether the jelly could perhaps have been the substance that others sometimes secrete to mark their territories, but that I wasn't really sure what to make of it, and asked for other suggestions.

In response, Jeremy Smith begins by saying that at first he wondered whether the jelly could have been a fungus, but that when he looked in his reference book he could find no jelly fungus that matched the description.

He then had another idea: "What I am about to suggest may sound as though it more properly belongs in the pages of Fortean Times, but have you heard of what I think is called 'jelly of the stars'?"

"This fascinating phenomenon is associated with, of all things, meteorites! All I can remember reading about it is that this jelly has on several occasions been found in places where meteorites have been seen.

"Not surprisingly, people have made a connection between the two — probably erroneously; namely that the jelly must have been brought from space by the meteorites.



HARSH, sinister, but fascinating: Dartmoor

"However, I think that the jelly of the stars is usually found in much more substantial quantities than those suggested by your correspondent, who mentions that he found three patches of jelly on a tussock of grass.

"Anyway, it's a possibility, I suppose. Perhaps you could check whether any meteorites were to be seen around that time (December 8). It would also be interesting to know whether any other readers have heard of this strange phenomenon."

Thank you for that, Jeremy. But how does one go about checking on meteorite activity? I've no idea.

Perhaps amateur astronomers among my readers will have something to add; perhaps some readers have even found small meteorites on the moor.

I can see that from here we could very easily slip into talk

of UFOs, and before I know it my postbag will be full of little green men, so in an attempt at a pre-emptive strike I shall tell you a UFO story now.

It was 9pm on August 9, 1980, and two teenage girls were walking near the moorland village of Poundsgate when they saw three bizarre craft flying towards Dartmoor.

In a report in the Mid-Devon Advertiser they described the first object as cigar-shaped, with flashing lights around its perimeter; the second as being like an inverted letter T, lit blue and red; and the third as saucer-shaped, lighted and spinning like a catherine wheel.

Recalling the incident 15 years later, one of the girls said that it remained the most spectacular and yet the most frightening experience she had ever had.

A UFO was spotted by three separate groups of people on New Year's Day, it has been claimed. A couple returning to Clacton from Colchester claimed to have seen a large triangular-shaped object in the sky with three red lights and one white one. Eight people in a minibus saw the same object as they came off the Little Clacton bypass into London Road, Clacton, and a person in Colchester also claimed to have seen it. Ron West, chairman of the Essex UFO Research Group, appealed for more witnesses to call the UFO hotline on 01255 670003.



# Close encounter of the arguable kind

**As reported sightings in Fife fuel one man's mission to explain, a scientific non-believer writes off UFOs and other alien phenomena, notes Rachel Cross**

**THE truth is out there and it's nothing to do with little green men or women, according to Edinburgh scientist Stuart Campbell. He believes there is a simple explanation for all UFO sightings — from mirages to aircraft sightings.**

In a spoof of the cult television series *The X-Files*, he has named his investigations spanning a quarter of a century *The Z-Files*.

The science writer who has investigated around 100 UFO reports centred on the village of Bonnybridge near Falkirk believes they have much to do with media hype.

But across the Forth in Alloa, Malcolm Robinson, an investigator of strange phenomena, believes the truth is more complex and alien. He has been closely involved in the Bonnybridge investigations since the first reported sighting in 1992, and is now involved with his strangest case to date. In the past three weeks he has been called in to study reports from four people in Fife who claim to have seen hundreds of little grey creatures in a wood near their home.

The sighting is claimed to have taken place late last year as a woman in her 30s drove along a quiet road with her 10-year-old son and friend to shop at night. They reported beams of light shining down and crossing from a large object in the sky, which suddenly shot off.

They then claim to have returned with the other woman's daughter where, after witnessing a triangular object in the sky, they followed a blue glow coming from woods — where they saw hundreds of creatures about three feet high carrying tubular objects. All they said, were being supervised by a brown 2ft creature. The witnesses also spoke of a dark shape further back in the woods, and a huge mist. The incident



Sketch of Fife-visiting alien, as described to an artist by Robinson

worn by Robert Taylor in the famous 1979 Livingston incident, when the forestry worker claims to have stumbled across a large dome-shaped object in a clearing in the woods and then seen two round objects rolling towards him — before he lost consciousness.

It was this incident which was one of the first major investigations carried out by non-believer Stuart Campbell on behalf of the UFO Research Association.

Initially, he attributed Mr Taylor's account to ball lightning — "but I changed my mind and, about seven years later when I acquired a computer which tracked the position of astronomical items, I was able to show that he had been looking at a mirage of the planet Venus, which is consistent with the headache, inability to speak and acrid smell he experienced."

Mr Campbell believes a mirage, probably of road lights, also explains the recent report by two BA pilots of bright lights hurtling towards them over Yorkshire. And he believes a mirage of a RAF Nimrod plane is behind a report of blobs of light floating over Inverness.

"An object can not only be enlarged but can appear as multiple images when it is reflected in a mirage. In many cases where people think a light is moving towards them, it is usually the case that the light appears to be moving only because they are. It is perceptual distortion."

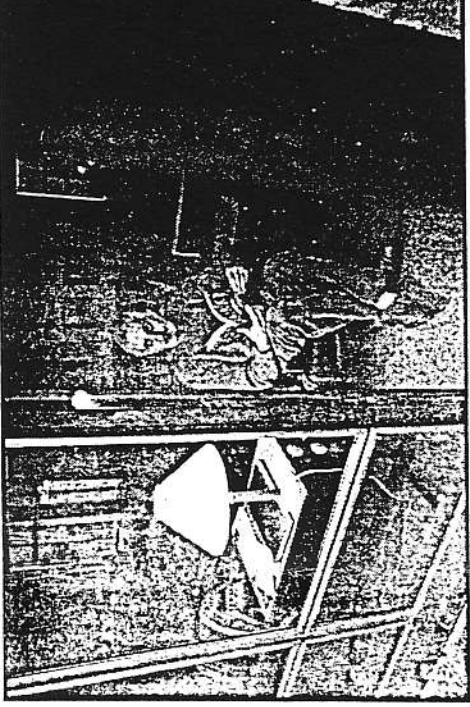
"I'm proud to be a sceptic. I believe that is the only rational view for a scientist," says Mr Campbell, who became interested in UFO sightings while studying for his physics and maths degree. "I thought I really must get to the bottom of it all and I joined the British UFO Research Association."

What were people really seeing if not aliens? "Mirages are not actually seeing what they think," says Mr Campbell. "It is all a matter of interpretation. I'm pretty sure the fass in Bonnybridge has been caused by the media. Some of these sightings are probably aircraft coming in to land at Glasgow or Edinburgh."

While Mr Robinson resists his opponent's views and agrees



Tending to believe "shaken" witnesses: Malcolm Robinson, a seeker of answers to life's mysteries



An emphatic non-believer: "Sightings are probably just aircraft," says scientist Stuart Campbell

that some sightings could be due to aircraft, he believes there is a case to answer at Bonnybridge and the surrounding area — with around 300 unexplained reports — and wants to see a Government inquiry.

"The more I investigate strange phenomena, the more I realise there is a case to be answered. UFOs are a reality. Ghosts appear. People do have near-death experiences. I will devote the rest of my life to getting the answers."

Both men will be speaking at this year's Edinburgh International Science Festival, which begins in March.

## Sceptic's corner Sad, strange little scientists. By Spenser Malebranche

IF THEY WEREN'T such bullies, it would be possible to feel sorry for sceptics. Trapped in a godless universe without a soul, unable to detect the faintest twinkling of transcendental reality, find anything intriguing in the outpourings of the great mystics, or enjoy a Shiatsu massage, a rationalist must find life boring at best, and at worst lonely and scary.

The problem is, that's how they want it to be for the rest of us. Become a vegetarian, take up t'ai chi or go to church on Sunday, and you'll find yourself on the receiving end of the sneers of the scientific establishment's policemen, eager to ensure you don't escape from the prison they've built for themselves.

They, of course, live in the Age of Reason, while you are a nutter, beguiled by superstition. 'An insult to science,' thunders Richard Dawkins at the sight of an astrologer. 'The flight from reason,' shrills Catherine Bennett, confronted by the success of the *X Files*.

'Reason' turns out to have a narrow remit for sceptics. Acupuncture, vegetarianism, UFOs,

homoeopathy, astrology, meditation, ley lines, yoga, psychotherapy, tantric sex and religions (all of them) are bundled together in the dumper. What unites these disparate subjects is that sceptics have little knowledge and less experience of them, and that they constitute a threat. Admit a grain of truth in this accumulated store of human learning, and the brittle 'rational' world view quickly begins to crumble.

As we know, life on planet earth is anything but rational. People see ghosts, have prophetic dreams and receive messages from long-lost Auntie Mavis. Statues weep, frogs fall from the sky and hardened military pilots swear they have been waylaid by flying saucers. In short, stuff happens, and has been for as long as humankind has been around. The sceptics and scientists are in deep denial, and the corner is where they belong - scowling from the sidelines while the rest of humanity gets on with the game of life, played with a sense of wonder.

*Robin McKie is on holiday*

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## Professor to tell of aliens in Brazil

ALIEN spotters from around the world are landing in Scotland's UFO capital tomorrow.

Experts from Brazil and America will reveal their "Close Encounters" at a top level conference in Falkirk—close to UFO hotspot Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

Brazilian Professor A. J. Gevaerd will tell the conference, staged by UFO Magazine, of the weird tale of four aliens who crashed their spaceship in the Amazonian rainforest last year.

The professor claims there are more than 30 witnesses who saw the aliens tracked down and shot by Brazilian soldiers.

He described last year's incident as the most important since aliens were alleged to have been captured at the Roswell military base in the United States 50 years ago.

Professor Gevaerd said the ETs seized near Varghina city in Central Brazil were naked, with dark brown skin, and smelled of ammonia.

There have been no strange little brown men spotted in the Bonnybridge area... yet. But there have been hundreds of reported sightings of weird craft in the skies over the area.

One of the most famous was captured on video last September by Stenhousemuir grandmother Mrs Margaret Ross.

Her tape shows a snowball-type object brighter and bigger than any star in the skies. After about 15 minutes it dramatically changes shape and shows four diagonal bars of bright light. It then vanishes from the sky.

Tomorrow, Mrs Ross will be among the audience at Falkirk Town Hall, hoping to get an answer to whatever is out there.

## Big stink as aliens zapped in Brazil

FOUR aliens got an unfriendly reception when their UFO crash-landed in the Amazon last year.

Troops took one look at their big eyes and horned heads and shot them dead.

Brazilian Professor A.J. Gevaerd claims there are more than 30 witnesses to the weird events near Varghina city in Central Brazil. And he will be giving more details of the encounter at a UFO conference in Falkirk tomorrow.

Falkirk is close to Bonnybridge—Scotland's UFO hotspot—and the conference will be attended by alien-watchers from around the world.

But some may be put off by Professor Gevaerd's description of those that landed unlucky in Brazil. He claims they were naked with dark brown skin—and smelt awful.

# 'Obsessed' flying saucer man electrocuted himself

A FLYING saucer enthusiast electrocuted himself in a bizarre X-Files-style death.

Electrician David Downing had become obsessed with aliens, Unidentified Flying Objects and the paranormal, an inquest heard yesterday.

He timed his suicide to coincide with a partial eclipse of the sun, believing it to be "a sign".

In the days leading up to his death, he had walked about naked, both inside and outside the house, and had held the hand of his wife,

Downing was a sensitive man who did not swear, drink or smoke. She said: "He was completely normal until two or three weeks before his death."

He had become interested in the paranormal when he sighted a UFO some years ago.

Mrs Booth added: "I saw him some days before his death and he was shaking and holding his head. "His thoughts were elsewhere."

She added: "In the house there were 14 books on UFOs and aliens, along with charts and maps drawn

by David about the sun and the stars.

"The partial eclipse of the sun that weekend was sign to him. His behaviour was so bizarre."

"He was walking about naked inside and outside the house."

"The books and papers talk of passage into the afterlife if the sun strikes the body at a particular angle."

"There were drawings of a map of Sheffield and calculations charting the relationship of the sun to the body after his death."

Assistant Coroner Dr Robert Forrest said: "His body was found in a particular spot in relation to other objects in the house."

"The body was placed in that position to achieve a certain effect."

He added: "I have no doubt Mr Downing knew he was going to kill himself."

"I am sure Mr Downing intended to die, or at least that his life on earth would come to an end."

Dr Forrest recorded a verdict of suicide.