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### sighting of a UFO

**C**ORNWALL'S UFO Research Group has reported a sighting of an unusual cylindrical object in the sky over Truro on Tuesday.

The group was contacted by a woman who says she saw the UFO between 4pm-4.15pm while waiting in her car for her son to come out of Trevear School. "It was a cloudy sky, and she saw the black, cylinder shape between two houses. It had no tail fin and no wings," said David Gillham of the UFO research group. He said the woman's son had also seen the object from the school football field. Mr Gillham would be interested to hear from anyone else who saw the UFO and he can be contacted on 01872 276381.

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### UFO sighting over Zennor 'unusual'

A RESIDENT living near Gurnard's Head at Zennor has reported seeing a "strange unidentified flying object" pass over the area.

The man, who doesn't want to be named, reported his "UFO" sighting to the Truro based Cornwall UFO Research Group.

He said that he saw an object with two red flashing lights and a red and white still light during the night two weeks ago.

Dave Gillham of the Cornwall UFO Research Group said that the sighting was unusual as the man further reported hearing a "screeching" noise.

"He said that he was sure it was not a helicopter and said it was too large to be a kite, as we do know of a person who flies kites at night in the area," said Mr Gillham.

"I would be interested to hear from anyone else who may have noticed anything over Gurnard's Head two weeks ago."

He said that plans to expand the group and hold meetings in Penzance will not be going ahead as reported in last week's Cornishman.

The Truro-based group, whose members are already actively investigating sightings and holding skywatches in the area, could not afford to rent a venue in Penzance to hold meetings after all. For more information telephone Dave Gillham on 01872-276381.

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### 'Triangle UFO' at common

Strange objects have been seen in the skies above Hartlebury Common, the beauty spot near Stourport.

And UFO Research Midlands, the body which investigates reports of unidentified flying objects, is to arrange a skywatch.

Spokesman Trevor Wyld said that a large black triangular shape had been seen hovering over the Common.

He added: "There was a flash of light and it disappeared at incredible speed."

Mr Wyld is seeking more information about the sightings and anyone who can help should contact him on 0121 585 7464.

Sightings are discussed at meetings of the group at the Mitre Inn, Lower High Street, Stourbridge, on the first Monday every month.

## DERBY EVENING TELEGRAPH

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### 'UFO' was a meteor shower

**SIGHTINGS** of a fireball in the sky over Derbyshire last night have been put down to an unscheduled meteor shower.

At around 7.15pm, Derbyshire police were contacted after a fireball was sighted between Wessington and Crich, with the caller believing it was a plane in trouble.

Three minutes later another call was taken after the fireball was spotted near Alfreton.

Police checked with the Civil Aviation Authority and the military who had no answers to what the unidentified flying object could be.

Later that evening, police were contacted by a Yorkshire newspaper after it received reports that a driver had spotted the object as he drove along the M1.

Sgt Phil Garner of Derbyshire police said: "It now appears that what people may have seen was a meteor shower.

UFO buffs in Staffordshire today challenged the MoD to come clean if it is testing new top secret aircraft in the area.

The move follows yet another sighting of a strange triangular object in the sky over Stafford. A man saw the object above Penrycroft Court flats, Corporation Street on Monday evening.

Graham Allen of the Staffordshire

UFO Group said he had received another sighting of the same object between Rugeley and Lichfield at around the same time.

"We get daily reports which seem to suggest there are hundreds of these things flying around," he said.

"In fact there is quite a lot of activity in Staffordshire and the surrounding area at the moment. And sightings

go back over the last 10 to 15 years so it would seem unlikely it is some sort of top secret aircraft."

The man who made the latest sighting asked not to be named but said: "It was a perfect triangle, black with lights on each corner, making very little noise. It was about 2,000ft to 2,500ft above the flats heading towards Cannock."

### Challenge over strange sightings spotted in the sky

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I HAVE seen three UFOs and had the hell scared out of me, so Jason is not on his own. Instead of being resentful, I suggest he gets the aliens to pass on their knowledge.

**W HAMBROOK, Exeter**  
MUM and I saw a UFO 20 years ago when I was 13. It floated like a hot air balloon then shot up into the sky. Five years later we saw two more.

I believe Russians and Americans know aliens visit us, but not why.

**G WARD, Northolt, Middx**

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### Airport 'UFOs' baffle experts

Jeremy Cross

AN X-FILES-style investigation has been launched by UFO enthusiasts and aviation experts after unusual lights were seen in the skies above a Yorkshire airport.

The lights, accompanied by equally strange noises, were captured on camera by an amateur photographer at Leeds Bradford Airport.

The sightings, which

included two yellow lights with two white lights flashing at either side, have been described as the "strongest evidence of UFOs in the area for 15 years" by UFO enthusiasts.

The mysterious lights cannot be explained by aviation experts at the airport.

Air traffic supervisor Peter Bullough said: "Every aircraft we were aware of was accounted

for and we know of no reason for this."

He said the airport had received a number of calls from concerned members of the public, but they could not find any unidentified air traffic on their radar.

Airport officials are now in the process of studying the pictures with UFO enthusiasts in an attempt to discover where the lights were coming from.

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He said yesterday: "Independent eyewitness testimony appears to indicate that we are dealing with two light-carrying sources and not one main body."

"They had to be travelling at an approximate speed of just 60mph, far below the stalling speed of most aircraft."

## UFO? No, we think it's a UFI

EXPERTS believe a mystery object caught on a holiday photograph is a UFI — an unidentified flying insect.

Worcester student April Turner thought she might have snapped green men, ET or The Mekon when her Greek holiday photos returned with a strange saucer shape in the sky.

So April, aged 27, of Howcroft Meadows, Warndon Villages, scented a Mulder and Scully-type investigation and contacted the British UFO Research Association.

They even used her photograph on the cover of their UFO magazine, but early tests show the mark is more mosquito than men from Mars.

by DANIEL PALLETT

### Evening News

"It's not a hoax, but I don't think this is anything from outer space," said BUFORA director of investigations Gloria Dixon. "With a fixed focus camera anything closer than three feet will come out as a blur, so it is probably an insect of some kind.

"We are still asking a specialist to look at the pictures but I'm very sceptical and a bit of an old cynic."

But April still believes she saw something from another world.

"I don't think it's an insect at all, there weren't any around," she said.

"All people who have recorded UFO sightings have said they heard nothing, like me, and why does it look so big and appear over the hill? Something too far away can be out of focus just as something too close can be.

"I may never know for sure what it is. It's all very odd."

# Big increase in reports of UFO sightings



SKY WATCHER: UFO expert Eric Morris scans the heavens for extra-terrestrial visitors. 0782C7A

EVERYONE seems to be looking to the skies over Northwich. A number of new witnesses have come forward to report flying saucers following reports on UFO sightings last month.

Since our sister paper *The Chronicle* published an article about the work of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Studies Centre (BUFOSC), founder Eric Morris has received a welter of new eye-witness accounts and seen numbers attending the society's meetings more than double.

At BUFOSC's latest meeting, 44-year-old Eric met a string of people who reported similar sightings to the one that started it all off at Sandybrow crossroads at Oakmere on January 10.

A driver from North Wales was travelling to Weaverham to meet his girlfriend when he saw a strange, dark grey, triangular object in the sky at around 1pm.

Eric, who lives at Greenall Road, Northwich, said: "Eight or nine people came up at the meeting to say that they had also witnessed the phenomenon.

"And one man was able to describe the sighting in much greater detail than before. I didn't have time to speak to them and take their details at the meeting so it is vital they get in contact with me.

The BUFOSC meeting was attended by 45 people, more than twice as many than ever before, and Eric issued 20 report sheets to those with fresh information on possible extra-terrestrial activity.

## SCARBOROUGH EVENING NEWS

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# Woman tells of strange lights in sky

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects have been spotted in the sky over Rudston.

A woman who asked not to be named claims she saw strange lights hovering over the village on Wednesday evening.

She said: "I am familiar with military

craft, but what I saw last night was like nothing I have ever seen before.

"It was like a silver star moving around the sky, making movements. Military craft usually have red and green tail lights on them, this didn't.

"I was absolutely gobsmacked. I have never believed in that sort of thing."

If anyone has seen anything similar in the sky over Rudston, or elsewhere in the area, they should call the Evening News at Scarborough 363636.

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## Snapshots

### Help shed light on UFO sighting

STRANGE lights in the sky should be reported to the experts, says a woman who collects sightings of odd things in the sky.

Margaret Fry (pictured) of Llangernyw, whose hobby is UFOs, says strange multi-coloured lights have been seen going round Tower Hill, near Abergele.

Mrs Fry, who is co-founder of the Wales federation of Independent Ufologists, said: "The lights were sort of away from the hill, but low on the ground, and they were circling round and round."

Mrs Fry has also had several reports of a bright, starlike object visible from the area, and she herself had seen a mysterious red light between two trees.



However,

Mrs Fry has no reports of UFOs in the area since last year's sighting of a 210-foot diameter spacecraft in a field by the TV receiver near Bodfari. The craft was then seen airborne over the creamery at Llandymog.

Mrs Fry says she can find a logical explanation for over 90 per cent of UFO sightings, but there is no logical explanation for the remainder.

Mrs Fry's UFO research group meets monthly, and she can be contacted on (01745) 860537.

## UFO? Not here...

OFFICIALS at a satellite-tracking base on the North York Moors today denied reports that staff there had tracked a giant UFO. Two national newspapers claimed a 900-ft long triangular-shaped craft travelling at up to 24,000mph had been spotted on high-tech equipment at RAF Fylingdales. But a spokesman at the Ministry of Defence's long-range listening station told the *Evening Press*: "These articles are the first we have heard about this alleged incident."

He said: "We don't know where these newspapers have got their information from - it's certainly not RAF Fylingdales."

## BRIDLINGTON FREE PRESS

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### UFOs spotted at Rudston

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"It was like a silver star moving around the

sky, making movements, military crafts usually have red, and green tail lights on them, this didn't."

"It was nothing like magazine pictures of UFOs. I was absolutely gobsmacked. I have never believed in that sort of thing."

If anyone has seen anything similar in the sky over Rudston, or elsewhere in the area they should contact the *Free Press* newsdesk on 677338.

## Mystery craft over ancient landmark

A HUGE triangular craft has been spotted over an ancient fort on the edge of Dorchester.

Five people, including a vicar and a medical practitioner, said they saw the mysterious object hovering for 15 minutes over Maiden Castle.

West Dorset UFO expert David Kingston is appealing for more witnesses to the latest UFO sighting to come forward.

The ex-RAF serviceman and UFO researcher from Martinstown has been busy taking calls after reports of bright lights and an unidentified object hovering above the Iron Age hill fort.

Mr Kingston said: "It all started with an e-mail I received from a friend who said he saw a strange object with bright lights in the sky. Thereafter I had four other people contact me to describe something similar."

"The craft started off in a triangle shape and then merged into a sphere before shooting off into the distance."

The last UFO sighting of a similar description was reported back in October when a string of bright lights were seen hovering above Portland and then travelled towards Maiden Castle before shooting off into the distance.

"When I heard about the latest sightings I thought maybe these people had seen what is known as earthlights. These are natural lights which occur in areas with high amounts of quartz in the ground. Maiden Castle is mostly chalk and flint, so these sightings suggest it was a UFO they saw."

Mr Kingston is interested in other witnesses to the sighting, which took place towards the end of last month, to contact him on 01205 889108.

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# Expert believes prove there is alien life

# ARE UFOs TING SKIES SUFFOLK?

THESE are the most astonishing UFO pictures ever taken in Britain.

The stills come from an incredible 35-minute video filmed in Suffolk and passed exclusively to the News of the World, showing:

- THREE living saucers shooting past in a blaze of lights in three separate incidents
- A CIGAR-SHAPED craft accelerating at incredible speed, and
- HUGE triangular objects engaged in a mock dogfight.

We showed the full 35-minute video to acknowledged UFO experts—and they were stunned.

Graham Birdsall, editor of UFO Magazine, said after analysing it: "It is absolutely amazing, the most striking UK footage I have seen."

Nicholas Redfern, author of acclaimed UFO study A Covert Agenda, agreed and added: "It's on a par with anything filmed anywhere in the world. I firmly believe this is extra-terrestrial."

## Convinced

The video was compiled over five months last year by UFO spotter David Boor, 34, who said: "I still can't believe what I filmed."

"Now I am convinced there is another life out there. I'm SURE they are from another planet."

His wife, Labour district councillor Jean, 49, said: "I know of no earthly craft that could have behaved in this manner."

David said he filmed the first UFO last August from his three-bedroom bungalow in the village of Oulton Broad, near Lowestoft, Suffolk. He explained:

"I was just closing my garage door about 7.45pm when I looked up and saw a bright cigar-shaped object flying slowly through the sky."

I was so excited I grabbed my video camera from the house and started filming it.

I propped the camera on the fence and filmed it as it went towards the coast.

After about 30 seconds it suddenly accelerated at incredible speed—far faster than a jet plane ever could—and just vanished. I couldn't believe what I had seen.

And when I popped it in my video to analyse it, I saw these little strobe lights flashing on either side.

The most amazing thing was they weren't attached to the craft.

Since then, I have had the film analysed by experts from UFO Magazine and they say it is an extraordinary sight. They cannot explain it.

Now I've found other people who also saw the UFO that night and were equally amazed.

am most proud I caught it on video because I fear people would not have believed me otherwise.

But that was just the opening shot of the extraordinary X-Film. A month later his camera caught the first living



WORLD PREMIERE: David and camera

## EXCLUSIVE

By PHIL TAYLOR and TIM LUCKETT

Saucer. Recalls David: "It was just after 10pm when I looked out of the window and saw a very bright object in the sky. I grabbed the camera and rushed into the garden."

"I filmed this amazing saucer-shaped craft slowly moving from the East. It was very bright and had a shimmering appearance."

I called Jean and she stood there open-mouthed in wonder alongside me.

Excited

There was no sound and as it slowly moved towards me I saw a light on one side.

"We shouted out to our neighbours to witness it but they were too busy watching TV."

It didn't spook me. It excited me. And it was exactly how I imagined a living saucer would look.

On October 7 last year, David rushed for his camera again.

He revealed: "This one was almost identical to the last craft. I was in the garden and saw these amazing flashing lights towards the sea."

I was so intrigued I jumped on my bicycle and rode towards the coast.

There I saw this saucer-shaped object hovering

ing over the sea and I filmed it for several minutes. Then it just vanished as though a light had been switched off."

In December came the third saucer. Said David: "This one arrived just before 10pm."

When I started filming the saucer—which was emitting loads of light—it looked like it was still there. Then it slowly moved behind a tree to the west.

I went towards the front of the house to try and pick it up on camera again and it went behind my house. Then I lost it."

Jean said: "I loved watching it. I could even see what appeared like little portals. There is no way it was a plane."

In November David also filmed what he described as a large black triangular object flying over a decommissioned MoD site on the coast at Lowestoft.

He said: "They were doing aerobatic manoeuvres at high speed. I have no idea what they were."

Everything I have caught on video completely baffles me.

Last month it was reported the RAF tracked a triangular shaped UFO as big as a battleship off the south-east coast.

Two Dutch air force jets scrambled to intercept the object but could not keep up. It was reported.

RAF officials were themselves baffled by the bizarre sighting.

A source said: "It was definitely under control, judging by the manoeuvres."

David's favorite question is: "Why military aircraft would risk being classified experimental aircraft over Oulton Broad areas."

I firmly believe that what has been filmed by David is extra-terrestrial," he added.

researcher. His disturbing book, Mr Redfern was granted unprecedented access to thousands of previously classified Ministry of Defence files on UFOs.

In A Covert Agenda, he claims: "Rationally controlled machines from beyond Earth are routinely penetrating UK airspace."

The military infrastructure has little or no control over the situation.

Despite this, evidence is now being uncovered which shows that there has been an official shift in policy.

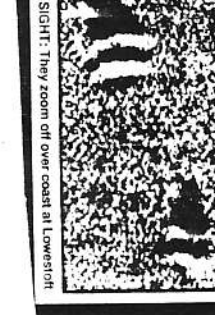
There is now a desire to disseminate to the public hitherto top-secret UFO data collected over



DOORFIGHT: Triangular craft topped by just feet apart



CLOSE CALL: One crosses the other's flight path



LAST SIGHT: They zoom off over coast at Lowestoft



SAUCER WONDER: The third flying saucer is clearly visible in David's video, which experts described yesterday as the most significant British UFO film ever

Aliens abducted my 14 year old!

## UFOs exist

PLEASE don't ridicule people reporting UFOs or UFO-related experiences (the cartoon used to illustrate "Aliens abducted my 14 year old", Chronicle front page, March 26). In the face of ridicule, people will not tell of their experiences or of what they have seen, and we do need to know. It has now got beyond being a joke.

I am a retired professional engineer with about 40 years of experience in research and development and I have seen a number of air vehicles which cannot be explained by our current level of technology.

It reminds me of the "Phoney War", when before the start of the Second World War, German aircraft were reconnoitering our air space looking for strategic targets. We were told to report any strange aircraft to the authorities, which we did, and this information was very useful in finding out what they were up to and what they had seen.

Abductees the world over, even those without access to the media, are reporting similar events and re-occurrences. This is because they have been "tagged".

May I remind you that you can take your dog to the vet and get it tagged with an implant that can be remotely read. You can even have your valuable pet plant tagged the same way! This is what they are doing.

We should be examining these abductees, removing the tags and learning how to connect them to our electronics to make them function as alarms in order to alert us to the next visit.

Those of us that recognise these incursions of high technology vehicles and their occupants into our air space (and Sevenoaks has had its share to date, so don't be complacent) are severely bothered about the authorities' seeming lack of interest in their activities.

We must therefore rely upon the media to report the "gangs on", and what better than the local press?

Incidents at Gatwick have been reported in the Guildford local paper, and when I visited Gatwick ATC, they admitted it.

Many craft have been seen over the North Downs and one that passed in front of a small twin-engined aircraft out of Biggin Hill was reported by the pilot to Radio Kent—I saw that when it happened!

So, Sir, please could you encourage your readers to report their sightings, without fear of ridicule? We might then come to learn what is going on.

DAVID STRUDWICK  
The Coach Drive  
Vigo Village  
Meopham

## INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE

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### 1948: Flying Disks

ROME — Seven flying disks were reported seen yesterday [March 28] speeding across north Italy's skies from north-east to southwest, the agency Ansa reported today from Portoferra Terme. Ansa quoted "eyewitnesses" in the mountain village as saying the objects traveled at high speed at an altitude of about 15,000 feet and made "deep sounds." It was the second report of flying disks in Italy in the past week.

### Planet Grunt

FIFTEEN-year-old boys abducted by aliens, said last fall. Fourteen-year-old boys are aliens. Have you ever tried holding a conversation with one of them? They all come from the planet Grunt.

Thankfully, please be to all the odds in the intergalactic pantoneer, after five or six years most of them metamorphose into quite reasonable facsimiles of normal Earthling males.

ROY MITCHELL  
Station Road  
Halstead

## Aware

Nicholas Redfern said in his opinion, David Boor's video is the most important UFO footage ever filmed in Britain.

It is important that people get to see it and should know what is going on over their heads in our airspace.

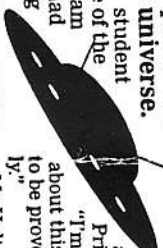
The 64-year-old West Midlands author added: "I am not aware of anything the military has advised which even re-

# The sky at night provides some mysterious sightings

THE truth, as they say, is out there — and one Walthamstow man believes he may have found evidence to prove we are not alone in the universe.

When photography student Dean Holt took a picture of the night sky over Tottenham he didn't realise he had caught something strange in mid-flight.

As the picture shows, there are two



Mr Holt took the photograph with his

bright lights throwing off strong rays over the skyline and Mr Holt is looking for someone to prove they are no alien crafts.

"They certainly aren't aeroplanes because the film speed was far too slow for that and they would have come out very blurry if at all," said the 33-year-old from Priory Court.

"I'm as sceptical as anyone else about this kind of thing and I just want to be proved wrong. It's quite weird really."

own camera using a special infrared film, which is ideal for taking photographs in the dark.

He said: "I came upon the picture merely by luck. It has a five to ten second exposure so objects have to be pretty still when the picture is taken."

"I just sat the camera down overlooking the town and let it go to work on its own.

When I got the film developed I couldn't believe my eyes."

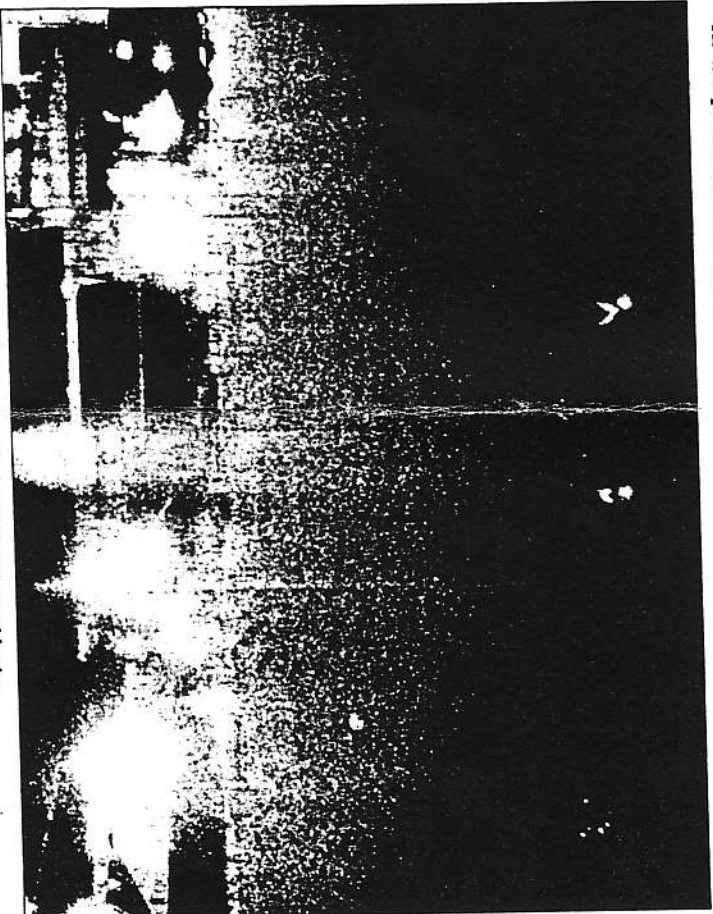
Inspection of the negative proved the images are not water-marks and with the aeroplane theory dismissed, Mr Holt's belief that it is something out of this world may yet prove real.

He added: "I have obviously had people call me a space freak but I just do not know what it is.

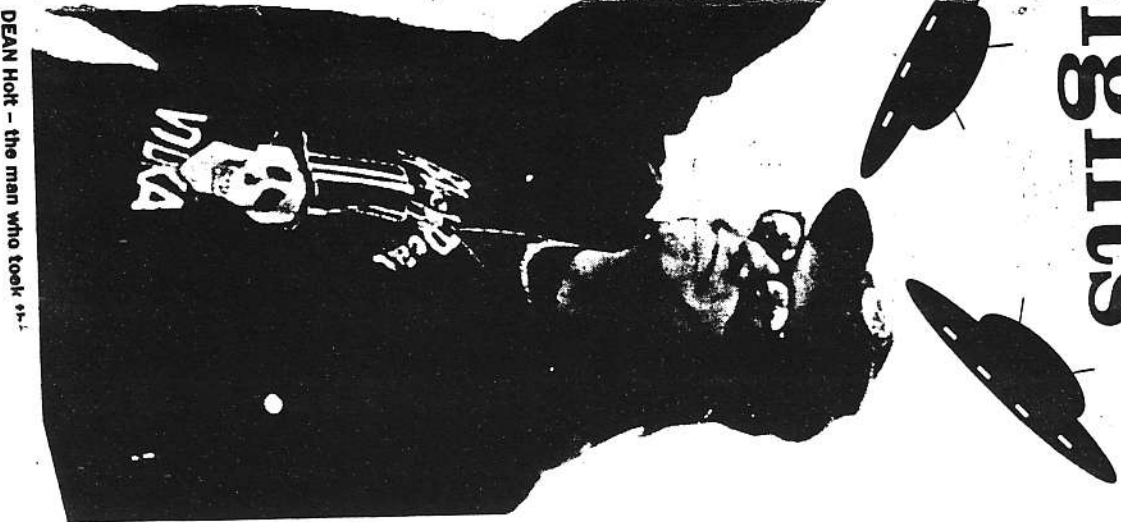
"There has also been the odd person telling me I should stop watching the X-Files but I don't even watch it. I'm no sci-fi nut."

Do you have any ideas as to what on earth (or space) Mr Holt has uncovered.

If you can shed any light on this mystery or if you have any spooky happenings of your own give us a call at the Guardian on 0181 531 4141 ext. 236.



TRUTH or spoof? The picture Dean Holt took of those mysterious objects.



DEAN Holt — the man who took

RAF TRACKS MYSTERY CRAFT OVER NORTH SEA..

24,000mph UFO buzzes Britain

THE RAF has tracked a UFO 'as big as a battleship' off the coast of Britain, military sources revealed yesterday.

They said the massive craft was tracked flying in a zig-zag pattern at 17,000mph over the North Sea. It then accelerated to 24,000mph and zoomed off towards the Atlantic.

The Dutch air force also tracked the UFO, but two F-16 fighters scrambled to intercept the object were unable to keep up, it is claimed.

RAF officials are said to be baffled by the object, spotted by the Ministry of Defence long-range listening station on Fylingdales moor in North Yorkshire.

'It was definitely under control, judging by the various manoeuvres executed,' said a source. 'It appeared to be triangular and was around the size of a battleship (about 900ft long).'

Radar records of the craft are due to be presented to science and military experts from around the world, who will examine how to exploit space for military purposes at a conference at RAF College, Cranwell, Lincolnshire, in June. Other tapes of

By DAVID DERBYSHIRE Science Correspondent

the UFO - thought to have been made during the last two years - are being withheld because they give too much information about the radar base's scanning ability.

However, military chiefs may release a second series of tapes, reported to show 12 UFOs changing shape in mid-flight.

While the 'battleship' UFO is most likely to be an experimental aircraft or a sighting caused by a freak weather effect, UFO watchers believe it is further evidence that the Earth is being visited by alien craft.

The popularity of TV series such as the X-Files has rekindled interest in flying saucers and conspiracy theories in recent years.

A spokesman for the Fortean Times, the journal devoted to UFOs, psychic phenomena and the paranormal, said: 'The vast majority of strange objects seen in the sky have a more down-to-earth explanation. But most UFO investigators would be very interested in seeing these tapes.' The latest theory gaining

popularity among some dedicated UFO watchers is that the military deliberately release stories about UFOs as a 'smokescreen' - and that witnesses are really seeing top-secret experimental aircraft.

The base at RAF Fylingdales has been watching the skies since the end of the Cold War. A large pyramid-shaped, 360-degree radar has now replaced the gigantic landmark 'golf balls' tracking system.

The base has concentrated on tracking satellites and pieces of space junk circling the Earth.

Mystery of lights in sky

By Dave Roberts

INTRIGUED Bolton folk claim to have seen a series of unexplained lights in the sky above Bolton.

Anazed readers rang the BEN to report sightings of a huge circular object, as big as a pair of semi-detached houses and ablaze with lights, as it glided across the night sky in the Fernhill Gate area of Deane around 10pm on Monday.

BEN investigators to find a rational explanation for the sightings have drawn a blank.

Experts at Manchester Airport's Air Traffic Control Centre and the North West Meteorological Office say there were no unusual lights or weather conditions in the region.

Bolton teenagers Lisa Halton, 14, and Rebecca Cook, 15, could have come closer to a UFO than anyone else in the town. They say they watched the huge unidentified object as it slowly skulked over the tops of houses near Lisa's home in Towers Avenue.

Lisa said: 'It went quite close to us and I could see underneath it. There were lots of lights and it was circular. I saw what I saw, there's no doubt about it.'

Lisa's mum and her friend, Cheryl Halmer, also spotted the mass of lights as they drove home from a night out.

Denise Halton raced in to tell her family about what she had seen, only to find that her eldest daughter had beaten her to it.

Dropped

Denise says she and her friend had watched the UFO for five minutes before it dropped down behind trees at the back of Moorlands View, off St Helens Road.

John said: 'We even got a camera and went back out in the car to see if we could see it again. The children have drawn pictures of what they saw. It was a lovely sight.'

And Hindley man, John Anders and his wife also spotted the massive flying object as they drove home close to Beaumont Road, after a night of dancing in Bolton.

John, of Sandy Way, Hindley, said: 'I'm teetotal and there wasn't any drink available at the dance anyway. It was an unbelievable sight. I know it's corny to say it but it was like something you see on the television.'

'There were amber lights everywhere and it was shaped like an old-fashioned spinning top.'

A Met Office spokesman confirmed that the sky on Monday night was clear and there were no unusual conditions.

An Air Traffic Control spokesman said: 'As far as we are aware there was nothing reported to us about any sightings.'

'There's no record of anything in the log book but if anyone sees anything they can contact us as soon as possible so we can check things out.' A Ministry of Defence spokesman said no military aircraft had been over the town on Monday night.

By Barbara Jordan

AN AMATEUR photographer has snapped UFOs flying over the Runcorn bridge.

Eric Williams was trying out his new digital camera when three strange aircraft sped into view.

He immediately took several pictures. And this week he asked the World to publish his exclusive shots - to see if any other readers witnessed the strange phenomenon.

'They came silently and at great speed from the direction of Fiddlers Ferry,' said unemployed commuter specialist Eric of Woodlans Walk, Castlefields. 'It was all over in seconds.'

'I raced home and downloaded them on my computer.'

Eric was in Mersey road,

Runcorn, taking pictures of the bridge to send to his sister in Australia.

'I can't believe in things like "spacehips",' said Eric. 'I have always been sceptical when it comes to such matters. Maybe there is an explanation.'

'But this was quite extraordinary, a bit unnerving. I have never seen anything like it in my life.'

The three UFOs - one big and two small - shot past in delta formation.

Appeal

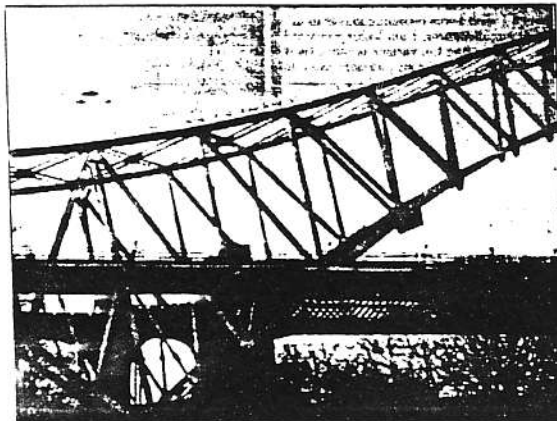
Eric said another man with a camcorder standing beside him recorded them on video but he has been unable to trace him.

He has now made an appeal to see if any other World readers witnessed the mysterious occurrence which happened at about 10pm on a road nearby, April 10.

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Another man with a camcorder and some hand-held video cameras, but he spotted a UFO. 'I only had moments to take these pictures. The whole thing was over in about 10 seconds. I was about 100m away from the UFO. I thought it was the first UFOs flying over something but as you can see, these are definitely not any conventional aircraft. Mark Roberts of the Anomalies Research Association, said he would check to see if the sighting had been recorded by anyone else but wanted to know if it was 'yet another digital and analogue thing'. He said: 'A daylight sighting is most unlikely to happen, it is a golden nugget for investigators of the paranormal.'



# UFO experts probing Calderdale 'sightings'

UFO researchers have started a major investigation into the sighting of mysterious bright lights across Calderdale's skyline.

They have met senior aviation officials at Leeds-Bradford airport to find out about two unidentified flying objects spotted earlier this year.

Calls flooded into the "Evening Courier" UFO hotline after the phenomenon on February 2.

The lights were caught on film

by Mr Ken Field, of Leeds, and now experts have found witnesses in Manchester and Leeds.

Mark Birdsall, of "UFO magazine" believes the sightings are the strongest evidence of UFOs in the area for 15 years.

Mr Field's footage depicts two yellow lights which have two intense white lights pulsating in unison on the outside. A faint "droning" or "humming" sound was also detected and could be

By LIZ LORD

heard above road traffic. Mr Birdsall has contacted civil and military authorities seeking their opinions.

Officials at Leeds-Bradford Airport say their radar showed no unusual or unidentified traffic in the area at the time. And air traffic supervisor Mr Peter Bullough said nothing could

account for the lights.

"Every aircraft we were aware of was accounted for and we know of no reason for this," he said.

But the airport received several calls about the lights and Manchester Air Traffic Control said that although many people saw the lights, it received no direct reports.

RAF Leeming in North Yorkshire could not identify any-

thing which related to the sightings.

Mr Birdsall has been given cuttings from a newspaper in Manchester which gave witness accounts of the lights at 5 pm before they were spotted over Calderdale.

"It took 40 minutes for the lights to appear over the centre of Leeds so they had to be travelling at an approximate speed of just 60 mph, far below the

stalling speed of most aircraft," he said.

"Independent eyewitness testimony appears to indicate we are dealing with two light-carrying sources and not one main body.

"Examination of the video tapes alone will not identify the lights but could yet prove to be highly significant. Several UFO groups have acquired reports on the event and a genuine opportunity to collate data now exists."

## Arts

# It may look like a flying blob, but to the people of a small Scottish town this is proof they are being buzzed by aliens

Eddie Gibb ventures into the 'Bonnybridge Triangle', spooky setting of BBC's new big-budget sci-fi series



It is perhaps no coincidence that Peter Mandelson's Dome at Greenwich will look like a glowing, white spaceship. With the dawning of a new millennium, it is not just the cranks who are looking skyward. "Most astronomers tee in their gut that there is life out there," says Archie Roy, emeritus professor of astronomy at Glasgow University, and a sometime sci-fi writer.

It is against this backdrop of popular alien paranoia, stoked by The X-Files, that the BBC is about to launch its own Roswell Incident-inspired sci-fi series on an unsuspecting world. Invasion: Earth does pretty much what it says on the tin. Over the next six weeks it will tell of now an RAF Tornado pilot, scrambled from a Scottish airbase, disobeys orders and shoots down an unidentified craft when buzzed his plane. The army recovers the UFO and its occupants in a remote corner of the Highlands. Needless to say, they don't exactly send out a press release.

The fact that the BBC located Invasion: Earth in Scotland is no coincidence. It may be science fiction, but there are plenty of people out there who find such stories plausible, particularly north of the border.

An Internet search for "Fife Incident" throws up the strange account from 1996 of a "close encounter" by several members of the same family. And then there is the so-called Bonnybridge Triangle, an area near Falkirk where an unusually large cluster of UFO sightings has been reported in recent years.

"As far as I'm aware, no members of air crew have ever seen anything they couldn't account for," says Flight-Lieutenant Jack Laylor of RAF Leuchars, where the air base

### Alien Alley



scenes in Invasion: Earth were filmed. Ah, say the conspiracy theorists, that's exactly what you would expect him to say. According to Nicholas Redfern, author of A Covert Agenda, which examined declassified military records relating to UFO sightings, "staff at Leuchars regularly track unknown objects operating in British airspace, and while such incidents are moved down, details of all radar irregularities are logged and investigated accordingly."

Leuchars is the site of the RAF's Quick Response Alert, which has two Tornado F3s permanently ready to take off and would, according to Flight-Lieutenant Laylor, hypothetically be a likely base from which to launch an alien counter-attack. To that extent, at least, the premise for Invasion: Earth is factual.

But it was the idea that central Scotland had become a hotspot for UFO sightings which provided the inspiration for Jed Mercurio to write Invasion: Earth. Mercurio was sceptical, but it is easy to find believers. In Falkirk, a district councillor called Billy Buchanan has been shouldered by colleagues over his determination to have the Bonnybridge sightings taken seriously.

"The fact is that I believe in the

there are probably secret departments dealing with UFO reports which Pope is not even aware of. "He was effectively in PR and not necessarily privy to the big information," says Digby.

Pope denies this, but concedes the MoD is probably gaining some PR advantage from his book because it reduces the suspicion of a cover-up. But then, what better way to deflect a conspiracy theorist than by pretending to open your files.

Redfern's research for A Covert Agenda was mainly based on documents released under the "30-year rule", which takes us back to the height of the Cold War when the contents of an MoD bureaucrats' lunch-box was divulged only on a need-to-know basis.

But perhaps there already has been an investigation. Nick Pope, a career civil servant at the Ministry of Defence, has written a book, called Open Skies, Close Minds which details his work in Secretariat (Air Staff) Department 2A — aka, the UFO desk. Pope is still employed by the MoD, though in a different department, and his book was cleared for publication under the Official Secrets Act. In other words, he is not a whistle-blower and his book was published with tacit MoD approval.

According to the book, the MoD has long taken an interest in UFO sightings, though the official line is that there have been no threats to national security. After three years on the UFO desk, Pope is adamant that there is plenty of evidence from the military's own sources — pilot reports, and the like — to support the theory that a small percentage of

grew up. I became quite dismissive," says Mercurio. "I think something did happen at Roswell which was evidential of alien visitation. But in terms of alien abduction, I couldn't say most of the testimony is believable and I think those people are probably mentally ill."

The Bonnybridge reports give Invasion: Earth a patina of credibility. And anyone who has ever had the peace of a walk in a glen shattered by an RAF fighter jet skimming the bushes will be aware of the amount of military activity in the Highlands.

The show has plenty of pseudo-science, but Mercurio pretty much sticks to his stated objective of giving the drama an internal logic so the viewer only has to swallow the original premise once. Given the number of reported sightings in Scotland recently, it makes perfect sense to do "Or Invasion: Perth, maybe," jokes Mercurio.

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Invasion: Earth starts on Friday at 9.30pm on BBC1.



Locals have filmed strange things in the sky — but why aliens have taken a shine to Falkirk no one quite knows

UFOs are extra-terrestrial craft. "I think it's a reasonable conclusion to draw from the data," he says. If Pope is a nutter, he is a nutter employed in the defence of the realm and was recently given a promotion.

However, there's also a reverse conspiracy theory that the military deliberately allows the notion of UFO sightings to have around to divert attention from the real business of covertly testing aircraft, when again puts Scottish air space in the frame.

Reports of a fast-moving aircraft near RAF Machrihanish on the Mull of Kintyre prompted speculation that a US plane dubbed "Aurora" was secretly landing at the base. Questions were asked in the House of Commons on the subject, though Aurora's existence was vigorously denied.

Like The X-Files's Fox Mulder, Pope is a believer, but one who is treated with a degree of suspicion by hard-core UFOlogists who assume that if the MoD is allowing one of its staff to spill the beans, they can't be terribly important beans.

Robert Digby, a director of the British UFO Research Association — which is probably the least paranoid organisation of this type — believes

## Uri Geller's Weird Web



# Official UFO

Introducing a new column in which the world's most celebrated paranormal investigator explores the wilder shores of the Internet.

EVEN the Ministry of Defence had to admit it saw the latest UFO.

The men from the ministry are mostly sceptical when inexplicable lights and craft appear in our skies. They believe any extra-terrestrials will be sighted on their pyramid radar at RAF Fylingdales in north Yorkshire, long before mere civilians see anything.

So civil servants manning the Whitehall UFO hotline (0171-218 2140) have their rebuttals ready. "It must have been a balloon, sir. Or the planet Venus. Perhaps it was a scratch on your spectacles?"

But the object tracked off East Anglia and revealed a few days ago was 300 yards long. And it did show up at Fylingdales, so it wasn't Venus or a scratched lens.

"It was definitely under control, judging by the various manoeuvres executed," admitted the ministry. "It appeared to be triangular and was around the size of a battleship (about 900ft long)."

The Dutch airforce despatched F-16 fighters to in-

vestigate but, since the object was moving fast enough to circle the globe in 60 minutes, the jets lost their quarry. So far the radar images have not been released.

Even more intriguing are the video pictures shot by UFO watcher David Spoor from the garden of his bungalow in Oulton Broad, near Lowestoft, Suffolk. He didn't see the flying battleship but did film glittering triangular craft playing tag over the North Sea.

If you want to video UFOs yourself, visit [www.blackvault.com](http://www.blackvault.com) - run by a group called John Bro. Their simple method of filming into the sun's corona has generated thousands of UFO sightings from around the world.

And to make a UFO detector from an old coat hanger, a magnet and a doorbell, go to [www.thealienz.com/parazone/pageunderscor1.htm](http://www.thealienz.com/parazone/pageunderscor1.htm)

The apparatus reacts to changes in electromagnetic activity, a foolproof indicator of UFO presence. If you live in East Anglia it could be essential.

● Visit Uri Geller's web site at [www.urigeller.com](http://www.urigeller.com)

Uri Geller's paranormal novel, *Ella*, is published by Headline at £9.99

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## Seen a UFO recently?

HAS anyone seen a UFO floating above Hyde?

According to Stockport UFO investigation group Quest International, sightings were reported of an unusual object 3000 feet above Hyde town centre, particularly around Victoria Street, on Thursday, March 5, at 6.30pm.

Quest International's David Cayton said two witnesses, who he has yet to interview, saw the strange flying object which he claims was not a plane.

But to get more information he is appealing to residents who may have seen something unusual to contact him on 483 4956.

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# Flying saucer seen over teapot factory

IT WAS a close encounter of the stirred kind!

A flying saucer alert was sparked at a teapot factory in South Devon last night.

A security guard patrolling Cardew Designs' premises in Bovey Tracey's Newton Road had his close encounter at 10pm.

He PG-tipped off police after spotting the mystery object "flying very low and fast with no noise."

The "boomerang-shaped" craft had

fixed red lights on each end which flashed on and off in unison.

It hovered over the scene before zooming off towards Dartmoor.

Police immediately alerted the aviation authorities about the puzzling low-flying phenomenon which may have posed a hazard to other aircraft in the area.

The guard's eye-popping experience happened at about 10pm quickly followed by the appearance of a more recognisable helicopter.

The guard, who didn't want to be

identified, said: "I was gob-smacked. I've never seen anything like it."

"It was frightening. It had two beacons flashing."

### Biggest producer

A spokesman for Cardew Designs, the world's biggest producer of teapots, was equally shocked to hear of the drama when told by the Herald Express today.

Partner Peter Kirvan, whose factory made the headlines last year with a collection of naked female man-

nequins on the roof, said: "Presumably this flying saucer was looking for a tea cup. But we only do teapots."

"The business is bizarre and wacky enough without interference from alien spacecrafts!" he said.

A police spokesman said the 999 call was taken seriously and acted on.

He said: "We did notify the aeronautical services about a low-flying aircraft."

"It might well have been flying too low in which case it would have been a hazard."

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## sighting of a UFO

CORNWALL'S UFO Research Group has reported a sighting of an unusual cylindrical object in the sky over Truro on Tuesday.

The group was contacted by a woman who says she saw the UFO between 4pm-4.15pm while waiting in her car for her son to come out of Treyew School. "It was a cloudy sky, and she saw the black, cylinder shape between two houses. It had no tail fin and no wings," said David Gillham of the UFO research group. He said the woman's son had also seen the object from the school football field. Mr Gillham would be interested to hear from anyone else who saw the UFO and he can be contacted on 01872 276381.



by Richard Brugger

**UFO RESEARCHERS** believe they had a close encounter when they saw bright lights hovering over moorland.

The pair were stopped in their tracks by two bright lights hovering above the hills between Cowling and Utley.

Amazingly, the researchers were on their way home from seeing a man who claims to have been abducted by strange beings.

The members of the International UFO Research Network were just outside Skipton when they pulled their car in to the side of the road to get a better look at the strange lights. As one of the researchers, Russell Kellett, prepared to take a picture of the lights the batteries in his camera failed. In the few seconds it took him to fit new batteries the huge craft vanished before their eyes.

He explains: "At first we thought it could have been something like car lights. When we got closer to it we could see two very bright lights moving in front of each other. From what we could see the craft must have been twice the size of a jumbo jet."

The encounter with the mysterious object took place last Wednesday, April 8, at 11.15pm

and lasted for two minutes.

It was an incredible night for the researchers who were on the way back from seeing a man in Barnoldswick who claims he was abducted from his home by strange beings.

According to Russell, a similar craft was spotted on February 2 by people in Yorkshire and Lancashire. On each occasion the mystery object was not detected by radar.

He says: "We try to see if we can link together reported incidents and predict where the next one will be. There are more people willing to believe us than there used to be, and we are constantly coming across things which we have no explanation for."

Since the turn of the century the moors around Keighley have held a magnetic attraction for strange phenomena, with reports of UFO sightings dating back to 1908. Some experts believe the areas of high UFO activity can be linked to ancient burial sites and areas where there are fault lines in the ground. Others believe many UFO sightings are of top-secret aircraft being test-flown from bases in the north of England by the British and American governments.

Anyone who believes they have seen a UFO can contact Russell on 01274 501463.

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# IT'S A 'L' OF A UFO

By Susie Kelly

**A 39 YEAR-old woman was left trembling in terror after a close encounter with a UFO in the night skies.**

Brenda Hughie from Greenhills watched flashing objects whizz across the East Kilbride horizon in the frightening incident.

The drama unfolded as the driving instructor and Whitehills learner Tricia McLean (46) trundled along Strathaven Road on a Thursday evening lesson.

Both women watched in disbelief as two planes and a helicopter chased away the multi-coloured lights before disappearing.

The dazzling light show prompted Brenda to brake and get out of her grey Vauxhall Corsa for a better look.

She told the *News*: "I don't believe in UFOs but afterwards I felt dizzy and upset. "When I got home the whole room was spinning. Everyone thinks I'm crazy, they don't believe me."

Tricia McLean from Whitehills said: "I saw six flashing lights in the sky.

"Two came together and went in different directions. Brenda noticed it out the windscreen first and I then stopped the car."

The bizarre eye-witness accounts match word for word similar strange incidents reported last month.

Murray man David Cornes (59) spied three military jets chasing a flashing UFO at eight o'clock on the evening of January 25.

East Kilbride is fast earning a reputation as the new UFO capital of Scotland. Dozens of readers have already reported strange objects — including pancake-shaped flying saucers — hovering above the town.

UFO hunter Kevin Thomas (28) fired off a confidential letter to the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall two weeks ago.

But an MoD spokesman told the *News* officials were unlikely to probe the East Kilbride incidents: "We won't undertake an investigation unless the objects concerned had a direct impact on British air space.

"We also need as much detail as possible before we will look into the alleged incidents."

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### Base accused of UFO cover-up

THE RAF's top-secret listening base at Fylingdales in North Yorkshire has been caught up in a bizarre row over an unidentified flying object.

Military sources have claimed that radar records from the base showing a gigantic UFO flying over the North Sea would be revealed at a conference on satellite reconnaissance in June. The tapes are supposed to have been made at Fylingdales, the North York Moors radar installation.

A spokesman at the base denied the claims. He said: "I can't comment on any UFO because I can't comment on anything that doesn't come from this base". However, the spokesman did confirm an expert from Fylingdales would be at a conference held at the RAF staff college in Cranwell this summer. UFO investigators responded by claiming that the base was at the centre of a cover-up.

Former policeman Tony Dodd, who lives near Skipton, said: "Of course Fylingdales knows about this UFO."

The object is supposed to have been triangular and travelling at more than 17,000 mph.

### Challenge over strange sightings spotted in the sky

UFO Group said he had received another sighting of the same object between Rugeley and Lichfield at around the same time.

"We get daily reports which seem to suggest there are hundreds of these things flying around," he said.

"In fact there is quite a lot of activity in Staffordshire and the surrounding area at the moment. And sightings go back over the last 10 to 15 years so it would seem unlikely it is some sort of top secret aircraft."

The man who made the latest sighting asked not to be named but said: "It was a perfect triangle, black with lights on each corner, making very little noise. It was about 2,000ft to 2,500ft above the flats heading towards Cannock."

The move follows yet another sighting of a strange triangular object in the sky over Stafford. A man saw the object above Pennycroft Court flats, Corporation Street on Monday evening, Graham Allen of the Staffordshire

**SKYWATCH** ■ 'You can get into fantasy world, you must remain analytical'

# UFO hunter claims he has video evidence

By **MATT RADLEY**

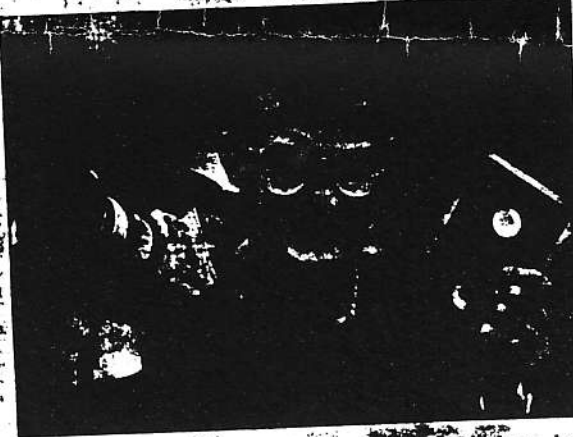
Amateur cameraman David Spoor plans to write a book about weird UFO activity in the skies over Waveney.

Mr Spoor, who says he has hours of video footage of strange flying objects above his home at Oulton Broad, near Lowestoft, said reports of his experiences had encouraged people with similar stories to come forward.

Last year, the EDP reported that the 54-year-old unemployed photographer had filmed a cigar-shaped object flying erratically over Oulton Broad.

The film showed it hovering for a moment before disappearing into the sky at high speed.

And the mystery deepened after the RAF and Norwich Airport confirmed no planes would have flown in that area at the time of the sighting.



Picture: CHRIS GORMAN

Mr Spoor, whose wife Jean is a Waveney district councillor, wants to write a book about this and many other incidents that have happened over the years.

Mr Spoor, who takes his video camera out almost every night hoping to capture a clear picture of

UFO, has been invited to conferences in Britain and abroad.

The couple were guests at the Strange Times UFO Conference at Southend, Essex, on Saturday where Mr Spoor presented what he thinks is evidence of unearthly life.

'Thope one day to write my own

book on sightings in Waveney. I am particularly interested in this area because of the large number of incidents," he said.

"I've got enough material now, it's just a question of investigating what people have seen. I'm flying saucers and brilliant objects in the night sky.

He also believes he had experienced unexplained happenings at home since delving into the science of extra-terrestrial beings.

Video tapes had been damaged his video recorder had turned itself on, thus erasing sections of footage and batteries had become flat without any apparent reason.

"I do believe there are other beings other than ourselves. The problem is you can easily get into the world of fantasy and get carried away with it.

"You have to remain analytical," said Mr Spoor.

**BOOK BID:** Amateur cameraman and UFO spotter David Spoor.

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### Zoo's spot of bother as the aliens hover

An "alien spaceship" reported to be hovering over heart of the Black Country has been tracked down to Dudley Zoo.

UFO Research Midlands members went to Castle Hill after reports about a huge glowing ball high in the night sky above the town.

"We had several phone calls telling us about a strange glowing object in the sky, but it was not until we went out to the site that we realised the UFO was actually the Virgin Skyride balloon which is now illuminated at night," said group spokesman Trevor Wyld, of Crimmond Rise, Halesowen.

"I must admit it looks pretty convincing from a distance, but there's nothing to fear. It's a friendly craft," joked Trevor, aged 36.

Virgin Aerostations managing director Hugh Band said: "We are sorry if we have caused alarm and surprise to members of the public. We thought the illuminated Skyride might generate some UFO calls, but we were staggered at the number of people that thought Dudley could be the landing zone for alien visitors."

A MASSIVE triangular UFO is back in the skies over the West and it seems to be drawn to a prehistoric Dorset hill fort.

Five separate witnesses have seen the mysterious craft, said to be the size of a football pitch, hovering to the North of Maiden Castle, outside Dorchester.

Though none of them wants to be identified one is understood to be a professional medical man and another a local clergyman. All the witnesses were staggered by the size of the object, which hovered for 15 minutes.

The craft, with strings of lights along its sides, is similar to one seen near Glastonbury in Somerset three years ago. David Kingston, a UFO researcher and former RAF serviceman, based in Dorset, said similar objects had been seen all over the world.

He saw one to the West of Maiden Castle a couple of years ago. The Castle, a grass-covered Iron Age hill fort and Britain's finest prehistoric earthwork, was the focus of other strange phenomena in 1995 when 16 crop circles appeared in fields around it.

Mr Kingston, of Goldcombe Farm House, Martinstown, Dorchester, wants to hear from anyone else who may have seen the latest UFO, which appeared late last month.

He said yesterday: "What was especially interesting about the last sightings is that there were large spheres of light going in and coming out of it. That is not common."

Mr Kingston can be telephoned on 01307 760213 or contacted via his Internet website on <http://freespace.virgin.net/david.kingston/index.html>

### UFO sighting over Zennor 'unusual'

A RESIDENT living near Gurnard's Head at Zennor has reported seeing a "strange unidentified flying object" pass over the area.

The man, who doesn't want to be named, reported his "UFO" sighting to the Truro based Cornwall UFO Research Group.

He said that he saw an object with two red flashing lights and a red and white still light during the night two weeks ago.

Dave Gillham of the Cornwall UFO Research Group said that the sighting was unusual as the man further reported hearing a "screeching" noise.

He said that he was sure it was not a helicopter and said it was too large to be a kite, as we do know of a person who flies kites at night in the area," said Mr Gillham.

"I would be interested to hear from anyone else who may have noticed anything over Gurnards Head two weeks ago."

He said that plans to expand the group and hold meetings in Penzance will not be going ahead as reported in last week's Cornishman.

The Truro-based group, whose members are already actively investigating sightings and holding skywatches in the area, could not afford to rent a venue in Penzance to hold meetings at all. For more information telephone Dave Gillham on 01872-276381.

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