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THEY'RE out there somewhere. . . and a Medway UFO spotter intends to find them!

So serious is Ken Berry in his quest to track down alien life-forms that he's started advertising for people to come forward with UFO sightings, and intends to build up a dossier.

Ken, 61, has been a life-long believer in UFOs, but has never seen one himself.

"I can't believe that with millions of suns and millions of planets, we are the only planet that's inhabited," he says.

"I believe in UFOs and I would love to see one, but, unfortunately, I never have."

Ken, who is now retired, spent three years in the RAF and says he never went up in the plane. But it doesn't stop him probing the sky, and sometimes he keeps an all-night vigil.

"UFOs have fascinated me and caught my imagination all my life," he said.

As a member of the Yorkshire-based International UFO Research Network, he is co-ordinating reports of sightings in Kent.

But so far, sightings have been a little thin on the ground.

Said Ken: "My cousin has seen something inexplicable in the sky over Medway. It looked like an airship but could have been a UFO. It was the usual cigar-shaped type of object. And my son Lee has had two UFO sightings."

Ken is asking anyone who thinks they have seen a UFO to complete a questionnaire giving details of the object, with the date, time, size, shape, speed and the direction it was travelling in.

□ Anyone who thinks they have spotted a UFO in the sky over north Kent can contact Ken at his Rochester home on 01634 310473.

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Expert probes reports of UFOs

More than 20 UFO sightings across Lichfield, Cannock and Tamworth have been reported to a local investigator in the past week.

Mark Haywood, aged 31, of Smithfield Rise, Lichfield, placed notices across the region asking residents to contact him with their sightings.

He has been inundated with letters over the past week and has even been sent a photograph of an unexplained shining light during a thunderstorm.

Other reports include a flying triangle and strange objects or lights in the sky. Mr Haywood has been investigating extra-terrestrial activities for 17 years and decided to continue his research in Lichfield and the surrounding towns.

"This region does have a lot of UFO activity and a lot of people don't know who to report a sighting to, so it goes unnoticed," he said.

"But I've got an inquiring mind and I am a keen astronomer so I know the night sky and would like to hear from anyone who has seen a UFO."

Mr Haywood, who publishes the Cosmic Horizons magazine, can be contacted on 01543 263638.

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Sky's not the limit for alien watchers

MEET Gary Darlington - a sky-watcher.

Armed with camcorders, tape recorders and an official pass, Gary Darlington, is part of an eight-man team based in Wales.

Their objective - to collect data on unexplainable alien activity across the country and report back to HQ.

IUFORN (The International UFO Research Network), which has hundreds of round-the-clock researchers working across the globe, uses the information for its monthly brief.

"I have been interested in UFOs for the past 20 years," said Gary, from Cardiff.

"If you had asked me before then if I believed in them I would have thought you were mad. Now I think, with the dawning of the new Millennium, you have to be cuckoo not to think there is nothing out there."

Now in his first year with the organisation, father-of-three Gary already has five signed statements from people who say they have seen UFOs.

Most evenings he pins up his posters for information and waits for the phone to ring.

"You get a lot of crank calls," said Gary, who admits it goes with the territory.

"But occasionally you will have to go out and take notes from people with genuine sightings across Wales."

"A man in Cwmbran told me he had watched a UFO for 15 minutes," said Gary.

"He phoned the police and two officers also watched the bright blue object before it moved away at a terrific speed."

Gary also tells of an incident in Canada where a south Wales man swore he'd seen two small, grey aliens.

"He was on holiday with his wife," said Gary, who has the whole interview on tape.

"He was woken in the early hours by a bright blue light shining in his window. Then he turned to see two thin aliens at the foot of his bed. The next thing he remembers is wak-



STAR-STRUCK:
Gary Darlington

Did you see object?

THE South Wales UFO Network would like to know if anyone who was in Brynmawr on the afternoon of Saturday, July 17, spotted anything unusual in the sky.

At approximately 3.15pm two witnesses observed a small sphere-shaped object in front of some clouds roughly three miles in the direc-

tion of Abergavenny.

The unidentified shape was said to be stationary for 15 minutes before being covered by cloud.

If anyone has any information regarding the sighting please contact Paul on 01495 215601 or Kath on 321117.

The region's leading UFO magazine has a new editor at a time when public interest in strange phenomena has never been greater. **Bill Wilson reports.**

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GLORIA Dixon has been monitoring unexplained flying objects and other strange occurrences for more than 30 years, but you compare her to *The X-Files*' investigator Scully at your peril.

"I hate it", she says. "Whenever there is something on television or in a paper about UFOs they always mention *The X-Files*. I do have a problem with that.

"Scully and Mulder are never short of cash or facilities, but we are not funded, carry out research at our own expense, and pay to produce our own reports and magazines."

The Newcastle mother-of-one has recently taken over the editorship of *Strange Daze* magazine, a 44-page mix of esoteric research which describes itself as "a balanced and objective magazine in a sometimes very unbalanced subject matter".

Gloria, who combines her editorship with the post as director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association (Bufora), produces the quarterly A4 publication on her computer at home in Wideopen.

The past few years have seen a flood of series like *The X Files*, *Star Trek*, *Dark Skies*, and *Millennium* and films like *Men In Black* and *Independence Day*, which have fuelled the public's fascination and sometimes over-active imaginations.

Unfortunately, dedicated researchers and investigators like Gloria are lumped together too easily in the public consciousness with "alien believers" or conspiracy freaks who use the Internet to swap lurid tales of extra-terrestrial races living under American deserts.

An exasperated Gloria says: "Unfortunately, more and more nonsense and lack of logic is developing around this subject and the UFO community at large, which is getting us all precisely nowhere in our understanding of the issues involved with the UFO mystery.

"The UFO pot is being filled with anomalous phenomena - all being packaged to reinforce belief systems which are based on tales of abductions and aliens."

She hopes to bring a dose of reality to such inexplicable hokum during her time at the helm of the magazine, which started life in Newcastle in the mid-1990s.

"I want *Strange Daze* to be looking at specific areas in depth, and hope to invite new writers and researchers into exploring and addressing some of the important issues.

"I hope to publish articles of a good academic standard which will be miles away from *The X-Files* end of the scene. We are really writing on behalf

new military prototype aircraft are taking place.

"The military doesn't want people sticking noses into their research too much, and are very glad of 'weirdo' type reports of aliens and extra-terrestrial craft as they deflect attention from what they are doing.

"It is our job to be able to address the nature of baffling and mysterious phenomena, but isolate the real mysteries from those that can be explained through research and science."

Her clear thinking, articulate and rational approach is miles away from the image of a zealot obsessively waiting for the little "greys" of popular folklore to come and save mankind.

She says: "Ninety five per cent of all UFO sighting reports can be explained.

"There is no doubt at all that the largest culprit for these sightings are aircraft, both military and civilian, observed at unusual angles and distances sometimes with extreme atmospheric conditions, which can create distortion for the viewer.

"But if a case has been reported a long time after the sighting, it can be difficult to check the specific agencies, such as airports.

"And there is also a problem with

outer space led Gloria to read the report *Project Blue Book*, set up by the US government to investigate UFOs, which was wound up in 1969.

"When I was in America I also heard interesting stories about space sightings which increased my interest.

"Ten years ago I joined Bufora and got involved in research for them, and then progressed to become director of investigations."

In that role she frequently delves into case studies of reported sightings across the country, from the north of Scotland to the south of England. The delta shape seen over Belgium in the early-1990s is still being seen over this country.

About 8pc of reports to Bufora last year involved black triangular objects seen hovering silently in the sky, at times very low, and often with unusual navigation lights.

These reports came in from many areas of the UK including Scotland, the North-West, the South-West and Berkshire.

"We had an awful lot of reports of this type of triangle from all over the country.

"There is no doubt that there are a percentage of reports where testing of

of people who are looking at different reasons for unexplained phenomena - that is, reasons other than the one of aliens arriving.

"The explanations may involve science, military hardware, seismic activity, or lie within ourselves on another plane of human consciousness we are currently unaware of."

As well as scientific explanations, Gloria also believes UFOlogy covers a range of psychic mysteries, including ghosts, visions, near-death experiences, time warps, and all manner of remarkable and inexplicable phenomena.

In her opinion, "close encounter" experiences have as much to do with the paranormal field of folklore and mysticism as they do with extra-terrestrial visitations.

The current edition of *Strange Daze*, No.17, and her first at the editor's helm, certainly reflects this broad-minded approach, with articles about Russia's own Roswell event, sleep-induced states of being, and manmade flying saucers.

Gloria first became interested in the UFO phenomena when she was in her early teens.

Her father was an aeronautics scientist who specialised in parachute systems and worked on the US space programme.

She spent 12 years in the United States when the Nasa space programme was at its height and the whole country was alive with a renewed pioneer spirit.

This excitement in America about

memory retrieval being accurate a long time after an event. The various agencies such as airports, military bases, police, coastguard, who could help identify the sighting are often unhelpful or disinterested about responding to our inquiries.

"They have had more correspondents and phone calls from 'UFO investigators' over the last couple of years than they are interested in dealing with, and in some cases view us as cranks - which is totally understandable."

She adds: "In many ways UFO is a very unfortunate term, and has led to much misinterpretation.

"The term represents many things to many people, but has become almost totally identifiable with the culture of alien abduction.

"A recent magazine poll found more than half of us believe there is intelligent life on other worlds.

"Aliens and UFOs have become part of today's new belief-system as religion continues to wane, and we suffer end-of-an-era angst as year 2000 approaches.

"As we turn away from God, people are looking to the skies to find something else to believe in to give some sort of spiritual meaning to their lives.

"The aliens of today are the angels and demons of yesteryear."

● *A Strange Daze* subscription (four issues) costs £8. Write to The Editor, *Strange Daze*, Unit 2A, East Cheap, Heaton, Newcastle, NE6 5UA. Cheques payable to Gloria Dixon.

Solution to UFO mystery is plane

SOUTH Bucks is at the centre of a UFO mystery after an "alien space craft" was spotted making its way across the South Bucks sky.

The sightings of "a cigar shaped object" were reported to Thames Valley Police by two separate callers from Stoke Poges after 9pm on Thursday.

One of the callers told an operator that it was from Mars and that there was going to be an invasion.

But Graham Birdsall, editor of *UFO Magazine*, explained that similar sightings have been put down to the movement of military aircraft.

'There is no doubt that there are a percentage of reports where testing of new military prototype aircraft are taking place.'

Gloria Dixon

RESEARCH: Farmers with unexplained livestock losses urged to contact researcher to map out incidences

UFO believer seeks starry-eyed cow-killers

ROBIN TURNER

A UFO researcher gathering evidence for a new book claims mystifying attacks on cattle may be down to extra-terrestrials and abductions.

Neil Spring, 17, formerly a sightings collator for the Global UFO investigation network, is planning to work as an independent researcher in Wales. If hundreds of witnesses are to be believed, the Welsh have been buzzed, visited, frightened and even abducted for decades.

He has already logged an impressive list of alleged UFO sightings, with the last major rash of observations having a personal interest.

He said, "I am particularly interested to hear from farmers if they have lost cattle in unusual circumstances or if they have discovered cattle which have been mutilated in some way and the injuries cannot be put down to attacks by wild animals.

"This type of attack on cattle has taken place across the world and there have been a number of typical attacks in Wales. Cows and sheep have been found with mutilations made by extremely precise instruments.

Calling interplanetary craft

WALES has experienced a series of UFO sightings including:

- January 20, 1974, a mysterious object reportedly crashed on the Berwyn mountain in North Wales. Villagers were frightened by a ground tremor and heard a deafening explosion. Witnesses saw a large, pulsating orange glow on the mountain and shortly after the area was cordoned off by RAF officials;
- 1976, 11-year-old Gaynor Sutherland watched terrified when, she said, a silver, saucer-shaped craft landed in a field near her home in Flint;
- February 1977, 14 schoolchildren from Broadhaven reported seeing a

- strange, silver cigar-shaped object in a field near their primary school;
- Policeman Neville Hughes witnessed a strange flying craft on three occasions in Denbigh. He and colleague Berwyn Jones followed one in their patrol car for three miles;
- January 19, 1983, hundreds of witnesses across South Wales reported a number of large and brilliantly lit triangles, some flying at tree level;
- 1989 Mysterious crop circles appeared along the Gwent-Powys borderline. A total of 98 circles were discovered at Llanthony;
- February 1996, Bryon Jones, from Ammanford, reported a large metallic object crossing the sky.

"People have experiences of strange objects or sightings but very often they don't know where to report it or what to do about it. I hope that people in Wales will get in touch with me so I can at least compare their experiences with those of hundreds of others.

"This is a growing issue which will not go away despite the attempts of

the MoD to play down the phenomenon for whatever reasons they have for doing this."

The young researcher is currently putting the final touches to his book, *Cosmic Intrusion* which involves hundreds of witness testimonials about sightings of what observers are convinced are evidence of alien interest in Earth.

He said, "Given the billions and billions of planets which are out there it would be incredible if we were the only advanced civilisation around. It is far more likely that there are aliens in existence than there being nothing out there at all."

He is building up a library of photographs and videos of mystery objects in the skies above Wales, including video footage of an object said to have been hovering over Newtown in Mid Wales in June 1997.

He said, "The video shows a metallic object in a clear blue sky and it darts off at incredible speed, the object seems to leave the screen within just three frames."

The researcher, of Bishopston, Swansea, has also been sent a number of photographs including that of a ball of light seen above Pembroke Dock in 1967 taken by Neil Weatherall and what appears to be a space ship appearing in a family photograph in Snowdonia, August 1975.

Anyone who has witnessed unusual happenings, and has video footage or photographs, can contact Neil Spring at 11, Northway Court, Bishopston, Swansea SA3 3J2 or telephone 01792 234766.

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UFO interrupts Four Weddings and a Funeral!

AN unidentified flying object spotted in the sky over Tillicultry at the weekend left an *Advertiser* reader totally perplexed.

The woman, who asked not to be named, said she and her husband were mesmerised by a bright light on Sunday evening.

The couple, who live in Dollar Road, were watching the film *Four Weddings and a Funeral*

on television at about 10.30pm.

The woman said, "The curtains were open and we saw this bright light in the sky.

"My husband got the binoculars and looked at it. At first I thought it was the north star but it was in the wrong place. It had a red tail like a comet or and asteroid, and seemed to be falling.

"It was really amazing and

beautiful. We called to our son and he saw it as well."

Leading UFO expert Ron Halliday who lives in Bridge of Allan, said that while he had not had any reports of anything specific on Sunday evening, it was not an unusual description of a UFO.

Extensive

The chairman of Scottish Earth Mysteries Research and author

of a book on UFO activity over Scotland added, "There have been an extensive number of reports of people seeing strange lights over the hills, but I haven't heard of anything specifically in the last few days.

"I have been looking at the sky over the last few nights, because it has been so clear, but I haven't seen anything. "At the end of last year some-

one saw a yellow and red object moving in an odd way over the Wallace Monument. "What the lady has described doesn't sound like an aeroplane or any kind of astronomical object, so it is an unidentified flying object."

A spokesman for Tillicultry Police Station said they had received no reports of any bright lights over the town on Sunday evening.

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Why restaurant staff chickened out

STRANGE flashing lights in the night sky made Slough restaurant staff too chicken to look out of their window - at Kentucky Fried Chicken!

The five staff members were cleaning up at the Farnham Road food outlet at about 1.30am on Saturday when an eerie gleam came from the heavens.

With one staff member believing it might be a UFO, they took the safest course of action and called police, saying they

'were too scared to look'.

Officers were able to allay their fears, telling them over the telephone it was merely flashes from the warm evening's sheet lightning storm.

According to shift manager Deepak Chandoke: "They were not sure what it was.

"At first they thought it was lightning, but with no rain and just flashes, they just didn't know."

They're out there, watching over Jason, waiting to snatch him in the night

by **NICKI WALKER**

NEWS REPORTER

THEY have moved two hundred miles to start a new life, but a family believes they have been followed – by aliens.

Paul and Ann Andrews are convinced that their son Jason has been targeted by beings from another planet.

They say that ever since he was born, Jason has been taken in the night to be studied on board a space craft by strange grey creatures.

Jason's only memory of his abductions are recollections of opening his eyes to find himself on an operating table.

Now his mother Ann has written a book about experiences spookier than anything on TV's *The X-Files*.

At their farm in Kent, Paul and Ann say animals were found mutilated, cattle died in mysterious circumstances and pregnant cows suddenly became barren. And strange lights appeared in the sky over their house.

But if the Andrews family thought that after moving to Long Sutton near Wisbech, their 16-year-old son Jason would be safe for the first time in his life from the mysterious beings who have been spiriting him away at night – they were proved wrong.

Jason has since vanished in the middle of the night several times – only to return with mysterious marks on his body. Marks that the family are convinced are being left by alien experiments.

And Ann (42), who has another



THEY'RE HERE: Ann Andrews' sketch of one of the small aliens that regularly abduct Jason.

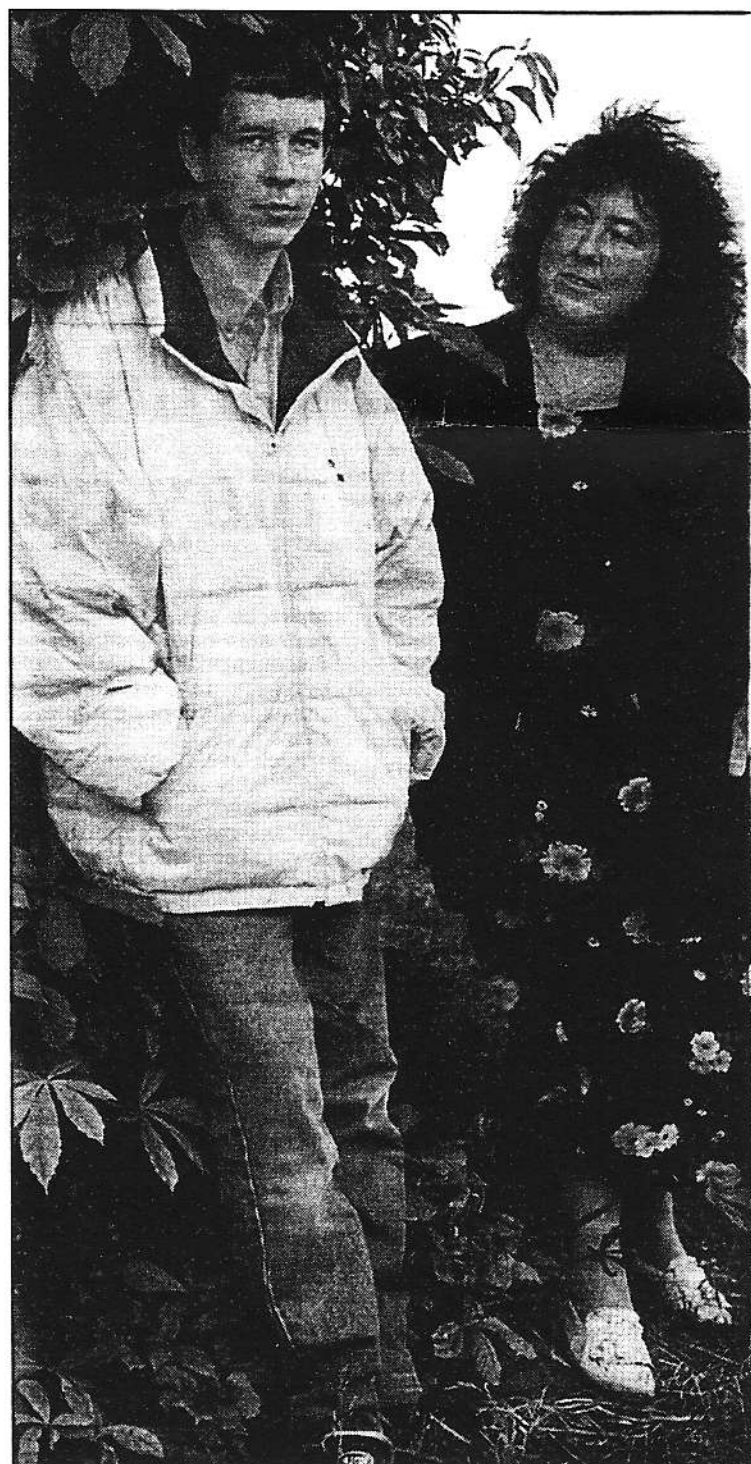
son, Daniel (20), is convinced the abductions from the aliens run in the family and she too has had alien encounters.

She said: "For years we did not believe it was happening and put it down to Jason having bad nightmares. I know a lot of people think we are crazy and don't believe us, but it is happening.

"We don't know why they have chosen Jason, only that he is special. The aliens called him an "Original Soul", although we are still not sure what that means."

Jason's contact with the aliens means he generates electric shocks and he has been known to melt electrical appliances.

He is reluctant to talk about his experiences, but he knows that tonight he could open his eyes to find himself on that strange operating table with the grey beings hovering over him again.



UNEXPLAINED: Ann Andrews and her son Jason (16), at their home in Long Sutton. (990654)
Picture: DAVID LOWNDE

Skies filled with 'aliens'

THE Peterborough area has been plagued with alleged UFO sightings for years.

They include construction workers at Hampton seeing a bright white circle in the sky.

A black triangular-shaped UFO was seen hovering above the A47 between Wisbech and Peterborough by a student, his

girlfriend and her mother.

Brian Dunnnett, from Nether-ton, saw silver lights above his home in Heaton Close in 1995.

Bizarre crop circles appeared at Sibson Airfield near Wansford in 1990 and Ivor Roose from Thorpe Road took a picture of three unexplained objects over Orton Waterville in 1981.

Spooks, UFOs, pyramids and a chapel in

ROBERT MCNEIL

GREEN men with holes for eyes stare out from the stone. Eight dragons from Norse Nifelheim cavort round a pillar while the devil looks on, scowling in disappointment.

Welcome to Rosslyn Chapel, the spooky little building with the exquisite pagan carvings, which sits on the edge of a wooded valley just beyond a Midlothian village.

With its Masonic and Templar links, it has attracted many and wonderful theories: Christ's head is said to be there, as is a fragment of the Cross, the Holy Grail, and treasure beyond the dreams of avarice. It is said by some to be the holiest place in western Europe. It gives this writer the creeps, but then I regularly rail against organised religion and probably have few points on my heavenly credit rating.

Recently, representatives of Strange Phenomena Investigations came from Denny and beyond to investigate the site in the company of four mediums and psychics.

SPI, which today mainly consists of Brian Allen and Jim Lochhead, has been investigating hauntings and weird doings in Scotland for many years. This was its first official visit to Rosslyn.

It claims a healthy scepticism but one can't help feeling the two amiable investigators want there to be another world out there, other beings, magic things. Nothing wrong with that? Who doesn't? Nothing, surely, could be worse than this everyday world with its wars, injustices and fetid smells of decay.

At Rosslyn, accordingly, SPI came away with some startling findings, which call for extra effort in the willing suspension of disbelief. The psychics are certainly disappointing for photographic purposes, with no weird costumes, crystals, pendulums, pentagrams, or pointy hats.

When pressed on their methods, they say they get not feelings, not thoughts, but inexplicable something in their heads. One, Ann Marie Sneddon, has a brave bash at defining this something, comparing

the difference between mundane thoughts and extra-sensory experience to that between city air and the breeze atop a mountain.

Once inside the chapel, the psychics, and indeed the chaps from SPI, say their senses were sent reeling.

Lochhead says: "When I came into the building I got the feeling the whole floor was actually moving up and down very slowly. It was like a ship full of lovely vibrations. It was carrying you off. It was not like being on the ground. It was like floating."

Sneddon found even more: "There is what is called an astral doorway. It is like a time machine. If used properly you can go to different astral levels."

"What I picked up was that this doorway was used like a door for UFOs. But that is only part of it. A lot of ley lines pass through it, joining up like they do at Bonnybridge [the famous centre of alleged UFO activity]. This is a very big doorway. It does other things such as filtering ancient information, such as how

the pyramids were built." While all this is going on, an American woman was belting out spirituals with gay abandon. She was followed by a choral group, standing in a circle with candles on the floor, singing plainsong and intoning the words, "watching and praying". When they stopped, the silence was as deep as well at the world's end.

On the day of our visit, there were visitors from all over the world. In fact, the only people not encouraged are the press. *The Scotsman* was not allowed to take pictures in the building, or even in the grounds.

Rosslyn Chapel Trust Ltd has seen all sorts come and go, and is palpably fed up with giving publicity to the far side. The chapel is the only medieval building regularly used by the Scottish Episcopal Church and can be booked for weddings and musical evenings.

The church was built in 1446 by William St Clair, the third and last Prince of Orkney, and contains carvings allegedly from the New World which predate the voyage of Colum-



bus. The famous Apprentice Pillar is entwined in Masonic myth and there are more foliage-bearded pagan "green men" here than in any other medieval building in Britain.

Our own beardless voyagers from the Central Belt believe the chapel not furnish evidence, says he almost fell over when directed to a particular spot by Ms Sneddon. "Ann Marie intensified the power. I felt

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Stone cold:
Rosslyn
Chapel is said
to contain
carvings from
the New
World which
predate the
voyage of
Columbus

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STANDARD NEWSLINES

Did you see this UFO?

MEMBERS of the Essex UFO Research Group this week appealed for anyone who may have seen an unusual happening in the skies near Frating on July 14.

A couple in a car have reported seeing a triangular or pyramid shaped object with red, green and white rotating lights that hovered above them, made steering difficult and affected clocks on mobile phones. Michael Joyce of the group can be contacted on 01255 821121.

head of a tombstone, and shut my eyes and lowered my arms slowly but felt nothing at all, other than a bit stupid. Apart from anything else, the movement was exactly the same as a yoga exercise with which I was familiar and so did not feel unusual to me.

Despite that let-down, the mediums remained undeterred. Marie Shanes says: "I experienced ley lines by the dozen. You can actually feel the energy. I got very shaky."

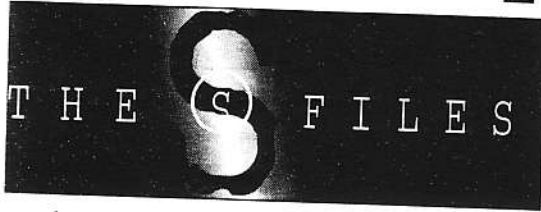
Her husband, Ian, adds: "There was a great deal of activity. At one point - and I don't want to say too much about this - I was approached by someone from the other side, a spirit, who seemed to come out of the ground and say with a wink: 'It's a secret.'"

He said this showed how down-to-earth the spirits were. Sneddon says Rosslyn might have a message for us all. "The importance of today is that we have located this astral doorway, which, if it is approached properly, could change the whole planet." On the other hand...

Was it a bird? Was it a plane? Was it a battleship sized UFO?

S-FILES

Location: 28,000ft above the North Sea, approximately 58 miles off the Danish coast
Dateline: 3.2.99.
Subject: Battle-sized UFO spotted



REPORT: A Danish X-Files team is investigating reports of a battle ship-sized object seen 28,000ft over the North Sea by a British pilot.

The object, which was described as silver-coloured and pencil thin, with square windows along the fuselage, was sighted 58 miles off the Danish coast during

a private charter flight between Linköping in Sweden and Humberside.

Shortly afterwards, the cockpit of the BAe 146 jet was immersed in incandescent light, according to reports.

The captain of the Debonair flight on February 3 joins a list of 3,500 private and commercial

pilots from around the world who claim to have seen UFOs.

Scandinavian UFO Information, which investigates all unexplained sightings, said it is definitely interested in investigating this one as it sounds very strange.

The Civil Aviation Authority said the sight-

ing has been logged but no further inquiries were being made as it was not a life-threatening incident but merely a report of a sighting.

Graham Birdsall, editor of *UFO Magazine*, said reports about UFOs from pilots are not to be scoffed at. Even most cynics would agree that these people would not bring their names into the public domain unless they were damn sure about what they had seen.

The pilot's accurate description of the UFO added credibility to the claim.

"These are professional observers and no matter how long it was visible for, it was enough for the pilot to compare it with, and one by one dismiss, all alternative possibilities," he added.

● *Have you seen a UFO lately? Have you encountered anything which can't be explained or are involved in investigating the paranormal? Contact the S-Files with your spooky tales. Call Andrea Thompson on 01900 607628.*

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Subject natter

with editor
Nik O'Flynn



Up in the air

PRE-MILLENNIUM madness is already on its way as we have six supposed sightings of UFO activity in the skies over Hackney. It may be baloney or it could be the real McCoy. With the advent of the solar eclipse, believers will no doubt be waiting for a special sign to come from the outer space in the weeks preceding August 11. The time of the eclipse is also at 11.11am which adds even more fuel to the believers that something mystic really might happen. But although easy to write off as hoaxes, trick photography or more practical explanations, it is not the first time activity has been reported in the skies above Hackney. And around Hackney Wick and the 'Bow triangle' there have been previous reports of unusual sky high activities. Until I'm taken away by the little green men personally, I remain sceptical. But I will be casting an eye upwards on August 11... just in case.

It has always amazed me why people over the age of seven feed birds. I can understand in hardy winters when our feathered friends are trying to scavenge for a few morsels but in the spring and summer months when vegetation is plentiful people still insist on feeding the things with bread. And not just any old bread, or more precisely, any old bread. But dried up or compressed bread - some that has been scrunched up in the hands of an enthusiastic feeder - can actually cause ducks and the like digestive problems. But the problem is that these creatures don't quite seem to see it that way and will gaggle around the bread-throwers appreciatively giving a few quacks of encouragement for the stale morsels on offer. But as humans take to convenience food like ducks to water I suppose it is only fair that ducks should take to it too.

'Help unravel mystery over UFO sighting'

WESTCOUNTRY businessman Philip Watts is pleading for help to a bid to unravel a mystery sighting in the sky by two of his employees.

Staff at his food production company Dartmouth Smoke House spotted a series of white lights 700ft above isolated South Devon lanes near Tuckenhay on Tuesday night and they are convinced they belonged to a UFO.

"One of the lads had just dropped off my wife in Dartmouth after taking her to see his sick mother in Totnes and as he was taking a short-cut back home he saw six or seven revolving lights which inverted and came back on themselves," said Mr Watts.

"He was gobmacked because the lights moved off in various directions. He stopped his car, got out and for 10 minutes he watched as they came back over his head and moved off out of sight.

"As he told me about it this morning, one of my other staff - a fridge engineer who had a late call last night to a hotel - said he saw exactly the same thing at 10.45 pm.

"The lights, each one the size of a large car, kept moving sideways with the back ones switching in front of the others and then changing round.

"They came from the Dartmouth direction and headed north towards the moors. They hummed like electric pylons, but there were no pylons around.

"The lads are both straight level-headed guys - they do not make things up - and we are now anxious to know whether there were any other sightings.

"I have never seen a UFO and would love to see one. The lads say the lights could not have been anything else but a UFO."

An unearthly Dales diary

Alien Investigator

by Tony Dodd, Headline, £9.99

I VISITED the Yorkshire Dales briefly a few years back and vowed to return for a longer stay. Now I'm not so sure.

After reading the hair-raising case files of this former policeman, I think I'll leave the likes of Skipton and its picturesque surroundings to its very strange residents (and I don't mean the locals).

Recognised widely as Britain's leading UFO detective, the author says the skies above these wild moors are humming with spacecraft and the fields are strewn with unfortunate animals mutilated by inquisitive aliens. He even says he's in touch telepathically with the entities who cause all this bother.

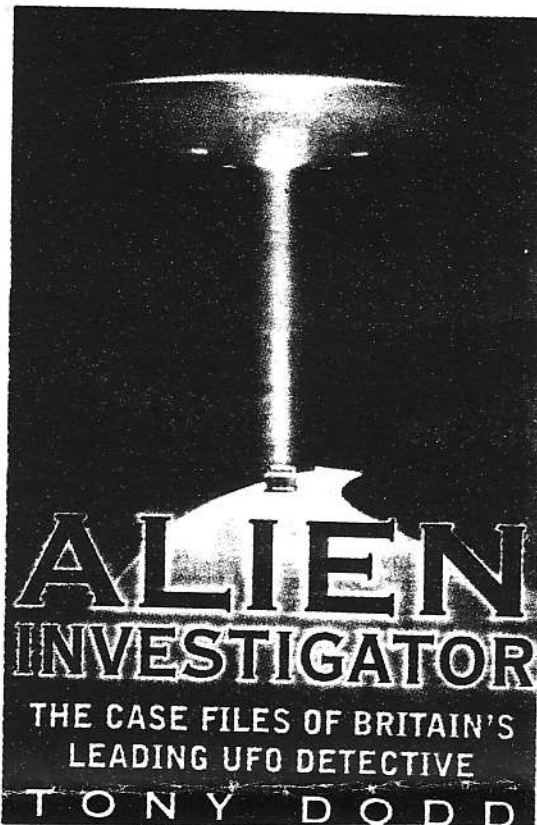
"After my first encounter with a UFO, in 1978, I quickly realised that plenty of other people were also seeing mysterious objects in the skies over the Yorkshire Dales," he writes. And, so, armed with his investigative skills as a copper, Tony sets off on a quest to find out whether his patch - and the rest of the world - is being invaded by unearthly beings.

Along the way he discovers an international conspiracy to cover up UFO-related incidents. The USA is in secret collusion with the "Greys" and there are vast underwater bases in the North Sea, he claims.

Roswell and its famous saucer case is not alone, either. There was a similar crash in the Kalahari Desert - and this time live aliens were captured.

"We are close to the whole truth being revealed," he says. And, but for the interception in the mail two years ago of a lid-lifting video and photographs from a friendly diplomat, we would already have the evidence. By gum...

Brian Paine



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UFO scare from lights at night

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City 'tops' for encounters

By David Clarke

PEOPLE in Sheffield are TEN TIMES more likely to have an alien encounter than anyone else in Britain.

Alien expert Jenny Randles used around 15,000 sightings dating back more than one 100 years to discover the city was a hotspot of UFO activity.

Hundreds of city folk have reported seeing strange objects in the sky, particularly in the years 1962, 1967 and 1987, says Jenny, who lives near Buxton.

She added: "What I found was that people living in the Sheffield area are ten times more likely to have a close encounter than people living anywhere else in the country."

Research

"I used thousands of cases in my research looking at sightings within five miles of towns to see if there was a pattern on a decade by decade basis.

"There are always social factors to take into account such as press attention but my research suggests this has not been the case when you look at cases dating back many years.

"People always claim that Wiltshire

and parts of Scotland are hotspots for this sort of thing but my findings suggest Sheffield and parts of the Peak District are the best places to see UFOs."

Jenny, who has written more than 30 books on UFOs and produced her own TV series on the subject, is England's only full-time investigator of strange phenomena.

She is set to talk about Close Encounters of the Sheffield Kind to the city-based UFO Society at the Three Cranes pub on Queens Street tonight.

She will discuss a near-miss between a 737 jet from Milan approaching Manchester Airport and a "wedge-shaped" UFO over the Peak District.

The case triggered a full investigation by the Civil Aviation Authority who concluded the case remained "unexplained".

Jenny added: "This was just one of 48 mid-air encounters between pilots and unknown objects in UK airspace since 1992."

Tickets for the lecture, which begins at 6.30pm tonight, are £4 on the door.

Their gateway from the stars?

More UFO riddles in South Leeds...

By JOHN BARON

IS the truth out there in South Leeds? A number of strange flying objects have been seen in the area over the past few weeks, sparking a number of calls to the LWN offices from baffled readers.

One Hunslet man, Mr Dave Smith, said he had seen a number of mysterious objects in the last couple of months hovering above Hunslet Moor.

He said that 60-foot long cigar-shaped objects, discs and triangles had been seen flying above Hunslet Moor by a number of local people.

"Something big appears to be happening in the area," he said.

Meanwhile, a South Leeds man is renewing his appeals for help to solve his own UFO riddle.

As reported in some editions of the LWN in our June 3 issue, Mr Ronald Lancaster saw four strange objects circling above his house in the night sky.

Mr Lancaster was in the loft of his home in Longroyd View, Beeston Hill at 11.10pm on Thursday, May 27, when he looked out of the window to see a circular tinted green shape in the sky.

After watching it for a

while he went down to the bedroom and he and his wife Maureen saw up to four shapes overhead.

Mr Lancaster said: "They were circling individually and then meeting up in the middle. They did this continually until midnight when they suddenly disappeared.

"They were flying above the clouds and to us on the ground looked to be about the size of dinner plates.

"I've never seen anything like it before. There were no lasers or beams from the ground so I have no idea what they could have been."

The LWN featured eye witness accounts from over a dozen Belle Isle residents who claimed to have seen a UFO above Stourton power station four years ago.

UFO buffs will be able to witness some of the most startling video tape evidence ever shown when a nationwide roadshow comes to Leeds at the start of July.

The evening lecture, backed by Otley-based UFO magazine, features Mexico's UFO expert Jaime Maussan, who will be showing clips from over 200 video tapes that have recorded a wave of UFO activity over Mexico since 1991.

Graham Birdsall, editor of UFO Magazine and organiser of the

Millennium UFO Roadshow, said: "This conference is designed to cater for all avid UFO enthusiasts and those curious to discover whether any intelligent life 'out there' has actually paid us a visit."

The lecture will include static displays and unique exhibits.

Admission for the event, at Leeds University Conference Auditorium on Monday July 5 is £5 and bookings can be made on freephone 0800 092 4565.

● Have you seen something you can't explain in the night sky recently? Have you had an experience with a UFO? Or do you think UFOs are just 'pie in the sky'? Write with your experiences to UFO Views, Editorial Dept, Leeds Weekly News, PO Box 49, Wellington Street, Leeds LS1 1LW.

ET and his playpals are coming to town

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A SCOTTISH town is set to become the new UFO hot spot.

Glenrothes says it is ready to take over from Bonnybridge as the place where ET likes to play.

The Fife town is claiming the title after an increasing number of weird sightings.

Only three years ago two women and their children experienced a close encounter on a country road near Falkland, in Fife.

The adults, who were never identified, said they saw a strange craft and its even weirder occupants.

The group suffered flashbacks in which they were revisited by the aliens months afterwards.

The incident will be among a number discussed next month when 500 ufologists from around the globe descend on Glenrothes.

They will discuss the strange lights and unusual objects seen shooting

across the sky by thousands of witnesses.

Delegates and the public will also be able to view some of the best images of UFOs ever captured on film.

Among the pictures will be footage from some of the sightings which have taken place in Scotland.

Experts in the field of extraterrestrial visitors will also address the two-day event, which begins on July 10.

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UFO Chase crash theory

UFO enthusiasts in Staffordshire won't need the new Star Wars film to provide them with a taste of the intergalactic today.

Instead of the bizarre landscapes and alien creatures of The Phantom Menace, the ufologists will hear about something closer to home - the crash landing of a flying saucer on Cannock Chase.

Author Nicholas Redfern has just completed a new book chronicling the alleged crash, which is supposed to have happened in 1964. He will recount the incident at a meeting of the Staffordshire UFO Group in

Rugeley tonight. Mr Redfern claims to have uncovered evidence from a witness who saw a strange craft being removed from the forest by the military.

The author said the claims could be supported from evidence by an American intelligence officer that three alien creatures were recovered from the site.

It is claimed that the incident was covered up by the authorities.

The talk takes place at the Red Rose Theatre, Taylors Lane, and begins at 7.30pm. Admission is £2.50.

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UFO sighting

A UFO was spotted in Goldsithney by four people on Sunday night, claims Dave Gillham of the Cornwall UFO Research Group.

At about 7.30 pm a Goldsithney couple, who wish to remain anonymous, saw a round glowing light moving across the sky very, very, quickly.

The couple, who saw the UFO through a skylight in their bedroom, rushed outside to get a better view.

At about the same time another two people reported seeing a round light descend through the clouds, before shooting off at great speed.

Last year a UFO sighting in the Goldsithney area turned out to be a lazer light display at the newly reopened Helston Garage, he revealed.

Dave Gillham can be contacted on 01872 276381.

A UFO investigation group is trying to find more people who witnessed a possible sighting over Leicester - in the hope of discovering what it really was.

City mum Susan Danvers stepped out of her house at 11.20pm on June 16 to take her Yorkshire Terrier, Tyson, into the front garden.

As she looked up she saw a bright light shining high in the sky towards the west - and is now convinced she witnessed an Unidentified Flying Object over Leicester.

The 45-year-old from West-

by Sarah Kerby

leigh Road, believes the light was too high for a jet and too bright to be a star.

"It was an incredibly bright circular light. As I watched it, it sort of pulsed towards us and became a larger circle" she said.

"The centre of the circle also increased in brightness. Then it just vanished. It all took a matter of seconds - maybe 15 for it to happen."

The Charnwood UFO Research Group is investigating the sighting and appealing for other people who may have seen it to contact them.

President and chief investigator Kirk Hargrave-Parsons

said that, initially, he believed the bright light could have been Jupiter - but that had now been ruled out.

"Because it was relatively stationery, it couldn't have been a satellite. We have not been able to find any commercial jets that were flying on that trajectory."

But as the mystery deepens, Ms Danvers knows that the truth is out there.

"I'm open minded, but I'm not a UFO spotter. As far as I'm concerned, I saw a light in the sky, which I can't explain. I'm happy to believe that it was a UFO."

■ Did you see the bright light over Braunstone? Call Kirk Hargrave-Parsons on 01530 814997.

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A COUPLE got a shock when they spotted an unexplained object in the sky over Tendring.

As they turned off the A120 near Frating to join the A133 to Clacton they saw a white light - which they initially took to be a star but about ten times bigger.

When they approached the object the driver experienced difficulty steering the car and the clocks on their mobile phones went off.

Then as they got right underneath they saw red, green and white rotating lights as it hovered above them.

The object then changed to a triangular or a pyramid shape and started to move slowly before coming to a halt. It then zoomed off at incredible speed.

Michael Joyce of the Essex UFO Research Group said the incident was reported by the couple who had previously not believed in such phenomenon.

It took place on July 14 and Mr Joyce would like to hear from anyone else who may have seen it. He can be contacted on 01255 821121.

UFO sighting sends helicopter on vain hunt

A MYSTERIOUS ball of light was spotted in the sky over Garston on Saturday, causing the police to send out their helicopter for a fruitless three-hour search.

The spectacle was seen by a number of people living around the Garston and Bricket Wood area, who all claim to have seen a fireball falling from the sky.

Mrs Joyce Hill, of Sheepcot Lane in Garston, said: "It was between 10pm and 10.30pm when I saw what looked like a meteorite in the sky.

"I went to draw my bedroom curtains and, when I looked out of the window, I saw a blazing red ball in the sky.

"At first it didn't register but I was transfixed by what I saw. It was very red, like the centre of a very hot fire. It took only a matter of seconds for it to fall, and it disappeared behind a tree.

"I'm very curious to know whether it was a meteorite and I should like to know what happened to it."

A police helicopter was sent up around the area of Garston

to search for signs of this sighting. It circled for about three hours at an estimated cost of £1,350 but saw nothing."

A police spokesman said: "People were calling in to say they saw a fire ball coming down from the sky. Some thought it could have been a plane on fire, but they said they did not hear a crash. Others said they saw a trail of smoke and bright lights going off. We sent a helicopter up for almost three hours but found nothing."

During Saturday night there were several firework displays and bonfires taking place in Garston between 9pm and 11pm, which police say could be an explanation for the smoke and lights.

Dr Robert Massey, astronomer and information officer at the Old Royal Observatory in Greenwich, said: "It is possible that people saw a meteorite. They are not that uncommon."

"However, evidence of it landing would depend on its size, as it could have broken up before it reached the ground and left no trace of its impact."

"Altitude also contributes to measuring how far away it was as it may have appeared close by, but it could in fact have been more than 50 miles away."

However, a more mundane answer to the mystery may have been offered by Mrs Helen Anthony of Severn Way, Garston, who was walking in the Kytes Estate on Saturday evening.

At about 8.45pm she saw what she is convinced was a distress flare in the sky and believes the later sighting may have been more of these.

She said: "I was out with some friends when I saw a ball of light travel up in the air and arc round towards the ground."

"At first I thought it was a firework rocket but there was no bang so I assumed it was a flare."

"I described it to a colleague at work who used to be a sea at lot and he said it sounded just like an old-fashioned distress flare."

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Crop circle symposium

A symposium which will investigate the mystery of crop circles is being held in Glastonbury from tomorrow (Friday) and over the weekend.

A coach tour has been arranged for people from all over the country and across the world who will be arriving in the area.

But although there was a crop circle in Butleigh some years ago, the coach will be heading for Wiltshire, where most examples can be found.

A distinguished array of experts on crop circles and other signs of the times have been assembled to talk

on various subjects at the Assembly Rooms.

Organiser Roland Pargeter said: "There is a strong paranormal side to it. It is a very international group who have booked up and a lot of people from the north of England and the Midlands. They don't have many crop circles up there."

In addition to a line-up of 20 lecturers, there is music by the Avalonian Free State Choir, flautist Christine Mitchell and harpist Arni Williams. For more information contact Mr Pargeter on (01934) 713180.

At last – something interesting on Euro-day

A PEPPARD man says there was something special about European Election Day after all – two triangular-shaped UFOs flew over his home.

Management consultant Kevin White, 31, saw the mystery black craft picked out against the night sky by a border of small white navigational lights on June 10.

Mr White, who lives in Peppard Hill, was smoking a midnight cigarette in his garden.

He said: "I saw the lights about a mile away over Peppard Primary School moving south west.

"It was moving unusually slowly, no more than 30 mph at an extremely low altitude, less than 200 feet.

"I was astonished. I didn't think it was a UFO until it was right over the top of me. I thought 'Oh my God, this is something weird.'

"I heard nothing until it was directly overhead and then there was this low, deep throbbing noise coming from it, unlike any rotary or jet engine.

"I had an excellent view of the craft. It was triangular-shaped rather like a Stealth Bomber, with an unusual configuration of lights."

Mr White ran up his driveway to watch as it flew off and then saw a second unidentified craft coming from the same direction, casting a blue beam over Peppard Common.

He said: "It was a really eerie light and a couple of cars slowed down on the B481 to watch it cross over."

Mr White says he's sceptical about aliens, but he ran indoors to wake his mother and sister, before logging onto the UFO Alert website to record his sighting.

UFO spotters set date for sky scan

UFO spotters are hoping the truth is out there in Bewdley on Saturday when they will be scanning the skies for any signs of mysterious craft appearing.

Stourbridge-based UFO Research Midlands has chosen Trimley Reservoir for its latest skywatch after receiving scores of reports of strange lights above Wyre Forest.

The X-Files style group is bringing ex-Russian military equipment including infra-red cameras and image intensifying lenses to use in their vigil.

A week later on Saturday, July 10 the group is due to hold another skywatch at Hartlebury Common after being told bright objects have been seen hovering above the nature reserve.

Pollution

At a previous meeting several Hartlebury residents reported seeing a massive aeroplane-shaped object which looked as though it was going to crash into homes.

Another person said they saw a UFO floating above Kidderminster railway station.

UFO Research Midlands spokesman Trevor Wyld said: "Nine out of ten times you do not see anything but it is a chance to exchange information about sightings.

"Wyre Forest is quite a rural area there is not so much light pollution so we can see the sky much clearer.

"We are always coming up with new theories as to what the lights are but I think a lot of what we see is military hardware being tested."

Mr Wyld says he has seen UFOs on Cannock Chase twice and once in Devon.

Members of the public are welcome to the event, which starts at 9.30pm.

For more information call Trevor Wyld on 0958 312115.