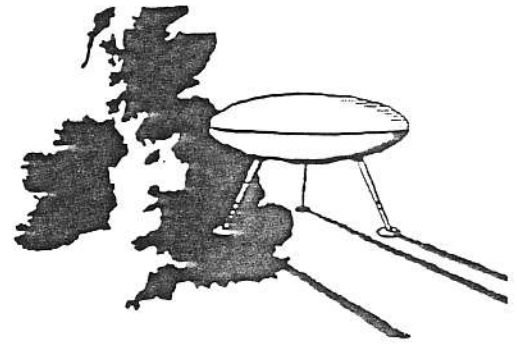


UFO NEWSFILE



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UFO is spotted by police

POLICE reports have triggered an investigation into a huge catamaran shaped UFO with lights which has appeared over the South West.

Most of the 40 sightings have come from police officers on duty.

The 500-foot long, silent object was spotted throughout the region.

Sunday Independent

24.04.93

UFO sightings

DERBY: Police were puzzled by sightings of a UFO over Derby.

A caller at 11.50pm on Saturday had seen a red light "like a flare" flying over Kedleston Road towards Markeaton Park.

Another stargazer at 12.25am on Sunday reported a UFO over Swarkestone Road heading towards Sinfen.

A police spokesman said: "It is a mystery. We have no idea what it was but both calls said it was a red light."

Derby Evening
Telegraph 28.06.93

PEKING: A Chinese passenger plane was buzzed by a UFO resembling a shining ball, says the official Worker's Daily paper.

Sunday Sport 04.07.93

A £7m insurance policy against kidnap by a UFO is available for £7 in California. The payment doubles if the aliens eat you.

Scarborough
Evening

News 04.07.93

UFO spotted over town

TWO teenagers walking back from a friend's home believe they saw a mystery UFO above the skies of Clacton.

Michael Conroy claimed a large circular white light was 300ft in the air over Lake Walk and Jameson Road at 10.35pm on Wednesday.

He added the UFO shot a beam of light out before it faded back.

Michael, 16, of Thomas Road, Clacton, added the light was there for about three minutes before suddenly vanishing.

Mark Thompson, 16, of Saxmundon Way, Clacton, also saw the craft and said: "I'd never seen anything like it before."

Michael added there was no noise so he did not think it was a plane.

The teenagers added they would tell the Essex UFO Research about the sighting.

Spokesmen from Stansted Airport and Clacton airstrip both confirmed there were no low-flying aircraft over Clacton at the time.

Mystery lights puzzle more and more folk

By SAMANTHA TILLYER

MYSTERIOUS lights have been whizzing around the night sky and more and more people from the Leatherhead area have become bemused by them.

Since last week's report in THE ADVERTISER, when an Effingham man witnessed a pool of white

lights skimming over the roof-tops, residents have been inundating our office with calls saying they have seen a possible UFO.

So far, there has been no logical explanation to the series of peculiar shaped lights. A local phenomenalist reckons a meteorite shower may have been to blame, or that it could have just been weather conditions.

Two people of Worpie Road, Leatherhead, noticed something strange hovering over Norbury Park last Tuesday. Stewart Glover believes they were teardrop-shaped lights. "They were in a circle: it was gradually going outwards and then the lights broke off into single file," he says adding "it was like

something out of Star Wars."

Maurice Comber, of the same road, thought he was watching a helicopter land: "It was hovering and then it went away so fast that I realised it couldn't have been a helicopter," he tells me.

He saw a bunch of lights shining downwards, like landing lights, about two miles away from his home.

A close encounter has haunted Dena May twice. On two Fridays in succession, she has seen a possible UFO from her home at Merrylands Road, Bookham.

"They were travelling across the sky from right to left and back again. They

reminded me of gas cooker rings — individual lights in a circle that were rotating anti-clockwise.

Leatherhead
Advertiser 27.05.93

What a sauce!

EURO MPs want to spend £300,000 a year on a crackpot scheme to investigate flying saucers. Italian MEP Tullio Regge, who is behind the plan to open a Euro Ufo centre, admitted: "I don't believe Ufos exist — but it's important to check on the reported sightings." Labour's leader in the European Parliament, Glyn Ford, is trying to veto the scheme. "Taxpayers money should not be wasted chasing Ufos," he said.

Press & Journal
05.04.93

THE RAF and police have been unable to shed any light on a 'UFO' sighting over Canterbury.

The unidentified flying object was seen hovering in the night sky, before moving at incredible speed towards Ashford.

It was spotted by a motorist and her passenger, travelling along the London-bound A2 towards Canterbury. She also reported seeing a military helicopter thousands of feet below the object.

Offlited by the sight of a large, bright, cigar-shaped object in the night sky, they were even more surprised when a strong ray of light shone from it and it disappeared — only to reappear seconds later in the area of Ashford.

"It seemed to have several sources of light shining from it, and was motionless when we first saw it," said driver Carol Davies, from Nelson Road, Gillingham.

"At first I thought it might be part of some kind of laser show — I couldn't think of any other logical explanation.

Report by Matt Silk

"When the beam of light shone out and it disappeared, seeming to travel miles in a second, we were totally mystified. Our sighting lasted almost half an hour as we drove along the A2 and then M2.

"During this time, the UFO was performing all sorts of aerobatics — whizzing along at high speed, disappearing and appearing again. I've been to major air shows, such as Farnborough, and know what advanced aircraft look like, but I know that this was nothing like anything I have ever seen before."

The sighting was reported to the police and RAF Manston, where a report was compiled for the Civil Aviation Authority — standard procedure for such incidents. A spokesman could shed no light on the UFO, but said that all such reports are logged.

Meanwhile, if any *Adscene* readers saw the UFO at about 8pm, on Monday 20 September, please contact our newsroom on Canterbury 767321 ext. 302.

BAFFLED police on patrol in the Western Isles reported seeing a UFO during the night.

The slow-moving lights were first spotted over Galsion on the Isle of Lewis by PCs Ewen Macrae and Alastair Duff.

Ness-stationed PC Duff said: "There were two bright lights shining towards us like a car's headlights. It was a bit strange because we could hear no noises at all."

The lights faded away but the offi-

cers saw them again several times.

"The next time there also seemed to be a red flashing light which made us think it must be aircraft," said PC Duff.

Coastguards and the Scottish Air Traffic Control Centre, which coordinates all civilian air traffic in Scottish airspace, both said they knew of no flights near the Western Isles at that time.

However, the centres duty supervisor said military craft were holding exercises in the area.

The Journal 14.06.93

Adscene 01.10.93

Vancouver, B.C. Canada / June 10/93 : Misquotes, should read (1) Dr. Steven Greer, CSETI of which UFORIC is affiliated has access to CNN. All videos will be submitted to CSETI first. (2) UFORIC will pump computer generated waveforms through a magnetic coil (not all of the CSETI groups. VANCOUVER SUN NEWSPAPER / (DAILY)

UFO HUNTER

Mail sorter's not a wild and crazy guy, but he'd still like to meet some aliens

A search for aliens in space has detected 164 mysterious radio signals that must be studied to learn if they come from natural causes or from ET trying to phone home, scientists said Tuesday.

— June 9 news item.

NICOLE PARTON

Vancouver Sun

The first thing you should know about Lorne Goldfader, is that he isn't crazy. A little odd maybe, but perfectly sane.

By day, the mild-mannered, 43-year-old Goldfader is a Canada Post mail sorter. By night, he's a UFO researcher who runs his Vancouver-based UFO Research Institute of Canada (UFORIC) from a one-bedroom West End apartment that's off-limits to visitors.

Goldfader's summer vacation won't be like yours or mine. He plans to communicate with space aliens hovering above B.C.'s Interior. Using a flashlight. And magnets. And a little luck. Reread the first paragraph. Lorne Goldfader isn't crazy.

The former optician says his life

changed at 1:30 in the morning in December 1977 when he stared into the darkness just above Sunset Beach to see a glowing, pulsating egg-shaped object "large as a full autumn moon ... moving very elegantly and slowly across the sky."

He phoned a local radio station to learn others had seen the same thing, but he never learned its origin.

"What I saw, I just couldn't explain," he says.

So he established his UFO research institute, taking calls from across the country and sharing information with hobbyist and ex-military UFO researchers.

When NASA officials answer his letters, he treasures their replies the way a besotted suitor hoards love letters.

From the grey gym bag he took to our restaurant rendezvous, he pulled a couple of hand-held flashlight strobes and a Panasonic Camcorder, all the better to contact and videotape aliens with. If he's successful, CNN has promised to air the results worldwide.

While he won't say exactly where

he plans his search for intelligent life in the atmosphere (the universe being a little beyond the strobe's reach), Goldfader admits, "We'll signal to draw in the craft. There's a few hot spots. I know where the landing — the supposed landing — sites are."

With the most recorded UFO sightings anywhere in Canada, B.C.'s Williams Lake and Hefley Creek are among the hottest of the hot spots. An area around the Great Lakes and near a Pickering, Ont. nuclear plant have also produced multiple sightings.

Goldfader's summer project may not be as far-fetched as it sounds. He and a core group of volunteers, along with similar groups in Belgium, England, Mexico and the U.S., all plan to pump computer-generated wave forms through a coil this summer, beaming the resultant "magnetic anomalies" into the heavens.

"Then we'll flash three strobe bursts until we get a response. When that happens, there's other protocols we'll follow. We're taking this seriously," he says.

Goldfader promises nearby house-



IAN LINDSAY/Vancouver Sun

USING FLASHLIGHT, magnets and a little luck, Lorne Goldfader hopes to shed more light on existence of UFOs.

holders' TVs and microwave ovens won't even hiccup.

So what do you say to a space alien? Besides Klaatu barada nikto, as Gort kept repeating in *The Day the Earth Stood Still*? The answer is, not much. Goldfader says alien species can probably sense our feelings.

So what's really going on up there?

"We may only see a little bit of it. It's like looking at the foot of a giant.

You don't see the giant."

Goldfader spends nearly half his income on his hobby, devoting 40 to 60 hours a week to it.

"Nowadays," he says, "people don't ridicule it as they used to. Most of them are very interested in the subject."

He says no one should fear the unknown: "If we're to fear anyone, it's our fellow human beings. Humans are the aliens, the way we treat this planet."

IF you were an alien out for a spin in your spaceship where would you go for scenic views and an atmosphere out of this world?

Apparently cosmic Burgess Hill — destination for the intergalactic day-trippers shown in this photograph.

The blue/silver saucer-shaped craft was seen and captured on film above London Road by Daniel Elson and Jonathan Brown, 25.

They were at work one afternoon recently when Jonathan saw the mysterious craft. He called Daniel, 21, outside and both watched amazed as it flew over their heads.

Daniel remembers: "We were a bit gobsmacked. It was just like a flat saucer shape. It was going the speed an aircraft would go. It did not appear to be moving that quickly. Then it went fast and it was a heck of a speed.

"I couldn't believe it.

"You couldn't hear anything. I reckon it was there for 20 seconds before it went over the building behind."

The UFO disappeared but Daniel managed to take a photo of it. "When I got the photos back the

man said: "Have you seen this?"

Still shocked by the experience he said: "What can you say? I don't know whether I believe in UFO-type things but it wasn't like anything I'd seen before."

Possible explanations for the UFO are:

A WEATHER BALLOON. Weatherman Chris Holmes of Charwood Road, Burgess Hill discounted the theory. "All weather balloons are set off at Gatwick and you could not mistake that for a UFO. The balloon also has a very, very long tail."

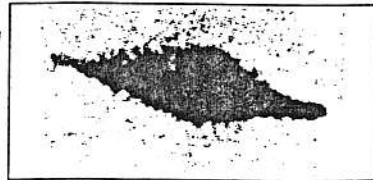
But he did offer a meteorological explanation, that the UFO was a mock sun. "Sometimes you see a brilliant silvery blue disc — these are caused by very high cirrus clouds."

AN AIRCRAFT. A spokesman at Gatwick said that Burgess Hill is on many flightpaths. "In certain weather conditions they can be mistaken for UFOs."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

"HUMAN" faces staring out from the Marlian dust, abductions by little green men, and wartime bombers on the moon — this is the stuff of tabloid UFO stories from the sublime to the downright ridiculous.

Most newspaper reports of mysterious sightings or space phenomena are prompted by a serious mission to explain — a few have more to do with the effects of a full moon.

Adscene's UFO revelation of last week,

and the detailed follow-up in this edition, presented us with a dilemma.

We did not wish to do an Orson Welles and have half our readers heading for the hills in a *War of the Worlds* frenzy, but neither could we discount a lengthy sighting by one of our own experienced reporters.

As she admits in *Adscene* this week, Carol Davies sat on her story for a week because she did not want to be dismissed as a crank, but we know her too well for that.

And she was in good company — most of the people who contacted us in response to our appeal for sightings stayed quiet for the same reasons.

It may be that she saw a natural occurrence, or some kind of military aircraft with which she is unfamiliar.

But on the other hand...

See what our readers — and the experts — have to say, and then let us have your reaction.

FORGET CLOSE ENCOUNTERS THIS IS SERIOUS, SAYS MERV

particularly exciting because it represents the best multiple sighting we have seen in a long time."

Mr Newell works with three other investigators, and has 17 members in the group.

He is well aware of the ridicule that UFO spot- ters attract, and says it is a source of frustration, because it means that only a fraction of sightings are ever reported.

"Most recorded sightings are made by profes- sional observers, such as pilots and air traffic controllers — not by over-imaginative types, as some papers would have you believe," says Mervyn.

He knows that some of his theories about UFOs may seem far-fetched — but he would dare reject them to be published — but who would dare reject them out-of-hand when there are so few answers to so many questions?

More information about the East Kent UFO Ro-

He readily admits that the vast majority of UFO sightings turn out to be cases of mistaken identity. "But it's the rest of them that interest me," he said.

What frustrates him is the way that the Press of- ten presents news of UFO sightings in a Holly- wood style. "The national papers are only inter- ested if they can sen- sationalise it, and write about little green men getting out of flying saucers, or rubbish like that," he said.

"Local papers are the best source of sight- ings, because they generally treat them seriously, and they can create a lot of interest."

As coordinator of East Kent UFO Research he spends his time tracking down people who have had sightings, bringing through scientific papers for information, and trying to bring facts out of the woodwork.

READERS BACK OUR UFO STORY

ONE OF the biggest multiple sightings of a UFO on recent record centered on Canterbury this week.

Report by Carol Davies

More than 20 people contacted *Adscene* after our front page story reported a brightly-lit and fast-moving object over the city.

Witnesses ranging from a university lecturer to a serving soldier and a pensioner phoned in with detailed information.

And the Ministry of Defence has confirmed that it can come up with

no satisfactory explanation after I told them my story.

Descriptions of the unidentified flying object varied, but certain characteristics were common to most of them.

It was said to be either cigar-shaped or oval, with bright lights, and was motionless in most cases.

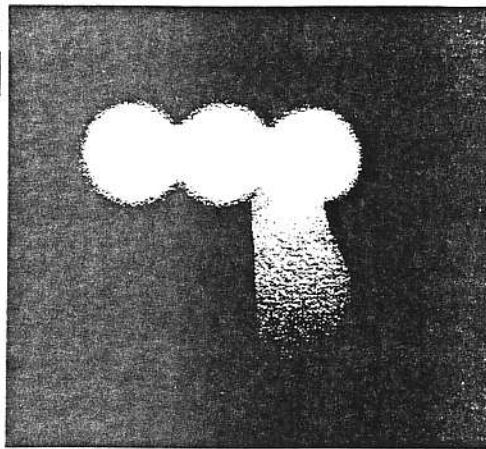
Others who also saw it move say it was almost faster than the eye could

follow.

RAF Manston could offer no explanations, saying that a motionless object would not show up on their radar, and that they had only received one report of a UFO in the area.

Canterbury police have no records which correspond with ours, but they revealed that two sightings have been reported, although dates were not available as we went to press.

None of our witnesses had reported their experiences to the police or the Royal Air Force.



Artist Adrian Williams was traveling with *Adscene* reporter Carol Davies when they watched the UFO over Canterbury.

They saw the object in various locations during a period of 20

minutes, during which they were shocked to see a beam of light shoot earthwards, before it accelerated away at breathtaking speed. This is Adrian's charcoal sketch of what he saw.

Adscene 08.10.93

IT TAKES guts to say that you have seen a UFO.

Nobody wants to be labelled a space cadet, or loony, so it is easier to say nothing.

Dare to speak and you will find that suspicion is a common response — a narrowing of the eyes, followed by questions about what you had been smoking, drinking or swallowing at the time.

Others adopt a jokey 'beam me up, Scotty' attitude, asking you about little green men and ET.

Far more irritating are the wholly inadequate explanations, which are as insulting as they are stupid.

"It was the landing lights of a plane," is how they confidently explain something travelling as fast as a speeding bullet.

"What you saw were the lights of the cathedral illuminating the clouds," is how they sum up a massive, glittering object suspended in the night sky.

It is easy to understand why most people who spot an unidentified flying object keep it to themselves. Even I — a newspaper reporter for the past 14 years — sat on this story for more than a week.

Curiosity finally forced me into the open, and I was persuaded that the only way to find out if anyone

else had seen my UFO was to print the story.

Even then, I refused to have my name on the piece, fearing that it would not only expose me to ridicule, but also attract calls from every nutter in town with theories on Martians working at McDonald's, or large-scale abductions by Venusians.

I was half right. The ridicule came, mostly good-natured leg-pulling, but the readers who called to report their sightings seemed — without exception — very articulate, and level-headed.

A common reaction was huge relief that someone else had seen something and come out into the open about it — well, almost.

None of them — bar one — had reported their sighting before phoning me, fearing that they would not be taken seriously.

Some would say that creating such a climate of disbelief is a deliberate ploy by the authorities. But maybe laughing at something which you cannot explain is just a way of coping with it.

I have never seen a ghost, or fairies at the bottom of my garden for that matter, but I know that I saw something inexplicable on that night.

But what it was I shall probably never know.

WITNESS FILE

WITNESS: Dr Althea Pearson, Psychology Lecturer, University of Kent; from Pilgrim's Way, Canterbury.

SIGHTING: Sometime between Sunday 19 — Wednesday, 22 September.

"I was outside my house, putting the car away one evening when I noticed an unusual object in the sky above the cathedral. It was like a helicopter without blades, and seemed to be bulbous at one end and more tapered at the other. It was a silvery colour, and wasn't moving or making any noise. I assumed it was some kind of aircraft."

WITNESS: David James, Genealogist, Hales Place, Canterbury.

SIGHTING: Friday, 17 September, 8pm.

"I was taking my eight-year-old son Stephen to choir practice when he spotted a bright light in the sky above Canterbury. We both looked at it, and I decided it was maybe a meteorite. Later, when I went to collect him, I was walking by an electricity sub station and glanced up and saw a silvery oval object with lights flashing on and off all around the rim of it."

"I estimate it was the height of a 30-storey building, and it was moving from side to side, like a pendulum, and making a sort of humming, whining noise. A central area of the underside seemed to be glowing."

"I was frozen to the spot and felt as if all my energy had drained out of me. My brain was completely empty, and I felt as if something was being drawn

out of me. I was mesmerised. It was a very frightening experience. I told my son and my wife about it, and drew a sketch of it as soon as I got home. I've dreamed about it since, but I've got no idea of what it was."

WITNESS: Mrs Phyllis Williams, 79, lives in Canterbury.

SIGHTING: Monday, 20 September, 11.15pm

"I was trying to get to sleep when a brilliant white light flooded into my bedroom. It was so bright, it looked as if I didn't have any curtain or window."

"I thought it was sheet lightning, and was waiting for a clap of thunder, when the light disappeared. When none came, I began to wonder about what had caused the light. I got out of bed and across the landing saw the same dazzling light coming through the back bedroom window."

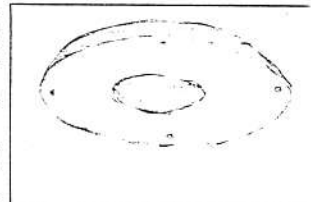
"I ran over to the window but was blinded by what looked like a solid mass of light outside, which lasted for quite a few minutes. I've never seen such a brilliant light, and have no idea what caused it."

WITNESS: A soldier stationed at Howe Barracks, Canterbury.

SIGHTING: Monday, 20 September, 8pm.

"I was driving into Canterbury from Thanet, with my two young children in the back of the car. As we were going along the Sturry Road I saw something bright out of the corner of my eye. It came into view travelling at an incredible speed, which I estimated to be approaching Mach 2. It came to a dead stop and just hovered in the sky north of Canterbury."

We took full address details from all readers who called u but some asked for this information to be withheld.



"I couldn't believe my eyes, because nothing can travel at that speed and stop suddenly. It just isn't possible. I was staring at the object, which was large, faintish oval shape, and had three very bright lights seemed to be between two to three thousand feet. I watched it for a good two to three minutes and then it just disappeared."

WITNESS: Amanda Lee, Canterbury.

SIGHTING: Monday, 20 September, 7.50pm

"I was driving from Canterbury to Sittingbourne along the A2 with my daughter, and as we were approaching Faversham she spotted a bright light in the sky."

"It was like a huge lamp

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THE CANTERBURY UFO MYSTERY

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in the sky, and wasn't moving at all. We saw a helicopter which was lower in the sky, but seemed to be going towards the object. I watched the thing for almost five minutes and nearly crashed the car because I couldn't take my eyes off it. I wish now that I had stopped the car and had a better look. It just disappeared."

WITNESS: Anthony Grizzelli, Faversham.

SIGHTING: One evening during past two weeks. "I was driving along the M2 and a bright object was travelling through the sky at high speed. I came to the conclusion that it was a meteorite at the time, but now I am not so sure."

WITNESS: Mrs Mavis Dean, part-time hospital clerical officer, lives at Littlebourne.

SIGHTING: Thursday, 30 September, 10.30am.

"I was driving through the Elham Valley towards Barham. It was a lovely day, and I glanced towards Barham Church to see the steeple, as I always do when I am on that road."

"Over towards Kingston I saw a large, bright thing which at first looked like a kind of stupid plane with no wings. On closer inspection it looked like an airship, with a sort of domed top. It was very bright and had red triangular bits on the back of it. There was a car ahead of me, but the driver didn't seem to be looking at it. I lost sight of it behind some trees."

WITNESS: Derek Hatton, Fleet Sales Manager at Barretts of Canterbury.

SIGHTING: Friday, 24 September, 10.30pm.

"My wife and I had just left a Bible reading meeting in the village of Borstal, near Rochester, where we live. We were standing saying goodbye to our friends when I saw a large object with bright, white lights zig-zagging through the sky at an incredible speed. It was the only one facing in that direction, and by the time I opened my mouth to tell them about it, it had gone. It was big - much larger than a star - and was very bright. It could have been a star."

"I have never seen anything like it, and it made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up. What I find most frustrating is that I am never likely to find out what it was - or see it again."

WITNESS: Mr Ivor Gaskill, 69; from Tenterden Drive, Canterbury.

SIGHTING: Monday, 27 September, 7.45pm.

"I was working in my garden when I saw a very bright silvery object in the sky. It seemed to be at a tremendous height and although it was not moving in any direction, it seemed to be turning over itself."

"The sky was very clear where it was, and I watched it for around 30 seconds. There was no sound, and it suddenly zoomed off. I've never really believed in UFOs, but I can't explain what I saw. My friends told me to take more water with it when I told them."

WITNESS: Photographer, Broadstairs.

SIGHTING: Approximately three weeks ago, 10.30pm.

"I was in the garden one evening when I noticed a huge oval thing in the sky. It was hovering around, but not moving very far."

"It was a bright, white light, and while I was watching it, and wondering what on earth it was, four identical-shaped objects came out of it and were moving

all around it."

"I ran in, woke my wife, and grabbed hold of my video camera, but then I found that the battery was flat. We both went back into the garden to watch it and as we did, the four shapes all seemed to merge into the main one and it disappeared."

"This all took place within about 10 minutes, and there was no sound at all. I didn't mention it to many people, it seemed so weird - and I don't know why I didn't grab my stills camera at the time."

WITNESS: Edith Cartwright, 75; from Glen Avenue, Herne Bay.

SIGHTING: Thursday, 30 September, 2am.

"I couldn't sleep and I was looking out of my bedroom window when I saw a large round thing with sparkling lights on it over towards Ramsgate. It seemed to have lights in it, as well as around it."

"It didn't move for 20 minutes while I was watching it. It was a clear night and the moon was visible. My husband and I are used to seeing planes coming to and from Manston, and it didn't look like one. I wanted to wake my husband, but didn't like to disturb him."

WITNESS: Sean Silckels, 13, lives at Sea

Street, Herne Bay.

SIGHTING: Between Monday 20 - Thursday, 24 September, 8pm.

"I was cycling back from the shops when I saw a weird, silvery thing in the sky, which looked like two planes stuck together, one behind the other."

"It didn't have any wings and seemed to be about three houses high. I stopped my bike and stood staring at it for about 10 minutes. It seemed as big as a truck, and had beams of light coming out of it. It flew off towards Canterbury very fast."

"I was so excited at seeing it that I rushed in to tell my mum. I didn't think she would believe me. When she saw it in *Adscene*, she was excited, too."

WITNESS: Camera operator who lives in Faversham.

SIGHTING: Sunday, 19 September, between 8.30 - 9.30pm

"I was driving with some friends between Faversham and Ashford when we saw something in the sky with three bright, greenish-white lights in a flattened triangular shape. It was motionless and silent. We watched for about 10 minutes, then it went."

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UFOs? WHITEHALL HAS A FORM FOR EVERYTHING

"I'LL JUST put you through to the chap upstairs who deals with UFOs," said the friendly telephonist at the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall.

I had expected a more officious and intimidating response to my quest for information about a cluster of UFO sightings, and was dismayed to be put through in the style of a department store telephonist, writes Carol Davies.

Nick Pope's desk is where all reports of Unidentified Flying Objects end up. Last year there were 150 reports - a fairly average number said Mr Pope - with a major blip (750) on the chart recorded in 1978, the year after the sci-fi blockbuster *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* was released.

"We don't get many multiple sightings. Mostly they are single reports and often they are made quite a while after the actual sighting," said Nick.

"People don't really know where to report such things - that's half the problem. They are also worried about being labelled a crank."

"We can find explanations for around 95 per cent of them. Lasers reflected off clouds can appear to look like a solid object, for instance."

"You'd be surprised at some of the reports, though. People living near Heathrow reporting red and green flashing lights in the sky, stuff like that."

"But then there is a hardcore of sightings which we simply cannot explain. In those cases we point people in the direction of UFO spotting societies."

"If we get enough people coming forward to

alert us to a possible cluster of sightings we can do some investigating, using radar tapes etc."

"But we have to admit defeat with some of them, although we always keep an open mind."

Most people who see an unidentified flying object keep it to themselves.

Those who report such an event to the police in Kent will be advised to contact RAF Manston, or the London Air Traffic Control Centre at West Drayton, said Inspector Peter Jones at Canterbury Police.

But a call to West Drayton revealed that anyone reporting a sighting would be advised to ring RAF Manston.

Assistant Supervisor Craig Marshall at West Drayton said that they would refer anyone with a sighting back to RAF Manston because taking all the details was very time

consuming, and it was considered more a matter for the military.

If the report is taken seriously - and most are - the caller will be asked to answer questions contained in an official form headed Report of an Unidentified Flying Object.

Questions include: date, time and duration of sighting; shape, size, colour and brightness; angle of sight; weather conditions; nearby landmarks, such as lakes, telephone poles, electricity pylons, TV masts etc; and whether you have contacted the police or any other local authority, or the press.

These forms end up in a Ministry of Defence department at Whitehall, which also deals with complaints about low flying, aircraft noise etc. Reports can be sent direct to Sec. (AS) 2A, Room 8245, Ministry of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB.

The majority of such sightings can be cleared up as satellites, balloons, aircraft, meteorological phenomena such as mock suns and moons, and celestial objects like the bright planet Venus.

But a niggling 10 per cent are never explained, and remain a mystery.

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UFOS Sept. 9/93 Incident, Sunday 5th/93

Just a mistake — or are we being watched?

TWO IN A ROW

THREE IN A ROW

4/SQUARE SHAPE

3/TRIANGLE SHAPE

CHASE GAMES

PETE McMARTIN

Vancouver Sun

In the press release, the Unidentified Flying Objects are illustrated as blobs, lying in various formations. They suggest a Dalmatian.

According to the press release, put out by the U.F.O. Research Institute Of Canada ("24 Hour Reporting Service - News Updates Daily") the UFOs and their different configurations were sighted by "at least 50-100 people minimum" over the twin peaks of Golden Ears park last Sunday night between 9 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.

The fact that search and rescue was looking for a lost hiker in the same area at the same time - using military flares, a helicopter and a low-flying aircraft in the search - has not dissuaded UFORIC.

"It sounded like UFO activity until I phoned search and rescue," said UFORIC director Lorne Goldfader, "and they told me they had just plucked a fellow off the mountain."

He was willing to admit to "a classic case of misidentification," until he got a number of phone calls from people who insisted that, yes, they had seen flares, but that they had also seen other lights.

"I pieced together another scenario," Goldfader said.

"Two events going on at the same time."

The search-and-rescue flares, he said, were yellowish and gradually descending.

"The other objects were whitish, at a higher altitude and they remained at a constant altitude. They changed from square formation to a triangular formation. They played tag. I'm not 100-per-cent sure, but I think there was

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LORNE GOLDFADER



some UFO activity going on at a higher elevation."

There were, Goldfader said, two main sets of witnesses:

● A "party of nine" at a Coquitlam house (although it is unclear in the UFORIC news release whether the nine were partying or merely a party.)

● A "group of independent witnesses" near the Port Coquitlam dike road.

Goldfader also reports one young boy who "was sent to the roof of his house by his parents to take photos, which we intend to see when developed."

UFORIC has been tracking UFO sightings in the Lower Mainland area since 1989, when Goldfader founded it. He estimates his records include about 300 genuine sightings.

A postal employee, Goldfader saw his first UFO in 1977. He was living in the West End. "Dec. 17, 1.30 a.m. It was a large egg-shaped object, pulsating, moving slowly across the sky."

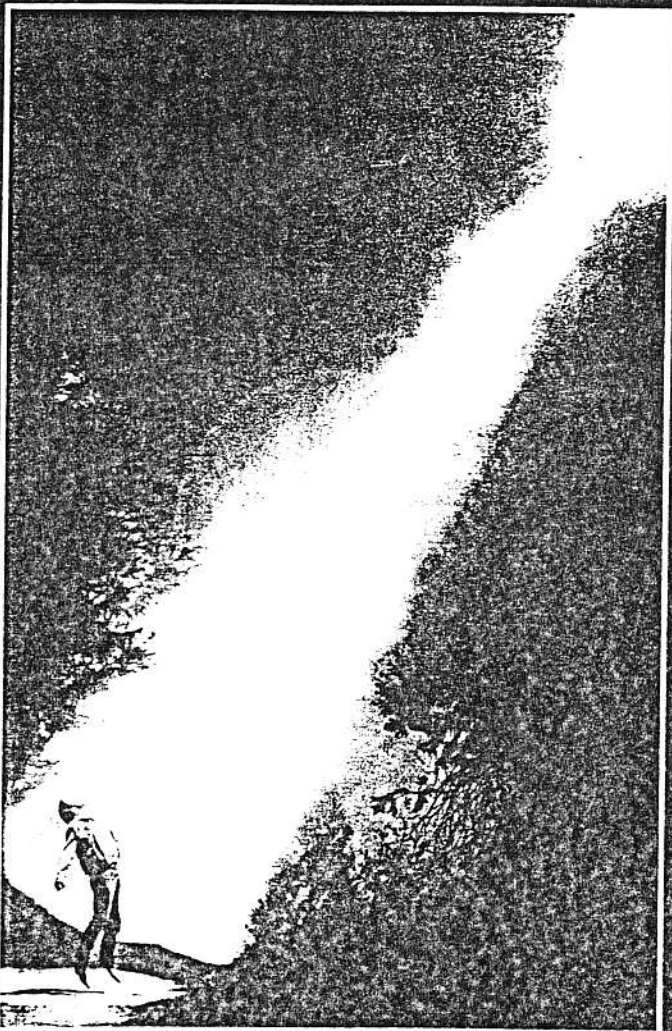
He has since seen "two major sightings, three minor sightings and other stuff I won't even talk about, because I refuse to talk about it until I obtain physical evidence."

UFO shock: An unidentified flying object 'brighter than a star' appeared suddenly over China's far west region of Xinjiang, startling the crew of a passenger plane, it was reported yesterday.

Northern Echo 05.07.93

UFO sightings: are aliens all in the mind?

Visitors from space are the fairy-folk of the 20th century. Millions of people are convinced they're real. Some claim to have been abducted. But is there any real proof?



Logger abducted by aliens shock An image from the film *Fire in the Sky* which tells the (untrue) story of Travis Walton, an American forestry worker, who claimed he was dragged up by a beam of light into a spaceship. The film draws on typical claims by "abductees" of being subjected to medical experiments and invasive examinations while on board an alien craft

A small town in northern Arizona found itself in 1975 at the centre of extraordinary events. A team of loggers, working in a remote part of the local forests, returned home with a bizarre story of how one of the party, Travis Walton, had disappeared in the forest. They claimed they had seen Walton knocked unconscious by a blue-green ray from a flying saucer, whereupon the others had driven off in fright.

Five days later, Walton returned home with an equally amazing story. He claimed to have woken aboard the alien craft to find himself among creatures with "underdeveloped features, and no hair of any kind". His captors then placed a mask over his face until he lost consciousness again. Walton remembered nothing more until he awoke again on solid ground, close to the site of his abduction.

His story received nationwide publicity, some people citing it as a most impressive case of its kind. But Ground Saucer Watch, an organisation that investigates such phenomena, and who had been the first on the scene, concluded that the story was a hoax, as did the local police. Walton was given a lie-detector test, and failed miserably. "He has not been on any spacecraft," the examiner concluded.

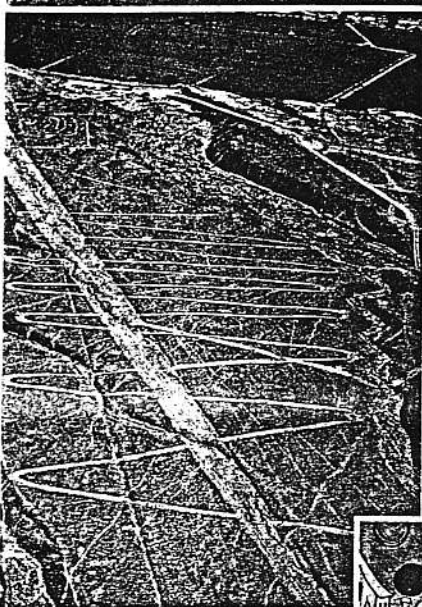
UFO sceptic Philip Klass suggested that the story had been staged by the loggers to avoid losing money on a wood-cutting contract that they had no chance of completing on time. Yet despite the dubious circumstances, Walton's "experience"

became one of the most celebrated encounters with aliens, and forms the basis of the latest of several films to be made about alien abductions. *Fire in the Sky*, the story of Travis Walton's brush with aliens, is currently on release. The last UFO film with as much publicity was Whitley Streiber's *Communion* in 1990.

Visitors from space have become an integral part of modern mythology, just as fairies and dragons were in the past. Clearly the public has an appetite for the fantastical to which Hollywood is only too happy to cater.

However, alien abductions represent only the most recent twist in the strange history of "UFOlogy"—the study of sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), or flying saucers. The UFO era started in 1947 when Kenneth Arnold, flying a plane over the Cascade mountains in Washington State, saw a chain of nine brightly-illuminated objects flying "like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water". The press christened the objects "flying saucers" and the US Air Force made a serious investigation of the case. Their official explanation of mirages caused by a temperature inversion made not the slightest difference to public opinion—and a 20th-century myth was born.

One of the reasons there was so much interest was that space research was taking off after World War II. Scientists were starting to deliberate seriously if there could be life on the other planets in the Solar System, in particular on our two nearest neighbours, Mars and Venus.



UFO hovering over New Mexico test range

This 1957 photograph of the Holloman Test Range, New Mexico, could show an 'orographic cloud' type which is formed by rising air currents



Traces of the gods

A medieval print from Basle in 1566 (right), and lines drawn on the Peruvian Plateau by Nazca tribes (above) – claimed by some as evidence of past UFO sightings. The Swiss author Erich Von Daniken made a fortune out of writing several books on the possible archaeological evidence for space visitors



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Even Jimmy Carter saw moving lights in the sky – which turned out to be Venus

► Thrilling science fiction tales of aliens from space fuelled the imagination of a war-weary, fantasy-starved public. Combined with Cold War paranoia, the UFO culture impressed itself on the national subconscious, where it has remained ever since.

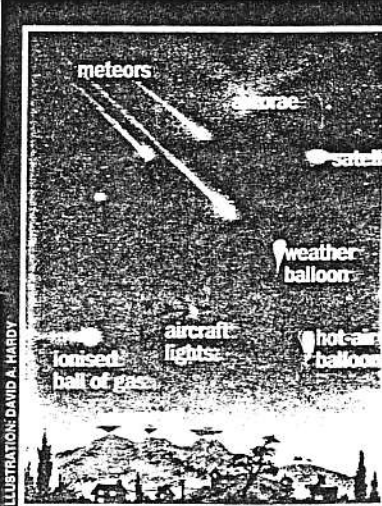
Today, despite the fact that there is absolutely no hard evidence that the earth has ever received visitors from an alien civilisation, the results of several American surveys indicate that the majority of people are convinced that UFOs exist. A Gallup poll published in 1991 showed that 13 per cent of Britons – more than five million adults – had seen what they thought was a UFO. Even an

American president claims a sighting. Twenty years ago, Jimmy Carter, then the governor of Georgia, was visiting a local Lions club when he and others saw a mysterious light low in the west. As Carter described it, the light appeared at a distance of 300 to 1000 metres. It changed colour, moved closer and then away again, becoming as big and bright as the moon before finally moving off. "I'll never make fun of people who say they've seen unidentified objects in the sky," he told the press.

Carter's sighting was hailed by UFO believers as powerful support for their case. On further investigation, it emerged as a telling example of how fragile

the testimony of even the most distinguished witness can be. When Carter reported the sighting in 1973, over four years after the event, he recalled the date as October 1969. Robert Sheaffer, a critical UFO investigator, checked Lions Club records and found the true date was 6 January, nine months earlier. The brilliant planet Venus lay low in the west-south-west that night, just where Carter had seen his UFO. Had a UFO been visible as well as Venus, Carter should have seen two brilliant objects in the same direction.

"Mr Carter is in good company in misinterpreting Venus as a UFO," Sheaffer says diplomatically. Carter's experience is



What are UFOs?

Most UFO investigators agree that nine out of ten reports can be explained by natural or man-made objects, usually bright stars and planets, aircraft, satellites, meteors, balloons, artificial lights and weather effects. Hoaxes and hallucinations are only a small percentage. Perhaps the most reliable study was made by Allan Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois. For 15 months, from August 1976 to November 1977, Hendry investigated

UFOs are like religious visions - they come at times of stress

out-manoeuvred any known aircraft": "It was definitely metallic and had portholes"; "I flashed my torch and it flashed the same code back"; "It communicated with me telepathically".

In another hoax, Simpson shone a bright purple light towards a group of UFO watchers and asked an accomplice among them to pretend to photograph it. In reality, the film had already been exposed to show a different part of the horizon with a different light superimposed. Other deliberate clues should have revealed that the pictures were fakes. Yet when UFOlogists, including a French astronomer, examined the film, they pronounced it genuine.

My own investigation of one case shows just how easy it is to find a simple explanation if you look hard enough. On 2 October, 1983, the front page of the *News of the World* announced: "UFO lands in Suffolk - and that's official". According to the sensational story, one night security guards outside the US Air Force base at Woodbridge, near Ipswich, saw a bright light descending into nearby Rendlesham Forest. When a group of airmen went out to investigate, they were confronted by a flashing light seemingly mounted on a craft that moved away from them through the forest, leaving behind landing marks, burns on the tree trunks and traces of radiation. One of the security guards, who had subsequently left the Air Force, even spoke of a meeting with aliens.

The newspaper published a memo from the deputy base commander, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt, to the British Ministry of Defence, which confirmed the event, apart from the supposed meeting with aliens. Three British UFO investigators who wrote a book about the case described it as "unique in the annals of UFO history - the world's first officially observed, and officially confirmed, UFO landing and contact". But when I made my own investigation, I found that even such a seemingly watertight case could have a straightforward explanation.

In the first place, at the same time the airmen reported the craft descending into the forest, an unusually bright meteor had burned up in the atmosphere

over southern England. The flashing UFO in the forest lay in the direction of the Orford Ness lighthouse, 9.5 kilometres away on the Suffolk coast. To someone standing in the forest, the lighthouse appears to lie only a few feet off the ground among the trees, and seems to move with the observer. The local police were called to the scene by the US Air Force on the night of the incident, but said that the only light they could see was the Orford Ness lighthouse. Had a real UFO been present, the American airmen should have seen two flashing lights, not one.

In the second place, local foresters told me that the "landing marks" were actually old rabbit diggings, and the "burn marks" on the trees were cuts made by foresters into which pine resin had bubbled. The radiation readings reported by Colonel Halt were no more than the normal background levels.

UFOlogists are clearly only too ready to supply a fanciful

A CIA memo says there is 'no shred of evidence' for UFOs

explanation for their observations. This attitude readily translates into conspiracy theory when extended to the government - which allegedly knows "the truth" about UFOs, but is covering it up. Unfortunately for the cover-up theory, the files of Project Blue Book, the former US Air Force office for analysing UFO reports, were released some years ago and showed that the Air Force knew no more about UFOs than anyone else - indeed, they often knew a good deal less.

UFOlogists responded by charging that the CIA had a separate investigation which even the Air Force didn't know about. But CIA files obtained using the US Freedom of Information Act do not support the cover-up theory either, since they consist of newspaper cuttings, letters from UFOlogists and bureaucrat's memos averaging one page per week. One formerly secret CIA memo from 1952 concluded that there was "no shred of evidence" to support the idea that UFOs were extraterrestrial spaceships. Another memo the following

Kidnapped 'true-life'

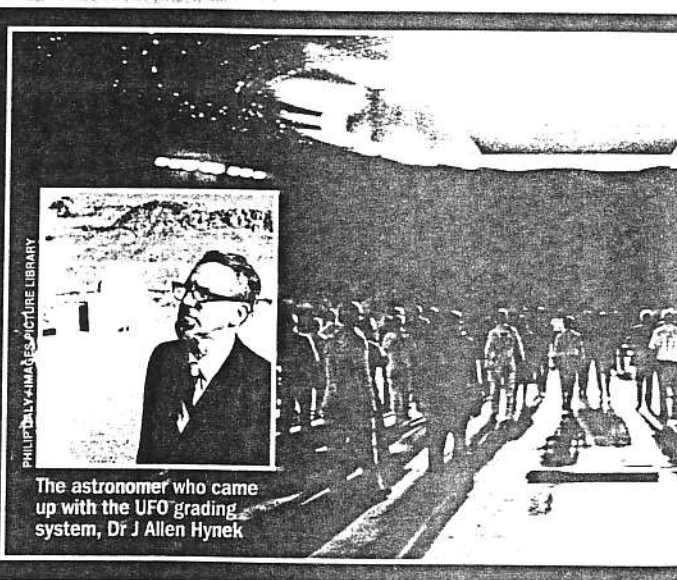


In 1961, an American couple, Betty and Barney Hill, were "chased" by a UFO while driving home one night through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. They stopped to observe the UFO through binoculars, and Barney thought he could see people aboard. To escape what they were now convinced was an alien spacecraft, they took to the back roads and arrived home two hours late.

A week later, Mrs Hill began to have recurrent dreams that they had not escaped, but been taken aboard the

Alien photofit

One of the most famous of all abductions: Barney and Betty Hill, who claimed their car was chased by an alien spacecraft. Under hypnosis Mrs Hill revealed details of the ship (right) and one of her supposed abductors (top)

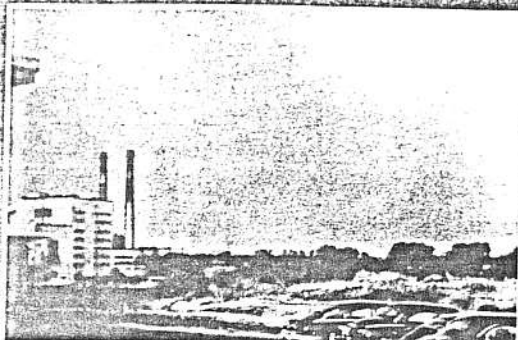


The astronomer who came up with the UFO grading system, Dr J Allen Hynek

The Case of the Serenas

At the time of the sighting, the Serenas were driving home from a night out in Valencia, Spain. The UFO was seen by the family at about 10 o'clock on a February night. The sighting was described as a bright, intense white light in the south-west that seemed to zig-zag in front of their car before descending to seven or eight metres above them and extending what seemed to be landing gear. The car's engine began to fail and the lights faded. The Serenas' three children became

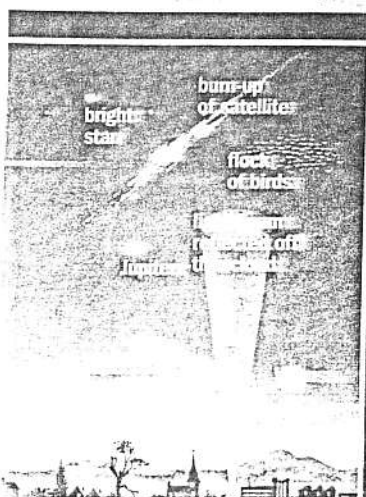
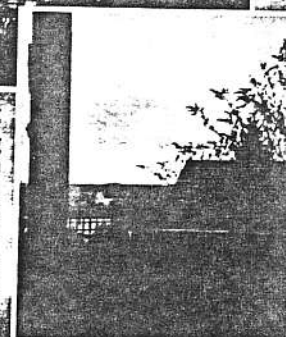
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Tricks of the light

Above: several convincing flying saucer-shaped objects photographed in the skies over Brazil during 1969. Subsequent analysis established that they were only unusual cloud formations

Right: how the reflection of a ceiling light on a window can successfully imitate a UFO



11307 UFO reports. Of those, 1158 became IFOs—that is, identified flying objects—with another 36 rejected on grounds of inadequate or unreliable information. Witnesses included astronomers, pilots, teachers and police. The remaining 113 cases—that is, 8.6 percent of the total—he was unable to solve and classified as UFOs. So does this mean that UFOs really exist after all? Not necessarily. Hendry concluded: "How can I be sure if my remaining UFOs aren't simply IFOs misperceived to the point of fantasy?"

typical of the thousands of sightings recorded by UFO groups around the world each year. By far the majority have a simple explanation – Venus, being the brightest of the planets, is often the culprit. And although Venus does not appear as large and bright as the moon, nor does it move backwards and forwards, people regularly misinterpret the size and behaviour of isolated lights in the sky.

Witness the following case from Valencia, Spain. Antonio Serena and his wife were driving home at around 10 o'clock one February night, when they saw an intense white light in the south-west that seemed to zig-zag in front of their car before descending to seven or eight metres above them and extending what seemed to be landing gear. The car's engine began to fail and the lights faded. The Serenas' three children became

frightened and one was sick.

After about an hour, the UFO vanished and the family returned home safely. The case was investigated by an American physics professor, Willy Smith. He rejected Venus as an explanation because, although it was then at its most brilliant, its setting time was 9.30pm GMT, whereas the Serenas' UFO had been visible for an hour longer. Professor Smith concluded that the UFO was seemingly under intelligent control, causing physical effects on the witnesses and their car.

However Professor Smith overlooked the fact that Spain, in common with most of Europe, keeps time one hour ahead of GMT. Once the time difference is taken into account, the period and direction of visibility of the UFO exactly matches that of Venus. The "zig-zagging" of the UFO and its apparent descent are easily explained by the

winding, uphill road. A mixture of travel sickness and fear seems a plausible explanation for the child's illness. And the car's electrical problems were traced to the battery, which the following day was found to be dead after a fault. So it seems that even the endorsement of a UFO sighting by a professor of physics is no guarantee that it does not have a simple, prosaic explanation.

Such cases demonstrate the difficulty of estimating the size and distance of an unknown light with any accuracy, and how easily people get carried away with their descriptions of events. This was nicely shown by a British physicist, David Simpson, who carried out a series of hoaxes. He flew a three-volt torch bulb under a kite and a balloon in the vicinity of groups of unsuspecting UFO watchers and recorded their responses. "It was brighter than any man-made light"; "It

Tales of alien abduction



Disappearing act

This young Frenchman, Frank Fontaine (left, centre), disappeared for a week during December 1979, apparently kidnapped by a UFO. He then reappeared in exactly the same spot as two friends watched. Fontaine said he remembered nothing of the experience

FRANCIS APSTEGUY / GAMMA / FSP

craft and medically examined. Quizzed by a psychiatrist under hypnosis, Betty recounted a detailed story of events aboard the spaceship, including seeing a star map marked with the aliens' trade routes.

UFOlogists regard the Hill case as a classic, yet it looks less impressive on closer examination. Mrs Hill drew a sketch showing the UFO and a star near the moon. In fact, the planets Jupiter and Saturn were near the moon that night. Mrs Hill's "star" matches the position of Saturn,

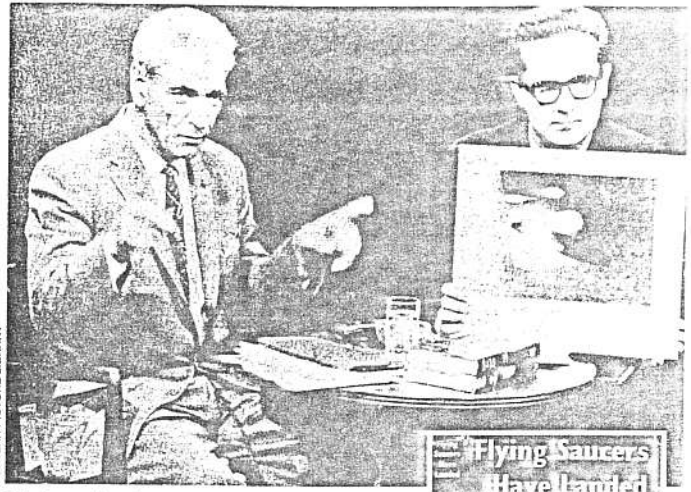
and her UFO that of Jupiter. Had there been a real UFO present as well, she would have seen three bright objects near the moon.

The psychiatrist who examined her, Dr Benjamin Simon of Boston, said that the story she told under hypnosis was a fantasy, like her dreams. "The abduction did not happen," he said.

Hypnosis is often used to reveal more detail. But hypnosis is well known to make the patient more amenable to suggestion. Often after hypnosis the patients delude

themselves even more. Most "abductions" happen at night, in bed. The subject notices a strange light or noise or may see a person standing near the bed, but is unable to move. In the morning, they wake up feeling strange and achey but remembering nothing. Hypnosis reveals a kidnapping by aliens.

A likely explanation is the common phenomenon of lucid dreaming, or "waking dreams", which many people have experienced, especially in the early morning.



First contactee

In the 1950s, George Adamski (above, left), founder of a religious cult near Mount Palomar, was the first so-called contactee, those favoured with personal visits from flying saucers and their occupants. He claimed to have been given rides by people from Venus, Mars and Saturn, including "two incredibly lovely young women" who took him to cities on the far side of the moon. He also published photographs of a "Venusian scout ship" taken using his six-inch telescope



year reported that they had collected very little material worth keeping, and two years later came a recommendation to terminate the part-time UFO study then in operation. An internal memo from 1976 notes that the government has no UFO investigation, nor is there any UFO study project current in the intelligence community.

However, a CIA briefing paper from 1952 does report the Air Force's view that the sightings, "given adequate data, can be explained either on the basis of misinterpretation of known objects, or of as yet little-understood natural phenomena".

So why do people still claim to see UFOs, and even be taken on board? Psychologists are turning their attention to what motivates UFOlogists and "abductees". It seems that contact with the "unknown" holds a special position in the human psyche. There is a deep, unconscious emotional need to assign supernatural or non-terrestrial influences to the more uncontrollable aspects of human behaviour, whether at the personal or cultural level.

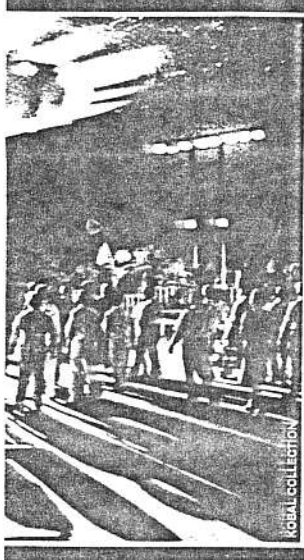
There are many parallels between the role of religious belief and that of UFOlogy. Waves of sightings occur in times of crisis - such as in America during the Cold War, or currently in Russia - which is also the time when people look for divine protection. For the period

between 1940 and 1970, two Italians, Roberto Pinotti and Corrado Malanga, established a neat correlation between the numbers of recorded visions of the Virgin Mary and those of UFO sightings. Carl Jung, the Swiss psychologist, suggested that, like religious visions, UFOs might be involuntary projections of "emotional tension brought about by an emergency situation".

Indeed many UFO believers adopt a quasi-religious stance, attributing their extraterrestrial visitors with missionary benevolence, often with special messages for mankind. An Austrian UFO researcher, Dr Alex Kreul, has found that a high proportion of people who report close encounters have also claimed to have had ESP experiences.

It seems that there will always be a deep psychological need in many people to hand over responsibility for their lives to a mysterious outside force, be it gods or aliens, and credited with playing a major role in human destiny.

Ian Rudolph



Classifying UFOs

Dr Hynek used six sighting grades: **Nocturnal lights:** most sightings **Daylight discs:** an object, usually oval or disc-shaped, such as the original 1947 "flying saucer" sighting by Kenneth Arnold **Radar-visual:** in which a visual sighting appears to be corroborated by a simultaneous radar return **Close encounters - first kind:** the simplest encounter; the UFO is at close range, but there is no interaction with the environment; eg, the Carter sighting (see text) **Close encounters - second kind:** physical effects are noted on the environment and sometimes on the observers. The Rendlesham Forest case is of this kind **Close encounters - third kind:** "occupants" are seen either inside or outside the UFO

- The UFO Verdict**
by Robert Sheaffer
(Prometheus Books £15.99)
- The UFO Handbook**
by Allan Hendry (Sphere - out of print)
- UFOs: The Public Deceived**
by Philip Klass
(Prometheus Books £14.99)

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AURORA DOESN'T EXIST

That's what the Pentagon would like you to believe. Military monitors know differently. The Pentagon continues to deny the existence of the Aurora. In an attempt to protect its black projects the USAF has gone so far as tell the world's leading aerospace experts that they are seeing things that aren't there, similar to the way they handled UFO sightings.

Secretary of the Air Force Donald Rice said in a letter to the editor of the Washington Post, "Let me reiterate what I have said publicly for months. The Air Force has no such program either known as "Aurora" or by any other name. And if such a program existed elsewhere, I'd know about it and I don't. Furthermore the Air Force has neither created nor released cover stories to protect any program like 'Aurora'. Other accounts, such as sonic booms over California, the near collision with a commercial airliner and strange shapes loaded into Air Force aircraft are easily explained and we have done so numerous times on the record...While I know this letter will not stop the speculation, I feel I must set the record straight.

With such a firm denial coming from such a high source it would seem that the Air Force has laid the 'Aurora' rumours to rest, right?

Well now read the following radio communications that came to the attention of several monitors. A general Hogle placed a phone patch from SAM (Special Air Mission) 204 through Andrews, AFB to "AF public relations". Aurora was discussed. The general quoted an article in the Post as well as the previous article in "Jane's".

The general said, "It's almost laughable the number of hokey inputs they had. It's kind of similar to the UFO flap. We need to develop a release in response to inquiries. The guts of this should be that we've looked at the technical aspects of the sightings and what the logical answers for them are. You can quote Dr Mori and cite the Lincoln Lab physics and the FAA's efforts to debunk other incidents. Go through three or four of the sightings, take each one on and conclude with a paragraph that says the fantasy of Aurora doesn't exist."

So it doesn't just happen to UFO sightings!

Monitoring Times March 1993

GREAT balls of light have been filling the sky over Burgess Hill this summer as the town went through the throes of a mysterious and unexplained phenomenon.

Following the UFO caught on camera over London Road and featured in the Middy last month a host of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAPs) and Balls of Light (BOLs) have been chronicled.

Barry Reynolds has catalogued seven such cases, four in Burgess Hill and three elsewhere.

He is the convenor for the Sussex branch of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies and was approached by people who knew he was interested in the unexplained.

He said: "In Burgess Hill there's been quite a number of sightings. We're having what's called a mini flap where a whole stack of people have had a lot of sightings."

He has contacted Daniel Elson who saw a UFO and may have his photograph scientifically analysed to try to establish what he saw.

Barry is trying to compile a dossier of sightings and asked Middy readers to help him do it: "We are trying to get together as many photos and evidence as possible. I mean why have so many people around here seen these things?"

"If they wanted to tell us anything we'd be only too pleased to hear from them."

If you have seen a UFO, BOL, UAP or anything unexplained call Barry on: (0444) 232873

The Middy 09.9.93

UFO spotted: A

Swindon man looking for meteor showers was treated to a display of Unidentified Flying Objects. Kristopher Webb, 20, of Freshbrook was arriving home at 3.30am today when he saw two round, orange objects flying in symmetrical formation towards Lyneham. RAF Lyneham nor Swindon police have not received other reports.

Evening Advertiser

13.08.93

Little green men or matter of fact?

by KASHIF SAEED

EXPERTS from around the world will gather at a conference organised by an East Lancashire UFO Investigator.

Mr Smith, 43, of Burnley, is expecting more than 400 to attend the event, entitled 'UFOs - Fact, Fraud or Fantasy?'

Mr Smith, who runs the Burnley-based Enigma bookselling business, is secretary of the Independent UFO Network.

He said: "On the surface, the subject sounds like a lot of cranks looking for little green men in space-ships."

"But when you get into it, UFOs become far more intriguing."

"Thousands of people see UFOs every year but don't report it."

Videos

"Many have gone through their lives and not told anyone for fear of ridicule."

"But the more you look into the subject, the more mysterious it becomes."

The conference, at Hallam University in Sheffield on Saturday will feature photos, videos and guest speakers from around the world.

Among the subjects for discussion will be whether the recent spate of bizarre "sex attacks" on horses could be the work of aliens.

Mr Smith added: "We are not a 'bow down and praise the UFO' organisation."

"We conduct scientific experiments and look for normal explanations first."

To book tickets for the conference, or for information on the IUN, contact Mr Smith on 0282 424837.

MINISTRY of Defence UFO sightings collators today revealed that of 80 sightings reported so far this year, 10 were in Devon and Cornwall.

Meanwhile experts are still baffled by the latest sighting - of a cigar-shaped UFO with flashing disco-type lights near Plymouth.

Experts from the British UFO Research Association (Bufora) also say that it is unlikely to have been an aeroplane and, on initial impressions, believe it has the hallmarks of a genuine UFO sighting.

Amazing

And Nick Pope, of the Ministry of Defence Secretariat Air Staff, said of the sighting at Cornwood: "It does not sound like any conventional aircraft, except perhaps an airship."

John Kingwell was about to go to bed when just before midnight he looked out of a window towards Dartmoor.

by ALAN THOMSON

He spotted a brightly-lit cigar-shaped object and called his wife Margaret and two daughters Carolyn and Helen.

The family stood and watched the lights flash for more than 30 minutes.

They say that only once did the light disappear for an instant before resuming its sequence.

Mr Kingwell, a caretaker at Ivy-bridge Community College, said: "It was just hanging there. It was a cigar-shaped thing in the sky with blue, green and red flashing lights."

"I have no idea what it could have been. It was amazing, flashing like disco lights."

Mr Kingwell eventually went to bed with the lights still motionless some distance towards the edge of the moors.

He said: "I don't really like report-

ing things like this because everyone tends to think you're a nut."

John Spencer, of Bufora, said: "The interesting point is the length of time it was seen motionless. It is highly unlikely an aeroplane or helicopter would hover for 30 minutes."

"However, until we get an investigator down there I cannot comment further."

Mr Spencer said that he would notify the local investigator, who would pursue the sighting.

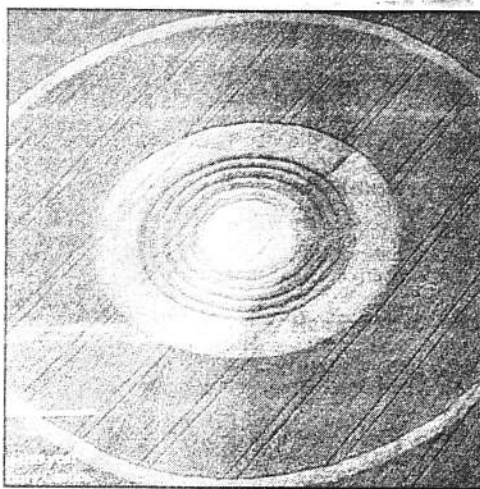
Unexplained

He said: "The majority of sightings are explainable but some, and this may be one, are simply classed as true UFOs."

Bufora never classes true UFO sightings as possible visits by alien beings in flying saucers but leaves them classed simply as unexplained.

Meanwhile, Mr Pope said that he would eventually expect to receive a full report on the Cornwood sighting.

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TOP OF PAGE and FAR RIGHT: Pictures of suspected UFOs taken in Florida (courtesy of Ed and Francis Walters); LEFT: Chris Lawson who is absolutely convinced of the existence of aliens; ABOVE: Aerial photograph of corn circles; RIGHT: A diagram of the layout of corn circles.



other vital organs were all missing and these items were all removed with laser-like equipment." And according to Chris, no drugs were found inside the bull while laser has only been used in surgery in the last ten years. Yet, he says, there have been approximately 20,000 of these cases recorded since the early 1970s across the world.

But the icing on the cake for Chris came when he visited Ed and Frances Walters of Florida, USA. They had been visited by aliens on a number of occasions but were scoffed at by the authorities. But when they were given a "forgery-

proof" four-lensed camera the Walters took 30 good quality pictures of alien spacecraft.

Chris himself believes he has seen a UFO.

He was driving alongside the M62 near Gilberdyke when he and two others witnessed a stationery light hovering without vibration three or four hundred feet above the ground.

"I drove down the motorway half-an-hour later and the light was still there. Nothing can hover for that time without vibration," he said.

Chris has given numerous lectures to colleges and other organisations about UFOs. Anyone interested in inviting him to speak on the issue can contact him on Hull

Lancashire Evening Telegraph 11.08.93

Hull Daily Mail 02.07.93

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Flying saucers and little green men have always been the stuff of science fiction but reporter MARK SAXBY talks to a man who has spent years investigating the mysterious ways of UFOs.

'The alien has landed'

As he sat among his clocks, each telling a different time, there was an eerie atmosphere surrounding Chris Lawson. But through that atmosphere came a conviction; a conviction that what he was saying was right and nothing I could utter would change his mind.

Speaking almost like a teacher educating his pupils about the world, Chris spoke of his fascination for Unidentified Flying Objects.

Since the beginning of time, people have wondered if there are other lifeforms in the universe.

And this interest has been prompted by thousands of reported UFO sightings, some of which were genuine while many others proved to be fake.

Chris Lawson has no doubt there are aliens. Ever since he was a boy he has been fascinated by the subject and has spent the last five years studying the various sightings and talking to those who have seen them.

"I have been absolutely convinced since I was ten years old and have put a lot of time and effort into bottoming out UFOs in the last five years," he said.

"UFOs are highly topical and of interest to most people. If anyone is in company and they mention a UFO sighting or UFO movie then virtually everyone is interested. People are now more open-minded than they have ever been."

Chris, of Sunnybank, Hull, is keen to list the famous names who have advocated the existence of UFOs. Former US president Jimmy Carter, ex-chief of defence Lord Hill-Norton to name but two. But alien sightings are not just restricted to UFOs.

"There have been many hundreds of cases of human abduction by aliens," said Chris. "People have been voluntarily subjected to lie detectors afterwards and found to be telling the truth."



"Plus a great many of the stories from all over the world tally in details such as the size of alien, size of the rooms and spaceship. It can't be a co-incidence when stories in Venezuela are matching those in Sweden and England."

Mysterious circles left in corn fields are another example of alien intervention according to the UFO fan.

He explained: "It is astonishing that for about the last 19 years crop circles have been occurring. Something or someone or some force is playing with us."

The widely-believed claim that the circles have all been forged by humans is discarded by Chris. He quotes an incident in Wiltshire

when a gathering of the world's top scientists carried out several months of crop circle studying.

Armed with top photographic and heat seeking material they waited for something to happen. And on the last day of their session they captured a ball of orange light on film which hovered at ground level for eight seconds before leaving behind it a complex crop circle. But it is another phenomenon that Chris finds the most fascinating of all.

"Farmers in the East Riding have found 3,000-4,000 pound bulls dead in the fields, completely drained of all liquids such as blood and water," he said.

"Their eyes, sexual organs and

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THEY'RE back. The UFO that startled local residents a few months ago re-appeared over Chingford on Saturday, sparking off a spate of phone calls to the Guardian office.

Readers even complained that interference to television programmes could be due to the uninvited visitors.

One caller - Matthew Bannister, who comes from Ponders End - spotted the strange object as it moved across Chingford, above King's Head Hill, where he was visiting friends. The object became visible round about 10.30pm.

"It was round, sort of saucer-shaped, with a raised bit in the centre. It was white with small but bright red lights at the bottom.

"None of us had seen anything like it before. It wasn't anything like a plane or helicopter, because there wasn't any noise. It was completely silent."

Mr Bannister said that both he and his friends were doubtful, at first, about the authenticity of the object.

Convinced

But closer examination convinced all of them that it was something special.

"It was changing shape and we could only think it was some kind of spaceship."

A previous sighting of what looked like a UFO turned out to be an illuminated balloon, advertising a national newspaper. But, says Mr Bannister, what he saw bore no resemblance whatever to a balloon.

"It was the wrong shape and it moved more deliberately than a balloon would.

"A balloon would move according to the

By Val Weeks

wind or currents of air," he said.

Another reader, Imran Majid, of Beaumont Road, Leyton, attempted to record the 'UFO' on his video camera. But the result was a barely distinguishable, light-coloured round object.

"It moved quite slowly, almost seemed to hover over the Chingford part of the borough.

'Weird'

"It didn't make any sound at all - in fact, it was quite weird, seeing it float by."

Mr Majid, too, is convinced he and his friends saw something special.

The Guardian spoke to UFO investigator Roy Lake, whose team - based in Barking - holds regular public meetings to discuss sightings.

He plans to hold his next session in Ingatestone Road, Walthamstow, this autumn, where the group has met before.

"We have had a number of reports about Saturday night's UFO and it could well be that the object had something to do with the unusually hot weather, maybe causing atmospheric interference.

"People have reported all kinds of reactions. My secretary described pains in her ear and down her side which disappeared when the UFO moved out of sight."

Mr Lake and his team would be pleased to hear from anyone who experienced odd reactions to the sighting.

He can be reached on 594 4797.

Chingford Guardian 08.07.93

This all adds up to a UFO, says accountant

A Keighley accountant had a close encounter when he awoke in the early hours of Friday morning to see a UFO outside his bedroom window.

Paul Nelson, 30, thought he had been dreaming until, later that day, he noticed strange scorch marks on the grass outside his Dale View Grove, Long Lee home.

He describes the unidentified flying object as being silver-coloured, the shape and size of a dustbin, with a bright white light shining from below it. There are four sets of scorch-marks, each made up of three saucer-sized circles arranged in a triangle.

"I didn't really believe in UFOs until this, but scientists say there must be something out there, even if it has not been proved yet," says Mr

Nelson, who is a project accountant with a Guiseley firm.

UFO expert Tony Dodd says it is not unusual for scorch marks to be left behind after sightings. Former Skipton policeman Mr Dodd is director of investigations for Quest International, the largest UFO investigation organisation in Europe.

He plans to visit Mr Nelson to take a detailed description of what he saw and examine the scorch marks.

"There is a lot of UFO activity at the moment, particularly over this area," he says. He is even investigating claims of local people being abducted by UFOs, he says.

He is keen to hear from anyone who believes they have seen a UFO and can be contacted on 0756 752216.

Keighley News 06.08.93

Sightings of UFOs on the up

REPORTED UFO sightings in Humberside are on the increase, according to local experts.

That's the view Hull UFO expert Chris Lawson, who was in Sheffield at the weekend as part of the British International Conference into paranormal experiences.

More than 400 boffins from around the world attended the two-day conference to hear of the latest incidents involving mystery sightings.

Mr Lawson said he had received "numerous reports" of mystery sightings in Humberside which he had investigated.

Since a local sighting in May in the county, Mr Lawson said he had received another 12 "genuine" reports from witnesses who claim they have also seen a UFO.

In one incident, a couple saw a UFO while spending an evening near Withernsea. Resulting sketches matched almost identically with similar sightings.

Mr Lawson claimed one of the most horrifying trends to surface during the last 20 years was animal mutilation.

In southern England, about 90 animals - usually cows or steers - had been discovered drained of blood with parts of their bodies missing.

Laser-like cutting had removed eyes, internal organs and cheek bones on each carcass. He believed the mutilations are the result of surgery by aliens, since parts had been removed by techniques not seen on earth.

Hull Daily Mail 17.08.93

UFO sighting probe

A SIGHTING of a "spacecraft" in north Warwickshire, is being investigated by the British UFO Research Association.

A woman living in Arley reported seeing the object at 1.15am on Sunday.

Coventry-based UFO

investigator Tom Orton said: "She described it as a kind of craft with a domed top giving off a downward white light.

"There were also a number of coloured lights rotating in sequence. She estimates it was about 50 feet off the ground."

Coventry Evening Telegraph 12.07.93

Are UFOs just pie in the sky?

Conference might cast new light on subject

STRANGE lights appear in the sky. Your windows fly open and standing before you is a creature worthy of the leading role in a Spielberg movie.

What would you do? Invite it in for a cup of tea or point out the fancy dress party is next door?

Joking apart, visitations from ET lookalikes are taken very seriously by a large number of people from all walks of life.

In fact, there are countless people who claim they have spotted UFOs — and even those who believe they have been abducted by beings not of this world.

Those who say they have seen bizarre objects in the skies certainly do not fall into the nut-case category.

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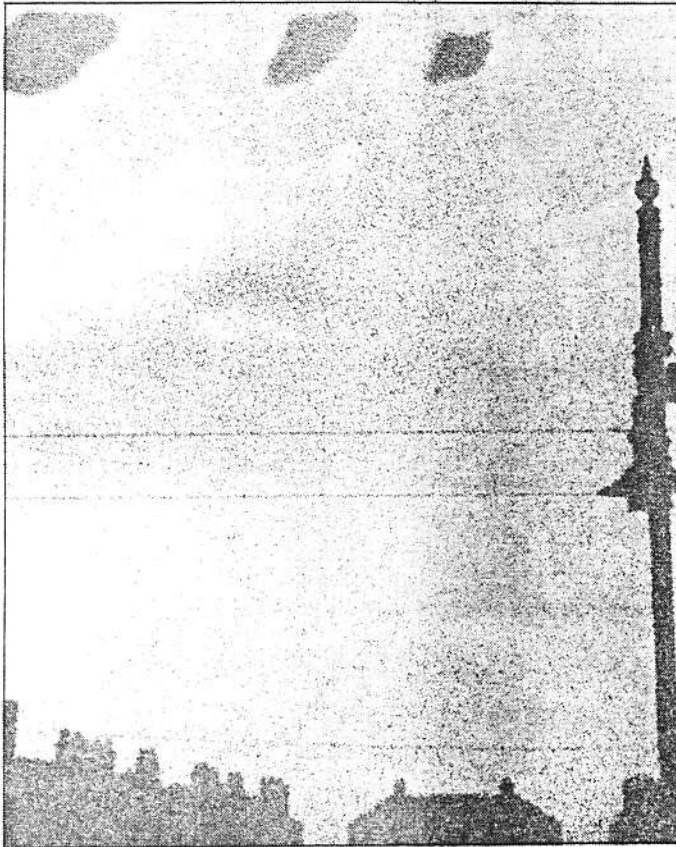
Pop star David Bowie used to edit a UFO magazine as a teenager and he says he often saw battalions of alien craft: "They came over so regularly that we used to time them."

Star Trek star William Shatner saw an object glistening in the heavens in the 60s: "I don't know if it was a flying saucer, but I'd often joked to myself that if I were a little green man and wanted publicity I'd make contact with Captain Kirk."

And Muhammad Ali, who has had a number of sightings, says that in the early morning you can see UFOs playing tag between the stars. "I'm convinced they are of tremendous importance," he says.

Every year, hundreds of people interested in the UFO phenomena gather at an international conference organised by the Yorkshire-based organisation Independent UFO Network.

This year, the subject of debate at the conference, which



• Cameras never lie — but there is always doubt over pictures of 'visitors' like this one.

by
CATHY GORDON

takes place this weekend, will be UFOs: Fact, Fraud Or Fantasy? Topics under discussion will range from abductions in the USA, UK and Africa, case histories, hoaxes and theories trying to explain the phenomena.

Conference organiser Philip Mantle has been an amateur UFO investigator for many years. He is one of many investigators from all over the country who belong to the Independent UFO Network.

Philip says: "We are amateurs in every sense of the word." He stresses the organisation is a mixture of those who believe in UFOs, those who are sceptical and those who subscribe to a variety of theories.

"I am the proverbial fence-sitter," he says. "I am convinced something is happening, but the nature and origin of it still elu-

des us. There are many interesting possibilities."

Ninety-five per cent of reports of so-called unidentified objects are in fact identified at the end of the day.

Philip says people should be left to make up their own minds.

"There is definitely some kind of phenomenon at work," he says. Too many sane, rational, sensible and ordinary people from all kinds of backgrounds have made these "unusual observations".

One strange close encounter happened at Witham. An enormous object was said to have flown over the locality at very low altitude and the following night it landed in a school playing field. A number of humanoid figures dressed in spacesuits were witnessed.

• For information about the Independent UFO Network, contact Philip Mantle on 0924-444049.

Pharaoh had ride in a UFO

TOP archaeologists believe they have found the earliest recorded evidence of UFOs — on the walls of an Egyptian pharaoh's tomb.

Experts deciphering hieroglyphics in the 3,400-year-old grave of Thutmose III have found mystery references to "a circle of fire" that "had no voice".

And UFO investigators believe the Egyptians could only have seen a flying saucer.

Heaven

The ancient texts also seem to indicate that the pharaoh may have flown in a spaceship.

They say Thutmose "flew up to the sky" and discovered "mysterious ways in heaven".

UFO researcher Brad Steiger said: "The texts seem to indicate that astronauts visited Earth 15 centuries before Christ. Judging by the descriptions, the UFOs were extremely bright but silent craft about 16 feet in diameter."

Daily Sport 29.07.93

Probe into UFO claim

A SIGHTING of a "spacecraft" hovering over Arley is being investigated by the British UFO Research Association.

A woman reported seeing a craft with a domed top giving off a downward white light in the early hours of yesterday.

Evening Telegraph
12.07.93

Evening Gazette 11.08.93

Investigating the UFO phenomena

MENTION UFOs and you are guaranteed to provoke a reaction of either interest or ridicule.

Like ghosts and other strange psychic phenomena, the investigation of UFOs whets the curiosity of many people yet remains shrouded in mystery and media misinformation.

Hollywood blockbusters of goblin-like creatures zooming around in fantastic spaceships has turned the science into fairytale and, since UFOs burst into public life in the 1940s, it has been viewed as a subject taken seriously only by eccentrics and cranks.

However, a student at Lancaster's St Martin's College has joined forces with her father and written a book which aims to provide a serious and in depth discussion of 'ufology.'

'UFOs - The Final Answer?' by teaching student Therese Barclay and her father, David, is a comprehensive investigation of UFO phenomena which does not shy away from offering possible explanations.

Although the birth of science fiction and 'flying saucers' is a recent development, reports of strange flying objects are as old as man himself. Ancient Sanskrit scriptures are filled with detailed descriptions of 'dancing suns' and 'pearls in the sky' and stories of gods who travelled in flying craft into the heavens. Strange, UFO phenomena are mentioned in the Anglo Saxon Chronicles and throughout history the classic 'flying saucer' type craft appears inexplicably in many works of art.

Explanations of UFOs are many and varied. From the obvious aircraft or satellites to mirages and planetary movements, 90 per cent of all UFO reports have detectable natural causes but there remain a number that cannot be explained.

"Many people who see something strange are often scared to come forward and report it because of the fear of ridicule and the social stigma of claiming to have seen a UFO," said Therese, who claims to have seen three lights hovering in the sky on the West Yorkshire moors which, following investigations with nearby airports, were classed as 'unidentified.'

"I've had a few strange looks when I've talked about UFOs and many people are frightened of being labelled loopy but people who thought that a flight to the moon was possible were thought of as loopy at the time. In

By Paul Wilkinson

America the subject is taken much more seriously. The Government investigated 12,000 claims of UFO sightings and, although the vast majority were misperceptions, there were 700 cases that could not be explained in terms as we know them. They even have nuclear physicists that study the phenomena full time."

Therese is not convinced that we are being visited by beings from another planet, space travel between galaxies is impossible in terms of human understanding, yet at the same time the chances of life on another planet is almost certain.

"It would be implausible to think there was nothing else out there because the universe is so vast and it would be nice to think that we are not alone."

By writing the book with her father, who has studied UFOs since he first saw one as a boy more than 45 years ago, Therese hopes to see the subject taken much more seriously.

"We always look for the rational first but there are always a number that do not fit any explanations and then the subject becomes rather tantalising," said Therese.

"Trying to understand UFOs could yield answers to many other unexplained phenomena and, just as Galileo was disgraced for his views, if ufology was taken seriously it could change our perception of the world we live in."

The book is available from local bookstores and anyone who would like to report a UFO encounter should contact David and Therese Barclay at 46 Prospect Walk, Shipley, West Yorkshire, BD18 2LR.

Calling all aliens

DO WE believe that the universe is filled with super-advanced civilisations?

As Frank Drake makes clear in *Is Anyone Out There?*, our beliefs in this matter are irrelevant. Mere theories will tell us nothing. The only reasonable course is to experiment — to search the cosmos for radio signals from such civilisations — and this is what the space agency NASA is now doing.

They are spending the comparatively tiny annual sum of £6 million over the next 10 years on searching millions of radio frequencies coming from the stars hoping to find one that might be artificial. How this vast experiment came into being is Drake's life-story. It was largely his work. Only a genius at organisation could have done it. At times he almost despaired at the outbursts of ignorant nonsense that greeted his proposal. As one Congressman declared:

"Of course there are flying saucers and advanced civilisations in outer space. But we don't need to spend millions to find evidence of these rascally creatures. We need only 75 cents to buy a tabloid at the local supermarket. Conclusive evidence of these crafty critters can be found at checkout counters from coast to coast."

I personally do not believe in alien civilisations — at least not in our Milky Way galaxy. If they existed, their expeditions would have arrived here long ago, or we would observe signs of their technology among the stars. The Sun is, after all, only half the age of the galaxy, giving super-advanced aliens ample time in which to evolve.

But we see nothing. The galaxy appears to be lifeless.

AMERICAN academic David M Jacobs, in a book about UFO abductions, details interviews with 60 people under hypnosis. Mostly women, they recall being taken aboard flying saucers and subjected to sex and medical experiments. He tells of a plot to create alien-human babies.

I don't know who are nuttier — Jacobs or the interviewees. But you can see why our law requires corroboration of sexual complaints

Is Anyone Out There? The Scientific Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence by Frank Drake Souvenir, £16.50

Alien Update ed by Timothy Good Arrow, £4.99 (pbk)

ADRIAN BERRY

Drake argues that this means nothing. The galaxy, he points out, contains some 250,000 million suns, a tenth of which could be habitable and a tenth of these in turn inhabited. In about 10 years we may know who is right.

Only in one instance is the professor's memory faulty. He claims to have invented the term "pulsar" for fast-spinning neutron stars. The actual inventor of this word was Dr Anthony Michaelis, former Science Correspondent of this newspaper.

I cannot recommend *Alien Update*. It is a series of essays alleging UFO visits by people who appear to be cranks.

UFO seen over Roa Island

MYSTERY surrounds sightings at Roa Island of a UFO over the Furness coastline.

Reports of an unidentified flying object low in the sky yesterday morning and late last night are so far unexplained.

Susan Allen, who runs the Bo'sun's Cabin cafe at Roa Island, said she saw two bright lights low on the horizon around 10pm last night.

"I thought it was a ship's mast but the lights were very bright and higher than usual," she said.

Jets from RAF Anglesey have not been in the area for some weeks although up to 40 fighter planes from across the country were taking part in an exercise earlier this week.

Flying officer Bob Bushby at RAF Carlisle said the sightings may be attributed to low cloud and hazy weather

Daily Sport 02.04.93

North Western Evening Mail 29.05.93

Co-authors of 'UFO The Final Answer' David Barclay and his daughter Therese Marie Barclay. - G15/34.

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Daily Telegraph 28.08.93



Huge object first seen by police Reports flood in of UFO over region

POLICE reports have triggered an investigation into a huge catamaran-shaped UFO with lights which appeared over the Westcountry.

Most of nearly 40 sightings reported so far from Gwent to Somerset and Devon were from police officers who claim to have seen a similar object in the sky at about 1.10am on March 30.

Devon UFO investigator Doug Cooper, 56, a retired Royal Engineers Warrant Officer who is collecting the information, said yesterday: "For the first time in a long career I have tangible proof that something extraordinary passed across the country."

"Had I not got police witness reports of the object being very close to them I would have dismissed it as being a natural phenomenon or space debris coming through the atmosphere."

"But people over a large area are saying something similar came in high and fast at the same time."

Mr Cooper, a shopping centre manager at Taunton, is an investigator with the British UFO Association and founder of the Devon UFO Research Association.

He has been interested in the subject for 40 years and

investigating seriously for four years.

Police in Devon have an arrangement to tell him of unusual sightings, and since the UFO appeared he has also received reports from other nightworkers.

"I had a call right from the beginning and when I contacted the police control at Exeter they said the reports were coming in fast and furious," he said.

"It crossed South Wales, where police officers watched it cross the Bristol Channel."

Stationary

"A sergeant and constable at Lynton said it went over their heads at about 1,000 feet and described it as huge because of the distance between its two lights."

"It was then seen by police officers in the Liskeard area, one of whom said it was stationary for a few seconds before it traversed across to East Devon and Somerset."

"A man near the Dorset border felt it was going to land because it disappeared behind a hill."

"It was also seen near Minehead by a man back from holiday driving home from Bristol Airport."

"Finally, several elver fish-

ermen on the River Parrett described an enormous black object, shaped like a catamaran, near St Ives."

Several sightings said the UFO was about 500 feet wide and 200 feet long, silent, and putting out beams of light. At times it hovered, then moved very fast and disappeared through clouds at 10,000 feet.

A Devon and Cornwall police spokeswoman said: "We had quite a few calls about the UFO coming into the information room and the sightings were apparently quite widespread."

One observer, Sgt Dave Ledger, of Exeter police, said: "I was with a couple of colleagues when one of them drew my attention to the object as it went overhead."

"I saw two dots of light with vapour trails coming from them. I thought it was an aircraft and waited for the sound of a jet engine but it was dead quiet."

"If I had been alone I would have reported it, but I contacted our information room who checked with Exeter Airport and they said there was nothing in the area. It's a strange one."

The MoD, which monitors sightings, said it had received no reports of UFOs early on March 30.

A 68-YEAR-OLD woman claims she saw an unidentified flying object over North Romford.

The keen bird watcher was looking for a particularly rare type of bat and was scanning the sky in the early evening.

Glowing

She said: "I saw this great big silver thing. It was saucer shaped and had big black discs underneath. It was glowing. I watched it for about three minutes before it drifted away towards London."

Romford police say the object could have been a low flying meteorological balloon or an airship.

Romford & Hornchurch Recorder 02.04.93

UFO photos not enough to convince

You should always keep an open mind when reviewing books on UFOs. Ironical, really, as an open mind's the one thing Ufologists don't show.

The contributors to *Alien Update*, edited by Timothy Good (Arrow, £4.99), are no exception - here is what we believe, now prove us wrong.

The book contains a chapter entitled *Just What Evidence Will People Believe?* Well, to be frank, a dog's dinner of blurry photos (is that a UFO or someone's Easter bonnet?), dubious personal testimony and subjective analysis of conversations with former defence staff just isn't good enough.

Still, if such objections are put, the Ufologists will tell you that there's hard evidence by the truckload but - enter Ufology's kissing cousin, Conspiracy Theory - world governments are hiding it from the common man. Ho hum.

Strictly for the convinced.

The News 12.06.93

Lancaster Guardian 23.04.93

Helicops' UFO hell

TWO cops in a helicopter claim they were lucky to escape alive when they were zapped by a pear-shaped UFO which launched three "fireballs" at their chopper. But the cops, from Kentucky, and two officers who watched from the ground are refusing to say any more.

The People 02.05.93

TWO teenagers walking back from a friend's home claim to have spotted a UFO in the skies above Clacton.

Michael Conroy, 16, claimed a large circular white light was 300ft above Lake Walk and Jameson Road at 10.35pm last Wednesday.

He added the UFO shot a beam of light out before it faded back.

Michael, of Thomas Road, Clacton, added the light was there for about three minutes before suddenly vanishing.

Mark Thompson, 16, of Saxmundham Way, Clac-

Clacton Gazette 06.08.93

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