

UFO or bright rugby ball?

AN Unidentified Flying Object was photographed by local residents who saw it hovering over Farnham Park on Wednesday night.

The UFO, said to be brightly-lit and shaped like a rugby ball, was watched by a group in St. James' Avenue, Farnham, for half an hour and was said to be visible for a further half hour after that.

The UFO was spotted by Mrs. Freda Nash of Park Road, Farnborough, who was driving round Farnham just before 6 p.m.

She rushed over to the home of her cousins, Brenda and Frederick Turner of St. James' Avenue, to get a better look at the UFO and also to find some "witnesses."

"I first saw a UFO over Aldershot a few weeks ago but everyone I told said I must have been drunk," she explained.

"But I discovered that I wasn't the only one who saw it

when I read in the Aldershot News of another recent sighting.

Mrs. Nash took some snaps of the UFO with her pocket camera and another St. James' Avenue resident, Mr. John Quarmby, took some more shots with his more sophisticated camera.

SHINING BRIGHTLY

"The UFO was shaped like a rugby ball and shone very brightly — and it definitely wasn't a star," said Mrs. Nash.

"It was a bit like a flower in that it opened out and closed up again," she continued.

"When it closed the light dimmed but became brighter when the UFO opened out again, as if it was recharging.

"About five or six of us stood watching it in St. James' Avenue, which is on quite high ground, for about half an hour.

"It didn't move, it just hovered, and it was completely silent."

Mrs. Nash said that the party watched the UFO until 6.30 when they went indoors.

"We came out of the house just after 7 p.m. to go to the Central Club and we could still see the UFO but it was a lot further away, and when we looked again at 9.15 it had gone," she said.

"I don't know what it was but I am really pleased that there were other people who saw it as well."

The incident was reported to the police who duly dispatched an officer to investigate but the UFO had apparently disappeared when he reached the scene.

Mr. Quarmby was more sceptical about the UFO sighting this week when he noticed a bright light in the sky in the same location as the UFO.

He has two theories; either that the UFO, which is in the same quadrant as the moon, is a light-reflecting satellite; or that the bright light comes from a star which is visible only when there is no cloud

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description and
position suggests
Venus.

Middle of the glowing UFOs

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MYSTERY lights of a cigar-shaped UFO have been spotted hovering over Aldershot on two evenings running.

It was first seen hovering above Holly Road at about 5.30 p.m. on Saturday.

Nick Marlow, of Highfield Close, watched it through binoculars for over an hour before reporting it to the police.

Nick (18) said: "It seemed to be cigar shaped and had a reddish glow moving around it which you could only see with binoculars.

"It was definitely not a star — it was too bright. It came lower and then moved slowly away, out of sight."

Although he drove to high points around the town, including the Hog's Back, the object had disappeared.

But it returned the following evening at dusk, when no stars were out, and hovered above Aldershot for nearly two hours.

COLLEGE

He dismissed the suggestion that it was a helicopter because it was stationary for so long. His father, Mr. Humphrey Marlow, also saw it and admitted that it looked strange, he said.

And it was not until hearing of the UFO on Saturday that his father admitted seeing something about three weeks ago, said Nick.

Mr. Marlow had been near Bramshill Police College when he spotted a similar object flying low.

Nick commented: "I'm pretty sure this was a UFO. It was very strange, very bright and slow moving."

More claims about UFOs

FLEET NEWS 11/1/80

FOUR mysterious red UFOs were spotted hovering over Aldershot and Camberley on the same evening.

As one hung over Holly Road in Aldershot, a Camberley mechanic spotted three more moving slowly over a field behind his home

Mr. Robert Godden (25) of The Mart, College Town, reported the sightings after reading in the "News" that another had been seen.

He was being driven home by Mr. Stuart Lowe (24), of Frimley Road, Camberley, on Saturday, December 29, when the UFOs were spotted.

"We stood outside my home and watched for about 15 minutes. There were three bright red lights in a line and they were very low moving slowly along without making any sound," said Mr. Godden.

He dismissed ideas that they might have been helicopters or planes because they moved so slowly and made no noise.

"I thought nothing of it but when I read the report it confirmed it," he said.

The first sighting had been by 18-year-old Nick Marlow, of Highfield Close, Aldershot, who watched a UFO on two evenings — December 29 and 30.

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UFO WAS VENUS?

Sir, — The UFO reported as being seen over Farnham Park last week was almost certainly extra-terrestrial: the planet Venus!

Venus is very bright in the western sky at the moment, and can be seen even before sunset. It can sometimes be bright enough to cast a shadow.

It would be in the direction indicated from St. James Avenue in early evening and would set about 8 p.m. It was very close to the Moon one night recently.

The opening and closing effect described was probably atmospheric, or even imaginary once the idea of a UFO has been conceived. One problem with research in this field is that witnesses easily see what they expect to.

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