



An aerial's impression of mystery missiles seen by Swedish pilots in 1953.

## Cuddle that turned into a close encounter

A CUDDLE in the park with a girl friend turned into a close encounter for John Varella, of Cornfield Close, Northampton. He says: "In about 1967, my girl friend and I

were sitting on a park bench in Northampton.

"In the darkness, we suddenly saw above us four or five orange coloured spheres, hovering and noiseless.

"It was almost as if they were watching us. We just stared in awe for about 30 seconds.

"They took off at such speed it is impossible to calculate it.

"We went back the next night, but they didn't return.

"I was going to write to a newspaper about it. But my workmates scoffed so much I tore it up."

## Jets riddle

A BRITISH UFO expert was snubbed when he proved a mystery "sighting" in 1958.

Ernie Sears, a public relations officer for the British UFO Research Association, says he saw a cigar-shaped object over Gosport, Hants.

Mr Sears, then an insurance agent, says it was hovering over the experimental radar base on Portsmouth Hill.

"It was a blustery March morning and I watched the object for a full minute," says Mr Sears, of Westridge Road, Portsmouth, Southampton.

He says: "I assumed it was an aircraft fuselage caught in the sunlight.

"But 30 minutes later two Meteor jet aircraft roared low over the town.

"As an ex-RAF man, I knew this was unusual.

"I watched as they climbed in a gradual curve towards the gleaming 'cigar.'

"As the jets closed in on the object it lazily turned on end and vanished.

"The aircraft circled the area.

"I rushed into a nearby telephone box and rang the control tower at Thorney Island air base where the Meteor jets were based.

"I asked what the object was that the two Meteor jets were chasing.

"I got the firm answer, 'You didn't see any jets'."

\* MRS D. KELLAND, of Kipling Road, Bristol, says she saw an object that resembled the moon. But the irregular shape changed to a light grey colour. Finally the shape became similar to a bird in flight.

## I thought they were witches

A CHILD'S fear of witches brought David Briery, of North Dean Road, Keighley, Yorkshire, his close encounter.

David, now 27, says: "I was only ten at the time.

"I was lying scared in my bed because our teacher had been telling us all about witches.

"That night I heard this crackling sound and naturally put it down to witches.

"But I couldn't resist looking. What I saw was quite startling. It was a

round sphere of light which rose from the ground about half a mile away.

"It ascended slowly without sound to a height of about 200ft. and then suddenly vanished.

"I told my parents but they just laughed and put it down to a kid's imagination."

David later went to the spot from which the UFO had risen.

He discovered square holes in the ground with what looked like burnt soil around.

★ THE South West UFO Investigation Group wrote to us about a sighting on Cradle Hill near Warminster, Wilts. in June 1979.

"A low-flying star in the North East began to travel towards us. But as it did so another

star from the background manoeuvred into the original star's position.

"When the first star moved over us we flashed a powerful light in its direction and received a light signal back."