

Mystery UFO was splitting meteorite; RAF

A mystery Christmas night unidentified flying object spotted by hundreds of people all over England was certainly a meteorite breaking up, officers of the Royal Air Force Observer Base at West Drayton said yesterday.

A flood of calls to the Centre and to Heathrow caused an immediate search for any aircraft in the area. Flight Lieutenant Duncan Swift, in charge of the emergency desk at West Drayton, handled scores of reports from as far south as Cornwall and from Yorkshire.

Yesterday the observer centre reported: "All the reports indicate a large meteorite breaking up or a satellite. The reports were all the same—a large bright light followed by a mass of smaller ones. As soon as the reports began to come in we looked for any aircraft that might have been in trouble, but there were none around. The public were very good and the reports most detailed—it could well have been an aircraft breaking up."

The Centre said that the mystery object was on a north easterly course and high in the sky.

Flight Lieutenant Michael Best, of RAF, Drayton, Middlesex, said there was a chance it could have been an old satellite breaking up, as this would appear in the form of a shooting star. The film "Airport 75" was being shown on television that night, raising public awareness to the possibility of aircraft in trouble.

A similar object seen in the sky last Christmas was also said to have been a meteorite.

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Aetherians celebrate 'wrong date'

By Michael Parkin

THE Aetherius Society joined in the Christmas festivities yesterday, even though it believes that Christ lives on the planet Venus and was born on March 15.

A committee member from the society's European headquarters, Dr Ray Nielsen, said yesterday: "We joined in the spirit of Christmas because it is a marvellous time for people to change."

The Aetherius Society was founded by Sir George King. His knighthood, Dr Nielsen said, comes from the Sovereign and Military order of John of Jerusalem and the Knights of Malta.

In 1954, Sir George received his first "transmission" from a higher intelligence on Venus, using the pseudonym Aetherius.

It was he who vouchsafed the information that the true Christmas was on March 15 — when the "inner truth" of Christ's life is celebrated.

Sir George has received 615 "transmissions," while in a yoga trance, from such sources as Venus, Mars, Jupiter, as well as from the Great White Brotherhood, which inhabits a higher plane of intelligence on Earth.

After starting the Aetherius Society in Fulham, Sir George was ordered by higher intelligence to take his space messages to the United States. He now operates mainly from Hollywood.

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UFO reports cause a stir

STRANGE lights lit up the Christmas night for some Peterborough sky-watchers.

The UFO-like shapes — which shone brightly in the clear Christmas evening — were also seen right across Northampton and reports of sightings have been flooding into police stations.

British UFO Research Association Officer Tony Pace, said: "This was almost certainly a meteor. After all, we in this country are long overdue for one to break-up above us."

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