

Elio, elio —a UFO

A CLOSE encounter of the patriotic kind has left two baffled Welsh hobbies stary-eyed.

Pos Tim Banks and Simon Holder claim a red, white and blue flying saucer hovered over them in Goddwire Lane, Monmouth.

Then with a flash of light it shot off towards Abergavenny.

Chief Inspector Keith Harris said: "I've no reason to doubt what the two officers saw, but it sounds strange. Still, at least it seems to have been a patriotic UFO."

...the UFOs were on patrol at Monmouth when they spotted a strange light in the sky at 4 a.m. Simon said: "It was about the size of a star

a plane because it was hovering at times, and not a helicopter because when it moved off it went at incredible speed, faster than any jet."

'Green beam' UFO spotted

HERE has been another UFO sighting in Gwent, the fourth in a fortnight.

Monmouth police say the latest sighting was by Mr R. L. Marshall of Pistyll Farm, Llanarth, near Raglan, a passenger in a vehicle travelling along the A40 near Chart House, Abergavenny, at 7pm.

He saw a beam of green light, about the size of a searchlight beam, and it was approximately a mile away. The sky was cloudy with clear patches and it was dry at the time.

Last week two Monmouth police officers reported seeing a light in the sky about the size of a star, flashing blue, white and red.

And a pulsating bright light was reported to have flown over Cwmbran on September 14 and a cottage-loaf shaped object was reported over the town on September 20.

'Flying saucer' among Gwent UFO sightings

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A RARE dry and clear Saturday night resulted in two Unidentified Flying Objects being reported to Newport police.

A flying saucer, 200 feet in diameter, was apparently spotted over Bettws, Newport, at 10.34pm by a trained ex-military observer. And about ten minutes later, a long "railway carriage" shape was reported over Cwmbran.

Mr John Clarke, a quality control inspector, of Frome Walk, Bettws, told the Argus he was putting on the kettle in his kitchen when he spotted the saucer outside his window.

"I first thought it was an aeroplane at around 10,000 feet, but I was trained in plane recognition while in the army and it wasn't anything I ever saw then. It was the fact that it was completely silent that got me," said Mr Clarke. "I looked out again and realised it was a huge saucer-shaped object, perhaps 200 feet across, with a blue flashing light and a green light not blinking at all on the top.

"It was in my sight for about 15 seconds and then it vanished over the house. I called my wife and then we both saw it heading away towards Cwmbran."

noise. I didn't used to believe in such things, but it would be incredible arrogance to believe that we are alone in this universe.

"We are honest, hard-working people who had just spent an evening watching television. We never drink. I'll talk about it with people at work and see what they think," said Mrs Clarke.

Unknown to the Bettws family, a matter of minutes later Mrs Marion Gladys Mason, of West Roedin, Coed Eva, Cwmbran, was driving home along Henllys Way near St Dials Junior School.

She told police it was then she had her first sighting of a long oblong shape in the sky, roughly the size of a railway carriage. It had two small white steady lights on each end and one small red light at the bottom.

The UFO was still in her sight when she got home. She rushed upstairs and got her binoculars. She was able to estimate its travelling speed at around forty mph, before it turned over Cwmbran and disappeared.

Yesterday a Ministry of Defence spokesman in London said they would receive the Gwent police reports as a matter of