

# UFO that got away?

UFO researchers from the railway line.

West Surrey are investigating an astonishing claim by an Aldershot man that he was taken aboard a flying saucer by beings from another world.

The alleged 'close encounter of the third kind' took place in the early hours of August 12th on the banks of the Basingstoke Canal, while 77-year-old Alfred Burtoo was trying to catch more earthly creatures: fish.

His detailed description this week of the inside of the UFO has led a Guildford man to believe his extraordinary tale is true. Mr Omar Fowler, chairman of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, told the Surrey Mail:

'I thought Mr Burtoo had blown his top - until he described the inside of the craft. It tallied well with descriptions made in other parts of the world'.

Mr Burtoo stated: 'I saw a bright light coming towards me over North Town and it hovered over

'It then settled on the bank. I went to have a look and two forms came towards me dressed in pale green suits. They were about 4 feet tall and had dark visors over their faces.

'One of them beckoned me and I followed them to the steps. I wasn't afraid, I was more curious than anything'.

He said he hadn't reported the incident sooner because he was afraid he wouldn't be believed. But then he read a recent story in the *News of the World* about a UFO that landed near an American Air Force base in Norfolk - and decided to reveal his story.

The flying saucer-shaped craft was rimmed with lights rotating in an anti clockwise direction, and it made a faint humming noise. These are known characteristics of many UFOs, said Mr Fowler. But it was unlike the Norfolk UFO.

Inside, the walls were lit by a faint orange glow. There were no 'nuts or bolts or weld marks' and in the centre of the craft was a 'tubular column'.

The alien beings allegedly spoke a foreign language with an accent between Russian and Chinese. But Mr Burtoo heard a voice in broken English saying he could go 'because I was too old and inform for their purpose', he said.

## Took off

Shortly after leaving the spacecraft it took off in the direction of Tongham. Mr Fowler - who investigated a UFO sighting in Ash and Farnborough in 1978, reported by eight people including a police officer - stated:

'Unless he has made detailed studies of other UFO reports, I am 90 per cent certain this incident took place'.

Mr Burtoo said: 'I don't know anything about them. I didn't even believe in flying saucers until this happened'.

Other UFO reports of local interest include: a flying 'cigar' accompanied by flying saucers, seen over Basingstoke by a civilian airline pilot and his wife, and a UFO seen over Spain from an airliner, civilian pilot from Haslemere.