

Family in lightning terror

Lightning struck a house in Rougham on Tuesday sparking off a series of bizarre incidents.

The Flight family of Moat Lane, Rougham, thought they were in a scene from a science fiction film when, amid a succession of electrical failures, a spark struck a girl's leg leaving a marking shaped like a jelly-fish on her flesh.

Explained Mr Alan Flight: "We were all in the kitchen, having just had tea, when there was a crack like a gun going off followed by an eerie silence."

"Then my daughter's friend Jackie Hassell said she had been stung and we saw the large black marking on her leg looking just like a jelly-fish."

Mr Flight, a production

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engineer with a local firm, said that he had seen a storm approaching and had just pulled the plug out of his television before the lightning struck the aerial on the chimney.

The shock virtually broke up the chimney and then the Flights were plunged into darkness as a fuse box blew open, a portable television burst apart and a door bell flew off the wall.

"You always think it will happen to someone else and not you. It was an extraordinary experience and we were shaking for a few minutes after the lightning had struck and done its damage."

Damage

Mr Flight said he had not calculated the exact cost of the damage, but it was likely to run into several hundred pounds.

He also added that the mysterious mark on Jackie's leg was now disappearing.

The lightning affected homes nearby the Flight's house on that evening causing television interference and putting some telephones out of action.



● Chilling reminders of an unforgettable experience — Mr Alan Flight with the chimney flue and top and portable television which were damaged by lightning. (Free Press picture).

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