



Mr Parsonage and his blueprint for a flying machine

A RETIRED engineer, inspired by UFO sightings, is working on a new idea for powered flight.

Cyril Parsonage, of Horsham, is trying to harness the force created by spinning gyroscopes.

A retired electrical and mechanical engineering lecturer, he says he has all the mathematical answers to back his invention.

Although Mr Parsonage, 62, has not seen a UFO he was fascinated by the descriptions given in reports of sightings.

"People have always talked of them spinning around and when I started thinking how this could come about I came up with the idea of gyroscopes."

"It was the constant reference to whirling wheels which started me thinking in this direction."

Mr Parsonage worked at Kent technical college until he retired three years ago. He

Inventor who is reaching for the sky

started experimenting with spinning bicycle wheels in a laboratory.

His latest plan is for a frame of four gyroscopes which, according to his theory, would take-off through the force it generates.

Mr Parsonage's idea has not yet got off the ground because he lacks the special equipment needed to make a model that could withstand the high pressure.

But he is continuing to make detailed plans on paper and is

having his idea patented.

"If the idea could be made to work the new machine could take the place of any winged aircraft," he said. "It could be used for any type of equipment that needed lift."

"It would also work in any environment and could be used by ships, spacecraft or even submarines."

But until Mr Parsonage finds a backer who is willing to sink around £10,000 into the project his plans will remain firmly on the ground.