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Checking out close encounters of an alien kind



■ Watch out for those close encounters when you take a walk across Palmer Park.

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A READING man claims to have had a close encounter of the third kind — meeting an alien, according to Berkshire UFO researcher Stephen Chetwynd.

Stephen, from Old Windsor, has investigated two close encounters, one in Reading and one in Bracknell.

British UFO Research Association member Stephen said: "The witness had been out walking in a park when he was approached by beings and taken to a ship, given an examination and the next minute was back in the park, having lost two hours."

The witness later saw images in his room at night, and felt that a "higher intelligence" was trying to make contact.

Mystery

Although many would scoff, Stephen keeps an open mind on the subject. "I didn't feel the witness was lying to me. They felt they had seen something, whether it was a hallucination or something external to them I can't say," he said.

He has been investigating UFO sightings for almost ten years, and says that although 95 to 97 per cent of

sightings can be explained, there are still several incidents that remain a mystery.

"Actual evidence of alien visitation is very difficult to see," he said. "I don't think there's any definite evidence that we have been visited."

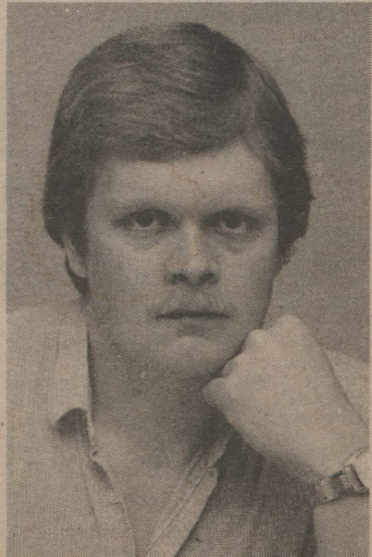
"We could speculate about what people see. People are seeing strange and inexplicable things in the sky, but it's hard to prove what they are."

Lights in the sky are not a lot of use he says, because they are so intangible and hard to draw any conclusions from.

He believes the worlds of UFO's and psychic phenomena overlap, and is interested in the state of mind that may produce feelings like a close encounter experience.

"We tend to be left with 5-10 per cent of incidents which we find very difficult to explain under normal circumstances or in a normal way," he said.

Next time you are in Palmer Park, keep your eyes open, just in case.



■ Stephen Chetwynd — UFO researcher.

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