

What was that?

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A SPECTACULAR unidentified flying object has been seen in the sky over Haslemere by a family of four who live in New Road, Camelsdale.

It happened early on Thursday morning last week when Mr. Stephen Harwood got up to go to work just before 6 a.m.

He went into his back garden and in the dark but cloudless starlit sky he saw what he at first thought were a number of aircraft flying in close formation toward him, with two very large bright white rectangular lights in front followed by a series of nine red circular lights, in what he described as a banana shape.

But although the lights were only about 4,000 to 5,000 feet up, there was no sound at all from them.

He called his wife Karen to come and look, and their two sons Toby (4½) and Justin (7), who were also awake, watched the lights from their bedroom windows.

FLASHING LIGHTS

The lights appeared to belong to one very large object, and they flashed on and off in sequence as they flew over Camelsdale and circled around the Haslemere area.

Then a smaller red light came swiftly from the direction in which the others had come, travelling very much faster. It caught up with the other lights, slowed down, and flew alongside.

The family watched the lights circle for two or three minutes and then they disappeared back towards the way they had come, the Petworth direction.

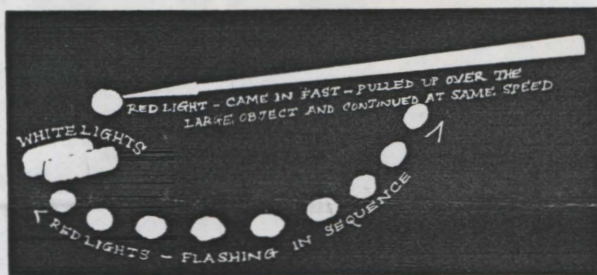
Mr. Harwood, who is interested in plane watching called Gatwick Airport to ask if any planes had been over Haslemere at 5.58 a.m. that morning, but was told that none had been flying there and nothing had been recorded on the radar screen. He was advised to

telephone the RAF station at Brize Norton to check further, which he did.

Again he was told that no military aircraft had been flying at that time and that nothing had shown on the radar screen. They added one interesting fact, which was that Mr. Harwood's was the fourth report of a UFO they had received for that night. The other three were from the Kent area —

not too far away in terms of flying.

Mr. Harwood, who is a self-employed builder, is anxious to hear from anyone else who might have seen the UFO on Thursday just before 6 a.m. He feels there must have been quite a few early workers up and about at that hour. He is certain the lights did not come from an aircraft, but he has no explanation of what they might have been.



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