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SKYWATCHERS: Conference organiser Mr Mick Hanson, left, with, left to right, Mr Paul Garner, a Yorkshire UFO Society investigator; Mr Graham Birdsall, director of research; and the guest speaker, Mr Timothy Good, with his book.

## Talking about UFOs...

HUNDREDS of enthusiasts gathered at the weekend for a conference designed to explain some of the mysteries surrounding Unidentified Flying Objects.

The conference at the Assembly Rooms, Rotherham, was organised by the Yorkshire UFO Society in conjunction with Quest magazine.

It was attended by more than 400 people from throughout Britain and is the biggest of its kind in the North of England.

It was called Above Top Secret, the title of a new book written

by one of the main speakers, Mr Timothy Good, a professional violinist from Kent who has dedicated more than 30 years' research to the UFO phenomenon.

The conference organiser was Mr Mick Hanson, 26, from Herringthorpe, near Rotherham, who is the director of international research with the Leeds-based Yorkshire UFO Society.

He said: "The aim of the conference is to give the public a little more insight into what has been

going on and to try to offer some explanations." Mr Hanson, who is unemployed, spends most of his time collecting information about UFOs.

He said that in South Yorkshire alone there were about two or three sightings per week, and more than 80 UFO reports had been received in the first six weeks of this year.

"There has been a lot of activity in the South Yorkshire area, so we have had our research teams out in the field acting on information we have received from the public," he said. "In some cases they have succeeded in capturing these phenomena on film."

Photographs of UFOs, plus diagrams and official documents about unexplained sightings released by both the British and American Governments, were on display at the conference.