

# UFO sighted by foreman <sup>237c</sup>

JOHN Rees had a strange encounter of an unusual kind while he was out walking his dog in Cwmdare.

Something caught his attention in the sky — it was a luminous object moving along a spiral path in a northerly direction towards Neath.

"I would not have bothered to take a second look," said John, "if it had not been for the spiral path and the intense luminosity — and two downwardly directed parallel beams.

"It had a cylindrical shape, like a lager can. The clouds were pitch black on the horizon but the moon was above the cloud line and it was very bright. Fortunately the object stayed above the cloud line and I was able to keep it in view.

"It moved towards Neath and then back, in a southerly direction towards the Maerdy mountain. I was watching it for about three-quarters of an hour.

"I usually meet a teacher when I am out walking the dog between 10.15pm and 11. I was hoping he would come by so I could have someone to verify the sighting, but unfortunately he did not turn up this time.

John, 49, a foreman at Enghart Fans on the Hirwaun Industrial Estate, took a bit of a ribbing from his workmates when he started talking about it. Undeterred, John, who is closely linked with local operatic groups and a warden of Cwmdare Youth Club, is sticking to his story.

"I was shocked I can tell you, I have never seen anything like that before. I thought it was a plane out of control at first. Planes do fly over the Cynon valley at that time of night. I have never believed in UFO's but there is no doubt that I saw something out of the ordinary. There was no noise from it.

"I wiped my eyes then I closed one of them to make sure I was focussing right," said John, adding that he had drawn pictures of the object and its trajectory for his workmates, but they were treating it as a joke.

"I am hoping that someone else will now come forward with the same story," said John, whilst workmates uttered asides like: "Beam me up Dr John."

A police spokesman said there had been no other reported sightings on the night in question.