

Driver spotted 'fireball'

A MOTORIST phoned police this week after spotting what he thought was an aircraft in flames heading for Bretton.

The man, who has not been named, was driving along Fletton Parkway towards the Ortons at 6.28pm when he saw a ball of fire hurtling overhead on a collision course with the city township.

None of the local RAF stations have reported any incidents involving aircraft, but Farcet astronomer George Alcock said today the fireball was almost certainly a meteorite.

A stream of meteors known as the Taurids is passing close to Earth and Mr Alcock said: "There will be a lot of meteorite activity over the next fortnight.

"What was probably seen last night was one of the Taurid shower — very bright and leaving a long tail behind it."