

Peace talks with aliens - claims book

EARTHWATCHERS from outer space are no strangers to the governments of this world and Reagan and Gorbachev have jointly discussed defences against possible invaders.

That's the claim of Timothy Good, who, in a new paperback, says that the aliens are becoming even more regular visitors.

Southend, in particular, seems to be used as a cosmic crossroads when the mysterious spacelings do their tourist bit over London.

"There have already been 70 spacecraft sightings in this area this year compared to 20 at the same time last year," says Timothy.

But have no fear. According to Timothy, and to all the people he says have met them, the aliens are peacefully inclined.

Cover-up

His book pushes the theory that there has long been a world-wide cover-up of the frequency and intentions of the out-of-this-world visitors.

As a result UFO-spotters are left with the feeling that they have an over-active imagination or bad eyesight. But could South East Essex be on the brink of a close encounter?

For someone with his mind so high in the skies, Timothy appears an unusually down-to-earth person who talks with genuine seriousness on a subject which has fascinated him for more than 20 years.

For him, one of the most important examples cited in the book took place over Southend on October 14, 1964.

Flight Lieutenant James Salandin of 604 County of Middlesex Squad-

ron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force, took off on a routine flight in a Meteor jet from his base at RAF North Weald, Essex, on a clear mid-afternoon.

"When I was at about 16,000 feet I saw a whole lot of contrails — possibly at 30-40,000 feet — over the tip of Kent," he says.

"Through the middle of the trails I saw three objects which I thought were aeroplanes but they weren't leaving any trails.

"They came down through the middle of that towards Southend and then headed towards me.

"When they got to within a certain distance two of them went off to my port side — one gold, one silver — and the third object came straight towards me and closed to within a few hundred yards.

"It almost filled the windscreen, then it went off towards my port side. I tried to turn round to follow but it had gone.

"It was saucer-shaped with a bun on top and a bun underneath, and silvery and metallic. There were no portholes, flames or anything.

"I haven't found a satisfactory explanation for what I saw but I know what I saw."

James, now 62 and working for the Friends of St Paul's Cathedral Enterprises, says he has never been so frightened in his life.

He can still remember the objects clearly and was in radio contact with air traffic control all the

time but there was not enough time to activate the plane's camera.

After he landed back at base he was debriefed by an intelligence officer and told not to mention what had happened to anyone. "It should never have got out but eventually did," he says.

Always reluctant

"I have always been reluctant to give interviews but I believe what I saw and I have never seen anything else like it."

Timothy, a 46-year-old professional musician when not living and breathing UFOs, is convinced that James' account is sincere and one of the most important RAF reports to come to light.

He lives in Beckenham, Kent, and always tries to carry a camera and video equipment with him wherever he goes.

Many of the UFOs seen this year have been a triangular or boomerang shape. The same shaped objects have also been seen in Russia this year.

Mysterious objects seen flying above Southend have been dismissed as test flights from British bases by the new American triangular-shaped Stealth bomber aeroplane.