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## Stay dry in Bath, louts told

THE tourist towns of Scarborough and Bath yesterday set up alcohol-free zones to combat lager louts.

Anyone found swilling from beer cans in parks, city centres and other public places could be fined £100.

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd said it would help end the "nuisance and distress caused to ordinary citizens by groups of mainly young people who become drunk and behave badly."

The towns are joining a two-year experiment against lager louts which was launched in Coventry four months ago.

# MID-AIR PLUNGE PANIC AS UFO BUZZES PLANE

THE captain and passengers on a VIP flight watched in amazement as a UFO sped towards them.

They sat spellbound as a silvery glow with flashing lights appeared over the Mediterranean.

Seconds later, guests on the maiden flight were thrown forward as the shape disappeared and the plane plunged, spilling coffee and smoked salmon.

The chairman of British Island Airways, Peter

by NICK CRAVEN

Viller, was among executives and journalists who witnessed the drama on the inaugural flight of the firm's McDonnell Douglas 83.

At first captain Bob Taylor thought it was another plane and told passengers to look out of the window as they crossed Sardinia.

Susie Walton, a presenter with London's LBC Radio, said: "The sky lit up with shimmer-

ing lights. It was like a disco. It was very pretty, almost a romantic light.

"After the light disappeared, the captain came back on and said it wasn't an aircraft. He said it could have been a missile or a UFO. But if it was a missile he would have been warned about it in advance. There was no sound, it was silent.

"When the plane suddenly dropped a few minutes later, it was terrifying. I thought that was it. They later said the drop was due to

'wake disturbance' which you get if you fly into the vacuum created by a jumbo jet. But there were no other planes around."

Capt Taylor added: "I've never seen anything like it before. It looked like the remains of a condensation trail.

"It came towards us somewhat faster than normal, in fact it was obviously missing us and climbing tremendously high way above us.

"At first I thought it was an aircraft. It was the way it suddenly disappeared that made me change my mind. I can tell my grandchildren I might have seen a UFO."

No one has identified the object which did not show up on air control screens. But BIA chairman Peter Viller insisted: "The lights were anything from 500 to 3,000 miles away. I'm certain it was not a UFO."

## £5,000 COST OF MOVING HOUSE

**FAMILIES buying a £100,000 house now have to find an extra £5,000 just to move in.**

Fees for selling up and then settling into a new home are soaring, says a new survey.

Estate agents' fees, stamp duty, surveys and solicitors' bills add up to £103 more than last year for the £100,000 purchase.

"House prices may have stabilised over recent months but the cost of moving is once more on the increase," said the

Woolwich Building Society.

"Many home-hunters are unaware of the full costs involved and can be surprised and sometimes shocked by the bills."

Even for an average first-time buy of £35,000 the bill is £1,146, a £67 increase.

Solicitors are charging little more than last year.

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