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# Close encounters on county border

**H**OW do you suddenly arrive in Ilam on the Derbyshire-Staffordshire border with neither you nor your companion aware of how you got there or what happened to the previous few hours, just gone in a flash?

The question is not answered but the story of Jeff and his fiancée, Jane, to whom it happened in 1974 is told by UFO researcher Jenny Randles in *Abduction*, (Headline, £2.99), described as a scientific exploration of alleged kidnaps by alien beings.

The story of 20-year-old student teacher Jeff and his fiancée began at Werrington in Staffordshire at 9.30pm on that January night in 1974.

A green light appeared in the sky and followed them in their car. When they stopped and got out a black shape above them shone two beams downwards, a green one on to the road, a blue one on the car.

The couple jumped in the car and drove off. They bumped over a cattle grid and discovered they were at Ilam. They had no memory of how they got there and it was now 1.30am. A few minutes later there was another bump and they were in Macclesfield, Cheshire — and it was 3.30am. There they contacted the police.

The British UFO Research Association investigated the case two years later, Miss Randles reports, and confirmed the story with the police.

"But the couple did not want any publicity and would not consider hypnosis," says Miss Randles, who has many bizarre stories of experiences related under hypnosis by people who had similar "missing hours."