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Pics fury of Linley

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back in his Range Rover. We were all quite merry.

David had a fabulous new automatic camera and he was keen to try it out.

We were all just mucking around pulling silly faces. And then one of the waiters who had just got back from holiday, stripped off his shirt to show his brown chest.

David handed the camera to one of the others and started throwing his arms around the waiter and playing with his tummy, just as a joke.

Relaxed

There were then loads of pictures taken of David hugging the girls. It was meant to be fun.

About 3 o'clock, David said he was tired and was going home. But he told me to keep the camera so we could carry on taking pictures.

Polly gave Linley his camera back on Thursday, then discovered the film had been stolen.

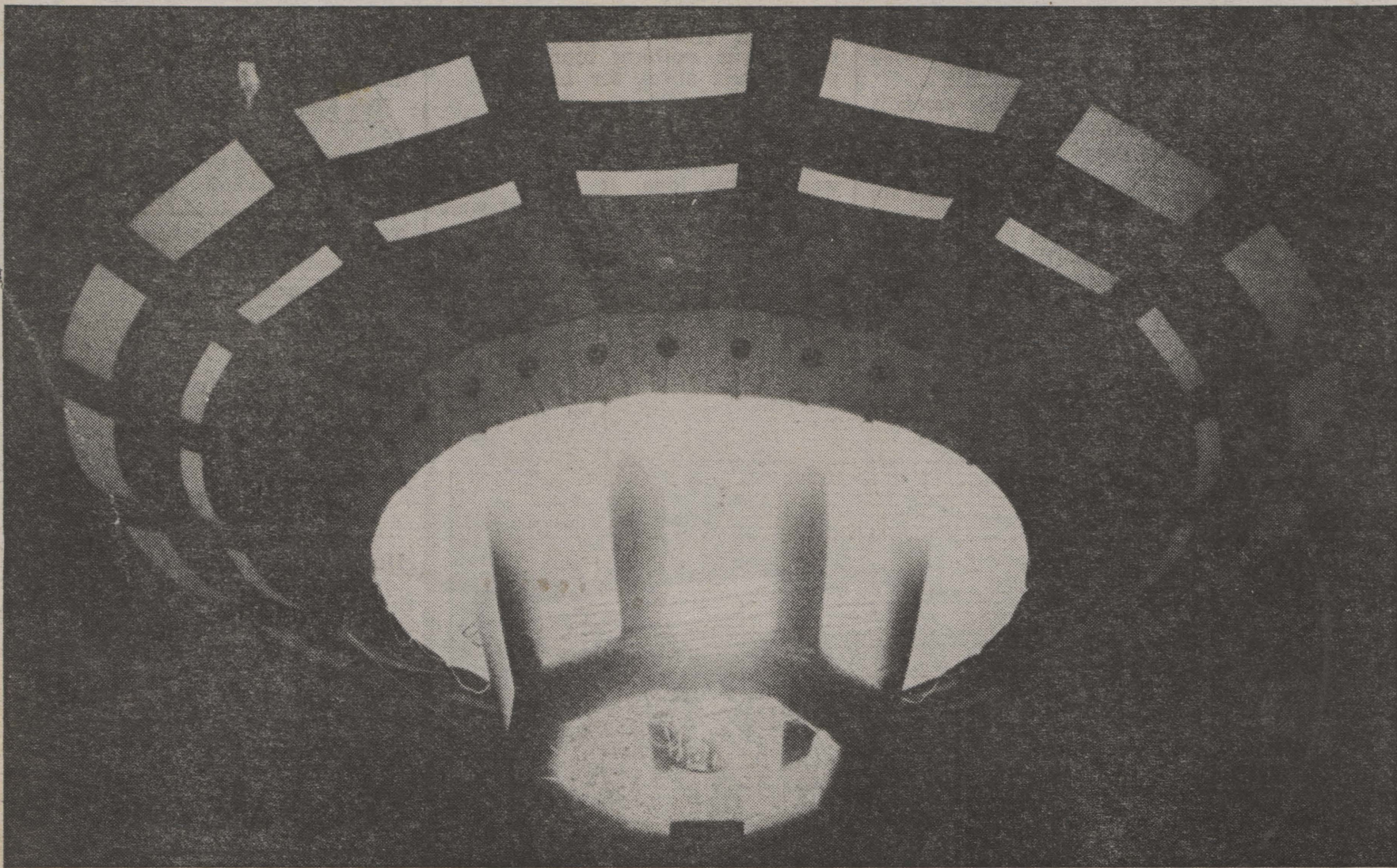
She said: "David is absolutely furious. I just feel sick about it."

Polly added: "He felt so relaxed in my flat he thought he could fool around without any harm being done."

"In the cold light of day, it looks as though we were having some sort of kinky orgy. But it was all just innocent fun."

SNACK ATTACK

Loony lefties now serve PloughPERSON'S lunch at the council canteen in Labour-run Lambeth, south London. They say Ploughman's is sexist.



The Aliens... Branson's ghostly spaceship which caused panic among M25 drivers yesterday

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BALLOONY BRANSON'S

UFO PRANK BACKFIRES

By MARK DONOVAN and JAMIE PYATT

MADCAP millionaire Richard Branson caused a massive April Fool panic yesterday — when he convinced thousands of terrified people that aliens were about to invade earth.

Motorists swerved off the M25 in Surrey when Virgin boss Branson sailed overhead in a hot-air balloon cleverly disguised as a saucer-shaped spaceship.

Police stations were besieged with calls from early risers who reported seeing a glowing UFO in the early morning mist. And two jets were diverted at Gatwick when Branson's Virgin Galactic Airship was blown dangerously close to the airport.

Branson and friend Don Cameron then decided to land in a field near Redhill, Surrey.

And as a policeman approached the "airship," out stepped... E.T.

April Fool clanger

Stupid

Prankster Branson, dressed in a black spacesuit, said: "The PC did not know we had a dwarf dressed in a green rubber suit with big red eyes, looking like E.T."

"You've never seen anyone run so fast in his life. He was scared stupid — and we collapsed hysterics."

Later, three policemen and a few cheerleaders crept to-

wards the alien invader.

Branson said: "You should have seen their faces when they realised who we really were."

Branson took off from Kenley, South London, at 5am on a test run for an April Fool's Day flight today.

But police and local residents did not see the joke.

A Surrey police spokesman described the stunt as "stupid."

He added: "There were so many calls saying

aliens were invading that we had to take them seriously."

"We sent patrol cars out to where the little green men were believed to have touched down, but found instead Richard Branson."

Panic

Pensioner Mrs Rebecca Bowns, 73, said: "I was scared stiff when lights from that thing filled my room with colour."

"I thought the little green men were coming. I ran out in a panic



Spaceman Branson... outside his capsule

and nearly broke my neck when I tripped.

"If I could get hold of Branson, I would wring his neck."

A Civil Aviation Authority spokesman said: "If there is sufficient evidence, we will take action against Mr Branson."

But unrepentant Branson said he was ready to spook the world again.

He insisted: "We did nothing wrong. We thought everyone would be asleep at that time."

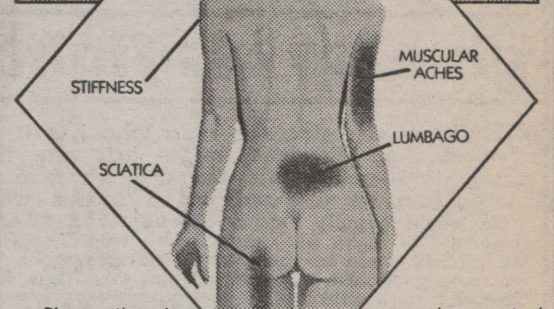


Invader... the take E.T.

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