

Strange stories about strange lights

A STORY appearing in the spring issue of Stockport Heritage Magazine about the history of strange lights, like will o' th' wisps over the moors has been given a hair-raising twist.

In it, a local author on UFOs and the paranormal, Jenny Randles, of Cheadle Heath, attempts an explanation of the age-old-mystery which she terms unexplained atmospheric phenomena, basically "strange lights," the title of the article in the magazine.

In a meeting at Edgeley Library recently, she told her audience: "They are lights, but we do not know where they are coming from. Certain areas all over the world seem to produce them, and one very close to home, the moors between Oldham and Skipton, is famous for them."

She then startled her audience by claiming that the lights and UFOs were one and the same.

"We are getting close to understanding the physics of it," she said. "It is connected with the geology of certain areas. Faults in the Earth's crust seem to trigger the phenomena, and scientists in Norway have tracked orange and blue lights with lasers."

Jenny quotes Lord Hill Norton, former Admiral of the Fleet and Chief of the Defence Staff, as an authority figure who believes something is going on.

"I have spoken to him a number of times and he is convinced there has been a cover-up of an official investigation," she said.

Jenny, who is a research director for the British UFO Research Association, has chronicled many sightings, including close encounters, she says.

The Heritage Magazine article mentions

sightings over the moors, and includes a photograph of an unidentified light over Werneth Low in 1915.

"We have tried to throw more 'light' on this old phenomenon," says the magazine's editor, Steve Cliffe. "Jenny cites policemen who have seen strange things."

One constable took a photograph of a figure on the moors, and another sketched an object he saw in the sky. Both suffered memory lapses and had nightmares.

"Most victims felt pressure, electrostatic tingling and experienced their hairs standing on end.

"Electrical equipment and car engines were also affected, showing some sort of force was operating."

And she asked: "If you see anything, please make a careful record."