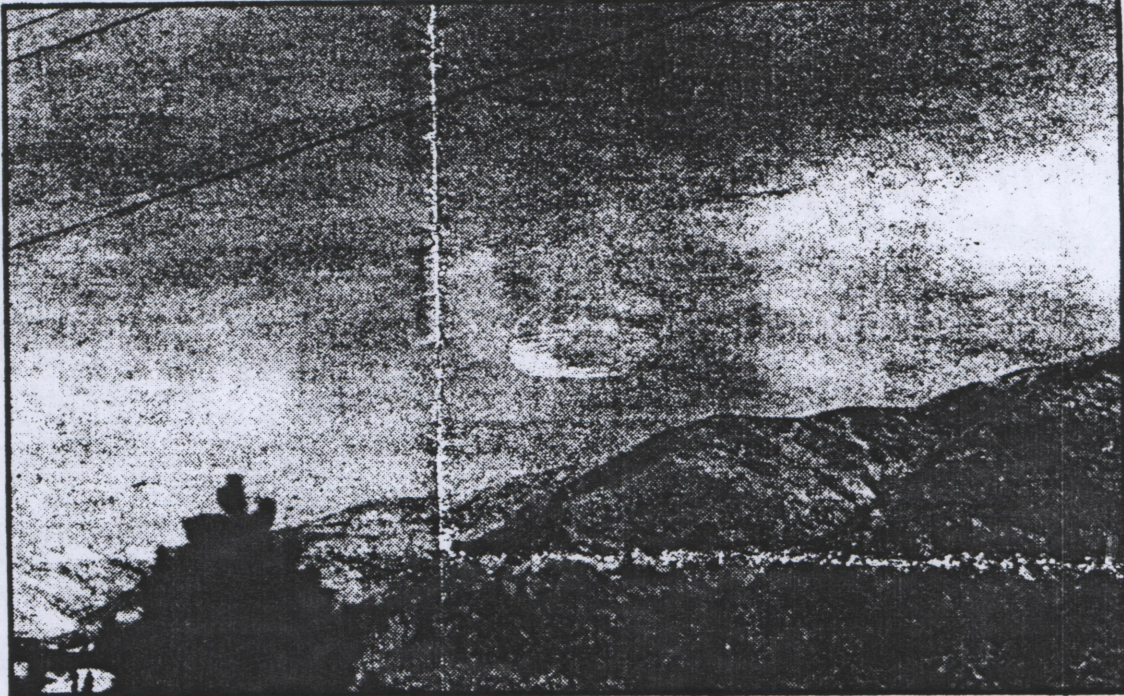


ARE UFOs PIE IN THE SKY? NOT TO GRASSINGTON'S SOBER EX-POLICEMAN



TONY DODD: Looking for answers



Detective Dodd's lights fantastic

RETIRED policeman Tony Dodd handed me the scoop of the century.

Long-lived aliens from outer space who feed on the bodily fluids of humans and cattle are holed up in a New Mexican underground bunker and have wiped out soldiers sent to dislodge them.

The alien life form, known as ALF, are described as hairless, three to five feet high, with large tear-shaped eyes, thin lips and four-fingered, claw-like hands and toes, grey reptile-like skin and arms which reach their knees. They are particularly partial to strawberry ice-cream. Science fiction? Utter fantasy? Not according to 54-year-old Tony.

His bizarre claim, he said, comes from a bemedalled American air force and naval intelligence officer Milton William Cooper, who had access to secret documents, and claims to have seen a huge UFO rising from the sea next to his submarine.

Cooper has challenged the White House by charging the Government with treason against the American people.

His story is that the aliens have temporarily abducted and medically probed thousands of people. The American top military have known about them for years and have given them several remote underground bases in exchange of the kind of technology which enabled them to build the Stealth bomber.

But since then the aliens have shown their true, malevolent colours.

"It is the biggest cover up of all time," said Mr Dodd. "And my information is that something dramatic on UFOs is going to happen in 1992."

Tony, director of research and investigations for the Yorkshire UFO Society, is co-director of



ALIENS are here, living in America and with a taste for strawberry ice-cream, says former policeman Tony Dodd. And he means it! JOHN HEWITT wasn't sure what to believe.

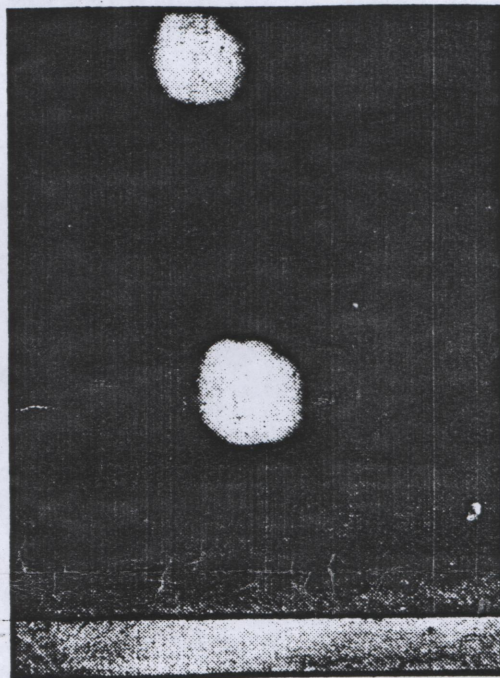


OBJECT LESSON: Tony's drawing of a UFO seen at Cononley

their magazine, the smartly-produced Quest International, which goes out to 300 members worldwide.

What comes as a jolt is that Mr Dodd, who lives at Hardy Meadows, a backwater in the tourist town of Grassington, is eminently sane.

He will admit to being somewhat obsessed by UFOs. "But I want to find out what it is all about. I am searching for the truth, just as I



MYSTERY SIGHTS: A UFO (or cloud?) over a California lake (top) and Tony Dodd's photo of unexplained lights above Carleton Moors (above)

was when I was on the force," he said.

He does not mean the Stars Wars variety. He is talking about the North Yorkshire Police, where he served for 25 years, based at Skipton.

He was out with a colleague on night patrol in a country lane at Cononley in January 1978 when a 100ft UFO floated across the road in front of their car.

"It had three great spheres underneath and there were coloured lights flashing and rotating. The whole thing was giving out an incandescent glow.

Since then he had been out with binoculars and geiger counter on the Carleton Moors, near Skipton, which he claims is prime UFO-spotting territory. He reckons he has seen about 60 UFOs.

"It was as though it was signalling, and it was so close I could see the dimpled glass windows," he said.

The authorities ridicule UFOs, but they are interested in them, Mr Dodd asserts.

Scouts hang on to their woggle

A WOGGLE is a must for the well-dressed scout, but he need no longer wear his beret.

In a new directive issued to Britain's 424,000 Cubs and Scouts, the Scouting Association has said hats and mushroom-coloured trousers are no longer part of the required uniform.

Indeed the only essentials from now on are a scouting sweatshirt, a scarf and the famous coloured plastic scarf-ring — the woggle.

"The woggle and scarf are almost universal worldwide symbols of scouting," said John Fogg, the association's public relations officer.

Shirts

"Even in countries where only a loin is worn, they still wear a scarf and woggle."

The reforms follow a survey of members who decided that some change was required. Local associations will be able to vary the rules on shirts and trousers to meet their local needs.

Earlier this year the Brownie movement commissioned fashion designer Jeff Banks to design a more up-to-date uniform for its members.

Cost

The Scouts' uniform changes come at a time when the association is trying to recruit members from new sections of society, notably the inner cities where the £35 cost of the old uniform may have been a barrier to membership. The minimum cost of uniform now is less than £10.

"The ability to be smart at a lower cost will be there," said Chief Scout Garth Morrison.

"We are concerned that scouting should be acceptable to youngsters in every part of our community."

£160 bike stolen

A RALEIGH Mountain bicycle worth £160 was stolen from outside a house in Vale Mill Lane, Oakworth.

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Use your loaf and picnic on a slice of summer

BREAD is top of the list for picnic-crazy Brits, according to a Gallup poll published by the Flour Advisory Bureau.

A picnic can range from a sumptuous feast for a day at the races or a simple snack on the beach — but top of the list is bread.

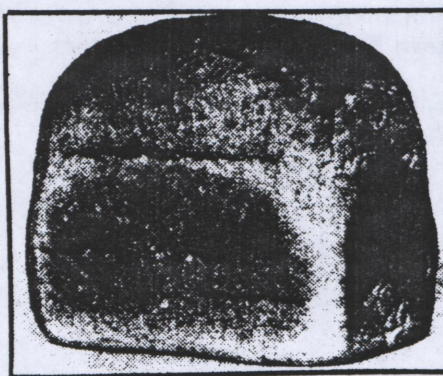
More than eight out of 10 picnics include bread in one form or another — from baguettes and baps to rolls and sandwiches, which are a particular favourite with 25 to 34-year-olds.

Half of all picnickers also eat fruit and crisps.

Salad, biscuits and cold meat also find their way into baskets, says the poll.

Eating outside on a day trip is twice as popular as eating in — 57 per cent compared with 25 per cent, and two thirds among the 25 to 34 age group.

Two thirds take food with them on a day's outing. The figure rises to 75 per cent for those aged between 25 and 44.



The poll also revealed seven out of 10 people visit a local beauty spot every month — two thirds take a picnic.

The beach is the most popular destination, with half of the people questioned saying they had visited the coast in the last year.

Forests and woodlands come second and theme parks are gaining popularity with the young. Four out of 10 people between 25 and 34 visit a local attraction at least once a week.

Zoos are losing their appeal, with less than two out of 10 intending to visit them this year.

A surprising 12 per cent said they never went anywhere.

But despite the wealth of picturesque surroundings, picnics for many mean a sandwich in a car. One third eat a packed snack in or beside their vehicle.