

# THE GLORIA HUNNIFORD COLUMN



## UFOs? We're not joking

Did you read the stories of recent UFO sightings in south-east England? They weren't of the "Aliens turned my granny into a Mars Bar" variety much loved by one or two newspapers.

These sightings were reported by normal, respectable, sober people like teachers and doctors who claimed to have seen strange lights in the sky. To my knowledge, none of their observations has yet been satisfactorily explained.

So, once again, the question is being asked: is there something (or someone) out there?

I've never had a close encounter of any kind myself but I've interviewed people who claim to have seen strange objects hovering way up high. And I was enthralled by the recent pictures of

the mysterious circles that have appeared in English corn fields caused by flattened crops.

They are huge, isolated rings where something heavy would seem to have landed, with no tracks leading to or from the circles and no clue as to how they got there.

As with so many of these yarns, there may well be a perfectly logical explanation - maybe the circles were made by the wind generated by rotating helicopter blades. But there's part of me which would prefer to believe in a more colourful explanation.

It's much more fun to think there might be an unknown life force, just as long as it's not the same inter-galactic nasty which gave Sigourney Weaver all that trouble in *Aliens*.

You can keep your triffids and your little green men with

TV aerials instead of eyes. I prefer my aliens to be more of the E.T. variety - looking all lost and forlorn having missed the last spaceship home.

A friend of mine was on Brighton pier not long ago and saw something overhead she couldn't identify. When she telephoned the local police she wasn't ridiculed but was asked lots of very detailed questions about exactly what she'd seen. I now learn that the police have instructions to take every reported sighting seriously and

fill in a proper report, no matter how ludicrous it may sound.

Apparently, though, airline pilots often spot strange objects which they don't report.

A lot of seemingly rational people swear they've had a Close Encounter of

the Fourth Kind, which means that they believe they were abducted by aliens. Their tales seem to be remarkably consistent: strange lights surround their car and then they remember nothing until they "wake up" again - still inside the car but in a different place.

One woman who had such an experience underwent hypnosis to try to bring back memories of what had occurred during her "lost" hours. While in her trance, she revealed that she'd been taken aboard a spaceship and interrogated by creatures she couldn't identify.

No, she wasn't Fallon from *Dynasty*. She was just a normal housewife. And she hadn't touched a drop, either!

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## UFO Mystery

UNIDENTIFIED flying Object investigators who called in an expert to examine the corn circle at Little Green, Braintree have been mystified by the findings.

Colin Andrews, an expert who has examined dozens of circles throughout the country measured the Braintree as 24ft by 23ft.

The first foot showed corn had been flattened clockwise, the next 7ft anti-clockwise and the remainder clockwise again.

He is convinced the circle is not a hoax and samples have been taken away for analysis.

East Anglian UFO investigators have also had many calls from Essex residents about a circular craft showing red, white and green lights which has been seen hovering in the mid Essex area. The same craft has also been seen over the Thames Estuary.

East Anglian UFO researchers are particularly interested to hear from anyone in the Chelmsford area who might have seen any mystery objects. They can telephone the UFO hot line on Basildon 286079.

## UFO film genuine

A SENSATIONAL report just published by UFO buffs has declared a film off a UFO as 'genuine.'

The film, taken near Haddenham in 1973, has been scrutinised by experts throughout Britain. It was taken by building surveyor Peter Day who had a movie camera with him in his car when he witnessed the strange light.

The conclusion of the report, "Fire In The Sky" by the British UFO Research Association states: "By a strict definition of the term the thing was a UFO - namely an Unidentified Flying Object. Whether it will remain unidentifiable is another matter."

A full report will appear in next week's Star but turn to page 13 for more news on the strange lights seen over the county last week.

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## Mystery of the flying object

SOMETHING mysterious hurtled through the night sky over the Bristol area - but what was it?

Colin Pulsford of Branksome Way Drive, Filton, thought at first it was a rocket sent up by somebody with very early access to Guy Fawkes fireworks.

But it travelled horizontally rather than vertically and made no noise.

It was bright green and from ground level appeared to be one-eighth of the diameter of the moon. It had a tail. As suddenly as it had appeared it disappeared.

Mr Pulsford was baffled, but put the incident out of his mind - until next morning when a colleague at work spoke of a similar sighting miles away at Yate.

"It wasn't a meteor," said Mr Pulsford. He was out taking a walk with his wife Lillian over playing fields on Sunday evening when he saw the mysterious object. The time: 8.19 pm.

Bristol University physics lecturer Dr Rodney Hillier, could offer no explanation