

# UFO story 2374 isn't alien to us, say scientists

ON THE far side of the scientific community, the news of 12 ft aliens taking a walk in a Russian park comes as final proof that a belief in UFOs is not a definition of lunacy.

At the Aetherius Society, spokeswoman Chrissie Aubry noted with satisfaction that the description of a "shining ball or disc" seen landing in a park in the southern town of Voronezh matched their own reports almost exactly.

It gave her the opportunity once again to call for the Defence Ministry to release its own secret files on UFO sightings, adding: "Tass never jokes and if they take it seriously, so should the authorities in Britain."

According to the society, the description of craft seen by the people of Voronezh bears a striking resemblance to what they know as a scout craft—a disc-shaped craft with four domes underneath which are apparently the landing gear.

She went on: "We have been saying for years that alien spacecraft have been visiting this planet. They have been coming for thou-



Chrissie Aubry with a model of one of the space vehicles her society believes have visited Earth

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sands of years and helping mankind."

It was at this point that the society's explanation began to stretch credulity as Chrissie said: "We believe that some of the great teachers like Buddha and Jesus were interplanetary. Our own president George King has been contacted and

received some 600 transmissions from the interplanetary parliament."

But such credentials carry little weight at the Defence Ministry, where one person deals with all UFO reports—and that is only one part of his job.

A spokesman explained: "We only look at them if they have some military connection.

"For instance, if a spaceship hovered over Aldershot and little green men got out, we would be interested. We simply don't have the manpower to look at all these things. This Russian thing is no big deal and has absolutely nothing to do with us."

With official reaction like that, it is hardly surprising that Colin Andrews, the engineer who has been studying mysterious circles found

in cornfields all over south-west England is treating the Russian report very carefully.

He said: "We're certainly following up this sighting. It's very interesting that they found a 20-metre circular depression in the park which is very similar to our circles. But we are far from saying the circles are made by alien craft. We have to be very careful about this."

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