

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS THAT LEFT A WEIRD TRAIL OF FEAR

EXCLUSIVE



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MYSTERY OF THE SILVER SPACE BEAM



RICHARD MORSE "I was shocked"

How I saw two moons in the sky

RICHARD MORSE was taking a short cut home from the bus stop when he saw a light flickering from the sky.

"I thought it was the moon behind the clouds," says 27-year-old Morse, of Poole, Dorset. "Then I saw the moon in another part of the sky."

"Just looking at it gave me a weird feeling. It was a typical flying-saucer shape with another shape on top of it and a white light shone from its centre to the ground."

"Time seemed to stand still as I watched it. Then it started to move off, banking very fast before it disappeared."

Fast

"Friends have come up with normal explanations of what it might have been, but none have convinced me."

"I felt so emotional after I'd seen it. When I got home, I was shocked and upset."

"It wasn't like anything from this planet."

Morse, who had a temporary job as a deck chair attendant at the time, said: "Frankly, this caused me some embarrassment. I've had to take some ribbing from my friends over it."

"I was really glad to hear others had had similar experiences that night."

- IN one night, a strange beam of "solid" silver light shining from a saucer-shaped craft was seen in three different places in Dorset.
- Similar sightings have been reported around the world, adding to the huge inter-

- national dossier on Unidentified Flying Objects.
- Next month, the Queen will watch some of the weirdest of these experiences in the blockbusting sci-fi film Close Encounters Of The Third Kind at its premiere in London.

THE BEAM fell across the bonnet of Mrs Pauline Fall's car as she and a woman friend drove down a dark country lane.

Pauline, 31, said: "It came down four or five times, always in exactly the same place on the bonnet. It was as if the light was tracking us."



PAULINE FALL Cone-shaped beam

At first she couldn't make out where the beam was coming from.

"One minute, there was nothing in the sky, the next, there it was," she said. "It looked like the underside of a dinner plate, and out of the centre came a silvery white light."

"The light was narrow at the top, widening into a cone shape as it touched the ground."

"It was solid light, as if a line had been drawn around it."

"I'm not normally one to panic, but the pit of my stomach went ice

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cold. My friend was unnerved, too."

The two women were near the Dorset village of Longham when the beam appeared.

Pauline noticed the beam getting shorter as the object started to come down.

"Then it disappeared, as if it had been swallowed up by the ground," Pauline said.

Power

"I was desperate to get home and shut the front door on the outside world."

When her husband, John, saw her terrified face, he thought she must have had an accident.

"Don't laugh," she told him, "but I think I've seen a UFO."

Pauline, a builder's wife, of Wimborne, Dorset, said: "My hands were ice cold, but the skin beyond the wristbands of my blouse was a normal temperature. It took nearly an hour



KAREN IVESON traces the path of the silvery disc she saw

afterwards to get my hands warm.

"Even talking about it now, I start to tremble. I couldn't take the car out on my own at night for four months afterwards."

Odd things happened to Pauline's car after the sighting.

Its petrol consumption shot up. And the engine cut out while she was driving, although the power returned when her husband took the wheel.

Pauline said: "I've done a lot of soul-searching, and I haven't a logical explanation for what I saw. It must have been a UFO."

"I just wish someone could tell me where it came from and what it wants from us."

■ On the same night—

Saturday, May 21, 1977—pretty Karen Iveson and her 10-year-old boyfriend, Cliff Rowe, had parked their car to do some courting when the beam fell on them.

Cliff, an apprentice technician, said: "It shone across the back of the car."

Karen and Cliff were parked off a road near Parley Cross, Dorset.

"It was a lonely spot," Cliff said. "And not being able to see what caused the beam scared us a bit. We moved on."

They found out exactly where the beam came from as they drove along the road.

Panic

Karen, an 18-year-old tax officer, of Guernsey Road, Poole, Dorset, said: "A large, silvery disc-shaped object hovered over a field, and a silver-green, cone-shaped beam shone down from the centre of it. We stopped to watch. It seemed to stay there for ages."

"Then suddenly, it veered off fast, and dropped behind some trees, much lower than any plane could go."

"We both panicked a bit afterwards. It was scary, not knowing what on earth it was. It was like nothing I'd ever seen in my life."

"I believe in UFOs. Now I know there must be something up there."

THE STRANGE ONES

WHAT do these aliens who fly UFOs look like?

Some face-to-face encounters have revealed them as figures between 6ft and 8ft tall, wearing shimmering, silver space-suits similar to those worn by human astronauts.

Their heads, set on massive shoulders, have no discernible features. A box-shaped silver space helmet frames a dark area, like a blank watch face.

Other close encounters have been with small

creatures, between 2ft and 3ft tall, with bald, egg-shaped heads and hawk-like talons for hands.

In Kentucky, America, a group of farmworkers shot at these strange creatures. Whenever one was hit, it would float or fall over and then scurry for cover.

The shots sounded as though they were hitting a bucket—but the creatures themselves, whether jumping or walking, made no sound.

TOMORROW. UFOs that haunt the