

Strange sight at the pub

FARM HAND F. W. Fleet, of Long Ponds, Layham, near Ipswich, saw a strange beam of light the night he went down to the pub to get some tobacco.

It was 7.15 p.m. in November 1947. He says: "The landlord at my local, The Queen's Head, told me to hang on while he went to get his shirt off the line outside."

"Soon he came rushing in, shouting and looking as white as a ghost."

"I ran out to see what the commotion was about."

"I stopped in my tracks. All I saw was a trail of vapour and something bright in the distance."

"But the landlord told me he had seen a bright flying light coming after him."

"He had yelled and it had shot off."

That was not the end of the story.

Mr Fleet was cycling home in 1973.

He claims: "I saw what looked like a cluster of lights in the sky to the right of Colchester. They never moved."

"Two nights later, the same cluster was there."

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"This time one shot off like a shooting star."

"The really queer thing is that a beam of light kept changing from light to transparent."

"It was perhaps a mile long and shone down to within ten yards of me."

"It scared the life out of me."

"There was a rustling sound and then the beam faded."

"To this day I have no explanation for it."

Glow

ANDREW Almond, of Moorland Road, Plympton, Plymouth, was gazing out of a bedroom window when he saw a grey disc in the sky.

It was about ten feet long with a dome and portals giving off a red glow.

"I rushed downstairs as quickly as I could to get some binoculars," he says.

"But by the time I had returned the object had gone."

Dome

MRS J. R. Fitch and her daughter saw a UFO near an old aerodrome at Hadstock in Cambridgeshire.

She says: "It was silver in colour with a dome on top. There were bright twinkling lights all around it."

"It travelled across the sky and then disappeared only to reappear in exactly the same position."

"I seemed to be spinning."

"I told my husband and he laughed."

"But altogether four of us saw it and we know we did not imagine this."



ARE we being watched, visited — and even used — by a force of an unknown origin? That was the intriguing question I posed in REVUE'S series, the Flying Saucer Report.

The series was a big hit with readers.

Letters flooded in from people telling of their strange "sightings."

We have space for only a few of the replies. But a big thank-you to everyone who wrote in,

JOHN KERCHER

Red and blue UFO

LAMBERT Davies, of Birchgrove Street, Porth, Rhondda, is a member of a British and Portuguese UFO Society. He says he saw a UFO over Cardiff in October 1970.

"It came across from Lickwith, moving towards Newport very quickly," he says.

"It was the size of a double decker bus, red on the inside with a blue haze on the outer rim. It had no sound."

"It was in our line of vision for about a minute at a height of 1,000ft."

The swarm

MRS A. woke up suddenly at 2 a.m. in September 1979. She had toothache.

The woman, whose husband was on night shift work, was alone with her daughter.

There was a strange noise outside. It got louder.

She looked out of the window and could not believe what she saw.

"It was a circular object, surrounded by coloured lights," she says. "I watched it for five minutes before returning to bed."

"As I was about to go to sleep there was a thundering sound."

"A disc-like object came straight through

the window, although the curtains were shut.

"It hovered beneath the lightshade over the bed."

"Then a kind of swarm came from it, which came down on me and I felt I was being pushed down."

"It was a force I couldn't fight against."

"Then I felt it coming out of me and watched it return to the disc."

"A strange whirring sound that had filled the room now quietened."

"I rushed into my daughter's room and stayed there until day-break."

She thought her strange and frightening experience was finished.

But a week later the disc came through the window again, she says.

"My husband was next to me in bed," she adds.

"I tried to wake him but I felt paralysed."

For the next two weeks her daughter woke scared every night.

She claimed that she was once "visited" by a strange lady.

"I put my daughter to bed and when I turned I saw this small figure staring at me," the mother says. "Again, a force paralysed me."

To escape for some peace, she went to her mother's house.

But the disc turned up there.

It was accompanied by six strange figures, all with short cropped hair, she says.

"When my brother screamed in the next room, they disappeared."

"But a bright light went down the street putting out all the street lights."

★ A DISTURBING letter came from a housewife in Tyne and Wear. She asks us not to publish her name. The woman's "experiences" are still happening. Her request for "help" has been passed to the British UFO Research Association.



An artist's impression of mystery missiles seen by Swedish pilots in 1953.

Cuddle that turned into a close encounter

A CUDDLE in the park with a girl friend turned into a close encounter for John Varella, of Cornfield Close, Northampton.

He says: "In about 1967, my girl friend and I

were sitting on a park bench in Northampton.

"In the darkness, we suddenly saw above us four or five orange coloured spheres, hovering and noiseless."

"It was almost as if they were watching us. We just stared in awe for about 30 seconds."

"They took off at such speed it is impossible to calculate it."

"We went back the next night, but they didn't return."

"I was going to write to a newspaper about it. But my workmates scoffed so much I tore it up."

I thought they were witches

A CHILD'S fear of witches brought David Brierly, of North Dean Road, Keighley, Yorkshire, his close encounter.

David, now 27, says: "I was only ten at the time."

"I was lying scared in my bed because our teacher had been telling us all about witches."

"That night I heard this crackling sound and naturally put it down to witches."

"But I couldn't resist looking. What I saw was quite startling. It was a

round sphere of light which rose from the ground about half a mile away.

"It ascended slowly without sound to a height of about 200ft. and then suddenly vanished."

"I told my parents but they just laughed and put it down to a kid's imagination."

David later went to the spot from which the UFO had risen.

He discovered square holes in the ground with what looked like burnt soil around.

Jets riddle

A BRITISH UFO expert was snubbed when he proved a mystery "sighting" in 1958.

Ernie Sears, a public relations officer for the British UFO Research Association, says he saw a cigar-shaped object over Gosport, Hants.

Mr Sears, then an insurance agent, says it was hovering over the experimental radar base on Portsdown Hill.

"It was a blustery March morning and I watched the object for a full minute," says Mr Sears, of Westridge Road, Portswood, Southampton.

He says: "I assumed it was an aircraft fuselage caught in the sunlight.

"But 30 minutes later two Meteor jet aircraft roared low over the town."

"As an ex-RAF man, I knew this was unusual."

"I watched as they climbed in a gradual curve towards the gleaming 'cigar'."

"As the jets closed in on the object it lazily turned on end and vanished."

"The aircraft circled the area."

"I rushed into a nearby telephone box and rang the control tower at Thorney Island air base where the Meteor jets were based."

"I asked what the object was that the two Meteor jets were chasing."

"I got the firm answer, 'You didn't see any jets'."

★ MRS D. KELLAND, of Kipling Road, Bristol, says she saw an object that resembled the moon. But the irregular shape changed to a light grey colour. Finally the shape became similar to a bird in flight.

★ THE South West UFO Investigation Group wrote to us about a sighting on Cradle Hill near Warminster, Wilts., in June 1979.

"A low-flying star in the North East began to travel towards us. But as it did so another

star from the background manoeuvred into the original star's position.

"When the first star moved over us we flashed a powerful light in its direction and received a light signal back."

Panic in the sea

A STRANGE encounter happened to John Tribick, of Hill Street, Norwich.

He and two friends were near Little Bay in Gibraltar in 1955.

They saw a pale green round object hanging motionless in the sky.

Then it dropped slowly towards the surface of the sea. It sank slowly into the sea and then disappeared.

John says: "Almost immediately, the surface of the sea erupted with panic-stricken fish leaping out of the water."

"I even saw a couple of dolphins — one of them so terrified it swam straight into the sea wall."

"Then it stopped"

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