

# MYSTERY CRAFT SWOOPE

## AS SHE TOOK WASHING

### OFF THE LINE

#### RIDDLE OF THE AGE

# FLYING SAUCERS

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**L**ATE at night a Dorset housewife suddenly remembered she had left washing out on the line.

Leaving her husband watching TV, she stepped out into the back garden—and became transfixed with fear.

For on that night, April 3, 1978, Mrs Ethel Field was to become yet another witness to upset the claims of top scientists that UFOs do not exist.

#### Humming noise

Ethel saw a spacecraft manned by silver-clad men hover over the garden of her Parkstone home, flooding it with light. Two crewmen stared unwavering down at her.

"I stood rooted to the spot," Ethel, now 65, told "The Weekly News." "The UFO was oval-shaped and the size of a double-decker bus.

"It was a dark grey colour but the lower half was bathed in a bluish light. There was a large dome on top.

"The roar of the thing died into a humming noise like a vacuum cleaner—but I could feel the ground vibrating under my feet.

"It moved towards me and I found I just couldn't budge at all. Then from underneath the craft came brilliant multi-coloured lights which lit up the entire garden.

"To my horror I saw two figures inside the dome. They were both clad in a silver-coloured uniform and wore tight-fitting helmets, like caps.

#### Frightened

"What was most unnerving was the fact I could not move my legs. One of the men was looking right at me and I became very frightened.

"Strangely, the moment he took his eyes off me I could move. I turned and ran up the garden path towards the house.

"As I was running I turned in time to see the huge thing coming after me. But at the last moment it zoomed up over the house at an incredible speed. And all the lights on the craft went out.

"I ran into the house, told my husband what I had seen and urged him to come out and see if he could spot the craft in the air.

"He refused and laughed. He thought I was joking



**Amazing eye-witness stories that challenge experts who deny the existence of alien spacecraft**

although he did say the television had gone haywire and the dog had barked furiously after I'd gone out to pick up the washing.

"Because my husband laughed at me I didn't phone the police to tell them of my fearful experience. I didn't want them thinking I was crazy.

"But I was very relieved to read in the papers that coastguards in Bournemouth had reported seeing an oval-shaped UFO moving out to sea at great speed on the same night it had hovered over my garden."

#### Orange glow

The British UFO Research Association agree Mrs Field had seen something which could not be logically explained away.

"The humming noise coming from the UFO, the fact that the Fields' TV had

gone haywire, all point towards the theory that UFOs are powered by some electro-magnetic force," said Norman Oliver, spokesman for BUFORA.

"Mrs Field's description of the UFO and the size of the craft, the silver-clad figures inside it, tallies with sightings from other parts of Britain.

"Perhaps the most amazing case was that of Mrs Joyce Bowles who, along with a close friend, apparently had two encounters with men from outer space," said Norman Oliver.

Around 9 p.m. on November 14, 1976, Joyce Bowles and a family friend Ted Pratt, were driving home from Winchester to Chilcomb in Hampshire, when they saw an orange glow in the sky.

"Then something seemed to lift the car off the road and move it sideways on to the grass verge bordering the narrow lane they were in.

But more unnerving things were to follow. In front of them was a glowing cigar-shaped object hovering about a foot off the ground.

#### Collapsed

It was about 16 feet long with a cockpit and windows. And through the windows they could see three men wearing silver jump suits.

As Joyce and Ted watched in utter amazement, one of the men, very tall with long fair hair down to his shoulders, stepped out of the craft.

The man walked towards the car with very long strides indeed. And as he walked a high-pitched

whistling noise seemed to come from him.

The alien put his head through the open car window. Mrs Bowles, now naturally terrified, noticed the man had very pale white skin and pink eyes with hardly any iris showing.

For Joyce it was too much. She collapsed in hysterics.

The man from space withdrew his head, walked to the rear of the car and disappeared. Almost at the same time the strange cigar-shaped UFO vanished.

Ted and Joyce's terrifying experience had lasted barely five minutes but it seemed a life-time.

Frightened, they hurried home and reported the incident to the police, who had received other calls from motorists claiming they had seen a UFO flying low over the Winchester by-pass.

#### More terror

The shock brought Mrs Bowles out in a rash and she could not eat for three days.

But more terror was to come to Mrs Bowles and her friend.

About six weeks later at around 7 p.m. on December 30 they drove off to get some petrol.

On the way back they were apprehensive when an orange glow lit up the sky.

Suddenly the car began to shudder and swerve from

side to side. A high-pitched whistling noise was heard.

Next moment they found themselves standing beside their Mini . . . in a dome-shaped room. And facing them were the three men they had seen on their previous encounter.

The man with the long stride stepped forward and startled Joyce and Ted by speaking in broken English. "We are not hostile towards you."

Joyce noticed on one side of the dome was a control desk with multi-coloured flashing lights. On the walls were strange charts of circles and lines.

One of the aliens talked to Ted but in a language he didn't understand.

The next thing Mrs Bowles recalled was being back in the car with bright lights shining through the window. Headlights from other cars.

But the odd thing was their car was parked beside a river outside Winchester. And on the other side of the town from where they had last been driving.

#### Silver craft

Another spine-chilling UFO encounter occurred in West Lothian on November 9, 1979.

Forester Bob Taylor had been working alone in the forest at Dechmont Hill. Around 10 a.m. he rounded a path in the forest and was confronted by a silver craft in the shape of a toy spinning top.

The craft was standing in a clearing and seemed to be supported on narrow rails. There was no sign of life.

As he watched in amazement, two balls, each about a yard in diameter, shot out from the craft. They brushed past him and thudded to the ground.

Bob staggered and collapsed as a sickening, powerful smell came from the objects. He lapsed into unconsciousness.

When he came to half an hour later there was no sign of the craft. The clearing was empty but he did see a pattern of deep triangular marks in the earth.

#### Raised alarm

The forester managed to reach his van but was so shocked he was unable to drive it. Instead he staggered the mile or so to his home in Livingston.

Where the objects had brushed against him, there were neat, identical tears near the pockets of the trousers.

After hearing the weird story, Bob's boss raised the alarm. He knew Bob was a quiet, level-headed man.

The police rushed to the forest clearing where the craft had been seen by the forester and found distinct triangular marks in the earth.

"This is certainly a case where we have a sighting of a UFO on the ground. Yet another sighting which cannot be logically explained," said Mr Norman Oliver of BUFORA.



"Mind you, I wouldn't be doing this if I didn't know my mum uses biological washing powder!"

**NEXT WEEK**

**TV crew film UFO fleet surrounding their plane.**