

Nigel— the UFO detective

By CHARLES BRANSTON

UFO enthusiasts will soon be gathering at Nigel Mortimer's home to probe the mysteries of the skies.

Mr. Mortimer, of Green Lane, Addingham, is to set up the West Yorkshire UFO Society as part of a nationwide bid by the British UFO Research Association to 'professionalise' UFOlogy.

Mr. Mortimer, a porter at Middleton Hospital, Ilkley, started being interested in UFO's in 1980 when from his bedroom window he saw an orange metallic - coloured object, like the classic Flying Saucer.

Since then he has investigated over 30 reported sightings.

Some of the objects were seen flying along, stopping in mid-flight, and changing speed and colour.

"When you witness something like this, you know here is something unnatural," said Mr. Mortimer.

Coming out shortly is a new book, *The Pennine UFO Mystery*, by Jenny Randles, probably Britain's leading UFO researcher.

Mr. Mortimer, said it would hold special interest for people living in the Bradford area, as a number of UFO sightings in the Woodside and Wyke areas are looked at in depth and detail.

Several unusual sightings have been reported in the Wyke area, mostly from the Judy Woods.

Mr. Mortimer is particularly excited about a sighting made by a youth walking from Judy Woods to his home at Fernley



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one night in 1981. He noticed a bright, round object glowing above the woods, and descending into them.

Something like a white fog appeared floating about 200 yards ahead of him. When he got closer he saw a ghostly apparition which he noticed distinctly had no feet but was floating about 12 inches above the ground. The apparition then floated straight through three trees and disappeared.

Mr. Mortimer said ten per cent of all sightings could not be explained away.

"The more I find out, the more I am convinced that there is something we do not know anything about," he said.

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