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UFO theory scorned...

THERE'S nothing which starts an argument quicker than UFOs.

You'll remember the other day that Brian Jones, secretary of the Bradford Astronomical Society, claimed to have cleared up the mystery of a bright yellow light which was seen hovering with a low humming noise over Harden.

It was the planet Venus, he said, and added that about 75 per cent of puzzling sightings turn out to be either meteors or Venus.

At this point, Graham Townsend, of New Street, Idle, enters the fray on behalf of the Yorkshire UFO Society, whose meetings are held every month at Centenary House, North Street, Leeds.

Except in certain atmospheric conditions, Venus is not yellow, he retorts. It's bright white or silver. Venus wouldn't be visible until early evening or very late afternoon, but the witness says she saw the UFO at 3.30 p.m. And Mr. Jones has no explanation of the low humming noise.

"As for Venus or meteors accounting for 75 per cent of sightings, what about aircraft, balloons, satellites and the other planets? I have researched about 20 UFO sightings in the Bradford area," he says "and not one have I put down to Venus, though some I put down to satellites and aircraft, leaving about 75 per cent unexplained."