

The lurid lights

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THE BIG splash in The News Of The World about the report of a UFO having landed three years ago at the American air force base at Woodbridge, Suffolk has made our local UFO-watchers sit up.

Graham Townsend, the local investigator for the Yorkshire UFO Society, points out that five years ago there was a spate of sightings around the Menwith Hill United States base between Pateley Bridge and Harrogate.

For weeks villagers at Darley reported

seeing strange lights in the sky and typical is the sighting on July 28, 1978, when at 10.30 p.m. two lights appeared side by side above Menwith Hill, one white, the other red.

Suddenly three multi-coloured objects appeared from the north. A quarter of an hour later a huge white ball of light seemed to fall out of a cloud and hover over the Menwith Hill mast. Turning red, it seemed to drip blood over the landscape. After 20 seconds it disappeared.

Sounds lurid. But undeniably puzzling. . .