

Was the Minster zapped?

A NEW theory on the cause of the York Minster fire emerged yesterday — attack by an alien space ship.

Taxi driver Bill Whitehead, 44, of Lock Cottage, Haxby, York, says he saw a Zeppelin-shaped UFO sending down a flame-coloured ray of light while it was over the Minster on the night of the fire.

Eddie Acaster, 55, of North Moor Road, Huntington, York, said he sketched the UFO glowing bright orange and leaving a white vapour trail.

But the alien attack theory surprised Minster officials.

Canon Michael Bowring said: 'Have these chaps seen opticians lately? I look forward rather more to seeing the official fire officer's report.'

And one of the fire officers investigating the blaze added: 'We have certain leads but a UFO attack is not one of them.'

Outlook grave

A LODGE house overlooking a graveyard is to be sold by Wirral Borough Council for a bargain £17,500.