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Is anybody out there?



STAR-GAZERS have asked the question "Is there anyone out there?" for centuries — and this picture proves there could be.

Astronomers say the photograph shows once and for all that we're not alone in the universe.

The blob in centre of the picture is the star Beta Pictoris, taken through a specially-designed telescope. And the areas around it are new planets in the making.

Reproduced here for the first time ever in a Yorkshire newspaper, the photograph was shot in America. It will

feature in a new Yorkshire Television science series *Discovery*, to be screened on Channel 4 in the New Year.

Each Thursday from January 3 popular botanist David Bellamy will lead the viewer through the world of modern science.

He will explore some of the latest discoveries — including that of Beta Pictoris — and interview scientists in the 60 minute curtain-raiser to the half-hour series at 6 p.m. on January 3.

Bellamy also investigates what could happen after a nuclear holocaust.