

# After E.T., will there be more UFO's seen?

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IT'S TIME to start sky-watching again—for flying saucers.

Even though 1982, the year that brought us E.T., was one of the worst years on record for spotting extra-terrestrials.

In the whole of Britain only 10 UFOs were officially reported, compared with more than 700 in 1977. But according to Jenny Randles, in her suburban mission control at Wallasey, Cheshire, UFOs are on the increase again.

"UFO activity tends to peak in 10-year cycles," she said. "We are beginning to build up to what should be another boom year in 1987."

And Jenny Randles should know. She is Britain's No. 1 UFO investigator, the Director of Investigation for the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Organisation.

She is Britain's only full-time paid UFO investigator, only because she earns her living writing books.

In July her "Pennine UFO Mystery" will be published. It's an ongoing saga of mysterious sightings which

first kindled her interest in UFOs when they began in 1972.

She was a teacher in Cheshire when reports of a strange helicopter started to come from the Pennine area.

So many reports were made, even by her own school-children, that she was first asked to lecture on the phenomenon, which led to her giving up her teaching career to concentrate on UFO's.

Later in the year her definitive verdict on the UFO phenomenon, "UFO Reality," a volume spanning 20 years research, will be published.

So what has she learned about the sort of people who

claim to spot flying saucers?

"I've found there are very few cranks," she says. "Most people who claim to have seen something have had genuine and sincere experiences."

"Most can be discounted as weather balloons, aircraft or misinterpretations, but some just cannot be explained."

So what are those flying saucers?

"We feel we are getting closer to explaining many of them," says Jenny Randles. "We have found that many of the sightings are in areas with a heavy concentration of quartz in the local rock formation."

Laboratory experiments

have already proved that given identical conditions the earth's electro-magnetic forces can be converted into spheres of plasma which could appear to be UFO's."

But what about those little green men?

"One fact that has to be accepted," she says, "is that no alien being or even a UFO has ever been photographed on the ground, which makes you wonder considering the time people have spent trying to prove their existence."

All the same she is not prepared to discount the existence of aliens from outer space.

"The big argument is," she

says, "that if aliens exist and they are trying to warn us of something why don't they land on Mrs. Thatcher's lawn instead of contacting ordinary people in obscure parts of the world?"

"The answer given by many I've spoken to, and a great many of the best witnesses are psychics, is that the aliens are afraid that governments will try to use their technology for their own ends."

"It's as if they are only prepared to offer pieces of the jigsaw to ordinary people in the hope the realisation will emerge through them rather than governments."