

Things that went whirr in the night

MRS. DAWN Barnard is not the sort of lady given to flights of fancy about UFOs. She is a down-to-earth telephone sales supervisor.

But she was rather alarmed when, on Tuesday night, a brilliant icy blue light illuminated the bedroom of her Cottingley home and was followed by a whirring noise. She was even more alarmed when the performance was repeated about five minutes later.

At work the following morning a colleague who lives at Cullingworth said she had seen the same thing. Mrs. Barnard phoned me — and soon, so did several other people including the Vicar of Cullingworth, the Rev. David Wightman, who saw a flash, heard a bang and thought at first that his boat was being stolen.

So Argus went on the trail of the Cottingley Flashes. A Met Office spokesman at Bawtry said that at that time, between 11.30 and 11.45 p.m., "the chances are that it was not at all associated with the weather." So was it, your columnist wondered, the famous Cottingley Fairies materialised again and up to spectacular pranks?

Police at Bradford, Bingley and Shipley could throw no light on the matter, so it was next stop the YEB.

"Ah yes," said a spokesman. "We were having grid problems that night with severe clashing on the grid lines which caused dips in voltage."

Ice on the power cables can, it seems, cause bright flashes of light and is pretty noisy with it. Mystery solved. Cottingley Fairies R.I.P.

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UFO sighted over Goole

Yet another UFO has been sighted over Goole.

Three Goole men at Tudor Scrap Metals in Jerry Lane, Old Goole, saw a yellow - white circular object in the sky at around dusk on Wednesday of last week — and they had mixed feelings about the experience.

Mr Richard Sherwood, of New Close Lane, said: "I was frightened. I've seen all sorts of aircraft but this was no aircraft. It had no lights and did not make a sound."

Mr Sherwood said that Mr Jim Taylor, Of Jerry Lane, was tying up the guard dog for the night while he and Mr Alan Dixon, of Canal Side, were shutting the gates when they saw the round, yellow - white object in the sky above the docks. "It looked like the moon at first," said Mr Sherwood. "But it seemed to be heading straight for us."

"I thought it was going to land in the yard. We called Jim over and when he saw it he immediately went to call the police. Then, all of a sudden, it took off at a terrific speed downriver. It was the fastest thing I've ever seen."

Mr Dixon said it was strange that a Vulcan bomber aircraft came by

about five and went in direction. following saucer," he

Mr Sherwood would not say else who has seen a UFO never seen again," he

Mr Dixon UFOs before come thick me," he said see one land give us some

Mr Taylor experience Mr Sherwood worried," he wanted to find hole and honestly believe UFO."