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September 1971.Sighting Reports.

Peterborough Evening Telegraph. 20.8.71.

Mrs. Con O'Shea's peaceful gaze at the Milky Way was interrupted by the object. She was looking out of her pub window at the White Horse Baston, just after midnight when she spotted a golden light.

"It was hovering over the church and looked as if it was touching the tower. It was stationary and a beautiful colour - almost like the harvest moon.

"I came back a few minutes later and it was still there," she said.

Lost Couple Saw UFO. Spalding Guardian. 28.8.71.

A Spalding couple who do not wish to be named - because they are sure people will only laugh at them - saw what they think might have been a UFO in Norfolk last week.

On holiday in Heacham, they had been to a show in Great Yarmouth. They were travelling back, with their two children asleep on the back seat, at about 10.30pm.

"We had lost our way about six miles from Fakenham when all of a sudden we saw this huge reddish-orange glow".

Mrs. 'X' said the glow, which seemed to cover a diameter of about 200 yards, first appeared on their right side and then on their left but did not seem to get any nearer as they travelled on.

"It almost seemed as if whatever it was, was on the ground and we were seeing its reflection. But the glow was only hedgetop level."

The couple saw the glow for about ten minutes before they stopped at a Fakenham pub to ask the correct way.

There was no sign of anything unusual when they resumed their journey.

Mrs. 'X' said: "It felt a bit creepy, we should like to know if anyone else was holidaying that way and saw anything of the sort".

'Bright light' UFO spotted over Aldwinkle. Peterborough Evening Telegraph. 3.9.71.

Space activity seems to have been centred over the Peterborough area just recently. UFO sightings over Stamford and Spalding have become quite common.

On Wednesday night a Peterborough couple, Mr. and Mrs. David Reed of 4 Labnum Grove, Dogsthorpe, sighted what they think was a UFO over Aldwinkle, near Oundle.

The object took the form of a very bright light travelling very quickly across the night sky.

Mrs. Lucy Reed said it was about 11pm when suddenly she looked up and saw the object in the sky. "It was funny to see it moving so fast," she said. Her husband, David, said it was completely noiseless and very high up.

RAF Wittering said that as far as they knew no planes or weather balloons were in the area.

More UFO sightings: boffins' theory says 'satellite or Mars'. Leicester Mercury. 3.9.71.

Following several reports of sightings of mysterious objects in the sky over several parts of Leicestershire during the last two days, theories have been put forward that the objects could be either a satellite or the planet Mars.

At Leicester University Observatory it was thought that what was seen was a satellite, or the planet Mars, which can be clearly seen at the moment. "Of course, Mars, which is bright and red, and can be observed in the south, would not be moving quickly, so this is an unlikely theory," said a spokesman.

And the Midland Air Safety Centre at RAF North Luffenham were unable to throw any light on the subject. Leicester Astronomical society in a letter to Page 4 today say: It's Mars.

Mr. Gordon Lennox of 44 Gwendolen Drive, Countesthorpe, reported seeing a bright object travelling at speed from south to north, which he saw near his home at 9pm last night.

"It was pulsating with light and no sound came from it," said Mr. Lennox, who added that it cleared a 90 degree angle in under 15 seconds.

Mr. Geoffrey Richardson, of 7, Burgess Road, Leicester, claims to

have seen an object on Tuesday night land in a field near Uppingham, and then take off again.

Mr. Richardson, who was driving his car with his girlfriend at 9.30pm said: "It looked like a large spinning top. It was round and glowing, and circled in the air. It could not possibly have been an aircraft, because it took off so quickly after it landed."

There was another reported sighting of a mysterious pulsating white light seen whizzing across the sky last night, by a Leicester man. He was standing in the garden of his home in Scraftoft Lane, Leicester, with his son while they were studying star constellations on a map of the night sky.

Then about 9.30pm he and his son saw a fast moving object in the southern sky. There was no noise from it and he ~~sia~~ said it could not have been a plane because there were no red or green navigation lights. He refused to give his name for fear of being open to ridicule. But he said: "It was not a planet or a satellite. I even checked the satellite time-tables to make sure."

"It was white and alternating. It took only about five seconds to cross the sky and was moving very fast. I would say it must have been going at 2,000 miles an hour."

Yet another strange light in the sky on Tuesday night has been reported by five people who were driving between Copt Oak and Coalville.

Mr. Ian Hodges, a quality control engineer, of 19 Wentworth Road, Coalville, was travelling in a car with his wife, his two sons, and a young friend.

They first spotted the light about 8pm shortly after leaving Cop Oak and kept it in view for ten minutes.

Mr. Hodges said: "It was like a flame from a rocket only it was horizontal - not vertical. If I had held a ruler in front of my eyes, the flame would have been about an inch long. It was coloured red and orange and appeared to be quivering. It looked as if it was red-hot. It was moving on a north-north-westerly direction. I am certain it could not have been an aeroplane."

He added that he and his son Mark (10) had seen something similar in the sky about a year ago.

"We were both watching it - it was an orange object. I had left the window, and Mark said it shot straight up into the sky."

The meteorological office in Nottingham could advance no theories at all.

The Air Traffic control at the East Midlands Airport said: "Two Viscounts and a Chipmunk light aircraft were in the area at the time, but it doesn't sound like an aircraft at all."

"Helicopters are very reluctant to fly at night, and I don't think it was a helicopter either. If it was a balloon I don't think it would have taken off again."

"That leaves us with the popular theory that it could have been a flying saucer. This airport can offer no reasonable explanation at all."

Schoolboy Claims He Saw UFO. Peterborough Evening Telegraph. 4.9.71.

After reading yesterday's UFO story in the Peterborough 'Evening Telegraph', Peter Mindham, a 14 year old schoolboy rang us to say he saw this object on Wednesday night.

Peter, of 106 Wooton Avenue, Old Fletton, was in the back garden of his home at 11pm, when suddenly he saw a silver spherical object travelling across the sky over the brick-yards about half a mile away. He thought that the object was exactly the same as the one seen at Aldwinkle, near Oundle, from the description in yesterday's Telegraph.

Another UFO sighting claimed. A Halifax paper. 7.9.71.

Another unidentified flying object sighting was claimed yesterday by a Halifax man, Mr. Harold Hiley, of 82, Vegal Crescent, Illingworth. He spotted it while on a day out with his wife at Barden Tower, near Bolton Abbey, on Sunday.

The UFO was about 15,000 feet to 20,000 feet up and seemed like a round blurred metal shape, says Mr. Hiley.

"We were sitting in a field looking east. A single-engined plane came over, and a few thousand feet above it we saw a blurred shape travelling at the same speed."

"The plane disappeared into the cloud, but this thing did a U turn and disappeared to the east at phenomenal speed. It was out of sight in less than nine seconds," he said.

"Its speed amazed me. I've never seen even a jet plane go that fast," added Mr. Hiley.