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Chris Borchert, left, and John Stroud made a drawing of the UFO they sighted.

*Close  
encounter  
convincing*  
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By MERLE BIRD  
Capital-Journal staff writer

John Stroud and Chris Borchert had a close encounter of the convincing kind not long ago.

"I've watched some of the programs about UFOs on television, and you're always kind of skeptical about these things," Borchert said. "But now that I've seen one, there's no doubt: there are things visiting us from some other place."

Borchert and Stroud saw the object at 10:30 p.m. June 16.

"We saw this white light, and we thought it was a helicopter at first but we couldn't hear the blades," Stroud said.

"We thought it was an airplane until it cleared the trees," Borchert said. "Then we knew it wasn't an airplane."

"I yelled, 'It's a UFO,'" Stroud said. "'Can you see that? Can you see that? I can't believe I'm seeing this.'"

The object came from the west and passed to the south of Burnett's Mound, where the two had gone to talk.

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"There was a heavy cloud cover that night, and it was underneath that, so I'd guess it came within a thousand feet of us," Stroud said.

"We got a real good look at it. We were almost directly under it."

They watched the object go out by Forbes Field.

"I've seen planes, and I've been on Burnett's Mound when planes have gone over, but this didn't look like anything I've seen," Borchert said.

"And it was completely lit up, with some of the lights steady and some of them blinking, so it couldn't have been a reflection.

"You see pictures people have taken of reflections, and all you see are these little white spots. But this was right over us."

Stroud said the object made a sound like wind.

"It's totally convinced me there are other life forms," he said. "All I can think of is what was in there and where it is now.

"It looked to me like it was just making observations.

"As it moved it just kind of spun, slowly tumbled, and because it just went right on by we were out there yelling and screaming, just wondering, wondering if they saw us."

Stroud went back the next night, hoping to see it again.

"If it had landed I would have gone to it," Borchert said.

"We talked constantly for two hours afterward," Stroud said. "We kept say-

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ing, 'I don't believe it, my God, what does this mean?'"

He said the metal had a dense look to it that was like nothing he has ever seen.

They discussed possible reasons for the object's visit.

"Maybe they had a message," Borchert said.

"But they didn't seem to be trying to contact us," Stroud said. "Maybe like on Star Trek they don't want to interfere with the cycle."

"Or else they could be scared of us as much as we're afraid of them."

"And probably should be.

"I suppose they would think the same thing about us, if some day we got to wherever they were, they'd probably wonder what it was or what it was doing.

"But it seemed awful peaceful to me."

Borchert said it must be a highly advanced life form to so easily counteract the force of gravity.

Stroud said the ship was somewhat like the big ship that came down on the mountain in Close Encounters of the Third Kind, but it wasn't as round as the movie ship.

"It had supports and was landscaped, so it looked like a city," he said.

"It was huge," Borchert said. "Bigger than a football field."

Stroud said his parents believed he had seen an extraterrestrial visitor.

"They just went to Washington, D. C., and went to the Aerospace Museum and brought back a lot of information," he said.

He said he was telling the woman who washes his hair before it is cut that she had seen one exactly like what he described.

"She said she doesn't usually talk about it because people think she is crazy," he said.

She gave him the name of a local doctor who investigates sighting sites, he said.

"I haven't called him yet, but I'm going to," he said.

"It's one thing you don't expect to see, then all at once you see it," Borchert said.

"You feel so gifted, so lucky, so privileged or something," Stroud said. "Somehow special, like it's a gift or something, like one of the big questions of the universe is whether there is life out there, and I can say I honestly have seen something and what I saw wasn't man-made. No way."

He said some people he has talked with have tried to tell him it's a secret weapon of some kind.

"No way," he repeated. "No way that was man-made."

He expects doubters.

"If I had been by myself, like this lady that does my hair was by herself, I'm not sure I'd be talking about it myself. But we both saw it."

Their lives have been changed.

"Every time I'm out I'm constantly glancing up," Stroud said.

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# Vidor Area Family Mystified by 'UFO'

VIDOR (Spl) — Vidor area residents are still mystified today after sighting an object on numerous occasions during the last two weeks.

Vidor police have not been able to substantiate the sighting of an unidentified flying object, reported Sunday about 10 p.m.

Wilma Cole, of 270 Hickory, said she and her sister, Delores Cherry, first sighted the object about 10 days ago as they were returning to Vidor from Orange.

The object was sighted again last Thursday, Friday and Sunday night by members of the Cole family on Sandy Lane.

The object, she said, is an unusual size for a star and they only see it on clear nights. It appears to be ahead of them, she said, and it has a silver glow.

At some points, there appears to

be a blue aura about the object, she said.

The object always seems to appear in the same spot, although it does move around.

A large group saw the object on Sandy Lane on Sunday night.

Ray Broussard, chief weather specialist for the National Weather Service office at Nederland, said there were no weather balloons out locally.

The radar also is geared for rainfall rather than objects and would not be particularly reliable in locating an object.

Broussard suggested that the object could have been a weather balloon from Palestine, Texas. This large balloon has been sighted often from far-away points.

The planet Venus also is often mistaken for a UFO, he said.

FITZGERALD, GA.  
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## (UFO?) sighted Sunday night

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What was that big red object in the sky late Sunday night "five times bigger than a star, with lights flickering on and off?"

Grace Newton and Howard Evans called at 11 p.m. from Evans' home three miles out on the Camp Brooklyn road to report what they described as an unidentified flying object.

Evans said it was oblong and moved slowly and silently across the northern sky. He said they had sighted other "UFOs" last summer and the summer before, but they were much smaller than the one Sunday night. "This one was brighter and looked a whole lot closer," said Evans.

They watched it for about 10 minutes, and when they went back outside it had disappeared. "The ones we saw previously stayed there much longer — as long as we watched," said Evans.

### Inside Track

#### Lady cops chase UFO

EXAMINER

JUNE 28 1983

TWO COURAGEOUS policewomen set off a massive hunt for a flying saucer after chasing a mysterious lighted object in the sky over more than two miles of lonely country roads.

The policewomen, who asked not to be named, said they were patrolling in the Hartcliffe area of Bristol, England, when they encountered the first lights in the sky.

"Another light joined it and they went straight up," one of the officers reported.

Sgt. Ian Lock said he also saw flashing lights and heard a roaring noise in an area near where the women were patrolling.

A spokesman said police were unable to trace the UFOs, despite checks with local airports and the Defense Ministry.

RIDGEFIELD, CT.  
LEWISBORO LEDGER  
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Kathy Brittain trained to Washington, D.C. for a party and returned the next day to join the Girl Scout camp out at Ludington with leaders Eileen Gleba and Fran Salorio. Eileen and Sara Kaye swear they saw a UFO. It was flying low with lights and making a humming sound. The Patent Trader also made mention of two other people seeing the same flying object. I wonder.

Diana Bohane and Carol Rickard took their Brownie troop to the Botanical Gardens in New York on Tuesday, May 24.

# UFO reported in county

A 36-year-old woman told *The Mississippi Press* she saw something, "definitely not an airplane", which at one point hovered over the rear of her truck in the Big Point area late Wednesday night.

Mrs. Kathy Wiggins said she left her mother's house, located next to a new power substation on Big Point Road just off Mississippi 613, about 10:45 p.m. Wednesday. She said she saw lights which, she first thought, were reflections in the glass of her truck.

She said the lights, two red ones and a white one, were from an object she saw hovering over the substation. She said she stopped the truck and turned off the engine, intending

to get out of the vehicle and investigate the source of the lights. When she stopped the truck, she said, the lights moved from over the substation toward her truck where the object hovered over the rear of the vehicle.

Mrs. Wiggins said her seven-year-old daughter, Denna, saw the lights and became hysterical. Instead of getting out of the truck, she said, she drove to the nearby home of her sister, Joan Hariel, to get the hysterical child into the house.

She said that when she arrived at her sister's house, the lights were hovering over the pecan trees there. She said she took Denna into the house. Then, she and her sister went to look out the back door. She said the object "swished" away and the lights went out.

She said the lights were "very bright" and were in sort of a circle.

"There was no sound there (while the lights were right over the rear of the truck) or at my sister's," Mrs. Wiggins said. "There was no shape visible, just the lights."

"I wasn't scared at all but my daughter thought the thing was going to get her," she said.

Mrs. Wiggins said Charles Hester who lives near her mother's house was talking on the telephone about 11 p.m. when he heard "such a horrible noise that he thought a plane had landed on his house." Hester, she said, was unable to see anything that might have caused the noise which was so loud that he could not hear the person he was talking to on the telephone.

## New UFO sighting doesn't worry cops

By Vic Ziminsky  
Staff Writer

Two sightings Saturday evening — one by a Stormville, N.Y., housewife and another by a state trooper stationed there — may finally have provided an explanation for a recent run on UFO reports.

First the woman, like hundreds of others who reported Unidentified Flying Objects over northern Westchester and Putnam and Dutchess counties over the last four months, thought she was seeing something from out of this world.

"It started off with a 'T' form in the sky with red and blue lights," said 42-year-old Marjorie Clair, who lives off route 52 on the top of Stormville Mountain, not far from the airport.

Excited, because she had just seen her thing at about 10 p.m. and had seen several times earlier, she continued.

"It broke its form to a 'V' shape, and the lights actually changed color — same as what happened at the beginning of the winter!

"It gives a humming sound, very easy I don't know how to explain it. It's very strange," she concluded.

Similar, earlier sightings have attracted investigators from an Illinois-based organization called the Center For UFO Studies. The investigators have called sightings intriguing, without a ready explanation.

Trooper Michael Gabomski of the Stormville Barracks said he saw something similar. But he said he did not think it so strange.

"There's a group of individuals over at Stormville Airport who fly at night approximately once a week in tight formation," Gabomski said at 10:30 p.m.

"They are flying right now," said Gabomski, who had sighted the fliers several times Saturday night.

"When they do fly, we get calls about UFOs in the area."

Gabomski said he did not know the pilots by name. He said he has never bothered to investigate.

"I don't think they are doing anything wrong," Gabomski asserted. "They're up there flying. I don't think they are intentionally trying to fool people. It's just one of those things."

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Mrs. Clair had a different opinion.

"An airplane gives that propeller-type sound. This is totally different. This is a steady humming sound."

But Mrs. Clair's husband, Kenneth, a retired chief of the former Brewster Police Department, perhaps cast the decisive vote when he took his turn on the phone with a reporter.

"It's a flying object and its unidentified. But I don't think it's from 'somewhere else.' And it's not one large craft. It's several small ones. They are distinguishable as being small craft. But they fly in formation. Then they break formation and they go into another formation."

"Maybe it's a bunch of guys out to play a practical joke," Clair speculated. Maybe.

# SPACE ROCKS PROVE UFOS REALLY EXIST

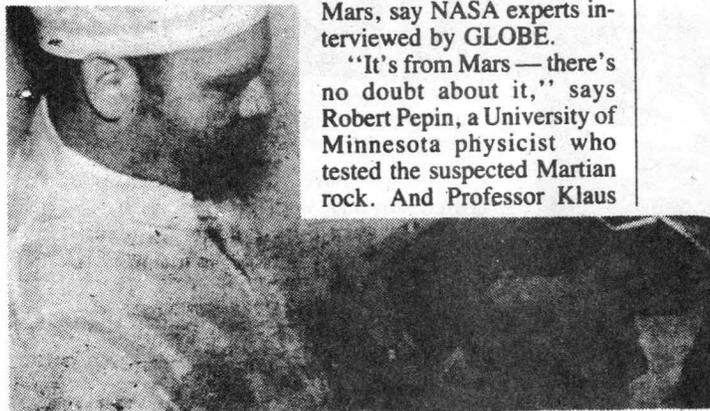
ROCKS found in Antarctica are clear evidence that aliens have used earth as a "hazardous waste" dump for ashes from their radioactive fuel, an expert says.

"They're probably still doing it," says Lane Childress, a retired physicist and UFO expert who believes that alien UFO bases may be located under a mysterious 186,000-square-mile warm-water lake that was found by NASA in Antarctica.

The Antarctica rocks' volcanic history, age and

chemistry all suggest they originate on the moon and Mars, say NASA experts interviewed by GLOBE.

"It's from Mars — there's no doubt about it," says Robert Pepin, a University of Minnesota physicist who tested the suspected Martian rock. And Professor Klaus



NASA scientist Donald Bogard examines mysterious Martian rock

Keil, a University of New Mexico physicist who examined another sample, says:

"It's clearly lunar."

Scientists have learned that, unlike other meteorites, the mysterious rocks did not come from asteroids or comets.

Their chemical components and age clearly link them to the moon and Mars.

How they escaped the gravity of the moon and Mars is a puzzle. Dr. Donald Bogard, a NASA geologist, told GLOBE that a considerable force would be required to send them into orbit — especially the Mars rock, which weighs 17.5 pounds.

## Aliens used earth as dump for saucer fuel, top scientist claims

By BOB EDWINO

Some scientists theorize that an asteroid hit Mars with such force that it turned permafrost on the Martian surface to steam, helping to propel the rocky fragments to velocities that enabled them to break free of the planet's gravity.

But Childress, who lives in northern California, disagrees.

"If that's what happened," he says, "the asteroid must have had an atomic warhead."

Childress believes the rocks are "clinkers" left from nitrogen-rich rocks aliens use to fuel their spaceships.

"They're similar to the hard residue left by coal after it is burned," he explains.

Both the lunar and Martian rocks have high nitrogen-15 content and have obviously been subjected to intense heat and incredible amounts of radioactivity, Childress says.

"Nitrogen would make an excellent fuel for nuclear engines," he explains. "What's more, it is readily available in space — often trapped in rocks on planets and satellites, like Mars and the moon, that have little or no atmosphere.

"Naturally, when all or



ALIEN ROCK: "It's from Mars — there's no doubt about it"

most of the nitrogen is burned off, they would have to get rid of the waste products — dump them. And this is what I believe aliens have done in Antarctica and Africa and India, where similar rocks have been found," Childress adds.

The rocks found by American scientists at the Elephant Moraine near McMurdo Sound in Antarctica were not especially radioactive, but Childress believes highly-radioactive "clinkers" may be found there some day.

"The ones they found were near the surface," the 72-year-old scientist says, "and probably were uncovered by action of shifting snow and creeping glaciers. They probably date back to dumpings made hundreds of thousands of years ago.

"More recent — and hotter — dumps are probably made in the interior of the continent."

# UFO ALIENS STALKING ROYALTY

**ALIENS** may be attempting to make contact with human royalty, say startled observers in Sweden, where a 30 ft. UFO made a mysterious landing on the palace lawn of King Carl Gustav.

Official reports obtained by GLOBE reveal that the 10 ft. high craft halted for only a few seconds before it fled noiselessly away, leaving behind an unexplained power outage in Drottningholm Palace on the outskirts of Stockholm.

The King and his family were dining in their private quarters when the spaceship appeared just after 9 p.m., officials say.

"What I saw was not an aircraft," reports guardsman Per Torell, who was posted at the palace gate. "The strange thing" approached slowly over the palace roof, almost sliding through the air.

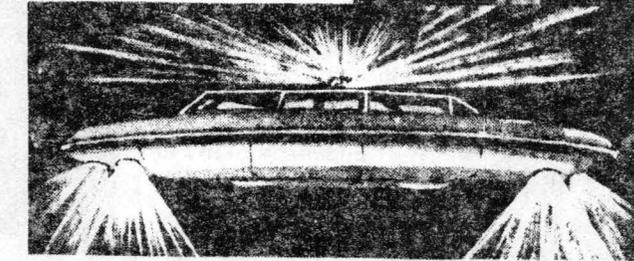
"There was no sound. It just drifted like a cloud or a blanket.

"It was a large cylinder that was lighted at both ends. In the middle there was a green twinkling light and underneath I saw a pulsing red-fish light along the whole uselage."

Torell says he immediately telephoned his duty officer, Lieutenant Morgan Dalinowitch, who ran out in time to see the object rise suddenly and accelerate over the palace rooftop.

"In a way I was thankful I had at least seen something," Torell explains. "If I had been the only witness, I would have had difficulty in getting anyone to believe me at all.

"The underbelly shone



**ARTIST'S sketch of UFO that landed on grounds of the Stockholm palace (above)**

"But we have our hands filled already with Soviet submarines trying to spy on our naval bases."

However, there were other sightings at the royal family's former palace in central Stockholm, says Lieutenant Colonel Ola Eriksson of the Defense Department, who hints at a government cover-up.

"All reports are sent on to the Defense Department's special UFO bureau," he says. "Usually we hear no more about them."

Colonel Per Lenneman, who commands the palace guard, is sure Torell is telling the truth. "I've known the boy for years," he told GLOBE.

Dalinowitch adds: "It's the first time I've seen an 'airplane' without wings, without an airscrew and flying completely without sound. What else could it be but a UFO?"

Palace attendant Goran Trygg says he saw an intense light outside just before all the interior lights went out. Trygg groped his way to the central powerboard to find that several main fuses had all blown at the same time.

"I don't want to believe in UFOs," says the puzzled Trygg. "But whatever can it be?"

## Spaceship lands on king's palace lawn

By **LEN STONE**

red and pink and the whole craft had a shimmer of white around its superstructure. It was cigar-shaped and cylindrical with lights at both ends which changed in tone from

red through yellow to blue.

"In the middle was another light, or perhaps several, which seemed to twinkle as it hovered over the grass.

"It took only 20 seconds from a standstill to the time it disappeared over the rooftop



**KING GUSTAV: Sightings at two of his palaces**

and away over the horizon."

Swedish police and officials of the Ministry of Defense are reluctant to comment on the sighting.

"There are many mysterious things in the skies over Stockholm from time to time," says Bertil Lagervall, of the Chiefs Of Staff Office.

# A close encounter with Jenny Randles

CHESHIRE LIFE  
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Francesca Turner talks to  
Britain's leading ufologist

ENCOUNTERING JENNY RANDLES closely means ditching prejudices. She's a serious, scientific ufologist who'd be the first to agree that UFO study only too often attracts cranks and cons eager to describe the high court on Saturn or sex with a bug-eyed moped from Alpha Centauri.

Strenuously and diligently, Jenny has spent the last ten years investigating and documenting UFO sightings. In the field of international ufology her credentials are impeccable, if tongue-twisting: director of investigation for the British UFO Research Association; regional co-ordinator of investigation for the Association for Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena. She's on the editorial board of *Flying Saucer Review* (the world's oldest and most prestigious UFO periodical), and is author of four books. Her latest one - *The Pennine UFO Mystery\** - is published this July and explores a variety of unexplained phenomena from lights in the sky to alien abduction as seen and experienced by people living near the Pennines in Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire.

When I met Jenny recently at her home in Wallasey, she was feeling very pleased. *New Scientist* had just printed an article by her about new approaches to ufology which, they pronounced, certainly seemed to deserve a closer scientific look. 'This is the first article about ufology in any British science journal,' she said. 'So it's a real step forward.' BBC's *Horizon* programme are also part-funding an ambitious UFO research project Jenny has organised with author and psychologist Paul Devereux.

Although most academics remain sceptical and derisive about UFOs, there are signs that sheer weight of evidence is pushing the issue into more open examination. Shirley McIver, a sociologist at York University, is the first person in Britain to receive a grant for the scientific study of a UFO phenomenon, and work in France and America has already challenged little-green-men clichés with startling discoveries.

Unidentified Atmospheric Phenomena (UAPs) pronounced 'whaps') are probably the best-known of these, and they directly affect all interpretations of UFO activity in the Pennines. Briefly, a tiny electric current is generated by stress within certain kinds of crystal (quartz, for instance) when it is subjected to pressure. In laboratory experiments, the current has been enough to ionise surrounding air and form a minute glowing ball. Dr Michael Persinger of Ontario University calls this 'the piezoelectric effect' and he claims that in nature this



'People think I spend every day wandering about peering at the sky with binoculars. In fact, I spend ninety-nine per cent of my time in this room collating facts and figures on alleged sightings,' says Jenny Randles.

happens on a grand scale. In other words, pressure on underground rock can ionise a column of air above it which moves with the source of the pressure.

Brian Brady of the US Bureau of Mines in Colorado tested out Persinger's theory on quartz crystal by subjecting it to the sort of pressures found in active fault lines on the earth's crust. The results were intriguing. He found the piezoelectric effect *did* create glowing ionisation of the surrounding air.

Jenny and other researchers suggest that many Pennine sightings could be UAPs not UFOs. Millstone grit is rich in quartz and the Pennines are ravaged with fault lines. Ionisation from discharged current concentrates over hills, reservoirs, pylons and power stations - precisely, in fact, where many Pennine sightings have happened.

Taken a step further, Persinger's theory links very neatly with current medical research which describes the brain as a complex electro chemical computer. If UAPs affect electrical systems like radios and car engines (which they provably do), why not the brain? Persinger suggests that, closely encountering a UAP, could lead to something like temporal lobe epilepsy. Odd smells, disorientation, loss of consciousness and time lapse are all close encounter features. Brainwaves are somehow scrambled.

But can all UFO experiences be explained like this? Jenny's book is full of fascinating accounts - many of them involving several witnesses and in one

case a whole coachload! At least ninety per cent of sightings are misidentified aircraft. Another five per cent are bright stars, car headlamps, cloudlight, the moon, weather balloons, aircraft afterburn, retinal image, a 'wobble' in the atmosphere like heat above a road on a summer day, and so on. Others may be UAPs. But an obstinate few defy explanation. And the mystery 'copter is one of them.

At 9.15 pm on May 10, 1973, a young couple parked their car on Hartshead Pike hill above Oldham. Minutes later, a strange object drifted towards them. It was dome-shaped, with windows, silent, and hovered above the pike rotating in a clockwise direction. Then it reversed and emitted beams of red, green and white light through slits, rather like a lighthouse beacon. After several minutes floating above them, it moved away and melted into the dark.

Reports of similar objects poured in throughout 1973, especially from the Buxton and Sheffield areas. By 1975, the 'copter had been well documented by local ufology investigation groups. It was said to move very fast across hilly terrain, hugging contours, outpacing cars, and dodging powerlines.

In January that year, it caused another 'flap'. A large group of children saw a yellow disc topped by red lights and rimmed with orange. It swooped and hummed. Four days later, two sisters in Staffordshire saw a dome-shaped object pass silently over their car and hover before descending behind a hill. Two miles away a plumber and his wife witnessed the same sight. Their descriptions were

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given independently. The sightings continued, and even prompted two policemen to give chase on foot over dark moorland when they spotted strange lights. Today, the 'copter is still a mystery.

Accounts are endless: a grey disc seen over a stone circle on Ilkley Moor; a coach party trundling through Barnoldswick watch a triangular form surrounded by 'little pieces of light'; mysterious 'fireworks' entertain villagers in Darley near Harrogate for several weeks.

Painstaking detective work by MUFORA (Manchester UFO Research Association) solved one so-called UFO mystery resoundingly. Sightings were compared with air traffic control data at Manchester airport and MUFORA found they matched the flight patterns of a cargo plane travelling over Rossendale from Scotland. When questioned, the pilot cheerfully admitted that freight planes often switch off their engines and glide low over country areas to save fuel. They also switch off all lights except cabin and tail. The huge vessel hissing darkly overhead had terrified people along its glide path and sparked a number of UFO 'stories'.

Jenny welcomes this sort of identification. 'We deify what we don't understand instead of seeking explanation. I'm concerned with truth, even if that involves natural phenomena as yet new to science.' Objectivity is very precious to her. 'I've never seen a UFO, so I feel less subjectively involved than people who have. My interest in them dates from a

holiday in Blackpool with my gran and grandad when I was eleven. Suddenly there was a big fuss and everyone in the hotel rushed up to the roof to see this UFO. I never saw it, but it was a turning point. From then on, I spent all my paper round money on UFO magazines and books.'

Via a career of schoolteaching in Cheshire, Jenny has developed into Britain's leading ufologist. She's weathered a number of uncomplimentary adjectives like 'weird' and 'crazy' to claim an important place in what is gradually becoming a converging-point for diverse disciplines from sociology and medicine to psychology and geophysics. She addressed the House of Lords UFO study group last year and was warmly received by Lord Hill-Norton, former admiral of the fleet, who not only believes in the UFO phenomenon but has hinted at an international cover-up by the world's governments who 'know far more than they're letting on'.

A decade of probing interviews with witnesses - most of whom had nothing to gain from their stories but shame and derision - has left Jenny convinced that UFOs are a real experience for many people. Whether they're the nuts and bolts of alien technology, UAPs, or psychic manifestations from another dimension, she doesn't know. The questions are endless. But if Stephen Spielberg is busy, I'd recommend any ET with some answers to contact Jenny at: 9 Crosfield Road, Wallasey.

\*The Pennine UFO Mystery (Granada £1.50).

## 'Why UFOs visit us

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SIR, - I refer to your Westgate item "Now it's The Brawdy Chronicles" (*Western Mail*, April 8). In effect, and in spite of what the unbelievers, the detractors, the cynics, and the sceptics might feel, the phenomenon of the UFO exists because the threat of nuclear annihilation exists.

Indeed, the current scenario for *Homo sapiens* is only too real. Nuclear warheads, a place called Armageddon, a world-wide political climate of hatred, fear, suspicion, plus famine, natural calamities in the form of volcanic activity, earthquakes, floods, disease, and so on, must ultimately build up into a crescendo of world-wide devastation.

However, Mrs A. M. Lockett's contention that the bizarre happenings

which took place in 1977 in West Wales might in some way be connected with presumed nuclear activities at the United States base at Brawdy might find some credence in a report I received at that time from a local man who described what he thought were "rockets rising from the waters around Stack Rocks."

Conversely, the occultic nature of the phenomenon is shown by the lady who described in detail how she had seen "an airship which she could see through, moving slowly around the bay (St Brides)."

More eloquent, however, to my own way of thinking is the totally unsolicited report which my late co-author and I acquired from a lady and her husband in 1978 and which we have no real reason whatsoever to disbelieve. Their experience, a quite frightening one, culminated in what the lady (Mrs R) feels was a spiritually-induced telepathic state of conscious-

ness in which she recalls hearing the words "... atomic war, but before it gets out of hand Christ will return."

These are the testimonies, briefly, of people who have had no interest whatsoever in the UFO prodigy, and because of the mass of evidence now available for those who have eyes to see, I can only reiterate my profound conviction that the flying saucer exists because the threat of nuclear annihilation exists.

As the evangelist Billy Graham states in one of his books, "The revelation of what the Bible says about events past, present and future has become more prominent in the themes of books, sermons and conferences. The Second Coming of Christ is becoming a closer and closer reality for those of us who study the Bible and the world scene."

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# UFOs: Fact or imagination

Report by  
Anne Blythe

UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects — are they a product of overworked imaginations or proof of extra-terrestrial intelligence?

The answer is not that simple. There are at least a dozen theories explaining UFOs.

Some say they are only seen by people purporting to be psychic. Others say they are space animals—the cosmic equivalent of very deep sea beings.

Another theory is that these objects share the earth with us but are in a different dimension.

It's all a bit much to take. Small wonder that those who have sightings are reluctant to talk about them for fear of being labelled a crank.

And even the British UFO

Research Association (Bufo) is sceptical.

Bufo says over 90 per cent of the sightings reported to them are either hoaxes or mistaken sightings of IPCs — Identified Flying Objects.

But what of the remaining 10 per cent? They are still a mystery yet to be explained.

Science teacher Mr Albert Budden, of Wandsworth, is investigating sightings in Orpington as part of his research for Bufo.

His interest in Orpington began after he received a letter from Mr Tony Thurlow giving details of a sighting in The Highway.

Mr Thurlow says he was walking his dog one night last summer when he happened to glance up at the sky.

There he saw an intensely bright, white oval shape about three to four feet long shoot down the sky and then up again.

Two months later Mr Thurlow saw a luminous kite shaped object in the same area.

Now Mr Budden wants to know if other people in Orpington have had similar sightings.

"Often people see things but are too frightened to tell the Press or police in case people say they are crazy," he said.

"My aim is to encourage people to tell me their stories in confidence and to build up a pattern from the sightings."

But Mr Budden admits his research cannot explain what UFOs are.

"We can collate evidence from several witnesses and that can help establish they all saw the same thing.

"But there are so many external factors that can lead to mistakes. We can only try and eliminate as many as possible but often there is an earthly explanation for the sighting."

There are still sightings that cannot be explained away and these are the ones that interest Mr Budden.

"If they are seen by several people this dismisses the theory that they are psychic phenomena."

Close encounters of the second and third kind also disprove this theory.

In a close encounter of the second kind the UFO has an effect on the environment — such as burning trees or interfer-

ing with electromagnetic equipment.

In a close encounter of the third kind the object has visible occupants.

Reports of both kind of encounter are logged in Bufo's records.

"But the mind can play tricks. Balloons, stars, Venus and even the moon have been cited as UFOs," said Mr Budden.

So how do you know if the lights and objects you see in the sky are UFOs.

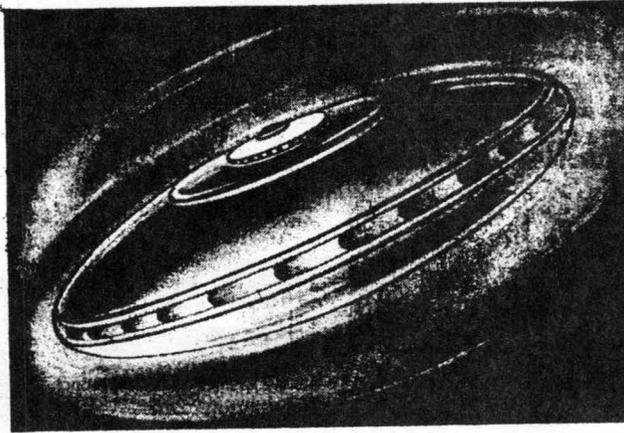
"First of all they behave in a way contrary to the laws of physics — they dart about at phenomenal speeds and change direction at seemingly impossible angles."

Unusual shape is another factor and the colour of the lights.

A blue light can be an aircraft tail light and white could be an intensely bright star.

But if after all this you believe you have seen an unusual object in the Orpington skies — write to Mr Budden at 76, Ravensbury Road, Wandsworth, SW18.

And remember there could be someone out there watching you watching them watching you!



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## UFO's are back again...

OUR "OWN UFO" has returned — and the spotter says he will be armed with a camera next time.

The balloon-like object was hovering in a blaze of orange and yellow lights over the area on May 24 at 1 am.

It was watched by Mr Neil Watts, 18, and his brother, Mark, from the window of their Meadowcroft, Bickley, home.

Said Neil: "I saw it as

I made my way home that night. It was hovering over trees near Chislehurst Railway Station. It was puzzling. I'm sceptical about UFOs — but I do not know what this was. I told my brother and we watched it for a few minutes before it vanished in a large ring."

He felt it could not have been a large firework as it did not move fast — and as there was no noise it could not have been a plane, he thought.

"I was too fascinated to get a camera — but I shall

have one at hand next time," promised Neil.

● Photographic evidence — or, even better, a movie film — is needed by local expert Mr Timothy Good, who is investigating the mystery sightings. He is convinced a "certain proportion" of the sightings are genuine UFOs — objects from another planet.

If anyone else saw the UFO on May 23 or 24, or has any theories that may explain it, they should write to Mr Good, c/o the Kentish Times, at 20 to 21, Church Road, Bromley.

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## Flying saucers on West flight path

By Mark Hanna

BRISTOL's Dundry Hill could lie under a regular flight path for unidentified flying objects, says London-based journalist Mr Barry Everitt.

Mr Everitt a specialist in Ufology investigated the sighting of two UFOs over Dundry recently by two policewomen.

The policewomen, followed one of them for two miles.

Six other people living near Dundry have also recently reported UFOs.

Mr Everitt, aged 35, is linking the Dundry incidents with well-documented sightings over South Wales in January.

There two detectives reported seeing a gigantic object "bigger than two football fields" followed by a smaller craft over Morryston, near Swansea.

The same night many people in Cardiff reported seeing a UFO. Some reports said it was bigger than a jumbo jet. At one primary school 22 children said they saw it.

Mr Everitt says a flight path south-east from Morryston through Cardiff would pass south of Bristol near Dundry.

POLICE REVIEW LONDON  
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## Avon and Somerset

TWO WPCs in Bristol who followed a couple of UFOs were unwilling to identify themselves to *Newsbeat* because of the jibes they would have to suffer from their colleagues, but their account of two flying objects has been corroborated by other officers in the area.

The two WPCs were called by a member of the public, who reported a UFO which, he claimed, had been passing over his house at different times for the past two years. The officers followed a 'hovering' light from his house to a hilltop two miles away, where it was joined by a second light. One light then went upwards and disappeared.

The lights were also seen by PC Nigel Marsh, who told *Newsbeat* that he saw a red and white light travelling faster than a plane, followed by another similar light. Checks with local aerodromes and the Ministry of Defence showed that there were no recorded flights in the area at the time.

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## UFO seen

A UFO was sighted in the sky above Shortlands on Monday night.

Thirteen-year-old Martus Geary claims a "bright white eye" shot across the sky above his Kingswood Road home.

"It was travelling much faster than an aeroplane and it was like a circle with elongated ends," he said.

HERALD OF WALES, SWANSEA  
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Strange to relate

## FLYING SAUCERS CHASED A TRAIN

Number 91 is a diesel engine freight train that goes from Indianapolis north to the town of Monon and returns each night, a round trip of about 200 miles. Shortly after 3.00 a.m. on October 3rd, 1958, train Number 91 was jogging along southward through the town of Rossville, Indiana.

The fireman, Cecil Bridge, noticed a strange light formation crossing the tracks ahead of the train. The driver, Harry

Eckman, saw them too: four oddly glowing white lights sailing serenely and slowly across the path of the train.

## Lights

Suddenly the lights made a sharp left turn and came straight toward the freight train. Fireman Bridge picked up the microphone and alerted the three crew members in the cabin, half a mile behind the engine. The conductor, Ed Robinson, replied that he had already spotted the lights.

Seconds later, the entire train crew reported, all four of the glowing white objects swept down over the engine to a height of not more than 200ft. and came swinging over the full length of the train.

When they were moving rapidly, the objects were glowing white in colour; as they slowed down the colour went through phases of yellow to

orange to dull red. After travelling the entire length of the train, the objects wheeled in formation and flashed away to the east.

Then minutes later, they came back and flew behind the train — two of them flying vertically on edge, the two on either side flying tilted at an angle of about 45 degrees.

When Robinson shone a torch on them, the "things" would scatter, only to regroup a moment later and follow the train again, a couple of hundred yards from the cabin. The things were about 30-40ft. in diameter, the crew agreed. They were flat on one side with a low, raised structure on the other.

They glowed over all with a soft light and they followed freight train Number 91 for 70 minutes — another chapter in the riddle of the "Unidentified Flying Objects."

# CLOSE

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# ENCOUNTER AT THE SHAMROCK CAFE

**STRANGE** red and white lights hovered overhead as three women drove home from their weekly night out.

Mysteriously, their car came to a halt outside the Shamrock cafe on the A5 in Shropshire, though the driver had her foot hard down on the accelerator.

Then the lights suddenly vanished and the trio rushed excitedly to a nearby police station, where they reported a close encounter with a UFO.

But that was when they noticed something even stranger had happened. The drive to the police station should have taken five minutes. Instead, it took twenty-five.

Only now, with the help of hypnosis under the strictest supervision, has an explanation been found for those missing twenty minutes. And it is amazing.

Each of the women has independently told the same story—that they did indeed have a close encounter, far closer than they first imagined. For each says she was taken aboard a spacecraft, examined by alien beings and then released.

## Gruff

None of the three had been drinking on that fateful Thursday night. They had all stuck to Coca-Cola. But, although hypnotised separately, they each describe the spaceship and its inhabitants the same way.

They say the ship was steel, circular and brightly lit. They speak of 4ft tall aliens dressed in green, and imitate the spacemen's distinctive gruff voices.

And they have each made similar drawings of what the ship looked like.

The News of the World has videotape recordings of the women re-living their astonishing lost moments.

And a panel of expert witnesses, including doctors, a lawyer and a police chief, has also been present during the hypnosis sessions, which are still going on.

All the experts are convinced that the women's claims are genuine.

The police chief, Det. Chief Inspector Norman Collinson of Manchester's fraud squad, says: "I am perfectly satisfied that this is not a hoax."

And one of the medical men, Dr Albert Kellar, says that under hypnosis one of the women's pulse rate and blood pressure shot up.

"These conditions cannot be simulated," he says. "Whatever happened to her was real."

## Lights

The three women all live on the outskirts of Telford in Shropshire.

They are pretty blonde divorcee Rosemary Hawkins, 27, a mother of three, and her housewife friends Valerie Walters, 26, and Viv Hayward, 27.

Most Thursdays they would go off in Viv's Avenger saloon to Tiffany's disco in Shrewsbury, for a "girls' night out" with their menfolk's blessing.

And it was while they were returning from there

## SPECIAL REPORT

by KEITH BEABEY  
and PIPPA SIBLEY

in the early hours of the morning, near the tiny hamlet of Atcham, that they first saw hovering lights.

Rosemary tells what they remember before hypnosis. She says: "I opened the car window to get a better look.

"The lights hovered—four white and two red—about 200 feet.

"The lights became blinding. There was no noise. By chance I looked at my watch."

It was 2.30 a.m. and the trio should have been five minutes from home.

Rosemary says: "It became obvious we were looking at a flying saucer—a UFO. It followed us along the road.

"We were very frightened. Viv tried putting her foot down but it was as if the brakes were on."

Instead of roaring along the deserted road home, the car was almost at a standstill when it reached the Shamrock cafe in the shadow of The Wrekin hill.



HYPNOTISED: Viv

# SHAMROCK CAFE CON'T

"Then the lights dimmed and the craft disappeared," says Rosemary. "We were so excited we drove straight to Telford police station."

They arrived at ten minutes to three and their sighting was logged. But the trio couldn't account for that missing 20 minutes.

Then they were contacted by UFO expert Mr Harold Harris, a lawyer, and agreed to be hypnotised.

Three Manchester medical men undertook the hypnosis—Dr Joseph Jaffe, Dr Leslie Davies and Dr Albert Kellar.

Each of the women was interviewed separately in the presence of witnesses, with most of the questions being put by Mr Harris, the lawyer.

This is Rosemary's version of events under hypnosis: "Bright lights. White tinged with yellow and red. So strange it's there. No sound.

"We are so frightened. The lights are attached to a spacecraft of some kind.

"I am floating and I'm not in the car any more with Viv or Val, I feel big and bloated.

## Wheels

"It is a semi-circular room. I'm on a bed in the room, like a long table on a stand.

"There's something coming. I can hear them. Something is in the room. It's metal. It doesn't walk—it sort of rolls on wheels.

"It's about four feet tall, round on the top with a round body and round legs.

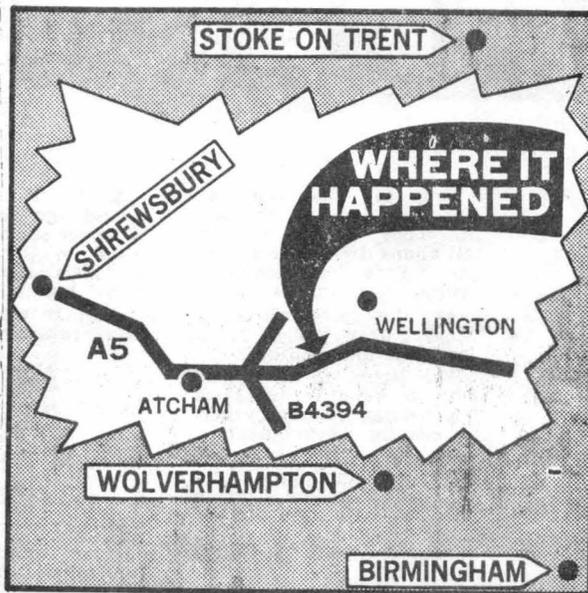
"It's looking at me. There's more coming. It's the same noise. There are four. They are around me.

"They haven't got a face. Their heads move up and down. That's how I know they are talking about me.

"They don't seem to be nasty. They just want to have a look. I feel so



DNAPPED: Valerie and Rosemary, UFO victims



THE SPOT where a UFO captured the women

relaxed and they feel friendly, I like them."

She adds: "I am floating again. I can see the car. Everything has gone black.

"I'm in the car now. Val and Viv are there with me. Viv's got her foot down hard on the accelerator. We are trying to get away from it."

Rosemary's friend, former nurse Mrs Viv Hayward, says under hypnosis that she had been driving the car but it was suddenly taken from her control.

"I feel I'm floating," she says "I'm being drawn up. The car is being taken up." Sobbing, she adds: "I can't see the road any more. I see a white cloud.

"I'm on my own. I can see the door of the UFO open. It is round. I'm looking through the car windscreen. The car roof is going in first.

"It's like two big doors opening. It's made of steel."

Inside the craft she describes windows and lights and a bank of computers with TV screens.

She says: "I can feel these aliens holding me down. They seem as though they have taken me out of the car. I'm in a chair.

## Legs

"They're holding me down. They feel very strong. They are trying to find out things from me. They want to know how we're made.

"It feels as if they are taking something from my body. My legs. There is a lot of pain in my legs.

"They are putting their hands inside my legs and pulling my bones. They are telling me not to be frightened."

In a gruff voice she imitates how the aliens spoke to her.

"Somebody in charge is talking to me. I feel that they are hurting me. They

seem to release their grips but I can't move. They have scanned me. My top half and then the rest of my body.

"They carry me to my car. The car is back on the road."

Asked to describe the creatures, she says: "They are four feet tall. They have no hair. They are ugly. They have a strange-looking nose; thin arms. I can't see their legs.

"They are dressed in green cloaks. They look like men."

Valerie Walters, the third girl on the mystery trip, says:

"I can see the lights. It's hovering and gliding towards us.

"There's a bright light in my head and I feel big and clumsy. I'm walking down the road looking for Rosemary."

Then she cries out and says: "Somebody has touched me on my shoulder. Somebody is carrying me.

"I can feel them but I can't see them. I hear

voices. They seem to be telling me: 'Don't be afraid.'"

Back at home, Rosemary says: "That night will live with me for the rest of my life.

"And the hypnotic sessions are not over. I have to tell more with the doctors' guidance.

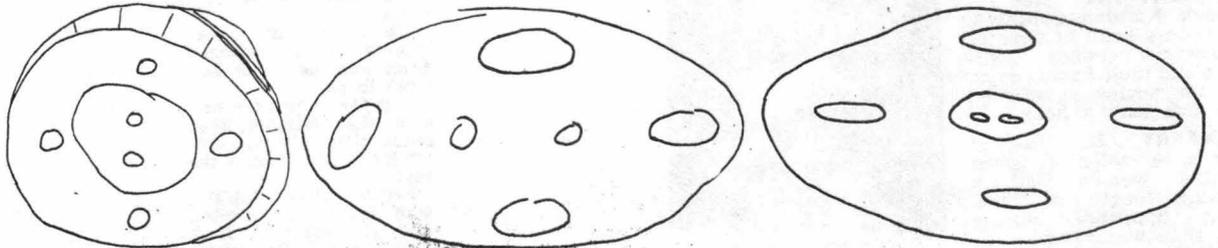
"It seems the aliens were waiting for us three because we are so different in our personalities and outlooks.

"I know people may laugh. But we know what happened and we're telling the truth."



**TERRIFYING:** Artist's impression of the scene aboard the spaceship. Aliens examine one of the women

## Victims' view of the ship



**UNCANNY:** Under hypnosis the three women produced similar drawings of the spaceship's underside

## SHAMROCK CAFE CON'T

### Planet

Her friend Val says: "I know from what happened to me that beings from another planet have been here and I'm proud they chose me to visit."

*The aliens that Valerie met were like those seen by her friend Viv—but Valerie also saw a female alien.*

Val says: "I told the doctor and the experts I'd

seen a man and a woman-like creature dressed in long, green robes.

"The woman was fascinated by my shoes. She took them off me and tried walking in them. She had bare feet.

"The creatures kept feeling my clothes and my hair. I wasn't afraid of them, but was frightened of what was happening."

Lawyer Mr Harris, who was at the hypnosis sessions and is a member of the Manchester Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, says: "I have no doubt this UFO existed.

"These women were hypnotised individually and there was no collusion, yet they describe similar things.

"The voice is particu-

larly pertinent. The same voice has been heard by other people who claimed to have seen UFOs. But never by three people who have been taken into the craft. This is a unique case."

The videotapes of the hypnosis sessions, seen only by the experts and the News of the World, will be viewed at an international conference organised by the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association.

This will be held at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, in August.

Mr Harris says: "This case will provide vital evidence for us. I'm sure these women have met alien beings and they're telling the truth."

SHAMROCK CAFE CON'T

# YES, IT HAPPENED —EXPERTS

THE doctors and panel of experts at the hypnosis sessions are in no doubt that the three women did have an alien experience on their drive home.

**EXPERT** Mr Michael Sacks, 42, a member of the Manchester Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, says: "This case must be the most convincing that has ever emerged.

"The most astounding thing is the time factor. These women may never have discovered what they'd been through if they had failed to notice the missing 20 minutes." After seeing Rosemary being hypnotised, he added: "There is certainly no way the three women could have collaborated before they went under hypnosis.

"I think there's absolutely no reason to disbelieve the women's evidence.

## Traumatic

"All the signs shown under hypnosis were typical of them going through a traumatic experience."

Mr Sacks, who claims to have seen a UFO himself and lectures up and down Britain on the mysteries of flying saucers, also says: "I doubt if we'll see anything like it again."

**EXPERT** Det Chief Inspector Norman Collinson, 39, deputy head of Greater Manchester Police Commercial Fraud Squad, says: "I am perfectly satisfied that this isn't a hoax."

**EXPERT** Mr Harold Harris, a solicitor, says: "These women had a missing length of time. What happened during that time was revealed by hypnosis.

"I am almost certainly convinced that everything those ladies said happened did so and that this UFO existed. It was a nuts and bolts craft of unknown origin."

## Truth

**DOCTOR** Joseph Jaffe, who is in charge of the Hypnotherapy Clinic in the Department of Psychiatry at North Manchester General Hospital, says: "I find it extremely interesting.

"There is still a considerable amount of experimental research to be carried out, so I cannot say more at this stage."

**DOCTOR** Leslie Davies, a doctor of homeopathy who also conducted some of the hypnosis sessions, says: "The ladies were fully under hypnosis and

what they said was involuntary.

"They were examined as individuals, with witnesses in the room, and I don't believe they were telling anything but the truth as they saw it."

**DOCTOR** Albert Kallar, a general practitioner, says:

"The lady I saw told of the whole scene when she first had the sighting.

"Then under hypnosis she had a severe fear reaction.

"Her pulse rate jumped from 70 to 136, says the doctor, and her blood pressure shot up, too.

"These conditions cannot be simulated," adds Dr Kallar. "There's no doubt about it—to her whatever happened was real and she was in absolute terror.

"There's no doubt she was fully under hypnosis and telling the truth."



POLICE chief Collinson with Michael Sacks

SUNDAY PEOPLE LONDON  
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## Riddle of 'E.T.' in cornfield

UFO EXPERTS believe they may have found the landing pad of a giant spaceship.

Five perfectly circular patches of flattened corn appeared overnight in a field near Westbury, Wilts.

There were no tracks leading to the flattened areas and no links between them.

It is the third year running that farmers have found similar mysterious circles at this time of the year.

Farmer Stan Painter, who found the circles, said yesterday: "I don't understand it. The circles are so evenly spaced."

Mr Painter's farm is only five miles from the so-called "Warminster triangle," an area where there have been an average of two UFO sightings a week during recent years.

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UFO spotted <sup>3128</sup> JUN. 30. 83

A MYSTERY light in the sky spotted by a Welling family was also seen by a

Valentine Avenue, Bexley, man and his wife, who—embarrassed by the sniggers of friends—wish to remain anonymous, though they were relieved to read in the Kentish Times last week that someone else had seen the phenomenon on June 15 about 11 p.m. Through binoculars they saw a bright white light topped first by red and then by blue.

## Chased by UFOs

UFO sightings are generally decried by sceptics as no more than the natural if somewhat unusual manifestation of some perfectly routine atmospheric trick.

In December 1979 one such sighting occurred between the north and south islands of New Zealand. This was variously dismissed as a squid boat, a lighthouse beacon, either Jupiter or Venus, and, more peculiarly, mating mutton birds.

What was unusual about this case, the first to be endorsed by the American National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena as a genuine UFO sighting, was that not only did individuals witness the strange lights in the sky but they were also filmed by a TV crew and tracked on radar by air-traffic controllers.

The TV crew was travelling in a freight aircraft when glowing and pulsating lights were seen to surround the plane and follow it, sometimes performing strange aerobatics. The cameraman started to film, the reporter taped an on-the-spot description of what was happening and the fear of those on board.

The reporter was Quetin Fogarty who tells the story of that night in *Let's Hope They're Friendly* (Angus and Robertson, £4.95). He includes transcripts of the dialogue between the flight crew and ground control as the position of the UFOs was tracked, fixed and verified by both. He also includes a transcript of his own taped report.

SHEFFIELD MORNING TELEGRAPH  
JUNE 15 1983

Readers who are interested in UFOs will find the detailed scientific analysis of the film fascinating, along with the theories proposed by the sceptics (those mating mutton birds again) and the colour plates included.

Readers who are not UFO buffs will find the human side of the story fascinating, the effect it had on the author and his family, leading eventually to the need for treatment for mental exhaustion, and the rifts it caused between friends and colleagues.

MAGGIE SOUTAR

SHROPSHIRE STAR, WELLINGTON  
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# Hypnotic bid to end UFO mysteries

Video tapes of three Telford women under hypnosis will be a focus of debate at an international ufology conference to be held in Buckinghamshire later this year.

The women, who all live in the Dawley area, claim to have had a science fiction-style close encounter on the A5 two years ago as they travelled from Tiffany's nightclub in Shrewsbury.

Since being subjected to hypnotic regression by a group of Manchester investigators they believe that they were in fact taken aboard a spacecraft and examined by aliens.

Rosemary Hawkins (27), Valerie Walters (26) and Viv Hayward (27) were near the turn-off for Uppington when they saw strange red and white lights in the sky, they claim.

Despite trying to speed off, they say the car slowed as if the handbrake was on until they reached the Shamrock Cafe, where the object vanished, they then sped off to report the incident at Malinslee Police Station.

They forgot about the sighting until a flying saucer investigator from Stoke-on-Trent visited them to talk about the incident. He asked why it had taken them the time it had to get to the police station and they found there were 20 minutes they could

not account for.

They were invited to Manchester by a team of ufologists where doctors hypnotised them and a story has begun to emerge in which they tell of being taken aboard the spaceship and meeting 4ft robots and aliens and other taller beings who spoke English and looked quite human.

There have been three independent regression sessions which have been video taped and these will be shown at the Buckinghamshire conference in August, organised by the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association.

Certainly the women appear to believe it happened and now, two years after that night when they say they drank nothing stronger than Coca-Cola, they refuse to let it rule their lives.

"We are not cranks and we never intended it to go this far. We thought it was all over two years ago but when we were told there was 20 minutes of our lives missing it was natural that we should want to find out what happened," said mother-of-three Rosemary.

Until recently none of the women had discussed with each other what had come out of their hypnosis sessions, they said.

WEST BRITON, TRURO  
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LONDON

## UFOs on the move again, claims spotter

UFOs are being seen in the clear night skies over Cornwall and, according to one spotter, this is the best time of year to see them.

Mrs. Joan Dell, who lives at Springfield-park, Barrripper, claims to have seen two unidentified flying objects within minutes of each other on Sunday evening.

And, with a record of sightings in the last five years in Cornwall and earlier in Gloucester, she said there seemed to be a pattern of their appearing in May and June.

### Spinning disc

Sunday's sightings were the first for the year, said Mrs. Dell. It was a perfect, sparkling clear, night when she saw the first object at 11.15 p.m.

Travelling north to west or west-south-west, it appeared as a spinning disc or globe, with flashing lights around it, she said.

As it turned, it appeared cream-coloured, white and then a vivid sapphire blue. She watched it for about two minutes.

Mrs. Dell said she watched a satellite cross and, at 11.40, another UFO. This one she described as being similar in appearance to a box kite. It was very high, but bright enough to see without binoculars.

### Flashing lights

With glasses, she saw it was in two parts. The first square shape was red and the second white. There were yellow flashing lights, mainly on top, and its route was north to south of south-east.

"I do not think these could have been aeroplanes or satellites," said Mrs. Dell. "The second must have been huge."

The largest UFO she has seen was some time ago while living in Cheltenham. Cornish sightings include one like a ball across a field at Barrripper, and another with a tail.



# JUNIOR JOURNAL

## Close encounters from outer space

HOW many of you have seen 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' or 'ET'? If you haven't, I know you'll have seen 'Doctor Who'.

The success of these films depends so much on people's fascination with outer space, like the new film 'Return of the Jedi'.

I expect most of you were tucked up in bed when the recent comet passed overhead.

Wanting to have a good look at it myself and armed with a torch I went to the top of the garden and during the brief few moments the clouds parted I saw myriads of stars twinkling millions of miles away.

And I thought I saw the comet in the corner of the Plough.

After a few minutes of slight feeling of unease came over me, and I felt I was being watched. Of course, it was my imagination running riot because I had been thinking about unidentified flying objects — UFOs.

I have only ever seen two of these strange phenomena.

The first was when I was driving in daylight across Grand Bahama. I saw a silver ball in the sky moving very fast — it must have been a few thousand feet up — when it suddenly stopped and hovered in the sky for

quite a few minutes before accelerating away at great speed. It was of course in the Bermuda Triangle!

The other sighting was coming in to land at San Francisco airport when I and some of the passengers on the port side of the Boeing 707 saw a golden ball which passed very close to the aircraft.

As we banked round to come into land the object hovered in the distance, approached the aircraft at high speed and then accelerated away from us. Other people saw it and I have wondered to this day what it was.

Sightings of UFOs have occurred all over the world. Not so many years ago there were quite a few here in England around Warminster, and there have been others since up and down the country.

Aircraft flying in the Caribbean area have been 'buzzed' by these strange objects which have sent the instruments haywire and in some instances after frantic 'mayday' calls there was total silence — the aircraft lost without trace.

When one begins to think about the size of the uni-

verse it's quite possible there are other worlds just as curious about us as we are about them.

Our space programmes prove this as craft full of scientific instruments are constantly being sent up into space, probing deeper and deeper every year.

In America, J. Allen Hynek has set up a UFO research station at Evanston in Illinois. The centre receives around 100 reports of sightings every night.

It is widely accepted there are many other star systems in the universe capable of supporting life and some may have civilisations in advance of ours.

A man called Philip J. Klass, an avionics editor, said that it would take 100 years for people in the nearest star system to ours to reach us — if the space craft could travel at 70 million mph!

As far back as 5,000 years ago the Chinese have records of sightings of UFOs and we seem to have been visited regularly since then.

I am very careful when I go up the back garden at night!

### Flying formations

DURING the last century, 31 sightings were collated from all over the world.

On September 7, 1820, a formation of flying objects was seen crossing the town of Embrun in southern France.

On November 17, 1882, a

vast green disc was observed from Greenwich Observatory. It had a most odd appearance.

It was also seen over Europe, and in November 1888 an aerial vessel passed over Berkshire countryside, frightening domestic and wild animals with its sound.

### Have you seen one?

IF you or a friend have seen a UFO let me have the time, place and shape, together

with your name and we will collate the findings. It could be quite exciting.

# CLOSE ENCOUNTERS FROM OUTER SPACE (CON'T)



'Adamski-type'  
10m. diameter



Large saucer-  
type 50m. diameter



Mothership  
300-3000m. length

Cylinder shape  
various lengths



'Old' saucer type



'Saturn'-shaped UFO



Seen over Africa  
70m. length

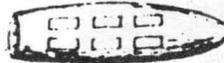
Photographed over  
California 1957



Photographed  
1950 and 1954



'Trinidad-saucer'  
Brazil 1958



Object with fiery tail 1948



Rocket shape  
recorded in Italy



Type seen in 1947  
diameter 7m.



'New-type'  
photographed in Brazil



Oval shape  
length 25m. 1952



Seen in USA and Italy



Dome-shaped  
'common' type



Photographed California  
and Oregon



Cigar with jet exhaust 1952



Globe-shaped  
20cm.-20m. diameter



Average dome-shaped  
Photographed New Mexico  
1963



Photographed California  
1965



Cigar-shaped mothership



Cone or 'top'-shaped  
object



Saucer-type 1965



Photographed California  
1965



Winged cigar-shape 1952



Angular shape USA 1961



Photographed in Korea



Disc-shaped 1950



Winged cylinder-shaped

The objects are not drawn  
to scale

Drawn by: Knut Aasheim  
March 1967

● Pictured is a variety of shapes drawn by Knut Aasheim in 1967, all of them have been described in detail more than once, by observers all over the world.

IT'S THE LATEST DARK SECRET OF UFO-LAND

# E.T. phone the Express — have



# you come back to Earth?

by JACK HILL

WHEN it comes to spotting visiting craft from other worlds, the earthlings of Westbury ought to know a little more than the rest of us.

For the Wiltshire town lies within the famous "Warminster Triangle," which is to UFOs what Cowes is to yachting.

But even there, five mystery circles that have suddenly appeared in a fresh green cornfield have got everyone guessing.

It looks almost as if E.T. has come back to earth.

The biggest circle is 50ft in diameter. The four others, 14ft in diameter, are neatly positioned around it to create four corners. Just as though a spaceship has landed there.

The corn inside has been flattened close to the ground in a swirling, circular manner, as if by a giant fan or whirling blade.

What has been baffling everyone since 40-year-old farmer Stan Pointer reported the strange sight is that there were no signs of entry by tractor or motor vehicle, except where his tractor had made regular patterns while spraying.

## Sightseers

Theories have been flying around like saucers from outer-space.

Stan's wife, Janet, believes the circles were made by a whirlwind. "They can do funny things in a cornfield like this," she said.

But her husband said: "I've never seen anything like this in my life."

Some people say that deer are to blame. But Mr Alan Shepperd, on whose land the circles lie, says: "It is the wrong time of year for deer to be rutting, which could make them flatten an area."

Police in Westbury are not ruling out practical jokers. But a spokesman said: "Whoever did it, if they did, put in a lot of hard work and study to get the circles right."

Even that seems unlikely, though. There are several morks linking the circles now because sightseers have flocked to the field, on the B3093 Westbury to Devizes road.

But there were no clear marks at first, insists Mr Shephard.

Such weird goings-on will not trouble the folk within the Warminster Triangle too much, of course.

Since the first dramatic sightseeings in the sixties, they have reported seeing UFOs of all shapes and sizes.

And if it turns out that the five mysterious cornfield circles were left by E.T.'s spaceship they will be able to say to a doubting world: "We told you so."

# Close Encounters of the Wiltshire kind

By JEREMY GATES

IF THE White Holes of Westbury—mysterious patterns in a cornfield revealed in the Express as a possible UFO landing site—baffled most of Britain yesterday, the eighth Earl of Clancarty was far from surprised.

Said the peer, who chairs the House of Lords all-party UFO Study Group: "The marks are fascinating, suggesting something has landed there—and perhaps this does accord with the theory of the ley lines."

"Ley Lines" are claimed to be lines of electro-magnetic energy, reckoned to be the courses by which UFOs steer—in much the same way as the jet pilot works from radio beacon to radio beacon.

"Lots of ancient churches are on ley lines," says Lord Clancarty, "and so, of course, is Warminster."

## Reputation

Warminster, Wiltshire, heart of the "Warminster Triangle" since the mid-'sixties and a few miles south of Westbury, is famed for UFO sightings and encounters with the supernatural—a reputation which survives despite the fact that army exercises on Salisbury Plain are just around the corner.

The legend was born one evening in 1964 when troops at Kook, four miles from the town, were awakened by a thunderclap followed by a pounding noise and villagers nearby later heard clatterings and hummings.

The "Warminster Thing"



Clancarty: not surprised

was born in 1965—with flocks of pigeons falling from the air, dead mice found with tiny holes in their corpses, and high pitched droning in the night sky leaving pets cowering in fear.

Over 430 unexplained "sightings" have been recorded in the area—many by those waiting patiently with binoculars on Cradle Hill, outside the town.

But are there perfectly rational explanations?

The Express UFO Bureau in 1978 certainly revealed no special bias towards this area of Wiltshire—and Jenny Randles, director of investigations at the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, is unconvinced that this is where the little green men eventually appear.

Mrs Randles says: "Since the 'Warminster Thing' took hold of public imagination, the story has really developed by feeding upon itself.

"People go there from all over the world because they are told they will see a UFO. So many people are watching there that the smallest event is magnified into front page news."

Of the White Holes of Westbury, Mrs Randles says: "For about 20 years, these

mysterious circles have turned up in cornfields in July and August, I believe the marks are caused by whirlwinds and small tornadoes. But it is getting difficult to separate fact from fiction."

She says: "There are basically two different things which have to be explained. First, we get reports of 'close encounters' where people claim some contact with the extra-terrestrial; seeing a spaceship, or aliens. We can't dismiss them all as hallucinations, but no photographic evidence exists of either UFO craft or aliens.

## Burns

"Second, we get UAP's—Unidentified Atmospheric Phenomena. These can be physical in appearance, leaving marks on the ground or burns on the skin. Some geophysical process is taking place producing an increase in radio-activity which can damage people's health or cause radiation sickness."

A recent incident involving UAPs include the Cornish couple who spotted a green oval object hovering in their courtyard—subsequently they were treated in hospital for symptoms believed to have been caused by radiation.

Could the White Holes of Westbury be another indication of UAP's?

Jenny Randles believes not—but neither she, or anybody else, will be certain enough to stop the UFO spotters gathering on Cradle Hill in the weeks ahead.

Who knows the strange secret of UFO-land's odd circles?

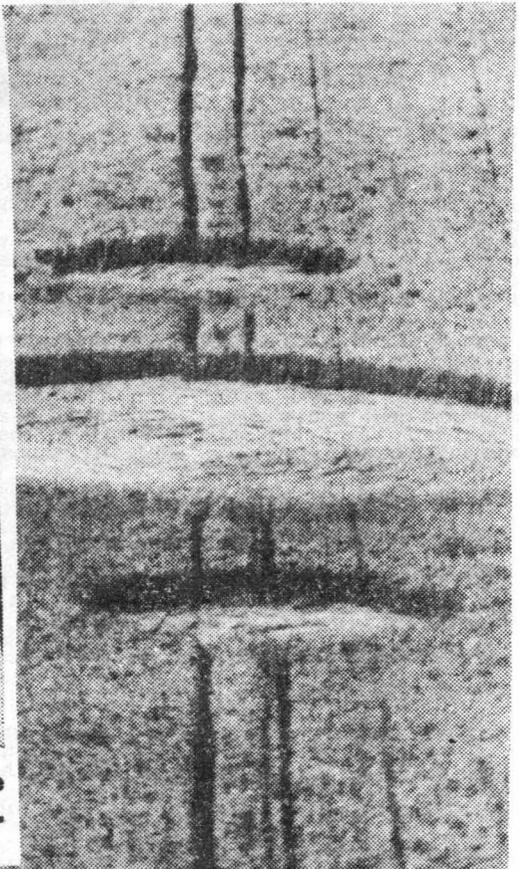
From yesterday's Express

## WHY HAVEN'T YOU PHONED, E.T?

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We've found enough  
White Holes to sink  
a flying saucer!



**ERE** Mrs Payne with pictures old and new of the phenomenon. "The holes are quite friendly," she says. Others are not so sure.



**THERE** Strange goings-on in the Devil's Punchbowl, near Winchester, 1981

## WHITE HOLES TO SINK U.F.O. CON'T



**AND EVERYWHERE** A new mystery yesterday as they appear again in the Winchester barleyfield: The plot gets cornier

# The big mystery of UFO-land is getting deeper

IT'S not just in Wiltshire that ET has left his calling card. It seems he has also paid a visit to neighbouring Hampshire.

And last night the mystery of the farm field holes had everyone going round in ever-increasing circles.

The saga began at the weekend when five rings appeared in a cornfield in the Wiltshire town of Westbury inside the "Warminster Triangle," an area that knows a thing or two about UFOs.

The nation held its breath as the Express invited E.T. to phone from outer space and explain what on earth is going on.

Last night we were still waiting. Then came the startling revelation that five similar rings had appeared in Hampshire's Devil's Punchbowl, a magnificent amphitheatre below Cheese-foot Head beauty spot outside Winchester.

This time they are in barley not corn. But the geometric perfection and pattern are just as intriguing.

The new circles are in an 80-acre field beside the A272 road to Petersfield.

The big circle is 50ft in diameter, and the four smaller ones grouped round it are each 18ft across.

And it's not the first time they have appeared there! They also turned up in 1980 and 1981.

This year they were dis-

By DAVID THURLOW

covered on the thundery night of June 18.

Maurice Botting, manager of a neighbouring farm at nearby Owslebury, said: "I went past that night at 1.30 a.m. and they were not there."

"When I went by again at 6.30 a.m. there they were—and it was quite astonishing. We are all mystified and would love to know what the answer is."

In each circle, the barley has been knocked down

scientifically in a clockwise splayed spiral from the centre leaving a perfect arc.

Mrs Petronel Payne, 37, from Owslebury, said: "The barley is laid perfectly, not ripped, torn or crushed."



"What we want is a logical explanation. There have been other circles in the area."

"People rang the Ministries of Defence and Agriculture two years ago but no one was interested so we left it."

Last night the local pubs were agog as villagers in the two counties put forward their own theories.

Some said the circles were cut by a hoaxter on stilts, or by deer, a whirlwind, or a helicopter.

Others suggested it was the work of hedgehogs joyfully making love in the mid-summer moonlight.

But as the speculation grew that it might be something from outer space, the Hampshire field owner launched a furious rocket of his own.

Lieutenant Commander Henry Bruce has absolutely

no doubt what it's all about. No fancy theories for him.

He declared: "It's grown up people behaving like children making wanton damage."

"They want to delude people who are stupid into believing it's a UFO."

"Any child could do it. It's the easiest thing in the world to do. I won't say how."

Mrs Jenny Randles, director of investigations for the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association said: "We believe the circles are not mysterious but caused by whirlwinds or tornadoes. We think the weather is to blame."

Come in E.T. The line is open!

# FRONT RUNNER

## NOT JUST SWAMP GAS

Westchester has never been known as a hotbed of U.F.O. activity—until recently. A huge, triangular set of more than 50 lights described as very slow moving, approximately 120 feet from end to end, was first seen over northern Westchester on the night of March 17. The configuration has since been seen several times by roughly one thousand people, according to Philip Imbrogno, a science teacher at Windward School in White Plains and U.F.O. investigator for the Center for U.F.O. Studies in Evanston, Ill.

"In comparison to previous Westchester sightings, this one is making U.F.O. history," says Imbrogno. "Excellent witnesses, including a meteorologist and a police officer, have seen something extraordinary."

Imbrogno reports that Fairfield and Westchester rarely get more than 15 U.F.O. reports a year. "Of these," he says, "maybe two are worth investigating." But the March sightings have

become a cause célèbre among U.F.O. investigators because of the large number of witnesses, the populated areas in which the objects were seen, and the apparent "intelligent control" of the U.F.O.s.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, dean of U.F.O. investigators and consultant to Project Bluebook, the U.S. Air Force study of U.F.O.s, has become interested in the case. Because of the extraordinary nature of the sightings, representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration (F.A.A.) have been called in.

Jerry Salmonese of Putnam Valley, currently training for his private pilot's license, would also like to know what has been flying around Westchester's night skies. An eyewitness at the March 26th sighting, Salmonese said, "It didn't look like any airplane I've ever seen. It was like an angle of bright lights. But the strange thing about it was the weird sound it

made, like a slow murmur." Imbrogno adds, "Some of the sightings were real close encounters—less than 100 feet from the witness."

One Westchester police officer, whom Imbrogno refused to name, was followed in his cruiser by the U.F.O. "[The officer] told me that the object, an apex of bright lights, followed his car at only 60 to 100 feet from the ground. He gradually slowed, so did the object. When the officer stopped, the craft hovered, then pulled out in front of the car. The U.F.O. reversed direction, pointing towards the patrol car. Then . . . it passed back over the car and was gone."

Is the object truly a space craft? A New York State trooper, based at the Brewster barracks, explained that the spate of sightings were of ultra-lights—one-man, open aircraft. "I followed a group of lights that fit

the description of the U.F.O. over I-684 in late February. They turned out to be a bunch of guys in ultra-lights flying past the legal curfew, one half-hour after sundown. They did keep a very good formation."

That's not a good enough explanation for Imbrogno. "Ultra-lights can't hover, as the object was seen to do by many witnesses. Besides, we looked into that possibility immediately and discarded it."

Imbrogno, his U.F.O. investigator colleagues, and especially the awed witnesses to the phenomenon, would love to have an answer. "We are doing everything we can to identify this craft, because we want to single out the genuine unknowns," he says.

Imbrogno, like many Westchester residents, remains nagged by the enigma. "Such a large object, seen by so many in such a populated area. The thing that bothers me is, why? Why is this thing showing itself? I just can't figure it out."

—Chris Clark

DOVER EXPRESS (LON)  
JUNE 24 1983

## Express reader saw UFO too!

THREE days of oblique references to the strength of French wine followed my appeal in last week's Dover Express for information about the mysterious flying object I reported seeing in the night sky while on holiday in the south of France.

Most people I spoke to on the subject merely wanted to express the view that I would have seen the same sparkling display, perhaps the result of space debris burning up on re-entering the earth's atmosphere, lying face down in a French cafe!

However, my faith in the ability of Dover Express readers to help me with something that happened 700 miles away, was well founded. Confirmation of what we had seen arrived on my desk on Monday.

It came in a letter from

Arthur Syrett, former clerk of the old Dover Rural District Council, who lives in Park Road, Temple Ewell.

He said: "I read with interest your story in last week's issue of the Dover Express about the UFO observed from St Raphael, and whilst I can offer no explanation for the phenomenon I can confirm that it was seen elsewhere in the Mediterranean.

"My wife and I were in Majorca at the time and saw the incident quite clearly as you describe it. The local English language newspaper (The Daily Bulletin) carried a report of the incident a day or so later, but again offered no explanation."

Thank you Arthur. All that remains now is to establish what it was...

EXETER EXPRESS  
& ECHO, DEVON.  
JUNE 28 1983

## Driver sights a UFO

A MOON-SHAPED unidentified flying object has been sighted by a surprised Devon motorist.

The bright UFO, spotted on the A358 near Axminster, remained in the sky for several minutes before going out like a light bulb, claimed a Bridport man, Mr R. Fisher.

The strange object was some 500ft above the ground, when there was clear visibility and no nearby buildings, he reported to Middlemoor police.

A police spokesman said today: "There could have been some naval or marine exercises. No other sightings have been reported."

WYCOMBE STAR, BUCKS  
JUNE 24 1983

## UFO film man wins a hearing

UFO experts will hear at first hand of a Thames man's close encounter.

Architect Peter Day contacted the Star after our page one report of the International UFO congress being held in August.

Mr Day was the man who, ten years ago, filmed an orange ball of light flying just a few miles from the Lane End conference centre.

The film is described by one top researcher as "the hardest evidence in the world that UFO's do exist."

Mr Day, of Lower High Street, told the Star he was surprised this item was being ignored by the world's

UFO experts.

But after the Star stepped in Congress Chairman Robert Digby said a slot had been found for the film.

He said: "We have bowed to pressure because there was such a lot of interest in this particular case."

DOVER EXPRESS, LON.  
JUNE 17 1983

## Expressman spots UFO

DO YOU remember our story about the Dover quartet who stayed at a non-existent hotel in France? I drove through the same area last week while on holiday and saw no evidence of the "ghost" hotel in which they spent that memorable night which is soon to be featured in a TV programme.

But I did return to Dover with another mystery. While drinking with friends near St Raphael at about 11.10 pm on Monday, June 5, a mysterious object, flying west to east, lit up the sky.

It was not very high, resembled the fuselage section of a giant airliner and made no sound at all. It left a trail of brilliant fire and, after about 15 seconds, blazed brilliantly and disappeared.

Was it something from space burning up on re-entering the earth's atmosphere? I don't know — but it was a quite spectacular sight. If any reader can help with an explanation it will be much appreciated. But, please, no cracks about taking more water with it in future!

# UFO spotted over Vidor

By SHONDA NOVAK  
Staff writer

FRONTPAGE

VIDOR — Never mind the laughs, De-  
lores Cherry says the UFO she and her  
relatives have spotted over Vidor skies  
during the past 10 days has become discon-  
certing enough to start talking about.

National Weather Service specialist  
Fred Wesley issued a public information  
statement late Sunday about a possible  
UFO, which was sighted for the fifth time  
at Sandra Lane between Vidor and Beau-  
mont between 10 p.m. and midnight.  
Weather specialist Danny Graves declined  
further comment on the sighting this  
morning except to say such matters are

beyond the scope of the weather service.

"There's a UFO research group in Boul-  
der, Colo., I think, but we can't find the  
number and I don't know the name of the  
group," Graves said.

Vidor police also are mystified by the  
rotund, silver object Cherry and her sister,  
Joann McIntyre, 50, of Rose City, first  
spotted a week ago Thursday while driving  
home to Vidor from Orange along Inter-  
state 10.

"At first I thought it was a great big  
silver star," said Cherry, 52, of 1495 N.  
Main in Vidor. "Then I said no, it can't  
be."

Cherry said the object is three or four  
times as big as a star and has three round-  
ed protrusions similar to the points on a  
star.

Every 10 minutes or so, the object emits  
a blue or red light, but otherwise does not  
blink and makes no sound, she said.

"It had been with us all the way home on  
the right side of the road. Then it disap-  
peared by Roy's Grocery on Texas 105. It  
just took off real fast," Cherry said of the  
first time she saw the object.

Cherry said the object can "move slow  
or fast, up and down or back and forth,  
whichever way it decides."

She and her sister saw it the same place  
and time last Thursday while driving from

Orange to Vidor, but this time the object  
was above instead of to the side of the  
road.

"We knew it was something and we men-  
tioned it to a few people, but they just  
laughed their heads off," Cherry said.  
"Everybody thinks you're crazy, especial-  
ly if you're from Vidor."

"My nephew said he wished he had some-  
of that stuff we'd been drinking or smok-  
ing, but then he saw it, too," Cherry said.

Cherry said her nephew, Byron Cole, 31,  
of Vidor, saw the UFO late Sunday over  
her mother's house on Sandra Lane around  
midnight. Cherry said she, McIntyre, her

other sister, Wilma Cole, Cole's 12- and 19-  
year-old daughters and other relatives  
also were present.

Byron Cole's wife, Georgette, called the  
Vidor police, but Officer David Watson  
didn't quite know what to make of the inci-  
dent.

"I think the poor man was so  
dumbfounded he didn't know what to say.  
He just stood there for an hour watching.  
He left and didn't tell us a thing. It was like  
he was in shock," Cherry said.

A Vidor police dispatcher said Watson  
was off duty and she could not reach him at  
home for comment. She said no other po-  
lice personnel knew anything about the in-  
cident and the only staff officer on duty,  
Lt. Jerry Parker, was out of the office.

Cherry said Watson called the weather  
service after spotting the object Sunday

night and said, "It's not a weather bal-  
loon and it's certainly not a star.' Really,  
he couldn't tell us anything," Cherry said.

"We've been kind of afraid since we've  
seen it so much. It's like it's following us."

Cherry said the object has been sighted  
only late at night and she is puzzled why no  
one else has reported it.

She said she believes she'd be met with  
laughs and skeptical looks if she asked  
neighbors to come see it.

"There were all these people going on  
the highway in front of us when we first  
saw it," Cherry says. "Maybe they did,  
too, but they didn't say anything either.  
We're not crazy, we're really not."