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# A close encounter with Yorkshire's UFO experts

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IT ALL STARTED with a telephone call from West Yorkshire's leading ufologist, Batley's very own Philip Mantle.

By Jane Bower

Philip, of Woodhall Drive told me that striking UFO photographs taken in Gulf Breeze, Florida, were being hailed as the best case yet in more than 40 years of UFO research.

And were perhaps a significant step forward in proving the existence of UFOs.

So it was on a still summer evening I found myself somewhere in the middle of Leeds wedged in a packed auditorium among UFO enthusiasts all waiting with anticipation.

They had come to hear Mr Walter Andrus, international director of the world's largest UFO study group, the Mutual UFO network, present for the first time in Britain his investigations of the Gulf Springs case that has shook ufology to its very foundations.

In November 1987 five humble polaroid snapshots of unidentified flying objects were taken by wealthy and respected building contractor, Ed Walters and his wife, Frances.

## Video

When three clear shots were published in the local newspaper, several other residents stepped forward claiming to have seen similar objects.

But the case did not stop there. Over the next seven months Ed and his wife took over 30 polaroid photographs of UFOs and even managed to capture their sightings on video.

And UFO researchers say they have interviewed 140 other residents who have seen UFOs in the town of Gulf Breeze, Florida, next to the Gulf of Mexico.

"One UFO photograph is controversial enough," said Philip Mantle. "But here we have photographs going into double figures and other residents coming forward with the same claims."

Ed's story is that he saw lights in the sky and heard a humming sound on November 11 whilst sitting in his office at home and grabbed for the polaroid camera he uses for his business.

The humming object came overhead and he was caught in a beam which seemed to come out of the underbelly of the object, this white beam lifted him three feet off the ground before dropping him.

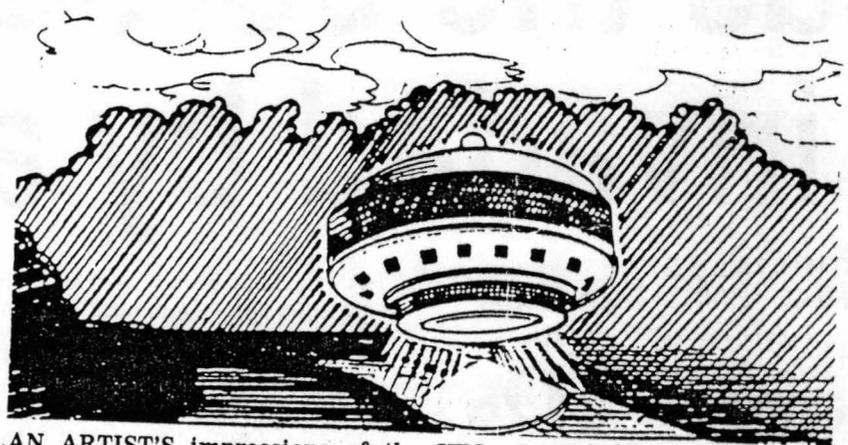
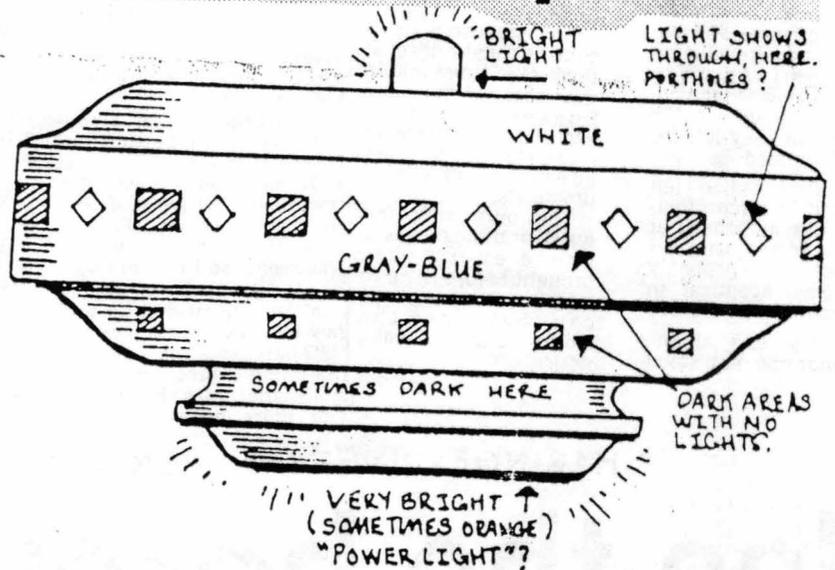
## Voices

After that initial contact, he was plagued with visitations which were often heralded by humming sounds or voices that spoke in Spanish and English in his head.

On one occasion after hearing a humming sound, Ed opened the french windows to come face to face with a little creature.

It stood between three and four feet tall, was clad in a thin metal sheath-like costume and helmet and carried a silver rod in its hand.

Ed immediately reached for his pistol and tried to chase it but his right foot was pinned to the ground by a paralysing blue beam.



AN ARTIST'S impressions of the UFO photographed by building contractor Ed Walters. — (NS)

Over the months Ed saw two different types of unidentified craft. One hovered three feet above the school yard directly behind his home leaving a geometrically perfect 16ft circle of burned grass that has defeated all scientific analysis.

In the final contact in April 1988 Ed followed a UFO and when he woke, having lost 75 minutes in time, he found himself face down on the street near his home feeling dreadful.

## Blood

He managed to crawl home, looked in the mirror and saw three spots of blood around his temple and

forehead. Under hypnosis Ed related that he had been taken off and experimented on.

Walter Andrus led the investigations into this remarkable case and described the evidence as impressive.

He said that as far as MUFON was concerned this was the best case they had ever worked on in 42 years of research.

"Here we have close encounters of the first, second, third and fourth kinds, including abductions," said Mr Andrus.

He said that Ed had been grilled for four hours by a polygrapher, who did not believe in UFOs, before undergoing two lie-detector tests.

And all the photographic evidence had

been cleared as authentic by Dr Bruce Maccabee, optical physicist with the US Navy and a leading Star Wars scientist.

## Seminar

Dr Maccabee had given Ed a special stereoscopic tamper-proof camera and he still continued to shoot pictures of UFO's.

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up and asked Mr Andrus what his conclusions were and he replied that he remained as ever an objective sceptic.

This is the credibility of ufology. All evidence is thoroughly investigated using such techniques as hypnosis, lie detectors and all photographs are rigorously analysed — they have to be.

The pictures and evidence presented during the seminar were nothing new to many of the ufologists in the room, but they left me dumbfounded.

At first I had felt distinctly uncomfortable, like an atheist at 10am Mass until I realised I was probably the least sceptical in the room.

At the end of the seminar one man stood

UFO research is a controversial subject at the best of times and in the past complicated hoaxes have been exposed by intensive investigations by teams of trained ufologists.

The only way forward for ufologists is to prove every case brought before them to be a hoax — only then can they make the world sit up and take notice.

# UFO sighting by mum

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A MIDSOMER NORTON mother is convinced she saw an unidentified flying object hover outside her bedroom window.

The sighting came days after rings, discovered pressed in a Wiltshire field, baffled scientists.

Julie Chant, 26, of Greenhill Road, was putting her baby, Michael, to bed at 10.15 pm when she was distracted by the glow of who she claims was an UFO.

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing so I told my husband, Richard, to come upstairs. He rushed up and saw exactly what I saw.

"There was a distinct humming sound, not possibly that of a helicopter, and there were four very

bright white lights in the front of the object. I could not identify what it was because I had never seen anything like it before."

Radstock police are treating the incident with an open mind and urge any further similar sightings to be reported immediately.

"We have made a note of the incident and are interested in further reports," said Sergeant Martin Purchase.

Mr Chard, 22, and a neighbour, Heather Hardyman, watched the object for about 20 minutes before it disappeared into the trees at the end of the road.

The object was dome-shaped with a flashing red light on top. It had no wings, but the body emitted an amber glow.

Mrs Chant will keep binoculars and a camera in her bedroom in case the object reappears.

"To be honest, I was fascinated by it. The object lit up edge of the street and seemed to hover for ages without ever landing," she said.

"I am very surprised to hear of this incident," a spokesman for the air show said. "We did have have planes flying about late at night, but nothing that fits Mrs Chant's description.

Mrs Chant's mother said she had seen an unidentified flying object in the sky over Midsomer Norton four years ago.

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# Has the borough been invaded by aliens?

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## More UFOs seen

SEVERAL "close encounters" were reported in Swansea at the weekend.

Perplexed Morrision residents saw a strange dome-shaped object moving through the night sky at about 1.30 a.m. on Saturday. The UFO was lit up by an orange glow.

Half an hour later in Duvant two brothers saw a glowing expanse of sky above Swansea.

Keith and Lee Milward, of Killan Road, Duvant, watched as the two-mile long

stretch of amber light pulsed in the surrounding darkness.

Twenty-four-year-old Lee said: "It was very atmospheric — like a big cloud glowing on and off. It started as a dull yellow colour but it was pulsating and

HAS Hackney been visited by flying saucers from another planet? The mystery deepened this week after hundreds of Hackney folk had a close encounter of the alien kind.

Sightings of strange unexplained shapes in the night sky sparked a massive UFO scare as residents flooded local police stations with phone calls fearing an alien invasion.

The four flying saucer-shapes buzzed back and forth across the sky above Hackney and Islington for almost three hours from 9pm the weekend before last.

The telephone switchboards at City Road and Dalston police stations "lit up like Christmas trees" as residents rang in to report the sightings.

And the Echo, too, has been swamped with calls from readers who had seen the strange glowing orbs of light hovering above their homes.

But earthbound explanations for what the unidentified flying objects might be have just added to the mystery.

The Ministry of Defence say the shapes were

turning to an orange glow. I haven't seen anything like it before."

The latest sightings follow an Ystalyfera family's account of a shining globe in the sky last Monday night.

probably lights caused by a laser show at a 40th birthday party held by Queen rock group drummer, Roger Taylor, in Surrey!

But UFO investigator Dr Richard Lawrence at the Aetherius Society said it was impossible that the lights could have travelled 35 miles to East London.

"We've had a number of sightings and we're taking them all seriously. Without precise details we can't be sure what people have seen, but we are keeping an open mind about them being alien craft.

"Some people are desperate to explain them away, but we believe flying saucers exist. It's crazy to think we are the only inhabited planet in the universe."

Neither Scotland Yard nor the Ministry of Defence have come up with any other explanation for the strange lights in the sky.

"They were probably caused by a laser and light show somewhere in North London," said a spokesperson for Scotland Yard.

One local resident who saw them, but didn't want to be named because he feared he would be ridiculed, told the Echo: "They looked like nothing I've ever seen before, but I can't understand why an intelligent lifeform would want to invade Hackney."

# UFO watchers study evidence of other life forms



GHOSTLY GLOW . . . does this photograph, taken by UFO watcher Walter Andrus, show evidence of alien visitors to our planet?

# Aliens? They've already arrived!

**THIS startling photograph is the best evidence yet that aliens have really landed, claims one of America's top UFO investigators.**

And it has been cleared as authentic by a leading Star Wars scientist.

UFO researchers say they have interviewed 140 people who have seen UFOs in the up-market 8,000-strong town of Gulf Breeze in one of Florida's most sought-after areas.

They have 39 polaroid photographs of UFOs and a video film taken over seven months by wealthy builder and respected charity fund-raiser Edward Walters.

The pictures were taken by Walter H Andrus from Texas, director of the world's largest UFO study group. He will be guest speaker at an International UFO Seminar to be held at Centenary House, North Street, Leeds, tomorrow.

"For us it is a major coup," said Batley-based organiser Philip Mantle who runs the Independent UFO Network.

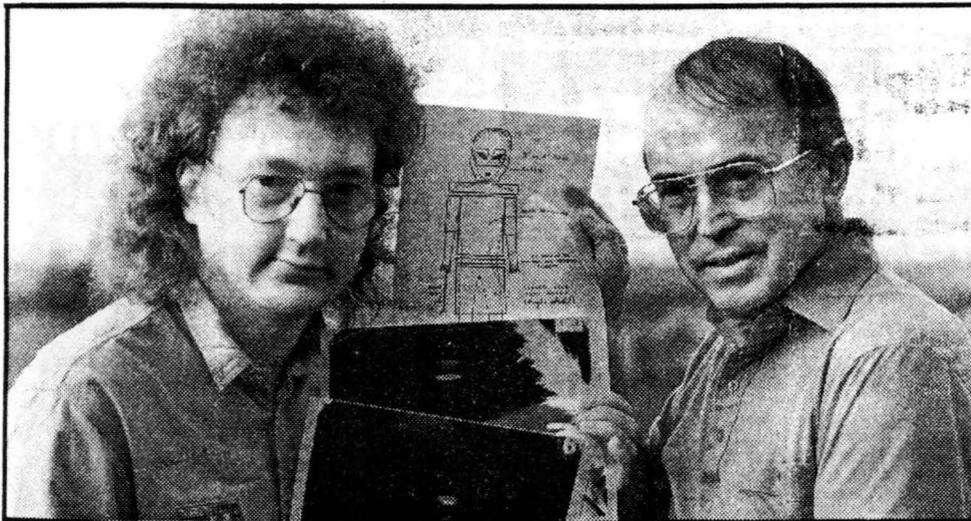
"We expect a full house of people from all over the North."

Mr Andrus described the evidence as impressive, adding: "Never before have we had a running case of sightings like this. Mr Walters came through two lie-detector tests and his photographs have been thoroughly examined."

"I am 95 per cent sure it really happened as Mr Walters says. This is more proof than we have had before, anywhere in the world in over 40 years of research."

Photographic expert Dr Bruce Maccabee who is a United Navy physicist working on the Star Wars project,

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SKY-WATCHERS . . . Philip Mantle and Walter Andrus

by JOHN HEWITT

has analysed them closely and ruled out a hoax. He believes they are genuine, said Mr Andrus.

"We gave Mr Walters a stereoscopic camera set it up under controlled conditions and he continued to take pictures of UFOs," he said.

Ed Walters, who at first remained anonymous, took his first UFO pictures at dusk outside his home on November 11, 1987.

His story is that he saw lights in the sky and grabbed the polaroid camera he used for taking pictures of houses.

As he took his fifth photograph, the humming-top like object came overhead and he was caught in a white beam. It lifted him three feet off the ground and dropped him.

He said he couldn't breathe and was panting.

After that they wouldn't leave him alone. He was awakened at night by a buzzing in his head and took photographs of UFOs outside his house.

His wife Frances saw them too, and once they were confronted at the french windows by a three-to-four-foot tall man in what looked like a box-like suit and a helmet and carrying a silver rod.

Ed drew his .38 pistol and began to chase him off but was nailed to the floor by a blue beam.

On another occasion he said a similar object with portholes and a brightly glowing underbelly, landed on the road ahead of his pick-up truck.

He was again frozen by a white beam but scrambled underneath the vehicle. There he saw a line of men walking towards him. He threw off his paralysis and drove off.

In the final incident he followed a UFO and fell unconscious for 75 minutes.

Under hypnosis he related that he had been taken into a kind of hospital and undergone experiments by aliens.

Investigators were highly sceptical at first but were convinced by the evidence of stereoscopic photographs and a 16-ft circle of burned grass in a field near his home.

Companions, including a local editor, missed seeing the UFOs but watched him take the pictures and saw the instant print emerge, revealing the UFO photograph.

And a friend saw what appeared to be the same UFO from a different angle.

Since then many other residents of the town have reported similar objects.

"My feeling is that the aliens are attempting communication by abducting someone who is reputable and will be believed," said Mr Andrus.

"They are getting braver and braver all the time. I expect similar incidents to this perhaps in different parts of the world."

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## GREAT LAKES GETAWAY

# Heads up! Small town celebrates UFO Days

BY RICK SYLVAIN  
Free Press Travel Editor

All Caroline Schoeder knows about the visitors is what her neighbors tell her in Elmwood, Wis., "and they wouldn't make it up.

"They say it's a saucer thing with bright lights and they blink and it moves real fast and it seems to disappear."

Her husband thought it was a barn fire when he first saw it, she says. One blink and it was gone.

"We had a woman, it stayed in front of her car no matter which way she turned. Her children were so petrified they wouldn't sleep upstairs for years.

North of here maybe 10 miles one was spotted last fall."

UFOs have a thing for Elmwood, Wis., and no one knows why, says Schoeder, 65. More than a dozen sightings have prompted talk of building a \$50-million UFO landing strip.

For a town with a population of 1,009, UFO Days in Elmwood July 28-30 is quite out of this world. Earthlings enjoy a beer tent, food booths (featuring UFO burgers), a talent show, street dances, bake sale, Saturday night dance and, on Sunday, a huge parade with an extraterrestrial theme. Planes will drop paper plates marked with money amounts redeemable for cash.

Schoeder, a festival official, may be reached at 715-639-5732 or 715-639-2227 weekdays 10-6. Elmwood is off I-94, 40 miles west of Eau Claire, Wis., 50 miles east of St. Paul, Minn.

As the saucer flies.

**CAN'T GET** to the Caribbean this year? Do the next best thing: calypso on over to Toronto for Caribana July 24-Aug. 7. Enjoy an islands bands competition, the Miss Caribana Pageant, a Carnival dance and the fruits and foods of the islands. On Aug. 5, University Avenue is filled with floats, pageantry and masquerade bands. Toronto's toll-free information line is 1-800-387-2999, 8:30-6 weekdays, 9:30-5 weekends.

# Experts and surprised fans continue search for aliens

By Mary Ethridge  
Beacon Journal staff writer

When man landed on a barren moon 20 years ago, people hoping to find signs of extraterrestrial life were disappointed but not deterred. Today, some of the world's leading scientists are spending millions of dollars trying to determine whether aliens exist elsewhere in the universe.

Bruce McCoy says he already knows the answer: They do exist. And they visited the field outside his Doylestown home last fall.

"I know it sounds crazy. I was flabbergasted," said McCoy, an engineer at Goodyear.

McCoy said he was videotaping an incoming thunderstorm when he saw a "big, white shiny ball" descend and then "pop back up" above the clouds.

"It happened so fast, but I have it on tape. No one has been able to explain it."

McCoy showed the tape to Andrew Stitch, a fellow Goodyear employee who heads a company-based UFO club.

"Most sightings can be explained simply. It was an airplane or a balloon or something," said Stitch. "But there have been about a dozen sightings in this area that we haven't been able to explain."

The McCoy sighting was one of those, he said.

The UFO club, formed in 1962, boasted 100 members during its heyday in the late '60s, but now there are a dozen or so.

"Sure, we get some nuts who call us to report UFOs," said Stitch. "But we go out and talk (to callers) and can usually tell those people from the serious ones."

About 350 Americans report seeing UFOs every year, accord-

ing to the Mutual UFO Network, a Texas group that records sightings of unidentified flying objects.

Robert Dixon, a professor of astronomy at Ohio State University, believes most people who claim to have spotted UFOs are perfectly sane. But, he said, that doesn't mean they really have seen alien spaceships.

"They just think they have. When I was younger I thought I saw one, too. It turned out to be a weather balloon."

"These people shouldn't be laughed at by any means," said Dixon, "but I think physical visitation among inhabitants of our star system is very unlikely."

But Dixon — and many other respected researchers — agree with McCoy there is life beyond the earth. In a recent poll by Life Magazine, 26 out of 35 top scientists surveyed said there is other life, four said there is little chance, and five reserved judgment.

"The basic building blocks of life seem to be lying all around space," said Nicholas Sanduleak, a professor of astronomy at Case Western Reserve University. "That it was sparked elsewhere seems like a real possibility. The step to intelligent life is a big one, though."

Some Christians are doubtful on religious grounds. "God made man here on earth," said Sandy Graham of Akron. "That stuff about saucers and aliens is total nonsense."

Believers argue that with 400 billion stars in our galaxy alone and 100 billion galaxies in the universe, the odds are good that life exists elsewhere.

"The technology we have today makes the possibility of finding that life viable," said Case

Western's Sanduleak. "It is a long shot that we'll find it — but a reasonable long shot well worth the effort."

In 1985, Harvard University began monitoring 8 million space radio channels in an effort to listen for intelligent beings. Congress is now considering a 10-year, \$100 million NASA project that will use 15 million channels to sweep the sky as well as target promising stars. The project — called the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence — is scheduled to be launched on Columbus Day 1992, 500 years after the explorer discovered the earthly New World.

NASA's Pioneer and Voyager spacecrafts, now in outer space, carry messages from earth. Pioneer 10 and Pioneer 11 carry plaques designed to show where the crafts came from on the chance that millions or even billions of years hence they will be intercepted by alien beings.

At Ohio State, Dixon and his staff monitor about 3,000 space channels in the hope of receiving messages. Most of the time, said Dixon, he hears only interference from earth-launched communication satellites. On occasion, however, there have been inexplicable sounds.

In 1977, a graduate student was monitoring the station when the computer picked up a signal coming from "at least as far as the moon and probably farther," said Dixon. The sound lasted about a minute during which the student wrote "Wow!" in the margin of the computer printout.

After years of analysis, the reading has yet to be explained.

The incident has come to be known in scientific circles as the "1977 Wow! Object," said Dixon.

# A UFO fly-in?

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## Elmwood president unsure what to expect

By Chuck Rupnow  
Leader-Telegram staff

ELMWOOD — Larry Feiler laughed when asked what to expect for this weekend's UFO Days celebration in this eastern Pierce County community.

"Who knows what to expect," said the village president. "This community has been through so many things this past year that you just don't know what's next. I don't expect anything too unusual, though."

Elmwood, with 1,009 residents, will likely triple in size with its three-day celebration. The village rocketed into international fame 7 months ago when the UFO Site Center Corp. announced plans to build an alien landing station near Elmwood.

This rural community was inundated with visitors and media representatives. Nationwide periodicals and syndicated television programs featured the village and its proposed site center.

Feiler and other village officials, as well as site center officials, traveled to New York to film a segment for the "Geraldo" talk show. "We got so many calls from so many areas

of the country that it was unbelievable," Feiler said. "I don't think we could have ever imagined this would have gone this far."

Feiler said he has not spoken recently with site center organizer Tom Weber of Chippewa Falls, who has estimated the site-center cost at \$50 million.

A spokeswoman at Weber's business in Cornell said plans for the center are continuing. Weber was not available for comment.

"I don't expect anything too much out of the ordinary this weekend," Feiler said. "We'll have the normal spaceman and martian costumes, though."

A reporter from Connecticut was in Elmwood last week and plans to return this week, Feiler said.

"I also got a call from a man from New York who plans on bringing about 15 people with him to investigate some of the UFO sighting reports we've had here," Feiler said. "They just got back from examining things in Egypt, and they are interested in finding out what this community is all about."

Weber called Elmwood a "logical" choice

for a site center because of many reported sightings of UFOs over recent years.

"Things quiet down a little and then all of sudden it takes off again," Feiler said. "Things are really picking up again just before the festival."

A UFO investigator from Chicago plans to be back again, along with reporters from various television and radio stations.

"The whole community has handled this pretty well," Feiler said. "It's a tribute to the people to have such a large group of people, many strangers, come into town and not get carried away with it. We kind of enjoy it."

The celebration, in its 11th year, previously was called the Stars and Stripes Festival.

"The name change has made quite an impact," Feiler said.

The celebration is highlighted by its parade Sunday and its annual UFO paper plate drop from an airplane at 1 p.m. Saturday.

"I don't know of anything negative from all the publicity we've gotten," Feiler said. "It's all been pretty positive, and that's good."

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## Bright lights, big city mystery

by Peter Gruner

**LONDON'S strangest UFO mystery refused to fade away today as more people reported seeing dazzling lights in the sky.**

**But no one has been able to offer a satisfactory explanation for the light-show witnessed by thousands of people across the South-East on Saturday night.**

**People who saw the search beam-style lights for up to 20 minutes said they moved in circles at enormous speed, came together and then separated, finally shooting off across the sky.**

**One witness, advertising executive Malcolm Cox said: "We were walking to a party in Islington when we saw the lights. There were about 10 of them moving in circles and eclipsing each other—I've never seen anything like it."**

**A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "We received dozens of reports from very normal and quite sober citizens. At first we thought someone in North London was holding a laser show, but could find no report of one. It is a real mystery."**

**The Defence Ministry has to investigate all UFO reports that may pose a threat to national security. One MoD theory was that the lights were car headlights reflecting on cloud.**

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## Pie in the sky?

It has to be admitted that, however sceptical we all may be, there is something fascinating in the latest batch of reported sightings of UFOs.

There can be little doubt that somewhere in the vastness of the universe here lurks intelligent forms of life. But whether they possess the technology to reach the Earth is another matter.

Nevertheless, the reports continue to pour in, some from highly reliable people.

Years ago the UFO lobby suffered some bad PR when American authors who claimed to have been inside alien vehicles were shown to be rauds.

But the fact remains that the US Air Force launched a long and expensive investigation into UFO sightings. Most were explained away, but a handful were not.

Today's speculation is totally harmless. And one day, who knows.....

# Lights in the sky puzzle for the Yard

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Police were yesterday investigating dozens of reported sightings of strange lights in the sky over London and parts of south-east England.

Explanations ranging from Unidentified Flying Objects to reflections from a laser display were offered for the phenomenon, which was probably connected with the overcast weather at the weekend.

Scotland Yard reported a stream of calls from members of the public throughout London baffled by the apparent summer aurora, which was said to have been visible for several hours.

According to Mr Peter Ridley, a police mechanic whose wife pointed out the phenomenon over their home in Limehouse, east London, the lights moved in circles and at enormous speed, particularly as they came together and separated. He suggested that the fact most people reported the lights directly overhead in many parts of London indicated

that they were very high and were therefore covering great distances in each revolution.

One early theory was that illuminations planned to celebrate the 21st anniversary of London Weekend Television might be responsible.

The rolling low cloud base would have provided an ideal "reflector" for spreading diffuse patterns of lights over large distances, derived from moving searchlight beams. But LWT said the mysterious lights were 24 hours ahead of its illuminated celebrations.

Scotland Yard thought it had traced the effect to lights at a ball in north London. While this answers the question for the sights seen from Hackney to Hampstead and Limehouse to Leytonstone, it leaves the reports of UFOs from Brighton to Bognor and Haslemere to Hertford unanswered.

Unanswered, too, are the many questions about another phenomenon: 98

circles found on two hill tops near Llanthony in the Black Mountains of Wales which are now the subject of intensive scientific study. More than 250 similar circles have been discovered nationwide. The phenomenon has baffled experts in the West Country who have been studying the circles since 1976.

Mr Colin Andrews, spokesman for the scientists, said that the new find could prove vital in solving the riddle of the circles.

He said: "We are about to start a major investigation into almost 100 new formations which have appeared on the tops of hills in less than one week. This is perhaps the most significant development in the seven-year period. We believe we have something of major proportions."

The exact location of the twin hills is being kept secret to avoid tourists stamping over the perfectly-formed "tadpole-shaped circles" curling in the heather.

# Was it a bird, a plane or a UFO?

CALLING all UFO-spotters in the Wharfe Valley! Did you see an unidentified object flying over the area in the early hours of Saturday morning?

Bradford ufologist Mr David Barclay said he was contacted by a Yeadon man who said he was driving home at 2.45am on July 15.

The man, who wished to remain unnamed, said he saw a moon-like object flying from the Harrogate area towards Bradford.

Mr Barclay said: "The chap said he could see the moon ahead of him, then he started to wonder what the other light was in the sky.

"It was in the shape of a rugby ball — he knew it wasn't the moon because it he could see the moon over his shoulder in the other direction.

"He tried to follow it but it was too fast for him and it disappeared over the horizon," said Mr Barclay.

"The man is not potty — he's the professional type with a degree. He seemed fairly alarmed by the whole thing and wanted to tell me about it," added Mr Barclay, who appealed to anyone else who may have seen the unidentified object to come forward with information.

"The Wharfe Valley has become some what of a hot spot for this sort of thing. The more publici-

ty we get, the more people come forward with their experiences," said Mr Barclay.

This follows the announcement of the possible inclusion of the North and West Yorkshire districts in the list of regions registered as a "must" for a visit by ufologists internationally.

Anyone with information regarding the Yeadon incident can contact Mr Barclay on Bradford 599477.

A Leeds-Bradford airport spokesman said air traffic control radars did not pick up anything at the time of the alleged incident.

## Night sky poser

STRANGE lights in the sky over southern England left scores of people baffled last night.

Some thought that the mystery objects were UFOs and alerted police.

Scotland Yard received dozens of calls from as far apart as Hackney in London's East End and Haslemere, Surrey, from people who saw bright white lights darting across the night sky.

Police mechanic Peter Ridley, who lives in Limehouse, said: 'The lights looked really strange. I've never seen anything like them. They went round in circles, and moved at enormous speed.'

London Weekend Television's 21st birthday celebrations were blamed for the phenomenon, but a LWT spokesman said celebrations do not start until today.

# Watch the skies!

## Dorothy did... and she still can't quite believe her eyes!

OCTOGENARIAN Dorothy Allam definitely does not believe in UFOs.

And that's her big problem - because now she's seen one... twice!

by  
David Haith

She was "rooted to the spot" when the rugby ball shaped object slowly drifted over her Penn Hill home in broad daylight.

But she was "dumbfounded" when it came back at the same time the next afternoon and even put on a dazzling light show.

Former literary agent Dorothy 80, told me: "I can't take it in, because I don't believe in this sort of thing. I only believe in what I see - now I've seen it I don't believe it!"

Her first sighting was on June 17 - but she's waited a few weeks before telling The Advertiser because she was expecting to read of others who saw it too.

In a letter to the Advertiser she writes: "I was sitting in the garden and looked up to see a very strange object flying northward above me about the height of a high flying seagull.

"It was dark coloured, the shape of a rigger ball, no wings, propeller or anything that looked as if it was powered and was rotating slowly.

"As I have lost my hearing I did not know if it made any sound, but I would say it was about 10-15 feet across."



● Dorothy Allam - keeping her eyes open for a repeat performance

She adds: "The next afternoon I saw it again, travelling westward overhead. But this time it was a blaze of flashing lights like a huge diamond. I wonder how many people saw it and what it was."

She says she was certain it wasn't a balloon and was solid because, during her first sighting, it glinted in the sun.

She said: "I've never seen anything like it before in my life - I was staggered.

"When I saw it on the Sunday, the coloured lights which flashed on and off were so dazzling that you couldn't make out the shape properly.

"I know I didn't imagine or dream it and, as far as I know, I'm not psychic."

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## Mysterious 'UFO' seen

UFO researchers are looking into reports of a mysterious object seen in the skies above Kentish Town at the weekend.

Witnesses said they saw a "structured object - something like a sea anemone" above their homes late on Sunday night.

Police have no record of the reports, but a locally-based British UFO Research Association investigator, Ken Phillips, said he was keen to look into the sightings.

Reports of UFOs above Camden were very rare, Mr Phillips told the Chronicle last week: "Maybe people don't see these things, or if they do, they're keeping very quiet about it."

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## Orange sky at night

THREE people have spotted strange orange objects in the night sky around Barking and Ilford.

And Roy Lake of the East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Society wants to hear from anyone else who has seen them too.

Roy, of Tudor Road Barking, is an investigator for the society and told the POST "UFOs are fairly common in the area, but people who have seen them are afraid to come forward for fear of being ridiculed.

"We treat every call confidentially and take our work very seriously."

The society meet once a month in Rayleigh and can be contacted on 594 4797 or 478 8097.

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## Information call after UFO claim

RESEARCHERS in Bradford and the Aire Valley are on the track of a UFO.

The Independent UFO network received a report from a man in Horsforth that he saw a large object in the sky above the Bolton Woods area at 2.45am on Sunday.

Group member David Barclay said: "We are looking into this and asking anyone in the area who saw anything to get in touch."

People who can help can ring David at Bradford 599477.

# UFOs put Elmwood in headlines

No one in Elmwood was prepared for the avalanche of publicity that followed a proposal to build a landing strip for extra-terrestrial visitors in that village of 1,000 people. Addressing the Menomonie Rotary Club last week, Elmwood Mayor Larry Feiler said the whole thing "totally exploded" after the story reached the national wire service in February, 1988.

The UFO Site Center Inc., Chippewa Falls, headed by Tom Weber, is seeking to raise \$50 million to establish a large landing site in Elmwood. The site — lighted and designed to make space travelers feel welcome — would be manned by scientists from around the world, according to plans.

Feiler stressed that UFO Site Center Inc. is separate from the village of Elmwood. Because they are separate, Feiler could not say how much money has been raised so far. He offered an estimate of \$40,000.

Feiler also stressed to Rotarians that he was not at the meeting to convince anyone of the existence of UFO's.

"I don't care what anybody believes," Feiler said. "I'm not here to change anyone's mind. I do know there are a lot of things we can't explain out there."

Feiler cited several instances of unexplained phenomenon, including discovery of a mysterious aluminum-foil type metal at a crash site in Roswell, N.M. The foil was flexible and light, but could not be destroyed by hammering it with a mallet, he said. He also mentioned a certain airplane hangar that Sen. Barry Goldwater tried unsuccessfully for many years to get inside.

"I don't know if there's a broom and a bucket in there, or something else," Feiler said. "I only know no one has been able to get into that hangar."

Feiler was asked about the credibility of the sightings that took place in Elmwood some years ago. He replied that the people who reported sightings were very reliable, and that four or five people in a relatively small area had seen "basically the same thing."

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Larry Feiler

conference was scheduled.

"We don't do that too often in Elmwood," Feiler said of the press conference.

That day KARE-TV in the Twin Cities called and said they were sending a crew in a helicopter. Then WCCO-TV called and said they were

sending a crew in a helicopter. WEAU-TV, Eau Claire, had scheduled an "exclusive" interview a half-hour prior to the conference, but ABC Television argued that that agreement was not in writing, so all stations and newspapers got the news at the same time.

Later, a crew spent three days filming in Elmwood for a piece used by national anchor Dan Rather. Later still, Feiler, Weber, and several Elmwood residents who had reported sightings were flown to New York where they appeared on Geraldo Rivera's talk show.

There have been many calls and letters from people irate about the proposed site, Feiler said. But he — as well as many villagers and the village board — believe the center can be an economic benefit to St. Croix, Pierce and Dunn counties. A lot of people are making a special point of coming to Elmwood since the publicity, and the campgrounds, hotels and restaurants in the area are beneficiaries, he said.

Some big names have shown interest in the project, according to Feiler. One man in New York offered several million dollars. He was turned down, however, because he also wanted to build a landing strip for his Lear jet at the site, as well as a private restaurant and other buildings, Feiler said.

"Mohammed Ali is very interested," Feiler said. "But, he's taken some awful blows to the head."

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"I remember thinking, 'Is this guy serious, or has he been on wacky-tobaccy?'" Feiler recalled. "I learned he was very serious."

The village board considered how the proposal would affect Elmwood, and the decision was made to approve the plan, Feiler said. Of the \$50 million price tag, Feiler remembers saying, "Yeah. A couple of weeks and a hell of a lot of bake sales."

Before the public was aware of the project an editor with the Eau Claire Leader had noticed a request in that paper made by Weber for information from people interested in UFO's. The Leader ran a story, based on an interview with Weber. The story was sent out on the national wire service.

Letters and phone calls came flooding in, from around the United States and such countries as Spain, Canada, Italy and Australia, Feiler said. A press

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*ALL of these people witnessed the strange lights in the Horsham sky on Saturday night. They are all convinced that something strange was going on. The Copsale UFO spotters are, from left: Julie Chambers, Kevin Phillips-Hill, Jamie Chambers, Ann Chambers, Jayne Phillips-Hill, Nicholas Phillips-Hill, Alistair Phillips-Hill and Jim Chambers with Karen Phillips-Hill in front.*

**THE SKIES** over Horsham were lit up on Saturday night by what the Chambers family of Copsale and their neighbours are convinced were UFOs.

"I've never in my life seen anything like it," said Jim Chambers, head game-keeper on the Ghyll House Farm Estate, Copsale, describing the Unidentified Flying Objects.

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"We first saw the thing about ten past ten. The film had just started on the satellite channel and our daughters came into the living room and said there was a light outside shining into their faces.

"I told them I'd come and see. I looked out to the front of the house and there, across the lake and above the trees, about 300 yards away, was this great round, white light about 25 or 30 feet across with a series of lights around the edge."

His wife Ann continued: "It sat there hovering over the trees for two or three minutes and then went across to what we call The Wilderness. It went in a big circle, maybe a mile across, but all in a split second. It looked as though maybe it was mapping the area because it moved over towards Southwater and moved around in a circle again."

The Chambers telephoned their neighbours, Jayne and Kevin Phillips-Hill, who came out of

their house to see the bizarre sight.

"I've never seen anything like that before in my entire life," said Mrs Phillips-Hill. "The speed of the thing was absolutely incredible."

Mr Chambers said that they had also seen an airplane in the sky at the same time. "The difference between the two was remarkable. The lights were moving so quickly that the normal aircraft looked as though it was standing still. After it moved over towards Southwater another one appeared just above and to the left of the first one. They were each going around in circles at the same rate."

The object made no noise and Mr Chambers says they have seen no signs of any kind that it may have left behind.

by Jan Hatwell

"No burning or trampled grass or anything like that. And it was perfectly quiet. The children didn't hear any noise at first either. Jessica, our four-year-old, thought it was her mum shining a torch in through her bedroom window for a joke."

Both families, a total of ten people, sat and watched the phenomenon for about 45 minutes

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# Couple's UFO drama

DAD Don Simpson must have wondered if he'd had 'one over the eight' as he walked home from the pub on Saturday night.

But it wasn't pink elephants he had before his eyes — he saw lights, several of them, flashing in the Catford sky.

Fascinated, Don stood watching them for an hour outside his Culverley Road home before waking wife Lynette.

Lynette said: "I thought at first he was having me on but

I rushed out with him, and it was true.

"We just didn't know what they were. They were very bright, white lights sweeping at an incredible speed through the sky.

### Flashing

"They weren't like lasers, more like searchlights, and there was no sound at all.

"After about an hour they faded and we rang Catford police who said other people had

phoned in saying the same thing."

The Simpsons say that they heard about the lights on the radio news the next day but nobody could explain it.

Catford Police, although aware of the incident, were unable to comment when contacted by the Mercury.

Heathrow Airport said it had received no report.

And that leaves the Simpsons wondering if there's anyone out there at all who can throw any light on it!

after which it disappeared in the direction of Broadbridge Heath. "We called the airport and Gatwick said they didn't have anything on their radar. The police gave us two numbers to call if we thought we'd seen a UFO, one in Dorking and one in Redhill, but they were both unobtainable."

Derek Head of Cape Copse, Rudgwick, said he was travelling from Five Oaks towards Rudgwick on Saturday night about midnight. He stopped his car and got out to watch the sky.

"There were four white hazy lights and they appeared to be elliptical shapes radiating from a central point which wasn't moving at all." He said that there should have been a logical explanation but he couldn't see any lights from the ground projecting upwards on to a cloud.

Reports of a laser show on Saturday night in the Godalming area were confirmed by Surrey Police. A spokesman said that there had been a large party in Thursley, near Hindhead, a distance of about 20 miles as the crow flies from Horsham.

"We were inundated with phone calls, Godalming police station in particular. We despatched a unit to an address in Thursley where we found a noisy but orderly party, with the guests enjoying a laser light show.

"It consisted of a set of rotating lights and there was so much low cloud that the lower half of the beam wasn't visible. So it wasn't apparent that the lights were coming from ground level. The party continued and we had sightings of the lights reported from as far away as Haslemere and North Guildford."

But Kevin Phillips-Hill was adamant. "Nothing anyone can say will convince me that it wasn't a UFO. We're on the flight path here and we know the difference between a plane or a helicopter and what we saw."

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## Photographs of UFOs unveiled at convention

UFO enthusiasts attending an international conference were last night shown a series of startling photographs of American sightings.

Hosting the occasion at Centenary House, Leeds, was Texan Walter Andrus, director of the world's biggest investigation group on unidentified flying objects.

On the 20th anniversary of the first moon walk, hundreds of UFO spotters, from as far afield as Libya and Poland, were viewing evidence unveiled for the first time in Britain — 39 colour photographs claimed to have stood up to expert scrutiny.

They show a large grey UFO hovering above the small town of Gulf Breeze, Florida, with a dazzling white light shining down.

Mr. Andrus said they were the strongest evidence to date that other life forms roam the Universe.

Some pictures show two space craft travelling across the Texas sky before shooting apart.

Mr. Philip Mantle, organiser of the UK-based independent UFO network, said, "These findings are overwhelming."

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## Woman sees mystery object in night sky

A WOOTTON woman looked out of her bedroom window on Sunday night and saw what she believes to be a UFO.

Mrs. Dorrie Smith, of St. Edmund's Walk, said, "It was 11.55 pm and when I looked out of the window I saw a brilliant white object in the sky.

"It was completely round and

a mass of lights. It went right over the house.

"At first I thought it was a star but it definitely was not, and it was not an aircraft," said Mrs. Smith.

Island police said they had received no reports from other people in the area of strange objects in the sky.

# Close encounters...

Flying saucers are making a comeback. **STEPHEN BISCOE** reports

PHOTOGRAPHS of alien space craft have a disconcerting way of turning out to be photographs of paper cut-outs, stuck on a window, or models hanging on thin wire. People who investigate these things, however, believe they may at last have found the real thing.

The well-heeled community of Gulf Breeze, Florida, at the top end of the Gulf of Mexico, has come up with 140 witnesses who claim to have seen a series of alien-looking craft in the sky above their homes, and one of the witnesses, a building contractor named Ed Walters, has taken numerous photos of them with his camera. His wife, too, has snapped a couple.

The photos will be presented this evening to an international seminar at Centenary House, Leeds, by Walter H. Andrus, International Director of the American-based Mutual UFO Network. "Mufon", as it is known, has been investigating the Gulf Breeze phenomenon since it first came to public attention in 1987.

Mr Andrus believes that, generally, between 80 and 90 per cent of so-called UFO sightings have mundane explanations, such as high-altitude balloons, advertising planes, and man-made satellites burning up as they re-enter Earth's atmosphere. "Space junk on re-entry puts on a marvellous display," he says.

A further small percentage of claimed

sightings and abductions are the result of wishful thinking or psychosis, and a third category, probably a considerable one, consists of military operations involving highly classified experimental aircraft which members of the public are not intended to see.

In these cases, the military authorities are only too pleased to ascribe the mysterious sightings to something from outer space. Mr Andrus says that disinformation of this sort is a major problem to Ufologists such as himself.

A classic case in this country is thought to have occurred in December 1980 when low-ranking air force personnel at the Woodbridge USAF base in Suffolk logged a sighting of mysterious lights in the nearby Rendlesham Forest. The Americans are supposed to have carried out an investigation, and the Deputy Base Commander, Charles Halt, wrote a report attributing the lights to a UFO.

A recent television programme re-examined the case and concluded that what the airmen had seen were not the lights of an alien space craft but those of a police car and a distant lighthouse.

This explanation, however, is not accepted by the British UFO Research Association. Philip Mantle of Batley, a

part-time investigator for the association, has a copy of Charles Halt's report and says that the explanation offered by the TV programme does not answer all the questions raised by the original sighting. He thinks it is more likely that the Americans are camouflaging an experiment which perhaps went wrong and should not have been observed by ordinary airmen. It is, he says, convenient to ascribe the lights to an alien space craft rather than disclose the truth.

The Russians are known to have made similar claims to disguise the fact that they were testing rockets which were banned under international agreement.

In the United States, too, there have been possible cover-ups, the best known being the infamous Cash-Landrum case. Betty Cash, Vicki Landrum and Vicki's grandson, Colby, had an experience in 1980 on the same night as the Rendlesham Forest sighting when they came close to a mysterious flying object and were seriously injured by radiation.

Ufologists such as Mr Andrus are convinced that the military is responsible, and so are the victims and their lawyers. They have filed a 20m dollar suit against the US government, but have so far made no progress. The official response is that

they had an unlucky encounter with something from space, and the courts have gone along with it.

Not all sightings, however, can be ascribed to covert military activities, to natural phenomenon or to over-active imagination. In 1980, a collier's wife in Normanton, a Mrs Westerman, and five children all saw a strange craft make a landing in a field behind their estate. A figure of humanoid appearance emerged from behind it, disappeared again and the craft took off vertically and flew silently away at an enormous speed.

Philip Mantle, who interviewed Mrs Westerman and the five children on behalf of the British UFO Research Association, is convinced to this day that their descriptions were truthful, and he thinks it highly unlikely that a human agency was involved because high voltage cables cross the field, making a helicopter landing too dangerous to contemplate.

The Gulf Breeze sightings in Florida are another unexplained phenomenon. Mr Andrus is prepared to believe that they do represent extra-terrestrial activity. "It's the best investigated case we've had in 42 years," he says. "If there is a hoax behind it, none of us can detect it."

# UFO EXPERT NO 'AMAZING' CASE

**WHARFE Valley UFO buffs will be interested to hear of the second international ufology event to be held locally this year.**

A UFO seminar is to be held at Centenary House, North Street, Leeds, on Friday, July 21, following closely after last April's successful UFO conference in Bradford.

The "amazing" details of the Gulf Breeze UFO case in Florida will form the core of the lecture when world-famous UFO expert Walter H Andrus Jnr will be displaying videos and photographic evidence.

Due to the interest generated by the Bradford conference, the internationally-known expert will be in Leeds after attending a meeting in London.

Organiser David Barclay said recent sightings in the Wharfe Valley area, Ilkley Moor in particular, had spurred on the interest.

"It's highly likely this area will be put on the map for where ufologists must visit. They might come up in their thousands, which might mean a lot for traders in this area," he said.

"I don't think the tourist boards do enough to promote this side of Yorkshire — it's well-known to be a hot-spot for UFOs," he added.

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Mr Andrus is the director of the Mutual UFO Network, which is the largest UFO investigative organisation in the world.

"I'm hoping this will generate a lot of interest — it seems there is a resurgence of interest in UFOs," he added.

For further details of the event, Mr Barclay can be contacted on Bradford 599477.

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# Group seeks scientific UFO data

By ROD DREHER  
Advocate staff writer

Barney Garner believes in UFOs. He doesn't care if you do or not. That's your business.

But if you are interested in the scientific investigation of UFO sightings, Barney Garner would like to have a word with you.

Garner, 62, a retired Air Force officer and LSU professor, has been recently appointed Louisiana state director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), a self-described international scientific organization of people seriously interested in studying and researching unidentified flying objects.

The emphasis is on "serious," Garner said, and this is backed up by the kind of people who belong to MUFON — doctors, chemists, engineers, professional people.

That is to say, no kooks.

Of course, not everybody sees it that way. Even in a post-*Close Encounters* era, true UFO believers still can't get much respect. That, said Garner, is the U.S. government's fault.

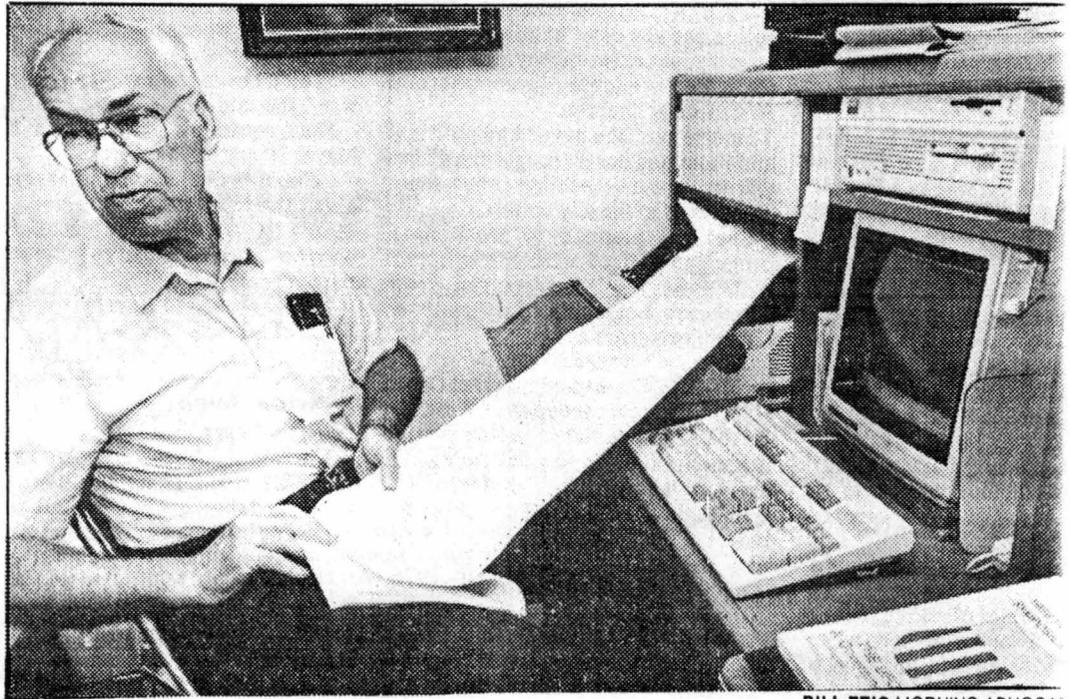
Ufologists believe the modern era of UFO sightings began on June 24, 1947, when a private pilot spotted nine flying discs near Washington's Mt. Rainier. Fourteen days later, many ufologists believe, evidence suggests an actual alien spacecraft crashed near Roswell, N.M. The craft and its luckless inhabitants were spirited away by Air Force reconnaissance teams, and military brass put out a cover story saying it was a dysfunctional weather balloon, ufologists contend.

After the Roswell incident, a battle raged within the uppermost ranks of the military over whether the government should go public with its findings from UFO investigations or keep it all top secret, he said.

"The secrecy people won out. The policy became to move the focus of discussion from actual sightings to the people who reported them. The point was to ridicule those people,"

Garner said.

Given the tense post-war atmosphere of the late 1940s and '50s, a hush-hush policy regarding UFOs made sense, Garner said. There were national security considerations. If these extraterrestrials came bearing strategic technology, the U.S. government sure didn't want the Communists to know about it, he said.



BILL FEIG MORNING ADVOCATE

Barney Garner, the newly appointed director of the state's Mutual UFO Network, at work in his study.

There were domestic security considerations, too. Authorities well remembered the mass hysteria spawned by Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" broadcast in the 1930s, and they were not looking for a rerun two decades later.

"Back then, if they'd have said they had a crashed extraterrestrial

aircraft, I don't know what would have happened to our society," Garner said. Garner believes the government changed horses midstream in the 1960s, and began to leak UFO information sporadically in a gradual effort to prepare the public to accept that aliens exist.

"The movies and books stopped depicting aliens as threatening monsters and began to show them as friendly playmates," Garner noted. "With the kids we've raised today, if you told them now that the government had the remains of a crashed alien spacecraft in its possession, they'd probably go ho-hum."

Though he understands why it was necessary, Garner said the alleged

ridicule-and-debunk policy of the 1950s worked too well. As a result, nobody takes UFO buffs seriously.

"I've got a friend, a businessman, who had a UFO experience. He wouldn't dare go public with it because it might run customers off," Garner said.

Though others can't, Barney Garner can afford to be outspoken about what has been a lifelong interest.

"Now that I'm retired, I can do my own thing and not worry about what people think," he said. Having a tolerant wife is a big help, too.

In his new position as Louisiana's MUFON director, Garner will recruit new members and train a

network of investigators to travel the state looking into reports of UFO sightings and abductions of people by aliens. Their purpose will be to separate fact from fantasy, not advocacy, Garner said.

"Our main job is to establish facts about cases. We'll leave it to others down the road to draw conclusions," he said.

Though he's never actually seen a flying saucer, Garner's not-so-close encounter with a UFO came in 1955, when an unidentified aircraft passed through an area monitored by his Air Force radar station.

"We picked it up, tracked it and passed it on to the next site," he said.

Garner said he's always been interested in unexplained phenomena, including the Loch Ness monster. Since

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his days in the Air Force, UFOs have become his primary interest.

"As I grew older and ran into more and more serious professional people who had had UFO encounters, I gradually got further into the scientific aspect of UFO investigations," he said.

If his suspicions are correct, Barney Garner will soon be trying to verify past and present UFO sightings in Louisiana. The amount of classified UFO information being released is rapidly increasing, he said.

"A lot of the people involved in top-secret UFO investigations in the late '40s and '50s are getting old. They don't care about 30-year-old government secrets," he said.

"They figure, 'What's the government going to do to me now?' And they're starting to talk."

Barney Garner is all ears.

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### 3128 Scientist's circles theory

A physicist and scientist, Dr Terence Meaden, claims to have solved the mystery of strange circles flattening crops in British fields.

He has spent ten years studying the phenomena, and his theory is that they are caused by freak balls of highly electrically charged air which could also be responsible for UFO sightings.

He works from his home in Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, and has used a light aircraft to study more than 600 circles in Hampshire, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire.

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mountain which appear to be on the mountain.

"Any mystery light you see there automatically becomes a Brown Mountain light."

Hackett also has investigated the Bristol booms, which shook houses in a subdivision in Bristol, Tenn., rattling glasses in the cabinets. Hackett said the booms turned out to be sonic booms that were intensified because they bounced off a nearby ridge.

"The people believed a cavern system was collapsing under them," Hackett said.

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# Skeptic: UFO reports explained

By Jan Maxwell Avent

Scripps Howard News Service

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — David Hackett is a scientific ghostbuster.

He has studied ghosts and other unidentified flying objects, sonic booms and the chunk of green ice that fell from the sky in 1978. And he has yet to find anything that could not be explained scientifically.

"I've not seen anything I would call a mystery," said Hackett, an engineer in private practice, with an interest in science. "But I'm not willing to make the jump from skeptic to cynic and say there is nothing (supernatural) that exists.

"Science is not to the point where we can explain anything and everything. Sometimes we explain one mystery with another. We say a UFO is swamp gas or ball lightning, but we don't know what that is."

Hackett is a member of Orion Research Forum and Network, an outgrowth of the former Oak Ridge (Tenn.) Isochronous Observation Network. ORFAN was chartered because Hackett said many group members were unhappy with the UFO hobbyist image of ORION.

The original group included many scientists and engineers from Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Hackett said. "Whatever UFOs might be, they are worthy of scientific study. To refuse to look at something is not scientific."

ORFAN has more than 100 members and includes a branch called Anomaly Investigations, which investigates UFOs, poltergeists and close encounters.

One of the "unexplainables" that Hackett explained was the Brown Mountain lights, ghostly illuminations that appear on Brown Mountain in western North Carolina. Some have said that Brown Mountain is a UFO landing strip.

"There are probably 100 of these ghost lights around the country," Hackett said. "The Brown Mountain lights are one of the most famous."

The original lights, Hackett said, were probably ball lightning, the kind of lightning people sometimes see rolling around their bathtubs. The myth of ghostly lights continues, however, because people often see stars or city lights beyond the

Although the Air Force Reserve did not confirm its pilots flew over the area, Hackett suggested a change of flight patterns, and within two weeks the Bristol booms had ceased.

He also researched the meteorite that fell in Anderson County in 1978, striking a ridge and starting a fire. The flames, it turned out, were from a hunter's campsite. Viewers, Hackett said, didn't notice the fire until after they saw the meteor falling in the distance and then assumed the two were related.

He also helped investigate the 25-pound chunk of green ice that fell in April 1978 in Ripley, Tenn. After Civil Defense determined the ice was not radioactive, some area residents tasted it.

But the ice remained unidentified until the ORFAN group studied samples and found they contained strains of syphilis and gonorrhea.

"A military jet had a leaking commode," Hackett said. "It had frozen on the outside of the plane and fallen off. What made it green was the copper sulfate disinfectant they used."

# Opinions vary 3128 over UFO stir

**MIXED reaction has greeted the UFO sightings which caused such a stir in the Horsham area last week.**

Unidentified Flying Objects were reported from locations around Godalming in Surrey, Rudgwick and by a family in Copsale, near Horsham.

All reported a large white light with a series of lights around the edge sighted during the late evening of Saturday, July 29.

Surrey police were inundated with calls but said the UFO's were, in fact, nothing more than a laser show at a party in Godalming but as there was a lot of low cloud the lower half of the beam wasn't visible, hence the UFO effect.

But Kevin Phillips-Hill, called by neighbour Jim Chambers, of the Ghyll House Farm Estate at Copsale, to witness the phenomenon, was adamant, as he told the County Times last week: "Nothing anyone can say will convince me that it wasn't a UFO."

And the reports and descriptions reminded Raymond Webb, of East Street, Rusper, of a similar experience he had in Essex when working as a minicab driver in 1977.

"The circumstances were identical," he said.

He had two passengers in his car at the time. They stopped the car for a closer look at the UFO by a large quarry area.

This time visibility was "very, very good," and they could clearly see a large white light with others circling it,

Mr Webb said.

"The woman was scared and asked her husband to get in the car."

He said it remained constant for about five or ten minutes then started moving, disappearing then appearing again about ten minutes later some distance away.

Of the latest sighting Mr Webb said: "It is the description of the lights that is an exact parallel of what I saw and the way the things behaved is the same."

He and his passengers reported it separately to the police.

## Practical joke

"They thought it was a practical joke," Mr Webb said, but pointed out that in 1977 there were no laser lights around to offer as an explanation.

But someone who is convinced the laser lights explanation is the correct one for the most recent sightings is Frances Elworthy, of Toat Lane, Pulborough, who was with her family and neighbours.

She said: "We also saw this sight and the lights were, as it appeared, above cloud level."

But Mrs Elworthy said they got some binoculars "and then you could see there was a beam going up".

She had originally reported it to the police before seeing the beam and again afterwards when they told her they had been in touch with Gatwick Airport and been told there was "nothing" on the radar screen.

So there you have it. UFOs or not UFOs? According to some that still remains the question.

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## THEY'VE SEEN THE LIGHT!

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UFO SPOTTERS have been flooding the Mercury with calls since a couple spotted strange lights two weeks ago.

In last week's Mercury we reported that Catford couple Don and Lynette Simpson had seen the bright, white lights sweeping across the sky.

Suggestions as to the cause of the unexplained sighting have ranged from fireworks displays to the 21st birthday celebrations of London Weekend Television, but these lines of inquiry have drawn blanks.

Civil servant John Costin told the Mercury he'd seen the same sort of thing before and wasn't particularly bothered when he saw the four bright lights as

## Were they UFOs?

he walked along Peckham's Southampton Way at midnight on Saturday, July 29.

"The lights were going into the centre and then fanning out again, and I remembered I'd seen the same sort of thing before over the area," John said.

Polytechnic lecturer Nick Dunleavy, of Alanthus Close, Lee, spotted the lights as he was leaving the Royal Festival Hall.

"They seemed to be coming from the Fleet Street area, but they definitely weren't fireworks. They were more like spotlights," he said.

Landscape gardener David Champion saw the lights when he was taking his dog for a walk along Scarlet Road, on the Downham Estate.

Camden Town-based company Theatre Projects Services laid claim this week to the mysterious UFOs.

The company said the strange sights in SE London were in fact the result of their lights being used at a bash for barristers in the city.

The lights were also used at celebrations marking this week's premiere of Batman.

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## Theory over field circles

☆ PHYSICIST and scientist Dr Terence Meaden (54) claims to have solved the mystery of strange circles flattening crops.

He has spent 10 years studying the phenomena, and his theory is that they are caused by freak balls of highly electrically charged air which could also be responsible for UFO sightings.

He works from his home in Wiltshire, and has used a light aircraft to study more than 600 circles in Hampshire, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire.

# Universe is not ours alone

You remember the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night that led the Israelites through the wilderness to the Promised Land?

Those were flying saucers.

You remember Moses and the burning bush? The bush that "burned with fire but was not consumed"? And God speaking to Moses from the midst of the bush?

Let me tell you about that. It was just the glowing light from a flying saucer, which made it look as if the bush was afire. No wonder the bush wasn't consumed. What Moses thought was fire was an optical illusion.

What about the voice Moses heard? Was that just a voice within his head? No. That was his Captain speaking from inside the spaceship. It was God warning him not to get too close. "Do not draw near."

Views such as these are held by many writers who believe the Bible gives us some of our earliest eyewitness accounts of UFOs. The publication of Erich von Daniken's "Chariots of the Gods?" in 1968, at a time when there was a rash of reported UFO sightings in the United States, gave the biggest impetus to writings linking UFOs to supernatural occurrences recorded in the Bible.

Another early writer on the subject

## Saints and Sinners

By George Plagenz



was Rev. Barry H. Downing, a Presbyterian minister in Endwell, N.Y., who has a bachelor's degree in physics and a doctorate from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. His book "The Bible and Flying Saucers" has just been released in paperback (Berkley).

Downing is one of those who believe that the pillars of clouds and fire referred to in Exodus 13 were in reality UFOs, which are mistaken even now for clouds in the day sky and for fiery objects at night.

Fundamentalist Bible-believing Christians regard the clouds and fire as a literal description of how God directed the Israelites out of Egypt to Canaan.

Most Bible scholars, on the other

hand, consider the references to be symbols of God's continual guidance day after day and night after night in the long trek to the Promised Land. The imagery of pillars of clouds and fire was chosen by the writer because it would be familiar to readers living in a land of mountains and volcanoes which emit smoke and flames.

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (told of in Genesis 19) was carried out, von Daniken believes, by invaders from another planet who decided to "wipe out a human brood they found unpleasant."

The "angels" who came to Lot, offering him and his family a chance to escape the imminent annihilation of the cities, were not angels but space aliens. The story says they ate and slept that night in Lot's house — "strange pastimes for angels."

Von Daniken feels it was a nuclear explosion that destroyed the cities. For that reason the "angels" directed Lot and his family not to look around as they fled. Lot's wife ignored the warning and looked straight at the atomic sun. She fell dead on the spot.

Fascinating as the arguments of von Daniken, Downing and others are, most people dismiss them as utterly implausible.

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### UFOs and fortune tellers - look to the Reporter for the future

## Riddle of flying saucers spotted over Solent

SIGHTINGS of UFOs were made this week over the Solent.

Inexplicable orbital activity was witnessed by retired serviceman, Drew Dickson, who watched aghast with his wife and grandson as two mystery objects hared into view above his house.

The grandad observed the UFO's for 25 minutes from the roof of his Royal British Legion Home and caught the mystic moment on film. They hovered over the western side of Southampton and eventually vanished towards the Solent.

The photographs clearly show the existance of a pair of curious craft fleeting across the sky.

Mr Dickson, 61, checked with Southampton airport and the city weather centre and was assured that the alien apparitions

were not aircraft or weather balloons... and that they could not be traced on radar.

"I often watch high flying airliners pass over head, and these were definitely not planes," Mr Dickson said. "There was no engine noise at all — it was uncanny. I just don't know what they were.

"I'm not saying it was something from space, but as they didn't show up on radar they must have been very, very strange objects indeed."

Along with the sudden appearance of mystery circles in fields, this is the latest tale in a long line of happenings which cannot be explained.

The Solent area has been long famous for its close encounters but have YOU ever seen a UFO? Write in and tell us about your extraterrestrial experiences.

# COURT BATTLE OVER GOVT. UFO COVER-UP

**A** PENTAGON employee is waging a crusade to expose a 40-year government cover-up of UFO sightings in what he calls a "cosmic Watergate".

Military intelligence, the CIA and the Secret Service have conspired to hide thousands of documents verifying extraterrestrial visits, charges Larry Bryant, 51, a writer with the U.S. Army News Service in Washington, D.C.

"On the one hand, the government says, 'Don't worry, there's no such thing as flying saucers,' he explains. "Then they say they can't release the information, because it's harmful to national security. They can't have it both ways."

Bryant cites examples of sightings he claims were covered up:

● In 1979, a UFO came within 150 ft. of a sentry on duty at Camp David, Maryland, the presidential retreat. The sentry was

## Uncle Sam is hiding the truth, claims Pentagon worker

immediately transferred, and everyone involved was sworn to silence.

● During the Eisenhower years, authorities retrieved UFO wreckage, artifacts and alien bodies.

### **Alien beings**

● In December, 1980, at a U.S.-British air force base in England, alien beings tried to communicate with a party that was investigating the crash of their vehicle.

● Also in December, 1980, three people in Dayton, Texas, saw a diamond-shaped object in the air and counted 20 military helicopters circling it. The military

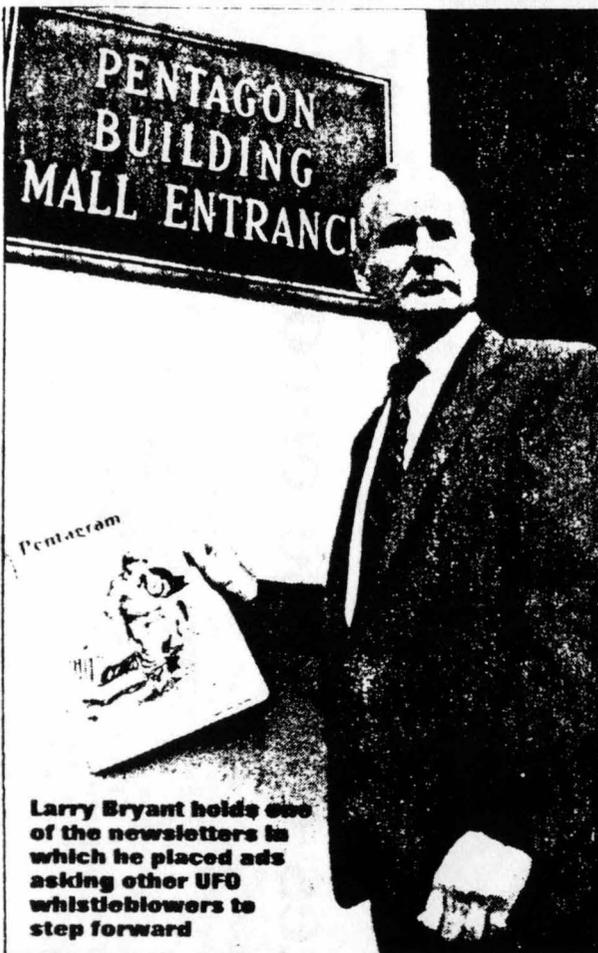
won't acknowledge the incident.

In 1984, Bryant filed a lawsuit to gain access to government documents concerning UFOs. The suit was rejected on a technicality. He claims he was then pressured by his Pentagon bosses to "butt out", but placed ads in military newspapers encouraging other whistleblowers to step forward.

After the newspapers suddenly stopped running his ads, "I turned to the courts with another two-part suit," he says.

"The Supreme Court ruled the ads should run," Bryant says. But the lower courts ruled that as a civil servant, he has no right of access to the federal court system when his constitutional rights — including the right to information — are violated.

"It's a travesty of justice," he says. "I'm still trying to get my day in court." — VALERIE JONES



Larry Bryant holds one of the newsletters in which he placed ads asking other UFO whistleblowers to step forward

CORRECTIONS TO LAST COLUMN:

\*: Change 1984 to 1983.

#: The rulings of the two courts (Supreme and lower) should be reversed.

(Bryant says rest of article is accurate)

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# UFO seen by family

UFO's have been spotted above the Swansea Valley.

An Ystalyfera family of four saw a round, shining globe in the sky which mysteriously changed shape and then disappeared.

And they are convinced they are not mixing up the bright lights in the sky for a plane or low flying helicopter.

The incident has been reported to Swansea Police and air traffic controllers at Swansea Airport can offer no definite explanation.

Father of two, Mr. Adrian Davies, of Pen-Y-Wern, Ystalyfera, said today: "My daughter spotted the object first and called us outside to see it.

"It was a round oval shape which came over Darren Mountain and then right over our house. It was bright silver and shining and not quite as big as the moon in the sky.

"This was just after



MR. ADRIAN DAVIES with his son Clive and daughter Marcia. They claim they saw a UFO.

By Bob Roberts  
9.30 p.m. on Monday evening and then it suddenly disappeared," continued Mr. Davies.

"Then lights in the shape of a cross appeared. They were flashing alternatively red, silver, red, silver and the object was darting from side to side in the sky."

After the family had watched the UFO for about four or five minutes it moved away.

"It was moving at the wrong speed, there was no noise. Planes don't change shape or dart from one side to the other in the sky. It was very, very weird."

According to the family, the object was at first moving slowly as it came over the mountain. It then moved off at a rapid speed.

"The only reason I can think of why it should move off like that is if it knew it had been spotted," said Mr. Davies.

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# 15 more saw orange UFOs

## EVERYONE'S seeing UFOs!

Since the Post reported last week that three people had reported strange orange objects in the night sky over Barking and Ilford, another 15 witnesses have come forward.

Roy Lake of the East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Society said most of the people who contacted the society did so after reading the report about mystery objects in the north-eastern sky.

He is waiting for a further three detailed reports to come back before beginning the task of collating all the information.

Mr Lake said: "Something is going on out there and we shall find out what it is if people come forward."

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WEST YORKSHIRE  
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# -Strange- lights spotted

ELECTRICAL engineer Keith Duggan saw lights rather than stars when he looked out of his bedroom window near midnight.

He claims he watched three strange regularly flashing white lights floating slowly through the sky for 24 minutes.

"I didn't know what to make of them until I saw the photograph with the T&A article about UFOs in Florida.

They were exactly like that, except that they weren't as clear because the sky was misty," said 55-year-old Mr Duggan of Fraser Road, Calverley.

"I saw them at 11.40pm last Wednesday night. At first there was only one light but it was joined by two others.

They were circular and especially bright on the underside but I could not make out any markings," he said.

# New riddle of circles in the heather

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SCIENTISTS were heading for Wales last night after 98 more mystery circles were found in heather on two hilltops.

The team of baffled boffins have studied 250 of the weird shapes this summer following claims that they were made by spaceships.

They believe the latest find at Llanthony in the Black Mountains could solve the riddle.

Scientist Colin Andrews said: "We believe this is of major importance."

# A series of close encounters

THE reported "close encounter" over Ystalyfera is only the latest in a series of strange flying objects being reported over South Wales.

And previous sightings

bear a remarkable resemblance to what the Davies family say they saw flying over Darren Mountain.

In February 1988 Brynhyfryd, Swansea, residents saw a "cone-shaped" white light over

Kilvey Hill.

In 1987 a Trallwyn family claimed they saw red flashing lights in the sky which they thought were a helicopter until the lights came close and there was no noise.

Books have been written on strange phenomena and

sightings in Dyfed such as Dyfed Triangle and Dyfed Enigma.

And in 1982 a Loughor photographer captured the shot of a lifetime when he caught an oval shaped white light moving over the Townhill area of Swansea.

**UFO calls flood police stations as residents fear.**

# Invasion of the body snatchers

STRANGE unexplained shapes in the night sky above Hackney sparked an alien invasion scare at the weekend as residents flooded local police stations with calls about the mystery UFO's.

Hundreds of people spotted what appeared to be a fleet of flying saucers hovering overhead on Saturday night.

The four circular discs of light danced across the night sky over Hackney and Islington for almost three hours, from about 9pm.

City Road and Dalston police switchboards were jammed by frightened night-owls who thought they'd had one drink too many.

And the Gazette was this week inundated with calls from readers who had seen the lights and thought they were being invaded by aliens.

One caller said: "I've never seen anything like it. I thought it was the end of the world. I don't know why anyone would want to invade Hackney though!"

The Ministry of Defence thought the lights were probably caused by a laser light show at a party in Surrey held by Roger Taylor, drummer for rock group Queen.

But alien experts at the Aetherius Society said there

was no way the lights could have travelled the 35 miles to East London.

Dr Richard Lawrence, of the society which investigates UFO sightings, said: "We've had a number of sightings and we're taking them all seriously."

"Without precise details we can't be sure what people have seen, but they could be flying saucers."

"Some people are desperate to explain these things away, but we know that flying saucers exist. It's crazy to think we are the only inhabited planet in the universe."

Scotland Yard and the Ministry of Defence have still failed to come up with any other explanation for the strange lights in the sky.

A spokesperson for Scotland Yard said: "With the best will in the world, lights in the sky are not a criminal matter."

"They were probably caused by a laser and light show somewhere in North London. But until any aliens set foot on the earth it's nothing to do with us."

## UFO scares fishermen

By DOUG ZELLMER  
of the Northwestern

Karen Sazama's tale is no fish story as far as the Milwaukee resident is concerned.

Sazama got the scare of her life this morning, and it wasn't something she found on the end of her fishing hook.

At 3:30 a.m. on waters near Omro, Sazama saw what she believes was an unidentified flying object.

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Sazama said she told her companion, Gary Michael Frye, something funny was going on after the pair saw a light in the sky.

"It was a glowing light, an orangish-reddish light," said Sazama, who was fishing with Frye in a boat. "I really got scared out there. I was looking for a place to hide in the boat."

Sazama said the light stayed in the sky from 20 to 25 minutes before it disappeared.

"The fish weren't even biting," Sazama said. "We got nothing for fish, not even a bite. I told Mike 'I think the lights had something to do with it.'"

Frye said the couple rented a boat from George's Bait Shop near Omro at 7 p.m. Wednesday for a night of fishing.

He said the pair could see the stars under a clear and calm night.

Frye said they fished "all over the place," but when the odd looking light appeared he is sure it was a UFO.

"Yes, I would say it was a UFO. It was something I had never saw before. I do believe in UFOs," Frye said. "(Light) was bigger than a star. It was falling, but not very fast."

The couple reported their sighting to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department at about 8 o'clock this morning. A deputy came out and took a report.

Sazama felt the sighting should be reported so others know what to expect.

George Wilz, owner of George's Bait Shop, said this is the first time anyone ever reported an unusual sighting to him.

"I know (Sazama) was all shook up," Wilz said. "To me it's kind of serious."

But did the lights scare off the pair so they will never return to Winnebago County to fish again?

"I don't think this will prevent us from coming back again," Sazama said. "I just hope we don't see any more lights like that again."

# HAVE LITTLELY GREEN MEN LANDED?

A MYSTERIOUS circle which appeared overnight in a wheatfield in Littlely Green is puzzling locals and provoking much head-scratching among the farming community. >

Theories range from a visitation from Outer Space to a jollification by young farmers, with a range of options such as a magnetic field, a whirlwind, or badger activity in between.

The perfectly symmetrical circle, about 25 feet in diameter, is similar to those reported in other parts of the country, notably Hampshire, in recent years.

## CIRCLES

An odd feature is that the wheat is flattened in concentric circles, alternating in direction, to a central point.

Farm bailiff at the Leez Priory Farm, on part of the holdings of which the strange phenomenon occurred, Mr John Webb, commented, "That would not have happened if it had been a whirlwind. The wheat would have been flattened all one way."

No apparent tracks led to the circle, which is not far from the passing lane.

Mr Webb said he had seen nothing like it in 30 years of farming.

"There are a lot of strange ideas, such as that it was something from up above, but I don't think so," he said. Neighbour Mrs Betty

Potter, who lives close to the field where the circle appeared, said she heard or saw nothing. "That's what is so mysterious about it," she said. "Everybody is most intrigued."

Mr Jim Padfield, vice-chairman of Essex Farmers' Union, said it was the first circle he had heard of in Essex, and he was inclined to attribute it to a very Earth-bound cause.

"It's more likely to be the

green welly brigade than little green men," he laughed.

"Knowing from past experience the humour that can prevail in young farmers' clubs at closing time, and knowing also that these things are easy to fake, I take it all with a pinch of salt."

But Mr Willie White, a technical adviser to the South-East region of the National Farmers' Union, in Liss, Hampshire, in whose

area the circles have been appearing for the past six years, said that investigations had come up with "absolutely no explanation" for the phenomena.

"A great many had occurred within 10 miles of Liss", he said.

"We have had 250 circles or swirls reported this year alone," he said. "There is absolutely no explanation. There is no way you can imagine they have been done

by anyone on the ground."

"Some observations in Hampshire suggested badgers were the cause, but it was not thought the animals were capable of producing the totally symmetrical circles", he said.

"Other theories were magnetic fields or wind".

Mrs Abby Thorpe, County Organiser for Essex Young Farmers commented, "I haven't heard of any hoaxes, but I wouldn't rule it out!"



Farm bailiff John Webb with the mysterious circle which appeared overnight in one of his wheatfields. Photo by PAUL STARR.

# Find adds to circle of confusion

A mystery circle, 100 feet across, thought to be the world's largest, has been found in a field of wheat.

The actual site, west of Marlborough at Beckhamp-ton, is not being disclosed for security reasons.

Colin Andrews and his team, from the Andover-based Circles Investigation Group, visited it to record

measurements and crop patterns.

The circle is just one of 222 found in Wiltshire and Hampshire within the last four months

The find comes at a time when another researcher, Dr Terence Meaden, of Bradford-on-Avon, claims to have solved the mystery of the crop circles.

He says that the circular depressions are formed by spinning balls of air charged with electricity.

Not so, says Mr Andrews: "I think the whole scientific community is in agreement that we are looking at a vortex, a high energy field, that is luminous, but I disagree totally that this is any form of meteorological phenom-

enon," he said.

"The Government is also saying that these things are created by stationary vortices, in fields of cereal, prone to lodging in plants that have been over-fertilised. This is absolute nonsense."

"However, it's nowhere near being resolved yet," he warned.