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AN unidentified flying object and an unusual number of shooting stars were seen at Cwmbran during the weekend.

Jim Cousins, 19, of Fields Road, Oakfield and his friend Stephen Edwards, 18, of Belle Vue Road, Cwmbran were watching the sky about 3 a.m. on Saturday.

Jim gave the South Wales Argus on Tuesday an account of what they saw. "We noticed a large star in the south-western sky and saw it move in a different direction to the rest of the stars.

Lights

"The light coming from this star was more intense than from the others, and it was seen to be flickering. We then thought it might not be a star but some other object. The flickering bore some resemblance to the flashing light of a lighthouse, but was much quicker.

"We related the position of the object to surrounding buildings, and found it was moving in a circular motion. The object was observed by us for about thirty minutes until it was hidden from view by clouds.

"After about ten minutes I noticed some large red lights approaching in the sky at tremendous speed. When they were directly above us we saw there was also one green light. It was at first thought to be an aeroplane, but planes have only one red light, and this object had three that could be clearly seen, and there was no white light to show the nose or tail.

"The red light and the green light seemed to form the boomerang shaped front of the flying object. Only when it was going out of sight was any sound of engines or motors heard. This was only heard for about four or five seconds, and was not the same as the sound of the engines of any other aircraft, but was a much deeper and intense drone.

Clouds

"The speed of the object in relation to the sound of the engine showed the craft was way above the speed of sound."

The youths said that after about twenty minutes they saw a propeller driven aeroplane which had the customary lights. It was travelling in the opposite direction to the unknown craft.

Up to then shooting stars had been seen regularly at intervals of about ten minutes.

When the sky cleared of clouds they looked for other flying objects.

"We saw a craft appear in the western sky, the same direction as the first. It was also travelling at great speed and the red lights seemed to be shimmering like ripples on a pond.

Dark shape

"When it passed overhead a dark shape could be seen behind the light. The shape could not be exactly defined, as speed may have distorted our vision. Again the driving power of the craft made a considerable noise.

"During the next twenty minutes nothing was seen or heard from the sky only shooting stars."

Jim said he was wondering whether there was any connection between the disappearance of the first object, the appearance of the second and the great number of shooting stars.