

# That triangle is no 'plane—expert

**THE MYSTERIOUS** flying triangle that has been haunting South Wales skies this week, could not be an aircraft known to British aviation, according to a former RAF aircraft engineer.

Mr Joe Toland, aged 40, an engineer with the RAF for 15 years, was coaching Llantwit Major under 12's soccer team when he saw the object.

"We stopped playing to watch it," he said. "I couldn't fathom out why the lights were so far apart. It was close perhaps 600-1,000 feet up.

"It must have been 300 feet across, so it could not be an aircraft. The thing I really don't understand is that it made no noise."

Mr Toland, of Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major, has applied all his experience in aviation to solve the mystery.

Mr Toland who is now an insurance agent, at first thought that what he was seeing was an aeroplane being refuelled mid flight. But he admitted this operation was never done over built-up areas, and two aircraft would create a lot of noise.

"The lights were not



usual aircraft lights, though it was in the flight path from Rhoose Airport," he said.

UFO expert Mr Bill Rich, aged 36, of Llandough Castle Flats, Llandough, is convinced the triangle is a visitor from space.

"I have spent an awful lot of time looking at stars

ever since I spotted a very strange UFO in Australia," he said.

"It most definitely is not a meteor as some people have claimed—I saw plenty of meteoric activity in Australia, and this was nothing like it.

"I am in the process of writing a book on sightings in Wales—I've been

● **THE sketch and headline that appeared with the report in Thursday's South Wales Echo.**

making notes for about a year now. I wouldn't say I'm a UFO freak, my interest is mainly scientific."

Mr Rich, who is an artist, watched the object fly past his house last Wednesday night.

"What they are doing, who knows?" he said. "We have got to take this seriously.

"One imagines they are taking samples from a fertile earth while it is still fertile.

"There have been a lot of close encounters of the third nature in Wales. I believe they will soon make themselves known to us."