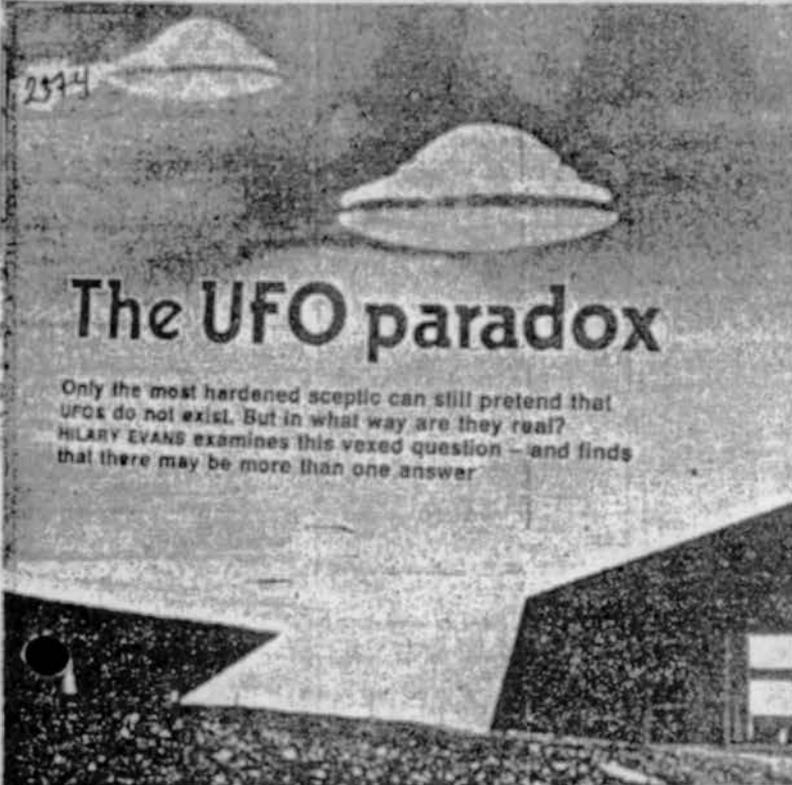


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Boys tell of UFO terror

The UFO paradox

Only the most hardened sceptic can still pretend that UFOs do not exist. But in what way are they real? HILARY EVANS examines this vexed question - and finds that there may be more than one answer

THREE north Gwent youngsters are convinced they have seen a UFO following a close encounter at Cwmtillery. Lee Holt, Carl Jones and Sidney McLoughlin, all of Cwmtillery, thought their days on earth were numbered when a "flying saucer" homed in on them at 5.30pm last Thursday evening.

lights, about the size of a car, and it made no noise.
"We were really scared. I thought whatever it was was going to take us away."
"A few minutes after it vanished there was a huge fireball which came down near the farm."
The youngsters rushed home to tell their parents and at first Lee's mum Melinda was sceptical.
"I thought they had made it up, or that what they had seen was fireworks, but then I realised they were absolutely terrified," said Mrs Holt, of White Horse Court, Cwmtillery.
Abertillery police, who have investigated the boys' story, have been unable to offer any down-to-earth explanation.
"We have to take any incident like this seriously and whatever it was the boys saw they were very scared by it," said Inspector Brian Heal.

And even now they cannot think of a logical explanation for what they saw.
"We were playing up at Cwmtillery Lake near an old farmhouse when we saw a bright light coming down the hillside," said Lee, who has drawn a picture of what he saw.
"It was really low in the sky, clipping the tops of the trees. It circled above our heads several times, then flew off really quickly."
"It was silver, disc-shaped, with a domed top and luminous

A picture from a magazine showing the kind of object seen by the boys (below, left to right) Lee Holt, Sid McLoughlin and Carl Jones

