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room there is a filing cabinet crammed with eye-witness accounts of close encounters of the third kind.

The strangest case of all in Mrs Fry's dossier is the Pwllheli Abduction Case.

About six or seven years ago a teenager who now works in a hotel near Pwllheli went to visit friends in the countryside nearby. As he walked home in the early hours of the morning he saw something in a field by the side of the road, and as he turned up a side-road he felt a presence behind him. When he turned around he saw 'two mechanical sort of beings enfolded in a type of suit which covered them,' and they wore visors.

They walked by his side and he felt obliged to accompany them as they 'propelled' him towards an object in the field. This turned out to be a spacecraft which contained other humans, but the teenager was unable to give a clear picture of what happened next; he believed that they toured the universe.

"What is startling about this," says Mrs Fry, "is that even then he described the 13 moons of Pluto — some time before the American probe discovered that there are in fact 13 moons."

Terrified to this day, he still has nightmares about the incident and categorically refuses to allow his name to be divulged.

He hadn't been drinking, says Mrs Fry, a fact averred by the policemen



Mrs Margaret-Ellen Fry: In the right place at the right time.

who found him and took him back to the hamlet where he still lives.

He arrived home in such a state of shock that his mother, after hearing his story, went to the local library the next morning and found the address of the Contact International headquarters.

Despite the fact that there was thick snow on the ground she drove her son all the way to Oxfordshire to see a UFO expert. The teenager was still so terrified that he refused to get out of the car when they arrived and it has taken years to get the whole story from him.

Then there's the case of the four young men who went poaching on the Dee one night in January 1978. Whilst they were at their wily craft they saw another sort of craft — a bright white

one — gliding down the river towards them.

Terrified, they hid behind a bush and watched the 'spacecraft' as it came to a halt and disgorged two beings dressed in what appeared to be spacesuits and helmets. These beings put a crate around a cow in the field and transported it to the 'spacecraft', and what was even more remarkable was that the poachers all noticed that the other cows in the field were completely immobilised.

The craft sped off and the incident might never have been heard of had not one of them mentioned it to a girlfriend some time later and she in turn contacted a reporter friend.

Other sightings seem to have been shared by perfectly rational people going about their daily business, people such as Keith Jones who saw a banana-shaped object by a pub near Denbigh. He rushed inside and told the locals, who went outside and witnessed the craft taking off. "It sent down laser beams and was seen by practically everyone in the pub," says Mrs Fry.

Then there was the man living in a caravan at a remote farm near Cerrig-y-Drudion. One night the caravan started shaking violently and the man went outside where his normally fierce dog was in a state of abject terror, his fur standing on end. Looking up, the man saw a jet-black circle above him...the next memory he had was of waking up on his doorstep. When he went back into the

caravan he started drawing amazingly technical sketches of spacecraft, a compulsion which has stayed with him to this day.

Three independent motorists reported seeing an object with revolving lights sitting on a hill near Cefnddwy-sarn last January. Five farmers reported seeing a UFO near the television receiver there in January 1986.

And there's the Cwm Canol Incident which seems to have been witnessed by a whole crowd of people, from the man who initially saw a double glow as he put away his car at Holland Arms.

Farmers out lambing saw twin orange lights travelling towards Gwytherin: these lights descended on Cwm Canol, a farm between Gwytherin and Llansannan. As they came down to earth the orange lights 'solidified' into a grey craft, and among the witnesses were a group of 14 Venture Scouts camping nearby.

"The Army came and I was woken up in the middle of the night by a huge yellow helicopter disgorging soldiers," says Mrs Fry. "They said they were looking for old rockets."

Stranger still is the case of Mrs W of Pentre Halkyn who, whilst sewing late at night in her spare bedroom in 1982, suddenly saw a meteor-like object hurtling towards her.

She rushed outside and saw a huge object over her bungalow, and as in the Cerrig-y-Drudion incident, her dog behaved quite oddly. The 'spacecraft'



An artist's impression of the Pwllheli Abduction — the victim is still "terrified".

gradually receded and she went to bed, but in the middle of the night she woke up and saw a man at her window.

She described him as "a quite nice looking man with oliv skin and short brown hair." The next second he appeared by her bedside and she said: "I wonder if I'm dreaming you."

As she put out her hand to test whether he had any substance he made a gesture with his hand and she knew no more — other than to receive sporadic 'messages' from the beyond.

One of these messages told her that the aliens had left three tripod marks on Halkyn Mountain and she started exploring the area.

"This area is very dangerous, with many mine shafts, but she eventually found three perfect squares in the ground. Having seen them I have to

believe her," says Mrs Fry. "They were right on the edge of a shaft and no earthly thing could have left such perfect indentations so close to a hole without slipping in or corrupting the ground around."

She adds: "This woman is in her mid-fifties, is very homely and is completely sane."

One under-awed couple from Dyserth gave chase to a UFO in their car but were foiled when the craft landed in a field and "literally went out like a light."

Mrs Fry has seen UFOs about 40 times.

Her first sighting was a bell-shaped craft in Kent, where she was living, in 1955. She had taken her son to see their doctor, who was present when they saw