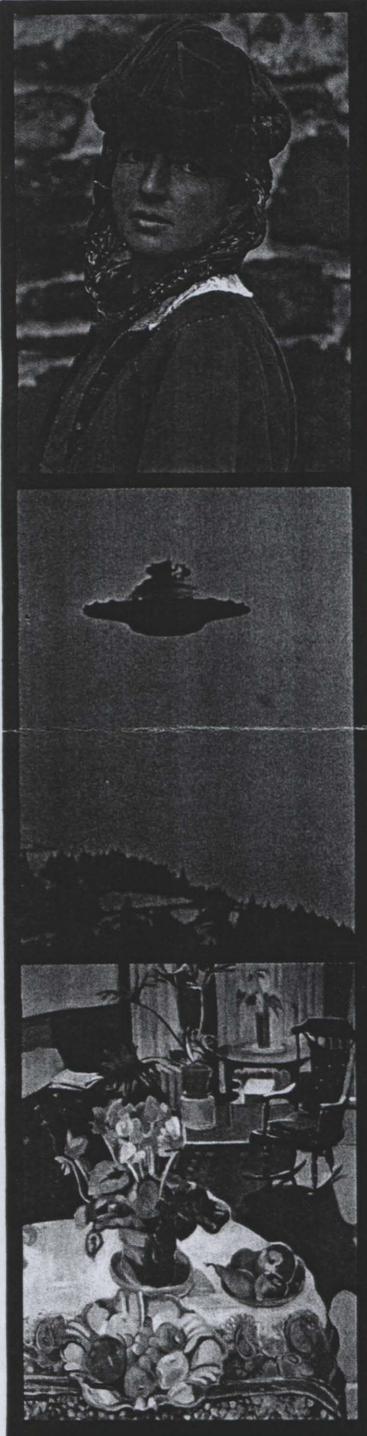


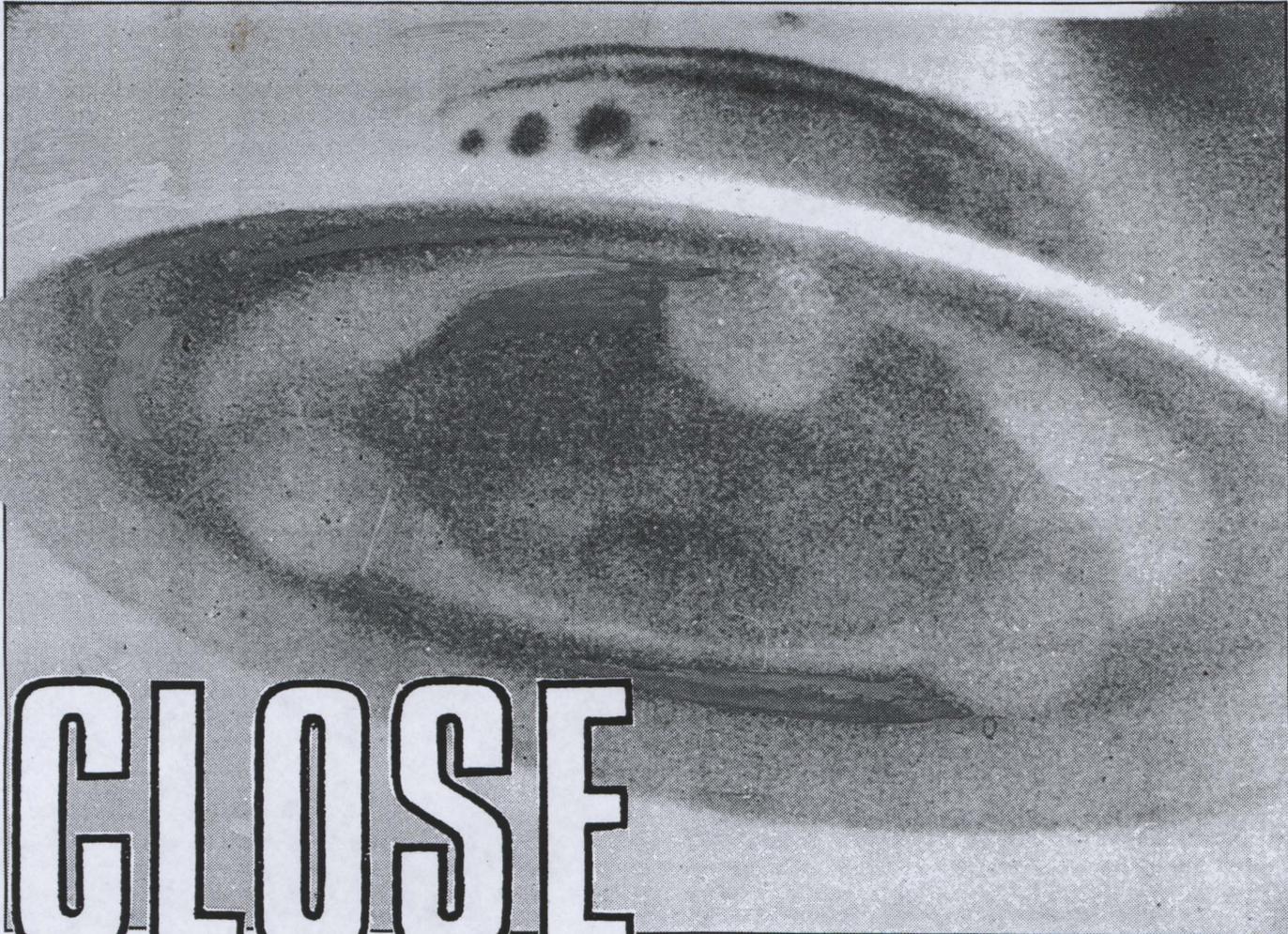
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# ENCOUNTERS

**H**AVE you ever seen a flying saucer? Or a bright white 'spacecraft' like the one which glided down the Dee one night, terrifying four poachers?

Or a large cigar-shaped object with a red centre like the one spotted by two men near Dyserth on January 4, 1986?

If you have, join the happy crew.

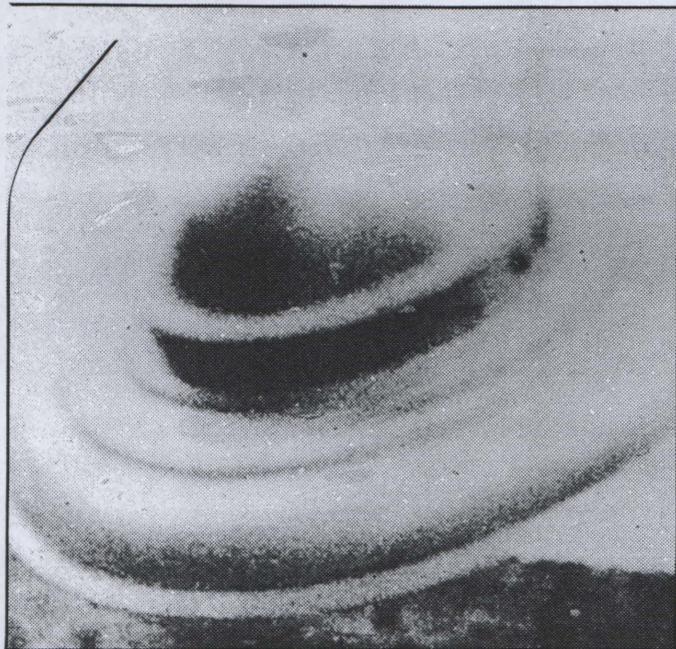
I've seen one, lots of people in Clwyd have seen one, and Mrs Margaret-Ellen Fry of Llangernyw — our local UFO expert — has seen about forty.

Mrs Fry is an investigator for the British branch of Contact International, which traces and takes statements from people who have seen unidentified flying objects.

She knows of 11 North Walians who claim to have been abducted by extra-terrestrials, and in her spare

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**Our local UFO expert knows of 11 North Walians who claim they have been kidnapped by aliens, and there have been dozens of unexplained sightings. The strangest story in her dossier is the Pwllheli Abduction Case...Lloyd Jones reports**



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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 Cerrigy-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

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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.

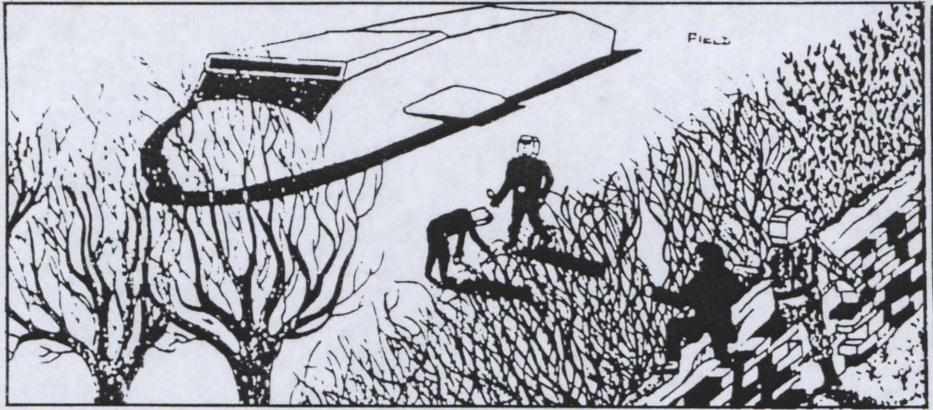
And there's the Cwm Canol Incident which seems to have been witnessed by a whole crowd of people, from the man who initially saw a double glow as he put away his car at Holland Arms.

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 olivy 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

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"a huge thing 16—17 feet above their heads." It had three ball-bearing like castors.

"I remember it so well: it was the 17th of July, 1955," says Mrs Fry.

"The doctor said: 'It must be some sort of secret craft. I can't believe it. It's impossible. I don't care if I am seeing it, I still can't believe it.'

"As is common with many people who see UFOs, the doctor eventually died of a brain haemorrhage but I found out that he had reported the incident," says Mrs Fry.

"The spacecraft had nuts, bolts and rivets. But the colour was like nothing you see on this earth: a silver-blue with a pewter texture — a totally different hue."

When I visited Mrs Fry she was giving her home a good spring clean but once we started talking about UFO's, that was it...three hours later I emerged into the Llangernyw sunlight pretty well convinced that my own little 'experience' (a very peculiar darting star above Aberporth) was one of many sightings shared by a veritable horde of North Walianians.

Mrs Fry, I must point out, is the very picture of sanity.

She was born in British India, in the Punjab. Her father, William Arwyn Nagle, was with the CID in India but moved back to Britain when Margaret-Allen was 19 to become a scientist at Aldermaston; although he was not involved in nuclear work he was part of the team which split the atom and was later awarded the MBE.

Mrs Fry moved to Llangernyw about nine years ago with her disabled husband so that they could be near her daughter, who lives in Llansannan.

Although she experienced her first UFO sighting in 1955 she did not become a member of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association (BUFORA) until 1965; she is also an investigator for the British branch of Contact International, which has 34 member countries.

Why, I ask her, has she seen so many UFOs?

"I think it has been a matter of being in the right place at the right time," she says in a matter-of-fact way.

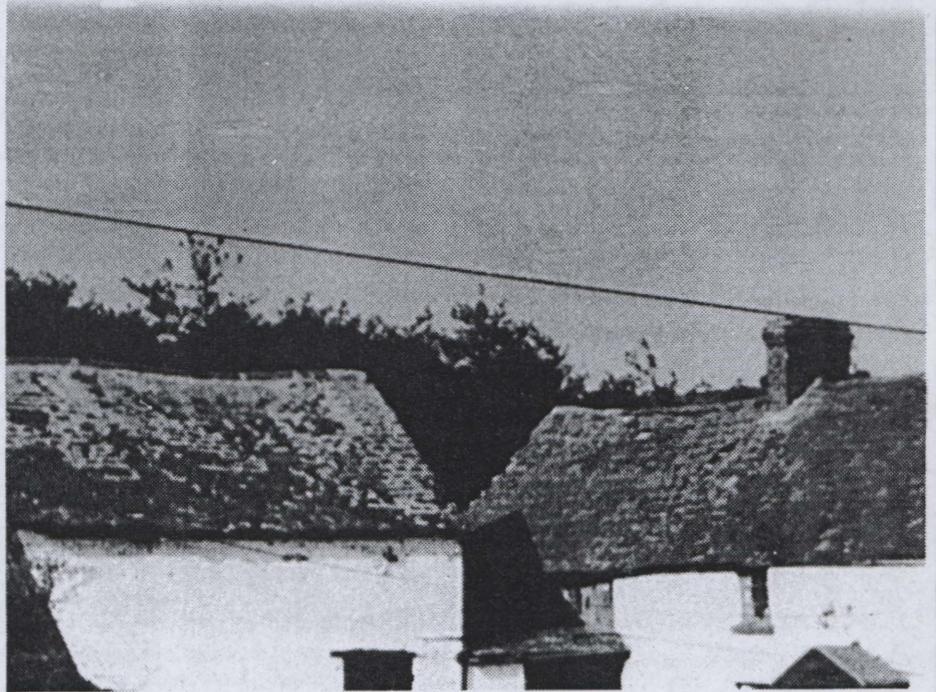
"The area of Kent where I lived has three convergences of ley lines and I was not the only person to see UFOs: they were witnessed by lots of people.

"The other explanation is more mystic: there is a possibility that they single out a certain type of person.

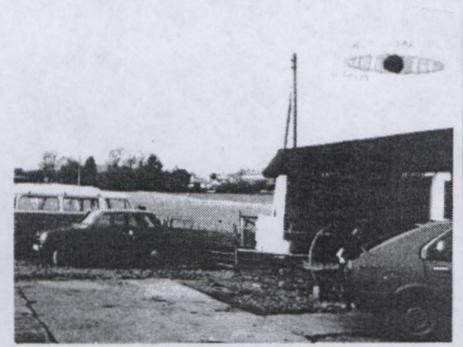
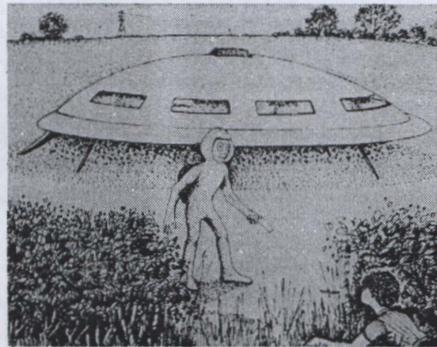
"I don't want to be neurotic about it; I prefer the more prosaic explanation which is that I just happened to be there, and I would add that I have never seen one on my own."

UFO activity seems to happen in bursts; in 1978 there was a spate of sightings and she interviewed 246 people and watched some of the sightings with them.

The most remarkable sighting in her memory happened on July 26, 1978, at



*Mrs Fry's picture of the UFO above her daughter's home at Llansannan (above), and two of her slides illustrating cases from her dossier*



**“The little boys used to laugh at me but they don't now, and as for the grown-ups, so many people have seen sightings locally that they take me for granted...”**

Bexleyheath. She and a host of neighbours saw an 'awesomely beautiful' light show given by what appeared to be a giant cobweb in the sky controlled by two black cigar-shaped objects. The show lasted for an hour and 26 minutes.

Mrs Fry is reticent about discussing Ufology in public; she was in a group on the first of Terry Wogan's chat shows and his fun-making, although gentle, convinced her that she should never do the same again.

UFO spotting is a hobby for her but she is careful not to take it too far: "It's not beyond the realms of possibility that people are bumped off — take Hilda Morrell," she says. "A lot of it's got to do with secrets, military etc., which we'll never know about."

At this point Mrs Fry's grandchild walks in and confirms that she once saw a UFO with her grandmother in Llansannan.

Although Mrs Fry is convinced that there are extra-terrestrial beings, she

has never seen one and has no firm theories about them. "I feel that they are probably indifferent to us: we are like animals in the zoo to them."

How is she treated in Llangernyw, I ask? Do the locals think she's a bit odd?

"The little boys used to laugh at me but they don't now, and as for the grown-ups, so many people have seen sightings locally that they take me for granted.

"These crafts tend to concentrate on rural areas and I suspect that they frequently concentrate on underground establishments."

Would she ever get into a spacecraft?

"Oh no, I know too much...I'd run like hell!

"Who knows what they are: in different universes there may be life in different molecular structures, with a dimension beyond our comprehension."

And with that intriguing thought, I headed back for Planet Earth. ■