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THANKS to *The X-Files*, an obses-sive with extra-terrestrial craft and crop circles has become acceptable.

While agents Scully and Mulder congregate to attract thousands of television viewers worldwide, Kerry and Tom Blower are doing their bit to put Wales on the paranormal map.

The couple have organised this weekend's Supernormal Research Conference in Cardiff where 300 people will discuss the possibility of alien beings and other unidentified objects.

For the first time, a handful of Welsh guests will stand up on stage and reveal their alien encounters.

A woman called Teresa from Abercynon will talk about her encounters with aliens, a holiday cottage owner from West Wales called Adam Whaley will talk about a life-time of synchronicities (bizarre coincidences)

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ABOUT 50 per cent of the people who believe in the paranormal according to parapsychologist Susan Blackmore.

Dr Blackmore said, "There's always been a great interest in the paranormal and I do think *The X-Files* has had an effect."

"Some sceptical people think this is dreadful because it encourages a way of thinking."

and a photographer will describe the effect on his family of a weird moon-sighting.

It is the third conference Kerry, 33, a former club singer, has organised.

"This is the first time we have had people on stage telling their stories and they are very nervous about doing it."

Kerry became a believer in (1990) when she, and most of her family, saw a "moonless gold globe" in the

skies above Aberystwyth. "These days, ridicule is old-fashioned," said Kerry, who lives in Croesyceiliog, near Cwmbran.

"Eighty-five per cent of *The X-Files* is fact, all real stories which I was hearing around six years ago and we'll be hearing again this weekend."

Even guests at the conference can be lured to *The X-Files*, according to Kerry. One man, who claims to work for the Ministry of Defence, has

attended every year. "I have nicknamed him 'Deception'," said Kerry.

"It will be a mind-expanding, thought-provoking time where people know they will not have the sticky takers."

"There's some remarkable stuff out there from researchers, physicists and ex-MoD people."

"After my sighting, I desperately wanted to know what it was so I started going to UFO conferences up and down the country."

"Then I thought there's never anything in Wales. Why not put on a conference?"

"I was bowled away by the interest in 1993. I wasn't going to put another one on but then in January the telephones started going asking. When's the next one?"

Kerry travels to conferences throughout Britain with her husband, Tom, 44, a gardener. They have a 10-year-old daughter called Shelley.