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WALES IS AN INTER-GALACTIC STOP

Watch out for those aliens!



OCTOBER 17, 1973, was the day that changed Dr Richard Lawrence's life.

Not because Poland knocked England out of the 1974 World Cup - instead, it was the day the young graduate, a keen football fan, had his first UFO sighting.

On a cold, clear night outside Hull University a cigar-shaped object whizzed past bemused onlookers and headed for the hills.

The excited student and his friend raced after it in their car and caught up with the UFO in a field two miles outside the city.

The 15 minutes the 20 year old claims he spent staring at the illuminated craft was enough to keep him hooked for the rest of his life.

Now 43 years old and a world authority on UFOs, the Berkshire-born ufologist (above right) has recently started a UK tour to convince people that we are not alone.

By Jason Lamport

And the Cardiff leg of his month-long tour will be especially exciting for him as he reckons Wales is a popular site for aliens who visit Earth.

"Wales has always been a notorious spot for UFOs," said Dr Lawrence, who now lives in Fulham.

"I have had at least six stings in Wales and the records show there is something about the South West and Wales which attracts beings from other galaxies.

"I was with my family holidaying in the Brecon Beacons in 1987 last time I had an alien sighting.

"Three stationary bright lights illuminated the sky for a few seconds and then shot off at great speed in different directions.

"There is a wealth of evidence to show UFOs exist and recent sur-

veys suggest that 87 per cent of the population believe.

"My tour is designed to convince the other 33 per cent."

During his tour, which comes to Cardiff next month, Dr Lawrence will talk through his new book with the audience, showing them official evidence that the government is seriously investigating UFO movements.

One of the documents, a top secret CIA record, tells how a pilot was scrambled to intercept a UFO. His instruments went dead when he tried to fire and the craft sped off.

Dr Lawrence said: "I have plenty of evidence to show UFOs exist - people will believe if they come to the meetings."

★ The tour is being held at: The Friends Meeting House, 43, Charles Street, Cardiff, on October 11. Call 0175 736 4187 for tickets.