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...now Bowen-Thomas was employed by the British Nursing Association, which was paid by the

Road, Cardiff, was released on un-conditional bail. The case was ad-journed for reports until March 7.

...identifying the body of Davies, 39, of Blaenavon. Police inquiries were continuing

alive at the Reflex bar in the area of the St Mary Street, Cardiff, at 10.50pm lo

# UFO hunter seeks reports of sightings in Wales

A TOP UFO hunter in Britain has turned his sights to Wales and is appealing for help in his research.

Phil Hoyle, of the UFO Investigations and Research Unit, has been investigating reports of UFO sightings for 20 years and wants to hear from anyone who has seen anything strange in the night, or even daytime, sky.

Wales has a rich "history" of UFO sightings, from the Roswell-type alleged crash of a flying saucer in the Berwyn Mountains in January 1974 to the more recent sighting by scores of people of two unknown objects flying over Swansea and the Gower in 1998.

Pembrokeshire, in particular, is considered a UFO hot spot with a rash of strange sightings in the mid-to-late 1970s.

Although a Milford Haven businessman, Glyn Edwards, has since admitted to taking a stroll in a silver suit at the time, many strange sightings are still unexplained, including a saucer-shaped object hovering near a school at Broad Haven.

Since the heady days of the mid-to-late 1970s, Pembrokeshire sightings, which some believe are linked to top secret defence bases in the county, has declined - as, of course, has its military role.

However, only a few years ago in 1997 there were several sightings



**PROOF?** This image was taken from a spacecraft studying the sun

of a mysterious triangular craft and unexplained balls of light over Cardigan Bay.

Mr Hoyle, who holidays regularly in Pembrokeshire, is convinced that there is something out there and that governments know all about it.

He had his own UFO experience one evening while staying at Haroldston Wood in March 2000, when he and his wife saw a bright light about the same size and

luminosity of the star Sirius moving slowly across the sky from west to east.

"I looked at the object through my binoculars and I could see a bright white sphere; then suddenly a small red object shot out of the bottom left-hand side of the white sphere," he said.

"The sphere carried on slowly towards Haverfordwest and disappeared below the horizon, but the red small object seemed to stay

in the same place as it was ejected from. The small object darted horizontally over an approximate distance of 500 feet; it moved in a zig-zag erratic manner from left to right."

He said too many people had similar experiences of UFOs and alien encounters for them to be dismissed out of hand.

"There's a lot of things happening but they do need to be looked at scientifically," he said.

"The powers that be are well aware that there is something out there. They also know that they have a technology beyond what we can only dream of."

Retired vet Randall Jones Pugh, who wrote a book called *The Dyfed Enigma* about the Pembrokeshire sightings of the 1970s, said he too was convinced of the existence of UFOs.

"Apart from the human factor you also have to take the experience of animals into account," he said.

"Such things induce great terror among animals so it's not just a question of hallucinations or imagination. It's a phenomenon."

But Martin Griffiths, senior lecturer in earth and space sciences at the University of Glamorgan, dismissed the UFO business as a modern mythology created by the media, which did not stand up to rigorous scientific scrutiny.

"It's full of vivid imagery and

imagination, and there's nothing wrong in that, but when we want to do scientific tests on these things there's nothing behind them," he said. "They can be explained away very easily in most cases.

"Whereas people in the past believed in angels they have passed into beings from another planet."

He said it was no coincidence that 89.6% of all sightings in the United States took place in close proximity to airbases.

"There may be something going on, but it's human rather than alien," he said.

The famous Pembrokeshire sighting took place in February 1977, when 14 pupils at a Broad Haven primary school claimed to have seen a cigar-shaped spaceship land in a field next to their playground just after lunch time.

Some of the children even claimed to have seen spacemen around the aircraft dressed in silvery grey.

When the headmaster asked them to draw what they had seen, he was astonished to find that the drawings were almost identical.

Further sightings in the county of glowing lights and spacemen poured in over the following months.

If any one has had strange sightings or encounters they can write to Mr Hoyle at PO Box 11, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 1WD.

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