

Echo readers help to solve UFO mystery

ECHO readers have helped to solve the mystery of the suspected UFOs spotted over the bank holiday weekend.

Scores of people got in touch yesterday with more stories of sightings around the Llandaff and Whitchurch area.

UFO researchers from Canada even contacted the paper after seeing the video on the Wales Online website.

But the "UFOs" seen by mother and daughter Fiona and Myfanwy George-Veale were most likely Chinese

lanterns released by a wedding party at Canada House on the outskirts of Cardiff.

Reader John Pascos was a guest at the wedding and said 25-30 of the lanterns had been released into the sky by guests.

Experienced UFO researcher

Philip Mantle, who has written a number of books on the subject, was quick to spot the confusion.

He e-mailed the *Echo* to say: "I can tell you that Fiona and Myfanwy George-Veale did not film anything unusual.

"Instead they have filmed

Chinese lanterns.

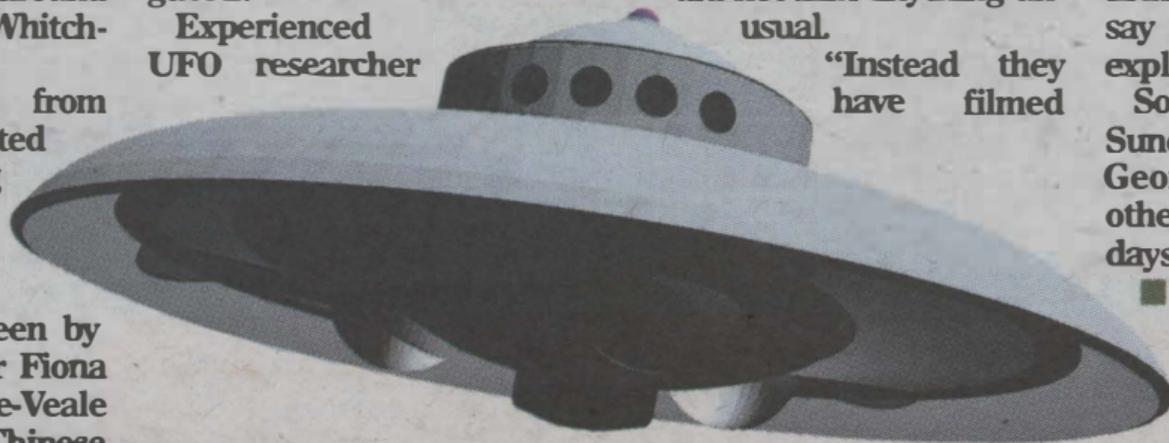
"Sorry to put a damper on this, but that's what they have filmed I'm afraid."

The sightings attracted interest from across South Wales, with people in Penarth and Bridgend calling to say they had also seen unexplained lights in the sky.

Some were spotted on Sunday night, like the George-Veales' sighting, but others were on different days throughout last week.

■ See a video of the UFOs in action.

■ Log on to www.walesonline.co.uk/video



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