

## Help!

10 The trees were like inky giants menacingly looming over  
17 the house with twisted, reaching arms. Their decaying  
25 leaves rustled loudly and the air smelled damp.

35 Lucy arrived at the door. Her chest tightened. Her eyes  
44 widened. She lifted her shaking, clammy hand to knock  
55 on the door but before she could touch it, it creaked  
56 open...

61 They wouldn't find her here.

70 Slowly edging across the threshold, her heart began to  
78 pound. Thoughts were racing wildly around her head  
87 as she tentatively peered into the darkness, trying to  
98 see if the coast was clear. After moments of silence and  
107 stillness, she had reassured herself; judging by the state  
116 of the house, nobody had ventured there in years.

117 Relief.

126 Then, from the floors above, a small, almost inaudible  
130 voice called, "Help... me..."

## Rollercoasters

The rollercoaster has been a fashionable ride for many years, with one of the first recorded rollercoasters opening in Paris in 1817. Historically, it is believed that the rollercoaster was inspired by sledging on the icy Russian Mountains. The popularity of the coaster did not spread initially. It wasn't until 1884 that the first notable and highly admired rollercoaster was opened in New York, USA, with a runaway train style ride. The coaster ran on wooden tracks and was an instant success.

Today, a rollercoaster track can either be a complete circuit or a shuttle-track, allowing the cars — individual or multiple — to run in both directions. Modern rollercoasters are, of course, much faster than the original models and safety standards have notably increased since then.





## The Alien Times



### UFO Sighting

3 Recent bright lights  
5 and high-pitched  
8 whistles have baffled  
12 dog walkers in the  
15 woodlands of Suffolk.  
18 The disturbance has  
22 occurred in the same  
27 area as the UK's largest  
31 ever UFO sighting, in  
32 1980.

35 One astonished walker  
40 said, "I walk in these  
43 woods regularly and,  
47 although I'm aware of  
51 the unusual history of  
55 the place, I've never  
57 experienced anything  
60 like this before."

64 It seems that someone,  
67 or something, might  
71 be trying to contact



75 us again, but nobody  
80 can fathom why this is  
83 happening nearly forty  
87 years since the first  
90 incident. The 'flying  
94 saucer' was in almost  
98 the exact same position  
103 as the UFO that was  
106 spotted in December,  
107 1980.

110 Some residents are  
113 nervous but many  
117 others are excited about  
121 the prospect of contact  
123 with extra-terrestrials!

## Whodunnit?

What happened to Ms Smith's jewellery that day?  
She was meant to wear it to watch a play,  
She left it behind when she had got dressed,  
All adorned in her Sunday-best.

Miss Ruby was seeing her friend that morning,  
She heard the crash which came without warning,  
The woman screamed - she was given a fright,  
She yelled for help with all of her might.

The Doctor, in his usual morose, glum way,  
Was up in his study, beaver away.  
He ambled upstairs to discover the theft,  
And discovered the jewellery box; nothing was left!

Sir Crumpet in his garden outside,  
Was pruning all his shrubs with pride.  
He claimed to hear voices behind the house,  
But assumed it was either a pheasant or grouse!

It's such a mystery, who stole the gold,  
The police predict its already been sold.  
The townsfolk and I really don't have a clue!  
The important question here is: do you?