

# "LITTLE SNOOPERS"?

By Gordon Creighton

Abundant evidence exists that there may be various types of small gadgets or widgets which can and do enter human habitations and fly about in them. FSR must have carried about eight such cases so far, and if we can find the time we will give a recapitulation of them one of these days for the benefit of our newer or younger readers.

Meanwhile, here are the details of two more interesting cases which have recently reached us. Both are from England. — EDITOR

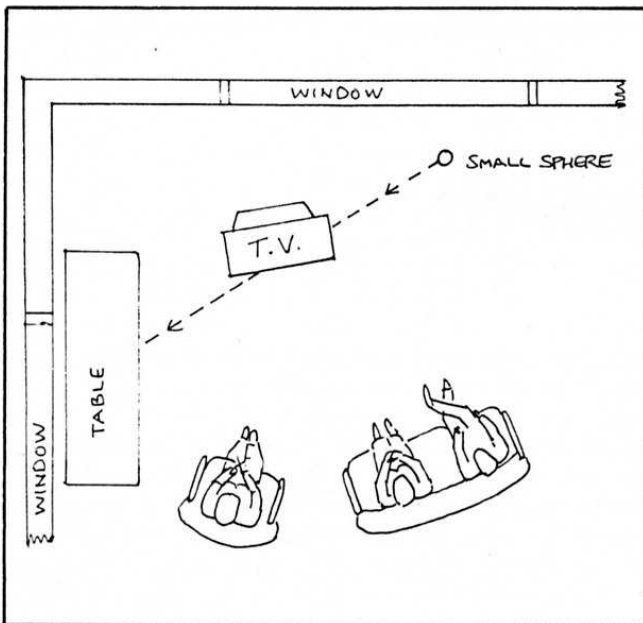
1. A "UFOBALL AT OTTERBOURNE, HAMPSHIRE. (January 1977)

By DON TUERSLEY, FSR CONSULTANT

SINCE I read Desmond Leslie's article about his "UFOball" (in FSR 33/1), I have been meaning to write in to you about a similar event that occurred in our bungalow here some few years ago.

We were in our sitting-room, watching television. My 23-year-old daughter and I were on the settee, and my wife was in an armchair to the left of us.

As we watched the programme, something caught my eye to the right-hand side of the TV set and towards the window. (See my sketch attached.) Upon turning, I saw a small sphere, a little smaller than a tennis ball, which was travelling slowly towards the TV, at a height of about 8 inches above the floor. At first sight it looked like a large dandelion-head, but showed no structural detail. It was a *misty-grey in colour*, yet with a clearly defined periphery.



Transfixed, I watched it travel under the TV table over an expanse of carpet and then disappear beneath a Long John table near the other window. The whole event had taken approximately 10-12 seconds, I estimated.

I glanced at my daughter, who was still gazing at it "with her eyes popping out", and she turned to me and said: "Did you see that!" Not wishing to "prompt" her in any way, I asked her what she had seen, and her reply was: "It was a ball, misty, like a large dandelion-head", and she confirmed in detail what I had witnessed.

My wife, who was knitting at the time, and only occasionally glancing at the TV, had missed the entire event, much to her annoyance, as we share an interest in "phenomena".

The ball had moved across the room in a straight line, making no noise so far as we could detect, and did not appear to affect the television — at least not audibly. My attention was on the ball throughout its

viewed passage. I subsequently made a careful inspection of the area of the room where it had vanished, but I found no evidence to show that it had come into contact with anything.

The event is also similar in another way to Desmond Leslie's experience, because — maybe of course this was "only a coincidence" — only two days previously I had interviewed Mrs Joyce Bowles about her two first "encounters" (the second being an alleged abduction), which had occurred near Winchester at the end of 1976.\*

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\* See "WINCHESTER ENCOUNTER: UFO & SILVER-SUITED ENTITY NEAR WINCHESTER, by Leslie Harris. (In FSR 2/5 (pub. February 1977.)

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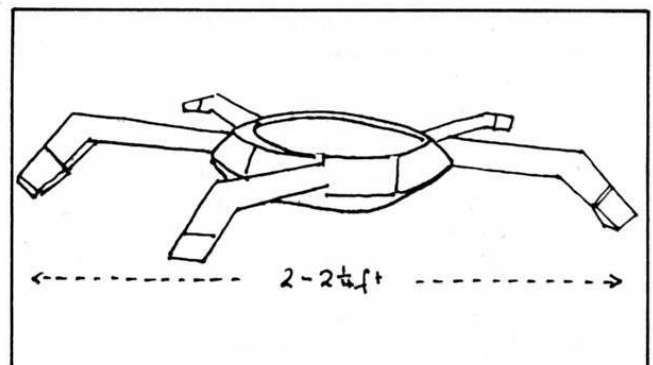
2. A "VISITOR" AT CLIFTONVILLE, KENT (February 20, 1987)

By Mrs JUNE TAYLOR

It was between midnight and 1.30 a.m., in the early hours of Friday, February 20, 1987, in our home here at Cliftonville, Margate, Kent.

My husband and I had been watching television and had then both fallen asleep on the sofa in our front lounge. The TV was still switched on. I was lying stretched out on the sofa, and facing out towards the room. My husband, also stretched out on the sofa, was facing towards me.

I opened my eyes and saw an oblong-shaped blur on the other side of the room (just inside the interior wall). The length of this blur was about 2-2½ ft. The main electric ceiling light of the room was switched on, so that I could see perfectly. The object was spinning as it moved. It looked solid, as though *made of a light grey metal*. Its body was shaped like the (recently-discarded) many-sided or multi-faceted British threepenny-piece, and had five or six 'arms', all of the same length, coming from its centre, each of the 'arms' having a sort of box-shaped part at its tip. (See my sketch attached.)



The object seemed to be totally silent throughout the entire episode, but I definitely felt that its presence was what had awakened me. I also had the strong impression that it was able to 'read my mind'. For the thought had briefly crossed my mind that it would be nice if it would stop spinning so fast, just in order that I might have a better look at it, and promptly it did

indeed slow down momentarily, and I was able to see very clearly that it did indeed appear to be made of *light-grey coloured metal*.

Then suddenly it speeded up again and was gone — straight out through the wall of our house.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs June Taylor,**

(Address withheld at Mrs Taylor's request),

July 24, 1990.

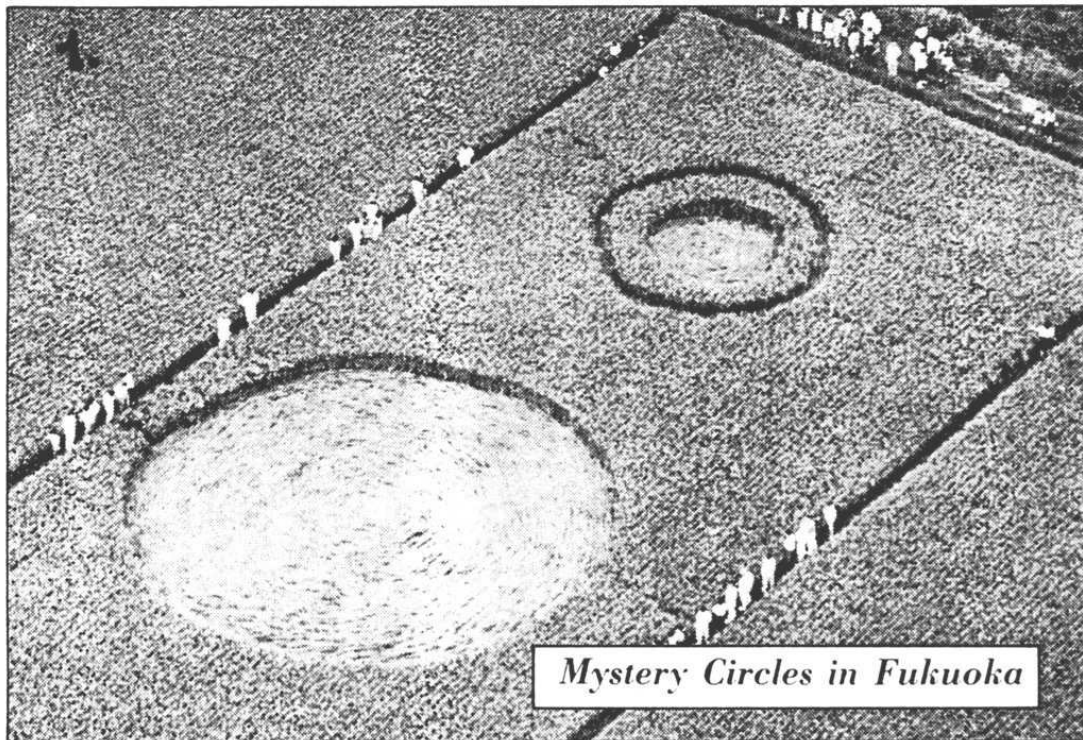
COMMENT BY EDITOR, FSR

We must never lose sight of the fact that so many of these

queer reports of "indoor-sightings of something" unquestionably seem to be associated with use of either TV or radio, and for many years past we have been seeing or hearing suggestions that maybe such phenomena are in some way themselves *the results* of TV or radio. (Note that both reports occurred in winter.)

We have also encountered another suggestion, namely that in some way or other these (relatively recent) human inventions of TV and radio have made it possible for intelligent critters "from somewhere else" (interdimensional or whatever?) to "make contact" with us and with our world. There is an interesting field of enquiry here for someone to explore.

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