

uncommon — particularly in connection with shape-changing phenomena,^{1,2} and this sudden increase in speed rules out all possibility that the object was windborne. In fact the object streaked off to the East in the direction of Didcot Power Station, which was not directly visible, but is a well-known landmark whose position was known to Len. The distance is about 7 miles and the object seemingly covered this in about two seconds, point (of the delta-shape) first, and then disappeared. Total duration of the encounter was about ten seconds. This mode of disappearance towards a power station brings to mind the pulsating object seen by policemen in Merseyside in January 1978.³

Len Franklin can find no explanation for the phenomenon. "I have never seen anything like it before. There was no noise or smoke, it moved off far faster than any aircraft and appeared to stay at the same height as it did so. I dropped off the babysitter and RAN home. I was scared stiff, and not a lot frightens me usually."

No plausible explanation for this phenomenon has

come to light and we seem to have a most unusual type of UFO reported here. Knowing Len as I do, I can verify 100% that this report is factually accurate and true. But what did he see that night?

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A "JOGGING" UFO IN SOUTHERN SCOTLAND

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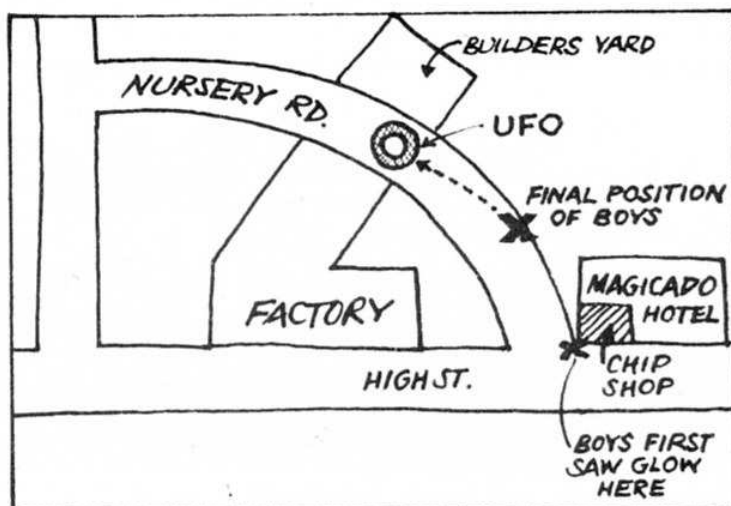
Another report for UFOIN and *Flying Saucer Review* by this husband and wife team which operates from North Eastern England.

COLDSTREAM in Berwickshire is a small Scottish town which, one cold clear night in October 1977, played host to a frightening encounter.

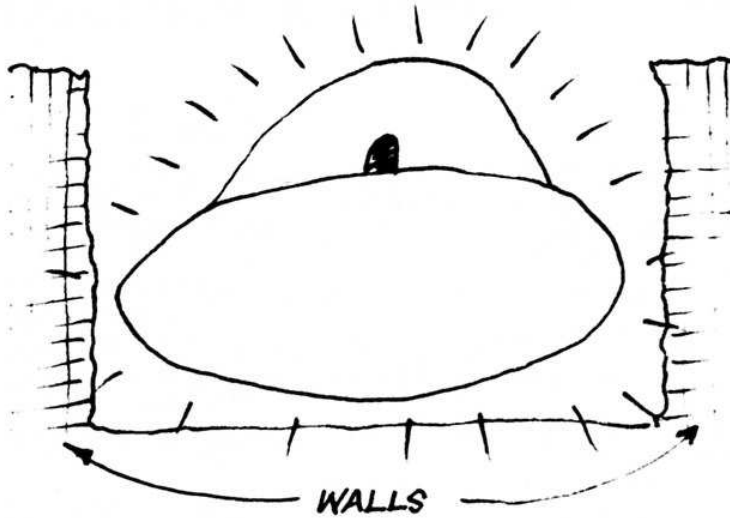
The witnesses are both aged ten, so we shall call them by their first names only; Michael and Steven. Both are considered to be truthful in their accounts and are expressly against publicity. Indeed one of them is well known to the investigators, and we can therefore vouch for their integrity. In addition we have the testimony of this same boy's mother who was present moments after the encounter when the boys ran in, visibly terrified and trembling all over, and with faces white like sheets. She is certain that this was a genuine fear and that the boys were telling the truth as they knew it.

On the town's High Street, adjacent to the Magicado Hotel, is a fish & chip shop and alongside this is Nursery Road which curves round in a quarter circle. The time was about 8.00 p.m. and the boys were purchasing some chips from the shop. After leaving the shop they noticed a brilliant glow coming from around the bend of Nursery Road. The glow was so bright that, being young boys full of curiosity, they decided to investigate. They soon began to wish that they had not.

As they rounded the corner they came across an object spanning the road less than 100 feet in front of them. They were terrified at the sight of what seemed to be a classic flying saucer, hovering no more than 6" above the road surface.



The boys have described the object independently and have given similar descriptions (as illustrated by their drawings). It had a seemingly solid oval base with a small, rounded, transparent dome on top. The



whole object was giving off a very bright glow which illuminated the surroundings. In fact one of the boys described the experience as like looking at a gigantic white lightbulb.

Inside the dome was something dark that contrasted sharply with the intensely white background. This they described as a "post" as it was a little stump about 12 inches tall, somewhat reminiscent of a head. Indeed it may well have been an occupant, although it was never seen to move during the 45 seconds or so that the object was in clear view. For this reason the boys insist on calling it a 'post' and not an occupant, which is certainly to their credit. (One would imagine that had they concocted a hoax this would certainly now be described as a "silver suited entity.")

What made the experience even more frightening was that the object was emitting an audible sound which the boys can best describe as a "buzzing, rasping". In harmony with this, as if it were dancing," the UFO was jogging up and down! It was almost as if it were angry about something. These "jumps" were no more than inches or feet but were very obvious.

When after a few seconds the object began to "hop" towards the startled witnesses in this fashion, fear understandably welled up within them and they fled the scene in utter panic, rushing straight home.



On investigating the scene of the event no traces of any kind were found, (hardly surprising as the witnesses only plucked up courage to tell the story some months after it had occurred). However, accurate measurements at the site were possible, and these give a very good idea of the size of the object which the boys claimed had confronted them.

The site is quiet, bordered on one side by a factory and on the other by a builders' yard (both closed and empty at the time). The road is 16 feet wide and as the boys say the object was virtually touching stone walls on either side we have a fairly accurate estimate of its width. As for its height, it reached the top of stone walls by the roadside, which measure six feet.

There were no physical after effects, other than those of fear generated by the encounter.

As for possible explanations the most feasible seems to be 'ball lightning'. Since we do not know the precise date, it has been impossible to do other than rely on the boys' description of the prevailing conditions. In any event the shape of the object seems unlikely, and its size seems well in excess of that of ball lightning.

CORRECTION

We regret that the incorrect price was shown for the two books reviewed by John M. Lade on page 32 of FSR Vol. 24, No. 2.

The books: **UFOs – GOD'S CHARIOTS** by Ted Peters, and **THE UFO QUESTION (NOT YET ANSWERED)** by P.J. Wilcox

are available at US \$7.95 each, and not in £ Sterling as was shown.

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