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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first ASSAP Investigators' Bulletin! This newsletter is available to all those who are Accredited Investigators, and is a forum for us to exchange and share advice and information. Initially, it will be published every four months, but should demand permit this will be increased. Please remember that this is your newsletter and you may feel that you would like particular issues addressed by Bill and me in forthcoming issues. If you have received a hard copy (paper format) of this newsletter, this means that ASSAP does not have your e-mail address. If you would like to receive this in an e-format in the future, please send your e-mail address to Membership@assap.org and we will do the rest. I hope you enjoy issue 1!

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Both of us are here to offer any support we can for the ASSAP Investigators. Bill and I have had some combined 50 years interest in apparitions, hauntings and poltergeist phenomena. I can safely say that there is no replacement for experience. Bill especially has a great deal of that to draw upon following many years involvement with Chesterfield Psychic Study Group, and I am already indebted for his advice. Hopefully, my experiences as a Police Officer and Chairman of South Wales Paranormal Research, will also be of some use when it comes down to the Investigation of Spontaneous Cases. Our telephone numbers are there for you to use.

Current Cases

Have you ever wondered if there was anything happening elsewhere in the UK? Well, here is your chance to keep up-to-date with what other ASSAP Investigators are doing.

- We have had a couple of cases in South Yorkshire recently. Bill, assisted by a number of local ASSAP members, has been looking into unexplained footsteps, apparitions and shaking objects at a shop: the staff have been interviewed, a daytime vigil has been held and a night-time vigil will shortly be conducted.
- Rhian Ashmore has been looking into the case of a gentleman who claimed to be perpetually grabbed by a spirit and has written the case up to gain her accreditation.
- Several cases involving private homes are under investigation. Jeff and Anthea Holland are investigating a mixture of spontaneous PK and apparitions in Essex, whilst Sandra Amiss is in the process of arranging an interview with a couple in Norfolk who have reported tapping, footsteps and orbs.
- Up in Lancashire, Stuart Leadbetter has been to interview witnesses who have heard voices and seen both an apparition of a girl and a door handle being moved on its own.
- Jim Leaver has taken on two cases in Greater London - some PK effects at a hostel where another ASSAP member is a resident and unexplained banging noises in a house into which a young man has just moved.
- Other recent cases under investigation include a pub in Shropshire involving apparitions and flying ashtrays, and also some preliminary investigation into telepathic claims of a man in Lincolnshire. If the latter case looks as if psychical abilities are really involved, ASSAP's Research Dept will organise some proper experimental research.

Disappointingly, sometimes initial contact is made by potential clients but then they seem to get cold feet when ASSAP offers to actually carry out an investigation. Mark Hunt was all geared up to pursue a haunting/poltergeist case in Kent but could get no response when trying to fix up the initial interview. A strange flying object that broke up over the Bristol Channel has been reported but we are having difficulty in making contact with the witness. Remember - ASSAP and your fellow AIs are interested in your what you're up to investigation-wise, so if you do have a case, please drop us a line to let us have some feedback.

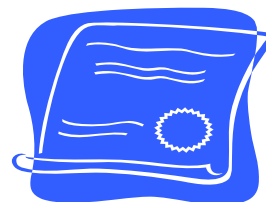
The Michael Bentine Trophy



Do not forget that the author of the Best Investigative Report of the Year is awarded the Michael Bentine Trophy. The shield will be awarded at the AGM in November and the winner will receive a small replica shield and a photograph. The winner's name will be engraved upon the shield. Please continue to send your completed investigation reports into Bill by the end of October 2005 and you could win this prestigious award!

Recent AIs

The following members have gained their accreditation since Bill and Dylan commenced their duties: Rhianon Ashmore, Christine Hankey, Susan "Chez" Penton, James Leaver, Caroline Pick, Russell Beard, Neil Machin, Brian Smyth, Mark Cave and Gavin Hounsell.



Well done to all of you!