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Grave Matters

Strange events at a Scottish cemetery have been attracting the interest of local residents and paranormal researchers alike.

The story first came to light at the end of last year when visitors to the graveyard in Musselburgh, East Lothian, just along the coast from Edinburgh, reported the presence of unidentified figures moving around after dark. Not only were these ghostly apparitions seen by a number of independent witnesses but once a local paranormal investigator began to take an interest an even stranger phenomenon made itself known.

David Moncoeur, a local railway worker, was talking about reports of the ghostly apparitions when a work colleague told him of an incident he had experienced in the same graveyard as a child. According to his story the Latin inscription on the grave (above) of the Rev John Murdoch (who died in 1868) shimmered before his very eyes and transformed itself into English for a few seconds before reverting to Latin again.

Clearly this tale needed investigating and so Mr Moncoeur tracked down other witnesses who reported observing the same phenomenon over a period of years.

Ever interested in a new manifestation of the paranor-

mal your intrepid Editor enlisted the aid of a local guide and visited the site. Sadly the gravestone stubbornly refused to shimmer and no further reports of multilingualism have been reported from the area since.

The local Minister, Rev Andrew Dick, was dismissive of the various stories told about his churchyard. "I am highly sceptical," he said. "There are definitely things beyond our understanding but this kind of thing I would put down to too many pints of beer!"

On an equally cynical note, the inscription is very weathered and the Latin part cannot be clearly made out. Is this relevant?

Whatever the eventual explanation for the mysterious shimmering text it is certainly a novel phenomenon. If anyone knows of anything similar ASSAP News would love to hear about it.



Photos: M White



Editorial

Mike White

Following the success of *that book* I did a little research to try to find the most imaginative spin-offs from Mr Brown's bestseller. Thanks to the miracle of the Internet this is what I discovered:

The da Vinci Toad - This recreation of an animated amphibian, lovingly reproduced from an illustration found in one of Leonardo's notebooks, is now on show at the Science Museum.

The da Vinci Road - Two week guided coach tour of all the places mentioned in the book starting in Paris and finishing...well, for those of you who haven't read the book I won't spoil the ending. Sex Magic rituals are an optional extra (see driver for details).

The da Vinci Abode - Leonardo's house in Florence is now open to the public on selected pagan festival days. Interestingly, for an extra fee you can also use the da Vinci commode.

The Stravinski Code - Can you decipher the message hidden within the stunning ballet 'The Firebird'? Touring nationally with the Merovingian National Opera.

The da Vinci Woad - A range of cosmetics aimed at the Pictish revivalist market. Not available in Boots.

The Glenkinchie Code - A kind of Whisky Trail around the Roslin area for cryptographers with a taste for Lowland Malts.

The da Vinci Spode - Series of commemorative plates emblazoned with a images from Leonardo's works. Perfect for anyone's last supper.

The Dave Inchy Code - This blatant rip-off by the eponymous Mr Inchy should be on the shelves of all good remaindered bookshops by the time you read this.

Who says free enterprise is dead?

Ghost Writing

From last time: The song lyrics were from 'Ouija Board, Ouija Board' by Morrissey.

Something different this issue. St Aquinas identified nine choirs (or orders) of the Angelic Host. In order of power and general holiness can you name all nine?

Answer next time.

Help fill ASSAP News

...please. Contributions always welcome (I'm sure Maurice over at Anomaly feels much the same way). If you would like to contribute please get something to me via the usual channels at your soonest convenience.

About ASSAP

ASSAP is an educational charity involved in the investigation of anomalous phenomena. We publish *ASSAP News* bimonthly and our journal *Anomaly* twice a year. ASSAP was formed in 1981 to bring together disparate strands of research and encourage a cross-disciplinary approach. We organize experiments and occasional study days through our publications and website. Our President is the well-known cleric and Fortean researcher the Rev. Lionel Fanthorpe.

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The Fanthorpe Column

Lionel and friendly orb at UnConvention



The History and Mystery of Castles

Having just finished our book on Templar mysteries which Dundurn's of Toronto are bringing out in March, we've just been commissioned to do another one for them on the history and mystery of castles - which, of course, we're delighted to do!

It seemed to be an idea that would appeal to all our good friends in ASSAP as well. There are three angles on castles which we, as investigators, find intriguing: firstly, the number of reported hauntings from ancient castles, most of which fall into the psychic recording category. If emotional energy is just as valid a form of energy as heat, light, electricity and so on, then the discharge of emotional energy when you're being deluged with boiling oil, pierced by an arrow as you scale the battlements, or hacked to death with an axe, will be considerable. What if that burst of energy then engraves the scene on some form of natural recording crystal within the stones or fabric of the ancient castle? Sensitive and perceptive visitors may well experience a replay of the traumatic events of 700 years ago.

But what of the purposeful revenant? Not all ghosts that we investigate seem to be mere shadowy replays of ancient recordings: some seem to be cogent and purposeful entities, and to have actual meaningful communication with psychics. These phenomena appear to have real consciousness, real minds and real messages to communicate.

The third category of reported strange events from castles might be referred to as time-slip phenomena. Because they are literally so well-founded in the past, and because they are so durable, castles might well harbour time-bridges, or time-gateways. Some of

the reports that come in from witnesses to strange events in allegedly 'haunted' castles may be in this time-warp category.

So then, another suggestion for an ASSAP investigation. We could look at the statistics of reported anomalous phenomena from castles just to see how many such reports there are and how many of these fall into the three distinct categories: recordings; purposeful entities; time-aberrations. When we find where the castle 'hot-spots' are, we might consider sending in the ASSAP troops for a night or two.

Warmest wishes,

Pres and Lady One

Service Award

The 2004 ASSAP Service Award went to Deputy NRC James Clark for his many years of service as Research Officer, policy advisor and ASSAP News contributor as well as for his outstanding courage in accepting the post of Librarian.

Despite him missing the AGM when such awards are traditionally presented, past Chairman Phil Walton tracked Jim down to his secret hideout somewhere beneath the deserts of Iraq and J. H. Clark managed to capture this elusive cryptozoological marvel for posterity.

So congratulations, thanks (and sincere apologies!) to Jim.



Photo: J.H.Clark

Weardale's Ghosts Part 2

Stanhope Old Hall: Another Tale of Haunted Weardale by Christopher J Huff

To continue with this series on ghosts of the North East of England, we once again visit lovely, picturesque Weardale in County Durham. If you have visited Stanhope you cannot have failed to spot an imposing structure situated about ½ km to the west of the market place, just off the A689 called Stanhope Old Hall. It is a large and imposing stone-built hall, an architecturally interesting house, which was much remodelled and added to in the Elizabethan or Jacobean periods and lately divided into two properties. At present the public part of the Old Hall, is a ten-bedroom hotel, in which tourists may enjoy the comfortable and welcoming accommodation that a medieval hall may offer. For the locals it is an excellent and popular restaurant and bar. The hall is impressive, massive and brooding, and yet strangely welcoming in atmosphere. The interior is as medieval in aspect as could be demanded by the most fervent of film directors: thick walls of local stone that are bare of any covering apart from metal shields replete with heraldic devices, weaponry, old paintings and large standards. With good food on offer, it is a perfect combination for a restaurant, and if the hall did not have a ghost in residence one would have had to be imported.

The hall was bought by the present owners sometime in 2000, as a restaurant and guesthouse business, but a visit by the author on the 17th of May 2001 revealed that within the last year they had witnessed the appearance of a gentle female apparition, the smell of perfume and a plethora of supporting phenomena to suggest that their building is truly haunted. Most of this has manifested in the area that must have once been the medieval hall. Today this is subsumed into the fabric of the larger and later house. Two main areas for the haunting were identified during interviewing, both described as being more concentrated in atmosphere than other parts of the hall; these are the private lounge and the entire top corridor. The top corridor, a part of the old attic that has been converted into accommodation, was commented upon by all interviewed as feeling creepy or spooky, and all admitted that they pass through this area quickly. On her first day at the hall, Alice (pseudonym) when standing outside at this part of the building, chanced to look up at the windows of the attic and saw, what she believed to be, a female face peering down at her.

The second area that has an atmosphere is the private lounge, beyond the restaurant/bar area to which the customers have access; this has been the focus for one particular activity. All attested that the temperature in this particular room has regularly been noticed to drop from about 10 pm onwards. Despite having a fire in the grate, thick curtains across the windows and the central heating on, Matt (pseudonym) has measured the temperature in the room with a thermometer and recorded a temperature drop from 20 to 16 degrees centigrade, although the temperature, he asserts, feels much colder.

From the private part of the hall there is a curious window opening into the restaurant/bar area. Matt (pseudonym), while looking through this opening from the corridor after the

hall had closed for business, saw a fleeting figure which he described as a young female aged about 19 or 20 who had long blonde hair which reached down to her waist. The only facet of her clothing that he could identify was a frilly neckline, later he agreed this was a ruff. This is an important clue for assigning a date to the apparition. Ruffs were in vogue for a limited period from Elizabeth 1 to James 1 and not much beyond. This young lady has been affectionately named by the present owners, as Elizabeth.

After one week in residence the smell of perfume in rooms and the upstairs corridors was noticed. Angela whilst in bed noticed this concentrated smell in the room around her, then again slightly later in the corridor outside. All have smelt this perfume at some time during their first year. It is described as intensely flowery and especially strong of freesia and lavender. The smell apparently moves about, getting stronger and weaker as though someone firstly walked towards and then walked away from the observer.

There has also been some low-level kinetic activity witnessed at the hall, the latest occurring a few days before my visit. On this occasion, whilst setting out the tables for a formal reception occurring later the same day, one of the side plates levitated itself off one table and smashed onto the floor nearby. The plate in question was not near the edge of the table at the time, neither was it near any of the people setting out, and so cannot have an accidental nudging or nearby vibration as the reason behind the witnessed action. Adding a bizarre twist to the account was the discovery that these particular side plates were not needed for the function later in the day and were removed by the staff soon after the kinetic event.

In the bar area adjoining the restaurant, a two-armed candlestick was witnessed launching off its customary place on the top of a speaker, itself on a tabletop close to the doorway. The atmosphere in the hall that day was tense, as a burglary had taken place and many items had been taken, and Alice (pseudonym) was particularly upset. The phenomena occurred as she was talking to the insurance agent in the area of the bar and both witnessed the candlestick violently launch off the speaker towards the door. The candles, separating from the candlestick in flight, went through the doorway and landed in the Prince Bishop room.

In one of the toilets a problem developed with the flushing mechanism, this was located behind a sealed panel and set into the wall and so a plumber was called out. Upon his inspection it was discovered that a pipe had been disconnected from its coupling, something which he asserted could not have happened by accident and he enquired as to who had been playing. Neither the staff nor customers at the hall could have been responsible for tampering with the pipe, it being sealed in the manner described above.

In addition, some disappearances of artefacts have occurred. These are often found later in impossible places; in the list of disappearances are tools, documents and lately the PIN code for a bank account, which had been temporarily left in the lounge area.

I am extremely grateful to Alice (pseudonym), Jacob (pseudonym) and Matt (pseudonym) for extending me their kindness, warm welcome and time during my visit, and I am sure that this is not the last time that the hall's ghosts will be heard about. If any readers know about other local hauntings, I would be pleased to receive communication either via ASSAP or you can email me directly at : Christopher@Huff1048.freeseve.co.uk.

From the Top of the Hill

Another piece from our overseas correspondent Greg Hill

Having lived in Thailand for nearly two years, the tsunami disaster over the festive period had a profound effect on me. Like most people, the shock and scale of the disaster only set in on me over time, as we all watched in collective horror the rising death toll, and drew a small amount of comfort from the kindness of the world's population as everyone bonded together to show support for the victims.

Just two months ago, I had met two fellow teachers working in Thailand, an English man and an English woman both in their early twenties. Both of them perished in the disaster. Though I had only met them briefly, it came as a real shock.

During a moment of solitude, mulling over the tragedy, a thought struck me...why had none of the world's thousands of psychics, seers, and astrologers predicted this? As with the tragic death of Princess Diana and the 9/11 attacks, none of these people who claim to see the future stepped forward and warned of what was to come. A disappointing show considering that many of these people earn an impressive salary plying their trade.

I took action and scanned for details of anyone who claimed foreknowledge of the attacks. I recalled that one famous psychic once appeared on TV predicting the assassination of president Kennedy; however it transpired that the entire show was a hoax, being recorded and aired after his killing.

So, after a scan of some local press it turns out that one famous Thai astrologer - with a long and traditional Thai name - claims he did predict the tsunami! What's more, he also claims to have predicted and warned of the 9/11 disaster and the Asian financial crisis of 1997! A very impressive - almost *too* impressive - track record. I read with interest as this magical man informed the local English language press of his mightily bold predictions

for 2005. Many of his prognostications were the typical astrologer's type that are either so vague as to be unverifiable or so general that they cannot fail to happen. For example: "There will be a major road accident" for February and "A leading public figure will become ill" in June. Such "predictions" are popular in this line of business because it would be far more stunning if such ambiguous and generic (albeit unpleasant) events did **not** occur.

But luckily, and unusually, our friend has made several forecasts that are at least partially verifiable. What's more, they are so shocking that the newspaper that printed them had to give a warning that the predictions were "made with hyperbole"! As soon as I read his prognostications I recalled James Randi's quote: "Astrologers prefer to predict disaster, it sells better".

Apparently in 2005 Thailand can look forward to:

A major earthquake in the north in mid-year.

A serious financial crisis in the latter half of the year.

A mid-year return of the bird flu outbreak that made world news last year.

Serious terrorist attacks in the south in mid-year.

Protests and revolts against labour unions in Bangkok early in the year.

Perhaps now would be a good time to return to England? Then again, perhaps not. I will wait to see if our astrologer's predictions come to reality. All too often, I've had to tolerate various excuses and attempts to twist utterly incorrect forecasts into a victory for folk of this ilk, but in this case I would welcome it. Let's hope - for the good of everyone over here on my side of the world - that my latest ASSAP project is indeed just "made with hyperbole".

All the best for 2005,

Greg Hill

Forthcoming Vigil

The Ancient Ram Inn*

Built in 1145 the Ancient Ram Inn at Wootton-under-Edge in Gloucestershire has a long history of reported paranormal phenomena and is a firm favourite with serious investigators and ghost-hunters alike. ASSAP has long had an interest in the Ancient Ram and a number of investigations have taken place there in the past, though none in recent years. So, time for a change!

ASSAP will be holding a weekend investigation at the Ram beginning on the evening of Friday April 15th and finishing on the morning of Sunday April 17th. This will allow us two uninterrupted nights monitoring some of the best-attested haunted locations in the country and the event is open to all ASSAP members.

The owner of the Ancient Ram Inn, John Humphries, is struggling to maintain the building and generally charges groups up to £50 per person per night to stay at the Inn; however, due to our long association with John he will be reducing this fee to £20 on this occasion.

If you would like to come along to this event please return the booking slip in this mailing. Note that as numbers are limited to 20 people per night places will be reserved on a strictly first-come first-served basis.

You can find further details about the Ram at http://cotswoldedge.org.uk/w-u-e/the_ram_inn.htm

Note that because of the rural location of the Ram we will not be able to offer transport to and from the venue so you will need to make your own arrangements. Please feel free to bring along any equipment you may wish to use on the night.

**Yes, the one on Most Haunted...*

Cross Correspondences?

Dear Ed,

In a recent ASSAP News SLiders were mentioned as a recently-documented phenomenon. There was in fact a film in the late 1950s or early 1960s called 'Bewitched', I believe starring James Stewart and Kim Novak, which featured a scene with Jack Lemmon where every time he walked past a street light it blinked out. Novak and Lemmon were supposed to be part of a family of witches (brother and sister). [Ed's Note: The film title was actually 'Bell, Book and Candle' and it was released in 1958. BB&C was actually the inspiration for the TV series 'Bewitched' starring Elizabeth Montgomery and Dick York.] Could it be that in the past anyone with electromagnetic abilities was considered a witch rather than just the traditional old woman with a cat?

As for the point about SLI being deliberately activated or occurring when someone is in a negative state of mind, are these both not cases of SLI being caused by directed energy? Perhaps happiness is dispersed energy (going nowhere in particular/doing nothing much) whereas anger is usually fired in a particular direction - like a brick thrown at a window as opposed to gentle sunlight: brutal and violent contact rather than a subtle effect.

Finally, a broken light is the same effect as SLI, mechanically both indicate a break in the supply of power to the light.

Tony Sandy

Not only, but also...

Dear Ed,

With regards to Steve Parsons's thoughts in the 'Just a Thought' column - what if water actually IS memory and not just a form of it?

Think of holograms and the way water droplets act in a similar way, as image-capturing units of objects laying behind them (insect eyes and multi-lens imaging too).

Then there is the way light goes through a prism and its connection to how the eyes see (liquid crystal and fibre-optic technology).

On top of this connection between solid (frozen) crystal forms and liquid (melted) forms, the lifecycle of water (condensation and evaporation or steam to rain) there's the connection of electricity to all of this: lightning and heat (radiation) destroying form - i.e. memory - as cooling down creates it (ice cool logic maybe?). The body is after all something like 87% water so you'd expect prismatic imprinting to be left behind in the form of ghosts. Perhaps emotional explosions of heat hit the surrounding area or cold spots are where fear froze something into place crystallised into form/images and remembered as thought through the process of electricity jumping across the brain's synaptic gaps to release energy (melt form) and illuminate ideas (visual images).

Tony Sandy

Two Pleas

This request for help from Marjorie Allworth

Life before Life

I am interested in collecting information on any paranormal experiences ASSAP members may have had related to any child or children they have carried? These can be either pre-birth or related to the birth itself or its immediate aftermath. This need not be restricted to women as it is just as possible that men may have had, for example, premonitions about their future children.

If anyone can help Marjorie please send your stories to assapnews@assap.org or the usual PO Box and I will make sure they are passed on. MW

And a groups enquiry

Martin Smith would like anyone who is a member of, or even knows about, a paranormal investigation group in the Bristol area to contact ASSAP News via the usual channels. If you are active in the Bristol area please let me know and I will pass your details on to Martin.

Spooky-Bay

Gerry Gorman kindly sent in this item seen on the Internet auction site eBay:



Current bid: £255.00
(Reserve not met)

Ended: 14-Oct-04 15:37:51

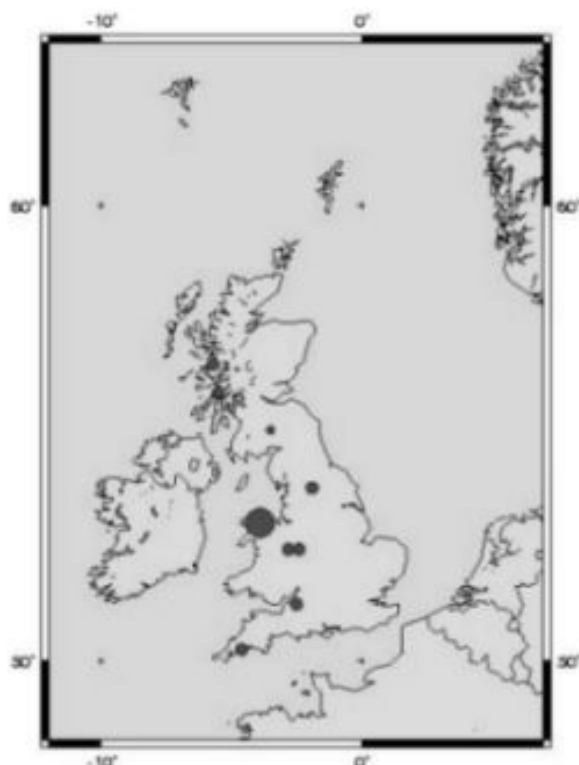
Start time: 04-Oct-04 15:37:51

History: 34 bids
(£4.99 starting bid)

Genuine Irish Ghost in a bottle approximately 8 ins high. Bottle is sealed by a page from the Bible and candle wax. It was found in a secret sealed compartment in a house just before it was demolished in 1982. Older locals knew the story of the house being haunted and a priest carrying out an exorcism many, many years ago but had no idea the spirit was sealed in a bottle which was then hidden in the secret compartment. The current owner is anxious that the bottle should be bought by someone who respects the power of the occult and who would look after it as he has done.

Photo and text courtesy of eBay site www.ebay.co.uk.

Recent UK Seismic Activity



Date	Lat	Long	Depth (Mi)	Mag	Location
2005/02/20	51.351	-2.457	14.3	1.5	BATH, AVON
2005/02/15	52.719	-2.801	11.8	1.4	SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE
2005/02/14	53.270	-3.860	5.4	3.3	COLWYN BAY, NORTH WALES
2005/02/14	50.345	-4.642	0.5	1.6	FOWEY, CORNWALL
2005/02/02	55.420	-3.458	2.4	0.9	MOFFAT, D & G
2005/01/30	54.135	-1.897	5.6	1.8	RIPON, N YORKS
2005/01/29	56.823	-5.723	4.2	1.6	MOIDART, HIGHLANDS
2005/01/25	56.192	-5.496	7.3	1.9	KILMELFORD, STRATHCLYDE
2005/01/24	52.680	-2.441	5.2	1.4	TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE

This data courtesy of the British Geological Survey
- more recent information is available from

<http://www.quakes.bgs.ac.uk/recbrit.html>

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Lunar Phases

March 2005:

Last Quarter 3rd
New Moon 10th
First Quarter 17th
Full Moon 25th

April 2005:

Last Quarter 2nd
New Moon 8th
First Quarter 16th
Full Moon 24th

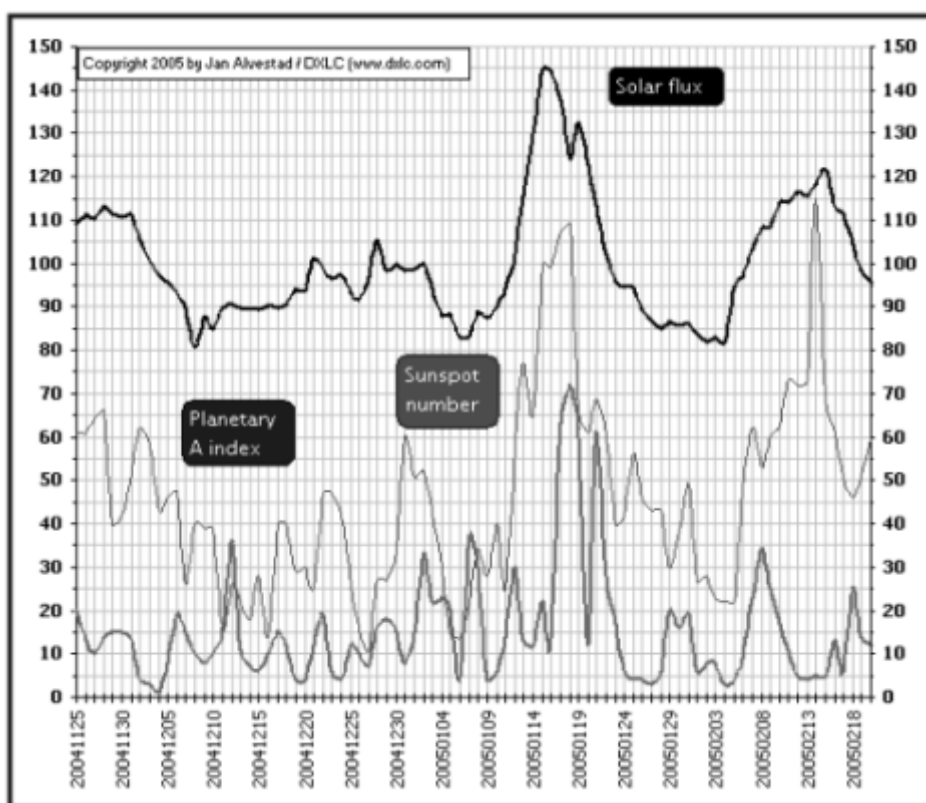
Astronomical Events

March 12th - Mercury will be a bright object in the western sky at sunset.

20th March - Vernal (Spring) equinox

21st-22nd April - Lyrid meteor shower.

Jupiter will be particularly bright throughout April.



What's On and Groups

If you would like your group or event listed here please contact us via the PO Box or send an email to assapnews@assap.org. Please send details in as early as possible as many notices are received too late to be included.

NB. It will help event organizers if you enclose an SAE when sending for extra details. ASSAP accepts no responsibility for late changes to venues, speakers, etc.

Alister Hardy Society (Chesterfield/Northern Group)

The group meets roughly once a month in Chesterfield, Derbyshire for informal discussions on all and any aspects of 'religious' experience. These aspects are often not explicitly religious, sometimes being labelled as 'spiritual', 'transcendental', 'psychic', etc. Past topics have included spirit communication via automatic writing and Near-Death Experiences.

If interested please contact Mike Rush on 07790 757955 or at mike@oddcity.fsnet.co.uk for further info and details of the next meeting.

London Earth Mysteries Circle (LEMC)

LEMC meets in the Meeting Room at the Diorama Centre, 34 Osnaburgh Street, London NW1, beginning at 7.00pm. Wheelchair access. Fees: £2 for members, £3 for non-members, concessions £2.50. Tubes: Great Portland Street, Regent's Park or Warren Street. LEMC address for all communications: Rob Stephenson, PO Box 1035, London, W2 6ZX. Or email at lemc@ic24.net, and visit the website at www.lemc.ic24.net/

CPSG (Chesterfield Psychic Study Group)

April 8th *UFOs over Derbyshire* - talk by Alan Webster of the Bonsall UFO Society

May 13th *Psychic Art and Clairvoyance* - demonstration by Peter Spillett

Chesterfield Psychic Study Group (CPSG) meets at the Community Centre, Tontine Road, Chesterfield. For further details, tel (01246) 221971 or visit www.cpsg.co.uk.

ParaScience

Meetings are held on the first working Monday of each month at Bebington Civic Centre on the Wirral, North-West England. Meeting commences 8.00pm. Further details from www.parascience.org.

BUFORA

All lectures are held in the 1st floor function suite of The Sols Arms public house, 65-68 Hampstead Road, Euston, London NW1 2PN - 3.00pm till 6.30pm. Tickets, which can be purchased at the door and include a mid-lecture buffet, are £5 for members, and £7 for all others.

Contact address: B.M. BUFORA, London WC1N 3XX.

www.bufora.org.uk

Ghost Club: All lectures take place at the Victory Services Club, 63/79 Seymour Street, London W2 2HF. This is at the southern end of Edgware Road and the nearest tube is Marble Arch - just 5-10 minutes' walk. Talks are free to Ghost Club members and £2.50 for non-members. The talks start at 7.00pm. Visit their website at www.ghostclub.org.uk for details of future events.

Parasearch is a Midlands ASSAP regional group covering Worcestershire, Shropshire, Warwickshire and the West Midlands. For more details visit: www.parasearch.org.uk, telephone 0121 550 8874 / 0776 1184837 or send an SAE to Parasearch, 15 Brier Mill Road, Halesowen, West Midlands, B63 3HA.

SPI (Strange Phenomena Investigations)

Meetings are held at The Sols Arms, 65-68 Hampstead Road, London, NW1 2PN at 3.30pm. Admission £6.50 for non-members.

For further details contact: Malcolm Robinson, 8 Hale Gardens, Ealing Common, London, England, W3 9SQ. Tel: 07949 178 835 or email spi_spi@hotmail.com or visit www.spiuk.net.

MARA (Merseyside Anomalies Research Association) meets monthly (usually last Friday of month) in the Ship & Mitre Function Room, 7.30pm onwards. The pub is in Liverpool city centre, at 133 Dale Street, near the Old Tunnel entrance. There's an admission charge of £2.50 to cover the cost. Contact MARA at 18a Parkfield Road, Aigburth, Liverpool, L17 8UJ. Email: tonyeccles@yahoo.com.

Or ring: Anthony Eccles on 0151 727 4057

TEMS is an ASSAP-affiliated social and research group for those living in the south-east, generally meeting in Hampton.

For details of membership or the current programme call Ann Hopkins on 0208 5449478 or Lionel Beer on 020 8979 3148 or write to TEMS, 115 Hollybush Lane, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12 2QY.

Mercia Forteana is a new group conducting investigations into Ghosts, Fortean Phenomena, Big Cats, Folklore, etc, in the Shropshire, Herefordshire & Mid Wales areas. Meetings to take place on the first Monday of the month. Details from Gareth Goodwin 07753 473028 or by email to gareth@goodwin5918.freemove.co.uk

SPR (Society for Psychical Research)

Details from SPR at: 49 Marloes Road, Kensington, London W8 6LA. Telephone & Fax: 020 7937 8984. www.spr.ac.uk

Essex UFO and Paranormal Research Group

For details contact Keith on 01255 426274

Dorset Earth Mysteries Group

All talks are in the Friends Meeting House, Wharnccliffe Road, Boscombe at 7.15pm. Entrance £3.00

Ghanon

Paranormal group covering The Wirral, Cheshire and North Wales.

Membership is by invitation - contact Kevin Griffiths-Boden (info@ghanon.co.uk) or see www.ghanon.co.uk

Anglia Paranormal Investigation Society (APIS)

APIS meetings are held twice monthly, on the first Wednesday in the month at Baldock Snooker Club in Baldock, Hertfordshire and on the last Thursday in the month at The Five Bells Pub in Cople village, Bedfordshire, both meetings start at 7.30pm. APIS offers both a spiritual and a scientific approach to the investigation of the paranormal. Every other month we have a guest speaker on a different aspect of the paranormal. Talk fees are £3.00 for non-members. For further details contact our Secretary: Carol Greenall email: apismail@ntlworld.com or telephone: 01462 490833

Midlands Ghost Research Society

The MGR is an ASSAP-affiliated group operating in the Coventry area. For details email info@tmgrs.co.uk or see www.tmgrs.co.uk.

APIS Seminar

Saturday 28th May

The Anglia (region) Paranormal Investigators' Seminar is an opportunity for like-minded groups and individuals to co-operate and to network in order to advance the cause of effective paranormal investigation. It will be held on May 28th, from 10am till 4pm, at the Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, in Biggleswade, Bedfordshire. Tickets cost £15 each and this includes food, drinks and parking. Morning guest speakers will include psychic detective Chris Robinson; the afternoon workshops, demonstrations and talks will feature the latest in ghost-hunting kit, remote viewing, dowsing etc.

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