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Anomalous Phenomena*



UFOs over Staffordshire?

Staffordshire group Paranormal Awakening held an outdoor investigation at the Castle Ring ancient monument in Cannock Wood on September 3rd and were more than a little surprised to be treated to some spectacular night-time activity in the skies above them. Multiple coloured objects,



flashing lights (often seeming to respond to the observers) and a healthy selection of EVP phenomena and ground-based apparitions seem to have added up to a fascinating evening!

"The lights were blue white; red and orange light traces were also viewed separately. These lights moved at speed away from a central start point and back nearly colliding and shooting outwards from the central point again and then they would reappear at distance...it's just like the lights were dancing," one witness reported.

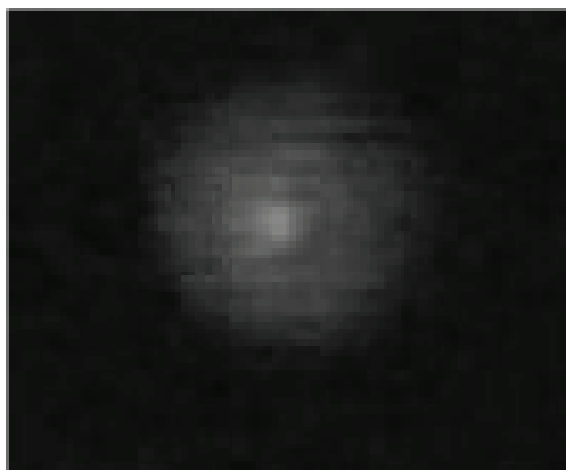
To make matters even more intriguing some members of the team also reported seeing a dark robed figure flitting through the woods, accompanied at times by a mysterious grey will-of-the-wisp light.

So, after such an event-packed evening have PA come to any conclusions or identifications of any of these phenomena? To quote lead investigator, Stefan Lobuczek:

"The group's results are stunning and have created more questions than we have answers. Five sky objects, apparitions, ground based light displays, EVP on video and audio recording devices - all unexplainable. Video and audio evidence clearly indicates the interaction of unseen forces responding to our actions. All this in just five hours' work from our dedicated team!"

Whether you agree or disagree with their conclusions you can read more about this investigation, and even watch a 20 minute video of some of the phenomena, at the group's website <http://www.paranormalawakening.com>.

Photos from video by S Lobuczek.



Editorial

Mike White

The Dream Doctor Advises...

Dear Dream Doctor,
I have a recurrent nightmare in which I find myself in ancient Babylon standing beside an enormous pyramid. One of the local peasants sets fire to the pyramid which then collapses trapping me underneath. Please help.
Nathaniel

Do not worry, your body is sending you a simple subliminal message: smoking ziggurats can seriously damage your health.

Dear Dream Doctor,
I have been having recurrent dreams about the periodic table - can you offer any explanation?
Watson

That is elementary, my dear Watson...

Hey Dream Doc,
Last night I dreamt I was a tepee, the night before I dreamt I was a wigwam. What's happening?
Alex

Simple my friend: you are two tents.

Dear Dream Doctor,
I have been having some horrible dreams recently featuring my digestive tract, intestines and so on and I am at my wit's end. Can you tell me what is going on?
Watson

That's alimentary, my dear Watson...

Dear Dream Doctor,
Why do I keep dreaming of a pack of cards?
Jocelyn

I'll deal with that later...

Dear Dream Doctor,
Sorry but now my dreams have switched to close-up views of citrus fruits growing in an orchard. What do you make of that then?
Watson

A lemon tree, my dear Watson?

OK Doctor Smarty-Pants,
I'm dreaming of my ideal man. His birthday is August 3rd and he is a member of the Conservative Party. How would you describe him in real life?
Watson

*A Leo man Tory, my dear Watson?**

Dear Dream Doctor,
I have recently discovered that my 25-year-old bottle of single malt Glen Hoddle has become cloudy. Is there anything I can do to return it to its proper state of clarity?

You have clearly misunderstood the nature of this column - I am passing your query on to the Dream Doctor.

*I am pleased to announce that this line has been nominated for the Perrier Most Contrived Pun of the Year Award, 2005.

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 founded 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

Over the years we've investigated a considerable number of Earth Mysteries (ASSAP's second research category): the alleged ground zodiac at Rennes-le-Château, for example, and the curious Venus-pentagon involving local landmarks there. The strangest local theory we came across in the Rennes area was the idea that the entire village was deliberately laid out in the form of a ship-of-the-dead – suggesting that someone highly significant had been buried there in the remote past.

Including tales of buried treasure in the Earth Mystery category takes us to Oak Island, Nova Scotia, where our on-site investigations with the fearless Dan Blankenship (redoubtable war hero and treasure hunter) left little room for doubt that *something* remarkable had been buried in the flooded labyrinth below the island prior to the re-discovery of the shaft in 1795.

From Oak Island to Robinson Crusoe's Island is a long way geographically, but a short haul in terms of a similar buried-treasure-type Earth Mystery. The real name of the island - 500 miles off the coast of Chile - is Mas-a-Tierra, and it's part of the Juan Fernandez, or San Juan, Archipelago, named after the Spanish explorer who discovered it in the 16th century. Alexander Selkirk - the real-life model for Robinson Crusoe in Daniel Defoe's famous story - survived there alone for four years until Captain Woodes Rogers rescued him in 1709.

The Earth Mystery concerning a vast treasure on Crusoe's Island began with the political uncertainties of the War of the Spanish Succession. General Echeverria commanded the Spanish Fleet stationed off Vera Cruz in 1715 and allegedly secretly deposited nearly 1000 bags of gold, silver and gems in a secret hiding place on Mas-a-Tierra. He drowned shortly afterwards along with most of his crew when the Spanish Plate Fleet came to grief on July 31st 1715 on the Florida reefs. Before this tragedy, however, Echeverria communicated the secret of the hidden treasure to none other than Admiral Lord Anson - part of the famous Anson family of Shugborough Hall, Staffordshire. Shugborough in turn is connected to the Rennes-le-Château treasure enigma by virtue of the mysterious Shepherd Monument in the Shugborough grounds, bearing the same controversial *et in Arcadia ego* code associated with the tomb of Arques near Rennes.

Admiral Anson sent Captain Cornelius Webb to retrieve the Echeverria treasure. After a threatened mutiny, however, Webb left his ship in an open boat – and set the ship alight, killing the mutineers! Before Webb could tell Anson what had gone wrong, the ad-

miral himself died.

The mystery deepens. The missing map and documents, said to have been sent from Webb to Anson in the 18th century, were reputedly recovered 200 years later. Treasure hunters descended on Crusoe's Island from all points of the compass. They are particularly active there today - like the proverbial bees around clover - following recent new disclosures about the missing treasure of Mas-a-Tierra.

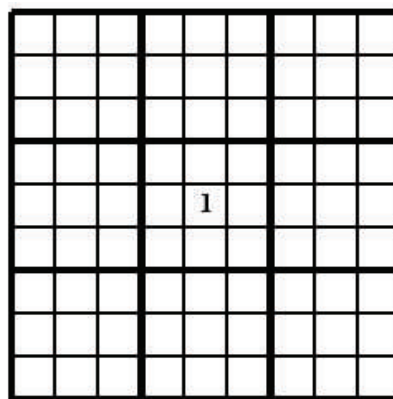


From our point of view, as students of the anomalous, the links connecting the Rennes mystery, the Oak Island mystery (one theory of the Oak Island treasure is that Templars from the Rennes area escaped there after 1307) and the Mas-a-Tierra mystery seem *more than coincidental*. One and the same lost treasure Earth Mystery seems to protrude awkwardly at all three places.

We would recommend a further look into the very latest developments of the Mas-a-Tierra riddle to all our ASSAP friends and colleagues.

Pres and Lady One

Sudoku (Well, everyone else has them...)



Difficulty:
Easy

(For the average ASSAP member anyway)

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7	4	6	9	3	5	1	8	2
8	9	5	7	2	1	3	6	4
1	2	3	8	6	4	9	7	5

Think 'Most Haunted' is the best documentary on TV? This Sudoku is for you...

Hey, I think I can work this one out myself!

Cross Correspondences?

We would like to congratulate Steve Parsons of ParaScience for raising some interesting and valid issues in issue 107 of ASSAP News. Like Steve, we also feel a certain amount of frustration at the way our subject is going.

Next year (2006) will be the 20th anniversary of Parasearch, of which we are proud to be Chairman and Secretary. Like Steve and his excellent group ParaScience, we too have seen the subject change virtually beyond recognition over the years. In the geographical area we cover, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands, we too have seen a proliferation of new groups over the years. When Parasearch was founded 20 years ago, there were no other groups in the region. Now we have trouble keeping track of them all! Unfortunately, controversially we are afraid, this situation has not been helped by ASSAP policy towards groups. Some of these new groups which have sprung up in recent years are ASSAP affiliated, despite an ASSAP group already existing in the area. We have been questioning for some time now ASSAP policy on directing new/existing members towards already established groups rather than starting up new ones. As we are sure Steve would agree, running a group is difficult enough without having to compete for cases/vigil venues with other ASSAP groups only a few miles away! This is not to say that we are against new groups, far from it indeed. We are always keen to work with other groups in the true spirit of co-operation, and do so with quite a few. But as Steve points out, with venues now realising that they can charge for vigils, new groups eager to spend a night in a 'haunted house' are only too willing to pay for the experience. This only causes problems for the rest of us. We have lost count of the number of emails we get from other groups around the country who are having a vigil at a venue featured on a certain 'Haunted' TV programme. The venue is charging them £300 and they need as many groups as possible to go to spread the cost! The knock-on effect of this is that groups are now travelling further afield to do 'free' vigils in venues already being investigated by other groups! New groups are turning vigils not into scientific observations but paranormal tourism! Picture the scene if you will - gone is the "We got some interesting EM/infra-sound readings at the Museum" to be replaced by "Here's a picture of me and Darren at the museum. You can see the orbs on the right", or "This one is of Karen at the castle, if you look closely you can see three orbs by the window. This one is of ..." well, you get the picture.

But ASSAP is not wholly to blame. With new groups having access to relatively cheap technical equipment via shops and the internet, it is now easier than ever for anyone to set up a group, buy some technical looking kit and rush off to do a vigil at their local haunted

pub. Steve is also correct when he says that most of these groups' experience at applying a scientific approach to the subject is based on them owning a basic EMF meter they bought cheap off the internet! A scientific approach is much more than equipment with a few flashing lights on it! In Parasearch we have always striven towards the scientific approach and we are fortunate in having a membership who are professional scientists, psychologists and photographers.

What we should be doing is providing a solid base for new groups to start from. How can we ever expect this subject to be taken seriously when a group is formed by someone who has just joined a national organisation, done a basic training course, bought an EMF meter (and dodgy doctorate!) off the internet and proceeds to run round every haunted venue feeling the 'vibes' and photographing airborne dust (sorry, orbs!)?

We are sure that there are people out there who won't agree with us. That's fine. All we are saying is that for our subject to be given the serious attention it deserves, new groups must first gain a solid, practical grounding in the subject. Unfortunately with so many new internet based 'national groups' out there and the proliferation of appalling TV programmes (you know the ones we mean!) it is all too easy for the enthusiasm of new groups to be misdirected.

Steve Parsons also raised the very valid point about the role of children in reporting the paranormal. Like Steve, we too have very serious doubts about cases that involve children. In fact in Parasearch we have a policy of not getting involved in cases where the sole witness is a small child. This has not always been the case. A few years ago we were setting up equipment outside a child's bedroom when we found ourselves thinking, "What the hell are we doing?" It only takes one false accusation... In cases where a child is involved we insist on a parent/guardian being present. A few years ago we investigated an alleged haunting in Worcester. As a small child was involved we insisted that a council official also be present as the council had initially contacted us. In this respect it should be ASSAP policy to treat with extreme caution cases received by the NIC that involve children, and advise AIs accordingly.

Steve finishes off his perceptive article with a suggestion that a regulatory body should be set up. In principle this is a great idea, but we fear for the practical application of it. You only have to look at back issues of ASSAP News to see the difficulties experienced by past NICs in keeping tabs on AIs to see what problems regulation would hold. To illustrate this point, in Parasearch we have several ASSAP members and AIs. None of them has any idea how to contact the NIC in an emergency should a case arise. Nowhere in ASSAP News or Anomaly are contact details given. It's as if ASSAP doesn't want any new cases reported to them! Even email addresses are not the full answer. A few years ago for example we became involved in the Belgrave Hall Museum case. During a lunchbreak at work Carolyn saw a BBC news article on the Mu-

seum and was able to contact the curator before the news item had even finished. This quick response secured the case for ASSAP. Within half an hour we had contacted the then NIC Mike Lewis and the case was put into the very capable hands of ASSAP Al Terry Hewitt. We are afraid that if another Belgrave Hall happens again (and it will!), ASSAP won't be involved because we can't contact anyone. We have been saying this to various ASSAP committee members for years - but all to no avail!

Unfortunately we have created a monster that we can no longer control. New groups are encouraged to start up (despite a long term ASSAP group already being in the area), and are then not monitored and contacted. When new cases arise no one can contact the NIC (or anyone else in ASSAP for that matter!) for advice. This means that groups are left to their own devices, often resulting in cases being lost for ASSAP. All of this has unfortunately created a subject where particles of dust (orbs), dodgy digital pictures and poor objective reasoning are now the norm.

David Taylor
Chairman, Parasearch

Carolyn Adey
Secretary, Parasearch

As Editor I have to take an impartial view of any correspondence coming in to AN but, as Chairman, I feel I ought to respond directly to at least two of David and Carolyn's points.

With respect to groups it has always been ASSAP policy to steer individual members towards established groups, always assuming that there is one in the area of course, and this remains the case. However, the trend in recent years has been for members of existing, non-ASSAP, groups to approach us as potential members. From the point of view of other groups in the area this may not be ideal - David and Carolyn point out the problems arising from too many investigators chasing too few cases - but there really is no practical alternative. An attitude of 'you have joined ASSAP now leave your own group and join another' is neither welcoming nor desirable since most members presumably enjoy pursuing their interests in the company of their existing friends (each of whom can also be considered a potential member!). This is not to say that inter-group co-operation does not happen; I know of a number of groups who have shared larger investigations recently, and the crossover of ideas, techniques and (dare I say it) members can only benefit the field.

ASSAP was originally established as an educational charity and I personally see a large part of that remit as working towards an increased professionalisation within the field, an objective which necessitates working with both existing and emerging local groups. ASSAP has a number of affiliated local groups: few are 20 years old but all use similar methods, work to high standards and produce interesting results and reports.

And both Groups Officer, Wendy Milner, and I would strongly recommend joining an existing group to any member who hasn't yet done so. Of course, if there isn't one in your area you could always start one...

David and Carolyn's second point about 24 hour availability is however well taken and impossible to refute. The problems have arisen from the relatively high turnover in the NIC team recently which has prevented this being implemented. However, with the new and dynamic pairing of Bill Eyre and Dylan Jones in the NIC area ensuring some longer term stability (and, to be fair, stung by the criticisms above!) we will be introducing an 0870 'hotline' number for both AIs and the general public within the next few weeks. This issue will almost certainly have gone to press before the arrangements are finalised but see the next ASSAP News for full details. As for AIs not being able to contact the NIC I will just note that full contact details for both Bill and Dylan are published regularly in the AI Newsletter.

Mike White

Website Update

Those of you who have visited the website recently may have noticed that we have, at last, a new online ASSAP discussion forum. Hopefully this will become a place for the exchange of news and ideas as well as a way of keeping in touch with other members socially. Additionally of course the forum is another way for us to pick up new cases.

The forum is currently looking a little sparse at present as it is only being used by those intrepid pioneers who have stumbled accidentally across it but I hope that, in time at least, it will become an indispensable port of call for news, research enquiries and just plain chat. Please find time to visit us and register today: just follow the *Forum* link from the main website.

You might like to advertise forthcoming events on the Events thread as well as the back of ASSAP News too.

The Members Area of the website now has a growing collection of back issues of both ASSAP News and Anomaly. Eventually I hope to create a complete back catalogue of ASSAP publications. More material is added as fast as scanning and converting allows. Currently the on-line issues are only available as pdf files; in the longer term these will be converted to a text-readable format to allow for easier searching.

You can access the Members Area using the username *assapmember* and the password *haunted*. Both the username and the password will be changed occasionally so if you ever find yourself unable to log in just check the last issue of ASSAP News for the latest details.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE MEDIA

- **Cherill Penton**

My local group (Paranormal Awakening) have been undertaking an investigation into the village where I live and some weeks ago a local paper started to run a 'series' on the village, so I contacted the author (who incidentally, lives in the village as I do) and was pleasantly surprised to find him a lovely gentleman who seemed genuinely interested in what our group is doing. We talked for quite a while and I made it very clear, in best easy-to-understand terminology, (or so I thought) what we were about. Yesterday the 'article' was published and I nearly fell on the floor with laughter.

In light of this, I have decided to share with you all a "what I said" and "what the paper said" article for you to enjoy and compare. Spot the similarities!

I said:

We are a group of people called Paranormal Awakening (www.paranormalawakening.com) who investigate any claims of paranormal phenomena. We are ASSAP affiliated and I am an ASSAP Accredited Investigator. A direct link to ASSAP's website can be found from our group's homepage. In this case we set out to disprove the folklore concerning the mill, but it looks as though we may have actually proved it - well almost!

The paper said:

We are a team of Ghostbusters, members of ASAP (yes one S!) the Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena, whose website can be found at www.paranormalawakening.com. We try to disprove claims of the paranormal.

I said:

Castle Ring is supposed to be a place where ley-lines cross or meet and this may be why the village is so active on the whole.

The paper said:

The village is split by ley-lines making it a prime place for spooky goings on.

I said:

Using some very sensitive sound equipment which we can use for high and low frequencies, we managed to capture the sound of a windmill and an anomalous voice in the ruin of the windmill.

The paper said:

Using special electronic voice phenomena recorders and special night vision cameras they have found some remarkable discoveries. (To be fair, it did say though, that we captured the sound of a voice and a

working mill!)

I said:

We hired the village hall as a base for the night-time investigation and caught some light anomalies in there, together with some extreme temperature fluctuations.

The paper said:

Camped overnight in the village hall the team recorded extreme temperature fluctuations and erratic lights.

I said:

Our next step is to investigate Castle Ring to see why 'the people in white robes' frequent it. (We are not sure who these people are), and later to investigate Nunswell.

The paper said:

There are plans to investigate the men in white robes on Castle Ring ancient monument and Nunswell park, which is a disused quarry and the site of an old abbey!

So - there it is for all to see. I hope you enjoyed comparing the two versions. Let this be a warning to us all:

BEWARE THE PRESS!

Ghost Writing

The quote from last time came from German dramatist and poet, Karl von Holtei.

Here's something different; who (or what) in a song was looking for:

'...a place called Lee Ho Fook's
Going to get a big dish of beef chow mein.'

Answer next time.

'The satisfaction in knowing the answer is all the prize I request or require...'

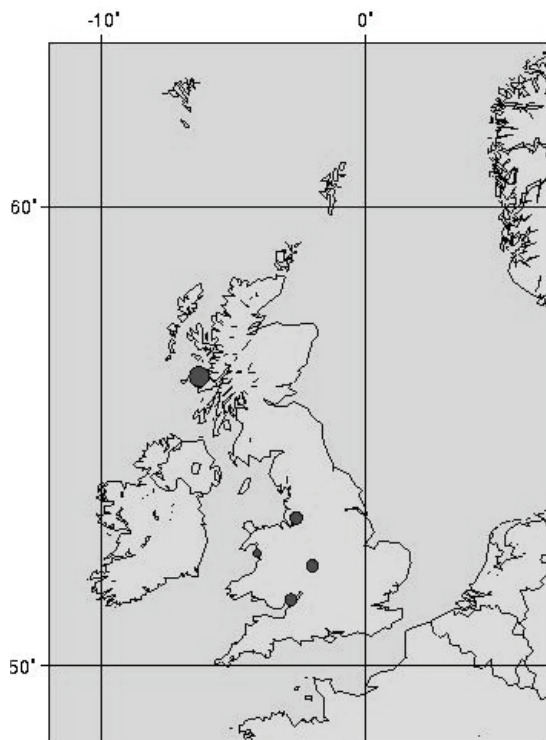
Write for ASSAP News

Have you recently held an event you would like to share with the membership at large? Does something irritate you beyond belief? Do you have a pet theory you would like to expound? Guess what: ASSAP News would like to hear from you. Any and all contributions gratefully received - assap-news@assap.org or the usual PO Box address. You can pretty much choose your format because I'm that kind of guy...

Incidentally, since *Fortean Times* picked up on the Spooky-Bay idea (See FT September 2005) I think the column has run its course. Another first for ASSAP News!

The Reference Spot

Recent UK Seismic Activity



Date	Lat	Long	Depth	Mag	Locality
11/10/2005	52.718	-4.097	9.3	0.6	Barmouth, Gwynedd
8/10/2005	52.434	-1.991	10.3	1.7	Birmingham
4/10/2005	51.633	-2.829	19.7	1.6	Newport
25/9/2005	53.544	-2.571	9	1.4	Wigan
17/9/2005	56.582	-6.275	5	1.6	Isle of Mull
17/9/2005	56.574	-6.302	5	2.1	Isle of Mull

This data courtesy of the British Geological Survey - more recent information is available from <http://www.quakes.bgs.ac.uk/recbrit.html>

Solar Terrestrial Activity Index

Lunar Phases

November 2005:

New Moon	2nd
First Quarter	9th
Full Moon	16th
Last Quarter	23rd

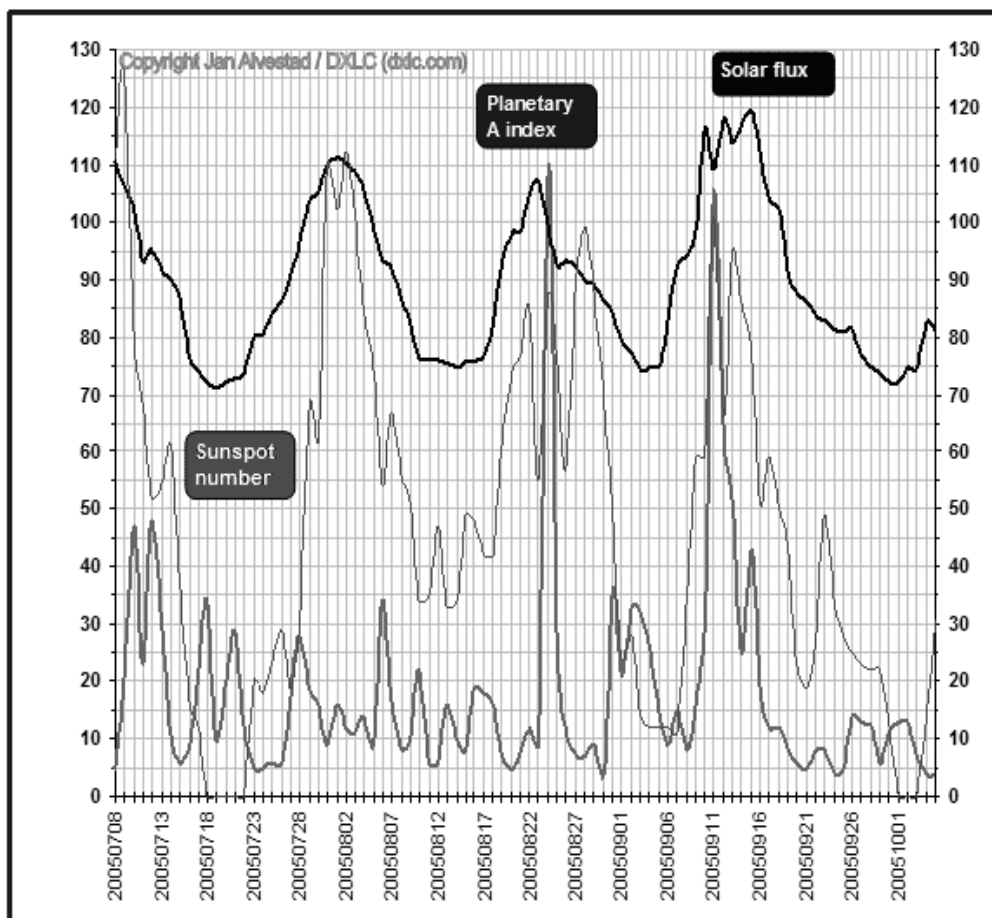
December 2005:

New Moon	1st
First Quarter	8th
Full Moon	15th
Last Quarter	23rd
New Moon	31st

Astronomical Events

The Moon will pass 1.4° south of Mars on Nov 5th and 1.3° north of Mars on Dec 11th.

Nov 17th heralds the start of the Leonid meteor shower (probably the best of the year). On Dec 14th the Geminid meteor shower arrives followed by the Ursids on Dec 22nd.



What's On and Groups

Have we missed you out? Are your details wrong? Send your groups and events details to

assapnews@assap.org today...

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. 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)

December 9th Christmas buffet with psychic readings

January 13th Speaker tba.

Chesterfield Psychic Study Group (CPSG) meets at 7.15pm in the Community Centre, Tontine Road, Chesterfield. For further details, tel (01246) 413217 or visit www.cpsg.co.uk.

Para.Science

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 Salutation at Blunham on the last Thursday of the month. Full details at 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. 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)

November 26th Jenny Smedley & Jewelle St James: 'Synchronistic Past Lives' (Combined Lecture).

December 17th Christmas Party.

Meetings are held at The Tournament, 344-346 Old Brompton Road, London SW5 9JU at 3.00pm. Admission £7.00 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. Admission charge £2.50. Contact MARA at 18a Parkfield Road, Aigburth, Liverpool, L17 8UJ.

Contact tonyeccles@yahoo.com or 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 write to TEMS, 115 Hollybush Lane, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12 2QY.

<http://www.temsgroup.org.uk>

Nov 27th Rick Kingsley: 'Past Life Regression'

Mercia Fortean is a 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 on 07947 126055 or garethgdwn@supanet.com.

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, Wharncliffe Road, Boscombe at 7.15pm. Entrance £3.00

Ghanon

Paranormal group covering 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. 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.

Paranormal Awakening

PA is an ASSAP-affiliated group operating in the Midlands area. For details contact Stefan Lobuczek on 0121 353 7622 (admin@navigatortm.com) or Cherill Penton 01543 685913 (susan.penton1@btinternet.com) or see www.paranormalawakening.com

Melton Paranormal Research Society

MPRS is a new ASSAP-affiliated group based in Leicestershire dedicated to all aspects and research of the paranormal. We are genuine people who conduct all night investigations at reported haunted locations throughout the UK, and meet once a month for group discussions. For more information including membership and website access please contact Christine Hankey on tel: 01664 569125 or email Caroline Pick on caroline1mprs@aol.com

GHOSTS OF THE GUNPOWDER PLOT

To mark the 400th anniversary of the plot, Parasearch members Anne Bradford and David Taylor will examine reports of ghosts associated with the plot in an evening lecture illustrated with slides.

Tuesday 8th November 2005 - 7.30pm

Droitwich Parish Hall, Droitwich, Worcestershire.

Tickets: £4.00. Refreshments and books available.

Training Day

At time of going to press there were still a few places available for Training Day (November 19th Margam Castle, S. Wales). If you hurry you still have time to download a booking form from the website. See <http://www.assap.org/td.html> for full details.