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ASSAP SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN NEED

- A Report by Caroline Searley

Something a little different from the norm this time. Several of ASSAP's members, Carrie Searley, Steve Hall & Lionel Fanthorpe were contacted by a large production company asking if they would take part in a BBC 3 show called Celebrity Scissorhands in which nine celebrities take a crash course in hairdressing in order to find out who is a cut above the rest. You may have seen it... At the end of 2 weeks of being let loose on the public, the trainee celeb's had the task of tackling A-list guests' make-up & hair on the 17th of November for BBC Children In Need Appeal night.

Instructions were eventually given to Carrie, Steve & Lionel to attend the BBC Television Center on Thursday 9th of November. After viewing several earlier programs on

BBC 3 Carrie's thoughts were, *"I'd rather been locked up in a dark, damp haunted room riddled with spiders & frogs than let any of them loose on my hair!"* Steve had his hair cut 5 days previous to attending the salon & there was nothing they could do to Lionel's hair, apart from extensions!

The producer informed the trio that he wanted to run a 'Psychic day' and was inviting the usual crowd of mediums, clairvoyants & people who claimed to have been abducted by UFO's, onto the program. Carrie was specifically asked to bring her collection of equipment to the salon in order to *'see if it was haunted.'* All those studio lights & cameras would have sent the EMF meters buzzing, perfect for a studio ghost! Afterwards they would be

having a general talk about what roles they played in ASSAP & would all be interviewed by Alex Zane. By now the gang were getting a clearer picture of the type of day that they were facing.

Eventually, after 6 schedule changes & general faffing about by the researcher/co-producer, they arrived at the BBC Centre. It was only

then that after carting very expensive equip-

ment around London that Carrie was told that they were not allowing the paranormal equipment into the salon. Stunned & rather perplexed as to why this was, she was not given a reason nor an apology. But what do you expect – that's the world of TV for you.

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Lionel and Patricia Fanthorpe, Carrie Searley and Steve Hall

Editorial

Mike White

A Day in the Life of an Ex-Chairman

Following a mammoth week-long binge to celebrate the end of my term as Chairman and my imminent return to the ASSAP editorial villa on Sorrento I wake to find myself in a gutter. However, as Oscar Wilde once said, I am looking up at the stars. Sadly, in this particular instance the stars in question are entirely within my head and have been caused by one of new Chairman Dave's henchmen who has woken me using the time-honoured medical technique of boot-to-mouth resuscitation. Taking this as a gentle summons I look around, pause to gather my wits and my teeth, and step into the waiting Zil limousine.

As expected, Dave has abandoned my old volcanic base and moved - to a rather scenic mountain-top retreat in fact. Although somewhat surprised (I had him down as an underwater base man myself) I am however pleased to see that he has maintained the traditional abuse of his position and decorated the interior extravagantly. The walls are covered with so many Dutch masters I worry about Vermeer's disease and there are so many brightly coloured Venetian Renaissance paintings I may need an optician. (Sorry, that looks like two artist puns in quick succession. Although I have nothing to lose it is a bit of a low trick. Actually, while I'm on the subject of artists, I ought to admit that before signing my life away to ASSAP I did apply for membership of the Royal Academy. I often wonder how things might have been different if they hadn't given me the brush off. Anyway, back to the plot - after all it is a bit of a page turner...)

I am ushered into the august presence of the new Number One and forcibly seated. Dave smiles evilly and gestures in my direction.

'Would like one of these to smoke?' he asks.

'No thanks', I reply.

'How about this?'.

'No thank you'.

'Look', he snaps, 'we have to put the electrodes somewhere'...

He turns towards his two bodyguards. Naturally I recognise them both as I inherited them myself when I assumed the Chairmanship. The leather-clad Ann is looking as lovely as ever but for some reason George has taken to conspicuously carrying boxing gloves; an attempt to look more threatening I suppose. 'Mohammed Dali?' I enquire.

'Will you stop with the art jokes!' says Ann.

'Not for Louvre nor Monet' I respond. In his Ruysch to silence me George stubs his toe and falls to the floor in a classically comedic moment. I smile quietly: sometimes it pays to be Lippi to the staff.

Dave decides to restore order. 'OK', he says, 'let's skip the preliminaries. Where have you hidden the aquatic mammal? You know, the one that claps its flippers.'

I smile quietly; suddenly the reason for my summons becomes clear. 'Dave,' I say, 'you should just have asked. Of course you can have my seal of approval.'

At this point, in a manner beloved of B-movies and cheap TV dramas, the scene starts to sway and fade, finally breaking up into jagged lines and I find myself back in the gutter. Ah, the sweet joy of alcohol-induced delirium. I can hardly contain my pleasure as I realise how my befuddled brain has been creating internal monologues from my subconscious fears. It was all a dream after all! I attempt to rise but find stars encircling my head. My teeth hurt. A booted foot comes into sight for a second awakening blow. Oh well, here we go 'gain...

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Nice to see some returning names but a quick thanks to the departing Caroline Pick for all her excellent work on members' events last year.

NOTE: ASSAP has no corporate views. Opinions expressed in ASSAP News are those of the authors and individual members concerned.

Post Training Day Vigil

Since running a training vigil immediately after a full day of training tended to be hard work both for the attendees and those (nominally) in charge we decided to postpone this until a later date this year and I am pleased to be able to announce that the event has now been arranged for **Saturday March 3rd** and will be held at **Bisham Abbey**, near Marlow, Bucks.

This is a fantastic location, a pre-reformation Abbey set within a modern sports complex with a rich history and folklore and, as those ASSAP members who were there last year will happily confirm, a really atmospheric location for an investigation.

The 'evening' will actually kick off at 4.30 and will include some hands-on training including interviewing witnesses, surveying a building and planning an investigation. Trainees will then be able to carry out their investigation of the Abbey. Priority will be given to those who were at Training Day (remember attending a supervised investigation is part of the AI accreditation process) and then to ASSAP AIs, but other ASSAP members will be welcome subject to spaces being available. If you would like to attend please email events@assap.org before the end of January 2007 or write to the usual PO Box address.

The cost will be £20 per person and further details and a booking form can be found in the members area of the website. Note: booking is essential.

More info on Bisham can be found at:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bisham_Abbey.

2006 With the Fanthorpes

The New Year started with "Good Morning Wales"
 As news reviewer for the papers' tales.
 BBC Kent, I'm always glad to say,
 Invite me back to do "Thought for the Day".
 As guests of Steph and Moz - a Hilton meal -
 Occasion filled with appetite appeal!
 Rock Wedding next - Virgin's in Oxford Street -
 And pop-star doubles made the show complete.
 Then Blenheim Palace for GMTV
 Valentine's Day romance for all to see -
 Blessed fifty couples, as their vows renew,
 Cameras enabling all their smiles to view.
 Fiona, Zac and Katie next we met
 In Monmouth where my lecturing was set
 To good old friends at Haberdashers' School
 Where highest standards are the general rule.
 Another interview "Real Radio" -
 I'm happy adding comments to their show.
 And then a phone-in show with USA
 The only problem is night versus day!
 Filming in Newport next - character part -
 We hope to do some more - that's just the start.
 Mensa at Malvern - always good to go -
 Added the Game of Ur to their great show.
 Then broadcast on "Five Live" - "Talk Radio" too -
 Broadcasting is a thing I love to do.
 At Easter Radio Kent - "Thought for the Day"
 And "Radio Two" : they let me have my say!
 TV in Hampstead - that was fun as well -
 I keep on finding some new tales to tell.
 To Halton then near Liverpool we rode -
 Lectured for MARA on "Da Vinci Code"
 For Mark and Janette and our other friends -
 We hope our link with Halton never ends.
 And all the time, we're teaching constantly -
 Both private students and Academy.
 For Anders - educational consultation -
 School plans for his Tomorrow's Generation.
 Somehow we fitted in some more TV
 To help producer friend, Mark Donnelly.
 A day in London - Nostradamus work -
 Twenty odd shows - professionals never shirk!
 Discovery Channel: life is not sedentary -
 Appeared in "Nostradamus" documentary.
 Down next to Cornwall for King Arthur dinner -
 The company's great - but we're not getting thinner!
 Then next we did the Lou Gentile* show
 On radio USA - how time does go!
 (*There is a footnote here; though small and silly
 He sounds that final e - so it's Gentile!
 Without that final e my rhythm's lost -
 And it must be preserved at any cost!
 For rhythm makes a poem so much sweeter -
 And I try hard to regulate the meter!)

On June the 10th the three of us were heading
 To Michaelstone-y-Fedw for a wedding:
 Elizabeth and Ryan celebrated --
 A massive gift to Jumbo they donated.
 Radio Scotland next - a phone-in show -
 The studio there is rather far to go!
 Jumbo came down to help at Tractor Rally -
 The friends who gathered there were very pally.
 They broke the record - good for all to hear:

More tractors than the number of the year!
 Pauline and Mick tended the Jumbo stall
 And did a first class job to help us all.
 I took my bike there - journey wasn't far--
 Jane and Patricia, Steph and Moz in car!
 Then in July we went to work in Rome -
 Wanted to bring the Coliseum home!
 Studied Pompeii and in the catacombs -
 Sombre array of interesting tombs.
 Next show in USA was "Coast to Coast"
 George Noory is a really brilliant host.
 Steph and Patricia walked by Offa's Dyke -
 (Walking's a sport that Bullfrogs do not like!)
 Radio Wiltshire next - we never slack -
 I did a broadcast there on Spring-Heeled Jack.
 Stayed with Dave Everson - and John his friend -
 In Croydon spent a very good weekend.
 Fiona, Iain, Zac and Katie too -
 In Gloucester next we came to stay with you.
 Good friend Bob Snow and Angela we saw
 We wish our time with them could have been more.
 Discworld Convention - absolutely great -
 Superb the stories Terry can relate.
 A privilege for me to lecture there -
 With Meg and Tim - some lovely days to share.
 With Moz and Steph by Offa's Dyke we strode.
 (The Frog prefers two wheels and a fast road!)
 I hopped along - despite my webs' defiance!
 In Norwich next: the Festival of Science -
 I lectured there - complete with a prediction -
 "The Debt that Science Owes to Science Fiction."
 Saw good friend Peter Tyres while we were there
 And stayed with Babs and Theo - who took care
 Of us with lavish hospitality -
 And other members of the family.
 Saw John and Barbara - very pleasant stay --
 Then home to Cardiff - which is quite a way!
 To Snibston Park this year - the Jumbo Run -
 We do our best to give the children fun,
 The Jumbo Run's a wonderful event -
 I'm very honoured to be President.
 Patricia, Steph and Moz walked Sugar Loaf.
 (Frog stayed at home and worked - the lazy oaf!)
 Lectured at Worcester University
 For ASSAP's splendid quarter century.
 Superbly organised - our thanks to those
 Who made it run so well from start to close.
 Gave workshops next on National Poetry Day
 To Valley Schools it's hard to find the way!
 Then filming down in London - soon you'll see
 "Container" - an amazing DVD --
 From Metrodome - I'm in the Documentary.
 Among the credits you will find my entry!
 Researching our new book "Time and its Mystery"
 Went to Versailles to check up on the history
 Of Miss Jourdain, and friend, Miss Moberly,
 Who saw the past return mysteriously.
 With that research completed we return:
 Send manuscript and pictures to Dundurn.
 Our warmest thanks to Stan for kind help here -
 Great "Introduction" and proof-reading clear.
 Lectured in Croydon at the big "Witchfest" -
 Then meal with John and Dave, who cooks with zest!
 Next lecturing in Rome - and workshop too -
 For Kerberos Research, we're glad to do.
 So that's the saga done for this full year.
 We wish you New Year happiness and cheer.
 We send our warmest wishes, once again,
 Patricia, Lionel and his sister Jane.

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Lionel was the first to go in whilst the lovely Patricia waited in the wings. The celebs who were attending to guests took one look at Lionel's canon-ball skull and probably wondered if he'd forgotten to remove his crash helmet. He was then asked if a pedicure was OK as he had nothing they could work on at the top end! He said that would be fine, as long as he could recommend a George Cross Gallantry Medal for whoever took his boots off and inspected a set of ten more or less intact toes -- well as intact as you'd expect after years as a Martial Arts instructor! The very brave ex-Dynasty star Emma Samms then popped them into pleasantly warm water, dried them, filed them, rubbed in some unction, balm, or whatever, and painted the toenails with shiny stuff. Beautiful ladies' lacquered nails go exquisitely below an evening gown -- luckily for the world, Lionel's feet disappeared back into his biker boots. He states that they 'still shine a little, so the lacquer must have been quality stuff'. Maybe a coat or two of it on his big 1500 twin would provide good winter protection...

Carrie then went in – minus her equipment - & was having a haircut with 'The Apprentice' winner Michelle Dewberry – hardly a celeb I hear you cry! Nevertheless Carrie asked for a simple haircut which is what she fortunately got. Michelle quizzed Carrie on her role as 'a ghostbuster' & asked 'So Carrie, how would you convince me that ghosts actually exist?' Carrie retorted by saying, "Firstly my equipment consortium does not consist of a proton pack & PK machine & I cannot convince anyone that the Stay Puff Marshmallow man actually exists!" Michelle apprehensively replies, 'Ah, so you don't like being referred to as Ghostbusters then?' She got it in one! Carrie then made clear that she & her colleagues could only report their versions of events and experiences gained upon vigils & it would be then upto the listener to formulate their own outlook or belief on the matter. Our investigators are here to present the facts in a scientific & logical manner, not merely to convince a person that a paranormal universe exists. Just because there is a sudden drop or fluctuation in temperature or the EMF meter rocks off the scale we cannot simply associate this with paranormal activity. We make a note of it & make an attempt to provide a coherent rationalization. Sometimes we just cannot do this & it becomes one of 'life's great unidentified occurrences.'

Steve was the last to cross the threshold of 'the salon' to have an hour of tranquil massage with Janet Ginnings - a fully qualified beauty therapist to the stars. He chatted away about his paranormal encounters and stunned Janet when he told her that whilst on a vigil his pen mysteriously flew out of his hand when he was trying to make notes. Unfortunately for Steve he was asked by Janet to turn around on the beauty couch, which he did, the wrong way & gave watchers of the live show considerably more than they had bargained for! Needless to say Steve left the salon relaxed & stress free, more than could be said for poor Janet! The drive back home was far from stress free; the usual London rush hour traffic was a challenge.

The actual program was aired the following night on the 10th of November. Lionel was portrayed as a biking Reverend, Carrie's arm & head made into shot a few times but sadly Steve was nowhere to be seen. No mention of ASSAP, no interviews, what was the point? The trio were invited onto the charity show represent ASSAP & to help Children In Need. In all honestly the money spent on petrol, food & train tickets should have gone directly to this fund raising project as opposed to wasting it on this whole silly episode.

If they simply wanted 'extra's they should have predetermined this. There's a lesson to be learnt here to any of you who are approached by TV production companies...



Carrie Searley (that's her above) is currently ASSAP Equipment and Media Officer.

Library Update

Thanks to Bill Eyre and Simon Royce-Dexter (plus son David) we managed to move the ASSAP library from its (startlingly temporary) home in Derbyshire to its new (and hopefully even more temporary) lodgings in Oxford in December.

While it may sound professional to boast that the ASSAP library collection is housed at Oxford University the reality is unfortunately somewhat more prosaic as you can see from the picture below...

Obviously while I have the library in one of my cupboards I will try to maintain the lending facilities of the collection but I have to admit that the turnaround times for finding anything are likely to be slightly increased until we can find a proper home! If anyone does know of an institution willing and able to host 1500 paranormal books and numerous periodicals please let one of us know...



Not the most easy-to-search collection...

Training Day Roundup

Yes, once again we manage to stagger through another successful Training Day! This year just under thirty attendees from as far apart as Plymouth and the North-West converged on Oxford on a wet and wild weekend in November for the usual mix of talks, exercises and general mayhem.



Not exactly traditional Oxford...



Pen and paper at the ready.

Led this year by Nicky Sewell (with a new raft of Powerpoint slides to add extra technical flair to the course) Lincoln College's Science Centre offered a welcome refuge from the more-than-inclement weather on the day.

Training Day this year also featured a couple of extra sessions including a couple of most interesting photographs. Were they paranormal or not? Anyone

care to venture a guess?

As I hope you will have read on page 2 we divorced the training vigil from Training Day itself this year, both for reasons of economy and stamina and also to allow trainers and all the attendees to have something of a 'social' afterwards.

In any case we all decamped to the nearby Lamb and Flag (er, it's



Punishments for talking were strict...



Now that's more like it!

a local coffee shop whatever the picture below might seem to indicate...) for a well-deserved evening of conversation and general conviviality and, I think everyone would agree, a good time was had by all.

Thanks, as always, to those who helped organise and run the event and to those who braved the weather to come along!

[Editorial note: In my occasional role as Mr Sociable (especially where persons of feminine gender are concerned) I offered the young lady to the bottom right of this picture a drink when I found myself sitting next to her after TD. 'Thanks', she enthused, 'beer and peanuts would be great. Oh, I'm not with you lot though'. I wondered why I didn't recognise her...]

Ghost Writing

The quotation supplied by Hugh Pincott last issue was from Gustave Le Bon; "The Crowd" (1896)

Give yourselves a break this time...

Don't forget that you can access the Members' Area of the website using:-

Username: *assapmember*
Password: *haunted*.

A Presidential Plea

Dear Friends and Colleagues in the Unsolved Mysteries Field,

We are currently undertaking research into areas of the UK where there have been reports of people with what seem to be unusual, inexplicable or anomalous powers, and we would be very grateful indeed for any cases that you know of that you would be willing to share with us.

For more than thirty years we have investigated many types of anomalous and paranormal phenomena on site and at first hand all over the world, and we have, understandably, compiled a large data base of our own during that time. For our current research project, however, we are looking for as much additional data as we can find, which is why we are contacting knowledgeable individuals and organisations such as yourselves.

In particular we are looking for reports concerning: telepathy; telekinesis – such as Uri Geller's spoon-bending phenomena; teleportation; time-slips like the one reported from Versailles by Miss Moberly and Miss Jourdain in 1901; OOBes and astral travel; general mediumship including clairvoyance and clairaudience; psychometry; hypno-regression – either reports from hypno-regressionists or from their particularly good subjects; pyrogenecists and fire-walkers; levitationists like D.D.Home; psychic artists and musicians; glossolalia and automatic writing; rain-makers and weather controllers/forecasters; psychic healers – including minor incidents such as wart-charming and curing toothache; astrologers; palm-readers; numerologists; tarot-card readers; pyramidologists; spell-weavers and enchanters – including practitioners of Voodoo and Obeah; experts in reading I-Ching; experts in Feng Shui; yogic suspended animation; X-ray visionaries who appear able to see through opaque substances; people like Ted Serios who seem able to create thought-images on film; SLiders – people who extinguish street-lights as they walk past them; cases of suspended animation and longevity; people who believe themselves to have special powers that make them invisible, or invincible – Aleister Crowley, for example, believed that he had mastered the secret of invisibility.

Patricia and I have the honour and privilege of being President and First Lady of ASSAP and our approach to all our research into the many interesting and unusual cases that we investigate is invariably open-minded and sympathetic - as well as being scientifically rigorous and objective. We share the Fortean approach to unsolved mysteries of all kinds: nothing is so well proven and widely accepted that it cannot be looked into again – and nothing is too strange to be denied a fair and open-minded investigation.

We would be enormously grateful for any help or advice that you can give us to assist with this current project. Details of the broad location of the phenomena in the UK are especially important for this work.

With our kindest regards, best wishes and thanks in advance,

Lionel and Patricia

[If you are able to help with any of the above please contact Lionel directly at president@assap.org]

Annual Awards

I am pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's ASSAP Service Award was ASSAP webmeister (among other things!) Maurice Townsend. Maurice, a founding member as well as ex-Chairman of ASSAP and long-time Editor of Anomaly, stood down as Treasurer and General Secretary this year to concentrate on his research interests, primarily in the field of high-sensitivity magnetic sensors. It would be difficult to over-emphasise the role he has played in developing and assisting the Association over the last 25 years and we look forward to reporting on his new projects in the future. (Watch this space...)



Maurice Townsend

The Michael Bentine Shield, given for the best investigative report submitted during the year, was awarded to Cherill Penton for report SCP08 on an investigation into a haunted pub in Stourbridge. Also highly commended by the NIC was Caroline Pick for her report CP07 on strange phenomena in a Nottingham office block. NIC Bill Eyre commented on the excellent quality of the reports submitted by all investigators this year and challenged any male investigators to break the stranglehold of the distaff side next year!



Cherill Penton and Bill Eyre

Date	Lat	Long	Depth	Mag	Location
2006/12/19	50.346	-4.512	8.0	1.8	Looe, Cornwall
2006/12/16	53.63	-2.361	9.8	2.1	Bolton, Gtr Manchester
2006/12/09	49.05	-2.108	10.5	0.3	Jersey
2006/11/30	51.411	-4.578	6.2	1.6	Bristol Channel
2006/11/29	53.025	-3.311	13.3	1.3	Ruthin, Clwyd
2006/11/28	52.868	-3.829	9.3	1.0	Trawsfynydd, Gwynedd

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

Lunar Phases

January 2007:

Full Moon 3rd
 Last Quarter 11th
 New Moon 19th
 First Quarter 25th

February 2007:

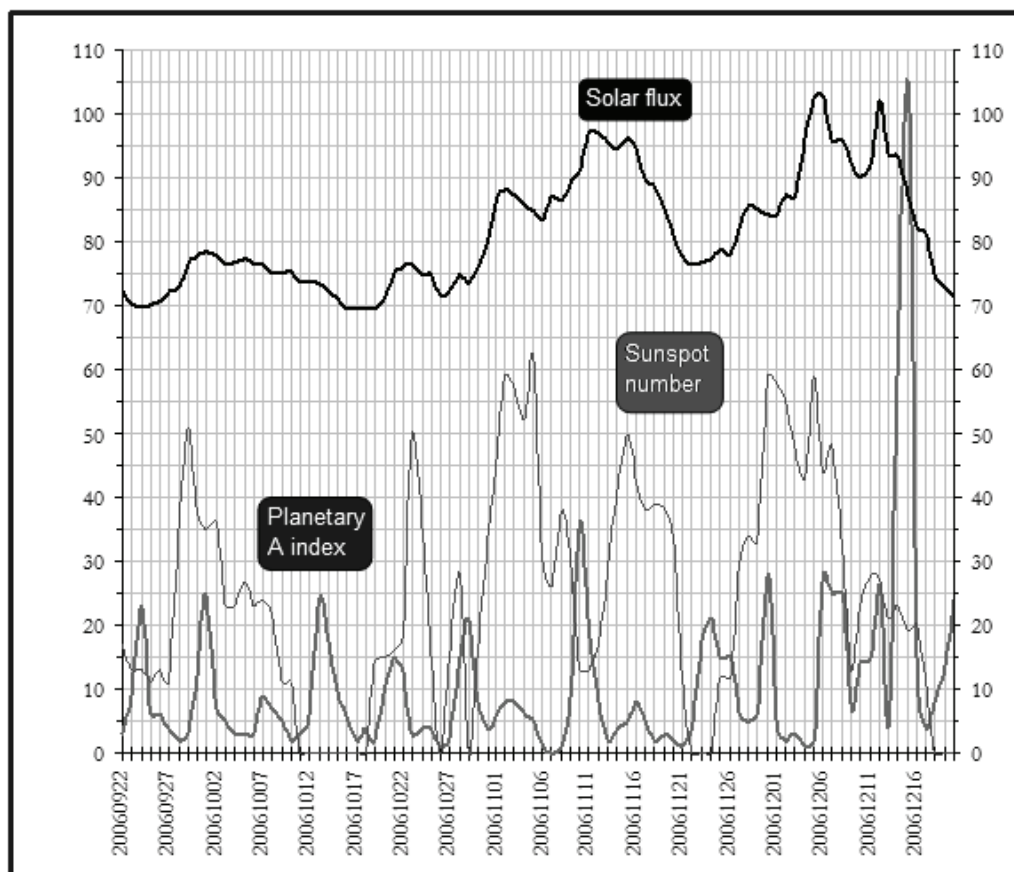
Full Moon 2nd
 Last Quarter 10th
 New Moon 17th
 First Quarter 24th

Astronomical Events

Meteors: The main shower of interest this month is the Virginid display which will be visible from January 25th for over a month (though rates will be low).

On January 20th the Moon will be 0.7° south of Venus and on February 3rd it will be 0.8° north of Saturn. Not quite so close, but still interesting, the Moon will be 6° south of Jupiter on February 12th and 3° south of Mars on the 15th.

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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.

For general enquiries, contact us at our PO box: **ASSAP, PO Box 230, PLYMOUTH, PL1 2ZR**

Just prefix the address with the name of the office you want to contact. We will forward all mail to the individual officers. This way your letters won't go astray when one of us moves house or moves on.

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. 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.

Anglia Paranormal Investigation Society (APIS)

APIS meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month at The Tempsford Room, The Anchor pub, Tempsford, Bedfordshire 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: apis-mail@ntlworld.com or telephone: 01462 490833

BUFORA (British UFO Research Organisation)

See www.bufora.org.uk for full details.

CPSG (Chesterfield Psychic Study Group)

Offers a programme of talks by invited speakers on the second Friday of each month at 7.15 p.m. at the Community Centre, South Place, Chesterfield. For further details, tel. (01246) 413217 or visit www.cpsg.co.uk.

Essex UFO and Paranormal Research Group

For details contact Keith on 01255 426274

Ghanon

Paranormal group covering Wirral, Cheshire and North Wales. Membership by invitation. For further info contact emailus@ghanon.org, visit www.ghanon.org or call 0700 341 8495.

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.

Leicestershire Paranormal Association

Leicestershire Paranormal Association (LPA) is a new ASSAP Affiliated group based in Leicestershire. As a group we are interested in all the different aspects of paranormal research and hold regular meetings for group discussions. Our investigative programme aims to cover reported haunted locations throughout the UK. For more information including membership and website access please contact leicestershirepa@aol.com We would be pleased to hear from you.

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: £2.50 for members, £4 for non-members, concessions £2.50. Tubes: Great Portland Street, Regent's Park or Warren Street. Email at lemc@ic24.net, and visit the website at www.lemc.ic24.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 Liv-

erpool 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

Melton Paranormal Research Society

MPRS is an 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 01664 569125 or email meltonparacub@aol.com

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.

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.

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.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

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.

Plymouth ASSAP

Plymouth ASSAP is an investigation group covering South East Cornwall, South and West Devon and Plymouth. It was formed earlier this year to study, investigate and research Psychic phenomena, Earth Mysteries, Ufology and Fortean Phenomena. We hold meetings at the Fisherman's Arms in the Barbican area of Plymouth on the second Tuesday of each month. For details of how you can get involved, please contact Lee at eustacetuttle@yahoo.co.uk

SPI (Strange Phenomena Investigations)

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.

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

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.

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