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Ghostly Goings-On at Training Day

Once again ASSAP's Investigator Training Day, this year at the Hatton Court Hotel near Milton Keynes, was a great success with over 40 people taking part in a day of exercises and talks. The day was followed by an overnight vigil organised by Merseyside group, Parascience, who are conducting long-term research into the hotel.

To add to the excitement of the night two ASSAP members may well have seen an apparition (or two!) walking past the outside of the hotel. Wendy Milner and Mike White each observed a figure walking along the patio area outside the hotel (see right) but their descriptions were sufficiently different to suggest that they may have been observing two separate figures.



Mysterious figure seen here - photos Steve Parsons

This sighting is just the latest in what is rapidly becoming a Training Day tradition. Last year a mysterious figure was seen prowling the grounds of Belgrave Hall, and the year before that a group of trainees reported a

strange black shape moving around in the cellars of Oxford Prison.

A full analysis of the Hatton Court incident is promised for a future edition of *Anomaly* but in the meantime, thanks to Parascience for organising the vigil and to everyone who organised or taught the course.



Despite appearances ParaScience did let mere males take part in the evening's vigil...

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Editorial

As a past holder of the Research Officer slot I am keenly aware that ASSAP has, in recent years anyway, concentrated on investigations rather than pure research. In an attempt to redress the balance a little I decided to start a small research project of my own and began to cast around for a suitable place to start. Many readers may have heard of the Library Angel, that mysterious force of coincidence that leads a scholar to the exact reference they have been seeking, but I was fortunate enough to encounter the more modern form of the phenomenon, the Mobile Phone Angel. Well, almost. During a phone call to sometime ASSAP News contributor Keith Weim, he happened to mention that he knew of an alternative therapist who seemed well known for his work with both people and animals as well as having other interests in the ASSAP field and this seemed an ideal place to start my quest. Ten minutes' cajoling later: 'Just the number Keith'; 'I don't think you'll be interested in that sort of thing'; 'Keith, please', and I was ready to arrange my visit.

And so it was that one rainy Thursday morning in November I found myself entering the surgery of Dr Milne. The offices looked very professional, if somewhat unconventional – always a good sign. The décor could best be described as rainforest chic: walls dripping with green, the receptionist almost hidden beside the most enormous potted plant I have ever seen indoors and an entire wall taken up by a jungle aviary containing the most evil-looking cockatiels I have ever seen. However, I was puzzled by the choice of celebrity pictures on the walls. Just opposite the entrance was a large promotional shot of the doctor shaking hands with Burt Ward, who played Robin in the 1960s TV Batman series; just down the hallway was another featuring the guy who played Tonto in the Lone Ranger; and in pride of place above the doctor's office was a photo of Kevin Whately who was, of course, Lewis in Inspector Morse. And then it struck me: in a terrible error of judgement I had come to visit a sidekick surgeon! Beating a hasty retreat I picked up a card from the reception desk which confirmed my worst fears about the aviary: *Dr Milne – Parrot Psychologist*.

Happy New Year!

Mike White

AGM REPORT

Well, we ought to have one really.

Hugh Pincott presented Lionel Fanthorpe's Presidential address (see opposite) and spoke briefly about the highlights of the previous year, especially the success of the Paranormal Olympics at last year's Unconvention and the challenges of the future. He agreed to stay on as Chairman and serve one full year term to provide continuity but stressed that ASSAP needs more members to become more involved in helping to run the organisation if we are to move forward.

SERVICE AWARD

Phil Walton, in recognition of his sterling efforts over the past years as Chairman, was awarded the Service Award. Sadly, because of train delays and deadlines Phil was unable to accept the award in person.

About ASSAP

ASSAP is an educational charity involved in the investigation of anomalous phenomena. We publish ASSAP News bi-monthly 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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Thanks to Jim Clark for proofreading this issue.

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The Fanthorpe Column

A Few Ideas from President Lionel & First Lady Patricia

First of all, much gratitude to Phil Walton and the warmest of welcomes and congratulations to Dr Hugh Pincott. ASSAP is a superb organisation, and we believe it has a major role to play in our dynamic and volatile 21st Century. It is blessed with many highly intelligent and inquisitive minds, and this weird old universe has many riddles that remain to be investigated. We have been active as investigators, writers, lecturers and broadcasters on Anomalous Phenomena for over forty years, and our main finding seems to be that the more we learn about the paranormal, the more we realise how much more there is to discover. Doors open on to other questions far more often than they open to reveal answers.

If our fellow researchers and investigators in ASSAP are looking for new worlds to conquer, may we suggest one or two directions that could prove profitable?

First, the internal mysteries of the mind, and especially the anomalous powers which mind appears to exert over matter: psychic healing, telepathy, teleportation, telekinesis, precognition and the rest of that ethereal - but highly significant - gang!

Secondly, the vexed problem of so-called 'magnetic hills', where cars look as if they're rolling up the slope instead of down. There's a remarkable one in Burlington, Ontario. Mount Pendeli overlooking Athens also produces seemingly contradictory gravity. What more might Newton have discovered if an apple had risen from the ground and made its way back up into the tree?

Thirdly, the anomalies of time - arguably the greatest challenge of all. Does it rush past us? Do we move through it? How can we slow it down, or speed it up? Are all the strange time-slip phenomena that have been reported over the years - especially in connection with J.W.Dunne's hypotheses - subjective and illusory? After all the investigations we've made, we tend to think that there probably are objective mysteries linked to time-slip reports. What a triumph for ASSAP if we could be the people to find definitive proof that time-slips really do occur! Then there'd be the next great quest - building a time machine. Ever so sorry that work prevents us being at the AGM in person, but we are definitely with you in spirit. We wish you all every success, and we are very proud and happy to be the President and First Lady of such a splendid and important organisation.

Lionel and Patricia

President and Archbishop

ASSAP President, Lionel Fanthorpe has been made an Archbishop of the Templar Church. In fact he has become, to give him his full title, Primate Archbishop of the Interdenominational Templar Church of the Holy Lands, the Most Reverend Lionel Fanthorpe, Bernard II. Congratulations from everyone at ASSAP central! Details of the Templar Church can be found at <http://www.templarchurch.net>.



Send me something - preferably cash

The deadline for the next ASSAP News will probably be around February 1st 2004, give or take a little. If you would like to see your name in print you can use snail mail to: Mike White, ASSAP News Editor, PO Box 230, PLYMOUTH, PL1 2ZR (please note the new PO Box!) or by email to assap-news@assap.org (you can pick your format as I am very accommodating).

Ghost Writing

A no-win Competition

Do these lines help to explain the crop circle phenomenon? Probably not, but where do they come from?

*You shall bless to-night the cornfields,
Draw a magic circle round them,
To protect them from destruction...*

Answer next time.

The answer to last issue's conundrum was simply that I had anticipated Lionel's comments on Time Travel (see above) and had managed to publish ASSAP News 97 before issue 96. Apologies (and congratulations) to anyone who noticed. The loss of the spooky font was down to the publishers and doesn't count!

Special Feature

The Ghost Hound of Colin Glen

**- a tale by Charlie Blair just as told to
Gerry Gorman**

Was it a ghost I saw? You tell me, I can't rightly say! But you may possibly sense some of my feelings, as you read about, what I most assuredly say is, most likely the strangest thing that's probably ever happened to me.

Let's move quickly along, or back as it were, to happy Ulster in around the mid-sixties, for that's when this oddity, for want of a better word, happened. My wife and I lived in a detached worker's cottage about three miles from the town of Lisburn, County Antrim, Northern Ireland in the small-town land of Derriaghy, busily bringing up our small brood of children. In addition to 'doing my bit', I was dutifully involved in rearing two beautiful fawn, ten month old greyhound bitches of the very highest quality breeding, one of which I had arranged to keep for my efforts at the end of their first year.

On one particularly crisp and breezeless October morning, I thought I'd stretch out our twice-weekly stroll to take it the whole mile and a half of the Barnfield Road, where we lived. I knew the top fields were 'bunny free' and my pups coursing each other there would be unlikely to run into any trouble. So, it was there that I slipped my treasured charges 'Fat and Skinny' - they were as yet unnamed - for racing. I'd like to point out that any accident, particularly at speed and even in an open field, could well have resulted in Fat or Skinny, my Fat or Skinny, cracking a leg, or a shoulder, dare I think about it - dear oh dear, or worse! But it's about here where the story really starts...



Photos - G Gorman

Speed! I tell you, I was worried absolutely sick. My magnificent thoroughbreds slipped their leads into that low-lying early morning fog, slower I tell you, than a couple of very old tortoises, with a sort of 'this is nice...free again!' But with a very definite 'let's get home again' attitude. And it was only after a 'shush' or two did they reluctantly mosey along the field about a hundred yards or so. I could see something wasn't right with them, for they looked absolutely cowed - unhappy like. But the further they wandered, the thicker the ground-clinging mist became, eventually obscuring my view of their legs altogether. I wasn't deliriously happy about that either, and I called them in. My voice sounded hoarse through the quiet as I boomed out the call, again and again, but... nothing!! No response at all!

I began to move closer and saw the pups lifting their heads out of the mist, thinking they had sensed it was me coming to them, but no... A deep, penetrating chill simply hit me as they broke their silence and discovered their voices, as it were. I mean, I'd never even heard my pups making as much as a mature bark before - greyhounds just don't! But they stretched themselves fully up on their toes, howling and barking in what I can only describe as the most eerie of primeval sounds imaginable - surely suitable only for the ears of beasts.

I remember, I felt myself breaking into a trot at this point, shuddering with cold...or something. I kept looking around as I quickened up but all I saw was the mist. Suddenly, there was quiet - the dogs, thankfully, ceased sounding off upon, what I thought was recognition of me, their 'Daddy' approaching and had bolted speedily into their stride; running nowhere at first, then, alongside each other straight at me but much, much quicker than I'd ever seen them run before.

Now the smart thing to do when a couple of meaty missiles are coming at considerable speed, straight at you, is to 'scarecrow' yourself; yes, it's a well tried and tested drill and usually separates the oncoming dogs as they close, and thus a collision is avoided... Well, I tried all that but I knew immediately that it was definitely not going to work because, at that very moment, I could *actually* see their breath - get my meaning? Yes, you're right, and so, with my eyes shut tight, I spun around, but very, very quickly.

Strange...I'd never thought about it before but the first thing everyone, everyone out of doors that is, must see, after spinning into a rapidly descending prone position from the sky is, well... the sky! And how wonderfully blue it was that morning and truly clear too, given my panoramic viewpoint - when it stopped rocking to and fro. I remember smiling a broad smile of isolated embarrassment, if there is such a thing but soon wished I hadn't because that vision soon vanished as I hurried to gather the pups and myself together. I was absolutely certain as it approached, and it was more than a notion, but I was looking directly at the very reason for the whole of that morning's crazy happenings; it was not quite white and, not that you could say even, solid - more like a ball of powdery mist; at first, it was steadily rolling, then speeding up and rapidly covering the field adjacent to the road in seconds. I was on my feet by this time, with the pups



Cross Correspondences?

Letter to Michael Lewis re: A Night in the Enchanted Forest

Justin Cowell

collared up and secure, albeit near hysterical when this *undefined thing* quite clearly took on the form of a mad donkey! Bellowing nostrils and all, and it was squaring itself up to take the first of two stout hedges! I was standing right there, amazed, not more than arm's length from an old-fashioned iron gate as it happened and about to run the dogs through when, didn't the dang gate swing open by itself with one heck of a loud clanking rattle, putting the fear of... Well, you get the picture. The next thing that happened was this *thing* cleared the hedge, but I could see as it touched down momentarily on the road beside us that it was still changing, this time taking on the appearance – I was sure of it - of the largest, longest, dirty-haired goat you could ever imagine. And there it was, this creature of the mist, gingerly and momentarily touching down on the road right in front of me, before almost silently, as it were, leaping over the equally formidable ten-foot hedge on the opposite side of the road, right into the field we'd been in! Well... I tell you, as I pulled myself out of that danged road's sodden wet drainage ditch, and untangled the dogs' leads – all three of us, by the way, a good three inches taller with fright – I looked up, rather, I forced myself to look up the field, and saw what now looked a huge Irish wolfhound, silent as the grave, racing on determinedly on some unknown purposeful mission – somewhere else, I hoped! This absolutely true happening was related to two local people, living separately on the same road that very day; their response was almost exactly the same. And they said this, laughingly, almost word for word: "You mean you've never heard of the 'Ghost Hound of Colin Glen'?"

Charlie Blair is a retired electrical engineer living in Co. Down.

Gerry Gorman is currently living out of boxes having just moved house.

Having read your recent article 'A Night in the Enchanted Forest' (ASSAP News, November 2003), I was fascinated to read about the amount of extraordinary paranormal/alien activity that seems to have taken place around this site. However, I would like to raise a number of issues which I feel are necessary. As an ASSAP member and one which wholeheartedly believes in a scientific approach to all paranormal phenomena, I was amazed to read that in conclusion to your study of Rendlesham Forest, you felt that this site "is a window area, or portal between dimensions". Whilst I am in no doubt that you saw some anomalous creature as filmed by 'local researchers', and was convinced of its validity, the question remains that it could still have been faked as you yourself admit, "on a computer". As such, are you really able to make any conclusions, however tentative, based on this evidence? Also, whilst it has been proved in physics that dimensions between worlds are possible, in all true likelihood, is this *really* what has been happening at Rendlesham Forest? As 'evidence' of this you state that strange animals have been sighted for short periods of time. I like to think myself as an open-minded member of this organisation, yet I simply fail to see the correlation between sightings of animals and portals to other dimensions.

Secondly, you state that as part of her investigations in Rendlesham Forest, Brenda Butler noticed a six foot sapling, which had not been there previously, 'growing close to the actual landing site'. To my mind, this begs the obvious question: how close? Also, when had BB last visited the site before she saw this 'sapling'? Why did BB not take samples of this sapling for analysis, bearing in mind that this plant aroused enough interest for her to photograph it? Indeed, was this event relevant to the site at all, or was BB actively looking for phenomena in order to support her own theories.

This report into Rendlesham Forest was certainly very interesting and I agree that it would certainly provide a challenge to parapsychology, surely though we must tread extremely cautiously when attaching conclusions to a site which has so far not benefited from extensive 'detailed, on-site research'.

Michael Lewis replies:

I was gratified that my article on Rendlesham Forest has generated some interest. Justin Cowell is right to approach such a controversial case with caution. However, in the limited space available in "ASSAP News", all I could do was to recount my own experiences. Several books have been written on the subject, the best being by Jenny Randles and more recently by Georgina Bruni. These will give Justin an idea of the complexities of the case and the enormous amount of research which has been carried out. The area has become a Mecca for parapsychologists and to appreciate the background to my visit, another lengthy article would be necessary. My article did, I admit, assume some degree of prior knowledge by the reader.

The connection between strange animal sightings and UFOs is much documented in the literature of the subject, and I would suggest Justin reads some of the works of John Keel for further data. Of course there might be no connection, but it would be wrong to exclude such data from any scientific examination.

The sapling could have been no more than five feet from the edge of the small clearing which was about ten feet across. Brenda visits the area frequently, so this story is difficult to comprehend. The Forestry Commission denied planting a sapling. The only tests which were carried out were for radiation. Exactly what tests does Justin have in mind? (I recall an occasion when BUFORA were sent a blackberry bush from a UFO landing site, all they could say was that it was a blackberry bush!!).

The article was, as it were, the tip of the iceberg, and my conclusions are based on over twenty years of careful study of the mass of data available, backed up by personal experience. I hope Justin feels this justifies a few conclusions, although I would accept the criticism that parapsychologists do seem to take a very long time in reaching any conclusion. Finally, perhaps I should issue a health warning on Rendlesham, as there is much which is simply unbelievable and which I have disregarded in my consideration of this case. As usual, one has to sort the wheat from the chaff.

From the Top of the Hill

Football and the Paranormal

Greg Hill

At a glance, it may seem that the beloved English sport of football and the subject of the paranormal may have nothing in common. In fact, the two topics have crossed paths on more than one occasion.

The historical city of York is alleged to contain many ghosts, and indeed the city boasts one of the most infamous ghost tales in the world with regards to the Treasurer's House. But that is not the only place in York to witness strange apparitions, the York City Football Club have complained on many occasions of spectres and ghosts appearing on the pitch during matches, often with the unwelcome guests apparently assisting the opposition by blocking the view of the York players! A disappointing lack of loyalty, perhaps, on the part of the local spooks...

Uri Geller, the world famous alleged psychic and spoon bender is well known to be a keen football fan. Geller was an outspoken fan of Reading Football Club in the nineties, and once attempted to assist the team by giving the supporters a lesson in positive thinking before a home match against Southend United. Despite Uri's best efforts, Reading lost the game against the lowly placed opposition. After the match Uri explained: "It was raining and everybody was cold, it was hard to do the experiment". Uri remained undeterred, and during England's 1998 World Cup campaign he showed endless enthusiasm for giving assistance. Before England's game against Romania, Uri told the national press: "My psychic senses predict a draw, but if we all focus our positive energy, we can help England to win". Yet again, Uri missed the mark, England lost the game and went out of the World Cup.

Back in my hometown of Southampton, things are looking up. The team opened a new stadium two years ago but suffered a terrible run of bad results. A local historian pointed out to the press that Southampton's new ground was built on an ancient Wiccan site. Could the bad results be due to the new ground disturbing some old residents? The management decided to call in a Wiccan priestess, who visited the stadium and performed a simple ritual. The turnaround in results was immediate, and the Southampton team gained their first victory of the season the very next day. When team manager Gordan Strachan was asked on BBC television about the blessing from the priestess he replied: "If she gets us results like that, we will play her in attack for the next game!"

So next time you go to a football match, have fun and enjoy yourself, just make sure both teams play fair, and don't have any spooky extra players appearing on the pitch...

Greg Hill is currently teaching abroad.
What, just the one, Greg?

Paranormal Conference

Muncaster Castle in Cumbria will be hosting a major conference covering all aspects of the paranormal over the weekend of **26-28th March 2004**.

The event has been organised by Jason Braithwaite of the ASSAP Northern Group. There will be ten speakers; so far those confirmed include Dr Hilary Evans ("The Role of Cultural Influences in Paranormal Experiences", Prof. Archie Roy ("Overshadowing, Obsession and Possession"), Dr Braithwaite himself, Patricia Robertson of the SSPR ("Striking a Happy Medium") and our very own Chairman, Dr Hugh Pincott.



Muncaster Castle

Muncaster has been the scene of a lengthy investigation by the Northern Group so doubtless the weekend will be an opportunity to catch up on developments in that area. Jason has also offered to do some preliminary demonstrations of the MADS equipment (see the last issue of ASSAP News), providing that the system is operational in time. Needless to say ASSAP will have a presence at the conference too.

The weekend will cost £45 for the three days or £30 for a single day's attendance. There will be an informal welcome evening on Friday to allow a chance to meet the speakers and registration will allow full access to the castle and grounds for the weekend as well as free tea, coffee and a buffet lunch on each day.

To register for a place simply call the Muncaster Castle Estate Office on 01229 -717614.



The haunted Tapestry Room

NIC Report

Since I've been in post I've received the following cases.

The first case was from last year before my becoming Deputy NIC:

Alien Abduction Case (Aug 2002)

Reported via ASSAP NIC. I communicated with this experiencer by phone and e-mail. He would find himself waking up in unusual places (bath, garden, etc) witnessed by his partner. There was a history of him having seen strange lights in the sky. He had read a book on alien abduction and assumed that was the root of his problem. There was a suggestion of anxiety, depression and sleepwalking. He later sought counselling and input from mental health services and consequently no longer needed any ASSAP involvement. This case was too far away to be investigated in person by an AI.

Members may find authoritative descriptions of the 54 most common mental disorders including: diagnosis, treatment, and research findings at <http://www.mentalhealth.com/>

This second case I was briefly involved with during my role as Deputy NIC:

Cornwall-Haunted House: (Sept 2003) Report from an ex- ASSAP member. ASSAP was unable to assist as the nearest AI was uncontactable & was 50-75 miles away. No one else was available to assist. Due to the timing of the case it was too late to follow up. If anything else shows up I will let you know.

These cases have been referred to me in my role as NIC:

'Entity' Case (Oct 2003) -I had a referral from an ASSAP member about a man who was claiming similar phenomena to the Entity case. He had suffered from sexual interference intermittently for about 4½ years from what he describes as an invisible entity. The experiencer seemed sane and sober given our limited telephone contact. I tried to persuade him to visit his GP but this was refused. His partner is also a witness to the 'attacks'. Unfortunately he was out of range of an AI so I referred him to the Parapsychology Unit in Edinburgh. He said he will contact me regarding the outcome.

UFO report (Oct 2003) received from an ASSAP member from the West Midlands in October. It was a LITS type case so with the permission of the witness I passed it on to UFORM (UFO Research Midlands) who in this instance keep records of aerial events in that area. They will let me know if the sighting means anything significant.

UFORM: <http://www.uform.org/>

George Gregg - NIC

Sky Watch

Lunar Phases

January 2004:

Full Moon 7th

Last Quarter 15th

New Moon 21st

First Quarter 29th

February 2004:

Full Moon 6th

Last Quarter 13th

New Moon 20th

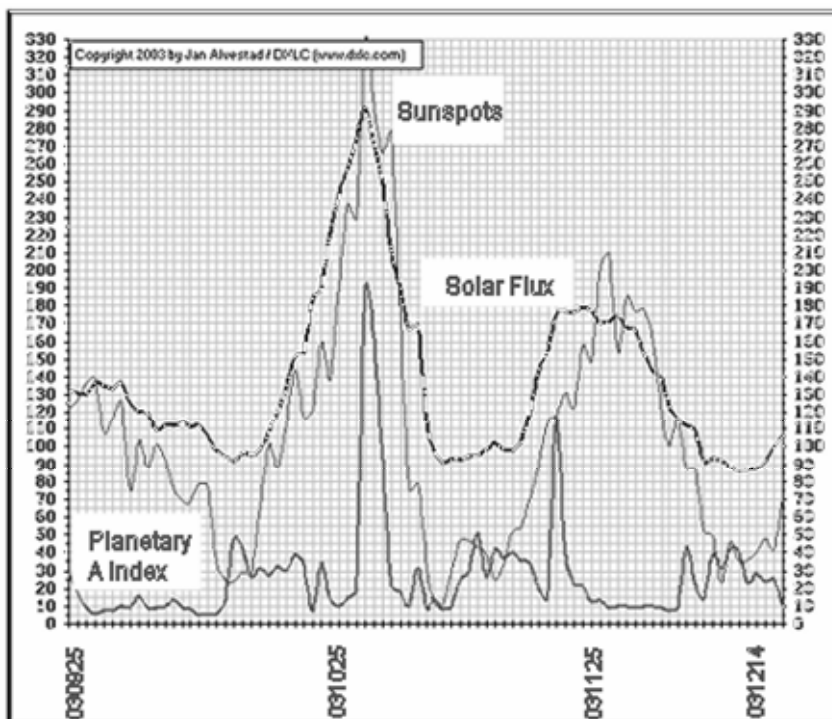
First Quarter 28th

Recent UK Seismic Activity

Earthlights or strange experiences? Check for underground activity. This data courtesy of the British Geological Survey - more recent information is available from <http://www.quakes.bgs.ac.uk/recbrit.html>.

Date	Lat	Long	Depth	Mag	Locality
2003/11/11	57.723	-5.061	7.1	2.1	Loch Fannich, Highlands
2003/11/13	56.985	-5.121	7.4	0.7	Loch Arkaig, Highlands
2003/11/14	55.243	-3.483	3.2	1	Johnstonbridge, D & G
2003/11/17	58.581	-4.264	4.6	1.9	Off Bettyhill, Highlands
2003/11/21	53.233	-1.099	4.2	1.7	Worksop, Notts
2003/11/22	51.395	-2.655	14.7	1.8	Bristol, Avon
2003/11/22	60.313	2.281	8.4	2.7	Northern North Sea
2003/11/22	52.153	-2.467	19.4	1	Bromyard, Her & Worcs
2003/11/26	51.84	-2.537	14	1	Cinderford, Gloucs
2003/11/27	57.146	-5.562	2.7	1.1	Loch Hourn, Highlands
2003/12/02	53.471	-1.19	0	1.1	Maltby, S Yorks

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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.

CPSG (Chesterfield Psychic Study Group)

Meetings take place on the second Friday of the month, in the Walton Room of Chesterfield Community Centre at 7.15 pm.

Dorset Earth Mysteries Group

All talks are in the Friends Meeting House, Wharncliffe Road, Boscombe at 7:15pm. Entrance £3.00

London Earth Mysteries Circle (LEMC) meets in the Meeting Room at the Diorama Centre, 34 Osnaburgh Street, London NW1, beginning at 7.00 pm. 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/

SPR (Society for Psychical Research)

February 12th

The Actor, the Medium and the Message - John Samson
Details from SPR at: 49 Marloes Road, Kensington, London W8 6LA. Telephone & Fax: 020 7937 8984

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.
Next meeting dates:

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 are a West Midlands ASSAP regional group and are interested in hearing from anyone in the West Midlands, Warwickshire or Shropshire area. For more details visit www.parasearch.org or send SAE to Parasearch, 15 Brier Mill Rd, Halesowen, W. Midlands B63 3HA or call 0776 118 4837.

SPI

Meetings are held at The Sols Arms, 65-68 Hampstead Road, London, NW1 2PN at 3:30pm. Admission £6.50 for non-members. Future talks:

Saturday February 28th:

Ron Pearson - 'Survival Physics, Life After Death'

Saturday March 27th:

Nigel Wright & Robert Snow - 'UFOs, Black Cats & All That Jazz'

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MARA (Merseyside Anomalies Research Association)

meets monthly (usually last Friday of month) in the Ship & Mitre Function Room, 7.30 p.m. onwards. The pub is in Liverpool city centre, at 133 Dale Street, near the Old Tunnel entrance. Parking opposite the venue. There's an admission charge of £2.50 to cover the cost. Contact MARA at 18a Parkfield Road, Aigburth, Liverpool, L17 8UJ.
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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 Anne Hopkins on 020 8542 3110 or Lionel Beer on 020 8979 3148 or write to TEMS, 115 Hollybush Lane, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12 2QY.

Next Meeting Sunday January 25th - subject TBA.

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Held on the last Friday of the month at Coronation Hall, Alton Barnes, Wilts. For details email k.blower@btinternet.com or telephone 07761 241276.

Muncaster Castle Conference - 26-28th March 2004.

As AN went to press the speaker list was as follows:

Welcoming speech by Peter Frost-Pennington (the current owner of Muncaster Castle)

Professor Archie Roy Speaking on "Overshadowing, Obsession and Possession".

Patricia Robertson of the SSPR speaking on "Striking a Happy Medium" (no violence involved) relating to mediumship and paranormal events.

Dr Jason Braithwaite (Director of Research at Muncaster Castle) speaking on the unique nature of the Muncaster project.

Hilary Evans speaking on the role of cultural influences in paranormal experiences.

Dr Hugh Pincott speaking, as the Chairman of ASSAP, on the importance of amateur associations and research in this field.

Other speakers to be confirmed.

The Conference will end with a panel composed of the guest speakers, open to questions from the audience.

Details of the castle can be found at www.muncaster.co.uk