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Welcome to the Summer Issue!

At the time of writing there is a mood of optimism here at ASSAP, as we celebrate our one hundredth webinar and prepare for the return of the amazing annual conference in Bath. Unsurprisingly this magazine will tell you all about that and why you should attend, and you really should – ASSAP conferences are far from dull and stuffy affairs, they are experiences – fun, challenging, exciting experiences! You can meet people you have so far only seen on the screen, and many famous researchers, and enjoy a drink in the bar or a sandwich on the lawns with them. There will be plenty of opportunity to mingle and talk in depth, and maybe even some dancing...



Now we fully appreciate that not everyone can make it to Bath in September, and in fact I myself had care duties looking after my elderly parents that made it very difficult for some years, as well as living on the income of an (unpaid!) ASSAP Secretary. We do all we can to keep prices low, and to assist where we can, but it has been a policy decision of mine to not raise the subscription cost but try to do what we can with the money we are given. I am delighted to say ASSAP has been able to give several small research grants over the last couple of years, and they genuinely helped individual researchers to make progress and continue to work. Our biggest cost remains printing, and with paper prices increasing dramatically and rises in postage it is likely we will have to reevaluate the subscription cost for next year, but I honestly believe the electronic subscription of £5 represents one of the best value for money deals you will ever find anywhere in this life, and the £20 subscription for print magazines and journal is simply what it costs us to get them out to you.

Now every year we have in October a new committee, and all the Exec committee roles come up for review. I was wondering today, how much time does the average ASSAP Exec member have to commit to their role? This would be useful information to share with those who might be interested in standing for election this year – the answer I am afraid is I don't know. We all attend monthly Exec meetings, held online, and then there are the weekly webinars. Different officers have different jobs, and Alison works incredibly hard to put out the magazine doing all the layout, Caroline and Vice Chair Robert handle the cases, Loz the correspondence and minutes plus all Secretarial duties and poor Becky prepares the accounts and handles all the Treasurers duties. Bill is busy sorting out the library and archives, and Maurice keeps the blog updated writing a new piece regularly and serves as our webmaster. Ian deals with matters of heritage and is in charge of Facebook moderation, while Ed is our researcher and tasked by me to go hunt down all manner of obscure material. Let's not forget poor Hannah, who has to deal with the often almost impossible demands of media organizations and journalists who demand everything and offer nothing – and still be polite.

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Then as well as the Exec we have the Conference committee – Norie who has organised this years conference, Dave who chairs it, and several of the Exec who also sit on that. None of us are paid, and all of us are overworked, but if you have a passion to make ASSAP better, boundless enthusiasm, and plenty of energy, details of how to stand for a role are given in the Official Notices (see below).

By the time you see this magazine I will have been Chair of ASSAP for two years, after a few years as Secretary. Looking back at what we have achieved since I took over -- one hundred plus webinars, the YouTube channel where you can view them, getting a great issue of the journal out, surviving COVID, building our community, supporting researchers with grants and relaunching the monthly e-newsletter – I am very pleased with progress. The one failure to my mind is that we still have not seen the long promised new website – well I promise that Alison and Ynske, Norie and Jonathan have been working hard on it and it will finally launch before the conference.

Sadly this year we said goodbye to our NIC Team, headed by the well loved Head of Training and Education Mark Davey. We are currently in the process of reviewing how to go forward with training and education, and looking at how to best serve the larger paranormal community. Our role as a Professional

Body and Learned Society places certain obligations and requirements upon us, and we need to find ways to work with local groups and represent a community whose ideas, beliefs and aspirations may often be very different from our own. This process will not be a simple or a short one, but a major part of my plans for the remainder of my term of office will be to try to get the local groups up and running again, and return ASSAP somewhat to the federation it once was, with every region having local ASSAP pub meets. Well, that is the dream! One of the great things about the webinars is that we are now truly decentralized – those who are interested may drop in and participate, and I think we have a real sense of community.

You will notice as you read through this issue that we do not have a piece from our greatly loved President Lionel Fanthorpe. At the time of writing Lionel is unwell; the good news is he seems to be on the mend and we confidently expect to see him at the conference in September.

So for now, best wishes from me, and I very much hope to meet you all at Bath!

CJ x

Chris Jensen Romer
ASSAP Chair



OFFICIAL NOTICES

In accordance with the governance arrangements that were passed by members in 2010.

Annual General Meeting Notice

The annual meeting of associate members shall take place at 8pm on Friday 30th October 2022 at a scheduled Zoom meeting.

All members will be emailed a link to this meeting, and you can obtain one directly from secretary@assap.ac.uk if yours goes astray.

You have the right to appoint a proxy under section 324 of the Companies Act 2006 and article 19. The proxy who holds your vote may not be another member eligible to vote in their own right.'

Annual Reports and Election Ballots

Following the 2010 amendment, ballots will be sent electronically where an email address is held, except where you request a postal copy of the ballot before 14th October 2022.

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Existing directors, elected and co-opted, will automatically reappear on the ballot paper where consent is given.

Any associate member can appear as a candidate on the ballot by sending a single signed statement of consent of nomination to secretary@assap.ac.uk stating the position you'd like to contend.

It must include a signed statement by four members or associate members who have held continuous membership for at least twelve months.

Ballot nominations are required no later than 15th October 2022.

Nominators must have not nominated any other candidate. If any associate member is generally interested in joining the team, without the bureaucracy, email CJ on chairman@assap.ac.uk to discuss any roles available at the present time.

If the number of candidates exceeds the number of Exec positions available an election of all members will be held to decide which nominees hold office.

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Welcome to Seriously Strange - 40 Years of ASSAP!

It is great to be back to running physical conferences, post Covid, although the pandemic has allowed a series of successful webinars to keep people informed. Over the last decade ASSAP has become known for our fun and informative conferences, which have built quite a following of guests and speakers over the years. The return rate of both is high, suggesting people enjoy the experience.

Our 30th anniversary conference back in 2011 was our first weekend-long conference and set the standard for well-attended events at universities across the country addressing a range of topics. As well as the main Seriously Strange conferences each two years, until Covid at least, we've run a series of one-day subject specific conferences, mainly in London. These included Seriously Spooked, Serious Unidentified, Seriously Investigated, Seriously Possessed, Seriously Bewitched, Seriously Enchanted, Seriously Suspicious and Seriously Monstrous. We hope to return to running these again soon.

As an education charity ASSAP is very much steeped in science and rational treatment of the anomalous, and this

is reflected in our choice of speakers. However with so many speakers attending our packed weekend conference it gives us the opportunity to showcase a range of opinions, perspectives and beliefs. Education means not being automatically closed off to any way of thinking, so it's great to be welcoming some speakers who think differently to us.

This year's Seriously Strange is special, however, as our decennaries tend to be, and is celebrating 40 years of ASSAP. Early booking numbers suggest this is going to be our biggest conference in many years, with the Gala Dinner already sold out!

I look forward to meeting many of you there and celebrating 40 years of our much-needed charity.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Wood - Conference Chair

Norie Miles - Conference Co-ordinator

2022 Speakers



Alan Murdie



Dr Ann Winsper



Dr Becky Smith



Beth Darlington



Prof. Chris French



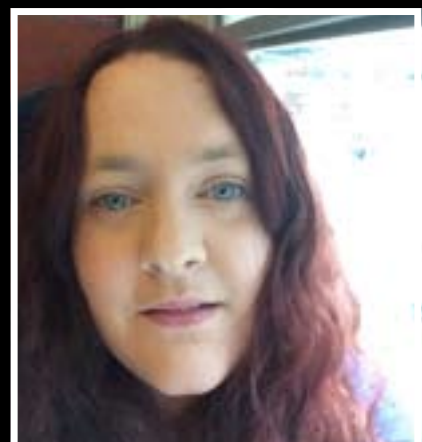
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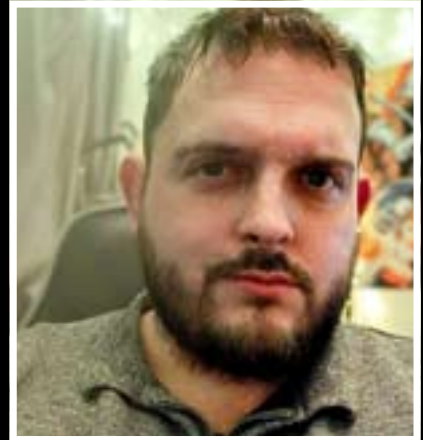
2022 Speakers



Dr Jack Hunter



John Fraser



Kristian Lander



Rev. Lionel Fanthorpe



Marq English



Neil Nixon



Rev. Peter Laws



Dr Rachel Ironside



Richard Freeman

Speakers and all conference details are subject to change. Correct at time of print

2022 Speakers



Robert Moore



Samatha Treasure



Steve Parsons



Dr Urszula Wolski



Gala Dinner

This year we are celebrating 40 years of ASSAP with our Gala dinner taking place at The Huntsman in Bath. One of the oldest pubs in the city. The Huntsman overlooks the stunning Parade Gardens and River Avon, situated moments from Bath Abbey and The Guild Hall.

The building has been restored to its original Georgian style. We have booked private rooms for our three course Gala dinner, it has its own bar which boasts an exceptional wine list, casks ales from their brewery, the finest whiskies, liqueurs and spirits and a full range of soft drinks.

Great conversation is guaranteed as at least one of our speakers will be at each table, so you have an opportunity to chat with some of the greatest paranormal researchers of our time.

After dinner we will have Alan Murdie and Danny Robins as our special guest speakers, followed by a disco.

If you have booked the Gala dinner, you will be contacted by one of our team for your three course menu choices before the event. We will be organising taxis between the University of Bath and The Huntsman, this works out roughly £3.00 per person each way.

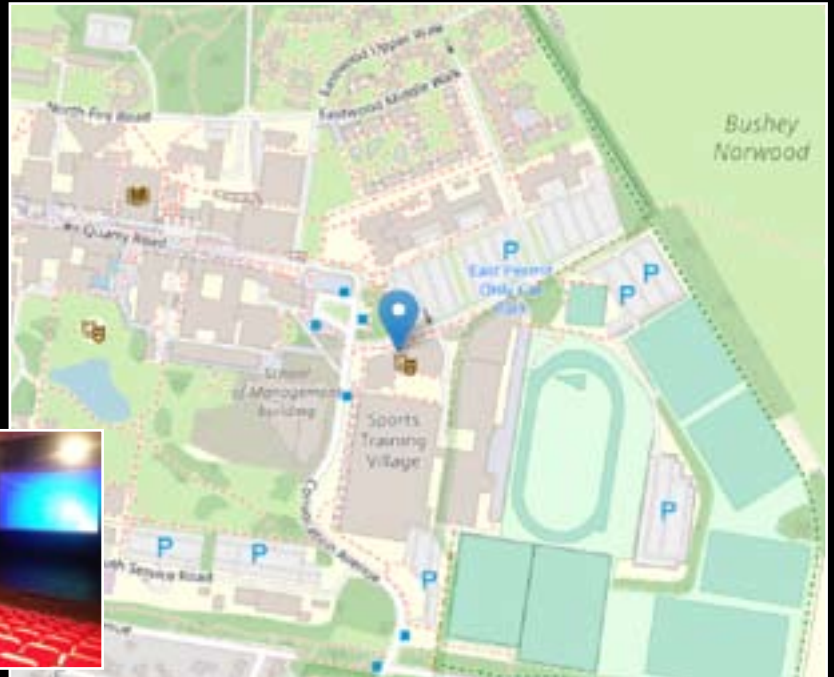


Danny Robins

Conference Information

Location

The Edge Theatre,
University of Bath,
Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY



Accommodation

You can stay at The University of Bath on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th September, it is £60 a night per single room, and £80 a night for a small double, all rooms are en-suite and include Breakfast at the Lime Tree. These rooms are very limited, so we advise if you require a room you book ASAP. This is the best priced accommodation you will find in Bath. You can book accommodation by going to our tickets page www.assap.ac.uk/40

If you have booked accommodation through ASSAP, you can collect your room key from the West accommodation Centre, where they will check you in and give you directions to your room. Check-in time is 3.00pm to 10.00pm Note accommodation checkout is 10am.

Registration

The Registration Desk is in The Edge Building – where the lecture theatre is booked for the Saturday and Sunday.

Registration begins at 9.30am on Saturday. Please do not enter the building before this time.

You will not need any tickets to register, just present your name. You will be given a Conference ID pin badge on registration. The Registration Desk should remain staffed by volunteers throughout the weekend in case of late registrations or problems.

If you cannot arrive between the registration periods of 9.30am-10.30am on Saturday please do not worry. You will be welcome whenever you arrive.

Programme

The schedule of speakers is subject to change. A final version will be available for free at the Registration Desk

Exhibitors

There will be limited space for exhibitors if you wish to arrange a pop-up stall. Contact events@assap.ac.uk if you are interested in being an exhibitor.

Volunteering for ASSAP

ASSAP is currently looking for volunteers who can spend an hour or so a week helping to organise ASSAP. If you are interested email CJ Romer at chairman@assap.ac.uk or speak to the registration desk on the day.

Donors

ASSAP membership and events are kept so affordable. If you can give a few quid a month by standing order you would be helping paranormal research enormously. Standing order forms will be handed out at conference.

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CASE FILE:

KH270222 KATHLEEN HAYES

**DATE OF REPORT:
27TH FEBRUARY 2022**

BY TONY HAYES & AMANDA GRIFFITHS

Kathleen Hayes is the aunt of Tony Hayes. She is the widow of Alan Hayes, a retired British Rail signal operator who passed away suddenly in 2007 aged 77. She has remained alone in the same three-bedroom property since they purchased in the mid 1980s.

The 2019 first event

The first event was never investigated at the time or looked at in any paranormal sense. It was simply accepted as having a rational explanation, although it did appear to be unusual at the time.

Around the middle of December 2019, Vanessa Shillito, the niece of Kathleen Hayes, visited her aunt. Vanessa had not seen her aunt for several years and had called to leave a Christmas gift with her.

Vanessa's father Albert Booth also worked for British Rail as a signal operator and later Station Master at Cuddington Station, Cheshire, a property they purchased when British Rail sold off many disused station buildings. Albert Booth passed away in 1997. Vanessa's mother Jean still lives in the property now referred to as Station House.

On arrival in December 2019, both Vanessa and Kathleen Hayes made their way into the living room area and sat down on the sofa.

Vanessa had been in the house for no longer than 10 minutes when a large wall clock in the living room fell to the ground.

The clock had been on the wall for many years (more than 20 years) and had not been removed for some time.

Upon falling, the wall bracket was found to be intact and reused later when a new clock was purchased to replace the one that broke on falling. The new clock has remained in place since.

Today, the 27th February 2022, I spoke to Vanessa Shillito about her memory of the 2019 clock falling event, and her memory was as vivid as it was when she first told me about the clock when she visited me the same day after leaving Kathleen Hayes's home. She felt it was strange and unusual that within minutes of arriving to see her aunt for the first time in many years, the clock chose that moment to fall from the wall.

In 2021, Kathleen Hayes, now 84 years of age, was diagnosed with mild Dementia, but remains living on her own but with increased family support.

26th February 2022 event

Robert Hayes, the son of Kathleen Hayes, works away Monday to Friday. On his return home on Saturday 26th February 2022, Robert went to visit his mother with his wife Karen Hayes. They live no more than one minute walking time away.

The three sat in the kitchen drinking tea when Robert glanced at the clock and noticed the minute finger was turning/spinning clockwise.

A partial movie that was taken of the event showed the minute hand travelling a full 360 revolution, over 22 seconds.

The minute hand appeared to continue to turn at the same fast speed, and twelve times/revolutions, before stopping at exactly 7.12 pm (19.12hrs). See photos on the left.

If the twelve revolutions are correct, this would indicate approx 264 seconds/4 minutes 24 seconds was needed to turn fully clockwise twelve times/revolutions.

The exact time the clock started to turn is unknown, but when it stopped 'spinning' the clock showed the correct time of 7.12pm, which was confirmed on Robert's mobile phone.

Given the minute hand needed over four minutes to rotate the required 12 times to show the exact time, suggests when the minute hand had stopped spinning, it somehow managed to know what the exact time would be.

The clock, as of 21.00hrs 28th February 2022, has performed normally, including when the clock showed a similar time to the day before.

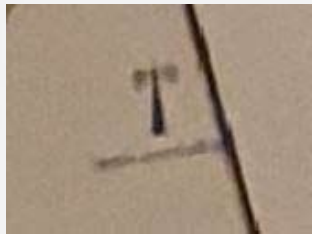
To view the full movie of the spinning clock hand on YouTube scan the QR code



The Clock

The clock is an Acctim atomic battery operated clock. Kathleen Hayes has no memory of when the clock was bought, when the battery was changed, or when the time was last set.

Research has shown that atomic clocks need to receive a transmitter signal for first time use, and to maintain accurate time.

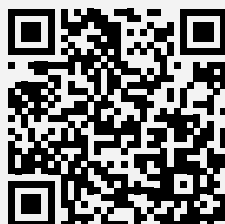


At the bottom of the clock face the following text is written '*Radio Controlled*'

In principle, once showing the correct time, the clock needs no other maintenance. Research has shown when the clock is first used it can take up to 5 days for the clock to receive the transmitter signal and then show the correct time thereafter.

1. When turned on for the first time, the second hand turns in two second movements and then stops.
2. The minute hand then turns quickly, and depending on the clock, will either stop at 4, 8 or 12 o'clock, and then wait to receive the signal before moving to the correct time.
3. However, I have been able to locate a YouTube movie which shows a new atomic clock being turned on for the first time, and where the minute hand turns quickly and the second hand also kept moving. This now disproves the suggestion that the second hand stops when the clock is making its initial adjustment.

Scan the QR Code to watch the YouTube movie of the procedure for atomic clocks.



Camera

Make	samsung
Model	SM-N976B
Exposure	1/50
Aperture	1.5
Focal Length	4.3 mm
ISO Speed	400
Flash	No Flash

Further research completed

I have found a number of online reports of misbehaving clock hands spinning, and with a number of people suggesting a paranormal event had occurred.

Some people weren't even aware their clock was atomic, which is exactly what has occurred in my reported event, the family simply did not know and presumed it was simply battery powered. There are similar atomic clocks available online for as little as £20.00.

Metadata results

The metadata does confirm the time Robert Hayes stated the photograph was taken which is 19.13:29, and on the day he said it was taken.

EXIF

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Flash	No Flash

Conclusion

- The family believed this 2nd event was paranormal and was helped by the 2019 event when another clock came off the wall.
- The family thought the clock was a simple battery-operated clock and had it been, I may have agreed that the behaviour they experienced was highly unusual. However, the clock is atomic and despite the clock performing perfectly for many years, it's highly likely the behaviour of the clock has a rational explanation and is certainly not paranormal.
- People online have also reported similar and identical experiences, and all these misbehaving clocks were atomic.
- I do understand should a similar event occur to others, it may well frighten them. Investigators need to be made aware so in the future, they can then ask the correct question: What sort of clock is it?
- Never take their word for it, you need at least a close-up photograph of both the front of the clock where it may say 'Atomic' or 'Radio Controlled'.
- You also need a photograph of the back of the clock to look for a high number of buttons and knobs.
- Although the 2019 event was unusual, the family made the mistake of taking an accepted rational explanation given at the time, to then considering it as now paranormal when faced with the misbehaving clock in 2022, which in fairness did look unusual, I certainly felt that when I first viewed the movie, but unusual enough to then dig a little deeper.
- When you look at both events in context, it's difficult to say with 100% certainty both events have a rational explanation. Some element of doubt, no matter how small, will always be there, but for an elderly lady living on her own, and in the movie you do hear her say 'its the ghost', she at least has the comfort of now having an alternative explanation other than paranormal.



Normal battery clock



Atomic clock



Atomic clock



About the Author

Based in Cheshire, Tony worked between the MOD and the Home Office, and for the last few years has worked for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. With a life long interest in paranormal research he has undergone various

parapsychology courses over the years, including two with the Parapsychology Foundation, USA. Tony is also a musician and motorcyclist in his spare time.

Spirits or Medical Conditions?

By Bill Eyre

Introduction

No doubt most ASSAP investigators will have become involved in various spontaneous phenomena cases where normal, as opposed to paranormal, explanations have been found for the reported phenomena. A proportion of these conclusions would typically be that the experiencer has a mental health condition producing symptoms similar to those which can manifest from a psychical cause.

However, over the years in which I carried out investigations on behalf of ASSAP, as an AI / AAI, what surprised me (and my fellow ASSAP investigators) a little was that sometimes it was physical health conditions that we would encounter as explanations. These cases tended to occur in the situation where the client was an elderly female who was initially convinced that her phenomena / symptoms were caused by spirits. I present here a few examples of these cases and their causes.

Restless Legs Syndrome / Floaters / Tinnitus?

Over a period of time, an elderly Chesterfield couple by the name of Mr & Mrs Trueman [pseudonym], in common with many other people, received several letters purporting to be from one or more clairvoyants, asking for money to be sent. I have in fact been on the receiving end of such letters myself. On about the fourth such occasion, a letter was received, requesting money to be sent in order that the supposed clairvoyant could carry out a ritual on the Truemans' behalf. Such letters are best ignored but, unfortunately, on this occasion, Mrs Trueman returned the letter to the sender and Mr Trueman wrote to her, asking her not to send any further letters. The 'clairvoyant' wrote back, apparently annoyed at the reaction of the Truemans, making what the Truemans interpreted as being a threat to send them some 'entities'. Subsequent to her receiving this letter, Mrs Trueman started experiencing what to her was a significant problem inasmuch as she frequently experienced unpleasant vibrations around the lower part of her legs, particularly her feet, which, when they occurred at bedtime, stopped her from getting to sleep. She deduced that the vibrations were caused by the entities sent by the 'clairvoyant'.

Mr & Mrs Trueman involved, in total, four mediums and psychics, one after another, each of whom allegedly removed some spirits from her house. One medium helpfully provided her with spiritual healing but another psychic unhelpfully convinced her that her house was being used as a meeting place for spirits and that the vibrations around her feet represented the lowest form of evil(!), at which point he tried to obtain money from her to address the problem, without even offering to visit the house. Although this medium is known to me, clearly he is one with whom I would not have any dealings.

Despite the involvement of these mediums, Mrs Trueman continued to experience the vibrations. In due course, the Truemans invited me to become involved and so I proceeded to carry out an investigation on behalf of ASSAP, assisted by ASSAP member Mark Martin.

Apart from experiencing the vibrations, Mrs Trueman also saw what she described as 'flies' that looked like eyes moving around her house, which were not physical flies but which she claimed sometimes nipped her on the lower leg. She had also heard an unexplained hissing sound in the house. To begin with, Mr Trueman experienced nothing strange but as time went by, he claimed to also sometimes see the 'flies' and to hear the hissing noise. His sleep was also disturbed, as a result of Mrs Trueman frequently getting out of bed as a result of her foot problem, as walking around was the only way that she could relieve the irritation.

Mrs Trueman also claimed to periodically experience a cold spot, to have seen an apparition and to sometimes hear voices.

The Truemans had rented their house from new from the Council but had not made a request to be moved because of the phenomena. There not having been any previous occupants of the house, clearly there had never been any deaths in the house which could have given rise to the presence of earthbound spirit entities. The assertions of the mediums involved (prior to ASSAP's involvement) and of Mrs Trueman were, in effect, that a never ending series of spirits was being drawn to the house but there is no evidence from the findings of psychical research generally that such a scenario actually occurs.

The leg and foot problems only occurred when Mrs Trueman's legs were still. To the investigators, it was clear that the most likely explanation was that she was suffering from the medical condition Willis-Ekbom disease (commonly known as restless legs syndrome), which produces a sensation akin to that described by Mrs Trueman, results in sufferers feeling an irresistible urge to move their legs and particularly affects older people.

I spent time in the Truemans' house specifically to try to detect the 'flies' but whenever Mrs Trueman said she could see them, neither I nor Mr Trueman could see them and a photograph taken by me revealed there to be nothing

there resembling a fly. The probability was that in fact Mrs Trueman was actually experiencing floaters in her eye – a condition that I, and many other people, have experienced.

Amusingly, the standard question "Do you have any hearing problems?" produced a response of "Pardon?" and a repetition of the question produced a response of "Oh no – there's nothing wrong with my hearing."! Clearly there was. As tinnitus sometimes accompanies a partial loss of hearing, it is likely that the hissing noise that she claimed to hear but which could not be heard by the investigators was in fact intermittent tinnitus. As I experience this problem myself, I can confirm that the condition commonly consists of a hissing noise.

The investigators noticed that Mrs Trueman never stopped talking and that she was obsessed by her problems. It is highly likely, therefore, that she would have continually

been going on to her husband about her conviction of a spirit causation of the problems. Thus her delusional belief and some of its symptoms could have been transmitted to Mr Trueman, providing a possible folie à deux explanation for his experiences, as this condition (also known as shared delusional disorder), is a psychiatric syndrome in which symptoms of a delusional belief, and sometimes hallucinations, are transmitted from one individual to another.

Parkinson's disease / Huntington's disease / epilepsy?

A further case, handled by Al Jean Porter on behalf of ASSAP, with assistance from me and her husband Terry (ASSAP's archivist at the time), involved another elderly female resident of Chesterfield, who described to us how spirits were shaking her

body, producing a sudden, unexpected juddering of the upper body, accompanied by a feeling of being pushed, the phenomenon occurring both within and without her home and when she is both awake and asleep. During our visit, we did periodically observe her body shaking, although it seemed to us that the cause was internal rather than external. She admitted that she had some interest in the paranormal, having used tarot cards and pendulum dowsing and having consulted mediums. In fact, one medium had implied to her that her problem was due to a spirit needing her to notice him / her.

The client interpreted her problem as being some sort of psychic attack.

She was so convinced of the spiritual cause of her symptoms that she arranged for a CCTV camera to be installed in her bedroom, in order to obtain evidence, claiming that she could see unexplained shadows on the videotapes thus recorded. However, Terry spent a great deal of time examining a selection of tapes borrowed from the lady and, although they showed her spasms and light effects seeming to come from a night light in the hall, nothing of a paranormal nature appeared.

"one medium helpfully provided her with spiritual healing but another psychic unhelpfully convinced her that her house was being used as a meeting place for spirits."

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In the absence of evidence of other psychic phenomena, the investigation led us to the conclusion that in fact the reported, observed and recorded dyskinesia was almost certainly caused by a medical problem such as Parkinson’s disease, Huntington’s disease or epilepsy. Sydenham’s chorea (commonly known as St Vitus’ Dance) is a less likely explanation, as it tends to affect mainly the extremities of the body and doesn’t occur during sleep.

I suspect that the lady jumped to the conclusion that there was a spiritual explanation for her experiences because of her prior involvement in psychical activities.

osteoporosis / osteoarthritis / staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome?

A third example that I personally looked into, with assistance from AI Kevin Parkin, concerned a retired Chesterfield lady who reported having a ‘killer spirit’ trying to possess her, which wrapped itself around her, causing her to fall and injure herself, producing a number of fractures in her left arm and right leg. She also claimed that it produced burns on her legs, showing us her legs and they were very red and burnt looking. At the time of our interviewing this lady, the problem had been going on for 12 years.

Despite claiming to have no particular religious beliefs, we observed a number of crucifixes dotted around her lounge (one of which she claimed used to spin around) and she admitted having visited churches – in fact, she claimed that she picked up the troublesome spirit when visiting Chesterfield Parish Church (commonly known as ‘the crooked spire’). As was the case with Mrs Trueman,

when asked whether she had any difficulty with hearing, she claimed that she didn’t, even though she asked me to repeat myself! She stated that she had osteoporosis and osteoarthritis and took ibuprofen, calcium and vitamin D tablets. These would, of course, have been to tackle her pain and to strengthen her bones.

Other parties had tried to help her with her problem, including an exorcist in the early days, who tried to pull the alleged entity out of her, which seems a singularly unusual and highly suspicious way of dealing with attempted possession.

Given that osteoporosis produces weakened bones and a susceptibility to fracture, and arthritis would have made movement relatively unsteady, a rational conclusion would be that these conditions were the cause of her falls and injuries. There is also a medical condition known as staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome, which produces red, blistering skin that looks like a burn or scald.

Her claim that 14 other families had left the house prior to her occupation of it, because of paranormal problems, made us wonder whether there was additionally a spiritual element to her issues, although if a spirit had been attempting to possess her for 12 years and still not succeeded, one would have thought that it would have given up long before our involvement! Our wish to pursue this angle was thwarted as a result of the lady going into hospital and contact with her being lost.

Summary

In each of the above examples, the client was initially convinced that her problem had been caused by one or more spirits. Whilst the emphasis of this article has been on the likely causative physical medical conditions, it is acknowledged that there may have also been an element of some psychological issue with one or more of these clients in respect of them being so convinced of a less rational explanation for their troubles.

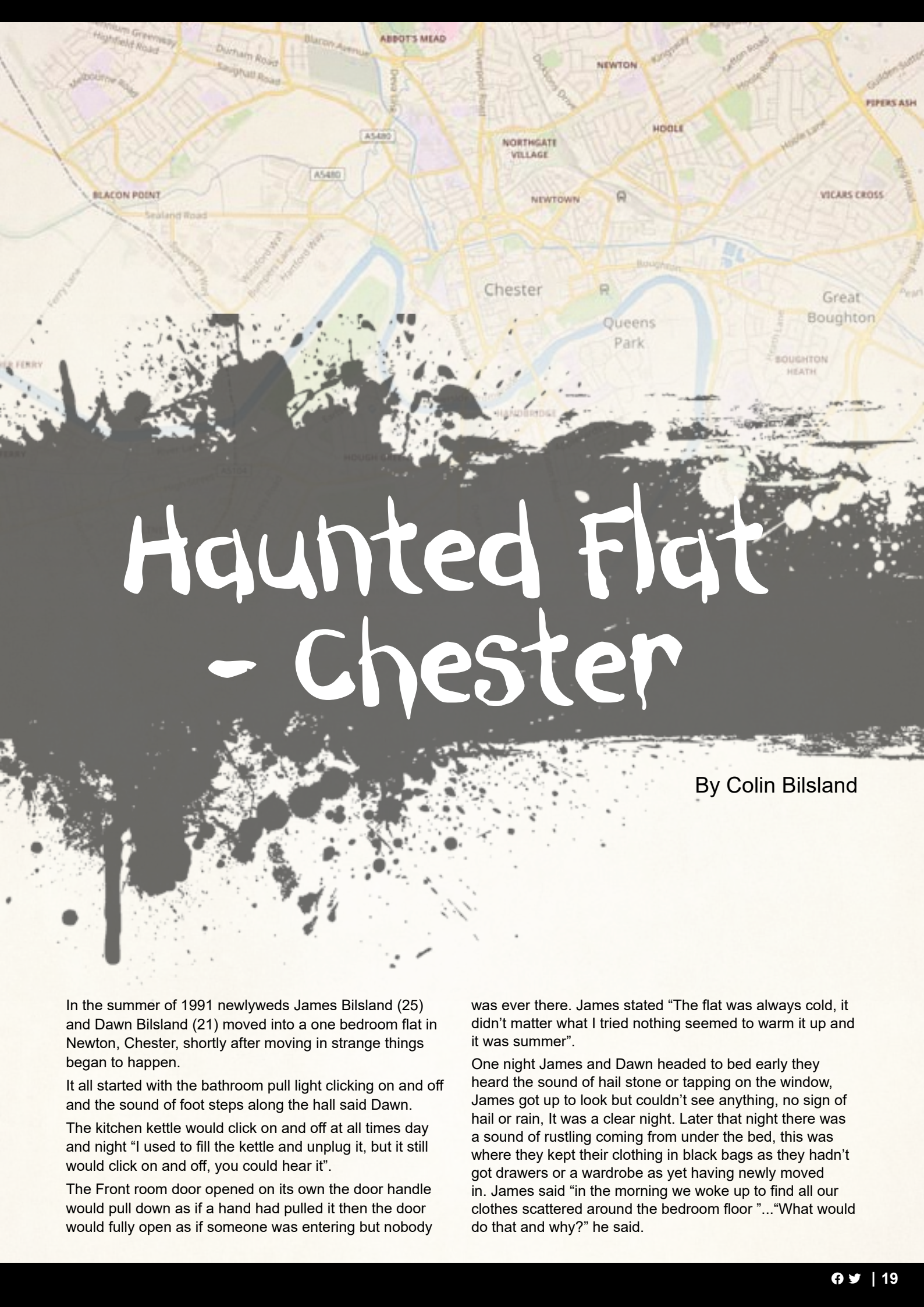
Whilst ASSAP investigators are not medically qualified to diagnose specific medical conditions, it is clearly more scientifically valid to consider medical or other normal explanations for reported phenomena before considering paranormal explanations. In all of the above cases, the investigators naturally referred the clients to the medical profession for a definitive diagnosis.

The examples above of misleading information from mediums clearly shows that clients with suspected psychic phenomena would be better advised to consult scientifically minded psychical investigators in the first instance, rather than mediums.



About the Author

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Haunted Flat - Chester

By Colin Bililand

In the summer of 1991 newlyweds James Bililand (25) and Dawn Bililand (21) moved into a one bedroom flat in Newton, Chester, shortly after moving in strange things began to happen.

It all started with the bathroom pull light clicking on and off and the sound of foot steps along the hall said Dawn.

The kitchen kettle would click on and off at all times day and night "I used to fill the kettle and unplug it, but it still would click on and off, you could hear it".

The Front room door opened on its own the door handle would pull down as if a hand had pulled it then the door would fully open as if someone was entering but nobody

was ever there. James stated "The flat was always cold, it didn't matter what I tried nothing seemed to warm it up and it was summer".

One night James and Dawn headed to bed early they heard the sound of hail stone or tapping on the window, James got up to look but couldn't see anything, no sign of hail or rain, it was a clear night. Later that night there was a sound of rustling coming from under the bed, this was where they kept their clothing in black bags as they hadn't got drawers or a wardrobe as yet having newly moved in. James said "in the morning we woke up to find all our clothes scattered around the bedroom floor "...What would do that and why?" he said.



Dawn was very scared to stay in the flat alone she would sit on the wall outside waiting for James to arrive from work even if it was raining.

On many occasions while making tea or coffee both James and Dawn would see a cup just slide along the kitchen work surface. Other times they would put the kettle on, put out cups place in the tea bags and milk all ready for a brew, then, go sit down and come back to find that the kettle had been turned off and the cups placed back into the cupboard with the milk and teabag still in the cup.

Dawn would bring a cup of tea to James holding two cups she would go to kick the door open it wouldn't open. Other times on reaching the door with cups in her hands she would place the cups on the floor but the door would open by itself.

The front room light would flicker as if faulty it had been checked many times by the council there findings...nothing wrong with it.

December.

Around Christmas time James's friend Paul C stayed over having had a argument with his parents. That night James says he heard the bathroom light click on. The light was usually off, then foot steps going along the hall and the front room door open, this was followed by the front room light switching on shortly followed by the television turning on in the front room.

Next morning James's friend Paul informed him of his restless night. Paul said " I was lying on the mattress in the front room when I heard footsteps going around the

mattress left to right, then right left then it stopped next to his ear and a heavy thud and whispering down my ear I shot up, the bathroom light turned on and the front room door opened, I jumped up turned on the light switched on the TV set and watched TV till the morning and left refusing to go back".

January.

James visited his parents and told them what was going on, his mother told him to go to the church at the end of his road and ask for help but James refused.

This was discussed many times while he lived at the flat. Colin Bilsland (15), his younger brother, overheard what was being said between James and their mother. Colin said " I was sitting in the front room and overheard James talking to mum about strange experiences, James came over to me and said you're interested in weird stuff come over to mine and see what you think". Brendan Bilsland (18) agreed to come along to witness what was about to happen.

In the flat James placed a chair facing the front room door he said "sit there and wait", I sat down waiting for at least 20 minutes and was feeling a little silly as nothing was happening.. I turned to James and said you're having me on.. suddenly the front room door opened. I jumped up and ran though the open door looked into each room no one was there.. I said to James " there has to be a explanation for this, traffic vibrating the walls" I closed the door and pushed as hard as I could.. then I booted the door to which James shout "don't break my door". I opened the door

and walked in, closed the door behind me, heard it click, I turned back to James and Brendan.. suddenly the door hit me in the back.. I shot forward looking at both the door and my brothers, James had a I told you so look on his face.

James friend, Graham M, moved in temporarily during his stay.

James said most nights he stayed awake with the television on and would sleep in the day... but as with Paul he too soon left. Dawn said "he never spoke about what happened he was scared, he would wait outside never entering unless someone was there".

On one of Colin and Brendan's visits they witnessed James trying to get the fire going. He had newspaper over the fire place when suddenly a gust of wind blew down the chimney and covered him in soot... he had just taken a bath.

On another visit, we were sitting in the front room and James had gone to the local shops. Dawn went to make tea and coffee. She put the kettle on, came back, went back into the kitchen and called out to come look at this quick.. we all ran into the kitchen to find the cutlery set had moved from the window sill, missed the sink that was under where it stood, and was now standing in the middle of the kitchen floor with all cutlery still in place.. we went outside and waited for James to return.

January/February

Brendan went to stay at James and Dawn's flat.. he said they was sitting chatting and having fun till late evening, Brendan went to the bathroom.

James said he was talking with Dawn when suddenly he heard a yell/scream coming from Brendan in the bathroom.

Dawn panicked and James called back "what's up" James on edge of his seat. "it's the ghost, it grabbed me", they all fell about laughing as it was highly funny!

At about 2.30 they all went to bed Brendan said.. I closed the door put the mattress on the floor made up the bed.. I turned off the light and settled down, I lay there trying to rest when suddenly I heard something walk left to right around the mattress it stopped next to my head.. I looked.. there was nothing there... It happened again right to left around the mattress it stopped next to my head, I looked again nothing there I thought to myself if I hear it again I will ignore it.. the steps happened again and stopped I ignored it all was quiet then suddenly a heavy thud next to my ear and heavy breathing right down my ear, I sat up the bathroom light clicked on and the door opened wide. I shot up and ran into James's and Dawns room.

"take me home, I'm not staying here" James replied "its 3am I'm not taking you home at this hour"... "I will walk home then " said Brendan.

James grabbed the mattress from the front room and dragged it into the bedroom.

Dawn and Brendan both scared kept talking all night "you awake" Dawn said to Brendan "Yep" was his reply.. "will you both knock it off or I will knock both your heads together" called James. Dawn and Brendan both state all night they could hear scratching noises on the bed. Brendan did not want to return to the flat.

March/April

Colin...on one occasion I visited the flat for the weekend I went to have a bath. I sat in the bath, lathered up my hair, and had a feeling someone was watching me. I looked to my left and from the corner of my eyes I could see an old gray haired lady standing there, she was looking at me very crossly. I rinsed my hair allowing the shampoo to run over my open eyes..she was still there..I quickly finished and jumped out the bath. She was gone!

I told James and Dawn what had happened, they were speechless.

That night I placed my trainer into the closed front room door I would like to say it was an experiment, but it wasn't, I was also beginning to get scared now. I had heard about the walking round the mattress and the breathing and whispering I never experienced this.

At a later date I heard James telling mum about when he took a bath at his flat... I was taking a bath I put my head under the water and heard someone talking to me I called out to Dawn "what did you say" she replied "I didn't say anything, I'm in the front room ironing".



“We all sat talking till late evening the conversation was about what was happening, James said he wont believe in ghosts till a ghost shakes his hand.. Suddenly the whole room lit up bright white, it was all round us you could only see the white then it was gone.”

Brendan returned to the flat again

We all sat talking till late evening, the conversation was about what was happening. James said he wont believe in ghosts till a ghost shakes his hand.. Brendan didn't really want to come back but he decided to visit while everyone was there. Suddenly the whole room lit up bright white, it was all round us you could only see the white then it was gone. James jumped up “what the was that” Dawn was panicking next was a sound of hail stone/ tap tap tap on the window we all looked out but no hail or rain it was dry outside..it was a cloudless evening.

James lost his temper and started to yell at the empty space “ this is my flat now..not yours”. All was quiet for the rest of the night.

James began to get sick with kidney problems..he was getting red marks on his legs.

May/June

Mum's neighbour passed away, she used to look after him, he was a very nice elderly man who loved his dog, Mandy.

He left the dog to my mum but we had a dog so she gave the dog to James and Dawn. James took the dog to their flat. Dawn said Mandy walked in and growled at the fire place, her head then followed something invisible move from fireplace to window Mandy was growling, then suddenly she yelped as if hit and hid behind the sofa shaking. Mandy always did this something was attacking the dog now.

June/July

A friend of my mums neighbour wanted to move to Newton and heard that James and Dawn had a flat he got in touch with them and asked if they wanted to do a exchange of properties as he wanted to be near his girlfriend.

James and Dawn both agreed.. moving out of this flat would be a new start so they contacted the housing officer who said they will send a person out to check on the flat and the house make sure all is OK.

The housing officer said that all was great with the flat and asked about the bedroom wallpaper how nice it looked and who decorated it, James said “my dad did it”. Then they all left.

James and Brendans final visit to the flat before handing over keys.

We walked into the flat and I walked into the bedroom every single piece of wallpaper had peeled down on one corner 6 to 8 inches all round the room. I said to Brendan I better get wallpaper paste and put it back up. We drove to the local DIY shop, bought wallpaper paste, passed by my parents house to get the step ladder, had a bite to eat and headed back.

I walked into the flat and into the bedroom. Every single piece of wallpaper was back up as if nothing happened. I threw the paste and started to shout at the empty space. We left.

August

James And Dawn moved into their new home and began settling in. For a long time everyone was expecting something to happen.. all was quiet

James got a call from Gordon who he did the exchange with, he asked did anything strange happen to you while you lived in the flat... James, shocked, asked him to explain what's happening but he wouldn't say. Very soon after Gordon died.

James worked for vandaline a security company looking after empty council properties... for two years the property remained empty, people moved in and soon moved out!!

James once spoke with his old downstairs neighbour about the previous tenant. He said, “how did you get that flat as it was for the elderly only. That it was a elderly lady who died in the front room, she wasn't found for two weeks. When they found her, her little dog was walking around her body”.



About the Author

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Isle of Man **PART TWO**

- more than a talking Mongoose

By Ian Topham



Isle of Man



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Recently while updating the Mysterious Britain & Ireland website, I found myself going through some old newspapers and books concerning the Isle of Man. Mention the Isle of Man to a paranormal researcher and they will probably think immediately about a certain talking mongoose, but the island's rich tradition of folk and ghost lore does not end there and I am sure that a survey of the island would make a great Albion project. Project Albion being ASSAP's longest running research endeavour, likened to a Doomsday book of the paranormal.

Situated in the Irish Sea, south of Scotland and nestled between England and Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man is a Crown Dependency and not part of the United Kingdom. The island covers an area of 221 square miles and is about 31 miles long and as much as 14 miles wide. For the purpose of this article I am just concentrating on stories I have found based in the bottom portion of the island's length.

The Fairy Cup of Kirk Malew

Many Manxmen protest they have been carried insensibly great distances from home, and without knowing how they came there, found themselves on the top of a mountain. One man had been led by invisible musicians for several miles together, and not being able to resist the harmony, followed, till it conducted him into a large common, where a great number of little people sitting round a table, and eating and drinking in a very jovial manner.

Among them were some faces whom he thought he had formerly seen, but forbore taking any notice, or they of him, till the little people offered him drink; one of them, whose features seemed not unknown to him, plucked him by the coat, and forbade him, whatever he did, to taste anything he saw before him; "for if you do," added he, "you will be as I am, and return no more to your family." The poor man was much affrighted, but resolved to obey the injunction. Accordingly a large silver cup filled with some sort of liquor, being put into his hand, he found an opportunity to throw what it contained on the ground.

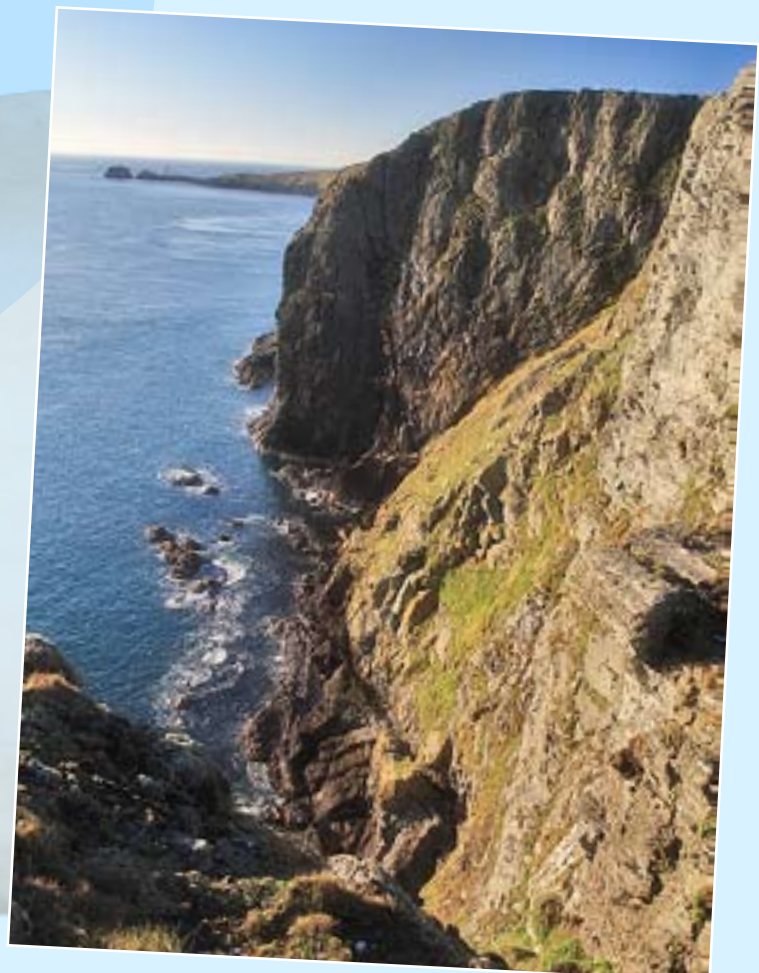
Soon after, the music ceasing, all the company disappeared, leaving the cup in his hand; and he returned home, though much wearied and fatigued. He went the next day and communicated to the minister of the parish all that had happened, and asked his advice how he should dispose of the cup; to which the parson replied, he could not do better than to devote it to the service of the Church; and this very cup, they tell me, is that which is now used for the consecrated wine in Kirk Malew*.—Waldron.



Spanish Head, Isle of Man

Spanish Head is a promontory rising measuring over 100m above sea level. So in the piece of Ghostlore below, the figure covered some height in his walk. "One of my neighbours was telling me he went to the Spanish Head before daylight in the morning to look after some snares he had set the evening before. As it was moonlight he thought the day was near, and there came to him a man walking up the precipice, and he could swear he was nine feet in height, but he walked on and took no notice."

[Isle of Man Natural History and Antiquarian Society, C Roeder, (Yn Lioar Manninagh Vol 3)]





Chibbyr Undin & Chibbyr Unjin Holy Wells of Malew

Chibber Undin (Chibbyr Undin) – The Foundation Well or Chibber Undin when written about in the late 19th century was described as being close to the remains of an ancient Keeill which a Manx word for cell or chapel and these remains are often quoted as measuring 21 feet long by 12 feet broad. In his ‘Surnames and Place Names Of The Isle of Man’ A W Moore described the folk customs associated with the well. “The water of this well is supposed to have curative properties. The patients who came to it, took a mouthful of water, retaining it in their mouths till they had twice walked round the well. They then took a piece of cloth from a garment which they had worn, wetted it with the water from the well, and hung it on the hawthorn-tree which grew there. When the cloth had rotted away, the cure was supposed to be effected.” The Eve of St John the Baptist was said to be the day when the healing powers stood the best chance of

working. Women wanting to bear children would also use the well, adding a prayer for a child.

Whilst researching what is known about and trying to map the locations for the above Chibber Undin and the Chibber Unjin below, I came across speculation on www.isle-of-man.com that they may be one in the same, though early texts refer to them as two very separate wells. Chibber Unjin is also close to a keeill, which I think is Keeill Unjin, Grenaby, Malew, which like the unnamed keeill above measures 21 feet by 12 feet.

Chibber Unjin (Chubbyr Unjin) – Chibber Unjin is the Ash Well, so named as a sacred ash tree rather than a thorn tree was said to grow over it and offerings of rags hung from it as offerings. Chibbyr Unjin, Ballabeg, Malew could be found 70 yards South South East of the Keeill and 300 yards East of Ballatrollog. By 1899 it was said to have been filled in.

Ballakilpheric Ghosts of Twins

According to an article published in Isle of Man Examiner, 6 September 1902, ‘An old woman from Ballakilpheric was telling about some one that had twins in the neighbourhood, and both died when they were beginning to walk about, and one night after they were buried she heard something at the door and went and opened it, and there were two little white lambs at the door, and she was greatly surprised, as it was in the dead of winter, before there were any lambs to be seen, and they seemed to be looking under the door steps. She shut the door again, and next morning she went to look under the steps and found a pair of scissors in a hole, that were missing for some time and given up for lost. But it was her belief that the little ones had put the scissors there, and that the two little lambs were their spirits coming there to see them, according to the old superstitions about ghosts.’



About the Author



Ian has been actively investigating the paranormal for over 30 years, most of which has been in association with ASSAP, in particular what emerged and became known as the Northern Group of which he was a founding member. Ian's key areas of research, interest and experience are within the scientific investigation of haunting phenomena (e.g. apparitions / poltergeists). He is also a fully accredited ASSAP researcher and has previously served on their executive committee as Chairman, Vice Chair, Membership Officer and is the current Heritage Officer. He has an avid interest in folklore and the occult and how these areas can influence the nature of strange experiences for people involved in these areas.

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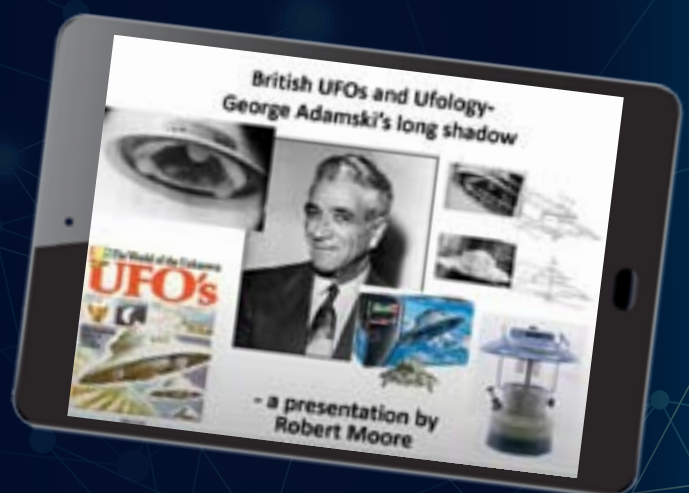
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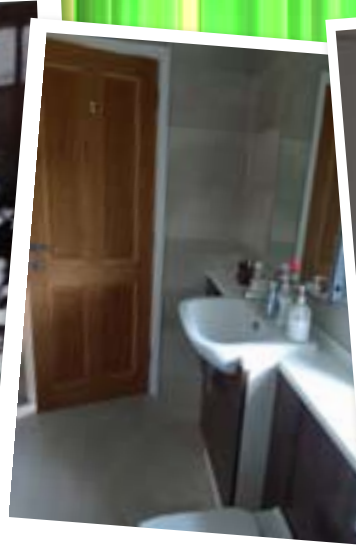
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Timeslips in my Home

- An Experience by Karen Kelsall

I find that sometimes rooms in my house change to the original or the past way of looking with the occupants in the room. One morning I was walking into my bedroom quickly, as it was winter, straight after having my shower, and straight ahead of me was a portly lady wearing a pinafore to protect her clothes. She was standing at the opposite side of my bedroom wall.

I have seen this lady before a few years earlier, when she appeared in my bathroom, as I was taking a bath and she then plonked two young children in my bath where my legs and feet were. They were all in solid form: she was doing what she used to do many years previously. Her clothes may have been from the 1920's or 1930's. Many a time whilst I was taking a bath I used to feel someone standing behind me, but with my back to the door I could not see who it was until that day. My daughter also felt her presence when she was in the bath too, but she only ever appeared to me.

Anyway, as I walked into my bedroom and saw her, I was shocked to see her again and she reacted, and looking at me in shock too. It was only then I took in the decor of my bedroom when I realised I was not in 2015. The walls were painted green, a colour I am not keen on, it was sparse of furniture, and the windows inside were a dark brown wooden window frame and sills. I looked around and took in what I could for a moment, not sure what to

do. She looked at me as if to say "who are you?" and I felt the same. This must have lasted about a minute then she disappeared as the room drastically changed to the normal decor of light yellow wallpaper and my bed and furnishings.

I have a full length mirrored wardrobe and she was standing in front of it, but it was not there, it was a green painted wall. I stood still for a while to recollect what had happened. Not long after this I was looking at some old photos of my area from the 1920's and 1930's on a local history forum. My house was built over 100 years ago so I was shocked to see a photo of my house from that era, with the neighbours outside of the houses, and on closer inspection, I noticed that the houses had dark brown wooden window frames on the outside too.

If you look to the right of the two men standing next to the lady in the polka dot dress, behind is my house with the brown wooden window frames...the lady I saw in my bedroom and bathroom with the children is the large lady, wearing a pinafore and holding something white in her hand. She is in the left of the polka dot lady.

Other subjects are in my book called *Living In Two Worlds, My Journey* by Karen Kelsall. It is available on Amazon in Kindle form or in paperback. The paperback copy can be bought directly from me. It covers my life with its gritty, twists and turns alongside the paranormal.



About the Author

Karen Kelsall is a Medium and Clairvoyant and someone who has quite a few paranormal stories and events that have happened to her. She has written a book which covers the human aspect of her life as well as the paranormal side.

From a young age she has experienced Timeslips, Bilocation, Astral Travel, Trance Mediumship, Transfiguration, Past Lives and Apparitions in her house and throughout her life.

Poetry Submissions

By Ciaran Farrell

There are Ghosts in That House

That house possesses far more than Manderlay's echoes of the past
Within its thick old walls the very past itself takes on human form
To enact a drama of the dance of life 'n death with an all-star cast
bewitched by them your mind becomes a Jericho to their storm.

This warning to the wise I will give; turn for home before it is too late
Least they hand you a part in their drama as a bargain with fate.

The Doors of Perception

Between what our senses tell us of the world by day and what our minds perceive of it at midnight there are doors which when opened form a way to turn dark nightmares into a reality full and bright.

Then you will not see if any hope lingers in what lies ahead after your sun has gone down and your moon is dead.

The Goddess Psyche's Uroboros

I know there is an inner truth behind what is so often said about a definite spirit of place
That coils around you and ensnares and enslaves you only to eat its tail in endless loops
Where endings and beginnings are a fluid frozen fiery Catherine Wheel spinning in space
That binds and brands events in the place they were born into the fabric of its hoops.

I know there are those who from their own experience can stake a special sort of claim
To be able to read the runes written in Psyche's own hand within those fiery rings
And speak her truth to the powers that be without thought of reward fortune or fame
For as her chosen ones they are neither blessed nor cursed by her gifts for these things.

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