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Well, its certainly been an interesting month. 2011 so far has been very productive with several phone calls regarding paranormal disturbances. Investigations are underway and we hope to publish some details in the near future. Filming for a (Channel 4 UK) TV show continues and Dave Sadler has also been filming with the (BBC) for a TV show called Inside Out. Once again, this issue features a variety of articles and interesting news. We hope you enjoy it.

SUB-EDITORIAL



So the New Year is out of the way, but media driven daftness has begun unabated. Mass bird and fish deaths, Earthquakes, Volcanic eruptions, Biblical floods and the world economic crisis have begun 'end of day's' believers bandwagon jumping. Floods of new books and high profile people, are earning a fair whack for their assumptions of what's happening.

In truth – UPIA's Kirst D'Raven has sifted through thousands of pages of data and statistically there is no difference in now and previous years. But those who prey on the public's belief are again driving the whole 'end of day's' concept a little further. Over the past few months in the UFO world, from my eyes, the UK weather has distracted the eyes from the skies, other than the high number of Chinese lanterns above us over the New Year and probably more to come over the Chinese New Year. In response the UPIA, MAPIT and Phenomena Magazine will be running a campaign to regulate the lanterns, more to come on that. I have included some details in this issue.

Cryptozoological and Paranormal reports also seem to have been quiet, probably due to the festive period and people concentrating on their families. We have, post New Year, experienced a number of reports from all areas of the Paranormal Sphere, Corporate and residential reports of hauntings, several exotic cat reports, a number of UFO incidents and several images for Analysis. Updates will come when we can comment.

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Page 2: Reflections: Paranormal Experiences.

Many people report having strange paranormal type experiences whilst in their bedrooms, often waking up and finding themselves totally paralysed, and in the presence of some type of ghostly manifestation. Abagael Macaskill is one of those people that has had such an experience. In this article, she recounts her first paranormal experience.

Page 3: Foo History: The Story so far...

Andy Roberts is one of the UK's leading investigative researchers of the UFO phenomena. He also has a keen interest in the paranormal, big cat sightings, earth mysteries and is author of several books on the subject. In this article Andy delves into the mystery of the Foo Fighter sightings of the 1940's. Strange balls of light that were reported to follow military aircraft during the second world war.



Page 7: Life's Little Mysteries.

Sometimes, now and again, you experience something that you find difficult to understand or rationalise. Such experiences are difficult to investigate, leaving you perplexed and confused. There have been many strange reports of weird and odd incidents. Steve Mera recounts four such incidents that have left him scratching his head. Without explanation, Steve calls such incidents, Life's Little Mysteries.



Page 11: The mystery of the Stones.

Strange floating balls of light, the sighting of ghostly figures, people reporting missing time. These are just a few of the reported paranormal incidents in the vicinity of the Bridestones, a Neolithic burial cairn that lies along the line of the Staffordshire / Cheshire border. The Bridestones, has been the focus of a long term investigation, carried out by Dave Sadler of the UPIA.



Page 17: Mysterious Animal Deaths: What's Going On?

New Year revellers watched in horror as the birds rained down on houses and cars in Beebe, Arkansas. Carcasses littered the streets. Thousands of dead fish have also been found. The New South Wales government fisheries authorities have rule out natural causes, and are quite frankly... stumped'. Is there something going on, or is there a rational explanation? Wil Longbottom investigates.



Page 19: The Lantern Boy.

In the middle century sightings of the Lantern Boy were common and were seen almost every night. The last official sighting of the Lantern Boy was in 1945 but on occasional nights he has been spotted walking down the tracks of Stainforth & Hatfield Railway Station. James Whittaker pays a visit to the old station that was built in 1866 in hope of spotting the mysterious Lantern Boy.



Page 21: Sir Arthur Cocan Doyle: Spiritualism & Freemasonry.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's name is synonymous with Sherlock Holmes. From the beginning of his career there was an element of spiritualism that always intrigued Doyle and influenced his work. It may well have been this particular interest that aroused Doyle's somewhat erratic interest in Freemasonry. Yasha Beresiner takes a closer look at Doyle's connection with Spiritualism & Freemasonry.



Page 23: Poltergeist: Electromagnetic Fear.

According to literature on the subject, poltergeist activity can be traced all the way back beyond 530 AD, appearing over a large cross section of cultures and generally exhibiting the same characteristics. For many the word 'Poltergeist' was first heard when Steven Spielberg released his hit movie by the same title. But what is the truth? Are there really such things? John Pagan investigates.



Page 27: The Jones Abduction.

It was summer of 1979. Lynda Jones a thirty six year old housewife from Didsbury, Manchester UK and her two children were out walking when suddenly they were confronted by a strange flying craft. Steve Mera has spent the best part of ten years looking into one of the UK's most profound close encounters and finds many things suggesting a cover-up, missing time and possible extraterrestrial contact.



Latest News Items include: UFO Base on Mars?, A Haunted Hospital?, Psychic Pets?, Mystery of the Crop Circles, New Zealand releases UFO Documents, Psychic Lottery Win?, a Poltergeist in Wigan?, and Dave Sadler looks into Fire Lanterns - Menace of the Skies. Book Reviews consist of Strangely Strange, UFO Down - The Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash & Haunted Skies. Plus... Featured Advertisements and much more...

Reflections: Paranormal Experiences.

The First Encounter...

Laying down for the night, I switched off the lamp next to my bed and snuggled down into my covers. Almost immediately I heard footsteps on the uncarpeted stairs next to my bedroom. I lived alone in a large old house so I slept on the main floor. The stairs led up to the unoccupied second floor.

The footsteps continued down and were joined by a second set. They echoed loudly on the wood stairs and definitely brought an image of two men to my mind. I lay there, unmoving, under my covers. In the fear that was building within me those covers represented protection, though in hindsight that was patently foolish!

The two "men" turned the corner walking into my bedroom. It was at this point I realised I could not move, nor open my eyes. I was completely paralysed. The two visitors stood by the side of the bed and I could feel them looking down at me. They spoke an unintelligible gibberish and somehow I knew they were discussing me.

The discussion paused and I felt myself slowly raising off the bed. I was desperately trying to get something to move on my body. I managed to wiggle the fingertips on both hands. With these fingertips I was able to barely clasp some of the bottom sheet. I continued to float off the bed until the sheet became taut in my fingers, maybe four to six inches up. Then I simply settled back down into bed.

The two men turned and walked away. I listened to their retreating footsteps, back up the stairs. As soon as they reached the top of the staircase the paralysis released. In what I later considered a totally inappropriate reaction, I rolled over and went to sleep.

The Second Encounter...

About a year later I was in the same old house, now married and sleeping on the second floor. This time I was awakened in the middle of the night. I was lying on my back with my arms oddly crossed across my chest. I glanced over to the door which was near the foot of the bed and was startled to see a white figure glide into the bedroom.

This creature had a plastic skeletal look to it. The face looked like a smooth



moulded skull. The body was clothed in a full length white gown, reminiscent of a wedding gown. The thing was of a short human stature and did not walk, but slid or glided. It was totally solid looking, not see through or indistinct in any way.

My first reaction was to try to nudge my husband and call out his name. Then I realised I was once again completely paralysed, except for my eyes this time. I was straining my crossed arms with all my might to try and break the hold, with no effect.

I returned my attention to the creature. Up to this point it had not looked at me. It stood at the foot of the bed, staring down at my feet. Slowly it raised its head as it looked up the length of my body. Fear was welling up inside of me, dreading the moment it looked at my face. As soon as we made eye contact, its countenance changed from neutral to unbridled fury. As it looked at me I could feel rolling waves of anger pouring out of it.

In the next moment I abruptly raised off the bed about a foot and a half and hung there suspended in the air. Slowly I was turned onto my side, still just

hanging, where I had a view of the wall in front of me about three feet away from the bed. In the next moment I smashed into the wall at a high velocity. I felt nothing of the impact, just saw a bright splash of colour, then had a weird sucking sensation that instantly delivered me back to bed.

The paralysis broke, releasing the restraint on my arms that I was apparently still straining with, and my husband awoke abruptly as I accidentally socked him in the gut. The creature was gone. This time I did not go back to sleep but sat up and discussed what happened with my husband.

This was a truly terrifying experience...

Scientists describe such incidents as sleep paralysis, which is a condition characterised by brief periods of paralysis as the patient falls to sleep or wakes up. It is usually associated with other sleep disorders, rather than appearing on its own, and since it is often accompanied by hallucinations, usually those thought to be paranormal in nature. However, some of the more profound incidents are hard to explain...

Sleep paralysis has been linked to paranormal experiences for hundreds if not thousands of years. While witnesses report ghostly encounters and the feeling of not being able to move, science explains away by reeling off medical conditions.

Incidents of paralysis are common throughout the world of the paranormal as well as the alleged Alien Abduction experience. Many argue the point that such encounters can somehow utilise our capabilities of paralysis, or that the experience itself induces the affect...

Foo History The Story So Far...

Andy Roberts is one of the UK's leading investigative researchers of the UFO phenomena. He also has a keen interest in the paranormal, big cat sightings, earth mysteries and is author of several books on the subject. In this article Andy delves into the mystery of the Foo Fighter sightings of the 1940's...

The subject of Foo-Fighters, the mysterious aerial phenomenon seen by aircrew during W.W.II, is probably the most neglected area of study in the field of ufology. Once ufologists realised that their world did not in fact begin on June 24th 1947 with Arnold's infamous sighting, it has become fashionable to conduct research into "historical" UFO's which has led to some useful insights into the nature of the UFO phenomenon as a whole.

Ignored.

The pre-Great War Airship and between the wars Mystery Flier Waves plus the post-war Mystery Rocket

'The history of foo-fighters as represented within the subject of ufology is riddled with problems which have put foo fighters in the historical niche they occupy today'

Waves have all been admirably covered by researchers in the UK, USA and Sweden, but foo-fighters have been virtually ignored. With this in mind I began in 1987 to seek out all material extant relating to foo-fighters to try and put the subject into much-needed perspective and with the hopeful intention of publishing the end results in book form as a reference tool for other ufologists. This is some way off yet and so I think it may be worthwhile detailing the progress made and the problems encountered so far.

Neglected as an area of study they may be but every ufologist has at least heard of foo-fighters and almost every writer on the subject has mentioned them. Therefore you would think a mass of information would exist on the subject. Unfortunately this is just not the case. Look in any UFO book and you will find that foo-fighters are just given a few lines, at most in some rare cases a few pages and in only one or two instances a whole chapter. This is pathetic really for an area of UFO activity which immediately proceeded the

modern era and one which, if we are to believe the more "enthusiastic" ufologists, was the start of the so-called "Government Cover-Up".

The history of foo-fighters as represented within the subject of ufology is riddled with problems which have put foo fighters in the historical niche they occupy today. These problems need stating and dealing with before the foo-fighter phenomenon can be seen in anything approaching a clear perspective. For a start even the name 'foo-fighter' is problematic; did it come from the old Smokey Stover cartoon character saying "Where there's foo there's fire"; or was it from the French word

feu, meaning fire, or was it, according to one ex-B17 waist gunner I spoke to, from "phooey". Needless to say, he didn't believe they existed! Also, what exactly is the definition of a "foo-fighter"? It usually depends on what obscure theory a particular writer is trying to prove. For the purposes of my study I have used the criteria of any unexplained light source seen in conjunction with an aircraft either from the air or from the ground. This is deliberately descriptive as to include all wartime UFO's, which are as diverse as the ones we report nowadays, would need many years research itself.

Re-arranged.

Firstly, when considering the written sources in the literature, it should be made known that almost every author who has mentioned the subject, in a book or a magazine article, has literally stolen his or her material from someone else and invariably left it un referenced to create, no doubt, the illusion that the author in question discovered the facts themselves.

Furthermore even the copied facts are often misquoted or conveniently "rearranged" to suit the author's particular argument and all obviously done without checking the salient facts at source.

For instance, if we constructed a "family tram" of foo-fighter material we would find, almost without exception, that the "grand pappy of them all" is the 1945 *American Legion Magazine* article, written by Jo Chamberlin. This article forms the substance of almost every piece written on the subject of foo-fighters. Fortunately this article is based on accounts which can be (has been) checked with squadron records and appears largely correct but its incessant copying has precluded any original work being done on the subject and has subsequently led to many writers extrapolating generalisations about the foo subject as a whole, most of which are demonstrably untrue.

Examples of this armchair theorising are legion but for instance; many items dealing with foo-fighters state almost as an article of faith that foo-fighters only appeared in the later stages of the war, specifically around the winter of 1944/1945.

The Foo Fighter.

It has been written that the term foo fighter was used by Allied aircraft pilots in World War II to describe various UFOs or mysterious aerial phenomena seen in the skies over both the European and Pacific Theatre of Operations. Though "foo fighter" initially described a type of UFO reported and named by the U.S. 415th Night Fighter Squadron, the term was also commonly used to mean any UFO sighting from that period. Formally reported from November 1944 onwards, witnesses often assumed that the foo fighters were secret weapons employed by the enemy, but they remained unidentified post-war and were reported by both Allied and Axis forces.



Secret Weapon.

This is a direct result of Chamberlin's article and has led to further speculation that perhaps they were Nazi secret weapons pulled out of the hat at the last minute, or even perhaps that the foo were extraterrestrials keeping an eye on us before we used the atomic bomb. This time scaling is false and the first record I have of a foo-fighter being seen comes from 1940 and they were seen often throughout all the war years.

Another false fact of the foo-fanciers faith is that the phenomena were mainly seen over the European theatre of war and just occasionally over the Pacific. This is again false and the product of sloppy research. So far I have accounts of foo-fighters being seen over Norway, Germany, France, Italy, Sicily, The Pacific, Burma, Tunisia, and all the sea areas adjoining these countries. It was clearly an international phenomenon. Still another mistake is the statement made by many authors that the axis pilots also were seeing the phenomena and that they thought, just as our pilots did, that it was an allied secret weapon.

This may yet be proved true but I have so far to find an original reference made by an axis pilot, or authority, that this was the case. The statement seems to be ufological canard employed on the basis of 'well if our boys saw them they must have too', and again has been used to support the ETH argument. The facts behind the rumour must await

further verification. Axis aircrew was in fact seeing unexplained aerial phenomena but as yet most of their accounts await translation.

Hoax.

We have at least one outright hoax too in foo-fighter lore. For years rumours had been flying round that the Germans had been fully aware of the foo-fighter phenomenon (perhaps that's where the above canard originated) and that they had a special study group formed to look into the problem under the name of "Project Uranus," backed by a shadowy group by the name of Sonderburo 13 (reminds you of Majestic 12 doesn't it?). This was first detailed in *La Livres Noir De Soucupes Volantes* (The Black Book of Flying Saucers- 1970) by French ufologist Henry Durrant. The rumour spread in Europe and eventually took physical form in the English language in Tim Good's acclaimed book 'Above Top Secret' where it is used to help substantiate further vague rumours of an Anglo/American foo-fighter study. Good had not checked his facts and had in fact just copied the information direct from Durrant's book.

When I checked this out with Durrant he informed me that the whole "Project Uranus" affair was a hoax which he had inserted in his book precisely to see who would copy it without checking. The hoax apparently had been revealed in France some years before but hadn't percolated its way through to English speaking ufologists. Perhaps other foo

hoaxes await discovery. I could go on listing mistake after mistake and misquote after misquote from which we have drawn the current idea of foo-fighters. The quality of research and writing on the subject of foo-fighters has been truly appalling. Once these primary problems were realised I found trying to research the subject from within the UFO literature was pointless

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and incestuous and so attempted to get back to the source material - the pilots and crew themselves and the official records.

Fresh Reports.

With this in mind I wrote to every air-related magazine in the UK with a request for information from ex-aircrew. To date I have had some thirty replies from pilots and crew detailing their experiences with strange balls of light (incidentally not one of them knew them by the name "foo-fighters," or any other name for that matter). I will be repeating the procedure again, both in the UK and the US to draw in more fresh reports. None of these respondents connected their sighting in any way with the modern idea of UFO's and their information is so much the better and clearer for that. In many cases I have copies of entries made in log-books immediately after the flight which details what took place.

Balls of Light.

In the main, the descriptions are similar to the many already portrayed in the literature. Balls of light of varying colour (mainly orange) and a number would appear from nowhere and play tag with aircraft for up to forty minutes. They were not hallucinations, being in some cases seen by the entire crew of a Lancaster bomber, and were not reflections as they were seen from many different angles or from two planes at once. Evasive action to shake them off was of no use...

Andy Roberts, author of "Out of the Shadows" says that foo-fighter sightings were described as tiny balls of light about the size of a beach ball as compared to the full size, larger UFO sightings of today. Interviews with the bomber aircrews show that they didn't make official reports for fear of being grounded or worse, that they would be suspected of having a lack of moral fibre and wanted to be grounded. The last thing the aircrews wanted was to be accused of inventing stories in order to get themselves grounded.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1944.



Floating Mystery Ball Is New Nazi Air Weapon

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Force, Dec. 13—A new German weapon has made its appearance on the western air front, it was disclosed today.

Airmen of the American Air Force report that they are encountering silver colored spheres in the air over German territory. The spheres are encountered either singly or in clusters. Sometimes they are semi-transparent.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The Germans have produced a "secret" weapon in keeping with the Christmas season.

The new device, apparently an air defense weapon, resembles the huge glass balls that adorn Christmas trees.

There was no information available as to what holds them up like stars in the sky, what is in them, or what their purpose is supposed to be.

In one case a Lancaster almost burnt its engine out, going "through the gate," a slang term used by pilots to denote pushing the engine to its limits, in an effort to lose its incandescent follower, but to no avail.

None of my respondents had fired on the phenomena, in some cases fearing it to be a secret weapon which would explode when fired upon and in others

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just attempting to evade it on the basis that as long as it wasn't firing at them they weren't going to antagonise it. Having said this I have heard an unsubstantiated tape of an interview with an American gunner which cites a case in which a foo was fired on ... and the shells went straight through it! Interesting and supportive of the unexplained atmospheric phenomenon theory. Although some books note the (unreferenced!) fact that some foo's appeared inside the planes or affected the electrics etc. I have found no record of that taking place. Nor is there any verified account of foo-fighters showing up on ground radar. The phenomena whatever it was, clearly distinguished by the aircrew from common natural phenomena such as St. Elmo's Fire, and was a separate entity from the plane they were in. It appears to have been totally independent and able to change shape, speed and position at will.

Lack of Interest.

Clearly something was being seen. A few pilots and crew chose not to report their experience at the time for fear of ridicule or for fear of being grounded for having hallucinations. Many though did record and report what they saw however and the response of the intelligence de-briefing staff varied considerably from total disinterest or hilarity to, in one case only, great interest and a further interview by intelligence officers. This apparent lack of interest on the part of the intelligence services begs the question of whether any official RAF or US 8th AF study was ever actually undertaken. It was certainly claimed to have, instigated by the

untraceable Massey in the UK and Eisenhower in the US. Although my sample of respondents is small it seems odd that only one crew out of thirty or more were actually de-briefed at length specifically on the subject.

This was more than likely to be concerned with the possibility that the crew had seen one of the new German jets than anything else. In view of the amount of time, effort and expertise needed it seems unlikely that any nation during the hard pressed times of W.W.II took the time out to study what was essentially an ephemeral, elusive and ultimately harmless phenomenon. This will not please cover-up aficionados but it seems to be the case on current evidence. My research so far with the RAF/MOD/PRO in the UK has drawn a total blank regarding official documentation and investigation of the subject, as have preliminary investigations in the USA. UFO skeptic's will of course say that this is because it doesn't exist, proponents, especially cover-up buffs, will say it is because it is being kept secret.

The simple facts are that if documentation does exist in the UK, I am unlikely to be able to get at it easily because of our archaic procedures for obtaining any government documents. We are not blessed by a FOI Act as is the USA, and obtaining any document depends on whether a department can be bothered to answer your letters or if so, can be bothered to undertake a meaningful search of their records. The situation is further complicated by the fact that many records in our Public Records Office are hard to locate due to how it is organised and furthermore are subject to "rules" such as the 30 year rule whereby information is not available for 30 years from date of classification. Worse still many W.W.II records are languishing under a 75 year rule for reasons I have not yet fathomed! In addition to this fact I have spoken to some ex-wartime RAF intelligence people in the UK and they claim no knowledge of the phenomena. This area is clearly a matter for further study but, as with contemporary UFO research it should be borne in mind that whilst there are many rumours of government interest and intervention regarding foo-fighters the actual hard evidence cannot be found. I do not think this points to a 'cover-up' in any way. The situation in the US may yet turn out to be different as regards obtaining official documentation and I would welcome help from any US readers who have an interest in the foo-phenomenon.

Not Valid.

The German secret weapon hypothesis (GSWH) promoted by such writers as Renato Vesco is unlikely to be valid.

The reports are too widely spaced throughout the war and come from too many differing theatres for them to be a secret weapon of any kind. Certainly the German's were experimenting with saucer-shaped craft, flying wings, etc; but they had not got very far beyond the drawing board and model stage. In addition, if foo-fighters were a weapon they were clearly ineffective as one. The GSWH can be seen in the same light as Vis a Vis Foo-fighters as the way many people relate modern UFO sightings to alien craft. It is a cultural or, in the case of foo-fighters, an occupational artifact which when seen in retrospect (as will the ETH no doubt) can be identified and discounted.

Conclusion.

Out of all this some clear facts are apparent. Hundreds of aircrew saw and recorded what we now call foo-fighters during W.W.II. There must be many thousands of ex-aircrew who have stories to tell. The problem is finding them and the odd add; or article is only going to draw a few out and I have yet to attempt to get to American information from squadron survivors, units etc. The situation regarding German information is further complicated by a language barrier but it is only a matter of time.

I firmly believe that foo-fighters were a real, although non-solid phenomena and I reject the hallucination/misperception hypothesis almost entirely. These people's lives depended on being able to see and identify aerial objects very quickly. One mistake and it was their last. Some crew have admitted misperceiving Venus etc; but realising it in seconds, and certainly not a whole crew being fooled for any length of time.

Foo-fighter reports give us a "genuine" UFO report, uncluttered by contemporary ideas about aliens, saucers and the like and which, as appear to be many 'genuine' UFO reports when they are stripped of cultural bias, consists basically of rudimentary light sources performing odd maneuvers in the sky. My research has a long way to go yet but I would offer the suggestion that foo-fighters and their pre and antecedents which are still being seen today by people both pilots and ground observers are a type of natural phenomena, possibly related to ball or bead lightning, but equally possibly not.

They may be something as yet totally undiscovered. They are also the stimulus for many of today's UFO reports which are subsequently overlaid by the prevailing cultural perceptions, i.e. alien craft. Mystery Airships, Ghost Fliers, Foo-Fighters, Flying Saucers - they may well all turn out to be different facets of the same phenomena...

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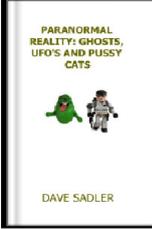
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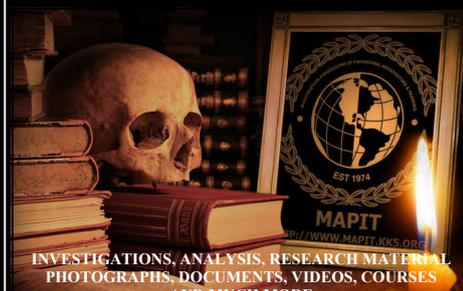
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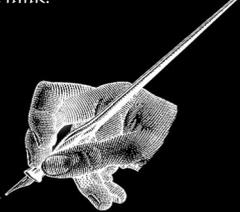


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Life's Little Mysteries

Have you ever experienced one of those strange occurrences that you just cannot explain? Steve Mera reveals four such incidents that have left him baffled...

Investigating UFOs and the paranormal can sometimes be a little mundane, however there is a set protocol for most investigators to follow. Interviewing witnesses, analysing evidence and attempting to capture alleged phenomena yourself on camera or video. That seems to be the general rule of thumb. But what about the odd things you come across from time to time that leaves you dumbfounded, giving you no idea what the hell to do or how to investigate it. These are just a few of the strange things I have come across that baffles me to date...

Mystery Mechanics.

On February 2nd 1996 I was travelling home from a friends in Stretford, Manchester UK. It was around 1.30am as I approached Stretford train station bridge. As I sat waiting for the traffic lights to change, something caught my eye. Up in the sky to my right were three bright red lights that seemed to be moving. As I looked more intensely I could make out a dark shaped triangular object. The red lights seemed to be situated at its apexes. It was odd, I'd never seen anything like it. Suddenly the car behind me bibbed its horn, dragging me back to reality. The lights were on green. I watched it out of my window for as long as I could. Eventually losing sight of it near Sale, Cheshire, I carried on home, excited at what I had seen. I rushed in to tell my partner what I had seen, but before I could get a word out, she told me that she had been listening to a radio show discussing UFOs, and that three guys had telephoned in to say that they were watching a UFO in the sky. A live interview you could say. Interestingly, these guys claiming to be students were in the vicinity of Stretford. The same place I had seen the strange object in the sky. For me, being an investigator, coincidence flew out of the window. Something strange had been going on in the skies over Manchester.

The following day, my telephone was ringing constantly from witnesses claiming to have watched a large silent triangular UFO move slowly over Lancashire County cricket club in Stretford. In the evening of February 5th I got a telephone call from a fellow investigator who told me that the three guys claiming to be students on the radio were in fact three night duty police officers from Old Trafford Police Station and that she had set up an interview with them. The following day I talked with two of the three officers on the phone and arranged to meet up with them the following morning. I remember the morning of February 7th 1996 very well. It was absolutely hammering down in rain. I gathered my interview

equipment and headed off to meet up with them. I had hardly got half a mile when suddenly my accelerator peddle dropped to the floor and my car engine roared. I tried lifting it off the floor with my foot, but this made no difference. I abruptly stopped and parked. It was clear to me that something had broken, maybe my accelerator cable. There was nothing I could do. I locked up my car and put the alarm on. I ran back home, but when I got there I was like a drowned rat. I quickly picked up the phone and rang one of the officers to tell him I was not going to be able to make it. Another appointment was arranged to take place in a couple of days.

The following morning I planned to telephone the AA breakdown service from a telephone box near where my car was and wait for them to turn up, but when I got there I noticed something quite odd. I unlocked my car turning the alarm off, just as I have done every day. I looked down at my accelerator and paused.... It was now back in its normal position and on starting the car, was working fine. Strange, the night before the accelerator peddle had no tension in it and had just dropped to the floor, yet now... it was all fine. I started the car and drove back home without any problem. How had my car been mysteriously fixed? When I turn my car alarm off it beeps twice to let me know if it had gone off in the night, but no... It beeped only the once. Someone or something had corrected the problem without leaving any evidence of how they had done it. I was totally baffled. On further inspection, the accelerator was fine and didn't even show any signs or wearing or sticking... I had no explanation.

As it happens, the police officers had contacted my friend and told her that they no longer wanted to be interviewed as they had clearly broken protocol by ringing the radio station and had also been warned not to talk to anyone about it by high officials. All in all there were over 40 witnesses to the strange UFO seen in the skies over Stretford and I was lucky enough to have seen it myself. However, it would seem that I was not supposed to meet up with the officers that morning. Maybe the whole investigation may have been different if I had. I kept my car for a further 4 years before selling it and in all that time, never did I ever have a problem with that accelerator...

Time Trip Home.

During October of 1997 I was contacted by Martin Lewis, a courier from Wigan, UK who had a very interesting story to tell. During late September of

that year he had been given a small parcel to deliver to a company in Devon. Martin had been a motorcycle courier for around 6 years and was familiar with all the major UK motorways. Over the years he had delivered in all weathers and was aware of many short cuts, so to miss out roadworks and known congested areas. Martin had worked out his route and realised the round trip to Devon and back would set him back around 7 and a half hours. *(Pretty good going for a trip to Devon and back)*. Martin's motorcycle was equipped with a sophisticated tacometer so he could accurately work out mileage and fuel consumption. He left his home in Wigan around 8.30pm telling his wife not to stay up, as he would not be back until around 4.00am. She agreed and waved as Martin set off on his long journey. Martin had made good time as he arrived at his destination at 11.43pm. The company security team signed for the package and Martin started off on his journey back.



Around 12.45am, Martin decided to take a slightly different journey back. A short cut that should save 20 odd minutes off his journey. He thought he'd make use of the quiet country roads. The night was cold and still, the moonlight scattered itself across the fields. Even though the small unlit country roads were a little difficult to navigate, not a single vehicle was in sight. It was now almost 1.00am. As Martin turned onto a larger road he noticed two lights in the distance. At first, he thought it was just a car travelling towards him. He was now driving parallel to open fields and it seemed that the two lights were getting closer. Martin kept glancing to his left. It was strange, the lights seemed to be in the field and getting nearer all the time. They were quite brilliant, difficult to look directly at... What was it? Was it a plane or helicopter of some sort? Martin started to slow down a little, in hope of getting a better look. The lights were getting nearer and larger. Martin decided to pull over. He sat on his bike watching the bright lights. It was only when he switched his engine off, he realised something was not quite right. There was no noise. It was perfectly quiet, the only sound being the breeze blowing through the fields. Martin suddenly felt a little unnerved.

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The lights were now only a few hundred yards away, they were lighting the whole field. There were two of them side by side about 30 feet in air. Martin now starting to panic a little quickly starting his motorbike. It was at this point Martin remembers being hit by some kind of floodlight. Everything went extremely bright.... The next thing... Martin was pulling up his drive in Wigan with no knowledge how he got there.

He was puzzled to see the lights still on. His wife had obviously stayed up waiting for him, but... when he looked at his watch it was 1.56am. He sat there on his bike, perplexed as to how he got home so quickly. Martin looked down at the mileage on his motorbike, it had done almost 560 miles. The correct mileage to expect. Yet, he was home before 2.00am. Martin couldn't understand how he had got home sooner than he should of, yet the motorbike had done the mileage. Martin had contacted me a couple of weeks later after getting my number from a friend. On visiting him I was shown the taco meter and the logged 560.3 mile trip. After calculating I worked out that the taco meter and logged mileage did confirm a full trip to Devon and back. There was confirmation when his journey started and a signed receipt at around 11.45pm by the company security officers in Devon, so if he had made the full journey back home to Wigan at a steady 60 mph using direct motorways, his journey should have got him home for around 3.35am at the earliest. For him to have arrived at 1.56am, his motorbike would have had to exceed its capabilities. All Martin could do was frown. He had no idea how he got home so fast and had no recollection of making the journey. The last thing he remembered was being flooded in light.

Martins UFO sighting was logged and after performing three months of exhausting research, nothing was ever found nor reported by anyone else. Whatever happened to Martin remains a mystery. A mystery that has forced Martin never to take short cuts using quiet country roads. He now sticks to the busy motorways...

A Double Take.

In August of 1999 I was visiting Altrincham, Cheshire with my partner and aunt. I had parked up a side street allowing them to jump out of my car and whip into a near by shop. I sat there eyes peeled for a traffic warden. Clearly I should not have been parking where I did; (*so I'll apologise now for that one*). I sat there watching people and cars go past...

Then, something strange happened. I watched as a woman past in front of my car, her handbag had slipped off her shoulder and almost fell on the floor. She had grabbed it just in time. In doing so she glanced to her left and looked directly at me... I just smiled. She flung her bag strap over her shoulder and carried on just as a red Ferrari drove past. Yep... I'm a guy! Transfixed on the gleaming red sports car as it cruised past effortlessly. I remember thinking what it would be like to drive one... I looked down to grab a cigarette and when I looked up again, there was the same woman walking past in the same direction. I immediately thought that she must have somehow turned back and then come past again... but this was within seconds, and how did I not see her do that? I watched as she passed in front of my car, then... as if watching a replay, her bag strap slipped off her shoulder. She quickly grabbed it before it fell to the floor.

I couldn't believe it, I had just seen this happen! I was waiting.... waiting for her to glance left and look directly at me. I remember talking to myself in that car saying 'Go on then, look at me, go on'. and then... There it was! She looked directly at me. Once again I just smiled. She flung her bag strap over her shoulder and carried on, but I remembered... I quickly turned my head to the right waiting to see the red Ferrari, and within 1 or 2 seconds it came into view. The car had past by just as it had done before. I was amazed. Did I have some form of precognitive event or did the world somehow just jump, like a record on a player. Everything I had seen I watched twice.

A replay of a 1 minute event in my life. I couldn't make any sense of it. It was weird, a strange feeling came over me. When my partner and aunt returned to the car, I explained what had happened. All they could say is, 'Oh Yeh! I've heard of those things happening, It's Weird in it!' The sentence rolled off their tongues so easily, but for me, it was much more significant. I had never experienced anything like that, and have never since. During my research I have come across quite a few stories of people experiencing similar things, but ten years on, and I'm no nearer to explaining how and why that happened...

The Shadows.

During my time as an investigator I've come across some very odd stuff. Most of the time I can usually explain away a lot of alleged paranormal disturbances. A huge amount of time is applied to hunting down reported incidents of the paranormal, and never

does it seem to come knocking at your own door, well... that is... until I visited my aunt who lives just around the corner. She had moved into her house in 2004 and it didn't take too long before she had made it her home. Whilst visiting one night I was sat in the lounge chatting when suddenly our conversation was interrupted by a dark shape moving about the lounge floor before disappearing. This was not something I had seen out of the corner of my eye. We both followed it with our eyes around the room. Dark, slightly smaller than cat sized and there was no noise either. It moved as if it was taking a designed path. I couldn't believe my eyes. What had I just seen?

I paused in shock and looked over at my aunt, who was also watching the strange shape move about. She turned her head to me and said; 'Oh... don't worry, that happens all the time', and giggled. I couldn't believe it. I had been an investigator of the strange and profound for more than 20 years, and she never thought to mention it to me. Unbelievable!

But what was it I had seen? I couldn't help myself. I sat for another hour, questioning her as to what she thought the dark shape was and how often she had seen it. It turns out, she sees them almost every other day, sometimes very small, the size of a large spider, sometimes larger, the size of a dog. They never make any noise as they move about the floors and even the walls. I guess the strangest thing was that she had not experienced things she would refer to as paranormal. No unusual sounds, no unusual odours, no sightings of apparitions or figures. In fact, the house was just a normal environment, well... that is accept for the dark shapes that move about.

Since my first sighting of the dark shape, I have seen several others, all smaller in size. On one occasion I watched a golf ball sized dark shape move up the lounge door before fading away. I have conducted some research and all I can find on the subject is what is referred to as 'Shadow Phenomena', but... there does not seem to be any evidence of a haunting or anything else for that matter. I am aware that many people claim to have seen such things, most of the time, out of the corner of their eye, of which I often discount. But now and again, small dark shapes have been reported to have been seen and watched as they move about.

I'm still unsure as to what exactly they are. There are many theories but very few facts. I will continue to carry out research in hope of finding an answer...

Thousands upon thousands of people world wide often talk of experiencing strange little oddities that they cannot explain... Some incidents are really perplexing, others... people just refer to them as LIFE'S LITTLE MYSTERIES...

FIRE LANTERNS MENACE OF THE SKIES

As pretty as they are, the craze for Chinese paper lanterns has overlooked one thing - what happens when they finally drift back to earth? Farmers have complained that they can be deadly for livestock after a prize cow died after eating the wire and paper remnants from one. Lanterns - engineered from a wire or bamboo frame over which paper is stretched. A wick or fuel pod is attached inside and ignited. The flame causes the air inside the lantern to heat up, and subsequently rise like a hot air balloon. They can reach up to 1,000 metres in height and fly for several minutes before the fuel runs out. Such is their popularity - and spooky appearance - that UFO investigators say they account for 99% of flying saucer sightings, and thousands are expected to be lit at gatherings over festive periods. But for farmer Huw Rowlands's herd of traditional Red Poll cattle, the effect of the fad has been devastating. For months he has been finding the wreckage of burnt-out lanterns lying around his fields, then one of his most cherished cows, Sprite, keeled over in evident distress. *'Her neck swelled up and she couldn't eat or drink,'* said the 70-year-old, whose family have owned Grange Farm, in the Cheshire village of Mickle Trafford, since the 1940s. The vet did what he could, but she died two days later. *'We didn't know what was wrong with her at first, but then we found one of these lanterns in her field, half-eaten'.* *'She had swallowed some of the wire from it and it had pierced her oesophagus, leading to a very unpleasant death.'* Farmers' leaders say they are stepping up their campaign against the menace of Chinese lanterns despite indications from the coalition that they are unlikely to be totally banned.

The National Farmers Union says reports of damage caused by the lanterns are continuing to come in from many parts of the UK, and farmers are now becoming seriously concerned about the potential for severe damage to standing or stored crops and thatched properties. Since coming on to the market some three or four years ago the paper lanterns have become hugely popular at wedding receptions and other celebrations. They are carried aloft by tiny burning fuel cells, but once the fuel runs out after a few minutes they become a real threat to farmland. There have been reports of burning embers starting crop fires. But there is also a more worrying chance that their wire frames can fall into silage crops to lie undetected before being harvested, chopped - and ultimately eaten by cattle. In August 2010 alone, there were numerous reports of crop fires caused by lanterns, including the loss of six acres of barley at a farm in Oxfordshire, which needed 25 firefighters to tackle the blaze.

The growing use of Chinese Lanterns at celebrations and parties in the UK is causing an increase in calls to the Emergency Services by worried members of the public. Sky lanterns have been ignited in China and other Asian countries for centuries. The credit for their invention is given to Zhuge Liang, also known as Kong Ming, who was a brilliant military strategist and statesman in the Three Kingdoms period of Chinese history. They were originally used as signalling devices in military campaigns. The Kong Ming lantern eventually became popular with the Chinese as a device for sending their wishes up to heaven. This gave rise to the alternative name of wish lantern. On the 15th day after Chinese New Year, the annual Lantern Festival (or Yuan Xiao) takes place where people go out with them in the light of the full moon to mark the end of the New Year celebrations. International airports warn about the dangers of fire lanterns being sucked into aircraft engines.

The Unknown Phenomena Investigation Association, Manchester's Association of Paranormal Investigation and Training and Phenomena Magazine are leading a campaign to bring restrictions into the public domain, regarding the usage and buying of the Chinese lantern. Currently there is no control, No age restriction for buying and in some places, the lanterns are available to buy for as little as fifty pence. A matter of weeks ago, a three year old child - Cael Jones was with his family and friends on Bonfire Night at a party in Penycae, near Wrexham UK, when he received severe facial burns due to the fuel from a lantern. As Cael, his mother Emma and his father Terry watched the lanterns climbing through the sky, a melted section fell out of one of the lanterns and landed on the little boy's face. *'It's shocking what happened, it was the worst night of my life,'* his 23-year-old mother said. *'A lantern got to about the height of the roof when the burner bit - about the size of the palm of your hand - fell on to Cael's face.'* *'The oil got stuck on his face and his face was black. Everyone was screaming. He couldn't open his eyes.'* The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents are aware of the increasing popularity of Chinese lanterns and the associated concerns. A man has also been killed whilst walking and viewing the lanterns and being hit by a car. With all this in mind, and additional unreported incidents, we believe that the government should now begin to regulate the Chinese lantern industry. On New Year's Eve alone the UPIA received 9 reports from throughout the UK, which can be attributed to Chinese Lanterns. This is a health and safety concern which should be taken seriously and monitored correctly before incidents escalate and more harm is done to the environment, livestock and others are injured.

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THE BRIDESTONES NEOLITHIC BURIAL CAIRN



THE MYSTERY OF THE STONES

Often described as an 'outlier of the Neolithic monuments of the White Peak', The Bridestones, lying along the line of the Cheshire/Staffordshire border is undoubtedly Cheshire's most impressive and well known ancient monument. The remains of this once-great chambered tomb lie between the hillside of Bosley Cloud and Wolfe Lowe, close to the east Cheshire town of Congleton. Located at 250m (820ft) above sea level, the monument lies on the western crest of a pass running in a north-south line at the foot of the Pennines and has spectacular views across the Cheshire Plain.

The few remaining stones of this once great monument still stand along the line of the Cheshire / Staffordshire border between the hillside of Bosley Cloud and Wolfe Lowe at Dial lane between the A527 and A523 road.

The site is very different to its original structure; many tons of stone were taken from the cairn by the builders of the nearby turnpike road in 1764. Other stones were used to build the adjacent

'So the question is, why was such an unusual monument built here?'

house and farm, and more were recycled into an ornamental garden in Tunstall Park.

However, before this large scale ransacking occurred, it appears that the Bridestones was an incredible monument, perhaps unique in England.

Evidence from a variety of sources indicates that it was a chambered tomb of massive proportions with a paved crescent forecourt and a port-holed stone dividing the main chamber. The complex was supposedly 110 metres in length with the horned cairn being 11 metres wide. A report from the 18th Century notes that in addition to the main chamber which still stands today, a further two subsidiary ones were located at a distance of 55 yards. No traces of these have ever been found, but there is much debate as to whether they are located east of the surviving chamber, or west. The latter seems more likely as they were probably covered by the same cairn as the main chamber.

Chambered tombs with crescent forecourts are normally found in the Clyde region of Scotland (Clyde Cairns) such as at Cairnholy and Carn Ban as well as in Ireland (Court Cairns). No other examples are known from the English mainland, the closest being Casthal yn Ard on the Isle of Man. In addition to the paved forecourt, the Bridestones also has another interesting feature in the port-holed stone, a characteristic usually associated with chambered tombs from the Cotswold Severn Region. In the case of the Bridestones it divided the two compartments of the main chamber – at 19 1/2 inches; the hole would have been large enough for a person to crawl through. A stone of identical proportions known as The Devil's Ring & Finger lies in Staffordshire, UK.

So the question is why was such an unusual monument built here? Cheshire is not a county known for its Neolithic architecture. In fact apart from a few long barrows, the Bridestones are the only authentic Neolithic monument.

The site has suffered much in the last two centuries. As well as the thousands of tons of stone that have been taken from the cairn, a number of the standing stones from the 'circle' forming the forecourt have also been removed.

During the 19th Century a picnicker's bonfire led to the side slabs of the main chamber and the port-holed stone being seriously cracked. In fact the top half of the port-holed stone has long since disappeared. To add insult to injury a local newspaper article records that 'many years ago, an engineer engaged in the cutting of the Manchester Ship Canal, visiting the spot actually used one of the biggest monoliths for the purpose of carrying out a demonstration with a detonator, as a result of which the great stone was broken off close to the ground'. Luckily the damage was not beyond repair as this portal stone was cemented back together during excavations in the 1930s.

In recent years there has been a long running debate as to which way the

cairn at the Bridestones extended. A myth, that it ran east of the chamber into the grounds of the now neighbouring Bridestones Housing estate rather than west down the slope, was started by Mr Bertram B. Simms in an article in the Congleton Chronicle in 1936. Simms took the early references and re-interpreted the monument:

'The Bridestones chamber was originally capped with a huge slab. The one monolith is all that remains of a pear shaped arrangement of similar pillars, some 12ft. high, which, interspaced with stones as walls and capped with slabs formed another chamber, hall or chapel, approximately 30ft x 45ft, where fire ritual ceremonies were performed to sever the spirit of the dead chief from earthly things.'

The stones that have survived are now fenced off in the corner of a field, surrounded by yews, rhododendrons and conifers and overgrown with bracken in the summer. The site is in desperate need of attention and recognition, the quarry to the rear of the site employs several large, noisy and angry Rottweiler's, devaluing the privacy and peacefulness of the site. Many visitors also leave behind rubbish and dog dirt.

These qualms aside, the Bridestones site occupies a magnificent spot; its beauty and occasional tranquility provide many visitors an escape from modern day hustle and bustle. Bizarrely this is a site that many local persons know of but do not know of its enticing history or exact whereabouts, and have never actually visited.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

A dark shadowy figure has been witnessed within the paddock containing the monument.

A recent report in the Congleton Chronicle newspaper from a local lady reported witnessing, with her partner, a druidic figure dressed in white on the road near to the site. Doug Pickford, of the Staffordshire Green Dragon UFO Group and a local author, reports that on 16th June 1991 "Bill", a business

TV Coverage

In 2009 the Bridestones were featured on a Canadian TV Show called 'Ghost Cases'. Dave Sadler and other members of the UPIA - Unknown Phenomena Investigation Association worked with directors Paul Kimball and Dale Stevens to help produce the 13 episode TV series. One of the episodes featured an investigation carried out at the Bridestones. UPIA continue to carry out further investigation and research of the mysterious site...

acquaintance, was returning home from Chester to Leek and stopped near Rushton, north of Rudyard Lake to relieve himself. He had drunk several cups of coffee in Chester, which at 1.30am were producing the expected diuretic effect. He noticed that he was close by the Bridestones, a Neolithic chamber with standing stones he could see clearly in the midsummer night. Above the stones he was astonished to see a light, like a giant golden torch which illuminated the whole area, shooting out a shower of bright sparks. Uninterested in either archaeology or the paranormal, Bill ran back to his car and tried to start it, but in vain. Then he saw that the light from the stones, in the form of a golden ball, was moving directly towards him. Paralysed either by fright or some unknown force, Bill found the intense light was hurting his eyes and at this point became unconscious.

When he finally came round he found himself lying outstretched on the ground beneath a group of trees he later found to be some 600 feet from the road where his car still stood. The ball of light had vanished, but he found he was stripped to the waist and minus his shoes. As he got to his feet, he brushed down his trousers and found them emitting a shower of sparks as though charged with static electricity. He staggered to his car and found it unlocked, the key still in the ignition, and in a bundle beside it were his shirt and shoes! As he dressed, he noticed that the clothing was quite warm.

He got into the car and it started up at once. As he drove off at some speed he noticed the time on the dashboard clock - 3.05am. One and half hours had unaccountably disappeared. On arrival home he told his wife he had been in a motor accident and it was some days before he told her the truth. He told no one else, until finally he decided to consult Doug Pickford, a long standing acquaintance whose discretion he knew he could trust.

Due to the interest, history and alleged reports of paranormal phenomena at the Bridestones site in Cheshire, several UPIA members showed a keen interest in further looking at the location. The site is of huge importance historically and archaeologically, but several witnesses have told of their experiences, especially those claiming to have witnessed ghost like apparitions.

The reports have led to our looking at primary areas. Visual activity seems to be the most reported incidents, no audible events have been reported, therefore the UPIA deemed that the site be monitored via visual methods, with only camcorder audio footage needed to cover the audio range.

Several other examinations have proved inconclusive, EMF monitoring have only given signs of natural earth energies, at the site and the surrounding locality. Temperature varies with weather conditions, as do humidity and air pressure. The location has also been examined for negative ion content; this again has given no evidence of any other result than normal.

The UPIA, with several members being local to the site, have had opportunity to conduct numerous examinations of the location, using different investigators at different times of the day, more are scheduled for the coming months, to blanket monitor the site at different times of the year and in different conditions. Our first visit took place on Saturday 25th February 2005, in the late evening time. Conditions were not the best, but due to the remnants of the snow, and the cold night air, gave us the opportunity to look for natural occurring phenomena, i.e. vented steam, marsh gases and exhaust fumes, from passing cars. This proved very interesting, especially the wispy smoke left by passing cars, visual footage was taken both still and via camcorder, this however showed nothing in the way of paranormal phenomena.

Morning visits have been paid to the site deemed important due again to time and conditions, all recordings have been collated and tallied with original results. Visual logs have also been taken of the roadways around the site, for drains and areas where at different times; things may be witnessed and misinterpreted by someone. Visits have been made near sunset, only camcorder footage was taken at this short one hour site visit, when replayed, neither audible nor visual phenomena were found. These visits are most interesting at midsummer, giving a possible indication as to the sites original location setting in relation to the sun. Incidentally, two members of the UPIA have reported personal phenomena during visits, these reports consist of feeling weak and sick at the site, although included in UPIA reports, these occurrences are personal,

and may be due to physiological or psychological matters, the persons involved in these events agree to the nature of this possible explanation, and as they cannot be monitored must be discounted.



UPDATE

UPIA investigators visited the site, for a brief on site visit and as a training event. The team were split into two groups, one based on the site itself, and the second at the entrance on Dial lane, each were in communication via radios.

As on previous visit's the event was recorded on high definition night vision camcorder, covering both audible and visual elements, the viewing of this coverage again gave no results, but was able to record individuals other recording methods.

During part 1 of the event, one of the members was asked to take and record Electromagnetic Frequency measurements, using a standard EMF monitor. The individual was able to record a low fluctuating measurement at an area external of the tomb, this was duly noted. No other information was received via any other person during this session.

Part 2, led to the groups changing locations, and again being interrupted by the land adjacent baring Rottweiler's. One member of the team noted the feeling of breathing difficulties and heart palpitations, following the event when questioned, she believed this to be due to the taking part in the event, and for the first time being in night-time conditions, her expectation, as of

Popular Belief

This Long Barrow standing on Congleton Edge, is thought to date from around 3000BC during the Mid Neolithic period. The barrow is aligned East to West and contains a chamber in the Eastern end. Excavated during the 18th century much of the covering mound was destroyed along with 2 other chambers.

The actual name the Bride stones may relate to the ancient Goddess Bride or Bridget, or the stones may have once been seen as a petrified wedding party. There are many 'Bridestones' throughout Britain.

some of her colleagues was very high. This same individual carrying a Gauss meter EMF unit, gave several beeps, a sign of EMF present, but was unable to recreate the event, within the cairn itself, again this was noted. At 21.30hrs the event came to a close, members continued to take readings, as others left the location. At this point, a separate Gauss Meter began to emit "a drum beat" emission, again a signature of EMF present, members returned to the site, and two persons entered the chamber itself with 4 EMF units, at this point we received readings from 2x Gauss meters, an older multi axis unit and single axis unit, the Gauss meter showed a recording of between 4 and 7 miligauss, Multi axis device 2 on the light scale and the single axis, set on EMF and x1 was pulsating between 3 and 5 for some time, batteries were newly bought and fitted to all the units, but the single axis unit's power mysteriously drained almost immediately.

A quick return to the site was paid by two UPIA researchers to further investigate the Electromagnetic fluctuations. During this visit, one investigator with a fully charged Digital camera took several shots of the area, at this point he registered his camera batteries had rapidly drained. However, on leaving the site several minutes later, the battery was at full power, again could this be due to EMF? Or did temperature play a role? No additional information could be gleaned from that visit, although the area's terrain and other viewing were able to add some information. It was noticed on most visit's a large amount of gnats appeared surrounding the firs and rhododendrons at the site, it has been reported in other past cases countrywide the possibility of large formations of these insects, can cause a cloud effect, giving the misinterpretation of shapes, This may, or may not point to an explanation for unusual sightings at the site.

In 2009 the UPIA were asked to assist in a Canadian TV series called Ghost Cases, having the opportunity to utilise some locations we deemed important, we introduced Canada to the Bridestones, nothing took place which may have been explained as potentially paranormal in origin, but crew audio and visual equipment did suffer severe battery drainage.

CURRENT HYPOTHESIS

Following the two most recent visits to

the site, research has begun in earnest, we were lucky to have recorded Electromagnetic fluctuations, and due to this, began to look at the environment and geology of the local area, to see if natural Earth energies could be the reason for our results. A local geological map was referred to, and luckily we were able to ascertain several possibilities which may explain some of our findings.

1. There are two geological fault lines within 1 mile of the site, geological faults are scientifically proven to produce electrical discharges during seismic activity, due to the friction caused in certain rock types. In areas of paranormal activity, this has been reported as lights in the sky, a dispersion of Electromagnetic energy into the atmosphere (known as Earthlights) caused by the frictional rubbing of Tectonic plates. The two faults are known as the Red rock fault, and the Mow Cop fault, a branch of which runs directly through the field adjacent to the Bridestones.

2. The sites geological content is that of a Carboniferous material, a base of iron ore, a known conductor of electrical energy.

3. The site sits exactly on the watershed between rivers draining to the Mersey/Irish Sea and the Trent/North Sea. Again a known conductor.

4. The Buildings to the rear of the site belong to a quarry, unnatural methods of quarrying may have caused additional faults or fissures to occur around the site, again, seismic activity can cause an electrical build up throughout the location.

5. Finally, a vein of copper exists at the location, passing through both geological fault lines, which could automatically act as a conduit to the site.

Additional to these theories, a reported white figure has also been witnessed on occasion. During experiments and research into geology; we have found several possible and plausible explanations for some of the events.

1. Monitoring exhaust emissions on passing vehicles during periods of cold weather left a pale smoky form in mid air, taking nearly 15 seconds to evaporate.

2. Several road grids can be found along dial lane, warm air or steam has

again been noticed to escape into the road area.

3. With regards to the Geological fault occurring in the adjacent field, the friction occurring at that fault may cause a heating of the fields moisture, causing a mist or "marsh gas" to appear.

Therefore this sites energy may be governed by natural geology and seismic activity. The Bridestones site is obviously of local and national interest. The UPIA's involvement began as a general observation due to sightings of paranormal activity. Fortunately we have been able to progress onto a much different trail of thought, and may quite possibly have found a solution to some of the events witnessed at the site, presently our ideas are theories, but we have the opportunity to test these with the assistance of other organisations and officialdoms. We would still like to find out more concerning group or individuals reports, these will be collated and added to a new database created for this investigation. As well as ghostly sightings there are also reports of possible psychic events, UFOlogical reports, time slip events, profound human experiences and natural earth mysteries.



The UPIA will be continuing a blanket monitoring of the site, we now have access to a seismic activity database, and are hoping to have a period where we can monitor the area during this activity, members of the UPIA have agreed to visit the site randomly to add to our data. If readers do visit the location, which is accessible to all and can offer additional information to add to our data collection, they can contact us through our website. www.upia.co.uk

Burials can be the most revealing of all archaeological sites.

The way people honoured their dead can show us the beliefs they held. Personal items were sometimes buried with people and can show us the status of the person in their own society. They also allow us to look at the kinds of objects that were in use at the time.

Scientific examination of human remains can tell us a great deal about the living conditions of the past people of Cheshire.



Is this NASA photo a reflection of the Mars Rover Spirit?

Over at Youtube, the discovery of the alleged UFO video was entitled 'UFO EXCLUSIVE! Breaking News Clear UFO Base Caught on Cam By Mars Rovers December 2010'. The video was posted by 'On Life Mars'. A video which highlights the NASA Mars Rover image. There has been verification that the NASA image in the video, is the original image from NASA.

NASA have stated that the unusual image is nothing more than a reflection of the Mars Spirit Platform.

YOU DECIDE!

The debate continues in regards to the NASA statement being truthful. Many believe the unusual image does not resemble the reflection of the Mars Spirit Platform. Of course, the removal of the photograph from the NASA website has stirred up even more suspicions...



Reflection of the
Mars Spirit Platform

Over the last few years there have been a number of videos uploaded to Youtube that claim to show unusual structures on the Martian surface. Most seem to have rational explanations, but for those who enjoy a good conspiracy, there are many videos to pick from. The latest instalment is the initial video of the above photographs. This can be viewed at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hp03mV_94JQ

Spectres haunt hospital's abandoned halls.

By Jason Offutt

Hillhaven Nursing Home in Marceline, Mo., sits vacant, a haven for vandals and skittering rodents. However, in the dark of night, this three-story, crumbling brick edifice is not quiet. The building, constructed in 1923, has housed the Putman Memorial Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, Hillhaven and finally Meadowbrook Nursing Home. Ryan Straub, founder of the mid-Missouri paranormal research group Tir Firnath, is familiar with the building his mother, Patty Cruzan, worked there for 10 years. "My mom says death comes in threes," he said. "The reason she says that is because of this place."

At least 10 people died while she worked there. Dust and plaster coat parts of the floor that aren't covered with broken furniture and boxes of books and other forgotten refuse. Crossword puzzle pages dot the ground along with puzzle pieces nursing home residents once used to build landscapes. In one room, former St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire's smiling face perpetually stares from the Oct. 5, 1998 issue of "Sports Illustrated." When Meadowbrook closed, the owners left everything. Pots and pans sit on rusting stoves that will never again be lit to cook. Desks and chairs huddle in offices. Beds and equipment – still recognizable after all the vandalism – lay broken in patient rooms. Cruzan worked at Hillhaven from September 1988 until August 1992 when Meadowbrook bought the building. When Meadowbrook closed in 1995, the company hired her to "maintain the grounds and handle inventory," she said.



She worked there alone until 1998. One night she received a call at home about the empty building – a light was on. She asked her then-teenage son to drive to the building and turn off the light. He did, but discovered he wasn't alone. In a room on the second floor, Straub saw an old woman sitting in a chair looking out the window. As he watched her, the woman turned her head toward him. "I was a witness to an entity that was in the shape of an elderly woman who, when she recognized my presence, turned her head 180 degrees and smiled," he said. "Her smile literally went from ear to ear."

Straub quickly left, but he's been back. As a paranormal researcher, he has investigated the building a dozen times and always encounters something strange. "There have been times I've been down here and all the doors in the hall were open and when I got to this door," he said, placing his hand on a door at the end of the second-floor hall, "they'd all shut." Cruzan was with her son one day when this happened. "We went through that building, the doors were open," she said. "We went back, they were closed." She also knows of things she can't explain that have happened in the building. During its years as a nursing home, Cruzan said third-shift workers occasionally reported hearing people walking upstairs, but when they checked, every resident was asleep. One worker said tasks she'd turned away from would be complete when she returned to them. And Cruzan experienced something herself while she was there alone. "At one time I thought I heard something down in the kitchen," she said. "Something was going on down there, like somebody was there. I didn't find anything. I didn't stay long."

People have reported being unable to breathe in certain parts of the building and have heard footsteps running down the second floor hallway. Many people who worked there said they never felt alone. Straub said his mother was familiar with the feeling. "She always felt like there was somebody here," he said. But Straub knows the strangeness of the building isn't because of people. It might be the building itself. "At night, it literally sounds like the building was growling," he said. "It feels like the whole building was growling. It almost feels like the building wants to mess with you a little bit."

Nearly Half of Americans Think Their Pets Are Psychic.

By Averie Timm

According to a recent AP- Petside.com poll, 43% of American pet owners believe their pets have a sixth sense that is particularly in tune during times of trouble. When Jeanette Zinno and her boyfriend left a pot on the stove unattended, Zinno's Miniature Pinscher (Rocki) came to the rescue -- scurrying into the room a-la-Salt -- then proceeding to bark and alert the two owners of the impending fire in the next room. This account, among others, was tallied in the poll by Petside that focused on whether or not pet owners believed their pets to have a sixth sense. In addition to the original statistic (43% of American pet owners believe their pet to be psychic, especially when their owner might be in trouble), 64% of those polled believe their pets to hide in a safe place when foretelling an impending danger (i.e. earthquakes, fires, seizures -- yes, seizures -- etc.).



56% reported their pets cried, 52% stated their pets became hyperactive, and 36% found that their pets barked or meowed persistently -- all, of course, warnings to the owner that doom was to follow. But it's not just dogs or cats that have been taken into consideration for this particular poll. A grand total of 36% of those polled believe their fish to be psychic, while 45% believe another type of pet to be adept with mind-reading and other tell-tale signs of having a sixth sense. This time, even Nemo triumphs. Of course, maybe the pet is just reading your body language and responding to what you do in a time of crisis? Nah. Clearly, they're psychic.

Academics believe there is very little evidence to suggest pets have psychic abilities. Further tests are required before giving any realistic conclusions...



Mums Poltergeist Fears.
 Jan 21st 2011

A young mum is calling in an exorcist amid fears she is sharing her new home with a poltergeist. Student midwife Holly Taylor and her two-year-old daughter Willow will no longer sleep at the apartment in Pemberton town centre after a terrifying series of events. And few people the 22-year-old has told are doubting her because many have witnessed ghostly goings-on too. The building stands on the site of the former Pemberton Police Station in Ormskirk Road, which had a reputation for being haunted. An officer who used to work there today confirmed the station was notorious for unexplained footsteps and doors banging, and that the culprit was believed to be the ghost of an inspector who hanged himself in a cell. In the last four months Holly has experienced: Plates flying off the kitchen work surface and smashing on the floor; Ornaments and other objects being moved around or knocked over while she is out; Footsteps and the front door being opened despite her having the only key; All the flat's lights being switched back on after she has gone to bed; The electric smoke alarm going off randomly; Drawers in Willow's bedroom being opened and emptied while the tot sleeps.



Holly said: "I love this place and I don't want to move, but something needs to be done to give me peace. "It is scary what is going on but I also feel like my privacy is being invaded. "I have spoken to several people and some have experienced or heard of things happening here when it was the police station. "The lady in the next flat said that a cup had flown at her out of a cupboard once but she had tried to convince herself that it was some kind of accident. The man down the corridor says he has heard footsteps while there's no-one there. "I've heard about the hanged policeman, but also about a child who might have died even before it was a police station." Holly moved into the flat in June, and says that while she had occasional uneasy feelings over the first few weeks, the first dramatic incident took place one August evening when she and boyfriend Jordan O'Neill were watching TV and Willow was asleep.

It was while a trailer for the movie The Last Exorcism was on screen that Holly said, "I'm not watching that", and turned away to see several plates in the kitchen crash to the floor. In late October, Holly was in the flat on her own. She said: "I tidied up, switched off all the lights and went to bed at midnight. "I had become scared of the dark since moving in, so as soon as I was in my bedroom, I turned on the telly for comfort and went to sleep with it on. "I was woken up at 3am by the sound of the front door opening and thought someone was in the house. "I rang the police on my mobile and when I came out of the bedroom to answer the door to them, I found all the lights had been switched on, and the security chain, which I had fastened before going to bed, was hanging down and still swinging. "I was convinced someone had been in my flat so I rang the letting agents Reeds Rains the next day. I wanted to know who else had a key, but they assured me no one else did.

"I am getting so paranoid that I am beginning to take pictures of things in the flat on my mobile before I go out to see whether they've moved when I get back. "My mum (Diane McKay) felt a presence very early on, and refuses to babysit here." Reeds Rains is on the ground floor of the building and staff know about the hauntings. Negotiator Denise Edge said: "I've not seen or heard anything but other people have. "Our mortgage adviser was in on his own the other week and had locked up before doing some work when he heard footsteps. "But when he went to look, no one was there." And the police officer, who asked not to be named, said: "The old Pemberton Police Station had a reputation for being haunted. "Every time there was an unexplained noise around the place, everyone would say 'it's Bert the ghost again'. "There was one officer who refused to be in there on his own."

MAPIT attempted to contact the Wigan based newspaper several times for further details, but they unfortunately did not get back in touch. As to the authenticity of their article, remains unknown.

Retired agronomist suspects crop circles due to aliens or another dimension.

By Steve Cahalan

Some of the crop circles reported around the world obviously were made by pranksters, a retired University of Wisconsin-River Falls agronomy professor said Wednesday at the Midwest Farm Show at the La Crosse Center. But Lou Greub says aliens or another dimension seem to be the most likely explanation for others. His presentation on crop circles will be repeated from noon to 12:30 p.m. today in the center's arena as part of the two-day farm show. Greub acknowledged crop circles are a controversial topic. "It's interesting," said Bob Redig, a rural Winona, Minn., farmer who listened to Greub's PowerPoint presentation. "I tend to believe it's done by people," he said, adding it would be easy for someone to use a rope to knock down plants and create a circle. But Greub says he is curious and open-minded. Greub became interested in crop circles when news media first reported their mysterious appearances in the English countryside in the late 1970s and early 1980s. They began as simple circles, but the designs have become increasingly complex over the years.



He visited crop circles for the first time in August, as part of a tour group in England led by Barbara Lamb, a long-time crop circle investigator and author from California. The tour group visited eight formations, which were anywhere from two weeks to 12 hours or less old. Greub estimated 80 percent of reported crop circles are in England. English farmers who allow the public to see the circles usually have a collection box where people typically deposit the equivalent of about \$3, he said. That helps offset the loss of the crop that was laid down in the circle and trampled by visitors.

But some farmers detest the circles, prohibit visitors and quickly destroy the formations, Greub said. "There are some fakes" among England's crop circles, he said. "There's one group, especially, that's kind of organized and they go out (creating crop circles) for the sport of it."

Crop circles in England usually are created at night, Greub said. Witnesses sometimes report seeing bright flashes of light or balls and columns of light in the fields where the formations are found the next day. Greub said he knows of no government research into crop circles. The consensus among private researchers, he said, seems to be that crop circles have been made by someone or something that is trying to communicate something. While he thinks aliens or another dimension of some kind are the two most likely causes, Greub doesn't rule out other possible explanations: "People talk about another dimension that's actually right here around us somewhere, and things can come out of it or go back into it and we really have no understanding of it." Greub estimated 9,000 to 10,000 crop circles have been reported in the world since 1980. He knows of two reported in Wisconsin in the summer of 2004, one in an oat field near Tilden and the other in a barley field near Wausau.

Extraterrestrials described in New Zealand government documents.

by Roger Marsh

Some of the accounts on UFOs and Extraterrestrials had drawings of flying saucers, descriptions of aliens wearing pharaoh-like masks and alleged samples of extraterrestrial writing. Air Force Squadron Leader Kavae Tamariki said the Defense Force didn't have the resources to investigate UFO reports and wouldn't comment on the files' contents. He told the *Dominion Post* that they only gather information and don't investigate or make reports they haven't substantiated.



New Zealand Releases Classified UFO Files.

This North Island and South Island country in the south-western Pacific Ocean decided to release secret UFO files after the USA, UK, Denmark, Sweden and Uruguay governments made their documents public. On December 21, 2010, Chile re-established its UFO investigation Unit, CEFAA, Comité de Estudios de Fenómenos Aéreos Anómalos, to investigate increasing UFO sightings. Last year Chile released a video showing a UFO hovering above Chilean Navy ships. Links to view the 9 Volumes of UFO information released can be found on the MAPIT Website under NZ UFO Documents: <http://www.mapit.kk5.org>

Psychic Win?



A "psychic" has described how she predicted she would win £1 million on the lottery just a few months before claiming the prize. Ocean Kinge, 45, told colleagues about a "feeling in her bones" and set up a syndicate in August. The team of 15, who work at West London Training in Aldershot, Hampshire, went on to win £66,666.66 each by sharing a million pounds on the Euro-Millions Millionaire Raffle on Christmas Eve. Catering manager Mrs Kinge, who is married with three sons and lives near Aldershot, said she discovered her special talents at the age of 19.

She claims she can pick up "energies" through psychometry - holding on to someone's jewellery and describing what she feels. Mrs Kinge said she only senses good things and would not practise the technique if it uncovered bad omens. Describing the moment she knew her luck was in, she said: "Out of the blue one day I just said 'let's start a lottery syndicate because I've just got a really strong feeling we are going to win a big win at the end of the year'. "It was so strong I could feel it in my bones. "I said it was going to be a million pounds - don't ask me how, I just knew." Asked why she entered in a syndicate rather than alone, Mrs Kinge said: "I don't know. I just had a feeling it had to be in a syndicate."

MYSTERIOUS ANIMAL DEATHS ? WHAT'S GOING ON

More and more animals are being found dead as the mysterious spate of mass bird and fish deaths has turned into a global phenomenon. The latest two separate incidents saw thousands of fish found floating in a creek in Florida and 200 birds found dead on a highway bridge in Texas.

Experts were yesterday carrying out tests on around 50 jackdaws found dead in a street in Falköping, Sweden, that appear to have suffered the same fate as thousands of their cousins who fell from the sky in separate incidents in the U.S. Problem on a large scale: Thousands of dead fish have washed up on the shores of Spruce Creek in Port Orange, Florida and dead birds litter a bridge on Highway 155 in Texas U.S. The plot thickens: Rescue chief Christer Olofsson discovered dead birds.

country, and difficulty finding food may have led to the deaths of the jackdaws. Many of the birds are believed to have died from stress or as a result of being run over by vehicles while disoriented; And scientists have also been left baffled by at least 100 tons of sardines, croaker and catfish washing up dead along the Brazil coastline near Paranaguá.

There were more fish deaths reported today in New Zealand, while in England, the carcasses of 40,000 devil crabs are strewn across a beach in Kent.

Hundreds of dead starlings and robins were found scattered in backyards in the Kentucky town of Gilbertsville while an estimated two million dead fish have washed ashore in Chesapeake Bay, Maryland.

Scores of American Coots found dead on Texas highway bridge. Tests are being carried out on the dead animals, but results are not expected for several weeks.

Thousands of Brazilian fishermen are struggling to make ends meet after the sale of seafood was temporarily suspended when masses of fish were discovered dead in Paranaguá, Antonina and Guaraqueçaba Pontal do Paraná.

'New Year revellers watched in horror as the birds rained down on houses and cars in Beebe, Arkansas. Carcasses littered the streets'

Experts have speculated that cold weather or chemical leaks could be behind the deaths.

Admir Manoel Ferreira, president of the Federation of Fishermen's Colony of Parana, said the deaths had been discovered since the beginning of the year. *'One community had to bury 15 tons of dead fish'. 'We are experiencing a very sad situation on the coast.'*

Samples of the dead fish have been sent to the Centre for Marine Studies at the Universidade Federal do Parana. One of the latest incidents saw thousands of fish found rotting and floating in Spruce Creek, Florida, after a period of cold weather.

Mullet, ladyfish and catfish have been washing up as winds cause the carcasses to gather on bends along the creek; And 200 birds were found dead on a highway bridge crossing Lake O' the Pines in Big Cypress Creek, Texas. Experts believed the birds had been hit by passing vehicles while walking or apparently trying to roost on the bridge. The cold weather in Britain has also been blamed for the deaths of 40,000

2010 Incidents:

Reports during 2010 in regards large flocks of Starlings found dead were presumed to be the result of poisoning. Controlled operations of poisoning does take place, especially to control the population of Starlings as they quickly descend from the skies and devour many crops. Also, Starlings have been found to be gathering in their hundreds around garbage bins and again such controlled poisoning is sometimes carried out.

It is not currently known if the 2010 incidents were in fact due to poisoning. If not, then these early discoveries of large flock deaths may be the result of something more menacing.



They are the latest in a spate of incidents which are being blamed on New Year fireworks, thunderstorms, cold weather, parasites and even poisoning.

The internet has been abuzz with conspiracy.



The mass deaths include:

450 red-winged blackbirds, brown-headed cowbirds, grackles and starlings found littering a highway in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Shortly before midnight on Tuesday, January 4th 2011, residents found 50 to 100 jackdaws on a street in Falköping, southeast of Skövde, Sweden. Two mass bird deaths in Louisiana U.S. within days of each other have baffled a number of experts, with some blaming fireworks for confusing the birds or even parasites. Swedish experts have said the shock of fireworks being let off near the city, in the south-east of the

3,000 blackbirds on roofs and roads in the small town of Beebe, Arkansas. Thousands of 'devil crabs' washed up along the Kent coast near Thanet. Thousands of drum fish washed along a 20-mile stretch of the Arkansas River. Tens of thousands of small fish in Chesapeake Bay, Maryland. Thousands of dead fish found floating in warm Florida creek. Hundreds of snapper fish found dead in New Zealand.

Velvet swimming crabs - also known as 'devil' crabs - found littering beaches in Thanet. Last year, the Environment Agency set up an inquiry into unexplained numbers of deaths amid fears a mystery virus could be to blame. But it concluded the crab deaths were linked to the cold weather.

Tony Childs, Thanet Coast Project Manager, said: *'We had a crash in numbers last year and we hadn't expected such a large population. As happens with the circle of life in nature, we expect the crabs to be naturally dispersed from our shores very quickly by our local seagulls. We are hopeful the crab population will soon recover.'*

Scientists blamed fireworks for confusing blackbirds in Beebe, Arkansas, with then crashed into homes, cars and each other as people celebrated the New Year. Another 450 birds were also found dead along a highway in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. They are believed to have hit power lines after becoming disoriented. Fifty of the creatures were found near a power line 30ft from Louisiana Highway 1. A second group was discovered stretched from the power line across the highway just a quarter of a mile away. Dan Cristol, a biology professor and co-founder of the Institute for Integrative Bird Behaviour Studies, said: *'The Louisiana birds may have been ill or startled from their roost before hitting the power line. They don't hit a power line for no reason.'* New Year's revellers spent the holiday weekend cleaning up dead red-winged blackbirds in Beebe.

Some blamed the bad weather, while others said one confused bird could have led the group into a fatal plunge. Experts in Beebe said fireworks may have caused frightened birds to fly lower than normal, where they crashed into homes and other objects.

Karen Rowe, an ornithologist with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, said: *'The blackbirds were flying at rooftop level instead of treetop level. Blackbirds have poor eyesight and they started colliding with things.'*

Wildlife officials in both Arkansas and Louisiana have sent the carcasses to researchers at the National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin, and the University of Georgia. In 1999, several thousand grackle birds fell from the sky and staggered around before dying in north Louisiana. It took five months to get the diagnosis - an E. coli infection of the air sacs in their skulls. It comes after 100,000 drum fish were discovered in the Arkansas River, just 100 miles from Beebe. Officials said the deaths were not related to the birds, and they had likely been affected by illness as it was one species. They blame the deaths - affecting menhaden, spots and croakers - on the stress of cold water. Tens of thousands of small fish have also been discovered dead in Chesapeake Bay, Maryland.

Another explanation was that violent thunderstorms may have disoriented the flock. Red-winged blackbirds are among North America's most abundant birds, with somewhere between

100 million and 200 million nationwide, according to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca, New York. A few grackles and a couple of starlings were also among the dead. Those species roost with blackbirds, particularly in winter.

'The New South Wales government fisheries authorities have rule out natural causes, and are quite frankly... stumped'

An inquiry has commenced into the mass fish kill in south coast waters south of Bermagui. The New South Wales government fisheries authorities in the region are continuing their investigation. Far south coast regional fishing inspector Matt Proctor said: *'The main concentration of dead fish on Bega shire beaches occurred at Tathra Beach'*.

He estimated the long beach held approximately 2,000 Australian salmon, each weighing 2 kilograms. Mr Proctor says it is too early in his investigations to draw any conclusions as to the cause of the death, however he has ruled out natural causes, including poor water quality after flooding rains.

Whatever is responsible for the death of large populations of birds and fish, still remain a mystery...

Further Research:

Members and investigators of the UPIA: Unknown Phenomena Research Association are looking into the possibility of geomagnetic / electromagnetic disturbances being responsible for the death of large flocks of birds.

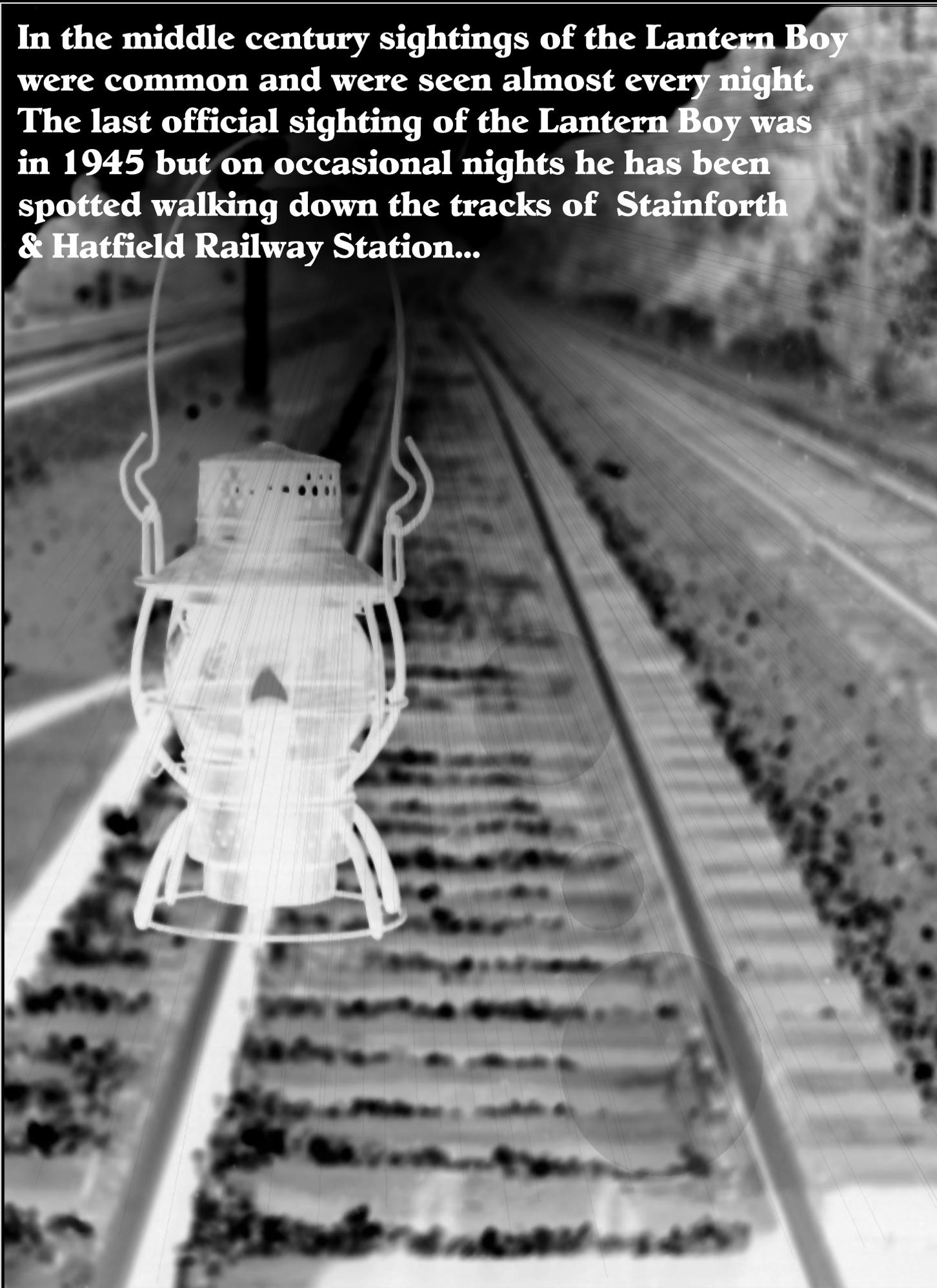
Also, a slight difference in water temperature can cause certain fish (with low tolerances) to die. This could be a feasible explanation that might point to a rational explanation. Statistically, the recent deaths of birds and fish, are no higher than previous years. The UPIA are continuing to carry out their research. Findings will be eventually published on the UPIA website at:

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THE LANTERN BOY

The ghost of a young boy carrying a lantern has apparently been seen crossing the railway tracks at the Hatfield & Stainforth Railway Station in South Yorkshire. Witnesses claim to have seen the ghostly figure walking from the Colliery at one end of the railway tracks towards the bridge at the other end of the railway. Witnesses have described this boy as being around 10 years of age, wearing dirty, scruffy

brought to its present alignment. The station was renamed Hatfield and Stainforth when it was considered that Hatfield was the larger population. As for the history of the Hatfield Colliery, I discovered that at 1.45pm on the 12th of December 1939, fate struck a cruel blow, and the season of goodwill became the season of horror and tragedy for the people of Stainforth and the surrounding villages.



On that fateful day an overwind in No.2 Shaft, caused almost 70 men and boys to be admitted to hospital with serious injuries. Daniel Horrigan of Arundel Street, Stainforth, became the only fatality. He died at Doncaster Royal Infirmary two days later.

clothes, with a flat cap and holding a lantern. In the middle century sightings of the Lantern Boy were common and were seen almost every night. The last official sighting of the Lantern Boy was in 1945 but on occasional nights he has been seen walking down the railway track with his lantern. In 2000 two friends were sat down near the Stainforth Bridge at 8:00pm on a cold night when they saw an unusual light near the colliery. Slowly the light started to move and they couldn't explain where it was coming from, they watched it as the light got closer and closer moving slowly towards the bridge. A few minutes had passed and now they could see what the light was. They were shocked to see a lantern in the middle of the track and holding it was a young boy. As they strained their eyes they noticed they could see right through him. Needless to say, they did not stick around. I've been interested in the location for quite sometime and had decided to do some research. The original station, known until the 1990's as "Stainforth and Hatfield" was built in 1866 as a replacement for the South Yorkshire Railway's Stainforth when the line was

The fact that Daniel was the only fatality was nothing short of miraculous, but many men and boys suffered such horrific injuries that they had to have their limbs amputated to save their lives. There were other incidents at the Colliery where men and children were either injured severely or died. The Lantern Boy was believed to be a Trapper at the Colliery who died in a tragic accident underground in the 1800's. Trappers were young lads who would spend most days opening and closing wooden trap doors to aid air circulation in the tunnels for the miners. Eager to witness this alleged apparition myself, I decided to hold my own investigation there. It was Sunday, January 16th 2011. I arrived at Stainforth Bridge at around 7:43pm. I stopped and looked at the railway track and the colliery in the far distance. As expected nothing unusual particular happened, that is, until 7:55pm. Something had caught my eye. On the bridge above the railway track I saw what I thought was a blue round light. It was there for just a few seconds and then seemed to vanish. A possible explanation could be that somebody was crossing the bridge on a bike and it

was the bike light I had seen. However, I had not seen anybody enter or exit the bridge. Maybe it was a reflection of some sort, possibly from the colliery.

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Could this have been what people had been seeing? Was this the light that had scared so many? I didn't have a thorough explanation as to what the mysterious light was, maybe it was 'The Lantern Boy'.

Determined to get to the bottom of it, I headed off towards the bridge, I eyes peeled for any movement what so ever. As I got closer, I realised that I was alone. There was no one to be seen. I was puzzled, what was responsible for the light I had seen? Further investigation did not reveal any findings. I was by now, considering calling it a night when I heard something...

At first faint, then getting louder. I could clearly hear someone walking down by the tracks. A rustling sound, made by walking through the grass, but when I looked, I could see no one. In fact, the only grass was that situated between the railway tracks. I listened as the sound faded away, only to return again five minutes later. I stood their glaring into the darkness, there was no one around. Again the sound of footsteps faded and never returned again that evening. As I was leaving I had an overwhelming feeling I was being watch. This place was certainly unnerving.

I will continue to carry out further investigation and research and hopefully find out more about the mysterious boy that had died in the 1800's. In the meantime, I urge people to keep their eye out for 'The Lantern Boy'...

ELEMENTARY MY DEAR BROTHER...

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

SPIRITUALISM & FREEMASONRY

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's name is synonymous with Sherlock Holmes. From the beginning of his career there was an element of spiritualism that always intrigued Doyle and influenced his work. It may well have been this particular interest that aroused Doyle's somewhat erratic interest in Freemasonry. Arthur Doyle - he added the middle name Conan later - was born into an Irish Catholic family at Picardy Place, Edinburgh, on 22nd May 1859.

One of ten children, he was sent to Hodder Preparatory School in 1868, and from there to Stonyhurst College, a Jesuit school, as a boarder, where he spent five unhappy years. By the time he left Stonyhurst, aged 17, he had rejected his religion and embraced spiritualism. His father, Charles Altamont Doyle, a civil servant in the Edinburgh Office of Works, suffered from epilepsy and was an alcoholic, who died in an asylum in 1893. His mother, Mary Foley, had openly taken a lover, Dr. Bryan Charles Waller, as a lodger.

The same Dr. Waller influenced Doyle to pursue a medical career, rather than follow in the family tradition of artists and painters, qualifying from Edinburgh University in 1885.

He first set up a practice with a fellow student, Dr Budd, but later moved, with his newly wedded wife Louise Hawkins, to Southsea, near Portsmouth, where he established himself as an eye specialist. It was here that between 1885 and 1888 he attended a number of 'table turning' sittings at the home of General Drayson, a teacher at Greenwich Naval College, who was one of his patients. In 1887 he joined the Society for Psychical Research. On 26th January 1887, Arthur Conan Doyle was initiated into Freemasonry in Phoenix Lodge No. 257 in Southsea, aged 27. Among those present was Dr James Watson, with whom Doyle became very friendly, and whose name has been immortalised in the Holmes stories.

The true Watson, unlike his fictitious counterpart, was a graduate of Edinburgh University in 1865 and served 19 years as medical officer at the British Consulate in China.

Doyle was certainly well recommended into Freemasonry. His proposer was W.D. King, later Sir William David King, deputy lieutenant for Hampshire, and mayor of Portsmouth on four separate occasions. His second was Sir John Brickwood, an equally respected and successful brewer in the city. Doyle rose rapidly through the degrees. On 23 February 1887 he was passed to the second degree and a month later, on 23 March, became a Master Mason. He took no further active part in Lodge affairs, from which, in 1889 he resigned. This, however, was not the end of his Masonic career. He attended Lodges as an unattached Mason and rejoined his Lodge in 1902. He also received various honours before his final withdrawal from Freemasonry in 1911.

He had already been writing adventure stories and was on the verge of dedicating himself to authorship. His story, *A Study in Scarlet*, in which Sherlock Holmes is introduced for the first time, was published in 1887 in Beeton's Christmas Annual. In February 1900, Conan Doyle volunteered to serve in the Boer War and sailed to South Africa. He must have been dismayed to be refused enlistment because of his age - he was 40 years old. Persistent, he gained a position as secretary and medical registrar of the Langman Field Hospital. Through observation and the reports of his patients, he was able to write one of the most readable of the books on the war, *The Great Boer War*, published in London in 1900. His presence in South Africa has been the cause of considerable debate as to his Masonic activities whilst abroad. In October 1901 Masonic Illustrated magazine reported:

Whilst at the seat of war he (Bro Conan Doyle) attended the never-to-be-forgotten scratch lodge at Bloemfontein in company with Bro Rudyard Kipling. This was a reference to Rising Star Lodge No. 1022, English Constitution. A scratch lodge is one set up on an ad hoc basis, under emergency circumstances, as a temporary measure for a one-off meeting. On 7th November that year, the Lodge members expressed concern at being referred to as a 'scratch lodge' and accordingly wrote to

the magazine about it. Nearly 30 years later, the day after the death of Arthur Conan Doyle on 8th July 1930, in a tribute to him by a member of Authors Lodge No. 3456, the original statement was repeated. It was later published in their transactions, stating that Doyle: *...was one of the brethren who formed the never-to-be-forgotten Emergency Lodge held at Bloemfontein in company with Bro Rudyard Kipling and other notable Masons.*



Doyle did indeed visit the Rising Star Lodge, but the date was on 5th April 1900, following the British occupation of the town two days earlier. The Cape Argus reported the meeting on 18th April: *a communication was received from RW Bro Lord Kitchener ... expressing his regret at not being able to attend the meeting ... and a similar letter was read from Bro A Conan Doyle, both Brethren intimating that it was their intention to visit the lodge in the near future.*

Lord Kitchener did attend a meeting of the Lodge on 23rd April 1900, and signed a document, still in possession of the Lodge, proposing that a Royal resolution be sent to the Prince of Wales. Lord Roberts and Conan Doyle are also signatories to this document. There is no evidence, however, that either of them was present on that occasion, and the signatures appear to have been legitimately added to the document on a subsequent occasion. That occasion may well have been the emergency Mourning meeting held on 31 January 1901, in memory of Queen

Investigator Harry Price made a reputation for himself by exposing false mediums. He had this to say about Doyle, *"Setting aside for the moment his extraordinary and most loveable personal qualities, the chief qualification that he possessed for the role of investigator was his crusading zeal. Among all the notable persons attracted to Spiritualism, he was perhaps the most uncritical. His extreme credulity, indeed, was the despair of his colleagues, all of whom, however, held him in the highest respect for his complete honesty. Poor, dear, lovable, credulous Doyle! He was a giant in stature with the heart of a child."*

Victoria, ten days after her death. It is possible, even likely, that both Conan Doyle and Rudyard Kipling were present at this meeting, and it would have been an opportunity for Doyle to sign the document initiated by Lord Kitchener. On his return to England early in 1901, in a series of lectures given in Scotland, Doyle praised the activities of Freemasons during the Boer war. That year he was invited to propose the main toast to the Immortal Memory of Queen Victoria. Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1, Scottish Constitution, made him an honorary member following his speech, in which he spoke on Masonry in South Africa.

In 1902 he was knighted by Edward VII. He rejoined his Lodge in 1909, but resigned for good in 1911. Freemasonry features in various forms in his writings, not all of them related to Sherlock Holmes. The Valley of Fear (1915), from the Professor Challenger stories, has references in America to the Ancient Order of Freemen (some editions state 'Imminent Order' instead of 'Ancient'), locally referred to as The Scowers Lodge No. 341 in Vermissa Valley, USA. Furthermore, the statement is made that there is no town in the State without a Lodge, and that grips and passwords are useful.

its very real and awful mysteries, is, to him, a vulgar thing because it brought consolation to common folk, but he loves to read papers on the Palladian Callus, ancient & accepted Scottish rites and baphometric figures. Eliphas Levi is his prophet.

Eliphas Levi was the pseudonym for the Abbe Alphonse Louis Constant, the occultist, considered by some to be the last of the Magi. As to Sherlock Holmes - who is not a Mason in the novels - he has sufficient knowledge about Freemasonry to make several relevant observations. In A Study in Scarlet, there is a reference to a ring with a square and compass design, which identifies the owner as a Freemason. In A Scandal in Bohemia (1892), Holmes says to Watson: 'there is a Wonderful Freemasonry among Horsey men. Join and find out'. And in The Red Headed League, published the same year, he refers to Wilson as a Freemason.

A more extensive example appears in The Musgrave Ritual (1893). The story revolves around the eldest son of the Musgrave family, who has to learn the following catechism, not knowing why:

- Q: WHO WAS IT?
A: HE WHO IS GONE
Q: WHO SHALL HAVE IT?
A: HE WHO WILL COME
Q: WHAT WAS THE MONTH?
A: THE SIXTH FROM THE FIRST
Q: WHERE WAS THE SUN?
A: OVER THE OAK
Q: WHERE WAS THE SHADOW?
A: UNDER THE ELM
Q: HOW WAS IT STEPPED?
A: NORTH BY TEN AND BY TEN,
WEST BY FIVE...
Q: WHAT SHALL WE GIVE FOR IT?
A: ALL THAT IS OURS
Q: WHAT SHOULD WE GIVE IT?
A: FOR THE SAKE OF THE TRUST

There are several more incidental references to Freemasonry in various adventures. One Holmes story, however, remains outstanding, although it is not attributable to Conan Doyle.

It is the film Murder by Decree, written by John Hopkins, first shown in March 1980. It is a Jack the Ripper story where Sir Charles Warren, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police (who was an active Mason and the first Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, the premier Lodge of Masonic research), is confronted by Sherlock Holmes.

Holmes claims special knowledge of The Royal Order of Freemasons, giving him some strange and curious signs and

identifying Sir Charles as a 33rd degree Mason by the insignia on his ring. Sir Charles, in fact, only reached the 30th degree in this particular Order within Freemasonry.

In Conan Doyle's autobiography, published in 1926, there is no mention of Freemasonry. He died on 7th July 1930, and on 13 July a large memorial reunion was held at the Royal Albert Hall, London. A chair was left empty in his honour...

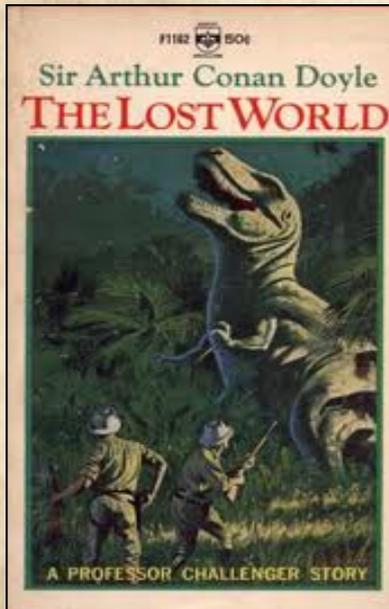
The Facts:

The Doyle family were devout Catholics. Arthur Conan Doyle was raised in that tradition but he came to question his beliefs later in life. He declared himself an agnostic. So strong were his beliefs that he refused the help of his father's family in establishing his medical practice. He realised that the family would have recommended him to their church connections. He felt that it would have been hypocritical to draw on that sort of support. As early as 1881 Arthur Conan Doyle showed an interest in Spiritualism. During that year he attended a lecture on spiritualism. In 1887 The Light, (sometimes referred to as *Zight*) a spiritualistic magazine, published an article by Arthur Conan Doyle describing a séance that he'd attended. In February of 1889 he attended a lecture on mesmerism given by Professor Milo de Meyer. In fact, as part of the lecture de Meyer tried to mesmerise or hypnotise Doyle, but sadly failed. Such interests were to lead Doyle into the investigation and research of paranormal phenomena. In 1893 Conan Doyle joined the British Society for Psychical Research (BSPR).

During October of 1917 Doyle gave his first public lecture on Spiritualism. He wanted to present the facts, as he knew them, for the benefit of mankind. Even though he knew his reputation and career would suffer he became an outspoken proponent for the movement. He wrote books, articles and made countless public appearances to promote his beliefs. His easy-going manner and absolute faith in the movement made him an effective speaker. He was so sincere that even opponents of Spiritualism considered him to be well intentioned.

Arthur Conan Doyle's support of Spiritualism did damage his reputation as he knew it would. He was never one to back away from a fight and the fight for Spiritualism was one he fought until the end. A few days before his death in 1930 Arthur Conan Doyle wrote, "The reader will judge that I have had many adventures. The greatest and most glorious of all awaits me now..."

Conan Doyle's already battered reputation hit a new low in late 1920. The December issue of The Strand magazine featured an article written by Conan Doyle about some extraordinary photos. Two young ladies in the Yorkshire village of Cottingley took these photographs of things they'd seen surrounding their country home. The photos were of fairies. Conan Doyle learned of the photos earlier in the year and he began to investigate the matter. Negatives of the photographs were sent to two places for testing. One group, the London representatives of Kodak, stated that no one had tampered with the negatives. However they also said that they could produce similar photos and therefore they could not state the photos were genuine pictures of fairies. Conan Doyle received a different response from the second expert. Harold Snelling examined the negatives and declared the photos to be genuine. Snelling's endorsement along with Conan Doyle's chivalrous view that two, young ladies would not lie about such a matter lead him to believe that they were authentic photos of fairies.



Another story is The Lost World (1912), where mention is made of a Mr Hungerton 'bouncing off' to a Masonic meeting. Later Lord John Roxton says to Malone: 'between you and me close tiled'. The most overt reference to Freemasonry appears in The Land of Mist, published in 1926. In the Professor Challenger series, the character Weatherby is described as follows: ... *that is a pompous ass named Weatherby. He is one of those who wander about on the obscure edges of Masonry, talking with whispers and reverence on mysteries where no mystery is. Spiritualism, with*

POLTERGEIST ELECTROMAGNETIC FEAR

A little blond haired girl sits in front of a television in the dark staring at the snowy static of the screen; she can see something and extends her small hand towards it. She is startled when a misty 'hand' suddenly expels from the screen at her. There is a sudden amorphous stream of iridescent energy that projects forcefully from the television screen and into the wall above the bed of her sleeping parents. There is a room-quake and they awaken bewildered and cast a stare at their little girl who says almost playfully, "They're here!" That is the well known scene from Steven Spielberg's '*Poltergeist*' movie, but is there any truth to it?

According to the literature on the subject, poltergeist activity can be traced all the way back beyond 530 AD, appearing over a large cross section of cultures and generally exhibiting the same characteristics. But what is a poltergeist? The term *poltergeist*, which actually means *noisy spirit*, was first coined by the Germans. A name attributed to the phenomena before the nineteenth century, when an alternative basis of the disturbance was hitherto unknown. Given the rudimentary understanding of the time and lacking the technology that we currently have today, the unknown disturbances were quickly attributed to demons, spirits, ghosts or gremlins.

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It was in the 1930s that distinguished psychic researcher and psychologist Dr. Nandor Fodor, set forth the most popular theory; that poltergeist phenomena was not caused by ghosts but by individuals repressing intense emotions such as anger, hostility and sexual frustration. In 1938, his investigation of the Thornton Heath poltergeist helped to validate his theory and has since had much support from other research indicating that in a significant number of reported disturbances, the agent was a teenager or child possibly releasing rebellious hostility unconsciously from a stressful environment without the fear of being punished for it. It was this view that became known as the *human agent poltergeist* or HAP.

Today, the two main schools of thought on what poltergeists actually are seem to be either disembodied "entities" such as spirits or demons, known as entity agent poltergeists (EAP), or the human

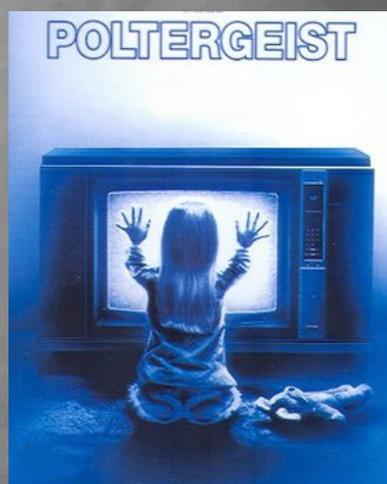
agent poltergeists (EAP), or the human agent poltergeist (HAP). Apparently, the manifestation from either is psychokinesis (PK), which is the activity of the mind affecting matter.

Making a distinction of the cause or source of a poltergeist is definitely no easy task. Experiencing an actual poltergeist is enough to make an atheist an instant believer it would seem. However, it can also be said the distinction is often made by the type of individuals who are involved. In a religious household where religious items seem to be attacked, it is immediately classified as a demonic entity. In a household with a history of people dying in it, accidental or otherwise, it is often classified as a spirit or ghost. In a household with scientifically unbiased researchers, it would likely be classified as a projected repression situation or PK via an adolescent agent in the household.

The current poltergeist theory to making a distinction between HAP and EAP activity is by the "antics" involved. If accounts of such phenomena can be trusted, "Entity" poltergeists are believed to have greater repertoires. The appearance of fires, water, moving of heavy objects, the appearance of an intelligence of their own, and they usually don't center on a specific person. These are said to be the telltale antics of an EAP.

Human agent poltergeists are believed to be limited to tapping sounds, affecting electrical items and moving objects. The occurrences are active only when the person is present and supposedly do not exceed the physical abilities of the person or agent. William Roll, one of the leading poltergeist experts, coined the term "recurrent spontaneous psychokinesis" (RSPK) for this type of phenomena since it also tends to inexplicably recur around the agent.

Often there is a psychological profile for these agents put together at the time of the investigation or, wiser, before it.



To the left, the famous image from Steven Spielberg's '*Poltergeist*' movie.

What you do not usually hear on TV programs such as *Ghost Hunters* is psychological profiles of agents show that personality disorders, obsessive behaviour, mental and emotional stress, phobias and schizophrenia are linked to supposed poltergeist phenomena, and in some cases, psychotherapy has eliminated the poltergeist disturbances.

Research at the Rhine Research Center Institute for Parapsychology at Duke University reveals poltergeist activity to be the physical expression of psychological trauma. However, there are millions of frustrated adolescents in abhorrent situations all over the world and they do not develop into poltergeist situations. Moreover, there are also many poltergeist cases where there are no inherent psychological problems and no adolescents in the household. How can this be explained?

Some researchers suggest that 'spirit entities' are responsible for the phenomena, possibly by connecting to suitably disturbed teenagers to generate a strong psychokinetic effect. However, hypothetical 'spirits' cannot be scientifically investigated. A few *natural* explanations are; Electromagnetic Interference (EMI), a causative factor allegedly behind a poltergeist case investigated by Midlands (UK) investigation group *Parasearch*. <http://www.zen118739.zen.co.uk/parasearch/>

Rare Phenomena

Many would have you believe that poltergeist infestations are plentiful. In fact, real authentic reported incidents of poltergeist activity is a rarity. Such activity often incorporate object manipulation, audible disturbances, manifestations of liquids and even physical interaction.

In 26 years of investigation, Chairman of MAPIT, Steve Mera has only been lucky enough to witness and investigate poltergeist disturbances on two occasions. The first in Rochdale UK where the manifestation of water was witnessed by many, and the second in Stockport UK where a family were physically threatened and church assistance was required. Both cases can be viewed on the MAPIT website at: <http://www.mapit.kk5.org>

There is evidence to show that EMI could explain many more cases. According to paranormal researcher Albert Budden B.Ed., electromagnetic pollution via tall radio masts transmitting line-of-sight microwave signals, can cause many poltergeist effects when erected near certain homes. The effects may become worse over time with long or repeated exposure.



To the right, Albert Budden, author of several books on the subject of electromagnetic influences on humans.

It is also theorised, homes that are built near or with any limestone may be particularly poltergeist prone as limestone can affect PK, perhaps due to the quartz constituent.

Naturally running water is believed to be yet another source of PK activity. Could the presence of any or all of these causative agents, or lack thereof, explain why poltergeists do not consistently manifest in every stressful or traumatic situation? Could the right person (susceptible to PK), in the right place (an EMI or electromagnetically polluted home), at the right time (a particularly stressful experience), be all that is needed to generate a violent poltergeist? As simplistic as it may sound, it may not be an entirely far-fetched recipe.

Persecution?

Throughout the years, priests and paranormal investigators of diabolic haunting (demonic activity) have suggested that those who are devout Catholics seem to have the most traumatic of all paranormal incidents. They often go on to say that, such devout Catholics are persecuted the most and this is because of their strong belief in God. However, after surveys and research was carried out, this was found to be untrue. Sure, there are people who are devout Catholics that claim they have witnessed such traumatic paranormal activity, just like the Smurl family and even Doris Bither, who was depicted in the hit movie 'The Entity'. However, two families does not constitute a common indicator.

Consider the experimental findings of John Hutchison, the electromagnetics pioneer in British Columbia, Canada. After running his devices for a certain length of time, effects began to occur that were identical to what have come to be regarded as poltergeist phenomena. Paranormal researcher Albert Budden has asserted, "(Hutchison's) discovery reveals without a doubt that poltergeist activity is electromagnetic in nature."

Some of the documented Hutchison effects are; objects of various materials levitating into the air or moving about and then falling, fires appearing in unlikely places, and from a distance of 80 feet away, a mirror smashed. Solid metal also distorted, broke, or became white hot but didn't burn any surrounding materials, water swirled in containers and strange lights appeared in the air and suddenly vanished.

According to Albert Budden, "Everything that physical researchers have been documenting for decades as poltergeist activity and that priests have been called in to exorcise, eventually turned up in the laboratory where John Hutchison's device operated".

"Although it was made up of different parts, it operated as a single entity, and phenomena occurred in the same unpredictable way as reported poltergeists: You could be there for days and nothing would happen, then suddenly coins would flip and fly, water would swirl and a transformer would blow."

There are of course skeptics and scientists who assert that all poltergeist activity that they can't prove as fraud, are either self-delusion or pseudo-psychic phenomena. For instance, under some circumstances they believe poltergeists are caused by scientifically explained obscure physical effects such as electromagnetic fields, static electricity, ionized air, abnormal air currents, underground tremors or infra and ultra-sound.

It seems for every answer presented about the poltergeist mystery that is uncovered or theorised, a new question or possibility emerges. Perhaps there isn't a single explanation that can categorically explain what a poltergeist truly is. Perhaps religious fundamentalist are correct and we are being deceived by demons. Alternatively, maybe those who advocate an entity agent poltergeist are correct and we are experiencing proof of an afterlife via spirits or ghosts. Or perhaps, we are stumbling onto an obscure source of untapped natural human potential, a source that may one day become as commonplace as any of our five physical senses, in a more civilized future society.

In support of the Phenomena.

Paranormal rappings associated with apparent poltergeist activity have been described for many hundreds of years. It is only now that an interesting pattern has been discovered within the fine detail of the paranormal rapping sounds. No explanation can be found for this pattern at present.

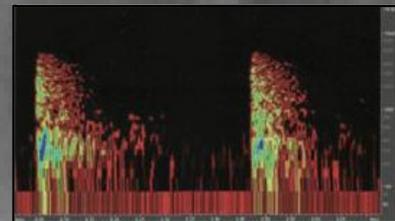
'Unusual sounds recorded in alleged poltergeist cases show quite a different sound signature'

The current edition of the Journal of the Society for Psychical Research (SPR), a learned publication dating back to 1882, carries an article by scientist Dr Barrie Colvin B.Sc., Ph.D., showing instrumental evidence for an

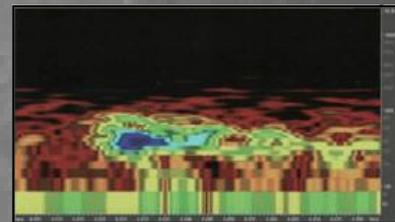
inexplicable and objective banging sound detected in recordings made during alleged poltergeist activity.

Whereas raps and knocking sounds produced by ordinary means exhibit a normal acoustic pattern, those recorded in alleged poltergeist cases show quite a different sound signature.

Dr Colvin has analysed recordings of alleged poltergeist knocking obtained from around the world over a 40-year period. The earliest was a recording made by a local physician at Sauchie (Scotland) in 1960 and the most recent was obtained from a poltergeist case at Euston Square, London in 2000.



Normal Double Rap.



Unexplained Rap.

Whilst the two types of rap sound rather similar, they are actually acoustically different, although the effect is only made apparent when the recordings of raps are submitted to detailed analysis.

The sample involved 10 separate recordings recorded on different recording apparatus.

In each of the recordings, when subjected to acoustic analysis, a particular sound pattern is detected which so far remains unexplained. Attempts to replicate this pattern in ordinary ways have so far been unsuccessful. The essential difference between these raps and those produced by normal means lies in the details of their sound envelope.

In the case of a normal rap, the sound (which often only lasts a few milliseconds) starts loudly and decays over a period of time. The loudest part of the sound is right at the beginning. In the case of a poltergeist rap, the loudest part is near the beginning of the sound - but not at the very beginning. The rapping sound starts relatively quietly and

works up to a maximum before it then starts to decay. This effect has been seen in all ten of the poltergeist cases studied. The question arises as to how such a sound is generated. There is evidence which points to the sound arising from within the structure of a material rather than from the surface of it, as would be the case with a normally-produced rapping sound. This phenomenon will be examined further in future investigations of poltergeist activity.

Dr Colvin states: "Ever since my personal involvement in the investigation of a rapping poltergeist at Andover, Hampshire, in which it was absolutely clear that no normal explanation could account for the observed phenomena, I

wondered whether the recorded raps were in any way different to those produced by normal methods. It is now clear that they are indeed different".

Among the samples submitted for analysis were recordings made in the famous Enfield poltergeist case in north London during 1977-79. Dr Colvin's research is published in his article 'The Acoustic Properties of Unexplained Rapping Sounds' in the Journal of the Society for Psychical Research [2010] Vol 73.2 Number 899 pp 65-93.

Copies of this issue are available from the SPR Office at £10 (p&p inclusive, UK second class, Europe airmail, other countries £4.00 extra) while stocks last.

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Dr. Colvin's article can be obtained from SPR:
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Long have I followed the alleged events at Cader Bronwen. Long have I heard the piffle produced by varying UFO activists spurning out their clap trap about what they believe took place. 1974, some facts exist that suggest something occurred on the Berwyn mountain range near to Llandrillo. A good year, I was born, Liverpool won the FA Cup and that's all I can think of without asking Google.

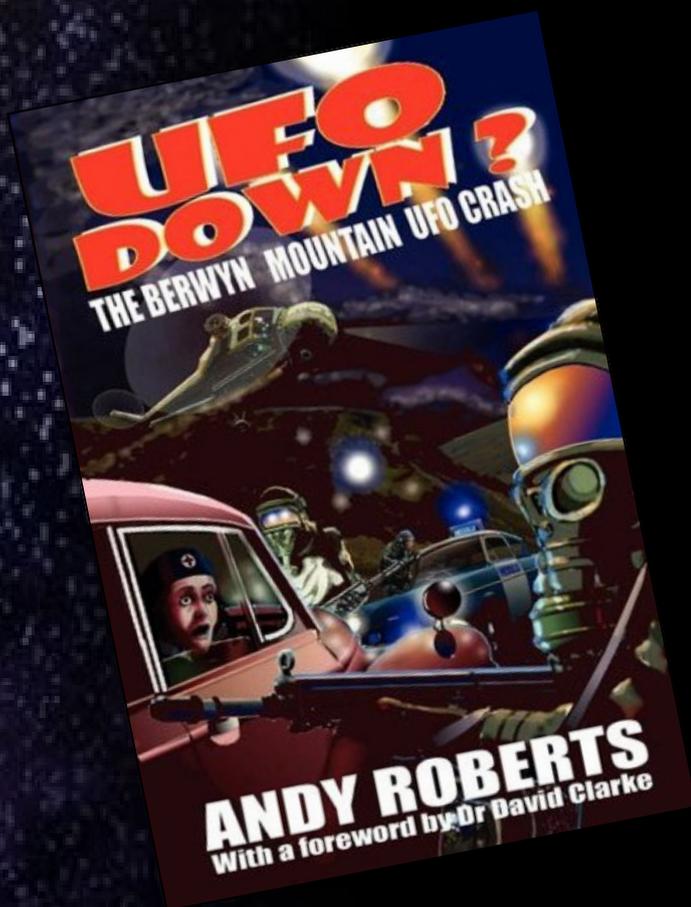
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Strangely Strange, but oddly normal.

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Strangely strange but oddly normal is in my opinion one of the best, and most aptly named books in the genre. I read this anthology with avid interest and an inane grin on my face.

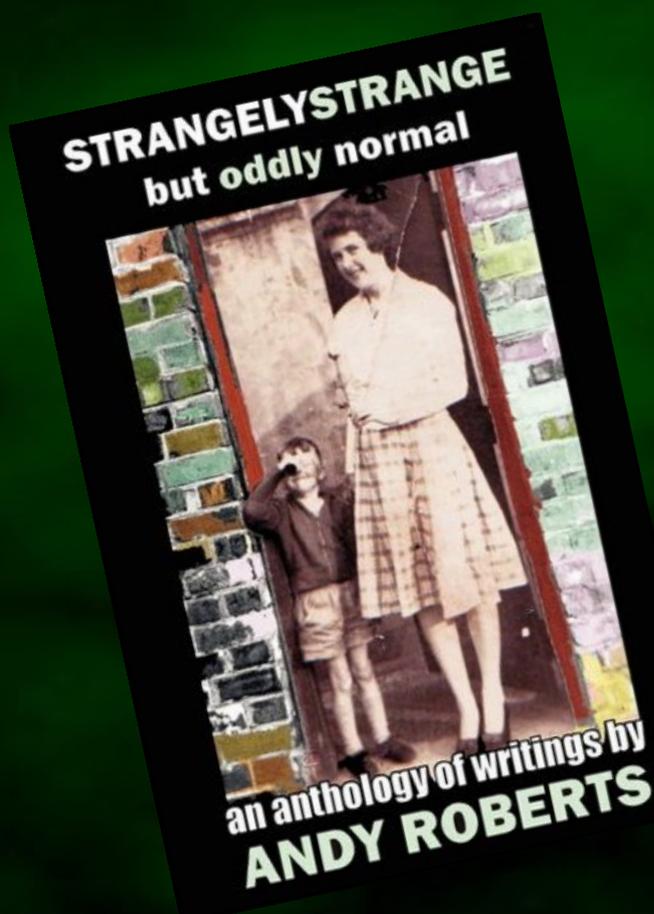
Not only does Andy capture the peculiar nuances of a Yorkshire childhood, he also manages to impart a tiny dose of his extensive knowledge of his subject. His inimitable style and personality washes over the reader at every compulsive page turn, and you really cannot help but like the guy.

I'm not going to try and single out individual cases, observations or phrases – I'm merely going to say, read this book. I was captured from the first paragraph to the last page - mester, tharra legend, an a luv thi book!

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THE JONES ABDUCTION

It was summer of 1979. Lynda Jones a thirty six year old housewife from Didsbury, Manchester UK was in her kitchen when she received a telephone call from an old friend. Lynda arranged a meeting and over a long leisurely lunch she and her friend chatted about the old days and lost acquaintances. It wasn't long before Trevor, (Lynda's Husband) had to leave for work.

Suddenly Lisa shouted out 'Mum, the Moon is coming towards us'...

He was on a 2.00pm till 10.00pm shift at the local factory. Trevor left his wife and friend to chat away in the afternoon sun of their back garden looking over their children Christopher aged five and Lisa aged fifteen. Time quickly passed and Lynda's friend reminded her he had to be on his way before it gets dark, as he had visited on an old bike which had no lights on it. Lynda offered to show him a short cut home which would take them over the near-by fields. Lynda, her friend and children set off, it was around 7.30pm when they had arrived at Simon's Bridge located near the River Mersey, Didsbury. After saying their goodbyes, Lynda and her children headed back, taking their time to look at wild flowers, which was one of Lynda's interests. With her Oxford Dictionary of Wild Flowers in hand they regularly stopped to examine an intriguing flower. There was no rush, as Trevor would not be home for at least another couple of hours.

Suddenly Lisa shouted out 'Mum, the Moon is coming towards us'. Lynda turned to see a strange object racing across the sky, travelling towards them. 'It was like the shape of a rugby ball only a lot bigger' and was a bright orange in colour' recalled Lynda. It had come into view from behind a crop of trees on the golf course situated on the other side of the river. 'The object had a spinning effect and it seemed to

travel towards us at an angle'. 'Get Down!, Lynda shouted out, 'get down in the grass'. As she crouched down in the tall grass, her two children next to her, she braced for an explosion, initially thinking it may have been a plane from the nearby Manchester airport in trouble or on fire. A pause... There was no sound whatsoever. Slowly looking up Lynda saw the strange object pass overhead and then suddenly drop in a vertical motion behind an embankment which was part of the flooding defence of the River Mersey. It was then she realised the strangeness of the total silence, not even the sound of birds nor traffic from the distant busy roads of Didsbury Centre.

Lynda stood with her children in hand, taking a few steps towards the embankment, wondering if what ever it was had crashed. Lynda had a compelling urge to move closer to the top of the embankment. First walking then running up. She was suddenly stopped dead in her tracks by an amazing sight. There, about 25 yards in front of her lay an object which she could only describe as biblical looking. 'It was so weird'. Lynda did not know anything about UFO's nor had any interest in the subject. With her children stood beside her, Lynda stared at the object taking in all the detail. 'The object was about sixty feet across and hovering about two or

three feet above the ground. The object was disappearing and then re-appearing'. 'The object had a light on the top of it'. 'It was a bright white light that was somehow separated from the object itself'. Lynda felt drawn to light, and as she got closer the light got brighter. As Lynda got nearer to the object an orange ball of light appeared from the far side of the object and started to move towards her in a slowly rotating fashion. 'As I walked towards the object I thought I would soon be looking in at them and watching what they were doing,' said Lynda.

Suddenly Lisa shouted out: 'Mum, come back, come back'... The shock of hearing Lisa's voice jolted Lynda back to a terrifying reality. 'I had a feeling of *Deja Vu*, really strong, then suddenly I realised what I was doing'. I thought 'Oh My God!' 'we're going to die'. Lynda quickly turned and ran, grabbing her children by their hands and almost dragging them down the embankment. When they got to the bottom Lynda started running so fast that her son Christopher struggled to keep up. 'Oh No!, 'Its there again mum' screamed Lisa. The object was now travelling along side them. Lynda too scared to slow down picked her son up and carried on. 'Don't stop' shouted Lynda, 'keep going'. 'Mum look, there are two of them now', Lisa screamed.

The Facts:
Alien abduction claimants (also called abductees and experiencers) are people who have claimed to have experienced the paranormal abduction phenomenon. The term "abduction phenomenon" describes claims of non-human creatures kidnapping individuals and temporarily removing them from familiar terrestrial surroundings. The abductors, usually interpreted as being extraterrestrial life forms, are said to subject experiencers to a forced medical examination that alleges the alleged experiencer's reproductive system.

Such skeptics often argue that the phenomenon might be a modern-day folk myth or vivid dreams occurring in a state of sleep paralysis. On the contrary ufologists and paranormal researchers hold positions closer to the face-value of abduction claims. The discovery of common psychological traits shared by abductees would have the potential to determine a neurological explanation for the claims, while other commonalities or differences may serve to reinforce that the claims of the experiencers do in fact correspond with objective reality.



On the edge of exhaustion, Lynda suppressed the urge to turn around and look. 'Keep going!', screamed Lynda. 'Don't look back Lisa, just keep running' she yelled. As they ran across the grassland, Lynda noticed something really strange. The experience was having some sort of odd effect on their surroundings. Lynda noticed that the grass was terribly overgrown at least six feet in height and seemed to be folding down on itself as if it was being pressed down by some force coming from above and revealing an escape route. 'It was the strangest thing I'd ever seen'.

Lynda found herself still running when they had reached the edge of their housing estate. 'We never stopped running until we were safe inside our house', said Lynda. Lynda looked up to see Trevor standing there who said 'What's wrong? What's wrong with your eyes?' Lynda looked in the mirror and could see that the skin around her eyes was red and scaly. 'Lisa had ran straight upstairs to the bathroom presuming she may had wet herself in fear and Christopher though shuck up seemed okay' Said Lynda. Trevor seemed concerned. Lynda told Trevor what they had seen from start to finish and afterwards Trevor asked us all to draw a picture of what we had seen. He was later startled to find all the pictures looked identical. Then, suddenly, Lynda realised Trevor was home, he should have not been home from work until 10.30pm. 'What time is it?' she asked Trevor. It was now around 10.50pm. Lynda had lost around an hour and a half of her life. She had left their comfortable semi-detached home in Didsbury around 7.30pm and had seen the object around 9.00pm. She had ran a good ten minutes yet they had arrived home about 10.40pm???

Lynda would have to wait until the winter of 1980 before discovering more about her experience. In the meantime, Lynda and Trevor told very few about the incident. The local Manchester International Airport reported nothing out of the unusual of that particular day and there seemed to be no other witnesses. Lynda eventually was talked into undergoing a series of hypnotic regression sessions. Each session was apparently recorded onto videotape and produced around ten hours of material. Lynda found the entire experience too disturbing and was so frightened, refused to view the majority of the video recordings. Lynda said 'I was very upset watching myself under hypnosis'. 'At times I was becoming extremely upset by whatever I thought was happening to me'. 'It was just too much!' However, over the years Lynda had pieced together a vague account of what may

have happened to her during the missing one and a half hours, based upon memories during her hypnotic regression sessions and numerous dreams and day visions. Christopher & Lisa also had recalled other events...

'I remember, at the point when we had turned to run away from the object, I saw several people running towards the object'. 'These 'people' looked like men, dressed in long dark coats and wearing trilby hats holding what looked like satchels'. 'There was also a strange mist that surrounded them and when they got close to the object, they simply disappeared'. 'Also, the children and I remember seeing another cloud of mist around two or three feet high and in the mist was some more men, all around five feet tall, dressed in a one piece jumpsuit, all carrying something'. Lynda recalled how odd it was that they all looked identical. She then recalled floating or a moving sensation. 'The next thing I remember is being inside a room watching six strange beings coming in'. 'They were human looking, wore dark suits with high necks'. 'They looked oriental, they had slanted eyes, dark hair and a yellow / olive complexion'. 'I seemed to know one of them'. Lynda then went onto report the impression of being physically examined on a table. 'I remember that they put something on my legs and they went really cold'. 'Every time I tried to see what was going on, a bright light would shine in my eyes'.

Even now... some 30 years later, Lynda still gets frightened about her memories of the event. She refuses to speculate about what was being done to her whilst on the table in the strange room. Over the years since her experience Lynda, like many other alleged abductees has suffered from a real life medical condition. She discovered that her

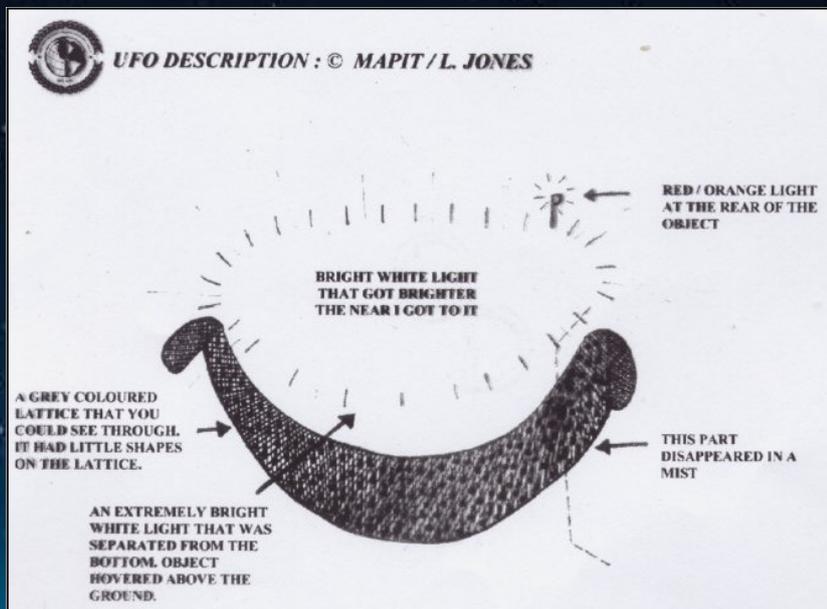
menstrual cycle had been affected after about a month after her experience. Lynda tried to get on with her life and forget what happened to her, however she would often find strange markings on her body which would disappear just as quick as they had appeared. 'The marks would just suddenly appear, but after showing them to Trevor, they would have disappeared before I got to show my doctor'.

'The weirdest thing was a few months after my experience. I had what only can be described as a 'Show'. 'It was some type of waxy material, I immediately made an appointment to see my doctor'. 'After talking with him, he told me that I had had a miscarriage. 'But I wasn't even pregnant I replied!

'I don't know what happened to me, but something did'. 'To tell you the truth, it's made me realise about other odd things in my life'.

'He seemed adamant about his conclusion'. Lynda's menstruation did not return and she was referred by her doctor to a gynaecologist. Many examinations were carried out in hope of finding her problem. It was not long until Lynda had to see a specialist at her local hospital. Lynda was told that the results from the examinations were successful and that they had found 'something'. Her Fallopian Tubes had been examined and scar tissue was found on them. Lynda was told that the scarring was the result of an ectopic pregnancy.

The Facts:
Missing time is a proposed phenomenon reported by some people in connection with close encounters with UFOs and abduction phenomena. The term *missing time* refers to a gap in conscious memory relating to a specific period in time. The gap can last from several minutes to several days in length. The memory of what happened during the missing time reported is often recovered through hypnosis or during dreams
Missing time is controversial in that apart from disbelief in UFO phenomenon, it is closely tied to other controversial issues such as recovered memories and hypnosis.



Even though this can be fatal and extremely painful, Lynda reported no discomfort what so ever. *'I don't know what happened to me, but something did'. 'To tell you the truth, it's made me realise about other odd things in my life'* Lynda stated.

Immediately after her experience a strange mark was found on Lynda's jeans. The strange mark mysteriously looked the same shape as the object she had seen. The mark on the jeans were later analysed at a University Institute and concluded to be printer ink, however why was it in that same shape? and Lynda did not even own a printer. Over the years Lynda has discussed the incident in depth with her children. There memories of that day have never altered, the only one thing of interest is Christopher's memory of seeing a large TV type screen with a picture of his mother and themselves on it. Lisa also remembers the object jumping back a couple of times as Lynda approached it. As if to say, 'Stay Away'.

During 1987, Lynda was working as a beauty consultant and was required to wear a plastic name badge whilst on duty. Her name mysteriously disappeared from the name badge within hours of wearing it. This happened numerous times to replacement badges without explanation. Lynda was now keen to report unusual things in hope of them never manifesting into anything disturbing. Investigators had arranged to have some analysis conducted on the name badge. The conclusion was rather odd... 'Radio Waves'. Scientists stated that the badge was adversely affected due to radio waves. Strange... It was not long afterwards Lynda left her job, due to the fact of feeling uneasy. *'Staff thought I was some sort of Witch or something!* Lynda Stated.

After her experience in 1979 Lynda had to re-evaluate other odd experiences in her life, including a missing time episode she and her husband Trevor shared back in 1972 whilst out in their E-Type Jaguar. It was early evening and they had decided to go for a drink at the Swan Public house in Knutsford, Cheshire. They had taken the country route, but when they had finally stopped at traffic lights around 9.00pm the car suddenly began to spin. One minute they were sat in the car going around and around and then the next minute they were sat at the traffic lights again on green. They turned the next corner to find that the pub was in darkness. They quickly realised that the pub had closed and that it was around 2.30am. Lynda could not explain the car spinning as Trevor clearly had the handbrake on. Trevor also claimed to have seen bright lights behind them whilst spinning.

A total of five and a half hours were missing with no explanation.

Other unusual experiences include a man wearing a trilby hat seen numerous times. On one occasion Lynda had seen him in her back garden and had rang the police. When the police attended, a couple of them went to the rear of her garden. Lynda noticed that they had been down there for quite sometime. Eventually on returning Lynda asked if they had found anyone down there. The police officer replied... 'Yes', *'There was someone down there but they simply disappeared'. 'Where did he go'* said Lynda. 'No' replied the police officer, *'He really did simply disappear'*. Lynda noticed that the officer looked shocked and confused. The officer quickly left and Lynda was no better off finding out who the mysterious man was. On another occasion Lynda was asked to attend hospital for a particular test and after having the treatment later found that there was no record of it, nor did the doctor exist. To this date, Lynda receives common telephone faults and unusual letters in regards to further tests to be carried out. Lynda has also been asked on more than one occasion if she had been in contact with radiation???

I asked Lynda to describe the object she had seen back in 1979, simply for the fact that human perception does alter as the years pass and, I was privy to the original information reported. *'The object was nothing like what is generally reported as a UFO'. 'It was not a disc nor triangular in shape'. 'I have looked through many UFO books but never seen anything that looks remotely like what I saw'. 'The object was as if it was in two parts. 'The bottom of the object looked like the shape of a boat and seemed to be made of some type of lattice. It was grey in colour with small round things all over it. The top part of the object was just all 'light'. I have thought about this a lot and I believe there was something there but I could not see it because of how bright the light was'. 'Directly above this intense light was a pole or rod of some kind with a strobing red or orange coloured light on it. I thought this to be at the rear of the object'.*

'Between the bottom part of the object and the light at the top part I could clearly see the field behind it, as if it was see through. You could also partially see the lattice as well and it hovered about two or three feet off the ground without making a simple sound. In fact, there was no sounds at all. The object was pulsating backwards and forwards. After a minute or so, or what I thought was a minute, the bottom right side of the object seemed to disappear and was replaced with a strange mist'.

'At that point I grabbed the children and ran for it'. Lisa did give mention to when they were running away, the object flew off and followed a civil aircraft for a few seconds before rushing back towards them and splitting into to separate objects.



I quickly realised... Lynda's facts had never altered from its original reporting.

Around 1988 Lynda and Trevor had visited friends in Nottingham, and on heading back through the countryside the car headlights and interior lights started to fade. This apparently happened several times, fading then growing brighter then fading again. Trevor was becoming worried as his vision of the road ahead was becoming hard to see. At that time they were travelling in a borrowed Volzwagon Golf with a diesel engine. After a while Trevor decided they could not continue safely and pulled into a lay-by to wait for another vehicle to pass, so they could follow its tail lights through the darkness. Suddenly, Trevor shouted out *'Lynda, look up'*. Though hesitant at first Lynda looked up to see a large bright circular craft slowly rising. It seemed as if the object had been directly over them before ascending so high it became a dot in the night sky. Thankfully, a red sports car slowly passed, a chance for Trevor to now follow its lights.

They quickly started up the car and headed off. They had followed the vehicle in front of them for several miles, its tail lights were bright and easy to follow. Lynda tried to put the object she and Trevor had seen out of her mind, and thought to herself she can discuss it more in depth once they were home and safe. Then suddenly Trevor said *'Where the bloody hell is it?'* The car they had been following in front of them had suddenly vanished from sight. There was nothing but the darkness. At least the lights were working a little better now. Trevor recalled the strangeness of the event as he looked for a turn off, even a small lay-by where the red sports car they had followed could have turned into, but there was nothing. Just a straight road ahead. On arriving home they had both realised that the journey took around three hours longer than it should have.

The Facts:
According to the BBC News, every year, there are around 300 reported alien sightings in the UK, but there is no actual figure for the number of alien abductions that take place during the same period. Those who believe in the extraterrestrial phenomenon say that this is due to the fact that victims of alien abductions are too scared to come forward and report their experience to police, believing that they will be ridiculed instead of being treated as a real "victim".

Over the next few days the car was checked out by a mechanic who could find no problems with any of the wiring. In fact, the lights never faded again.

During her driving test, Lynda recalled another strange incident when a dark coloured classic car suddenly drove out in front of her and the driving instructor. Luckily Lynda's responses were fast and she slammed on the breaks. She remembered seeing the driver and passenger of the classic car dressed in dark suits and wait for it.... wearing trilby hats!!! The driving instructor was surprised at Lynda's responses as he stated 'I wouldn't have even seen that'. Lynda also recalls seeing a strange man when she had gone to the bathroom window only to see him stood there wearing a dark suit and trilby hat, this time he was surrounded in mist and was somehow glowing from head to toe in a strange orange light. She watched him looking at her from the garden for a minute or so before completely vanishing. Lynda has been plagued with many unusual experiences including hearing a mysterious buzzing or bleeping noises, seeing strange balls of light and of course... the odd apparition. Approximately around 2002 Lynda's periods returned, even though she had been told by experts that she will never have them again. An apparent specialist also told Lynda that all her ovaries had been removed somehow. She has even been diagnosed with numerous fatal illnesses, one of which was a rare bone disorder which would result in her bones slowly crumbling. None of these illnesses have ever manifested.

So what about any official reports. Apparently a few weeks after Lynda's experience the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) telephoned her for a detailed report of the incident so that they could forward it to the Ministry of Defence (MOD). The gentleman from the CAA did confirm to Lynda that they were in fact aware of the object. Of course its no surprise to find that the Ministry of Defence claim to have no record of the event upon request.

Finally, when I asked Lynda if she could recall any unusual events taking place in her life when she was a little girl, she replied... 'Yes', *I recall apparently going missing for a few hours in some near-by playing fields. My family were out looking for me. But I had not left the field and don't remember seeing anything odd except my parents reaction when they saw me. They said that they had been to the field several times but there was no sign of anyone there. I don't understand what happened, it doesn't make any sense.* 'On another occasion I remember seeing a fare over

near the fields, yet apparently I was the only one to see it. I remember seeing the spinning lights of the rides and funfare'...

Lynda tried to find out what she had seen and began to question other local residents, however, she's yet to locate any other witnesses apart from herself and children that saw the object on that particular day, however, a couple of residents did say that they had seen something similar on other occasions.

object as bright as fire and to consist of a wheel within a wheel (possibly two separate stages). Also, Ezikiel claimed to have seen angel like beings (or beings of fair complexion). Of course, one can see these similarities but it all comes down to interpretation of events. In Lynda's case, one thing stands out more than anything else. Her experience is like no others and indicates a more profound encounter away from the stereotypical reported incidents that often involve small gray beings with



The above photograph shows the location where the alleged UFO landed.

A few weeks after the UFO sighting, the location where the object was seen was apparently visited by parkland officials who, for some reason took up the old grass and re-seeded that particular area. About a foot of soil and grass was taken away. Now a divot can easily be seen, especially after heavy rain when the divot fills with water.



All Lynda has ever wanted is just a normal life, but her life is filled with anomalies which are anything but normal...

After reading over and over Lynda's experience one cannot help draw upon the similarities to the alleged biblical experience of Ezikiel - 597 B.C. After all, Lynda did say the object reminded her of something biblical. Ezikiel saw the object come from the North, just as Lynda did. Also, Ezikiel described the

large dark eyes and silver coloured saucer shaped craft with a very physical appearance...

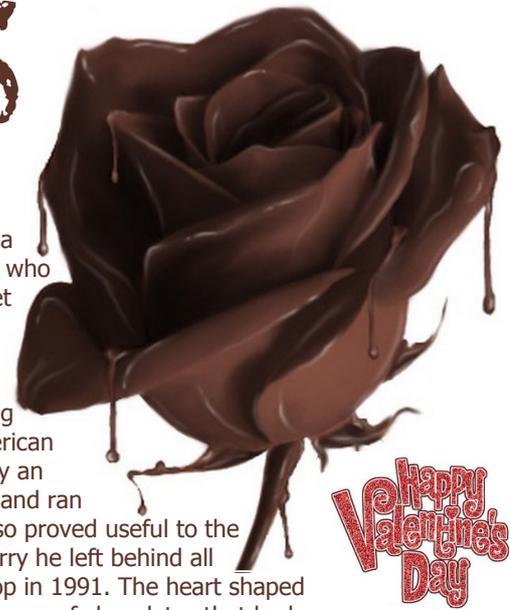
The photo above shows the pathway which Lynda and her children took that day. A pathway she wished she'd never gone up...

Further details

After there experience of seeing a UFO at close proximity, Christopher became very ill. Around 14 days after the incident Christopher was rushed to hospital and kept in isolation. Lynda and Trevor consulted the doctors who were apparently stumped. One particular doctor said, 'I've never seen anything like it. By all accounts it's an Unidentifiable Virus'. Fortunately Christopher soon got better, but it was apparently very serious.

Lynda continues to have unusual experiences to date...

THORNTON'S CHOCOLATES



Probably the most famous Chester ghost is Sarah, who haunts the Thornton's chocolate shop in Eastgate Street, a ghost after my own heart, spending eternity in a chocolate shop is some folks idea of heaven. Sarah was said to be a charming young lady who fell in love with an unscrupulous rascal who jilted her on their wedding day. Sarah was so distraught she returned to her home in Eastgate Street and hung herself. Ever since she has caused havoc in the premises. Most events happen in the top floor front room and the cellar, but can happen anywhere. She is never seen, but makes up for it in other ways. The manageress of the shop experienced what can only be called a possession when staff saw her coming down the stairs singing an unknown song and holding her hands out as if lifting a long and heavy dress in order to descend the stairs. She can offer no explanation for this. An American tourist who described the stories of the ghost as rubbish was immediately pushed down the stairs by an invisible hand. An electrician who went to read the meter in the cellar was not down there for long, and ran back up the stairs saying he felt he was being watched by something very unpleasant. Sarah has also proved useful to the local police force - a burglar who broke in and stole the days takings from the safe fled in such a hurry he left behind all his tools and a full set of fingerprints. Sarah was very upset by the Valentines Day display in the shop in 1991. The heart shaped boxes of chocolates were frequently found scattered on the floor of the shop, leaving the ordinary boxes of chocolates that had been stacked in front of them undisturbed. Sarah was quietened for a while in 1965 following an exorcism, but has since recovered and still carries on her tricks to this day.

By Dave Sadler.
Special thanks to Louise.

As someone who has written extensively about the issue of UFO encounters in the British Isles, I know how incredibly difficult and time-consuming it can be to research - and write about - such an infinitely complex topic. And when that same research and writing also encompasses cases that date back decades, then the whole process becomes even more of a challenge. And, this is one of the reasons why I take my hat off (metaphorically speaking!) to John Hanson and Dawn Holloway, who have done a *superb* job in chronicling the early years of British Ufology in their new book,

[Haunted Skies: The Encyclopedia of British UFOs, Volume 1, 1940-1959 \(CFZ Press\).](#)

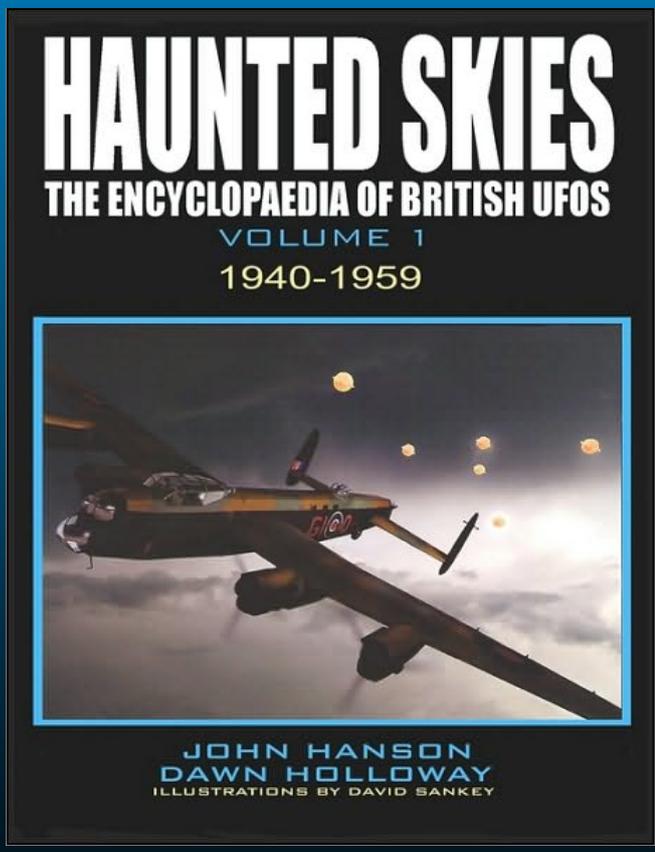
To say this is one of the most important of all books that address the history and nature of the UFO puzzle in Great Britain, is not an exaggeration. Not only have the authors uncovered an incredible amount of new data and hitherto unknown incidents, but they have also been able to shed a great deal of very welcome new light on old cases - cases that many researchers, I am sure, assumed had reached a point beyond which they could be taken no further. Well, those same researchers are dead wrong. John and Dawn have done not just a great service to British Ufology, but to worldwide Ufology, too. With a foreword from Timothy Good,

Haunted Skies is a book that will astonish you with the sheer wealth of fascinating and - in many cases - never-before-seen data on truly startling UFO encounters. Given the fact that this volume covers the period from 1940 to 1959, we are, of course, treated to an amazing body of reports from the Second World War. Needless to say, many students of Ufology will be aware of the fact that the 1940s saw the emergence of the Foo Fighter puzzle - and many have concluded that, as far as UFOs are concerned, the Foo Fighters were a solitary ufological phenomenon of that era. Not so.

I was very intrigued to learn that John and Dawn had uncovered copious amounts of data, cases and testimony relative to close encounters with structured, classic, flying saucer-style craft, other-worldly entities, and much more in this very same, war-torn period. That this section of *Haunted Skies* alone now requires us to majorly revise what we thought we knew about the UFO puzzle during the Second World War is not a matter of any doubt whatsoever. And with the 1947 commencement of the era of the Flying Saucer, we get to learn a great deal about how the mystery impacted on, and manifested within, ye olde Blighty. Again, it's clear that Britain played a truly significant role in that legendary year of our lord, Kenneth Arnold.

Haunted Skies also treats us to an absolute treasure-trove of material relative to 1950s UFO sightings, landings, police reports, Adamski-style Contactee cases, British military and governmental interest in the phenomenon, and remarkable firsthand witness testimony concerning encounters with all-things incredible, saucer-shaped, and other-worldly.

And let's not forget Cynthia Appleton and her Venusian baby! This is one of those definitively weird tales of yesteryear that John and Dawn tackle in fine fashion, and which I found particularly intriguing. And you will, too! For anyone and everyone interested in the UFO issue - and particularly so from a historical perspective - *Volume 1* of *Haunted Skies* is a book that I cannot champion enough. Without doubt, it's one of the most significant UFO-related books of the last few decades - and that's not stretching things. It's an undeniable fact. If Ufological history is your thing, *Haunted Skies* is indispensable. And, as there are two more volumes to come from John and Dawn in this series, we're all in for further treats of the Ufological kind! Big congratulations to John and Dawn for writing the book, and to Jon Downes and CFZ Press for publishing one of the finest UFO books I've read in a long, long time.



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