

# Strange Phenomena

## INVESTIGATIONS

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"We must seek to answer  
that which at present  
eludes us."

### EDITORIAL COMMENT.

As this issue will now in all probability be dealing with coverage of our last lecture and SPI's quest to officially mark for posterity the Livingston UFO Landing spot? I would apologise to those people who have sent items in to me of late, for inclusion in this issue of the (NL). I would happily inform you though, that your items will be included in the July issue.

Most stories regarding the paranormal, sooner or later find themselves being included in the National Press. There is no denying that Fleet Street find great pleasure in attaching a sense of journalistic fervor regarding stories of the paranormal, (and sometimes, the people attached to it). This point, can not be better illustrated by obtaining what I believe to be, nothing more than a fish & chip paper.

And I am referring to Britain's  'Sunday Sport'. The Inaccurate, pitiful, and downright ludicrous Paranormal items which pass as stories, have to be read to be believed, a good job there not. One thing which anyone reading the Sunday Sport must surely have noticed, is that you will not find these stories featured anywhere else within any other Sunday Newspaper. Now I'm not for one moment inferring that I have suddenly found the strange world of the paranormal to be unbelievable, on the contrary, I accept that there are some things which are above one's sense of rationality. What I do object to is the fact that the 'Sunday Sport' since its conception, has forced the media to digest stories that other papers won't touch, and I refer to stories which have related to, (a photograph of a B52 Bomber plane on the Moon), (Woman has Alien baby), (photos of Heaven), (Space Aliens turned our son into an OLIVE), (and the death of the British King Of 'The Witches, Alex Saunders who died recently, a 'Sunday Sport' photographer claimed that he saw Alex

attend his own funeral dressed in a long black gown, (see photo gallery). Stories as crazy as these, may sell papers, but thankfully they are now becoming that silly that the general public don't believe them anymore. However, these stories do no good for the real cases which are unexplained. A lot of acceptance is still to be gained by the press in regards to these stories. And by the way, no I don't get the 'Sunday Sport', even for its higher and more naughtier points? Honest.

### GOOD ATTENDANCE AT SPI'S MAY LECTURE'S.

A refreshing change was the fact that this double lecture bill was well attended, so much so, that extra seats had to be brought in. In fact, Bill August, from Cheshire's 'Omega Foundation', who had travelled up to Scotland with his girlfriend, had to be content with sitting on the floor. As usual, SPI videoed and audio recorded the lectures for posterity, and we also had our SPI Publication table and display on show. Our first lecturer was Mr Charles Heath of Paisley, who gave an interesting talk on, 'Modern Witchcraft In Scotland', and although he may not have gone into his subject in great detail, (as in fact he is governed not to?), it was none the less, very interesting indeed. I thank you again Charles, for giving your time to SPI, and fixing my eye??



Our next speaker for the evening was Mr Philip Mantle, who had travelled up from Yorkshire with his colleague, David Kelly. David is SPI's English UFO Consultant and Information Officer. Philip gave an informative lecture aided



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with slides which depicted an alleged UFO over some rooftops in the town of Barnsley in England. These may not be the most convincing UFO photographs in the world, (but then what is), but according to Phil, they have aroused a good deal of curiosity both in Britain, and in America. The negatives are at present being studied by Dr Bruce Maccabee aided by NASA computers in the USA, so hopefully fairly soon we may get to know, exactly what these pictures portray. Thank you again Philip for giving your time to SPI, it was nice to have an English UFOlogist lecture up in Scotland for a change. Only disappointment on the night, was the fact that around a dozen SPI people couldn't attend, (you missed yourselves), especially the drink afterwards in the 'Rob Roy', Philip even bought a round.

**EXCLUSIVE**

**BY S.P.I.**

## I.S.O. FOUND AT CE III SITE ?

As far as I believe, this is the first notice anywhere in the world, in print, of what is now to be found at the scene of Scotland's most famous CE III UFO case ever. But before we come to that, let me first of all explain how it all came about. The day after our lecture, SPI arranged for Philip Mantle, (PM), and David Kelly, (DK), to visit Scotland's most famous UFO witness Robert Taylor. Robert, as we may know, witnessed what he claims was a landed space ship in Dechmont Woods near Livingston back in 1979. Anyway, Philip who was driving was accompanied on the journey to Blairgowrie in Perthshire where witness (RT) now lives by Malcolm Robinson, David Kelly and SPI's Secretary, Frank J McKay. We arrived in Blairgowrie and were immediately welcomed by (RT) and his wife. After some nice tea and biscuits, we entered into a taped discussion with Bob, in which he once again related with affirmity, his account of what happened that particular day, "I know what I saw" he said, "and no one can tell me otherwise". After some photographs were taken of Bob in his back garden, we travelled to Dechmont Woods, in which Malcolm had great difficulty in finding the entrance to the woods. We did eventually and parked the car. As we walked into the woods, your editor at once noticed that a great deal of changes had occurred in the woods since he was last there. I.E., trees had been felled

new pathways constructed, a golf course extended into the woods, and lastly, picnic tables and benches placed at certain locations throughout the woods. All this combined, confused (MR) who eventually uttered these famous words, "Help, I'm lost". But with grim determination he set off alone in pursuit of this most famous area of grass in Scotland. It was then that he stumbled across 3 young golfers who were playing golf on a nearby golf course. "Do any of you know where the UFO came down in these woods in 1979", he asked expectadly. "Yes mister", came the reply, "Over and beyond Deer Hill over there". Ah, now I'm getting somewhere I thought. The next statement uttered by this lost explorer is quite funny looking back at it now, but if taken wrongly at that time, could have landed yours truly right in it. "Well, will you come into the woods with me and show me where, I'll pay you for this information." Hesitantly they replied, "OK", so I eventually found it, and parted with money. Now obviously the place had changed due to the number of years, but the shocking part was, was what I found right on the spot of which (RT) claims he saw a 'Space-ship'. I saw an I.S.O. (what's that) ? well that's an Identified Stationary Object. In plain English, 'a picnic table and benches' (see photo gallery). I quickly went and fetched Phil whereby he told me that the others were lost. (space: napped: maybe ? ). Anyway, after taking photographs we returned and eventually found the others and returned back to Stirling. It had been quite a day.

## RON LEY'S INTO DIVINING ?

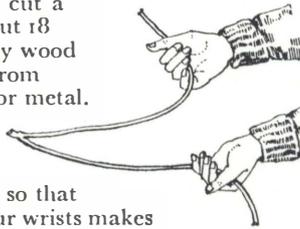
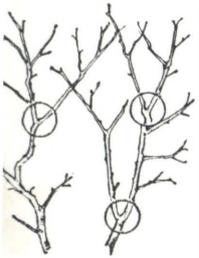
The following is our Treasurer, Ron Halliday's account of a recent conference that he attended. Ron takes up the story. On April 5th I attended a one day conference organised by the Association of Scottish Dowzers. The conference was on the subject (you've guessed it) of dowsing and was addressed by none other than Tom Graves, author of 'Needles Of Stone', the definitive book on divining techniques. Tom concentrated on practical methods of dowsing rather than the the theory or meaning of dowsing. Fortunately it was a sunny day, and the campus of Heriot-Watt University, where we were located, gave ample opportunity for trying out various implements, (mine a pair of 'borrowed' coat hangers). It certainly gave the students gaping from the surrounding flats considerable entertainment. In the general

discussion that followed, some experienced dowzers warned against over-dowsing, as it can produce bad physical and psychological side effects. Tom also expressed concern over the growing practice of diverting or attempting to neutralise bad energy streams.

### D-I-Y Divining

To make your own rod, cut a Y-shaped fork, arms about 18 inches long, from springy wood (see left), or make one from 12-inch strips of plastic or metal.

Holding the rod loosely in upturned fists (as shown right), tense it by twisting your arms so that even a slight turn of your wrists makes the rod spring sharply up or down.



Although 'earth mysteries' has been de-mystified to the extent of identifying various energy streams, their use and nature remain uncertain. Tampering with them might lead to who knows what effect? On a happier note, it was felt that there was increasing awareness of the Earth as a sentient being, and in that belief lay hope for the future. I was delighted when at the end of the conference Tom graciously accepted a copy of my, 'Mysteries Of The Scottish Landscape'- AND promised to read it (well done Ron-Ed)

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### BEYOND THE SKY'S

Silvery child from afar,  
why have you travelled beyond your star.

Mysterious one, what Planet's race,  
produces such magic in your face.

Tis to show the way, and help each one,  
to reach other world's beyond the Sun.

Our ship's they've travelled near and far,  
and watch your world in our timeless lights.

We watch your progress,  
our different races.

In our time's and spaces,  
from the Planets afar.

May'hap one day we'll help you come,  
and reach other world's beyond your Sun.

So watch your sky's,  
each day and night.

And help teach each other,  
wrong from right.

And like this silvery child, peacefull and wise,  
you all can come and join,  
all the other world's beyond the sky's.

(c) Mary Smith, Airdrie, Scotland.

### LET'S RECOGNISE THE LIVINGSTON UFO SITE.

It was mentioned by Phil Mantle and Dave Kelly, during our mystery tour of Dechmont Woods, that there should be some form of descriptive recognition of the Livingston site. This was again the sentiment voiced by SPI's Ron Halliday. Ron maintains that, "it appears that the site of (R)'s world famous UFO encounter, has been significantly changed by the siting of a picnic table and other "scenic" alterations. This underlines the main feeling that the scene of this important event, is totally unmarked by any descriptive sign that would draw public attention to its significance and ensure that it is remembered". Due to this general feeling, I contacted the Livingston Development Cooperation (LDC), in which the chap I spoke to was very receptive of this idea. I put this request in writing to the (LDC), in which I also requested a meeting between SPI and the LDC as soon as possible. Basically, we ask that a stone column with a brass plaque with the details of the event, be placed at the site of the Livingston site. SPI await the LDC's reply. We'll keep you posted. In fact, this could be a first in UFOlogy in respect to this recognition of a UFO site?

### NEWS/REVIEWS/UPDATES.

The Livingston Development Cooperation have re-constructed the 'Livingston Incident' at the Glasgow garden festival. The event at Bathgate of which SPI were to cover, did go on, but we were refused entry 2 days before ?? The Scottish UFO Open Day is now entirely in the hands of Andrew Hardie of the 'Scottish UFO Society,' (SUFOS). For details contact Andy at, 80 Beachwood Road, North Carbrain, Cumbernauld, Glasgow, G67 2NE. Membership is now available to join SPI. Single membership will be £5.00. This will include receiving the SPI Newsletter (NL). Husband & Wife will be £8.50, including (NL). Anyone at present who has subscribed to the (NL) and wish membership, need only pay £4.00. Request's for membership forms **Should be addressed to Ronald Halliday, at, 35 Fountain Road, Bridge Of Allan, Stirlingshire.** SPI hope that you have enjoyed this month's issue of our Newsletter. Tell your friends about SPI.

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# PHOTO GALLERY.

## The sky's the limit for Phil's charity watch

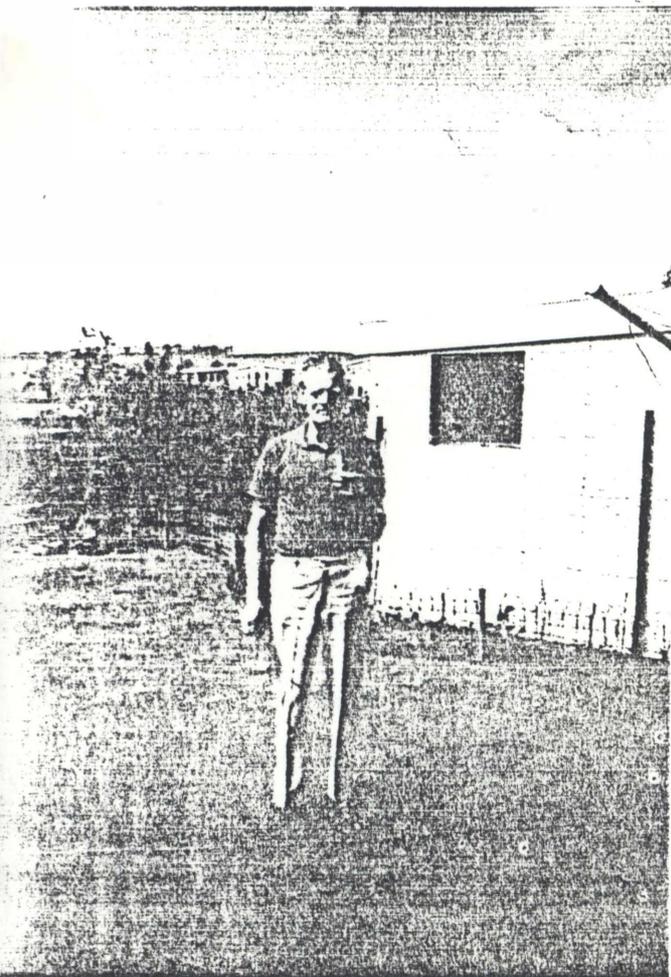
**PICTURE EXCLUSIVE**

Malcolm Robinson, at site of Livingston CE III. May 1988. Photo- Philip Mantle I.U.N.



Star gazing — Batley ufologist Philip Mantle prepares for the Skywatch. (0605/5)

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Scotland's famous UFO Percipient, Robert Taylor. Blairgowrie, May 1968. Photo- Philip Mantle I.U.N.



ALEX ATTENDS HIS OWN FUNERAL. (see editorial) PHOTO SUNDAY SPORT



Secretary, Frank J McKay, President, Malcolm Robinson, and Treasurer, Ronald Halliday, Get to grips with questions at a public meeting in 1988. Photo- Ross McKay.