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Re: HOT GOSSIP UK - SEPT '98

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THE UNCONVENTION GOES HIGH TECH

Many of you will know of the annual 'Unconvention' conference which is held in London, UK. Organised by the well known 'Fortean Times' magazine, this is always one of the highlights of the year. One of the organisers, and Editor of the Fortean Times, Bob Rickard, is considering running live on-line conferences throughout the weekend. Bob hopes that by then many of the guests will turn up with their lap top computers and talk to well known ufologists worldwide.

What a good idea!

Meanwhile the organisers are interested in talking to individuals or groups who are experienced in doing on-line conferences. So if you think you can advise or are interested in getting involved, please contact Bob Rickard by e-mail. Rickard@forteantimes.com

UFOLOGISTS MAKE THE BROADSHEETS & GLOSSIES

There was a time when the only mention of a ufologist was in the tabloid press. It seems all that is changing now, and the Times newspaper has certainly taken an interest in the last 12 months. This August, at least two prominent ufologists had been interviewed for the up-market media. The Times of London interviewed both Graham Birdsall [Editor of UFO Magazine] and Nick Pope [author and researcher] for an article on 15/8/98 titled 'Reports of UFOs Vanish mysteriously into Space'. The journalist, James Landale was in fact a political reporter.

The article questioned whether there had been a decline in UFO sightings in the UK. According to a spokesman for the Ministry of Defence, there were 609 UFOs reported in 1996, in 1997 it dropped to 425, and in the first six months of 1998 there have been only 88 reports. The spokesman suggests that Hollywood is to blame; in other words the latest science fiction movies prompted people to report UFO sightings. He also adds that the 50th anniversary and the Hale Bopp comet contributed to last years reports. Pope disagreed, saying "The idea of a link is an attempt to trivialise the UFO project". Birdsall came up with a very profound statement, saying official reports had declined

because last year the MOD decided to stop taking personal calls and instead had installed an answering service which put people off making a report.

Like all broadsheet journalists, Landale couldn't resist bringing in the much used 'little green men from outer space' line. Isn't it about time someone told them that these little guys aren't necessarily green, and that they don't necessarily come from outer space. It appears that Landale had picked up the story from the parliamentary written questions and answers given to Lord Hill Norton. Hill Norton is a strong supporter of Ufology and often asks questions in the House of Lords referring to the latter. For the article, Hill Norton commented that he did not think the number of sightings had dropped.

Fashion conscious ufologists will be delighted to know that Nick Pope is mentioned in the latest issue of 'Harpers & Queen', the upmarket glossy magazine. By the way, Pope will be visiting New York sometime in September.

NORTHERN UFO NEWS TO GO ON-LINE

Well known ufologist Jenny Randles is aiming to go on-line soon with her monthly publication 'Northern UFO News'. The newsletter is full of gossip and news about local UFO cases and Ufologists, and is available in hard copy for a subscription rate of £36.00 for six issues.

Meanwhile, the newsletter is obtainable from: 1, Halsteads Close, Dove Holes, Buxton, High Peak, Derbyshire SK17 8BS. Make cheques payable to 'NUFON'.

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That's all for this month

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