
BUFORA Winter Newsletter

December 1993

Introduction Investigations

A number of important changes have occurred within BUFORA over recent weeks. In order to circulate details of these in the shortest possible time it has been decided to issue a special Winter Newsletter. These include important announcements about investigations (this page), change of office address (page 4) and meetings (page 3).

Your particular attention is drawn to the change of venue of the London meetings, and the revised venue for the AGM which is announced on Page 2. This notice replaces all and any previous announcements. (Please Note : The January/February UFO Times, which is at the printers, may still carry adverts for the previous venue, please ignore these.)

We look forward to your continued support in 1994

Steve Gamble, Chairman

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Early in December Jenny Randles stood down as Director of Investigations. Having done this job myself for a short period time, I can tell you that it is a bit like painting the Forth rail bridge - just when you think you have finished it is time to start again. Jenny has held this very demanding position for twelve years and I am sure everybody will join me in thanking her for all the hard work. Jenny is continuing to work for BUFORA in other capacities, in particular doing UFOCall and will be working with Mike Wootten on special publications.

The new Director of Investigations is Phillip Mantle. Phillip was formerly Publicity Officer, a post which he has now given up. I can do no better than let Phillip speak for himself. " My involvement in UFO research and investigation began in 1979 when I first joined BUFORA. I have served on the BUFORA Council for the last four years during which time I have filled various positions including Secretary to the National

Investigations Committee, Conference Organiser, and also Publicity Officer. To say that Jenny will be a 'hard act to follow' is indeed an understatement, but, with hard work and cooperation amongst all of us I am sure we can continue to represent the best of British UFOlogy and carry on investigating this most puzzling of enigma's. I look forward to my new role as Director of Investigations, to working closely with all of BUFORA's investigators, and to cooperating with like minded researchers in the UK and around the world."

The next investigators meeting will be held on Saturday 5th March 1994 at the University of Westminster, 35 Marylebone Road, London, NW1, starting at 2pm. This will provide an opportunity for all investigators to meet with Phillip. An investigations training day, to be held in Birmingham, is planned for May, watch UFO Times for details.

Stuart Smith

It is my sad duty to report the death after a short illness of Stuart Smith on 15th November 1993.

He will be known to many people for his part in running the Sheffield UFO conferences. Stuart was also a leading member of the Independent UFO Network. In more recent years, together with Rodney Howarth, he ran Enigma Publications and was seen at many UFO meetings manning their bookstall. It was whilst travelling to a UFO

conference in Vienna that Stuart was taken ill.

I am sure that all those who knew Stuart will miss him.

Northampton Conference

The Northampton UFO Research Centre (NUFORC) will be arranging a one day conference next summer. Provisionally the date is set for Saturday 6th August 1994. The meeting will run from 10am until approximately 6pm with breaks for lunch and coffee.

For further details contact :
 NUFORC
 30 Stonebridge Court
 Lings
 Northampton

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BUFORA LTD.

The NINETEENTH Annual General Meeting of BUFORA Ltd will be held at THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER, 35 MARYLEBONE ROAD, LONDON NW1. in the LECTURE THEATRE at 6-00pm on SATURDAY 9th APRIL 1994 to receive the Chairman's Report, the Report of the Council of Management, the Accounts of the Treasurer, and to appoint the Auditor according to the Articles of the Association.

Signed on behalf of the Council of Management

S.J. Gamble, Chairman 1st September 1993.
 (revised 27th December 1993)

NOTE:

Please note that a Member entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy who need not be a member of the Company to attend and vote in his or her stead. Instruments of proxy must be lodged at the Company's registered address, 16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex RH15 9ST., not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for the meeting. Members wishing to nominate persons for election to the Council of Management shall give to the Secretary such nominations in writing, signed by the person proposed, stating his or her willingness to be elected, not less than four, nor more than twenty-eight clear days before the time appointed for the meeting in accordance with Section 52 of the Articles of Association.

Only members of the Association in good standing and accredited proxies may attend and vote at the AGM, although guests will be welcomed to the following lecture. Please bring membership cards as this will speed checking against the current membership list.

Meetings

Since the start of the current London lecture season BUFORA has been using a lecture theatre at Kings College in Kensington. This was found at very short notice when our previous venue at the London Business School became unavailable. In practice Kings College has not been an ideal venue. There have been a number of problems including poor access, cleanliness and lack of coffee facilities. Lionel Beer has made a number of representations to the college authorities which have resulted in some minor improvements, but have not been able to overcome the major problems.

From the 8th January 1994, all meetings previously advertised as being held at either the London Business School or at Kings College will now be held at the University of Westminster, 35 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1. The evening lectures will be held in Lecture Theatre 1, which is in the Library Block near to the main entrance. The University of Westminster is opposite The Planetarium and close to Baker Street Station (2 to 3 minute walk).

The drinks machines are immediately outside the theatre and toilets close by. The one drawback is that there is no on-site car parking. Whilst this will be a

disappointment to some people, it should be stressed that very few central London venues do have parking facilities. I understand that most of the local on-street parking restrictions do not apply on Saturday evenings, but you should check before you park there.

The times, dates and costs of all meetings remain the same, only the venue is altered. The 8th January meeting will be "Abductions and Hypnosis" (speaker: Lucien Morgan) and the 5th February meeting will be "Early Trends in UFOlogy" (speaker: Bernard Delair). We look forward to your continued support of these events in 1994.

REGIONAL MEETING

The Northampton Regional meeting will take place on Saturday 15th January starting at 1:30pm. (Note: There is no meeting on 22nd January, this date published by mistake.)

The venue will be The Friends Meeting House, Wellington Street, Northampton. The topic for discussion will be Northamptonshire cases. Admission will be £1-50. The meeting will last for approximately three hours, with a short break during the afternoon for refreshments.

UFO Congress

The UFO Congress held in Bristol last July was very successful. Thanks are due to all those who helped make it a success. Particular mention should be made of Phillip and Sue Mantle (who did the bulk of the organisation), Bob Digby (audio-visuals), Robin Lindsey (video recording), Paul Doran (who manned the registration desk) and John Spencer and the team at the BUFORA office (who dealt with all the administration and numerous enquiries).

People have been asking when the next UFO Congress will be held. The Council have started preliminary planning for a Congress to be held during the summer of 1995. Suggestions for speakers and venues are invited, these should be sent to the BUFORA office (at the new address). Already a number of venues are being looked at (including possibly returning to Bristol) and a number of dates around the end of July or early August. Further information will be published in the UFO Times as it becomes available.

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Administrative Office

For the past two and a half years BUFORA has had the use of office space in Harpenden. The office has proved very successful. An increasing proportion of enquiries have turned into new members and there have been many media contacts. With the increase in our membership and increasing interest in the subject, BUFORA has out grown both the time and space available within the existing arrangements. Therefore it has become necessary to relocate the office.

With immediate effect the postal address for the BUFORA office has changed. The Harpenden address should no longer be used to contact BUFORA. The new phone number will be published as soon as it becomes available. The new address is :

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and operators of the Harpenden office for all their hard work on behalf of the Association.

Book Review

THE PERSECUTION OF MR TONY ELMS - THE BROMLEY POLTERGEIST

The author of this work, BUFORA Council member Manfred Cassirer, will be known to many readers. *The Persecution of Mr Tony Elms* is the latest booklet by Manfred. Whilst not being a UFO book, it will appeal to people with a wider interest in the paranormal. As well as being the author, Manfred is the publisher and copies are available directly from him.

Over the years many researchers of UFO phenomena have highlighted the parallels between UFO phenomena and other aspects of the paranormal, amongst them Ken Phillips and John Spencer. One of the most widely quoted is Manfred's earlier work *Parapsychology and the UFO*. The current work is very similar in style to *Parapsychology and the UFO* (which is still available). The booklet is A5 size and runs to 40 pages, excluding the light card cover. The text is supplemented by a number of black and white photographs.

Tony Elms and his colleagues ran a garden centre in Bromley, Kent. This book describes the many strange events which occurred there in 1973. These events

included such things as objects flying around inside the shed at the garden centre and disappearing objects. The case was investigated by Manfred and Pauline Runnalls. They had the great fortune to be able to witness some events first hand. This book is a description of their investigation and what they witnessed. I can recommend it to all students of the paranormal.

The Preface is written by Dr John Beloff, who is a Senior Lecturer in Psychology at Edinburgh University, and is the Editor of the Journal and Proceedings of the Society for Psychical Research (founded in 1882) and a leading researcher in parapsychology.

The publicity material describes Manfred as an S.P.R. investigator, writer and lecturer for forty years. He has also written and contributed to many other works including Macmillan's *Encyclopaedia of the Paranormal* (1991). Manfred is currently writing a new full length work *Dimensions of Enchantment* which will shortly be published by Breese Books, London.

The Persecution of Mr Tony Elms is available for £3.50 (post free) from : M. Cassirer, 38 Christchurch Avenue, LONDON NW6 7BE