Dr Wallace and Professor Durham's Society of The Paranormal and Occult Field Reports of 2023 Preview

A most gracious welcome to you, dear reader, be you one of our twenty members of the society who will gain this very book for free, and who we are writing it for, or a brand-new reader, welcome. For the non-members, we apologise, this foreword is mainly for our society members as due to a number of unforeseen circumstances we have been forced to have no personal meetings since 2019, and a number of important updates shall be discussed here for them. That isn't to say we do not appreciate your endorsement. Quite the contrary, we very much wish you continued to endorse our yearly reports. Your patronage will go to a good cause, as it will help us fund the society's website, which we have yet to set up as we are all rather computer illiterate. Yes, this is the first field reports we publish, but that doesn't mean we will not publish more! Keep yourself informed, for the world of the paranormal is great and new reports always come in!

First let us give a small warning to Jim, we can't add your small instances of strange things happening as a field report! A garden of brambles and hearing a single word being whispered when you are alone, while definitely strange, is not enough to write a report on. We wish you all to take note about this, do not send us reports if there is nothing to report. That doesn't mean we don't appreciate you Jim, we could not have created the society without you, just know we can't publish your minor experiences.

Second update, we are all aware that Dan and Genieve were seeing each other, but during the time that the society has been on hold there has been a development. We would like to congratulate Dan and Genieve for finally getting married. Dan has always been a hard-working contributing member of the society, helping set up meetings. For now, Dan will stand down from his duties for the foreseeable future, as Dan and Genieve are planning on starting a family soon. We wish them all the best. But with that said, we need to find a new meeting coordinator before we can have any new meetings in person. We have already decided that online meetings are a no go, since most of the older members do not have a computer. We hope to have this sorted out soon for we miss you all and wish to revive the society's meetings as soon as possible.

Finally, we have great news. Professor Durham has finally found a student who will be part of the society. His latest PhD student, Joshua Daniels, will be part of the society's reporting team and will be helping us in publishing the reports in a book format. Joshua is doing his doctorate in the psychology of witnesses and survivors of paranormal events, meaning that he will be interviewing witnesses as part of his doctorate. With blessings from The International University of Psychology of Dunkirk, where Professor Durham works, Joshua will be allowed to give us access to interviews if the interviewee agrees to disclose their story. The is unprecedented access that we have never had as The Society of The Paranormal and Occult, and we hope you all are as excited as we are in the possibility of getting firsthand accounts.

In either case, be you new or an old member of the society, I hope you will enjoy the first field reports. We have gathered many new stories since we last convened so you all are in for a treat. Please enjoy and we hope to see you soon! Yours sincerely, Dr Alan Wallace