



Department for Continuity

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Temporal anomalies in and near Cowley, East Oxford

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STATUS: TIMESPILL CONFIRMED.

I have become increasingly certain over the last week that a complex, multi-era timespill is active in this area.

This appears to be the most significant time portal event since DepCon moved its operations from covert to public and I am grateful to multiple residents of East Oxford who have taken on the task of monitoring and reporting suspected chrono-displacement.

Evidence gathered:

We have both reports and photographs of a woman who said she habitually collected apples in the Cowley area to sell at a market in Oxford, and had misplaced her basket. She was easily startled and did not answer questions about the date.

We have reports (but no photographs) of men wearing “Victorian clothes” in both Cowley and central Oxford.

We have reports and photographs of a man in monastic clothes who appeared lost and confused, but disbursed Victorian-era pennies to members of the public.

We have reports of a shoe shiner operating sporadically on the Cowley Road.

We have reports and photographs of a man who called himself "John". He believed the year to be 1906, and who was asking directions to a factory in Cowley where he hoped to acquire work.

We have reports and photographs of a woman who called herself "Vera" and who claimed to work at Boswell's, an Oxford department store which traded from 1738 to 2020. The woman's dress has variously been described as 1920s and 1930s. She was looking for her father, a retired factory worker named John; this is interesting given the 1906 man named John, mentioned above, was seeking factory work. Notably, several sightings place 'Vera' on a street in north Cowley where a house is known to have 'V 1926' etched into a window frame.

We have multiple reports of an excess of horse excrement in various areas adjoining Cowley.

We have reports and some photographs of earlier-era cars and bicycles, including multiple sightings near the Cowley roundabout. We have multiple reports of a man riding a penny-farthing bicycle.

We have reports of children playing in the street with non-contemporary toys including wooden hoops and marbles.

We have reports of a WW2-era jeep in Blackbird Leys and a man in army fatigues.

We have reports of a pipe-smoking man dressed in leather consistent with 1960s and 1970s fashion.

In addition to Victorian coins mentioned earlier, we have a report of an outdated £50 note being offered as payment.

We have reports of seasonally atypical insect / small animal activity including unusual types and quantities of flies, spiders that seem to appear then disappear, stinging incidents and stray cats.

We have an unusual report of a six-year-old boy and his mother encountering a picture on the internet of the same boy as a ten-year-old. This would suggest that, around four years from now, the boy walks through a portal and returns to 2022 or earlier, where his photo is taken and uploaded to the internet.

We have a report of a person encountering an acquaintance close to Oxford rail station only to encounter them again, some hours later, and they deny the first

encounter, suggesting one of the two encounters was a chrono-displaced manifestation of that person.

Provisional remarks:

Although some of the above sightings may be coincidental or evidence of local eccentricity, it is impossible to ignore the collective impression: there's something going on here.

What is most notable, particularly in photographic evidence, is that chrono-displacement is occurring from multiple eras simultaneously.

Moreover, some chrono-displaced people appear not to be returning naturally to their era of origin within 24 hours of travel, as we would normally expect to happen.

Some crucial questions now will be:

1. Where precisely is the portal located?
2. Why does the portal terminate at this present time, i.e. in October 2022?
3. Why are some chrono-displaced people not returning to their era of origin of their own accord?

Initial analysis suggests that the portal opened mid-September, though most early traffic was probably insectoid. Significant human chrono-displacement seems to have begun around the start of October.

Signs indicate that this is a Lunar Cycle Portal – in other words, it will close permanently one month after opening, most probably on 15.10.22.

It is imperative that chrono-displaced people are given the assistance they need to return before the portal closes. Given the sweeping cuts imposed on this Department, the assistance of local residents remains crucial. Fortunately, in the process of this investigation, we have acquired some notably excellent volunteers. Even so, there is substantial risk to temporal continuity if the situation cannot satisfactorily be resolved.

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