



Department for Continuity

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Temporal anomalies in and near Gravesend & Northfleet, Kent

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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 one of the most significant time portal events since DepCon moved its operations from covert to public, and I am grateful to multiple residents of Gravesend, Northfleet and surrounding areas who have taken on the task of monitoring and reporting suspected chrono-displacement, and engaging directly with other-era visitors. Nonetheless this is a situation of genuine concern, in which further support and resources from the Department are urgently needed.

Evidence gathered:

We have reports of earlier-era cars and bicycles, including several suspected chrono-displaced cars near St Botolph's Church in Northfleet, and a 1920s Ford plus various cars from the 1970s and 1980s in central Gravesend. We also have a report of an old cart wheel found discarded near the B&M in the town centre, and of substantial horse manure in a car park in Northfleet.

Similarly we have reports of vintage steamers and Thames barges with maroon sails seen at or close to the pier.

We have reports of seasonally atypical insect / small animal activity including unusual quantities of houseflies and spiders, and an outbreak of unfamiliar bugs in Parrock Street car park.

We have reports of a man in frayed clothes consistent with the 17th or 18th century, going by the name of 'Cole', approaching members of the public. He may be involved in smuggling as he referred to incoming Merchant Navy boats loaded with tea. There have also been sightings of men in old-style clothes rolling barrels through the town centre; this was assumed at the time to be a re-enactment.

Several witnesses reported a pair of active bagpipers wearing Scottish kilts in central Gravesend. This was deemed unusual for the area / era.

We have multiple reports of a larger-than-typical number of people seen around town not holding a smartphone. Some people have also reported a persistent feeling of déjà vu.

We have sightings and photographs of a man in 18th century naval attire whose name may be James or Jim. He spoke of a long career in both the Navy and the Merchant Navy, and said he had recently docked in Gravesend. He felt that it was time to take a stand against stagnant wages and the rising cost of living and was seeking people to join his cause.

We have multiple reports of a woman called Lucy in late-Victorian attire, who said she was looking for her friend Anna. Lucy said she was a telegraph station worker from London, and was seeking a Post Office where she felt her friend might have sent her a telegram. In a surprising development, a lady calling herself Anna was also sighted, asking after Lucy and also seeking information on boats leaving for the New World. Witnesses suggest the two found each other on Sunday afternoon and began looking together for a ticket office for the next steamer to Australia.

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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.

This is troubling. It increases the danger of an other-era visitor becoming unduly connected with this present time, and either failing to return or returning to their era with too much retained knowledge of the future. Both could have significant consequences.

Initial analysis suggests that the portal opened in early February, though most early traffic was probably insectoid. Significant human chrono-displacement seems to have begun within the last week. Signs indicate that this is a Lunar Cycle Portal – in other words, the portal will close for good one month after opening, most probably on 04.03.23.

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.

The Department must take steps to provide urgent assistance, both technical and operative, if this timespill event is to be successfully managed.

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