

Stress of the Job

Local lawyer, Guy Frederick, died rather publicly on the 15th of last month. He seemed to suffer some kind of episode whilst meeting with a client in a local restaurant. He ran around the premises for about twenty minutes, screaming “they made Nigel kill that man”, before suffering a massive coronary.

According to his work colleagues Guy had been suffering from severe migraines and bouts of sneezing, but nothing that indicated his health was so fragile. There is also no indication of him knowing anyone called Nigel in either his professional or personal life. It may be that being a less than reputable lawyer is just too stressful a job

What a Waste of Police Time

After several months of intensive investigation the police have finally cleared the mysterious Don of all charges. After performing a full audit of his finances and detailed searches of his work and home premises it seems there is nothing to connect him to any wrongdoing let alone mass kidnappings.

It seems that the anonymous tip off received that started the whole investigation was

not from the reliable source originally believed, but from a simple time waster. Given that this false witness has resulted in the wasting of thousands of taxpayer’s pounds, local Police are intent upon unmasking the culprit.

Whilst this process is underway the Chief Inspector has warned against other who feel the police have nothing better to do that chase fairy tales.



Mayor Kidnapped

The Mayor of Sunderland, Arcus Masterton, has been kidnapped according to a statement issued by Northumbria Police. The duty nurse Ashley Elis last saw Mayor Masterton, who was receiving private medical care in Sunderland General Hospital following a car accident last month, at 11pm. The alarm was raised when gunshots were heard at around 1am. Police were immediately called and security rushed to the hospital ward. By the time hospital security reached the private room Masterton was occupying, he and his two bodyguards were gone. The hospital ward was immediately closed off and investigations begun to determine who had been in the room. Police have stated

that forensic investigations have found obvious signs of a struggle and residue indicating gunshots were fired within the room. Sunderland General has issued a statement saying they are working closely with Northumbria Police to identify any individuals within the hospital who should not have been there, and are making CCTV footage available to help the investigation. Northumbria Police are following a number of leads on the investigation, and have so far named William Lumley as an individual they would like to speak to in regards to this incident. Masterton's condition, at the time he was taken, was said to be stable.

Bouncers flee 'Something out of Buffy'

Bouncers at one of Sunderland's newest Nightclubs, 7even, are normally able to turn away anyone they think may cause trouble, but recently something caused them to turn and flee.

Student David Hope, 19, described seeing a male causing a 'bit of a stir' with the three doormen when they

refused to let him enter. According to Hope, the would-be-patron then looked at the bouncers, and 'his face changed into something hideous... it was like something out of Buffy'. The face was so hideous it seems that the doormen ran back into the bar for safety while the unknown male exited the bar into the night streets.

New Cattle Crisis?

A new report, issued yesterday by a group of agricultural scientists in the North East of England, highlighted the rise in foetal deformations of cattle. Although the reason for these deformations are as of yet unknown, the report suggests a new strain of foot and mouth disease, genetically engineered crops and even radiation as

possible causes.

In contrast to scientists a local pagan society seems firm in their beliefs that the cause of the defects is the imminent birth of a mighty dragon. Whatever the cause, scientific or mystical, these events do not bode well for the future of Britain.

Amazing Discoveries at Hadrian's Wall 'Shrine'

Exuberant archaeologist announced yesterday that after several months of disappointing excavation of the ruins discovered near Hadrian's Wall, an interesting find has been made at last. The breakthrough came when the archaeologists discovered what they believe to be a shrine to the Roman goddess Minerva, known as Athena in Greek mythology.

Minerva, the daughter of Jupiter, was considered to be the virgin goddess of warriors, poetry, medicine, wisdom, commerce, crafts, and the inventor of music. Many shrines to this goddess have been discovered all around the world, the Hadrian's Wall shrine however differs greatly from any previously discovered.

It appears that the users of the shrine did not worship any commonly known incarnation of Minerva, but rather a more local variant. Inscrip-

tions have been found that name the goddess as Matherna.

Within the shrine excavators discovered a mural depicting Minerva battling what appears to be an ice giant. Historians believe that this may have been some kind of contamination from Norse mythology and possibly a representation of Viking invasions.

Two Chinese I Ching tiles were also found at the site and are giving many researchers headaches, as there has never been any evidence for a link between Minerva and China. It is believed that the two tiles that have been discovered once made up part of an eight-tile hexagram.

As excavation continues on this unusual site it is certain that more baffling finds will be uncovered.