

Encounters with Men In Black in the Home Counties.

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Historically, there have been far fewer published cases of M.I.B. here in Britain than in the USA. I have a particular interest in MIB after my own encounter in 1979 which I have included in the following selection of reports.

My first report originated in the Summer of 1978 in a village in North Hampshire, Mr Wally Churn having just left his local News Agent on route to work was stopped by a strange tall man who asked him out-of-the-blue whether he "believed in UFOs and Aliens?" Naturally Wally was taken back to say the least. This man, who was dressed in black heavy over coat and black trilby hat and gloves on a hot summer's morning, went on to say he would "prove" who he was. Wally hadn't told this man what way he went to work, but the MIB seemed to know and said "when you get to the bridge going over the railway, look up into the sky and you will see a flying disc and I will be inside it". At this point the MIB simply vanished before Wally's eyes.

After getting over the shock of what he had just witnessed and putting the experience down to some type of hallucination, Wally continued on his route to work. When got to the bridge, he looked up and sure enough high in the clear blue early morning sky was a glinting disc. After this experience Wally, formally a light hearted character became socially withdrawn; he told few about this experience after suffering repeated ridicule.

A young lady who worked for the Westminster Bank in a town on the Surrey Berkshire Boarder had a very similar encounter in the early one morning in the summer of 1971. Whilst walking to work a tall odd-looking man (who basically had the same description as the aforementioned MIB), suddenly stopped her in her tracks. The man said he was "an alien", in a very mechanical kind of voice, at which point the woman panicked and ran down the path into the bank. Understandably she reacted very badly to this encounter, and with the bank about to open the staff had to handle the situation as best they could. She suffered long term shock after her encounter. My final witness to MIB lived in a village in West Surrey; she was a young woman. She was walking down the High Street doing her shopping, when suddenly a tall dark figure stood right in her way, stopping her movements. Looking up at him she watched him remove his dark glasses and was severely shocked to see that he had no eyes at all, just large black holes in their place! The witness said that if it hadn't been for him lifting these to reveal his lack of eyes, he would have probably passed in a crowd un-noticed. There were no words spoken at all by either of them as the woman fled from the scene in blind panic. As might be expected, she was in a heavy state of traumatic shock when she arrived home, and it took hours for her to explain to her husband as best she could, what had happened. He thought it might be a prankster and went out to see if he could find out just whom this joker was. He asked shop owners and passers by around that area if anyone had seen a person fitting the description of this guy, but all to no avail. Once again this had a very negative effect on the witness, who was so

terrified that she wouldn't go out for quite some time. By all accounts it would seem that all of these witnesses had been well-balanced individuals before their ordeals, and none had ever previously experienced UFOs or related encounters or had any interest in the topics.

This brings me to my own personal account of an MIB on the Hampshire Surrey border. My first MIB encounter took place on the afternoon of the 16th January 79. I was walking down my road to pick up my daughter who would be coming home on her school bus. The weather was overcast and dry. Suddenly a Man dressed entirely in Black was stood at the bottom of the road. I noticed that he was walking about in an awkward fashion, with an abnormally wide gate. As I looked on I became aware that everything had suddenly gone abnormally quiet; no cars, no children coming out of school, no parents, which for that time or day seemed very odd indeed. It was at this point that I saw that this dark-clad figure had stopped by the garages at the end of the road and was now seemingly waiting for someone. I was going to have to pass him but I tried not to panic or be frightened. I decided to try telepathy, and said to the MIB mentally "I know you are a spaceman and I respect you, will you respect me please as I have to get my small child from her bus, please don't take me". At this point he took off his hat and bowed towards me like a character out of the Three Musketeers! Nothing was spoken by the MIB as I passed him, but I said "thank you". As I momentarily looked into hi

face I had the shock of my life when I saw that the white of his eyes were dazzlingly bright and that the iris was most odd...pure blue with no pupils! His hair was a dazzling white and chisel-cut to just below his ears, (if he had any that is). The MIB's long coat was some kind of woven material, also he sported a black cravat, made out of smooth but not shiny silk, which totally covered his neck: The hat he wore was a tight weave material, and his hands were covered by black gauntlets which extended over the sleeves of his coat. He looked about mid 50's but with no wrinkles, just baby soft skin. His boots and trousers were an all-in-one affair...very strange the like of which I have never seen before or since. As I passed the MIB I went a few steps, then looked back and saw that he had gone; but just in case he lived nearby I did ask locals if they knew of a man anything like the description I saw, but again to no avail.

I suspect now there may have been some kind of time slip involved. This encounter terrified me for many months to come, as I lived alone with my tiny child and felt very vulnerable, always checking the windows to see if the MIB would return. About 3 years ago I made contact with a couple who lived near Glastonbury, we got talking about the MIB, they had read my accounts, and said that they had several MIB reports from people throughout the British Isles. After reading through their case notes I was utterly astonished to find that this exact same MIB I saw is still approaching people nearly 30 years later and he hasn't changed in his appearance at all!

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FSR Comment. It is highly likely that there are many unpublished cases of MIB across the British Isles. Like most facets of ufology there have been vigorous efforts by some to reduce them to historic myth alongside the classic appearance of the golden haired "Adamski" humanoids. Most witnesses to these MIB encounters report great fear and unease. MIB appear to radiate a charged atmosphere that alters perception and like UFOs they appear to be able to render themselves invisible to all bystanders other than the perceiver. Most commonly they appear in the wake of UFO activity, targeting those who have had very near alien encounters. Are they cosmic policemen or are they operating as menacing enforcers of a foreign power?

The witness in a 1992 case featured in FSR 48.4 in Reading, Berkshire was approached by a peculiar middle-aged oriental man in a suit soon after the encounter at the lake. This odd man led the witness to a darkened room with heavy pulled drapes and then bizarrely lit a candle and placed it on a shelf over a fireplace. He said in a shrill old Prussian accent "you must now go with me and show me the place where you had your meeting." He became very irate and insistent, and the witness bolted. Nobody other than the witnesses was in receipt of the knowledge that an encounter had taken place at this time.

The oriental MIB have been reported elsewhere though less commonly than the albino MIB as featured in this article. Perhaps a clarification would be that the eye contour gives the impression of oriental characteristics but these figures are more pigmented than the Chinese. An example would be a description by veteran ufologist George Fawcett of an MIB he met in 1974.

"I was leaving the theatre for a cup of coffee across the street, when I was stopped by a mysterious person. If I recall it correctly, he seemed to be dressed in dark clothing. The weird looking guy was a swarthy man with a strange accent. The strange man reminded me of an Iranian due to his accent and other features."

In the book "The Truth About The Men In Black," by Ramona Cark (1970) there is a section called The Tanned Space People by Kurt Glemser. "Quite a few MIB are described as having oriental features, tanned or dark complexions and slight stature." He goes on to question whether flying saucer occupants have been witnessed who also have this description in an attempt to state the obvious; that occupants and MIB may in fact be the same entities? Glemser quotes the Norwegian humanoid witness Edith Jacobsen, "He was of medium height, had pleasant regular features and long hair with a natural wave. He was rather dark. We didn't notice the colour of his eyes but I believe they were slightly oblique."

There are also still reports of MIB who appear to wear pigmented makeup, heavy overcoats and contact lenses often in a wholly implausible effort to avoid detection. This make-up is used to hide an intense red sunburnt appearance which has been hypothesised as the source of the infamous name "The orange", purported to have had hostile encounters in our airspace. The figure on the right had just such a sunburnt appearance in a telepathic British encounter with a portrait artist in a central London location in the late 1990s. The artist, a trained observer noticed intense blue pigmentation of the eyes which appeared inlaid with speckles of metallic silver.