

Wanderers' eerie world

On May 4 a group of 19 friends took a minibus excursion to the West Country. During the trip we were subjected to two unexplained phenomena.

First there was a period of 105 minutes from 3pm to 4.45pm when none of us can remember anything happening. Could this have been a case of alien abduction?

On the journey home we were singing along to a Bonnie Tyler tape (Lost in Bath, Bristol Rovers outplayed us. Yeah, we lost in Bath our lack of effort dismayed us...) when someone turned the radio on just in time to hear Michael Parkinson say "And today's guest on Desert Island Discs is former Crystal Palace and Wycombe Wanderers manager, Alan Smith".

And what an excellent choice of music followed. We had "Giving It All Away" by Roger Daltrey, "It's Not My Fault" by Buddy Holly, "I'm Sorry" by Brian Lee's sister Brenda, "Go Now" by the Moody Blues and "Now is the Time to Say Goodbye" by Peter Cooke and Dudley Moore followed by the club mix medley version of "Who Wears Short Shorts?" by the Vandanelles and "I'm Turning Japanese" by Mizuma.

We could not understand Mr Smith dedicating his seventh choice to the team – doesn't Nessun Dorma mean no-one's asleep? But how generous to dedicate his last choice to his chairman! And as the last strains of the Beatles' "Nowhere Man" faded (...Looking at his empty stand making all his nowhere plans for nobody") we suddenly found ourselves in the Abingdon British Legion car park.

Was this a genuine psychic phenomenon, perhaps a case of collective déjà vu, or just wishful thinking?

We thought that people would mock us when we told them of our experience, but apparently they are not isolated incidents. A visitor to our town from the North was having a quiet drink in a local bar when he was inexplicably transported to Torquay!

And then there is the strange case of the disappearing goalkeepers.

We wonder if any of your readers have had similar experiences or can think of logical explanations for any of the above?

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