THE PARANORMAL DIA ARANGE



JANUARY

01 January

Andrew Mills

Location: Kirk Merrington (Durham) -

Windlestone Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Andrew went on a killing spree in the hall in the 1600s; he claimed he was talked into it by a devil. The screams of the three people he murdered can sometimes be heard in the village.

Sounds of Partying

Location: Knighton (Isle of Wight) - Knighton Gorges manor house (no longer

standing)

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Though demolished in 1820, the phantom sounds of partying and enjoyment are sometimes reported from the area of the manor house grounds.

Night Coach

Location: Ilmington (Warwickshire) -

Roads of village

Type: Haunting Manifestation **Further Comments:** This spectral vehicle runs along the roads, before suddenly veering off and vanishing across local fields. This may be related to the ghostly hunt pack seen in the area, led by a man who was killed by his hounds.

05 January

Squire Surtees

Location: Kingston St Mary (Somerset) -

Tainfield House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Riding a mottled grey horse, the squire rides circles on the driveway, rattling a handful of chains.

14 January

Crying Lady

Location: West Deeping (Lincolnshire) -

Church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The date of this woman's death is marked by her phantom sobs heard emanating from the church at 1am. Her husband was so distressed by the death that he took his own life the following day.



19 January

Horses

Location: Lostwithiel (Cornwall) -

Braddock Down

Type: Haunting Manifestation **Further Comments:** The site of a Cromwellian defeat, the anniversary of which is marked by phantom hoof falls.

Spitfire

Location: Biggin Hill (Kent) - Biggin Hill

Airport & village

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Observed flying overhead, and sometimes heard, a phantom Spitfire haunts the skies of Biggin Hill - January would appear to have become its favourite haunting month.

20 January

Lady Mohun

Location: Redditch (Hereford & Worchester) - Moon's Moat Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This small, moated island is reportedly haunted by this woman, who is reported to appear every

St Agnes Eve

25 January

Smith on Horseback

Location: Nether Lypiatt (estate)

(Gloucestershire) - Nether Lypiatt Manor

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: An owner of the horse once hanged a blacksmith for failing to complete a piece of work within a tight time limit - the date of the death is marked by the appearance of a large white horse carrying the dead smith. Another spirit in the house, that of a grey lady, has been seen several times, and there are unsubstantiated reports that it has been exorcised.

Varies: Normally around January

Rushing Horseman

Location: East Malling (Kent) - Barming

Woods

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This figure has been both seen and heard as he darts around trees and over roads. One witness said the entity charged towards their car, disappearing on

impact.

FEBRUARY

13 February

Clan MacDonald

Location: Glencoe (Argyll and Bute) -

General area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Murdered in cold blood by the clan Campbell, these forty MacDonald family members return to the

scene of the crime.

The Lady Lovibond

Location: Deal (Kent) - Goodwin Sands

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A jealous sailor deliberately ran the Lady Lovibond onto the Goodwin Sands, a treacherous area off the coast of Deal, wreaking the ship and killing all on board. The craft is now said to reenact the crash every fifty years, though there are no reports of any sightings in 1998. Two other ghostly craft are said to frequent the area - the liner Montrose, and a man of war named Shrewsbury.

26 February

Sir Christopher Wren

Location: Hampton Court (Surrey) - The

Old Court House

Type: Haunting Manifestation **Further Comments:** Dying in the front room of this building, Wren's footsteps can be heard on the anniversary of his death, pacing up and down the staircase.

February - no exact date

Mary Queen of Scots

Location: Oundle (Northamptonshire) - The

Talbot Hotel

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This hotel contains the staircase from Fotheringay Castle, Mary's place of execution. Her ghost is rumoured to have come with the staircase; pictures move on their own accord, one guest was awoken by 'something' sitting on their bed, and the gaunt face of a woman can be seen staring from out the hotel's windows.

MARCH

11 March

Sounds of Murder

Location: Loch Assynt (Highland) - Banks

of the loch

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The site where a debt ridden schoolmaster killed a peddler for his gold is marked once a year by the sounds of the crime being reenacted - the crack something hard being brought down on the salesman's head, followed by footsteps, a body being dragged, and the splash as it is thrown into the water.

17 March

Juliet Tewsley, Her Love Unrequited

Location: Holywell (Cambridgeshire) - Ye Olde Ferryboat Inn, gravestone in bar



Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Juliet took her own life after being jilted by a lover. The pub was later built over her grave, and she is now seen in the form of a white lady, appearing near the Ferry Boat Inn and walking towards the banks of the river on the date of her death.

22 March

Misty Figure

Location: Ayr (Ayrshire) - Tower of St

John's

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: It is unsure whether this figure is a builder, friar or warrior.

29 March

Old Soldiers

Location: Alresford (Hampshire) - Cheriton

battlefield

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: These troops are said to be doomed to return to their former battleground every four years (last in 2004)

Between Lent and Easter

Hounds All Black and Wide-Eyed

Location: Peterborough (Cambridgeshire) - In all the woods between Stamford and

Peterborough **Type:** Legend

Further Comments: The scene of a wild hunt, which included large black hounds and riders on horses and goats.

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Easter

The Black Abbot

Location: Prestbury (Gloucestershire) -

Church and churchyard

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Keeping to the same route every year, this ghost materialises in the church, before crossing the churchyard and disappearing through a wall in the High Street. It was photographed in 1990 by a Mr

Stafford.

Priest with Young Girl

Location: Holme Hale (Norfolk) - Hall's

Green Room

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Once frequently seen in and around the Green Room, a priest and a girl are supposed to haunt the building. The priest is believed to have been killed on Good Friday by Cromwellian soldiers; hence the sightings tend to occur around the Easter period.

Molly Tape

Location: Hurst (Berkshire) - Road between

village and Hinton, Tape Lane **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This shade made local news in 1971 when she appeared drifting

down the road wearing very little in the way of clothing. It is thought that the woman hanged herself from a tree in the lane following a disastrous romantic engagement with a farmer.

Voice of Lord Marney

Location: Layer Marney (Essex) - Layer

Marney Church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Legend says that the voice of Lord Marney can be heard echoing

around the church.

Mermaid

Location: Hayfield (Derbyshire) - Mermaid's Pool, near Kinder Reservoir

Type: Legend

Further Comments: Anyone who sees the creature, who appears at midnight on the eve of Easter Sunday is said to gain immortality. One man who came here once a year lived

to be 104!

Lady in Red

Location: Bodiam (Sussex) - Bodiam Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This spectre stands on the top of a tower, illuminated by bright moonlight, as if waiting for someone. A child haunts the bridge - the young boy disappears when he reaches the half way point. More stories tell of phantom singing, music, and words spoken in an unknown tongue which can be heard around Easter.

Spring

Small French Man

Location: Smarden (Kent) - The Chequers

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Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The ghost of a French POW from the Napoleonic war is said to move small items around the premises and upset any pets in the building during the

latter part of spring.

Spring Continued

Horatio Nelson

Location: WC2 (Greater London) -

Somerset House, Strand **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Seen striding towards his former office, Nelson always vanishes before he can be approached. Another ghost, that of a wispy female, has been seen a couple of times, drifting down a corridor in

the building.

APRIL

02 April

Viking Raiders

Location: Ludham (Norfolk) - Ludham

Bridge

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This raiding party appears late at night and heads towards the bridge, blowing hunting horns and cracking

whips.

07 April

Burge's Pooling Blood

Location: Acle (Norfolk) - Bridge **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Murdered by a brother seeking revenge for the death of his sister, Josiah Burge's blood is now reported to pool at the location and on the day of the fatal attack. The stories state that Burge's ghost has appeared only once - returning to kill the brother that had murdered him.

09 April

Elderly Lady

Location: Newport (Isle of Wight) - Orme

Type: Haunting Manifestation



Further Comments: This shade wrapped in a shawl makes a once yearly visit to the house.

12 April

Bleeding Stone

Location: Hinckley (Leicestershire) - Churchyard, grave of Richard Smith

Type: Other

Further Comments: Once a year this gravestone is reported to leak blood - Richard was murdered by an army recruiting

sergeant in 1727.

14 April

Charlotte Dymond

Location: Roughtor (Cornwall) - Near a

memorial stone to Charlotte **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: While Charlotte's boyfriend was hanged for her murder, it is widely believed he was innocent; this could be the reason why Charlotte now returns, dressed in a gown and silk bonnet.

24 April

George Marsh

Location: Bolton (Lancashire) - Smithills

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Tried and executed for

heresy, Marsh is remembered as his footprint (created when he stamped his foot) in the stone floor turns bloody each April 24. His shade is also reported to haunt the Green Room, where he was interrogated, though that isn't date dependant. A priest is also reported to haunt the vicinity, as is a photogenic grey lady and a cat.

The Not Quite Dead

Location: Whittlesford (Cambridgeshire)

- Churchyard

Type: Manifestation of the Living

Further Comments: All those who will be buried in the churchyard over the next twelve months appear here and lay in the correct place, before being absorbed into the ground.

The Future Dead

Location: Scarborough (Yorkshire) - St

Mary's Churchyard

Type: Manifestation of the Living

Further Comments: All those who will die between this date and next year's St Mark's Eve appear in this churchyard and walk into the church.

26 April

Kate, her Lover and her Father

Location: Poundstock (Cornwall) -

Penfound Manor

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Kate and her lover, John, had decided to elope before her father married her off to someone else. The pair were caught as they tried to run away; the father and John engaged in a sword fight, managing to kill each other, as well as Kate who had tried to break the scuffle up. This

meaningless battle is now reenacted once a

27 April

Sounds of Fighting

Location: Burgh Castle (Norfolk) - Roman

castle

Type: Environmental Manifestation **Further Comments:** Once a year the sounds of clashing swords and Roman and Saxon screaming can be heard in this area. Another ghost reportedly observed here during dark nights is a figure that plummets from the ramparts.

30 April

Dancing Statues

Location: Burrough Green

(Cambridgeshire) - School and village green

Type: Legend

Further Comments: Once a year the two statues standing above the door of the school come alive and dance on the village green sometimes their footsteps are visible in the grass.

Varies: Good Friday or 04 **April**

Lady Blanche de Warenne

Location: Rochester (Kent) - Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A bystander in a battle for the castle, the Lady Blanche was killed when an arrow entered her heart - her shade has been observed still staggering with the arrow protruding from her chest.



MAY

01 May

Viking Funeral

Location: South Walsham (Norfolk) - South

Walsham Broad

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Reports here claim that a spectral Viking long boat appears, burning in the middle of the water.

Fighting

Location: Loch Ashie (Highland) - Shore

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Accompanied by silence, a battle has been seen raging once a year on the muddy banks of this loch.

Secret Door

Location: Brecon Beacons (Wales) - Llyn Cwm Llwch, somewhere in the area of

Type: Fairy

Further Comments: Once a year, a secret door opens here which will take mortals to the fairy realm.

White Horse

Location: River Wharfe (Yorkshire) -

Wharfedale's Strid

Type: Fairy

Further Comments: Together with a fairy, this pale horse rises from the dangerous waters once a year. It has been known to drown people who come too close.

04 May

Charging Horseman

Location: Prestbury (Gloucestershire) -

Shaw Green Lane

Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Killed by a
Lancastrian arrow in the 1400's, this
glowing messenger is doomed to carry his
cargo forevermore. Another story says he
was decapitated by a thin wire that was
placed across the road.

08 May

Hell Stone

Location: Helston (Cornwall) - Angel

Hotel, Coinagehall Street

Type: Legend

Further Comments: The Devil dropped his stone while fighting with St Michael here, and is said to return once a year to view it (the rock now forms part of the building). The hotel also has a resident ghosted named Nelly.

12 May

Mediaeval Party

Location: Salthouse (Norfolk) - Salthouse

Pool

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Late at night on the 12 May occurs a re-enactment of a mediaeval (or possibly Roman) feast, including singing, dancing and bonfires. Some sources state that the event happens on the third Tuesday in May.

15 May

The Devil Takes His Due

Location: Ormesby (Norfolk) - Exact

location unknown **Type:** Legend

Further Comments: The Devil is said to appear and burn down an old mill, containing a miller, his daughter, and a visitor.

19 May

Anne Boleyn

Location: Blickling (Norfolk) - Blickling

Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: To mark the anniversary of her death, a coach pulled by four headless horses pulls up on the driveway, with a decapitated Anne on a seat, her head in her lap. After Anne's headless white ghost arrives, it is said then to climb out, before inspecting each room of the Hall (the place of her birth and childhood). On the same date, Sir Thomas Boleyn is said to drive a team of headless horses in this area, cursed to cross twelve Norfolk bridges (including those at Aylsham, Coltishall and Wroxham).



21 May

Henry VI

Location: EC3 (Greater London) - Tower of

London, the Wakefield Tower **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Murdered here by the Duke of Gloucester, Henry's spirit appears a few minutes before midnight, walking around the area in which he died.

25 May

Battle

Location: Lewes (Sussex) - Offham Hill Type: Environmental Manifestation Further Comments: This battle fought around the 1300's is still reportedly heard in May - over 3000 people are said to have been killed. The exact date may vary, though the phantom event always occurs in late May.

Monk, Betrayer of the Abbey

Location: Ludham (Norfolk) - St. Benet's

Abbey, ruins close to River Bure **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Now little more than rubble, the site of the old abbey is home to the ghost of the monk who betrayed his brothers to Norman soldiers - the troops

later hanged him anyway.

27 May

Margaret's Execution

Location: EC3 (Greater London) - Tower of

London, Tower Green

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Refusing to kneel before the axeman, Margaret Pole was chased around the area and hacked to death by him instead. This horrid scene has been witnessed several times, as have the spirits of Anne Boleyn and Lady Jane Grey.

28 May

Redhead

Location: Southwold (Suffolk) -

Sutherland House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This young red haired woman is reported to wait for the return of Lord Sandwich, who was killed in a navel battle off the coast here.

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Footsteps and the sound of doors opening

have been heard on 28 May, the anniversary of the Lord's death.

29 May

Wolfhound Howls and Doom Follows

Location: Southerly (Cambridgeshire) -

Near ruins east of the town **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Belonging to one of those who built the original church at Southerly, the dog was mistakenly killed by a soldier. Its ghost now hunts the area, and it is believed that upon hearing the howls, the listener will die within a year.

Lady Waving Handkerchief

Location: Dundee (Angus) - Claypotts

Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Appearing upset, this white woman frantically waves from a high window once every year - it is rumoured she was having an affair with the Cardinal

Beaton.

30 May

Blue Lights Dance

Location: Bawberg (Norfolk) - Bawberg

Church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Blue lights are said to appear and dance over the church well.



31 May

Small Man with Slit Throat

Location: SW1 (Greater London) - St

James's Palace

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Rumoured to have been killed by George III's son (the Duke of Cumberland), this restless spirit returns to the crime scene once a year, its throat still dripping blood from a large slit.

Mustard Coloured Coach

Location: Theydon Bois (Essex) - Hill Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: On the stroke of midnight, a mustard coloured coach is believed to drive down the driveway of the ruined building. Its owner is thought to be Duke de Morrow, who lived in the building at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Varies: May

Voice of Lord Marney

Location: Layer Marney (Essex) - Layer

Marney Church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Legend says that the voice of Lord Marney can be heard echoing

around the church.

Guilt Ridden Officer

Location: Sleaford (Lincolnshire) - Colbey

Grange - former RAF base **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This phantom officer in RAF uniform is thought to return briefly around May time, in regret for sending dozens of young men off to their deaths, in particular a close friend of whom he was

particularly fond.

JUNE

01 June

Hairy Earth / / 1/200

Location: Wistow (Leicestershire)

Wistow's Grave **Type:** Legend

Further Comments: Concealing the heir to the kingdom of Mercia's body, this grave is reported to sprout hair throughout the month of June, starting on the first of the month.

Woman's Singing

Location: Hickling (Norfolk) - Hickling

Broad, south of village

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Once a year, a gentle female voice can be heard singing. This could be the Woman in White, seen punting from one side for the Broad to another, heading towards a mill.

02 June

Ammunition Train

Location: Soham (Cambridgeshire) -

Approach to the station

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Every 2 June an accident that cost the lives of two people is re-enacted. An ammunition train caught fire, the explosion shattering every window in Soham and destroying the old station. The rebuilt tracks no longer follow the scene of the accident.

10 June

Lily Cove

Location: Haworth (Yorkshire) - Old White

Lion public house, Main Street **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A local celebrity, Lily fell to her death from a hot air balloon in the

early part of the twentieth century, and now returns to the pub on the day she died.

13 June

Children's Paradise

Location: Horsey (Norfolk) - Horsey Mere

Type: Legend

Further Comments: Said to be the burial place of maybe thousands of children from the days of the Romans, they are said to return once a year at midnight to play for a couple of hours.

14 June

Midair Battle

Location: Naseby (Northamptonshire) - Sky over site of the Battle of Naseby

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Reported less frequently now, but for one hundred years after the battle, locals would sit on the nearby hills and watch the battle occur once again, complete with the sounds of men screaming and cannons firing.

Old Lady

Location: Sevenoaks (Kent) - Maidstone

Road

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Killed in a road traffic accident in 1959, this ghostly figure now steps out in front of traffic on the anniversary of her death.

15 June

Goring the Cavalier

Location: Hitchin (Hertfordshire) - Hitchin Priory

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Killed by Roundheads a few miles down the road during the civil war, the ghost of Goring continues onwards to his earthly destination once a year. A grey

lady has also been spotted in the grounds of the priory.

19 June

Piper

Location: Glen Esk (Angus) - Waters of

Lochlee **Type:** Fairy

Further Comments: A great and popular piper was once taken by little folk donned in green across the waters here - once a year we mortals have the chance of listening to his tunes.

20 June (or Midsummer Eve)

Fish Stone

Location: Crickhowell (Wales) - Stone by

the River Usk **Type:** Legend

Further Comments: One a year this strange shaped stone dives into the local

river and goes for a swim.

The Lonely Shepherd

Location: Clydach (Wales) - Limestone

Pillar

Type: Legend

Further Comments: A shepherd who drove his wife to suicide was petrified by God as punishment. Once a year, at Midsummer Night, the rock animates and walks down to the River Usk where his wife drowned herself, before returning prior to dawn.

Dancing Skeletons

Location: Worthing (Sussex) Broadwater Green, old oak tree
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: A local tale says that
these animated bones appear on
midsummer night's eve to dance and jig
until the sun rises on the following day.

Those who will Die

Location: Tavistock (Devon) - Church

Type: Legend

Further Comments: The spirits of those who will die during the following year come here on Midsummer's Eve - they were last seen by a pair of brothers who saw

themselves in the crowd.





White Dog

Location: West Kennet (Wiltshire) - Long

Barrow **Type:** Shuck

Further Comments: Appearing to mark the start of the longest day of the year, this pale hound has been observed at sunrise. Some reports say it is accompanied by a ghostly

druid.

20 June

King Arthur

Location: Cadbury (Somerset) - Cadbury Castle, and road between North Barrow and

South Barrow villages

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Escorted by mounted knights carrying lances, King Arthur of the Britons traverses this route back to Camelot (as Cadbury is thought to be).

Sprites & Pixies

Location: Ballona (Isle of Man) - Ballona

Bridge **Type:** Fairy

Further Comments: On this day the fairy population comes out in force. If they are not acknowledged by any one crossing the

bridge, the fairy folk have no hesitation in making their presence felt.

Swimming Horseman

Location: Ashford (Kent) - Eastwell Park and Manor House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Riding towards the park house, this phantom horseman veers off at the last minute and enters the nearby lake. A white lady haunts the house itself, seen by porters on the night shift, though her appearance is not governed by dates.

Arthur's Table

Location: Bossiney (Cornwall) - Bossiney

Mound

Type: Legend

Further Comments: Once a year, King Arthur's table is said to surface from the mound, briefly waiting for the man to sit at it once more.

King John's Hounds

Location: Purse Caundle (Dorset) - Purse

Caundle Manor **Type:** Shuck

Further Comments: Once a year, this pack

of devil dogs are let loose in the

neighbourhood (some accounts give 23 June as the date, rather than 20 June). Sounds of ghostly plainchant have been heard coming from the manor house.

21 June (or 24 June)

White Lady

Location: Hampton Court (Surrey) -

Landing Stage

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Seen by local

fishermen (even though they can't remember

the exact date they witnessed the

phenomenon), the white lady's history is

unknown.

23 June

Army Marching On

Location: Souter Fell (Cumbria) - Side of Mountain visible from Wilton Hall **Type:** Environmental Manifestation Further Comments: Over two dozen witnesses saw a mass of troops ascending the mountain on horseback in 1744, though there were no real soldiers in the area. The ghostly army had been seen twice before, always on the same date.

24 June

Anne Blakemore in Blue

Location: Blythburgh (Suffolk) - B1125 Blythburgh to Westleton road, crossroads know locally as Five Finger Post

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Murdered in 1750, the ghost of Anne Blakemore has developed a habit of running in front of cars, convincing the drivers that they have run over a living person. She is commonly seen around 24th June, the date of her death.

Alexander Cruwys

Location: Bickleigh (Devon) - Bridge

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This shade returns once a year to the place where he murdered a man, throwing the body over the bridge

into the waters below.

Mayfly with Figures Running about Deck

Location: Oulton (Norfolk) - Oulton Broad

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The ghostly barge Mayfly relives its final voyage. With the captain of the boat on deck, chasing and murdering a young woman, the boat has been seen with its sails bellowing on calm nights. The captain of the boat was escorting a large sum of money and a woman down the river when he decided to steal the cargo and murder the witness. The woman and

Captain killed each other in the fight, and now the boat haunts the waters. The haunting may also appear on the 25 June.

Bishop of Brundall on Barge

Location: Brundall (Norfolk) - River

Type: Legend

Further Comments: Sailing up the river, the Bishop's Barge is covered with fine cloth and silk, and contains 28 rowers. He is said to bless any ill people that he sails by.

Late June

Young Girl

Location: Rotherfield (Sussex) - The King's

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The spirit of a young girl is reported to frequent this building - she has been felt tugging clothing, and a mysterious pair of bare feet were once seen running along a corridor.

JULY

01 July

Rahere

Location: EC1 (Greater London) - St

Bartholomew's church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This pious monk, who doubled as a jester in Henry I's court, is thought to be the man who built the church, and has been reported standing by the alter.

He quickly disappears if seen.

03 July

Tall Man with Fire for Eyes

Location: W6 (Greater London) - St Paul's Churchyard, Queen Caroline Street

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: First seen in 1805, the original witness is said to have died of shock shortly after seeing the towering figure whose eyes gleamed with fire. The ghostly figure is said to appear just prior to midnight, every fifty years (next due in 2005), although some place this event as happening in August. Since 1805, no further reports have emerged, other than mistaken identities.

05 July

Old Soldiers

Location: Westonzoyland (Somerset) -

Sedgemoor Battlefield

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The spirits here reportedly include voices that call out to witnesses over the nearby River Carey, and horsemen who gallop silently along. People

have also reported pockets of cold air, and watching a white woman glide over the marsh, near where her lover was murdered by Royalists. On the anniversary of the battle, sounds of fighting have been heard.

06 July

Footsteps

Location: East Grinstead (Sussex) - Ashdown House, Forest Row **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Once a year these footfalls are heard as they descend the staircase.

10 July

Bride

Location: Chagford (Devon) - Whiddon

Park Guest House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Murdered by a former suitor on her wedding day, this bride now returns on that fateful date. Dressed in black, she has been seen standing in the doorway

of a bedroom here.



11 July

Fighting Galleons

Location: Breydon Water (Norfolk) -

Breydon Water

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The first set of ships to haunt this area is said to be a procession of dozens of galleons heading towards Burgh Castle, which appear on this date. The second is a battle between a pirate ship and two smaller vessels.

17 July

Giant

Location: Somerleyton (Norfolk) - Exact

location not known Type: Legend

Further Comments: The hunting area of a giant, who is said to appear on the evening of 17 July. The giant once stumbled across an assassination attempt to be made on him, and so killed the would be killer - his blood is said to rain down on 19 November.

21 July

Morphing Village

Location: Horning (Norfolk) - General area

Type: Legend

Further Comments: Once every five years (next due in 2006) the village is said to revert back to how it looked several hundred years ago.

27 July

Battlefield

Location: Pitlochry (Perth and Kinross) -

Pass of Killiecrankie

Type: Environmental Manifestation **Further Comments:** The bloody

battleground between English Government and Jacobite Highlanders, the anniversary of the battle is marked by the ground turning blood red. Reports of soldiers in English and Scottish regalia, both laying dead and others fighting, have also been recorded. As if this wasn't enough, the area is also haunted by the drifting head of a woman murdered on the site during the seventeenth century, and the tall white spectre who tries to grab people passing along the roads; if he touches someone, they die within the year...

28 July

Nun

Location: Borley (Essex) - Sight of

Rectory, Nun's Walk

Type: Haunting Manifestation Further Comments: Once a regular apparition on the lawn of Borley Rectory, the figure still appears where the garden once existed. Borley was called the most haunted house in Britain, though the chief ghost hunter in the case appears to have been over enthusiastic in his analysis.

Varies: July

Nun

Location: Exeter (Devon) - Exeter

Cathedral

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Seen only around 7pm in July, the nun quickly disappears once seen. A monk has been reported in the area surrounding the cathedral.

Summer

Grey Lady

Location: East Carlton (Northamptonshire)

- East Carlton House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: One storyteller reported that this building was haunted by a grey female form, who had jumped to her death from a balcony after being jilted by her lover. She only appears on summer

evenings.





Summer Continued

Stomping Boot

Location: Harreitsham (Kent) - Ringlestone

Tavern

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The sounds of

someone stomping on the cellar steps have been heard, stopping just prior to reaching

the top.

Ringing Bells

Location: Aberdovey (Wales) - Off coast

Type: Legend

Further Comments: Swallowed by the sea, church bells belonging to a town lost off the

coast here can still be heard on quiet

summer evenings.

Waiting Woman

Location: Isfield (Sussex) - Lavender Line

railway station

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This railway museum is haunted by a woman in white who is said to wait during the summer evenings for a lover who never returns home. This

Victorian woman later took her own life by throwing herself under a train.

Robed Figures

Location: Croxden (Staffordshire) -

Croxden Abbey

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Both nuns and monks are reported to silently glide over these ruins during the warm nights of the summer

months.

Jenny Burn Tail

Location: Burton Dassett (Warwickshire)

General area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Jenny's burning lights have been seen in the warm evenings, normally luring witnesses into nearby

woodland.

Horse sized Dog

Location: Thorney (Northamptonshire)

Woods in the area **Type:** Shuck

Further Comments: This great dog is said to be the size of a small horse, also sharing a few other equestrian characteristics.

AUGUST

01 August

Animated Queen Anne

Location: SW1 (Greater London) - Queen

Anne's Gate, Westminster

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Once a year the statue of the Queen becomes animated and walks around the neighbourhood. Until recently, the statue was believed to be Bloody Mary, until a cleanup operation revealed an inscription pointing out the error.

Walking Stone Knights

Location: Ingham (Norfolk) - Church

Type: Legend

Further Comments: The two stone knights in the church are said to wake once a year and go for a walk to the water's edge. Here they fight a uniformed Asian soldier, before walking back. Some reports place this event as happening on 02 August.

02 August

King William II

Location: Minstead (Hampshire) - New

Forest, the Rufus Stone

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Murdered (allegedly) on this spot by a close friend, William II is now doomed to rise on the anniversary of his death and walk to Winchester.

03 August

Tall Man with Fire for Eyes

Location: W6 (Greater London) - St Paul's

Churchyard, Queen Caroline Street **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: First seen in 1805, the original witness is said to have died of shock shortly after seeing the towering figure whose eyes gleamed with fire. The ghostly figure is said to appear just prior to midnight, every fifty years (next due in 2005), although some place this event as happening in July. Since 1805, no further reports have emerged, other than mistaken identities.

11 August

Sir John Gate Wails

Location: Maldon (Essex) - Beeleigh

Abbey, near Maldon

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: August 11 marks the date when Sir John Gate was held prisoner in the house, waiting to be beheaded, in 1553. He can be heard screaming and crying

throughout the building. Another report states that his smartly dressed ghost has been seen holding his decapitated head under one arm. Other dates given for this haunting event are 20 and 22 August.

13 August

Tom Crocker

Location: Burgh Island (Devon) - Pilchard

Inn, and surrounding area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A smuggler by trade, Crocker met his match outside the pub, where he was shot dead (by customs or by rivals, we do not know). He returns on that fateful day. Other sources state that he was hanged.

15 August

Misty Lady

Location: Rock (Northumberland) - Area

between Rock and South Charlton **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This mournful spirit makes the journey once a year, marking the

death of her husband.

17 August

Pregnant Nun

Location: Clophill (Bedfordshire) -

Chicksands Priory

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: After a secret liaison with a male superior, Bertha Rosaca became pregnant - her spirit now appears once a year in protest of her subsequent treatment. The spirit, when last seen in 1960, wore black and disappeared through a wall.

21 August

Old Man Bern being Chased

Location: Reedham (Norfolk) - High Street



Type: Haunting Manifestation **Further Comments:** Chased through the village by an angry mob, Bern is said to reach the river before jumping into a boat and making his escape.

22 August

Figure of a Hooded Person

Location: Maldon (Essex) - Beeleigh

Abbey, near Maldon

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Just one of many spooky happenings at Beeleigh Abbey, the ghost of what is believed to be a monk has been observed standing in a corner of the James Room. A poltergeist has also been reported, opening a trapdoor and vibrating beds.

24 August

Waiting Woman

Location: Belaugh (Norfolk) - Riverside

Type: Legend

Further Comments: A woman in a white dress is said to wait for her Viking lover by

the riverside.

31 August

Spontaneous Combusting Rat Catchers

Location: Beccles (Suffolk) - General area

Type: Legend

Further Comments: In order to remove the rats, and Black Death, from their village, three men sold their souls to a group of witches. The men played musical instruments as they walked down the road,

the rats followed them, and all disappeared into hell.

Varies: August

Joseph Bexfield, Killed by Jack O'Lanterns

Location: Thurlton (Norfolk) - Marshes

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Bexfield drowned in

August 1809, after following a Jack

O'Lantern (now known to be burning marsh gas). His ghost is said to be still out on the

marshes, looking for the way home.

Hanging Highlanders

Location: Newton le Willows (Lancashire)

- Hermitage Green Lane

Type: Haunting Manifestation Further Comments: Caught by

Cromwellian troops, these Highlanders were immediately hanged on the surrounding trees. The sound of running can be heard around the anniversary of the executions. A couple of people here in January 1990 heard loud drumming which moved down the lane, though nothing could be seen.

Waving White Lady in a Coach

Location: Hockley (Essex) - Road outside

the church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: After losing control of the horses, a coach driver and his female passenger died. Now, the phantom vehicle is seen outside the church; the white woman in the carriage waves at witnesses before the coach pulls away and the accident is repeated.

Victorian Woman

Location: Sudeley (Gloucestershire) -

Sudeley Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: It is always around August and September that a ghostly



housemaid is seen cleaning and dusting, dressed in Victorian working garb.

SEPTEMBER

03 September

Devil

Location: Brampton (Hereford & Worchester) - Brampton Bryan Park

Type: Legend

Further Comments: Local legend says that on the day Cromwell died, the park was laid to waste as the Devil passed though it to collect the soul due to him. Now, once a year, Old Nick rides out and returns to the park to ravage it once more.

12 September

Janet Dalrymple

Location: Bladnoch (Dumfries and Galloway) - Baldoon Castle ruins **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: On her wedding night, Janet went insane; she stabbed her husband several times, and had to be dragged away by servants. Janet's husband survived, though she died shortly after - the date on which her shade returns to the scene of her outburst.

13 September

Murdered Women

Location: Selkirk (Borders) - Newark

Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The castle is said to contain the souls of the women and children

murdered by brutal soldiers at the site, who are heard once a year.

14 September

Fighting Galleons

Location: Breydon Water (Norfolk) -

Breydon Water

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The first set of ships to haunt this area is said to be a procession of dozens of galleons heading towards Burgh Castle. The second is a battle between a pirate ship and two smaller vessels, which occurs on 14 September.

18 September

Bishop of Brundall on Barge

Location: Brundall (Norfolk) - River

Type: Legend

Further Comments: Sailing up the river, the Bishop's Barge is covered with fine cloth and silk, and contains 28 rowers. He is said to bless any ill people that he sails by.

21 September

Edward II Screams

Location: Berkeley (Gloucestershire) -

Berkeley Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation



Further Comments: Murdered on orders of his wife Queen Isabella (her fate is documented elsewhere in this database), the anniversary of the King's death is marked by his screams echoing around the castle.

28 September

Sir Walter

Location: Sherborne (Dorset) - Castle Type: Haunting Manifestation Further Comments: Sir Walter Raleigh is said to appear here once a year on St Michael's Eve, near a tree that was named after him. At one

time, it was thought the castle was cursed, as ill fortune befell several of the owners.



Autumn

Drifting Nun

Location: Fawkham Green (Kent) - Pennis

Lane

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Appearing at dusk, the figure of a nun has been reported floating

down this lane

Female Jumper

Location: Boston (Lincolnshire) - Boston

Stump (church)

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Holding a young child, a woman is seen to leap from the tower of the church, vanishing just before

hitting the ground.

Poacher with Bag

Location: Wadhurst (Sussex) - Beggars

Bush, Best Beech

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This thieving ghost in a tan coloured coat is seen struggling along the road on autumn evenings, his brown

sack bulging with stolen food.

Coach Arriving

Location: Dartmouth (Devon) - The Royal

Castle Hotel, The Quay

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Early morning, during the time of golden leaves, the sound of a horse and coach can be heard coming to a stop outside the hotel. There are sounds of someone jumping on board, before the hooves can be heard pulling away. One of the bedrooms may be haunted by a robed figure, and the sounds of two people fighting can be heard in the courtyard.

Crying Child

Location: Baldock (Hertfordshire) -

Hinxworth Place

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Thought to relate to a particularly ironic incident when a maid accidentally killed a child who had dressed up as a ghost (!) to scare her, the infant's screams can now be heard echoing down the corridors on dark stormy autumn nights.

Varies: September

Lady in Black

Location: Pembroke (Wales) - Manorbier

Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This feminine figure dressed in black seems to appear near the

gatehouse.

Princess Alice

Location: Thamesmead (Kent) - Thames

River

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: When a collier rammed a pleasure boat (the Princess Alice) here in 1878, over 600 people died - many of them being poisoned by the outflow of London's sewage which emerged from a pipe by the accident site. Their pitiful cries for help can sometimes be heard around the time of the accident.

Monk

Location: Minster (Kent) - Old Oake

Cottage

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This strange looking figure of a monk always appears as if silhouetted behind an intense light. He is always heard before appearing, shuffling feet marking his appearance.

Grenadier Climbing Stairs

Location: SW1 (Greater London) - The Grenadier public house, Wilton Row

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This young trooper was killed after it was discovered he cheated in a card game in the public house - he only



Victorian Woman

Location: Sudeley (Gloucestershire) -

Sudeley Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: It is always around these September and August that a ghostly housemaid is seen cleaning and dusting, dressed in Victorian working garb.

OCTOBER

01 October

Staring Man

Location: Audlem (Cheshire) - Audlem

Road leading to Corbrook Court **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This entity was seen twice by the same witness, exactly a year separating the sightings (2001 & 2002). The witness said he was driving down the road when he saw the strange looking figure on the roadside, who stared into the car as he drove past. The figure did not appear in the rear view mirror.

03 October

Alexander MacAllister

Location: Glenlivet (Moray) -

Altnachoylachan Hill

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The site of a battle in 1594 between the troops of James VI and rebel Scots is haunted by the headless ghost

of MacAllister riding on horseback - he fought on the side of the English, and was decapitated by the first canon shot.

09 October

White Horse

Location: Stratford upon Avon (Warwickshire) - Walton Hall Hotel

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This pale riderless horse gallops over the gardens, twice a decade. The hotel itself is haunted by a young man, who some speculate to be the rider of the aforementioned creature.

16 October

Black Chrysler Hit by Express

Location: Conington (Cambridgeshire) - Railway junction (8m NE Peterborough)

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 1948 saw the tragic death of Colonel Mellows, when he drove his car over the tracks, only to be hit by a speeding train. Another explanation of the



story says that a lorry of German POWs was hit during World War 2, and that one of these soldiers now haunts the area. Either way, the ghost appears at 4pm.

22 October

Black Cat

Location: Poynton Green (Shropshire) -

Field in the village **Type:** Other

Further Comments: Two Czech pilots died here on 22 October 1941, crashing in the field as they ran out of fuel. A local farmer rushed to the field in an attempt to save them, but was beaten back by the flames. He did, however, see a black cat emerge from the burning wreckage. The creature made its home with a local old woman, and when she died, the cat vanished - it now appears once very ten years at the crash site, and is next due in 2011.

23 October

Battle of Edgehill Repeating

Location: Edgehill (Warwickshire) -

Kineton

Type: Environmental Manifestation

Further Comments: A bloody battle of the English Civil War, the fighting repeated itself for several successive nights in 1642, in front of dozens of witnesses. More recently, sounds of battle have been reported, though the visuals are not forthcoming. The date of the more recent battle sounds is said to be 23 October.

29 October

Duel

Location: Rye (Sussex) - Mermaid Inn

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Several shades haunt this public house. A pair of ghostly duellers have been seen engaging each other with

rapiers (the victor then drags the body through the hotel and drops it through a trapdoor), while a female figure dressed in grey haunts the upper part of the building. Room 5 is one of her haunts, while in rooms 10 and 18, a fading man has been seen entering and leaving (often through a wall).

30 October

Lady Blunt

Location: Lydiard Millicent (Wiltshire) -

Rectory

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: It was on this date that Lady Blunt watched her fiancée murdered; the shock she suffered was strong enough to leave an enduring psychic echo which has lasted over two centuries.

Pack of Hounds

Location: Todmorden (Yorkshire) - Area between Todmorden and Mankinholes

Type: Shuck

Further Comments: Wailing at the moon, this pack of devil dogs run over both land and water looking for people to terrify.

31 October

Black Dog

Location: North Shields (Northumberland) - Milbourne Place, now Smith's Dockyards

Type: Shuck

Further Comments: The area near the docks is haunted by the ghost of a sailor who was murdered by his parents, who failed to recognise their own son after his many years at sea. He returns in the form of a large black dog once a year, patrolling the area where the crime was committed.

Headless Monk

Location: Plumstead (Northamptonshire) -

Lesnes Abbey

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The monk was caught with a woman and killed for his crime. The abbey is also home to phantom horsemen, and Roesia of Dover who is looking for her heart (it was buried here by her father).

Sow with Litter

Location: Bransby (Lincolnshire) -

Bonnewells Lane

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This spectral sow with her young appears along this lane once a year. The same stretch of road is also haunted by a woman in a silken dress which rustles as she moves, and there have been reports of a shuck.

Hunt

Location: Burnley (Lancashire) - Eagle's

Crag, Cliviger Gorge

Type: Haunting Manifestation Further Comments: Lord William

Towneley and his dog appear once a year, giving chase to a nimble doe. Another variant of the tale names the hunter as Gabriel Ratchets, while yet another story states that a man and his wife manifest on the same date - he killed and buried her on the spot.

Monk and Author

Location: Hitchin (Hertfordshire) -

Minsden Chapel

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Haunted by the phantom monk, a local author also threatened to haunt the location. Mr Reginald Hine, at the start of the twentieth century, said he loved the place so much that he threatened to haunt the church in order to protect it from any redevelopment work. An unconvincing photograph does exist of the phantom monk.

Returning Maid

Location: Abbots Langley (Hertfordshire) -

Churchyard and Vicarage

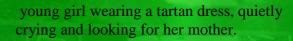
Type: Haunting Manifestation **Further Comments:** This young girl, who died suddenly, rises from the grave once a year and returns to the vicarage. Opinions differ on whether she is a former vicar's daughter or a maid mistreated by the vicar's wife.

Lady Hobbingdon

Location: Hindlip (Hereford & Worchester) - Hindlip Hall (original building no longer standing) and grounds

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The shade of the Lady, together with a phantom white calf, would be seen moving around the house revealing all the secret priest holes once a year - during life she performed the same task, feeding those who hid within. The grounds are now said to be haunted by a



World War One Soldier

Location: Bournemouth (Dorset) -

Bournemouth Town Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This incorporeal soldier appears here once a year to help himself to a drink of water. There are also a few reports of phantom horses and carriages being seen outside the building, while a ghostly cat is also said to haunt several of the town hall rooms.

Lantern Bearer

Location: Hawkesdale? (Cumbria) -

Hawkesdale Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Having hanged himself in the hall, this young lad holding a lantern appears once a year and walks towards the nearby river Caldew, vanishing into its cold waters.

Ringing Bells

Location: Armboth Fell (Cumbria) -

Thirlmere Lake

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Phantom bells have been heard coming from beneath the waters.





Lady Fleetwood

Location: Fleetwood (Lancashire) - Rossall

School

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This pallid woman is reported to traverse the school grounds once

a year.



Location: Maybole (Ayrshire) - Coves of

Culzean **Type:** Fairy

Further Comments: The little people are reported to gather here once a year for secret

planning sessions.

Screaming

Location: Inverurie (Aberdeenshire) -

Pittodrie House hotel

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The cries for help heard once a year emerge from the staircase. They may belong to a maid who was once caught in a fire which engulfed the building - she fell to her death trying to escape. A ghostly carriage pulled by a single horse haunts the driveway, while another spook has been reported in the library.

Blind Peter

Location: Netley (Hampshire) - Netley

Abbey ruins

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Once a year a trio of misty women appears and walk along the ruins walls. The sounds of bells can also be heard on this night. Another presence, Blind Peter, is less choosey on the date on which he appears, and wanders around the ruins of the abbey.

Fire

Location: Warminster (Wiltshire) - Cley

Hill

Type: Environmental Manifestation





Further Comments: Several witnesses have reported seeing large burning fires on the hills, with figures dancing around them, talking and singing loudly in an unrecognised language. When investigated, there is never any evidence of the fire or figures.

Varies: October

Knights

Location: Battle (Sussex) - Site of the 1066

Battle of Hastings

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A phantom knight on horseback appears on the anniversary of the battle, while other figures have been seen more sporadically. The ground is also said

to bleed after a storm.

NOVEMBER

01 November

Ghosts of the Future

Location: Middleton (Lancashire) - St

Leonard's Church Type: Legend

Further Comments: The souls of all those who will die by the following All Souls' Day walk through the church at midnight. A former member of the clergy is also reported to haunt the church, though his appearance

is not date related.

Richard and Little Girl

Location: Sawbridgeworth (Hertfordshire) -

Hyde Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Once owned by the singer Suzi Ouatro, she claimed that

'Richard' haunted the guest room, while the little girl walked other parts of the house. Both are believed to be benevolent. Another ghost, that of Sir John Jocelyn, is said to appear once a year riding down the driveway.

2 November

Fire

Location: Warminster (Wiltshire) - Cley

Type: Environmental Manifestation **Further Comments:** Several witnesses have reported seeing large burning fires on the hills, with figures dancing around them, talking and singing loudly in an unrecognised language. When investigated,

there is never any evidence of the fire or

figures.

03 November

Constantia Screaming

Location: N17 (Greater London) - Bruce

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The Lady Coleraine is seen once a year, screaming as she jumps off a balcony trying to escape the possessive nature of her husband. A couple walking past one night witnessed a party occurring on site, complete with people dressed in eighteenth century garb - they realised something was strange, as there was no sound, and the figures appeared to glide...

11 November

Marching Troops

Location: Horley (Surrey) - Haroldslea

Type: Haunting Manifestation Further Comments: A phantom bell begins to toll as the sun sets here, slowly growing louder until midnight comes and a small army of men pass through the kitchen door.

13 November

Grey Lady

Location: Outer London: Stanmore (Greater

London) - Royal National Orthopaedic

Hospital

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Built on the site of a nunnery, this gliding figure is thought to come from the former building.

19 November

Giant and Bloody Rain

Location: Somerleyton (Norfolk) - Exact

location not known Type: Legend

Further Comments: The hunting area of a giant, who is said to appear on the evening

of 17 July. The giant once stumbled across an assassination attempt to be made on him, and so killed the would be killer - his blood is said to rain down on 19 November.

23 November

Cries

Location: Pyecombe (Sussex) - General

area of village

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: These sounds are said to come from the area where the village

smith was once based.

30 November

Ringing Bells

Location: Romford (Essex) - Old Church

Road

Type: Legend

Further Comments: After the church sank into the ground, the only 'evidence' of its existence is the phantom ringing of the bells.

Varies: November

Mr Goddard

Location: Whitestone (Warwickshire) - Private house along Gypsy Lane

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A former owner of a house along here, Mr Goddard returned after his garden was split in half and a new property built on the site. He makes his presence known by opening locked doors, moving items around rooms, and shorting out electrical items.

Sister Barbara

Location: Marham (Norfolk) - Vinegar Hill

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The sister would pay men to pretend to rob travellers, before

'saving' them, and receiving rewards that she used to pamper herself. She was reported by a group of monks, and was subsequently bricked up alive behind a wall. She now walks the hill, gliding silently along.

Grey Monk

Location: Rochester (Kent) - Cooper's Arms public house, St Margaret's Street

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Bricked up alive for a long forgotten sin, this misty monk emerges from the wall behind the bar in this ancient

building that once was a priory.

DECEMBER

04 December

Cries of the Trapped

Location: SE13 (Greater London) -Lewisham Station, & St Johns area Type: Haunting Manifestation Further Comments: A crash in 1957, caused partly by fog, killed ninety people and injured over one hundred. It is their cries that can be heard on the anniversary on the accident.

19 December

Emily

Location: Haworth (Yorkshire) - Haworth Parsonage, surrounding moor land, the path to Bronte waterfall, and former Weaver's Restaurant

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The famous abode of the Bronte Sisters, it is Emily who now haunts the grounds, her head bowed as in deep thought and meditation. She suddenly vanishes of anyone comes too close. The apparition may appear several days either side of the date given.

20 December

Footfalls down the Stairs

Location: Great Baddow (Essex) - White

Horse Inn

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The site of a murder on a distant 20 December has resulting in the ghostly footsteps coming down the attic

stairs in this pub

24 December

Headless Horseman

Location: Beccles (Suffolk) - Roos Hall

driveway

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Pulled by headless horses, a coach is said to arrive by the front

door every Christmas Eve.

Night Coach

Location: Ilmington (Warwickshire) -

Roads of village

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This spectral vehicle runs along the roads, before suddenly veering off and vanishing across local fields. This may be related to the ghostly hunt pack seen in the area, led by a man who was

killed by his hounds.

Charles Dickens

Location: Rochester (Kent) - Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Charles Dickens's ghost haunts the moat of the castle; he has

been seen both here and at the Corn

Exchange clock.

Coach

Location: Holford (Somerset) -

Normansland driveway

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Appearing on the stroke of midnight, this coach pulled by a team of black horses circles the driveway before mysteriously vanishing again.

Ringing Bell

Location: Shrewsbury (Shropshire) -

Bomere Pool

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A bell once lost in the water can be heard pealing once a year.

Radley

Location: Halam (Nottinghamshire) -

Valley southeast of village

Type: Environmental Manifestation

Further Comments: The buried village of Radley is hidden somewhere in this area, and long vanished church bells can be heard

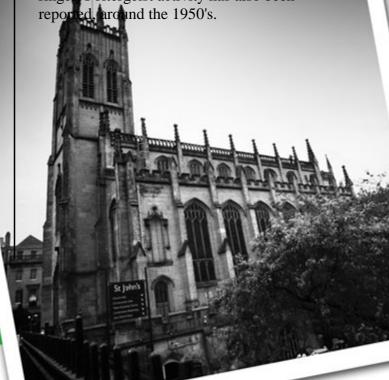
on Christmas Eve.

White lady

Location: Worstead (Norfolk) - Church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Legend says this lady has scaled to death at least one young bell ringer. Poltergeist activity has also been reported around the 1050's





Location: Brigg (Lincolnshire) - General

area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: An old lady who left her house to beg for money to buy her Christmas lunch became lost in the snow and fog, and froze to death. Her ghost is sometimes seen, asking for directions home.

Grey Monk

Location: Salford (Lancashire) - Kersal Cell

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This misty shade

appears but once a year.

Anne Boleyn

Location: Hever (Kent) - Bridge over the

Eden

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Boleyn's spirit crosses the bridge once a year. The area is also haunted by a farmer, robbed and murdered nearby.

Peeling Bells

Location: Evesham (Hereford &

Worchester) - River **Type:** Legend

Further Comments: Hidden in the river when the local abbey was closed for business in 1539, the silver bells still sing

their song around Christmas.

Abigail in her Carriage

Location: High Laver (Essex) - Main road

through village

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Abigail Masham spent her remaining years in the village - her residence now gone, she passes through the village once a year to have a quick sad look at where her house once stood before

disappearing.

Harp Player

Location: Stubley (Derbyshire) - Stubley

Old Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Appearing once a year, the shade of Fatima gently pucks her harp strings. A Roundhead has been reported less regularly, while a young girl skips around the fields outside.

Farmer on Pony Back

Location: Egremont (Cumbria) - Tarpot

area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This old man vanished without trace when returning home from an inn on a long forgotten Christmas Eve - both he and his ride are occasionally seen on the

anniversary of the mystery.

Screaming Horses

Location: Wythall (West Midlands) - Black

Greve Farm

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Locals say that the horses belonged to a Roman chariot; the driver lost control in the ice and snow, and

the entire team fell into a deep ditch and died.

Sir Geoffrey de Mandeville

Location: East Barnet (Hertfordshire)

Oak Hill

Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Sir Geoffrey,
complete with red cloak and jangling
spurs, appears here once at midnight every
six years and heads towards the church to
disappear through its wall. He is next due in

2010.

Lady Ursula Hynde

Location: Madingley (Cambridgeshire) -

Madingley Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: One witness claimed to have heard the sounds of a ghostly party, followed by the sighting of a stuffy young man, whose face resembled that of a skeleton. Others have also reported similar occurrences, describing the man as having a decaying green face. Lady Ursula Hynde also returns to the hall once a year, upset at her son's actions - he pulled down a church, and used the wood to finish construction of the Hall.

Heavy Trampling

Location: Saffron Walden (Essex) - Cross Keys, Corner of King Street and High Street

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Any listener here is said to hear footsteps marching up and down a passageway between 11pm and midnight. They are rumoured to belong to a soldier of Cromwell. A ghostly woman is said to haunt one of the bedrooms, and it is alleged she was Cromwell's mistress.

25 December

Butterfly

Location: Bath (Somerset) - Theatre Royal

& Garrick's Head Hotel





Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A butterfly is reported to haunt the theatre, manifesting briefly once a year.

<u>Monk</u>

Location: Strata Florida (Wales) - Former

site of abbey

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This phantom devotee of God returns to his old home once a year.

Final Bear

Location: Fernhurst (Sussex) - Ruins of

Verdley Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation



Further Comments: This is said to be the location where the last wild bear in England was pointlessly killed; the creature's ghost now returns in protest.

Jolly Monk

Location: Wonersh (Surrey) - Grantley

Arms public house

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This figure once appeared every Christmastime, though has kept his head down over recent years.

Moaning

Location: Broughton (Northamptonshire) -

Church of St John

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A criminal once held here has returned as an indistinct shadow, softly moaning in pain and regret, always

around the Christmas period.

Shadowy Figure

Location: Boughton Green

(Northamptonshire) - St John the Baptist

church ruins

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This figure, also heard moaning around the same time of year, is thought to be a criminal hanged in 1826. Others speak of a darker tale - that the ghost takes the form of a beautiful man or woman, depending on the witness, and asks them for a kiss. If it is given, the kisser is doomed to die within a month.

Phantom Runner

Location: Bolton (Lancashire) - Hall i'th'

Wood Manor House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Always heard but never seen, this spook frequents the old staircase; the footsteps are heard rushing between 25 Dec and the 6 January. Other ghosts reported here include an old woman seen in the kitchen and two men, one dressed in black and the other green.

Breathing & Hollow Footsteps

Location: Sandringham (Norfolk) - Country

House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Becoming active during Yuletide, the ghostly presence creates echoing footfalls in empty corridors, and heavy breathing in a room on the second floor. Christmas cards are also moved by the spirit, and lights are turned on and off. The entity is thought to be a nun who seduced a monk on the site - those who have seen her say she has hollow eye sockets. Others blame a young lamplighter who died many years ago while on his rounds.

Middle Aged Man

Location: Oldham (Lancashire) -

Temperance Hall, next to the Colosseum

Theatre

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This grey figure has been seen standing in doorways always around the Christmas period, and is believed to be the ghost of a suicide.

Lucette

Location: Clayton le Moors (Lancashire) - Dunkenhalgh Hall (currently a hotel?) and

nearby bridge

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This former maid at the hall fell pregnant after a torrid affair with the master - he wasn't interested in her long term future, so she took her own life. Her misty white form now comes back around Christmas to remind others of her fate.

Kids

Location: WC2 (Greater London) - Courtts

Bank

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Once a Mecca for toy sellers and buyers, the sounds of joyous children can be heard briefly once a year. Another entity, claiming to be an Elizabethan nobleman, was exorcised during the early 1990s - he was thought to be either the Earl of Essex (executed in 1601) or Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk...

Lillie Langtry

Location: SW1 (Greater London) - Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This quiet little spook is said only to come out when the hotel is nearly empty. During life, Lillie was the mistress of the Prince of Wales, who later became Edward VII.

. Park (1970)

Chained Monk

Location: SW1 (Greater London) -

Buckingham Palace

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Said to predate the construction of the palace, this monk

appears bound in chains once a year on Christmas Day. The sound of a suicide (the single shot of a pistol) is occasionally heard on the first floor - the private secretary to King Edward VII ended his life here.

Little Girl with Rag Doll

Location: Exeter (Devon) - Prospect Inn

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This young child only appears once a year in the upper part of the building. She is said to smile sweetly at any witnesses, before quickly fading away.

Monk with No Legs

Location: Cranham (Essex) - St Mary's

Lane

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This ghost is said to float silently across the road. He was last

seen in the 1970s.

Betsy Jane

Location: Solway Firth (Dumfries and

Galloway) - Waters of

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Laden with a golden profit made from selling slaves, God extracted revenge on this morally questionable practice by sinking the ship and killing all the crew on Christmas Day, just prior to the vessel docking. The passenger ship Rotterdam, which sunk in the nineteenth century with the loss of all hands, is still seen here also, normally as a warning prior to a major disaster at sea. A hearty mix of other spectral vessels have also been reported.

Game of Shinty

Location: Dalarossie, Inverness (Highland)

- Land near the local church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: These people, during life, made the mistake of playing sports when Christmas day fell on a Sabbath. Now they all return from the grave for a quick

game on Christmas Day when it falls upon a Sunday.

26 December

Headless Anne Boleyn

Location: Rochford (Essex) - Rochford Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The family home of Anne Boleyn, her decapitated ghost haunts the building for the twelve days following Christmas.

27 December

St Thomas of Canterbury

Location: Lapford (Devon) - Road through

village

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This figure appears once a year, passing through the village on

horseback.

28 December

Glowing Train with Red Lights

Location: Wormit (Fife) - Tay Bridge

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The badly designed Tay Bridge collapsed in 1873, a passenger train crashing down with the faulty structure into the cold waters of the Firth of Tay below. The scene is reenacted on the anniversary of the crash.

29 December

Knight in Shining Armour

Location: Kemsing (Kent) - Kemsing

Church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This gallant looking figure rides up to the church, enters and briefly prays at the alter before vanishing for another year.



31 December

Green Hunter

Location: Fawsley (Northamptonshire) -

Dower House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This woodland figure dressed in green, manifesting minutes before midnight, is thought to be an ill omen if

observed.

King John's Hounds

Location: Purse Caundle (Dorset) - Purse

Caundle Manor **Type:** Shuck

Further Comments: Once a year, this pack

of devil dogs are let loose in the neighbourhood. Sounds of ghostly

plainchant have been heard coming from the

manor house.

Man on Black Horse

Location: Ranworth (Norfolk) Neighbourhood of Ranworth Broad
Transaction Manifestation

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Origin unknown, locals tell of an unknown man on a black horse that is believed to haunt the area. Appearing on 31 December, the Devil races across the Broad along with his horse-riding associates and their hounds. The devil is

seen riding across the broad every 31 December, with the soul of a Colonel under his arm, who had dared hunt on the Sabbath.

John Bibby

Location: Bootle (Lancashire) - Peel Road

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Since (allegedly) once

a year, Bibby rides his coach with his

decapitated head in his lap.

Coach & Four

Location: East Wellow (Hampshire) - Area from Embley Park to St Margaret's Church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Moving at breakneck speed, this phantom coach leaves the park just before midnight on the last day of the

year.

Coach and Horses

Location: Wickford (Essex) - Runwell Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A spectral horse and carriage pulls up the driveway, a woman climbs out, walking up to the door to be met

by a long dead butler.

Scarlet Rider

Location: Bramhall (Stockport) (Cheshire) -

Bramhall Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This figure on

horseback, dressed in an unmistakable red, appears once a year - in 1630 he is said to have taken the life of the owner of the hall.

Black Knight

Location: Downend (Isle of Wight) - Area

near Knighton Gorges

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A large black knight on horseback is still occasionally seen once a year in this region. Also manor house has been seen in the area, a party in full flow visible through its windows. However, the

house was demolished many years previous. Even when not seen, locals have reported hearing the sounds of music coming from the site.

Leaping Shadow

Location: SW1 (Greater London) -

Westminster Bridge

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Just as the New Year begins, a phantom man is said to throw himself off this bridge - many believe it to be the ghost of Jack the Ripper, taking his

own life.

Laird Beardie

Location: Moonzie, Fife (Fife) -

Lordscairnie Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Beardie played cards against the Devil and lost - the fateful game is now replayed at midnight once a year, though it is warned that anyone watching the game will also travel to hell with the Laird

at the end of the match.

Varies: December

Pale Donkey

Location: Studland (Dorset) - Newton

Heath

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A small white donkey haunts the area where its master was robbed and murdered while travelling across the heathland. While the owner's body was found, the donkey vanished without trace, now only appearing briefly once a year around Christmas time.

William Terriss

Location: WC2 (Greater London) - Covent

Garden Station, Piccadilly Line **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A theatre manager, Mr Terriss was stabbed to death in December 1897 at a nearby theatre. His ghost, tall in







Varies: December cont

stature, has been seen dressed in a grey suit with white gloves, standing on the platform late at night.

The Black Abbot

Location: Prestbury (Gloucestershire) -

Church and churchyard

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Keeping to the same route every year, this ghost materialises in the church, before crossing the churchyard and disappearing through a wall in the High Street. It was photographed in 1990 by a Mr Stafford.

Wailing

Location: Steyning (Sussex) - Bramber

Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Maude of Ditching's screams and cries can occasionally be heard in the ruins - her lover was bricked up in the dungeon after being caught by Maude's husband.

Marge in a Bridal Gown

Location: Terrington St Clement (Norfolk)

- Parish Church, the 'Lovell' pew **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The legend says that

the chest next to the west door once contained the remains of a bride, who was trapped inside after a game of hide and seek went wrong. She is reported to emerge once a year on the last Sunday before Christmas

to join in with the choir.

Hungry Children

Location: Steyning (Sussex) - Bramber

Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: These wraiths have

been seen begging for food, but

disappearing when approached. They, along with their parents, starved to death (though strangely it is thought not at this castle, but at Windsor), after upsetting King John.

Dark Horseman

Location: Ellistoun (Renfrewshire) -

Ellistoun Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Possessing a grinning skull barren of flesh, this dark horseman and his black stead gallop furiously down

muddy paths, towards the nearby waterfalls.

Winter

Squeaking Cycle

Location: Chester (Cheshire) - Saltney

Junction railway station, area of **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: An old man on a squeaky bike haunt the area around this old station - it is thought that he hanged himself in a shed here. The bike can be heard early in the morning

Traffic Dodger

Location: Wigglesworth (Yorkshire) - Road

leading to Tosside

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A couple of accidents that occurred along this road blamed a flitting female form, which ran out in front of them before disappearing. Locals say it is a girl who drowned nearby.

Simon Cunliffe

Location: Colne (Lancashire) - Wycoller

Hall

Type: Crisis Manifestation

Further Comments: Simon rides the area where he once lived, blowing his horn prior to a tragedy. It is said that he scared his wife to death by riding a horse up the staircase of their home, chasing a fox that had ran inside to escape the hunt. Another tale states that the horseman isn't Simon, but an assassin, who was killed by a manservant before he could murder the master of the hall. Either way, the ghost appears once a year, during the winter months.

Stomping Boot

Location: Harreitsham (Kent) - Ringlestone

Tavern

Type: Haunting Manifestation **Further Comments:** The sounds of someone stomping on the cellar steps have been heard, stopping just prior to reaching the top.

Man in the Road

Location: Pentreuchaf (Wales) - Road in

the area

Type: Haunting Manifestation Further Comments: Both young and smart in appearance, this male walks along the middle of the road, causing oncoming traffic to stop before he vanishes into thin air.

Nicholson

Location: Penrith (Cumbria) - Gibbet Hill, six kilometres outside of Penrith (gibbet

marked by a stone)

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Hanged for the murder of his godfather, Nicholson's body was left dangling throughout the winter of 1766 / 1767 as a deterrent to others... Some say it still makes an appearance during harsh winters.

Disembodied Voices

Location: Castle Coombe (Wiltshire) -

Parsonage Wood

Type: Unknown Ghost Type

Further Comments: The phantom ranting of a small crowd has been heard in the forest after dark - those who continue to listen have reported a piercing scream that finally lays quiet the voices.

Fast Moving Old Lady

Location: Farnham (Surrey) - West Street

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Limping, this OAP runs by witnesses at a rate of knots on wet winter nights and disappears into the doorway of a house along the street. The same street is also haunted by a black dog which performs a similar action to that of the old woman.

Signalman

Location: Barkston (Lincolnshire) -

Barkston Junction Station **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Maybe protesting about the automated signals, this ghost has been seen crossing the track in front of incoming trains, and climbing and checking

the obsolete signals.

Woman with a Red Scarf

Location: Outer London: Uxbridge (Greater

London) - Ickenham Station **Type:** Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This ghostly figure stands at the end of the platform, near where she fell and was electrocuted during the 1950s. She sometimes waves to attract

attention before vanishing.

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