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01 January

Sounds of Partying

Location: Knighton (Isle of Wight) - Knighton Gorges manor house (no longer standing)
Details: Though demolished in 1820, the phantom sounds of partying and enjoyment are sometimes reported from the area of the manor house grounds.

Jamaican Woman

Location: Ireby (Cumbria) - Overwater Hotel
Details: Formerly Overwater Hall, the building was purchased in 1814 by Joseph Gillbanks. Legend has it that Gillbanks had an affair with a Jamaican girl who he tried to drown at Overwater Tarn when she told him she was pregnant. As she struggled to pull herself out of the water, he chopped her arms off. Her armless apparition is now said to appear here once a year.

Andrew Mills

Location: Ferryhill, Parish of Merrington (Durham) - Brass Farm, now known as High Hill House farm
Details: Andrew went on a killing spree at the farm in 1863; he claimed he was talked into it by a devil. The wild cries of Andrew Mills can be still heard near the locality of the farmhouse.

05 January

Squire Surtees

Location: Kingston St Mary (Somerset) - Tainfield House
Details: Riding a mottled grey horse, the squire rides circles on the driveway, rattling a handful of chains.

14 January, 01:00h

Crying Lady

Location: West Deeping (Lincolnshire) - Church
Details: The date of this woman's death is marked by her phantom sobs heard emanating from the church. Her husband was so distressed by the death that he took his own life the following day (see Tallington, Lincolnshire).

15 January, 17:50h

Upset Husband

Location: Tallington (Lincolnshire) - Footbridge over the railway line
Details: After the death of his wife (see West Deeping, Lincolnshire) this grief-stricken individual jumped from the footbridge over the railway track and was hit by the train from London, which killed him instantly. The incident is reenacted once a year.

19 January

Horses

Location: Lostwithiel (Cornwall) - Braddock Down

Details: 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

Details: Observed flying overhead, and sometimes heard, a phantom Spitfire haunts the skies of Biggin Hill on the nineteenth of January. Airmen dressed in trench coats have been reported in the village at random times of the year; they stop people and ask directions before disappearing.

20 January (but last seen 21 January 2003)

Lady Mohun

Location: Redditch (Hereford & Worcester) - Moon's Moat

Details: This small, moated island is reportedly haunted by this woman, who is reported to appear every St Agnes Eve.

25 January

Opening Gates

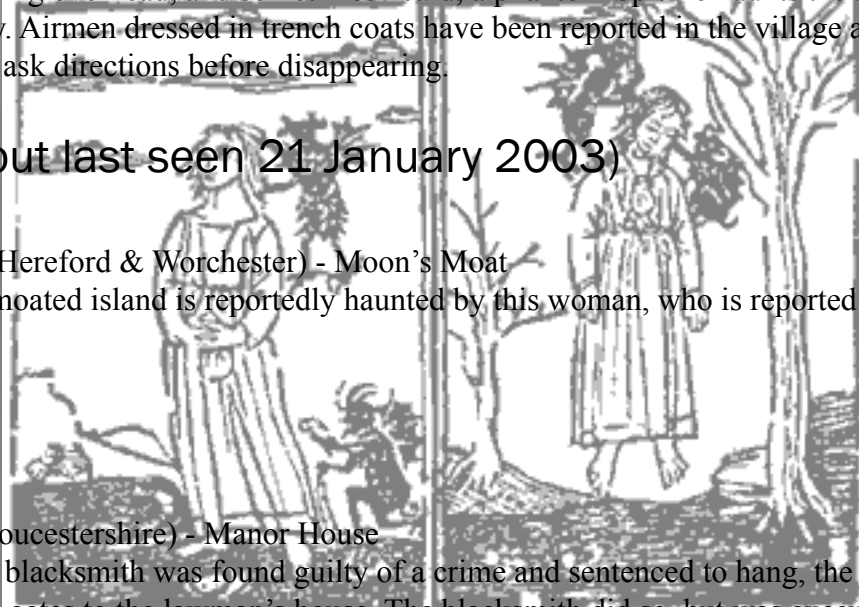
Location: Stroud (Gloucestershire) - Manor House

Details: After a local blacksmith was found guilty of a crime and sentenced to hang, the judge offered him a reprieve if he made the gates to the lawman's house. The blacksmith did so, but was executed anyway. Once a year, the blacksmith's ghost returns and opens the gates.

Smith on Horseback

Location: Nether Lypiatt (estate) (Gloucestershire) - Nether Lypiatt Manor

Details: 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.



Normally around January

Rushing Horseman

Location: East Malling (Kent) - Barming Woods

Details: 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. The horseman was last seen in 1971

13 February

Clan MacDonald

Location: Glencoe (Argyll and Bute) - General area
Details: 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
Details: On 13 February 1748, a jealous sailor deliberately ran the Lady Lovibond onto the Goodwin Sands, a treacherous area off the coast of Deal, wrecking the ship and killing all on board. The craft is now said to re-enact the crash every fifty years, though there are no reports of any witnesses in 1998. Two other ghostly craft are said to frequent the area at other times of the year - the liner Montrose, and a man of war named Shrewsbury.

24 February

Something Down There

Location: Northrepps (Norfolk) - Shrieking Pit, along a lane off Hungry Hill
Details: Some say that the entity that appears in the pit is the spirit of a woman who took her life, while others believe it is something much darker that lures the unwary to their deaths.

Maude Carew

Location: Bury St Edmunds (Suffolk) - St Mary's Churchyard
Details: Cursed by a monk after Maude murdered the Duke of Gloucester in 1447, her shade is now said to appear once a year at 11pm.

26 February

Sir Christopher Wren

Location: Hampton Court (Surrey) - The Old Court House
Details: 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.

28 February

White Lady

Location: Hathersage (Derbyshire) - Vicarage
Details: Even though the phantom white lady has not been observed for around one hundred years, she still opens a single door on one night per annum.

At any time during February

Mary Queen of Scots

Location: Oundle (Northamptonshire) - The Talbot Hotel
Details: This hotel contains the staircase from Fotheringhay 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.

Skater of Hickling Broad

Location: Potter Heigham (Norfolk) - River Thurne
Details: In love with a rich man's daughter, a drummer boy would skate across the frozen river to secretly rendezvous with his forbidden girlfriend. However, one winter night the ice cracked and the boy drowned - leaving his ghost to continue the drumming. A phantom female rower has also been seen on the river.

Grey Lady

Location: Longham (Dorset) - Berrans Avenue, and the edge of the River Stour
Details: This phantom woman wearing a grey cape or cloak wanders along the avenue before walking alongside the river. Two witnesses who spotted during the 1970s her watched the ghostly figure walk through a garden fence.

01 March

Hymns

Location: St David's (Wales) - St Nonna's church ruins

Details: The sound of phantom singing is heard coming from these church ruins on the evening of St David's Day.

11 March

Sounds of Murder

Location: Loch Assynt (Highland) - Banks of the loch

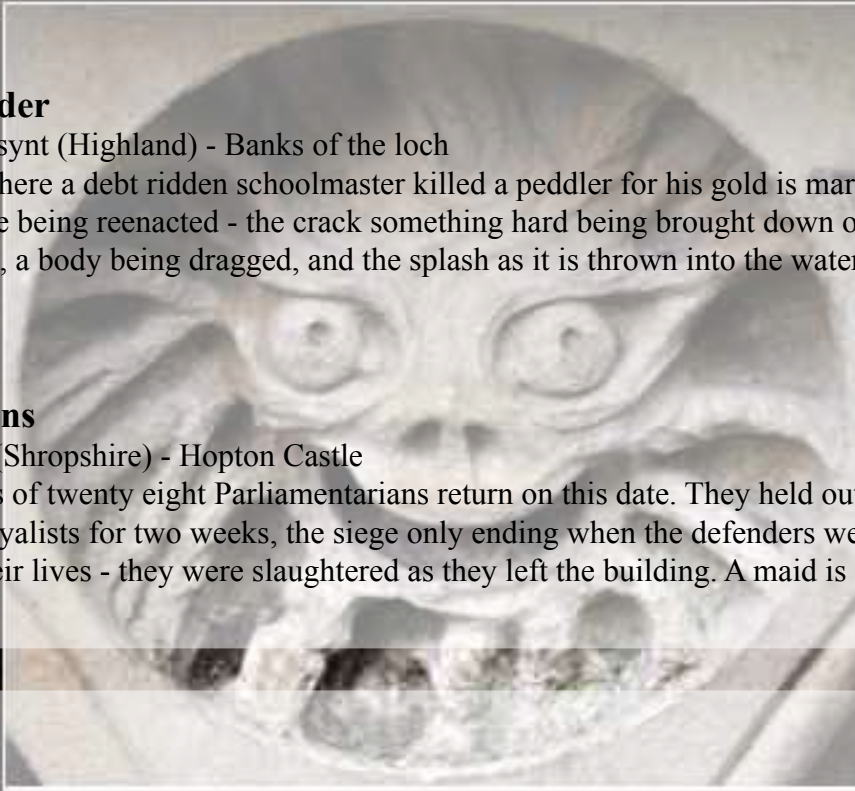
Details: The site where a debt ridden schoolmaster killed a peddler for his gold is marked once a year by the sounds of the crime being reenacted - the crack something hard being brought down on the salesman's head, followed by footsteps, a body being dragged, and the splash as it is thrown into the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

14 March

Parliamentarians

Location: Hopton (Shropshire) - Hopton Castle

Details: The ghosts of twenty eight Parliamentarians return on this date. They held out in the castle against a force of five hundred Royalists for two weeks, the siege only ending when the defenders were tricked into surrendering in exchange for their lives - they were slaughtered as they left the building. A maid is also reported to walk the site.



17 March

Juliet Tewsley, Her Love Unrequited

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

Details: 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

Details: It is unsure whether this grey man is a builder, friar or warrior.

29 March, every four years (last in 2004)

Old Soldiers

Location: Alresford (Hampshire) - Cheriton battlefield

Details: These troops are said to be doomed to return to their former battleground.

Between March and November

Red Head

Location: Stockton (Warwickshire) - Blue Lias public house

Details: Seen walking through the pub after opening hours, this red headed male is thought to have been killed long ago when he was discovered in bed with another man's wife.

02 April

Viking Raiders

Location: Ludham (Norfolk) - Ludham Bridge

Details: This raiding party appears late at night and heads towards the bridge, blowing hunting horns and cracking whips.

04 April

Lady Blanche de Warenne

Location: Rochester (Kent) - Castle

Details: 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 shaft protruding from her chest.

07 April

Burge's Pooling Blood

Location: Acle (Norfolk) - Bridge

Details: Josiah Burge was murdered by a man seeking revenge for the death of his sister. Josiah's blood is now reported to pool at the location on the day of the fatal attack. The stories state that Burge's ghost appeared only once - returning to kill his murderer.

09 April

Elderly Lady

Location: Newport (Isle of Wight) - Orme

Details: 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

Details: Once a year this gravestone is reported to leak blood - Richard was murdered by an army recruiting sergeant in 1727. The church itself is home to phantom footsteps, believed to belong to a monk.

14 April

Charlotte Dymond

Location: Roughtor (Cornwall) - Near a memorial stone to Charlotte

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

24 April

George Marsh

Location: Bolton (Lancashire) - Smithills Hall

Details: 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 Future Dead

Location: Scarborough (Yorkshire) - St Mary's Churchyard

Details: All those who will die between this date and next year's St Mark's Eve appear in this graveyard on the stroke of midnight and walk into the church.

The Not Quite Dead

Location: Whittlesford (Cambridgeshire) - Churchyard

Details: 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.

26 April

Kate, her Lover and her Father

Location: Poundstock (Cornwall) - Penfound Manor

Details: 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 year.

27 April

Sounds of Fighting

Location: Burgh Castle (Norfolk) - Roman castle

Details: The sounds of clashing swords and Roman and Saxon screaming can be heard in this area on this date. 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

Details: In the evening of this date, 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.

Every ten years since April 1908, last
seen Spring 1958

HMS Gladiator

Location: Colwell Bay (Isle of Wight) - Off the coast

Details: An islander who spotted an old ship on misty morning claimed it was HMS Gladiator, which sank in 1908. Some say that the ship is appears every ten years, though it is approaching half a century since the last report.

01 May

Viking Funeral

Location: South Walsham (Norfolk) - South Walsham Broad

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

Singing Nuns

Location: Oxford (Oxfordshire) - Godstow Nunnery, Wolvercote

Details: As dawn breaks on the first of May, phantom singing can be heard coming from the empty chapel. The phantom of Rosamund Clifford has also been reported here, though she is not as fussy as when she should appear.

White Horse

Location: River Wharfe (Yorkshire) - Wharfedale's Strid

Details: 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.

Secret Door

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

Details: Once a year, a secret door opens here which will take mortals to the fairy realm. The door was once always open, but after a man stole a fairy flower, access was restricted. The area is also home to an old woman who uses music to lure the weak willed into the lake waters where they drown - once she has killed nine hundred people she will regain her youth and become mortal.

Fighting

Location: Loch Ashie (Highland) - Shores around, and to the moors east of, Loch Ashie and Loch Duntelchaig

Details: Accompanied by silence, a battle has been seen raging once a year on the muddy banks of this loch. The fight was last seen 1870 and 1871, and last heard during the summer of 1999.

02 May

Old Nick in Waiting

Location: Burgh St Peter (Norfolk) - Church

Details: The builder of this church is said to have sold his soul in order to finish its construction. The Devil is said to still wait for the soul due to him, while the old man's shade lurks protected within the church grounds. There is one report that says the builder now takes the form of a clothed skeletal figure.

04 May

Charging Horseman

Location: Prestbury (Gloucestershire) - Shaw Green Lane

Details: 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, Coinage-hall Street

Details: 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 ghost named Nelly.

12 May

Mediaeval Party

Location: Salthouse (Norfolk) - Salthouse Pool

Details: A re-enactment of a mediaeval (or possibly Roman) feast occurs late at night; the phantom scene includes singing, dancing and small 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

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

19 May

Phantom Coach

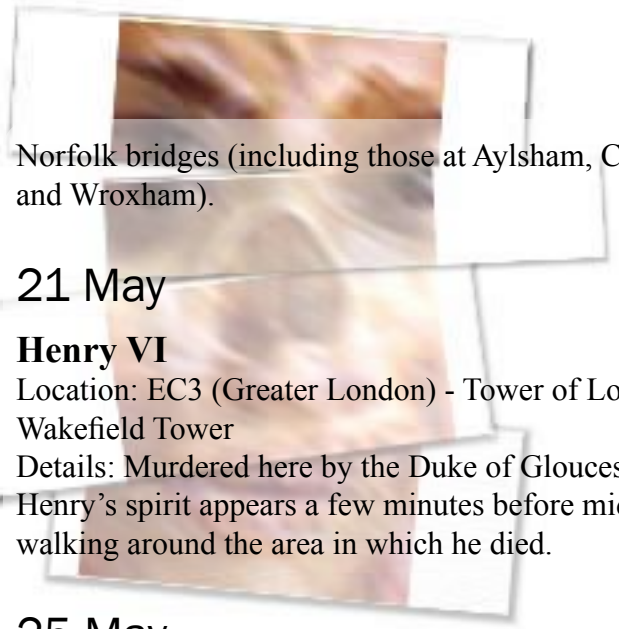
Locations: Oxnead Bridge (Norfolk), Hautbois Bridge (Norfolk), Meyton Bridges (Suffolk), Coltishall Bridge (Norfolk), Buxton Bridge (Norfolk), Belaugh Bridge (Norfolk), Aylsham Bridge (Norfolk), Wroxham Bridge (Norfolk)

Details: A ghostly coach and four passes over this bridge once a year. It is said to be driven by a headless Sir Thomas Boleyn, and is one of eleven bridges that he passes over on the night of his daughter Anne's execution.

Anne Boleyn

Location: Blickling (Norfolk) - Blickling Hall

Details: 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

Details: 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

Monk, Betrayer of the Abbey

Location: Ludham (Norfolk) - St. Benet's Abbey, ruins close to River Bure

Details: 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.

Battle

Location: Lewes (Sussex) - Offham Hill

Details: 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.

27 May

Margaret's Execution

Location: EC3 (Greater London) - Tower of London, Tower Green

Details: 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

Details: 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. 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

Details: Belonging to one of those who built the original church at Southerly, the dog was mistakenly killed by a soldier. The phantom hound 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

Details: 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

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

31 May

Sinking Coach

Location: Antrim (Ulster) - Antrim Castle

Details: A coach pulled by a team of four horses which sunk into the pond drowning all on board is seen repeating the tragic accident once a year. In addition, a stone wolfhound which stands by the gateway is said to have once been flesh and blood - the dog gave a warning to an advancing sneak attack upon the castle before turning into rock. It now safeguards the Clotworthy family name on the condition it is never removed. Finally, the sound of heavy breathing can be heard coming from the ruined building.

Small Man with Slit Throat

Location: SW1 (Greater London) - St James's Palace

Details: 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

Details: 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.

May (or Easter)

Voice of Lord Marney

Location: Layer Marney (Essex) - Layer Marney Church

Details: Legend says that the voice of Lord Marney can be heard echoing around the church.

May (no exact date)

Guilt Ridden Officer

Location: Sleaford (Lincolnshire) - Colbey Grange - former RAF base

Details: 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.

01 June

Woman's Singing

Location: Hickling (Norfolk) - Hickling Broad, south of village

Details: 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. Another ghost is associated with the broad; a drummer is said to be a Napoleonic soldier who drowned while skating across the ice, en route for a secret rendezvous with his girlfriend, can sometimes be heard.

Hairy Earth

Location: Wistow (Leicestershire) - Wistow's Grave

Details: 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.

02 June

Ammunition Train

Location: Soham (Cambridgeshire) - Approach to the station

Details: 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

Details: 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

Details: 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 around midnight to play for a couple of hours.

14 June

Old Lady

Location: Sevenoaks (Kent) - Maidstone Road

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

Midair Battle

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

Details: 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.

15 June

Goring the Cavalier

Location: Hitchin (Hertfordshire) - Hitchin Priory

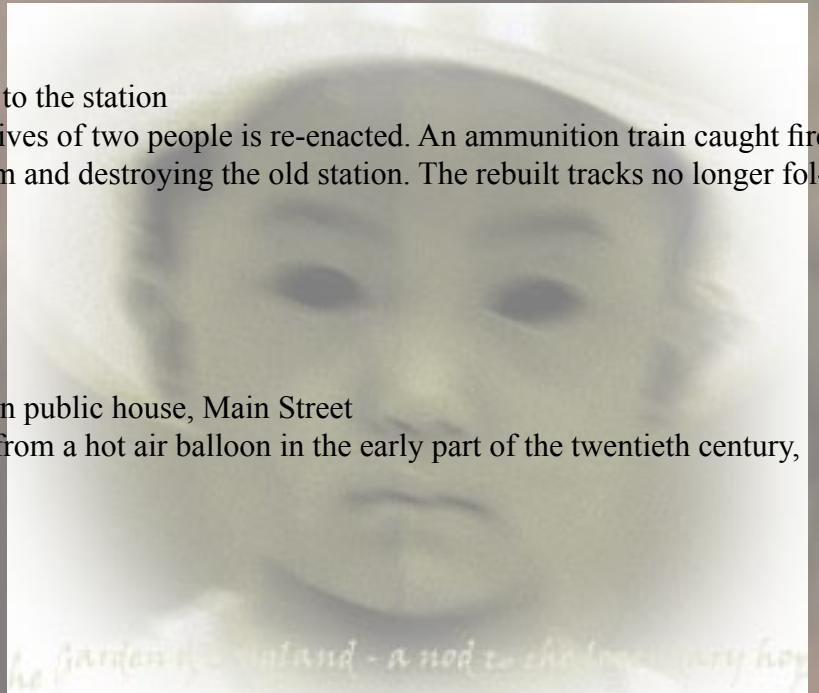
Details: Killed by Roundheads a few miles down the road during the civil war, the ghost of Goring continues onwards to his earthly destination once a year. A grey lady has also been spotted in the grounds of the priory.

19 June

Piper

Location: Glen Esk (Angus) - Waters of Lochlee

Details: 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

Swimming Horseman

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

Details: Riding towards the park house, this phantom horseman veers off at the last minute and enters the nearby lake.

Dancing Skeletons

Location: Worthing (Sussex) - Broadwater Green, old oak tree

Details: 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.

The Lonely Shepherd

Location: Clydach (Wales) - Limestone Pillar

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

Unfaithful Girl

Location: Bray (Leinster) - Lover's Leap rock, Dargle Valley

Details: The female ghost which appears here once a year is said to be that of a woman who was unfaithful to her boyfriend. He died of grief, and the woman sat in mourning over his grave continuously for several days before taking her life on the rock, leaping into the river below.

Spinning Top

Location: Dyffryn (Wales) - St Lythan's Cromlech

Details: The capstone on this cromlech is said to rotate three times on Midsummer Eve. In addition, anyone who makes a wish here on 31 October will have it granted.

Fish Stone

Location: Crickhowell (Wales) - Stone by the River Usk

Details: Once a year this strangely shaped stone dives into the local river and goes for a swim.

20 June (or Midsummer Eve)

Witch Haven

Location: Trewa (Cornwall) - General area

Details: Once a year all the local witches meet in the town and the surrounding area to light fires on all the monoliths and standing stone formations in the area.

Those that will Die

Location: Tavistock (Devon) - Church

Details: The spirits of those who will die during the following year come to the church 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

Details: 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.

Hessian Cavalry

Location: Horetown (Leinster) - Battle of Horetown site and Green Road

Details: The entire Battle of Horetown is replayed on its anniversary, while a lone Hessian trooper is seen standing by a tree along Green Road where his is thought to be buried.

Sprites & Pixies

Location: Ballona (Isle of Man) - Ballona Bridge

Details: 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.

King Arthur

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

Details: Escorted by mounted knights carrying lances, King Arthur of the Britons traverses this route back to Camelot (as Cadbury is thought to be) on this day in June. One witness said that in the autumn of 1994 they encountered an armoured man holding a standard on horseback - the figure disappeared around a corner, though there was no place that he could have gone.

Arthur's Table

Location: Bossiney (Cornwall) - Bossiney Mound

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

20 June - 23 June

King John's Hounds

Location: Purse Caundle (Dorset) - Purse Caundle Manor

Details: Around this time of year, this pack of devil dogs is let loose in the neighbourhood. Sounds of ghostly plainchant have been heard coming from the manor house.

21 June

Nan Clark

Location: NW7 (Greater London) - Nan Clark's Lane, Mill Hill

Details: Nan Clark was a landlady of a local inn in the eighteenth century, whose history is shaky - she may have murdered or been murdered by her husband or lover, either in the lane which takes her name or in a local pond. Whatever truly happened, Nan is said to return to the area once a year (thought her last sighting took place in November!).

21 June or 24 June

White Lady

Location: Hampton Court (Surrey) - Landing Stage

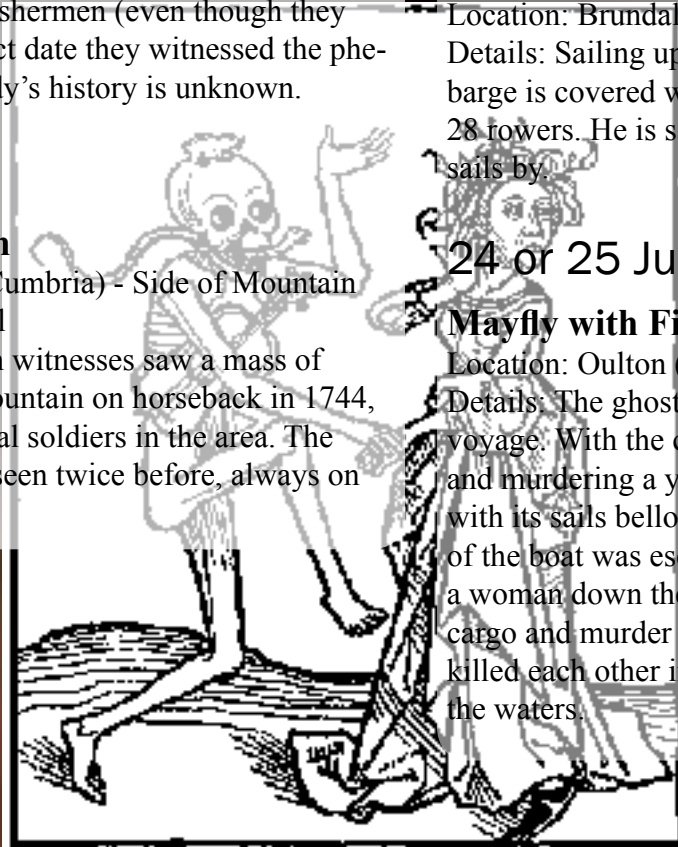
Details: Seen by local fishermen (even though they can't remember the exact date they witnessed the phenomenon), the white lady's history is unknown.

23 June

Army Marching On

Location: Souter Fell (Cumbria) - Side of Mountain visible from Wilton Hall

Details: 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

Alexander Cruwys

Location: Bickleigh (Devon) - Bridge

Details: This shade returns once a year to the place where he murdered a man, throwing the body over the bridge into the waters below.

Anne Blakemore in Blue

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

Details: 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.

Bishop of Brundall on Barge

Location: Brundall (Norfolk) - River

Details: Sailing up the river twice a year, 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.

24 or 25 June

Mayfly with Figures Running about Deck

Location: Oulton (Norfolk) - Oulton Broad

Details: 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.

June - exact date unknown

The Drowned

Location: Llanfaglan (Wales) - Churchyard

Details: The shades of everyone whose bodies were found along the coast near the village walk towards the church on a certain day in June, vanishing as they reach their graves.

June, clear nights of the full moon

Drowned Lad

Location: Tidmarsh (Berkshire) - Stream near Tidmarsh Rectory

Details: The stream that ran close to this property was said to be haunted by a young boy who once drowned in its waters.

Late June

Young Girl

Location: Rotherfield (Sussex) - The King's Arms

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

01 July

Rahere

Location: EC1 (Greater London) - St Bartholomew's church

Details: 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 altar at 7am. He quickly disappears if seen.

03 July (by some accounts)

Tall Man with Fire for Eyes

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

Details: First seen in 1805, just prior to midnight, the original witness is said to have died of shock shortly after seeing the towering figure whose eyes gleamed with fire. Since then, no further reports have emerged, other than mistaken identities. The entity is said to return every 50 years, and is next due in 2055.

04 July

Tristram Dillington

Location: Knighton Gorges (Isle of Wight) - Knighton Shute

Details: Former owner of the demolished Knighton Manor, Tristram Dillington drives a coach and four horses on the anniversary of his death.

05 July

Old Soldiers

Location: Westonzoyland (Somerset) - Sedgemoor Battlefield

Details: 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

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

10 July

Bride

Location: Chagford (Devon) - Whiddon Park Guest House

Details: Murdered by a former suitor on her wedding day, this bride now returns on that fateful date. Dressed in black, she was seen standing in the doorway of a bedroom here in 1971.

11 July

Fighting Galleons

Location: Breydon Water (Norfolk) - Breydon Water

Details: A fleet of ghostly galleons are said to be seen heading towards Burgh Castle.

17 July

Giant and Bloody Rain

Location: Somerleyton (Norfolk) - Exact location not

known

Details: Somerleyton was once the hunting area of a giant, who is said to briefly appear on the evening of 17 July. The giant once stumbled across a plot to murder him, so struck first and killed the would-be assassin. The assassin's blood is said to rain down from the sky on 19 November.

21 July

Morphing Village

Location: Horning (Norfolk) - General area

Details: Once every five years the village is said to revert back to how it looked several hundred years ago. The next change is due 2011.

27 July

Battlefield

Location: Pitlochry (Perth and Kinross) - Pass of Killiecrankie

Details: 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 was not 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; anyone the ghost touches dies within the year...

28 July

Nun

Location: Borley (Essex) - Sight of Rectory, Nun's Walk

Details: 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.

July

Nun

Location: Exeter (Devon) - Exeter Cathedral

Details: Appearing only around 7pm during July, the nun quickly vanishes once seen. A monk has been reported in the area surrounding the cathedral.

01 August

Animated Queen Anne

Location: SW1 (Greater London) - Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster

Details: 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.

01 August or 02 August

Walking Stone Knights

Location: Ingham (Norfolk) - Church

Details: 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 an Asian soldier in uniform, before walking back.

02 August

King William II

Location: Minstead (Hampshire) - New Forest, the Rufus Stone

Details: 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 (by some accounts)

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13 August

Tom Crocker

Location: Burgh Island (Devon) - Pilchard Inn, and surrounding area

Details: 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

Details: This mournful spirit makes the journey between Rock and South Charlton once a year, marking the death of her husband.

17 August

Pregnant Nun

Location: Clophill (Bedfordshire) - Chicksands Priory (currently owned by the Ministry of Defence)

Details: 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

Details: Chased through the village by an angry ghostly mob, the shade of Bern is said to reach the river before jumping into a boat and making his escape.

22 August (some sources say 11 August)

Figure of a Hooded Person

Location: Maldon (Essex) - Beeleigh Abbey, near Maldon

Details: Just one of many spooky happenings at Beeleigh Abbey, this spook has been observed standing in a corner of the James Room. The entity could be a monk or the ghost of John Gate, who was executed in 1553 for supporting Lady Jane Grey. Either way, it can be heard screaming and crying throughout the building. A poltergeist has also been reported, opening a trapdoor and vibrating beds.

24 August

Waiting Woman

Location: Belaugh (Norfolk) - Riverside

Details: 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

Details: 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.

August

Hanging Highlanders

Location: Newton le Willows (Lancashire) - Hermitage Green Lane

Details: 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.

Joseph Bexfield

Location: Thurlton (Norfolk) - Marshes

Details: 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.

Waving White Lady in a Coach

Location: Hockley (Essex) - Road outside the church

Details: 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.

August, first Monday of the month

Screaming

Location: Cowbridge (Wales) - Pwyllywrach Manor

Details: Cries and screams can be heard from a man who was torn into small pieces by hell hounds once a year.

Between August & September

Victorian Woman

Location: Sudeley (Gloucestershire) - Sudeley Castle

Details: It is always around these two months that a ghostly housemaid is seen cleaning and dusting, dressed in Victorian working garb. She was last seen during the 1970s.

03 September

Devil

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

Details: 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.

08 September

John and Amy

Location: Flordon Tasburgh (Norfolk) - Rainthorpe Hall

Details: In the early evening, a ghostly pair meets in the gardens of the hall. Amy Robsart and John Appleyard were once happily married, but Amy died under mysterious circumstances after her husband grew close to Elizabeth I.

12 September

Janet Dalrymple

Location: Bladnoch (Dumfries and Galloway) - Baldoon Castle ruins

Details: 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

Details: 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

Details: A battle between a pirate ship and two smaller vessels is reenacted once a year.

18 September

Bishop of Brundall on Barge

Location: Brundall (Norfolk) - River

Details: Sailing up the river twice a year, 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

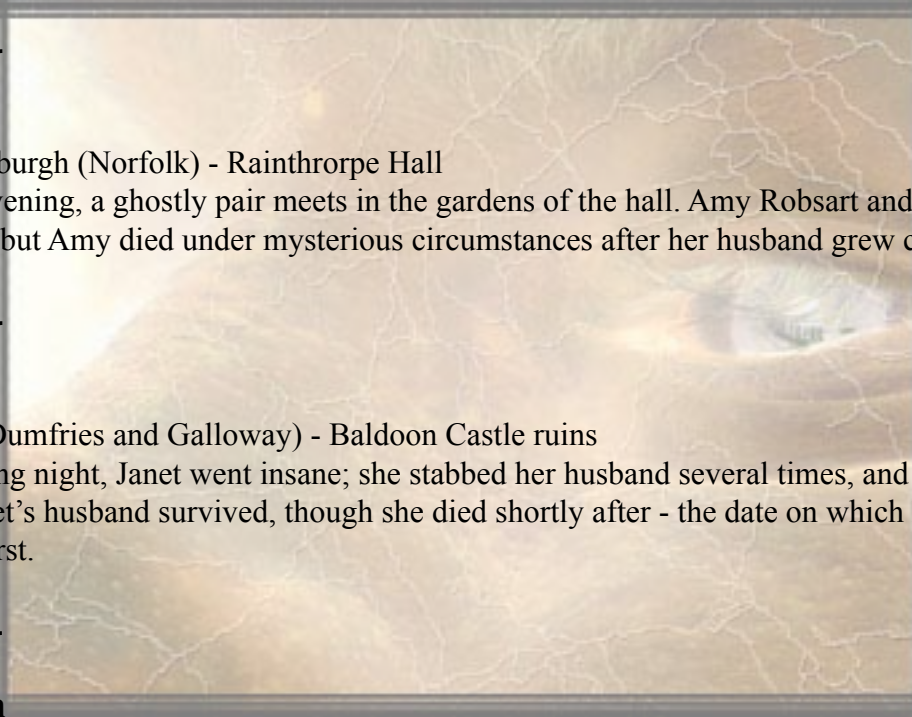
Details: Murdered on orders of his wife Queen Isabella (her fate is documented elsewhere in this database), the anniversary of the King's death is marked by his screams echoing around the castle.

28 September, St Michael's Eve

Sir Walter

Location: Sherborne (Dorset) - Castle

Details: Sir Walter Raleigh is said to appear here once a year, near a tree that was named after him. Other ghosts claimed to haunt the castle include horses and a ghostly child. At one time, it was thought the castle was cursed, as ill fortune befell several of the owners.



September (general)

Lady in Black

Location: Pembroke (Wales) - Manorbier Castle

Details: This feminine figure dressed in black seems to appear near the gatehouse.

Princess Alice

Location: Thamesmead (Kent) - Thames River

Details: 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.

Grenadier Climbing Stairs

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

Details: This young trooper was killed after it was discovered he cheated in a card game in the public house - he only appears in the month of September, as he walks around the building, looking into rooms and pacing along corridors.

Monk

Location: Minster (Kent) - Old Oake Cottage

Details: 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.

Peg Sneddle

Location: Crackenthorpe (Cumbria) - General area

Details: Peg Sneddle, or Elizabeth Sleddall as she was known in life, would manifest prior to a death in the Machell family (she was married to a Machell, but used her maiden name after his premature death). This ceased when her body was hidden under a large rock in the nearby river, though it would reappear every year in September. A phantom coach and four also haunts the same area.

01 October

Screams of Spanish Soldiers

Location: Dun an Oir (Munster) - General area

Details: Over eight hundred Spanish soldiers landed here in 1580, overrunning an English garrison. Spanish reinforcements failed to come, however, and their victory was short lived when more English troops arrived. The Spaniards surrendered, but most were immediately put to death by the enraged English. Their death throes echo around the area on the anniversary of their defeat.

Staring Man

Location: Audlem (Cheshire) - Audlem Road leading to Corbrook Court

Details: This entity was seen twice by the same person, exactly a year separating the sightings, in 2001 and 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
Details: 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 cannon shot.

07 October

White Monk

Location: St Osyth (Essex) - St Osyth's Priory
Details: While legend states that Saint Osyth herself haunts the building once a year, a pale monk has also been spotted walking around at night carrying a candle. One witness reported seeing the ghost of a woman standing by a washing machine while the building was being used as a nursing home, while several new residents to the centre claimed to have watched a procession of monks walk by a window.

09 October

White Horse

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

12 October

Henry's Wives

Location: Hampton Court (Surrey) - Hampton Court Palace
Details: Jane Seymour returns every 12 October (the date she gave birth to her son), while Anne Boleyn, dressed in blue, is said to walk the passageways of the palace. A silently screaming Catherine Howard has been watched moving towards the chapel (on 4 November), where she begged Henry VIII to save her life. A photograph taken in December 2003 reportedly showing a ghostly hooded figure opening a fire escape has been dismissed as a hoax.

13 October

The Mourning Woman

Location: Charfield (Gloucestershire) - Charfield graveyard, memorial to those killed in the Charfield Station rail crash
Details: Her face covered by her hands, this woman is black is widely believed to be the mother of two children killed in a rail disaster which occurred in 1929. Ten people, including the children, who were killed in the train crash could not be formally identified and are buried in a mass grave.

16 October

Black Chrysler Hit by Express

Location: Conington (Cambridgeshire) - Railway junction (8m NE Peterborough)
Details: 1948 saw the tragic death of Colonel Mellows, when he drove his car over the tracks only to be hit by a speeding train at 4pm. Another explanation of the ghosts here says that a lorry of German POWs was hit during World War Two, and that one of these soldiers now haunts the area.

22 October

Black Cat

Location: Poynton Green (Shropshire) - Field in the village
Details: 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, but appears once every ten years at the crash site - it is next due in 2011.

23 October

Battle of Edgehill Repeating

Location: Edgehill (Warwickshire) - Kineton
Details: A bloody battle of the English Civil War, the fighting repeated itself for several successive nights in December 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

Details: 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

Pack of Hounds

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

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

Lady Blunt

Location: Lydiard Millicent (Wiltshire) - Rectory

Details: 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.

31 October

World War One Soldier

Location: Bournemouth (Dorset) - Bournemouth Town Hall

Details: 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.

Leaping Woman

Location: Amble (Northumberland) - Cliffs close to Cliff House

Details: A ghostly woman leaps from these cliffs once a year, fading away before she hits the sea below.

All of Horrors of the Lakes

Location: Keswick (Cumbria) - Ambroth House (no longer standing?)

Details: A local legend says that all the ghosts and spirits that haunt this part of England meet at the house once a year.

Shuck and Friends

Location: Tuamgraney (Munster) - Wooded area

Details: This wooded hollow is particularly haunted around Halloween, when it is said to change into dense woodland with demonic creatures, including a red eyed dogs and rams.

Monk and Author

Location: Hitchin (Hertfordshire) - Minsden Chapel

Details: 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.

Headless Horseman

Location: Ballymena (Ulster) - Road leading to the White Gates, Crebilly Road area

Details: A robber escaping from a house rode into a thin piece of wire tightly pulled between the gateposts here, losing his head in the process. His decapitated shade is either seen or heard at Halloween, still on horseback.

Secret Meeting

Location: Maybole (Ayrshire) - Coves of Culzean

Details: Fairies are reported to gather here for yearly secret planning sessions.

Screaming

Location: Inverurie (Aberdeenshire) - Pittodrie House hotel

Details: The cries for help heard only on Halloween 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.

Sow with Litter

Location: Bransby (Lincolnshire) - Bonnewells Lane

Details: This spectral sow with her young appears along

this lane on Halloween. 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

Details: 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.

Ringing

Location: Armboth Fell (Cumbria) - Thirlmere Lake

Details: The echo of phantom bells have been heard coming from beneath the waters here.

Roll Call

Location: Chirbury (Shropshire) - Church

Details: Those who walk twelve times around the church at midnight on this date shall hear the names of the villagers due to die within the following twelve months.

Returning Maid

Location: Abbots Langley (Hertfordshire) - Churchyard and Vicarage

Details: 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 a vicar's wife.

Lady Hobbington

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

Details: 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 young girl wearing a tartan dress, quietly crying and

looking for her mother.

Lady Fleetwood

Location: Fleetwood (Lancashire) - Rossall School

Details: This pallid woman is reported to traverse the school grounds once a year.

Lantern Bearer

Location: Dacre (Cumbria) - Hawkesdale Hall

Details: Having hanged himself in the hall, this young lad holding a lantern appears on Halloween and walks towards the nearby river Caldew, vanishing into its cold waters.

Black Dog

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

Details: 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: Erith (Kent) - Lesnes Abbey

Details: 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).

Blind Peter

Location: Netley (Hampshire) - Netley Abbey ruins

Details: On Halloween three misty women appear and walk along the ruins walls. The sounds of bells can also be heard on this night. Another presence, Blind Peter, is less choosy on the date on which he appears, and wanders around the ruins of the abbey. There is a legend that a secret underground passage was sealed after the last man to enter it emerged shortly after, screaming 'block it up!' before dropping dead - the passage may be connected to the tales of treasure buried on site.

The Month of October

Knights

Location: Battle (Sussex) - Site of the 1066 Battle of Hastings

Details: 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.

October and November

Man in Black

Location: Dilton Marsh (Wiltshire) - High Street

Details: Wearing long black leather boots and coat with a wide brimmed hat, this phantom man is said to swagger towards the Prince of Wales pub but vanishes just prior to arriving.

Commencing October, lasting for six months

Suicidal Person

Location: Stapleford (Sussex) - Cross Inn

Details: During this six month time span, doors rattle and objects propel themselves through the air. The story is that the disturbance is caused by the ghost of a suicide, though there is no evidence to prove this.

31 October & 2 November

Fire

Location: Warminster (Wiltshire) - Cley Hill

Details: 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.

01 November (All Souls' Eve)

Ghosts of the Future

Location: Middleton (Lancashire) - St Leonard's Church

Details: 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

Details: Once owned by the singer Suzi Quatro, 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, belonging to Sir John Jocelyn, is said to appear once a year riding down the driveway.

03 November

Constantia Screaming

Location: N17 (Greater London) - Bruce Castle

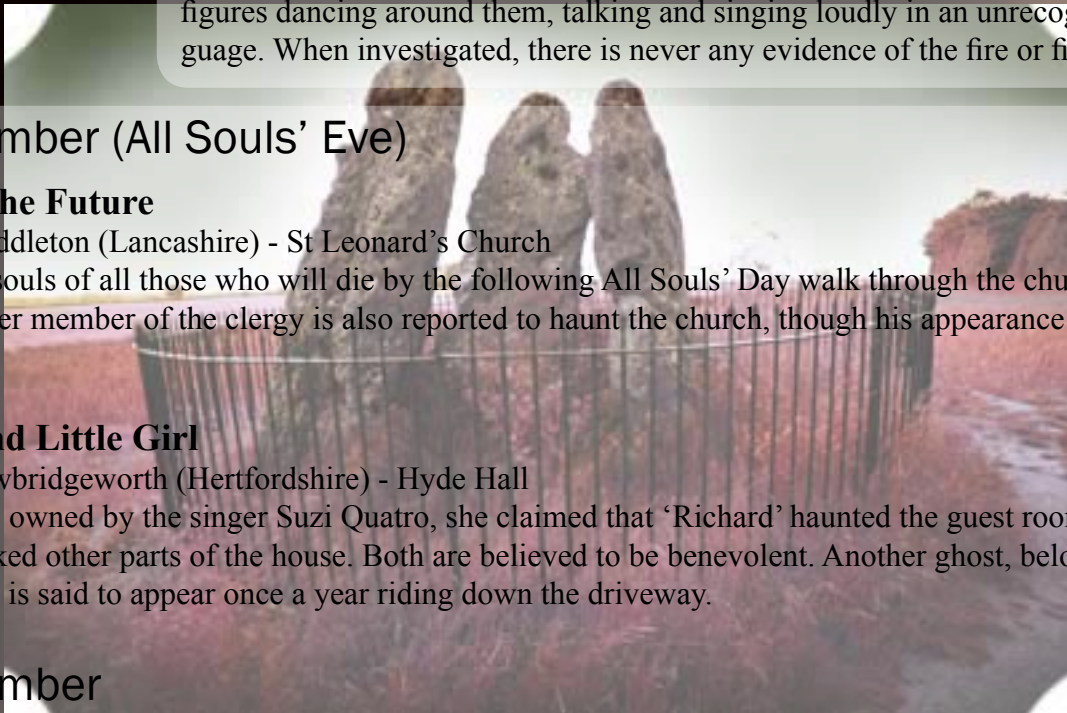
Details: The Lady Coleraine is seen once a year, screaming as she jumps from a balcony trying to escape the possessive nature of her husband. A couple walking past one night during the 1970s witnessed a party occurring on site, complete with people dressed in eighteenth century garb - they realised something was strange, as there was no sound, and the figures appeared to glide...

11 November

Marching Troops

Location: Horley (Surrey) - Thunderfield Castle and Haroldslea Drive area

Details: 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 area. The castle is said to have been a resting place for King Harold's men as they marched to Hastings.



4 November

Henry's Wives

Location: Hampton Court (Surrey) - Hampton Court Palace

Details: Jane Seymour returns every 12 October (the date she gave birth to her son), while Anne Boleyn, dressed in blue, is said to walk the passageways of the palace. A silently screaming Catherine Howard has been watched moving towards the chapel (on 4 November), where she begged Henry VIII to save her life. A photograph taken in December 2003 reportedly showing a ghostly hooded figure opening a fire escape has been dismissed as a hoax.

13 November

Grey Nun

Location: Outer London: Stanmore (Greater London) - Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital

Details: Built on the site of a nunnery, the hospital is now visited by a gliding figure that is thought to come from the former building.

19 November

Giant and Bloody Rain

Location: Somerleyton (Norfolk) - Exact location not known

Details: Somerleyton was once the hunting area of a giant, who is said to briefly appear on the evening of 17 July. The giant once stumbled across a plot to murder him, so struck first and killed the would-be assassin. The assassin's blood is said to rain down from the sky on 19 November.

23 November (St Clement's night)

Cries

Location: Pyecombe (Sussex) - General area of village

Details: Cries for help are said to come from the area where the village smith was once based.

29 November

Sleeping Sentry

Location: Kilkenny (Leinster) - Foulksrath Castle

Details: A guard at the castle once fell asleep while on duty, and was thrown from the battlements as punishment. Once a year, his footsteps are heard as he walks around to make amends for his inappropriate actions. A ghostly woman can also be heard as she moves around on a staircase, and is accompanied by the smell of wild flowers.

30 November (St Andrew's Day)

Sunken Church

Location: Romford (Essex) - Old Church Road

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

November (general)

Mr Goddard

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

Details: 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

Details: 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

Details: 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. He is said to appear one night in November, but which one no one can say...

Weeks leading up to Christmas

Black Coach

Location: Outer London: Enfield (Greater London) - Bell Lane, Enfield

Details: A popular local story tells of the Phantom Coach of Enfield, flying two metres off the ground where the road once lay. Seen a couple of times in the twentieth century, lastly in November 1961, the ghostly passengers are said to be quite clear and distinct. A 14 year old boy cycling over a railway bridge in Hoe Lane (an extension of Bell lane) claimed to have passed through the apparition.

04 December

Cries of the Trapped

Location: SE13 (Greater London) - Lewisham Station, & St Johns area

Details: A crash in 1957, caused partly by fog, killed ninety people and injured over one hundred. It is their cries which 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

Details: 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 if 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

Details: The site of a murder on a distant 20th December has resulting in the ghostly footsteps coming down the attic stairs in this pub

23 December

Battle of Edgehill Repeating

Location: Edgehill (Warwickshire) - Kineton

Details: 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.

24 December

Coach

Location: Holford (Somerset) - Normansland driveway

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

Sound of Silver

Location: Evesham (Hereford & Worcester) - River

Details: Hidden in the river when the local abbey was closed for business in 1539, the silver bells still sing their song around Christmas.

Farm Girl

Location: Brough (Derbyshire) - Traveller's Rest public house

Details: The pub is haunted by a local farm girl who died after falling down the stairs trying to escape a drunken labourer on Christmas Eve. A phantom woman in black has also been seen drifting around the inn holding a large set of old fashioned keys.

Screaming Horses

Location: Wythall (West Midlands) - Black Greve Farm

Details: 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.

Sound of Hooves & Screams

Location: Kempston (Bedfordshire) - Kempston Manor (currently office space)

Details: Once a family home, local legend has it that a child ran out of the manor to meet his mother and father who were returning for Christmas in a horse-drawn coach. The child was hit by the horses and died of his injuries. The anniversary of the event is marked by the reoccurring sounds of the tragedy.

Harp Player

Location: Stubble (Derbyshire) - Stubble Old Hall

Details: 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.

Anne Boleyn

Location: Hever (Kent) - Bridge over the Eden

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

Lost Lady

Location: Brigg (Lincolnshire) - General area

Details: 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.

Abigail in her Carriage

Location: High Laver (Essex) - Main road through village

Details: Abigail Masham spent her remaining years in the village. Her residence now gone, she passes through the village in a carriage to have a quick look at where her house once stood before disappearing.

Headless Horseman

Location: Beccles (Suffolk) - Roos Hall driveway

Details: Pulled by headless horses, a coach is said to arrive by the front door every Christmas Eve. A local legend says that on an inside wall of the hall, in a bedroom cupboard, there is the imprint of the Devil's hoof branded into solid brick. Another tale says there is a window at the hall which always opens itself, even if locked shut.

White lady

Location: Worstead (Norfolk) - Church

Details: Legend says this lady has scared to death at least one young bell ringer. Poltergeist activity has also been reported, around the 1950's.

Lost Bell

Location: Shrewsbury (Shropshire) - Bomere Pool

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

Farmer on Pony Back

Location: Egremont (Cumbria) - Tarpot area

Details: 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.

Black Tom of Scothill

Location: Dewsbury (Yorkshire) - Dewsbury Parish

Church

Details: Black Tom is the name of the bell in the church, and is toiled the number of the year (ie, in 2006 it was toiled 2006 times) to ensure Old Nick doesn't visit the village during the following twelve months. The last peal has to occur on the stroke of midnight to ensure success.

Radley

Location: Halam (Nottinghamshire) - Valley southeast of village

Details: The buried village of Radley is hidden somewhere in this area, and long vanished church bells can be heard on Christmas Eve.

Grey Monk

Location: Salford (Lancashire) - Kersal Cell

Details: The misty shade of a monk appears but once a year.

Sir Geoffrey de Mandeville

Location: East Barnet (Hertfordshire) - Oak Hill Park

Details: Sir Geoffrey, complete with red cloak and jangling spurs, appears here on horseback and heads towards the church to disappear through its wall. Even though the ghost is said to appear every six years on Christmas Eve (the next is due 2010), the last verified sighting of Sir Geoffrey was on 17 December 1932.

Lady Ursula

Location: Madingley (Cambridgeshire) - Madingley Hall

Details: 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

Details: Any listener here between 11pm and midnight is said to hear footsteps marching up and down a passageway. 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.

Dickens

Location: Rochester (Kent) - Castle

Details: Charles Dickens's ghost reportedly haunts the moat; he has been seen both here and at the Corn Exchange clock.

25 December

Betsy Jane

Location: Solway Firth (Dumfries and Galloway) - Waters of

Details: 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 at other times of the year, normally as a warning prior to a major disaster at sea. A hearty mix of other spectral vessels has also been reported.

Butterfly

Location: Bath (Somerset) - Theatre Royal & Garrick's Head Hotel

Details: A ghostly butterfly is also reported to haunt the theatre, manifesting briefly once a year.

Breathing & Hollow Footsteps

Location: Sandringham (Norfolk) - Country House

Details: 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.

Shadowy Figure

Location: Boughton Green (Northamptonshire) - St John the Baptist church ruins

Details: 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 gender of the witness, and asks them for a kiss. If it is given, the kisser is doomed to die within a month. This is said to have last happened to a man called William Parker on Christmas Eve 1875; after meeting a red headed girl at the church who faded away shortly after engaging with her, William died exactly one month later.

Lillie Langtry

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

Details: 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.

Jolly Monk

Location: Wonersh (Surrey) - Grantley Arms public house

Details: This figure once appeared every Christmastime, though has kept his head down over recent years (maybe as he was said to have been exorcised by a Roman Catholic barmaid).

Chained Monk

Location: SW1 (Greater London) - Buckingham Palace

Details: 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.

Final Bear

Location: Fernhurst (Sussex) - Ruins of Verdley Castle

Details: 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.

Monk

Location: Strata Florida (Wales) - Former site of abbey

Details: This phantom devotee of God returns to his old home once a year and tries to rebuild the altar.

Kids

Location: WC2 (Greater London) - Courtts Bank

Details: 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.

Little Girl with Rag Doll

Location: Exeter (Devon) - Prospect Inn

Details: 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.

Middle Aged Man

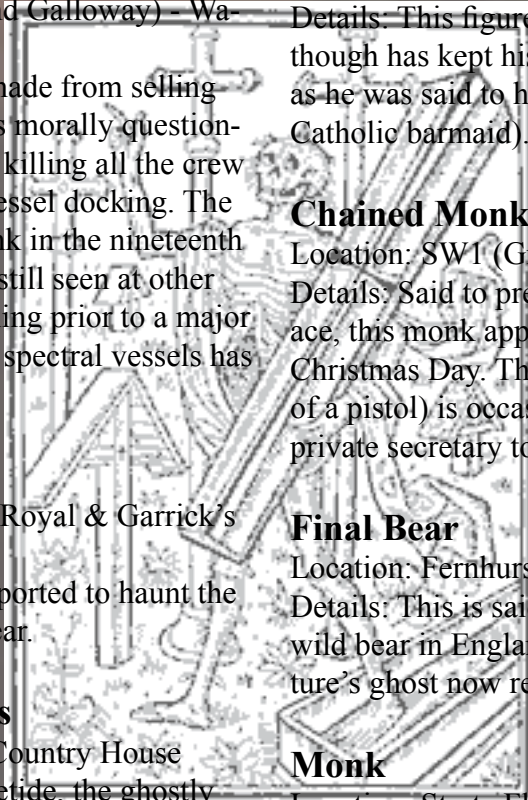
Location: Oldham (Lancashire) - Temperance Hall, next to the Colosseum Theatre

Details: 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) - Dunkenhall Hall (currently a hotel?) and nearby bridge

Details: A former maid at the hall, Lucette fell pregnant after a torrid affair with the master - he was not interested in her long term future, so Lucette took her own life.



The maid's misty white form now comes back around Christmas to remind others of her fate.

Moaning

Location: Broughton (Northamptonshire) - Church of St John

Details: A criminal once held here has returned as an indistinct shadow, softly moaning in pain and regret, always around the Christmas period.

Monk with No Legs

Location: Cranham (Essex) - St Mary's Lane

Details: This ghost is said to float silently across the road, and was last reported during the 1970s.

Petrified Thief

Location: Llandyfydog (Wales) - Just outside the vil-

lage - Carreg Lleidr (Robber's Stone)

Details: Legend has it that an oddly shaped stone here was a thief who stole a bible, and while carrying it over his shoulder, was turned to rock. Every Christmas the stone runs three times around the field in which it stands.

Game of Shinty

Location: Dalarossie, Inverness (Highland) - Land near the local church

Details: 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 when the 25 December falls on a Sunday.

Between 25 December - 6 January

Phantom Runner

Location: Bolton (Lancashire) - Hall i' th' Wood Manor House

Details: Always heard but never seen, this spook frequents the old staircase, the footsteps always rushing. Other ghosts reported here include an old woman seen in the kitchen and two men, one dressed in black and the other green.

27 December (St John's Eve)

St Thomas of Canterbury

Location: Lapford (Devon) - Road through village

Details: This figure appears once a year, passing through the village on horseback.

28 December

Glowing Train with Red Lights

Location: Wormit (Fife) - Tay Bridge

Details: 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

Details: This gallant looking figure rides up to the church, enters the building and briefly prays at the altar before vanishing again until another year goes by.

31 December

Coach and Horses

Location: Wickford (Essex) - Runwell Hall (no longer standing)

Details: 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. A similar story says that Anne Boleyn travels in a coach along the roads in the area of the Hall around the same time of year.

Scarlet Rider

Location: Bramhall (Stockport) (Cheshire) - Bramhall Hall

Details: 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.

Man on Black Horse

Location: Ranworth (Norfolk) - Neighbourhood of Ranworth Broad

Details: Locals tell of an unknown man on a black horse that is believed to haunt the area. The devil is seen riding across the broad every 31 December; under his arm is the soul of a Colonel who had dared hunt on the Sabbath.

Horse & Dog

Location: Penselwood (Wiltshire) - Sloane Track - between Penselwood and Stourton

Details: A man who wagered that he could cross the track in record time fell from his horse and snapped his neck. The man on horseback, now minus a head, with a hound in tow, now tries again and again to make the journey once a year.

Coach and Four

Location: Wadebridge (Cornwall) - Molesworth Arms Hotel

Details: Materialising in the courtyard, this phantom coach driven by a decapitated coachman leaves via the hallway. While some people are said to have seen

the apparition, others can only hear it pass by.

Horse Drawn

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

Details: Moving at breakneck speed, this coach leaves the park just before midnight on the last day of the year.

Green Hunter

Location: Fawsley (Northamptonshire) - Dower House

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

John Bibby

Location: Bootle (Lancashire) - Peel Road

Details: Since (allegedly) once a year, Bibby rides his coach with his decapitated head in his lap.

House Party

Location: Downend (Isle of Wight) - Area near Knighton Gorges

Details: A large black knight on horseback is still occasionally seen on New Year's Eve.

Laird Beardie

Location: Moonzie

Moonzie, Fife (Fife) - Lordscairnie Castle

Details: Beardie played cards against the Devil and lost - the fateful game is now replayed 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.

Leaping Shadow

Location: SW1 (Greater London) - Westminster Bridge

Details: Just as a 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.



December (general)

Wailing

Location: Steyning (Sussex) - Bramber Castle

Details: 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.

Hungry Children

Location: Steyning (Sussex) - Bramber Castle

Details: 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.

Drowning Duchess

Location: Bristol (Somerset) - Duchess Lake, Purdown

Details: A now forgotten duchess once drowned in the icy waters of this lake - the scene was known to re-play once per year, but unfortunately the existing lake is not the original; the M32 motorway was built over the top of the waters, and the exact time of her manifestation is forgotten.

Dark Horseman

Location: Ellistoun (Renfrewshire) - Ellistoun Castle

Details: Possessing a grinning skull barren of flesh, this dark horseman and his black steed gallop furiously down muddy paths, towards the nearby waterfalls.

Fighting Armies

Location: East Lulworth (Dorset) - Flower's Barrow and Grange Hill

Details: The ghostly figures found here when Britain is at war generate screams, horses and the clashing of swords as they move over the hills overlooking the coast. The apparitions are said to have last appeared during the Second World War.

King John's Hounds Return

Location: Purse Caundle (Dorset) - Purse Caundle Manor

Details: On New Year's Eve, this pack of devil dogs is let loose in the neighbourhood. Sounds of ghostly plainchant have been heard coming from the manor house.

Weather Dependent Events

After a storm

Headless Horses

Location: Long Compton (Warwickshire) - Long Compton Hill

Details: A coach pulled by six headless horses is said to travel up the hill. There are also vague reports of a shuck-like dog that runs in the same area. Another ghost, that of a scary old woman with matted black hair, was also reported here in 1973.

Before stormy weather

Storm Warning

Location: Zennor (Cornwall) - Tinner's Arms

Details: This poltergeist could be little more than faulty wiring, as it only becomes active just before the area is hit by electrical storms.

Suicidal Screams

Location: Gwithian (Cornwall) - Hell's Mouth

Details: A man once killed himself by leaping off the cliffs after he found his home burnt to the ground and his sister missing. His screams bounce off of the steep cliff sides as stormy weather approaches.

Isobel

Location: Fraserburgh (Aberdeenshire) - Kinnaird Head Castle

Details: Isobel killed herself after she discovered her father had drowned her secret lover in a cave along the coast line, having chained him to a rock while a storm raised the water level over its norm. A sighting of her shade now denotes incoming bad weather.

Stolen Bell

Location: St David's (Wales) - Cathedral and Whitesand Bay

Details: The largest bell was stolen from the building by imps disguised as men, and transported out to sea where it was dropped into the Whitesand Bay. The bell still rings just before a storm, as a warning to nearby fishermen to return home.

Calm nights

Swallowed Sounds

Location: Aberdyfi (Wales) - Off coast

Details: The bells of a church which was swallowed by the sea can sometimes be heard when the weather is right.

Clear moonlit nights

Decapitated Horseman

Location: Bristol (Somerset) - Ashton Court Estate

Details: Ashton Court is best known for its ghostly headless horseman who rides out on clear nights, though there are also reports of grey ladies and a phantom hound.

Clear nights

Black Aggie

Location: Dunbar (Lothian) - Dunbar Castle

Details: This flitting ghost has been spotted around the ruins of Dunbar castle.

Grey Lady

Location: Ruthin (Wales) - Ruthin Castle (hotel)

Details: This spook was married to a fifteenth century steward at the castle - she decapitated her husband when she discovered him with a younger woman. In turn, she was beheaded for the act of revenge, and now makes fleeting appearances at the former fortress. A man in armour is also occasionally reported.

Cold winter nights

Red Eyed Sailor

Location: Faversham (Kent) - Shipwrights Arms public house

Details: Having died as a result of a shipping accident, the phantom sailor now appears on icy nights. His favourite trick is to open the front door and walk in, only to disappear moments later, leaving only a strange disconcerting odour.

Dark stormy nights

Thirsty Stones

Location: Llanrhidian (Wales) - Arthur's Stone (cromlech)

Details: The stones here are said to animate when the weather is right and there are no human witnesses, to head off and drink from the nearby waters. A ghostly knight in glowing armour also haunts the area; drifting out from under the rocks and heading north on nights of a full moon.

Square Cabell

Location: Buckfastleigh (Devon) - Church, the Cabell Tomb

Details: When the weather is right, the squire emerges from his tomb and, together with a pack of hounds, sets off across the nearby moor. Many believe that it is this legend that Hound of the Baskervilles is based upon. A local legend says if one runs around the tomb thirteen times before sticking a finger in the keyhole, the ghost can be felt licking the tip.

Hand

Location: Dovenby (Cumbria) - Wooded area on road between village and Tallentire

Details: A disembodied hand is reported to reach out from the trees and push passing cyclists from their bikes.

Phantom Jaywalker

Location: Pebmarsh (Essex) - Hanner Monk's Hill

Details: This fleeting form is seen dashing across the road when the weather is right. It is thought to be the ghost of Hanner Monk, though it is not clear if the man died on the road or elsewhere.

Dark, moonless nights

Boots Made for Walking

Location: Besford (Hereford & Worcester) -

Church Farm, local field named Dog Kennel Piece

Details: A kennelman was sent by his master to discover what was upsetting a pack of hounds once kept here. He never returned, and come morning his body was found torn apart by the dogs with only his boots untouched. A ghostly form of the footwear now stomps around the field at night, while the sound of howling hounds drift in the wind.

During thunderstorms

Biplane

Location: Weybridge (Surrey) - Skies over the town

Details: The plane was blown out of the sky in during a storm in the mid 1930s - now when the weather conditions are bad, the aircraft can be heard struggling in the wind.

Arguing Men

Location: Hardraw Scar (Yorkshire) - Waterfall

Details: The cries and shouts of three men can be heard here during thunderstorms - it was in such weather that the former friends first fought during their lives, which resulted in the death of one of them.

Foggy nights

Treasure Hunter

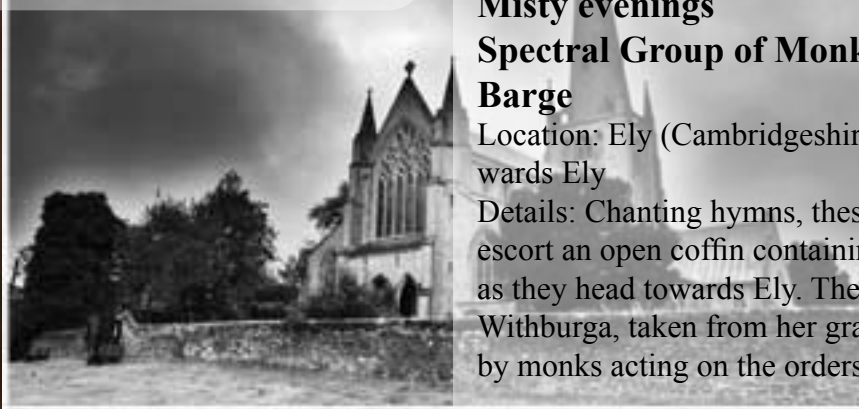
Location: Higher Combe (Somerset) - The Caratacus Stone, just outside the village

Details: The jutting rock is said to have treasure concealed beneath it, though it is now protected by the ghost of a man who tried to remove the stone to find the hidden wealth - his body was found crushed under the stone.

David Bowen

Location: Aberhowy (Wales) - Road to village from Cardigan Bay

Details: The ghost of David on his push bike is said to guide people along the road when the weather is densely foggy and dangerous. Bowen lost his son in an automobile accident on such a night, and now tries to ensure such a tragedy never happens again. The last sighting may have been in 1956.



Foggy weather

Nance

Location: Sheriff Hutton (Yorkshire) - Area near the A64 York / London road

Details: The young lady Nance has been seen standing on the side of the road holding her young baby - she died in the area after being deserted and left penniless by the child's father. It is thought she helps those lost and in peril.

Steam Locomotive

Location: Elsham (Lincolnshire) - Ancholme Bridge

Details: Said to reappear in the same spot since an accident in the 1920s which killed four people, this large steam locomotive gently glows in its foggy environment.

Misty evenings

Spectral Group of Monks Crewing a Barge

Location: Ely (Cambridgeshire) - River Ouse towards Ely

Details: Chanting hymns, these ghosts are said to escort an open coffin containing a body of a woman as they head towards Ely. The body is that of Saint Withburga, taken from her grave at East Dereham by monks acting on the orders of the Abbot of Ely.

Woman with Child

Location: York (Yorkshire) - A64 Malton Road

Details: This tragic figure, possibly murdered by her highwayman boyfriend, now appears on misty or foggy evenings.

Misty nights

Silent Stagecoach

Location: Chalfont St Peter (Buckinghamshire) - Amersham Road and Greyhound Inn

Details: An old fashioned stagecoach pulled by a team of ghostly horses passes along this road and vanishes as it pulls up at the Greyhound Inn.

Heard's Lantern

Location: Alderfen Broad (Norfolk) - Marshland between Alderfen and Neatishead, known as Heard's Holde

Details: The ghost of Heard, a man who was drowned after committing heinous crimes, would wave his lantern on misty evenings, trying to lure the unwary into the marshes. The phantom was finally trapped in a bottle by three men reading scripture.

Loping Phantom Dog

Location: Hockley (Essex) - Road between Hockley and parish church

Details: Appearing on misty nights, those who see the dog are said to die before the end of the year. One witness walking home on a dark night fainted after a large black dog appeared by her side, disappearing into thin air several minutes later. It is not known if she suffered the fate that legend dictates.

David Davies

Location: Dartmoor (Devon) - Prison

Details: Davies tended to the prison sheep between 1869 and 1929. He died soon after being released, but his ghost returned, walking the prison grounds on misty nights. The prison is also haunted by French PoWs from the Napoleonic wars, while some inmates believe jackdaws which fly around the area contain the souls of dead staff.

Misty weather

Highlander with Hounds

Location: Corrieairack Pass (Highland) - Bridge over a stream

Details: This shade is said to guide people to the bridge when the weather becomes treacherous.

Misty, rainy conditions

Scottie of Tidworth

Location: North Tidworth (Wiltshire) - Road opposite to the military barracks

Details: This figure, thought to be either a Scotsman in a kilt or a Roman legionnaire, stands over six foot tall and only appears in low visibility.

Prior to snow

Chanting Monks

Location: Ware (Hertfordshire) - Amwellbury House

Details: These phantom monks were said to materialise and chant on the property, the evening before snow would lie.

Snowy nights

Naked Lady Hamilton of Bothwellhaugh

Location: Edinburgh (Lothian) - Woodhouse Lee (or Woodhouslee) ruins and meadow, on the outskirts of the city

Details: After her husband's castle was taken by force, Lady Hamilton was banished into the cold winter night without clothing - needless to say, she froze to death soon after. Her naked shade has been reported in the area, though it never leaves any prints in the fresh snow. Some say she holds the body of her dead child.

Stormy autumn nights

Crying Child

Location: Baldock (Hertfordshire) - Hinxworth Place

Details: 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 through the ages.

Stormy nights

Sobbing

Location: Moelfre (Wales) - The Druids' Circle

Details: Cries, sobs and loud moans are heard from the Stone of Sacrifice on certain nights of the year.

During a witches meeting in the dim and distant past, this particular stone communicated with the pagan group - two of the women dropped dead on the spot, while a third went mad.

Laird on Horseback

Location: Maxton (Borders) - Littledean Tower

Details: Killed by a local witch, this former owner of the tower can be seen riding his mare, lost on the barren land.

Murderer Begging for Mercy

Location: Dartmoor (Devon) - Gibbet Hill, Black Down

Details: One fellow was hung in the gibbet while still alive - it took many days for him to slowly die of thirst. His voice is occasionally heard begging for someone to kill him.

Wallace

Location: Ardrossan (Ayrshire) - Castle Hill

Details: An old haunt during his life, it is only fitting it should become one for Sir William Wallace after death.

Pointsman

Location: Bispham (Lancashire) - Rail tracks

Details: Swinging his lantern, this ghostly lone figure walks slowly along the tracks.

Stormy weather

Dashing Lady

Location: Crowborough (Sussex) - Alice Bright Lane

Details: A young woman was found drowned in a stream along this lane early in the twentieth century - now when the weather is right, her shade is seen running down the road in the conditions which lead to her accident.

Phantom Army

Location: Deeside (Wales) - Ewloe Castle

Details: Aside from the occasional ghostly echo of marching soldiers, a soft singing can be heard as the rain and wind knock against the castle.

Sound of Stones

Location: Sheringham (Norfolk) - Cliffs

Details: The bodies of twelve sailors were buried in a gap in the cliffs along here; the bodies were covered with stones and left, rather than being taken to the nearby church. Now when the weather is right, the sound of the bodies being buried can be heard.

Kilmigrol

Location: Blackpool (Lancashire) - Off the coast

Details: A town lost off the coast of Blackpool many years ago, the bells can be heard ringing on stormy nights.

Rebecca

Location: Horton (Yorkshire) - Bracken Hall, village green, and surrounding moor land

Details: Murdered the day before her wedding by her fiancée, Rebecca now appears in her white dress in protest to her rough treatment.

White Horse of Clumly

Location: Hestwall (Orkney) - Clumly Farm

Details: Both horse and rider were killed in an accident as they galloped back home, the rider having just disposed of a body. Now the pair only appear when the environment is right.

Gallop

Location: St Just (Cornwall) - Road between St Just & Tregeseal

Details: The sounds of horses pulling a carriage have been reported coming from this stretch of road during stormy nights.

Stormy, moonlit nights

Barbara Villiers

Location: W5 (Greater London) - Walpole House, Chiswick Mall

Details: Barbara was once a beautiful young lady, until she contracted a disease that swelled her body to a huge size - her bitter shade now walks the house, acting threateningly towards any who see her.

Wet winter nights

Fast Moving Old Lady

Location: Farnham (Surrey) - West Street

Details: Limping, this OAP runs by witnesses at a rate of knots 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.

Windy days

Drummer

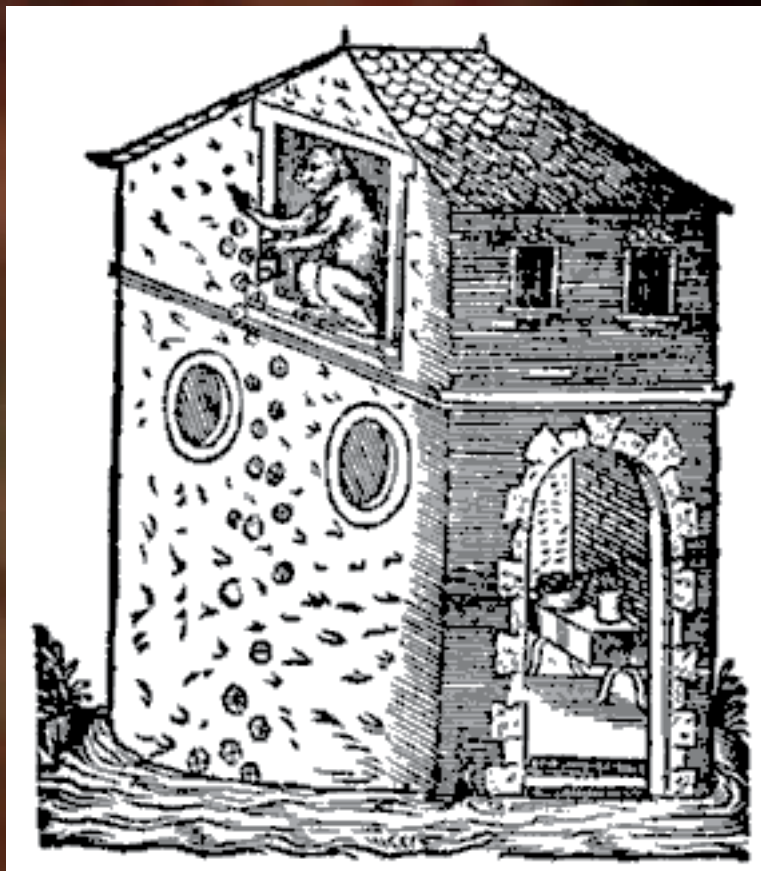
Location: Marston Moretaine (Bedfordshire) - General area

Details: During a Civil War skirmish, the cavaliers retreated into a tunnel that led from the church to the rectory. Rather than follow them in, roundhead troops sealed both ends of the tunnel. The trapped cavaliers slowly died and the last sounds heard were of the drummer boy beating his drum. His instrument is supposed to be still heard beating in the village on windy days.

Jack Aitken

Location: Portsmouth (Hampshire) - Harbour area

Details: Hanged for attempting to commit arson in a naval dockyard, Aitken's body was then displayed in a gibbet - the chains of which can still be heard clinking in the wind.





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