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JANUARY

01 January

Andrew Mills

Location: Ferryhill (Parish of Merrington) (Durham) - Brass Farm, now known as High Hill House farm

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Jamaican Woman

Location: Ireby (Cumbria) - Overwater Hotel

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Walking Stone

Location: Reynoldston (Wales) - Arthur's Stone

Type: Legend

Further Comments: A legend says the stone walks down to the sea once a year for a quick drink.

05 January

Squire Surtees

Location: Kingston St Mary (Somerset) - Tainfield House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

14 January

Crying Lady

Location: West Deeping (Lincolnshire) - Church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The date of this woman's death is marked by her phantom sobs heard emanating from the church. Her husband was so

distressed by the death that he took his own life the following day.

15 January

Upset Husband

Location: Tallington (Lincolnshire) - Footbridge over the railway line

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: After the death of his wife, this grief-stricken individual jumped from the footbridge over the railway tracks 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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Spitfire

Location: Biggin Hill (Kent) - Biggin Hill Airport & village

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Observed flying overhead, and sometimes heard, a phantom Spitfire haunts the skies of Biggin Hill - January would appear to have become its favourite haunting month. Airmen dressed in trench coats have been reported in the village; they stop people and ask directions before disappearing.

20 January

Lady Mohun

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

25 January

Smith on Horseback

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Opening Gates

Location: Stroud (Gloucestershire) - Manor House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Also in January

Rushing Horseman

Location: East Malling (Kent) - Barming Woods

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This figure has been both seen and heard as he darts around trees and over roads. In 1971, one witness said the entity charged towards their car, disappearing on impact.

FEBRUARY

13 February

Clan MacDonald

Location: Glencoe (Argyll and Bute) - General area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

24 February

Something Down There

Location: Northrepps (Norfolk) - Shrieking Pit, along a lane off Hungry Hill

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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

Type: Curse

Further Comments: 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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

28 February

White Lady

Location: Hathersage (Derbyshire) - Vicarage

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Also in February

Skater of Hickling Broad

Location: Potter Heigham (Norfolk) - River Thurne

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

MARCH

01 March

Hymns

Location: St David's - St Nonna's church ruins

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

the banks of the river on the date of her death.

22 March

Misty Figure

Location: Ayr - Tower of St John's

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

29 March

Old Soldiers

Location: Alresford - Cheriton battlefield

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

During Easter...

Hounds All Black and Wide-Eyed

Location: Peterborough - In all the

woods between Stamford and Peterborough

Type: Legend

Further Comments: These woods were the scene of a wild hunt, which included large black hounds and loathsome riders on the backs of mares and goats.

Incense

Location: Broadhempston - Church House Inn

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Once a cottage for monks, the sweet smell is thought to come from the long dead monks celebrating their festivals.

The Black Abbot

Location: Prestbury - Church and churchyard

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Priest with Young Girl

Location: Holme Hale - Hall's Green Room

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Molly Tape

Location: Hurst - Road between village and Hinton, Tape Lane

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Date / Time: Easter

Further Comments: This shade made local news in 1971 when she appeared drifting down the road wearing very little in the way of clothing. It is thought that the woman hanged herself from a tree in the lane following a disastrous romantic engagement with a farmer.

Mermaid

Location: Rostherne Mere - General area

Type: Cryptozoology

Further Comments: Her motivation unknown, this mermaid returns once a year on Easter Sunday to ring a bell hidden deep underwater and sing.

Another Mermaid

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

Type: Legend

Date / Time: Every midnight, the eve of Easter Sunday

Further Comments: Anyone who sees the creature is said to gain immortality. One man who came here once a year lived to be 104!

HMS Gladiator

Location: Colwell Bay - Off the coast

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Faces of the Dead

Location: Cerne Abbas - St Austin's Well, aka Silver Well

Type: Legend

Further Comments: Anyone looking into the waters of the well in the early hours of Easter morning will see the faces of those fated to die within a year. Women who drink the water and pray to St Catherine will soon be married.

Throughout Spring...

Roman Legion

Location: Longdendale Valley - Bleaklow Mountain

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This long dead legion is said to march across the moor on the first full moon of Spring, carrying glowing torches; they set off from Melandra, old Roman fortification near Glossop. Another report states that the area is haunted by a giant grey man, standing at least 10 meters tall.

MARCH

Small French Man

Location: Smarden - The Chequers Inn

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Voice of Lord Marney

Location: Layer Marney - Layer Marney Church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Horatio Nelson

Location: WC2 - Somerset House, Strand

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Seen striding towards his former office, Nelson always vanishes before he can be approached.

Screaming Groom

Location: Nannau - Mules Well

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The seasonal sounds of screaming can be heard in this location, dating back from when a young groom was killed when the horse he was tending panicked and trampled the man to death.

APRIL

02 April

Viking Raiders

Location: Ludham (Norfolk) - Ludham Bridge

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

07 April

Burge's Pooling Blood

Location: Acle (Norfolk) - Bridge

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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 once - returning to kill his murderer.

09 April

Elderly Lady

Location: Newport (Isle of Wight) - Orme

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

12 April

Bleeding Stone

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

Type: Other

Further Comments: Once a year this gravestone is reported to leak blood - Richard was murdered by an army recruiting sergeant in 1727. 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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

24 April (St Mark's Eve)

George Marsh

Location: Bolton (Lancashire) - Smithills Hall (aka Smithells Hall)

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

The Not Quite Dead

Location: Whittlesford (Cambridgeshire) - Churchyard

Type: Manifestation of the Living

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

The Future Dead

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

Type: Manifestation of the Living

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

26 April

Kate, her Lover and her Father

Location: Poundstock (Cornwall) - Penfound Manor

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

27 April

Sounds of Fighting

Location: Burgh Castle (Norfolk) - Roman castle

Type: Environmental Manifestation

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

30 April

Dancing Statues

Location: Burrough Green (Cambridgeshire) - School and village green

Type: Legend

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

Also in April...

HMS Gladiator

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

MAY

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

01 May

Phantom Coach

Location: Buxton (Norfolk) - Bridge

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Phantom Coach

Location: Coltishall (Norfolk) - Bridge

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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. The Black Shack is also reputed to cross this bridge once per night.

Sir Thomas

Location: Hautbois (Norfolk) - Bridge

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Phantom Coach

Location: Oxnead (Norfolk) - Oxnead Bridge

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Coach

Location: Meyton (Suffolk) - The two bridges in the area

21 May

Henry VI

Location: EC3 (Greater London) - Tower of London, the Wakefield Tower

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

25 May

Monk, Betrayer of the Abbey

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Battle

Location: Lewes (Sussex) - Offham Hill

Type: Environmental Manifestation

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

27 May

Margaret's Execution

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Refusing to kneel before the axeman, Margaret Pole was chased around the area and hacked to

death by him instead. This horrid scene has been witnessed several times, as have the spirits of Anne Boleyn and Lady Jane Grey.

28 May

Redhead

Location: Southwold (Suffolk) - Sutherland House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This young red haired woman is reported to wait for the return of Lord Sandwich, who was killed in a naval 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

Lady Waving Handkerchief

Location: Dundee (Angus) - Claypotts Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Wolfhound Howls and Doom Follows

Location: Southerly (Cambridgeshire) - Near ruins east of the town

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

30 May

Blue Lights Dance

Location: Bawberg (Norfolk) - Bawberg Church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

31 May

Small Man with Slit Throat

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Sinking Coach

Location: Antrim (Ulster) - Antrim Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Mustard Coloured Coach

Location: Theydon Bois (Essex) - Hill Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

JUNE

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A local celebrity, Lily fell to her death from a hot air balloon in the early part of the twentieth century, and now returns to the pub on the day she died.

01 June

Hairy Earth

Location: Wistow (Leicestershire) - Wistow's Grave

Type: Legend

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

Woman's Singing

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

02 June

Ammunition Train

Location: Soham (Cambridgeshire) - Approach to the station

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

10 June

Lily Cove

Location: Haworth (Yorkshire) - Old White Lion public house, Main Street

13 June

Children's Paradise

Location: Horsey (Norfolk) - Horsey Mere

Type: Legend

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

14 June

Old Lady

Location: Sevenoaks (Kent) - Maidstone Road

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Killed in a road traffic accident in 1959, this ghostly old lady 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

Naseby

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

15 June

Goring the Cavalier

Location: Hitchin (Hertfordshire) - Hitchin Priory

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Killed by Roundheads a few miles down the road during the civil war, the ghost of Goring continues onwards to his

earthly destination once a year. A grey lady has also been spotted in the grounds of the priory.

19 June

Piper

Location: Glen Esk (Angus) - Waters of Lochlee

Type: Fairy

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

20 June

Sprites & Pixies

Location: Ballona (Isle of Man) - Ballona

Bridge

Type: Fairy

Further Comments: On this day the fairy population comes out in force. If they are not acknowledged by any one crossing the bridge, the fairy folk have no hesitation in making their presence felt.

Hessian Cavalry

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

King Arthur

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

North Barrow and South Barrow villages

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Escorted by mounted knights carrying lances, King Arthur of the Britons traverses this route back to Camelot (as Cadbury is thought to be) on this day in June. One witness said that on 23 June 1995 they encountered an armoured man (more dark age than medieval) holding a standard on horseback - the figure disappeared around a corner, though there was no place that he could have gone. One legend says a door opens every seven years in the hillside so that Arthur and his company can leave to feed their horses.

Swimming Horseman

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Arthur's Table

Location: Bossiney (Cornwall) - Bossiney

Mound

Type: Legend

Further Comments: 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 or 23 June

King John's Hounds

Location: Purse Caundle (Dorset) - Purse Caundle Manor

Type: Shuck

Further Comments: Once a 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 (or Midsummer Eve)

Witch Haven

Location: Trewa (Cornwall) - General area

Type: Legend

Further Comments: 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

Type: Legend

Further Comments: 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.

Unfaithful Girl

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Dancing Skeletons

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A local tale says that these animated bones appear on midsummer night's eve to dance and jig until the sun rises on the following day.

The Lonely Shepherd

Location: Clydach (Wales) - Limestone Pillar

Type: Legend

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

Fish Stone

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

Type: Legend

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

Spinning Top

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

Type: Legend

Further Comments: 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.

JUNE

White Dog

Location: West Kennet (Wiltshire) - Long Barrow

Type: Shuck

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

Nan Clark

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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 returns to the area once a year.

21 or 24 June

White Lady

Location: Hampton Court (Surrey) - Landing Stage

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

23 June

Army Marching On

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

Hall

Type: Environmental Manifestation

Further Comments: Over two dozen witnesses saw a mass of troops ascending the mountain on horseback, though there were no real soldiers in the area. The ghostly army had been seen twice before, always on the same date.

JUNE

24 June

Alexander Cruwys

Location: Bickleigh (Devon) - Bridge over the River Exe

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Anne Blakemore in Blue

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Varies: 24 June & 18 September

Bishop of Brundall on Barge

Location: Brundall (Norfolk) - River

Type: Legend

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

24 or 25 June, around 12.30am

Mayfly with Figures Running about Deck

Location: Oulton (Norfolk) - Oulton Broad

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Also in June...

Hounds

Location: Galashiels (Borders) - Buckholm Tower

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Heard chasing the soul of the evil Laird of Buckholm on the anniversary of his death, these hounds are reported to normally walk the dungeon located within the tower.

The Drowned

Location: Llanfaglan (Wales) - Churchyard

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Young Lad

Location: Tidmarsh (Berkshire) - Stream near Tidmarsh Rectory

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The stream that ran close to this property was said to be haunted by a young boy who once drowned in its waters. He appears on clear nights of the full moon in June.

Jenny the Dairymaid

Location: Plaxtol (Kent) - Old Soar manor house, two miles from Plaxtol

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Jenny committed suicide (or died by misadventure) in the chapel area after finding out she was pregnant - people now report lights that flicker around the chapel after dark, and have reported soft footsteps in different parts of the building.

Late June

Young Girl

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

JULY

01 July

Rahere

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

04 July

Tristram Dillington

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The spirits here reportedly include voices that call out to witnesses over the nearby River Carey, and horsemen who gallop silently along. People have also reported pockets of cold air, and watching a white woman glide over the marsh, near where her lover was murdered by Royalists. On the anniversary of the battle, sounds of fighting have been heard.

06 July

Footsteps

Location: East Grinstead (Sussex) - Ashdown House, Forest Row

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

10 July

Bride

Location: Chagford (Devon) - Whiddon Park Guest House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Varies: 11 July, 14 September

Fighting Galleons

Location: Breydon Water (Norfolk) - Breydon Water

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The first set of ships to haunt this area is said to be a fleet of galleons heading towards Burgh Castle. The second is a battle between a pirate ship and two smaller vessels.

16 July

Duke of Monmouth

Location: Horton (Dorset) - Woodlands - Monmouth Ash Tree

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Even though the Duke was executed at the Tower of London, his ghost now frequents the area he was captured after his failed rebellion. The ghost is said to carry his head in his hands.

17 July

Giant and Bloody Rain

Location: Somerleyton (Norfolk) - Exact location not known

Type: Legend

Further Comments: 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

Type: Legend

Further Comments: Once every five years (next due 2011) the village is said to revert back to how it looked several hundred years ago.

27 July

Battlefield

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

Type: Environmental Manifestation

Further Comments: The bloody battleground between English Government and Jacobite Highlanders, the anniversary of the battle is marked by the ground turning blood red. Reports of soldiers in English and Scottish regalia, both laying dead and others fighting, have also been recorded. As if this 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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

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Nun

Location: Exeter (Devon) - Exeter Cathedral

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

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Dancing Dog

Location: Gatcombe (Isle of Wight) - Gatcombe Church

Type: Other

Further Comments: The carved wooden dog at the feet of the effigy of Edward Estur is said to come alive during summer nights and dance around the church standing on hind legs.

Stomping Boot

Location: Harreitsham (Kent) - Ringlestone Tavern

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Lost Town

Location: Aberdovey (Wales) - Off coast

Type: Legend

Further Comments: Swallowed by the sea, church bells belonging to a town lost off the coast here can still be heard on quiet evenings. They say that at low tides one can see sunken tree trunks.

Young Man

Location: Briantspuddle Heath (Dorset) - Rims Moor Pond

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Riding his horse, this lone figure slowly heads towards the pond where he vanishes. He was a local man who was thought to have drowned in the pond's waters, though his body never found.

Small Robed Figure

Location: Little Petherick (Cornwall) - Road near the Rosehill Country Club

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This short entity has been seen several times, laying in the road and appearing to be scabbling at the surface. One witness realised the figure had no face before it vanished.

Horse sized Dog

Location: Thorney (Northamptonshire) - Woods in the area

Type: Shuck

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

Summer Evenings

Grey Lady

Location: East Carlton (Northamptonshire) - East Carlton House

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: One storyteller reported that this building was haunted by a lady that had jumped to her death from a balcony after being jilted by her lover.

Waiting Woman

Location: Isfield (Sussex) - Lavender Line railway station

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This railway museum is haunted by a woman in white who is said to wait for a lover who never returns home. This Victorian woman later took her own life by throwing herself under a train.

Bagpipes

Location: Lochranza, Island Of Arran (Ayrshire) - General area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A bagpiper who died in the nearby hills now walks into village on calm summer evenings, the only indication of his presence the sound of his pipes. It is said that one tourist followed the sound of the pipes, only for the piping to suddenly cease when the holiday maker grew close to where they thought it was coming from.

Early summer

Jack

Location: Cowes (Isle of Wight) - Model Railway Exhibition Marine Court (no longer operating)

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Seen sitting near the shop, is it unknown whether this ghostly Jack Russell will return now the exhibition is closed.

Summer nights

Robed Figures

Location: Croxden (Staffordshire) - Croxden Abbey

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Both nuns and monks are reported to silently glide over these ruins during the warm nights of the summer months. (Photograph by Carol Arnall)

Jenny Burn Tail

Location: Burton Dassett (Warwickshire) - General area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

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Summer months between 23:00h and dawn

Whispering

Location: Drymen (Stirling) - Buchanan Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Strange whisperings and sounds have been reported coming from the area of land where this castle stands.

Summer months at midnight

Coach

Location: Bradford Peverell (Dorset) - Road west of village, near River Frome, leading towards Muckleford

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A coach that crashed into the river, killing the horse and driver, is said to periodically repeat the accident. Another report says that the coach overturned into a boggy area.

AUGUST

01 August

Animated Queen Anne

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

01 August or 02 August

Walking Stone Knights

Location: Ingham (Norfolk) - Church

Type: Legend

Further Comments: The two stone knights in the church are said to wake once a year and go for a walk to the water's edge. Here they fight an Asian soldier in uniform, before walking back.

02 August

King William II

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

03 August

Tall Man with Fire for Eyes

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: First seen in 1805, the original witness is said to have died of shock shortly after seeing the towering figure whose eyes gleamed with fire. Since then, no further reports have emerged, other than mistaken identities. He is next expected to appear in August 2055.

13 August

Tom Crocker

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

15 August

Misty Lady

Location: Rock (Northumberland) - Area between Rock and South Charlton

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This mournful spirit makes the journey 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)

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

21 August

Old Man Bern being Chased

Location: Reedham (Norfolk) - High Street

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Chased through the village by an angry 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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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

Type: Legend

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

31 August

Spontaneous Combusting Rat Catchers

Location: Beccles (Suffolk) - General area

Type: Legend

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

Also in August

Hanging Highlanders

Location: Newton le Willows (Lancashire) -

Hermitage Green Lane

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Joseph Bexfield

Location: Thurlton (Norfolk) - Marshes

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Bexfield drowned in August 1809, after following a Jack O'Lantern (now known to be burning marsh gas). His ghost is said to be still out on the marshes, looking for the way home.

Screaming

Location: Cowbridge (Wales) - Pwyllywrach Manor

Type: Shuck

Further Comments: Cries and screams can be heard from a man who was torn into small pieces by hell hounds on the first Monday of August.

Waving White Lady in a Coach

Location: Hockley (Essex) - Road outside the church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Varies: August & September

Victorian Woman

Location: Sudeley (Gloucestershire) - Sudeley Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

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Sarah Preston

Location: Boston (Lincolnshire) - Boston Stump (tower of St Botolph's parish church)
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Holding a young child, Sarah is seen to leap from the tower of the church, vanishing just before hitting the ground.

Autumn evenings

Poacher with Bag

Location: Wadhurst (Sussex) - Beggars Bush, Bestbeech Hill Crossroads area
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This thieving ghost in a tan coloured coat is seen struggling along the road, his brown sack bulging with stolen food.

the hotel. There are sounds of someone jumping on board, before the hooves can be heard pulling away. One of the bedrooms may be haunted by a robed figure, and the sounds of two people fighting can be heard in the courtyard.

Autumn nights

Fighting and Singing

Location: Nether Stowey (Somerset) - Dowsborough (aka Danesborough or Dawesbury) Camp
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: The sounds of a young child singing have been reported here in the past, as have the sounds of soldiers crooning and chanting before starting to fight.

Coach Arriving

Location: Dartmouth (Devon) - The Royal Castle Hotel, The Quay
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Early morning, during the time of golden leaves, the sound of a horse and coach can be heard coming to a stop outside

Weather Dependent: Stormy autumn nights

Crying Child

Location: Baldock (Hertfordshire) - Hinxworth Place

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Thought to relate to a particularly ironic incident when a maid accidentally killed a child who had dressed up as a ghost to scare her, the infant's screams can now be heard echoing down through the ages.

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01 October

Screams of Spanish Soldiers

Location: Dun an Oir (Munster) - General area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

03 October

Alexander MacAllister

Location: Glenlivet (Moray) - Altnachoylachan Hill
Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The site of a battle in 1594 between the troops of James VI and rebel Scots is haunted by the headless ghost of MacAllister riding on horseback - he fought on the side of the English, and was decapitated by the first cannon shot.

07 October

Saint Osyth

Location: St Osyth (Essex) - St Osyth's Priory

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: While legend states that Saint Osyth herself makes a yearly appearance, 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 possession of monks walk by a window.

09 October (every five years)

White Horse

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

12 October

Henry's Wives

Location: Hampton Court (Surrey) - Hampton Court Palace
Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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 more regularly. 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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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 (at 4pm)

Black Chrysler Hit by Express

Location: Conington (Cambridgeshire) - Railway junction (8m NE Peterborough)
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: 1948 saw the tragic death of Colonel Mellows, when he drove his car over the tracks only to be hit by a speeding train. Another explanation of the 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, every ten years (next in 2011)

Black Cat

Location: Poynton Green (Shropshire) - Field in the village
Type: Other
Further Comments: Two Czech pilots died here on 22 October 1941, crashing in the field as they ran out of fuel. A local farmer rushed to the field in an attempt to save them, but was beaten back by the flames. He did, however, see a black cat emerge from the burning wreckage. The creature made its home with a local old woman, and when she died, the cat vanished, but appears once every ten years at the crash site.

23 October , also 23 December 1642, lasting several nights

Battle of Edgehill Repeating

Location: Edgehill (Warwickshire) - Kineton
Type: Environmental Manifestation
Further Comments: A bloody battle of the English Civil War, the fighting repeated itself for several successive nights in 1642, in front of dozens of witnesses. More recently, sounds of battle have been reported, though

the visuals are not forthcoming. The date of the more recent battle sounds is said to be 23 October.

29 October

Duel

Location: Rye (Sussex) - Mermaid Inn
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Several shades haunt this public house. A pair of ghostly duellers have been seen engaging each other with rapiers (the victor then drags the body through the hotel and drops it through a trapdoor), while a female figure dressed in grey haunts the upper part of the building. Room 5 is one of her haunts, while in rooms 10 and 18, a fading man has been seen entering and leaving (often through a wall).

30 October

Lady Blunt

Location: Lydiard Millicent (Wiltshire) - Rectory
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: It was on this date that Lady Blunt watched her fiancée murdered; the shock she suffered was strong enough to leave an enduring psychic echo which has lasted over two centuries.

Pack of Hounds

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

Type: Shuck

Further Comments: Wailing at the moon, this pack of

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devil dogs run over both land and water looking for people to terrify.

31 October

Screaming

Location: Inverurie (Aberdeenshire) - Pittodrie House hotel

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

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Secret Meeting

Location: Maybole (Ayrshire) - Coves of Culzean
Type: Fairy
Further Comments: The little people are reported to gather here once a year for secret planning sessions.

Lantern Bearer

Location: Dacre (Cumbria) - Hawkesdale Hall
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Having hanged himself in the hall, this young lad holding a lantern appears on Halloween and walks towards the nearby river Calder, vanishing into its cold waters.

All of Horrors of the Lakes

Location: Keswick (Cumbria) - Ambroth House (no longer standing?)
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: A local legend says that all the ghosts and spirits that haunt this part of England meet at the house once a year.

World War One Soldier

Location: Bournemouth (Dorset) - Bournemouth Town Hall
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This incorporeal soldier appears here once a year to help himself to a drink of water. There are also a few reports of phantom horses and carriages being seen outside the building, while a ghostly cat is also said to haunt several of the town hall rooms.

Lady Hobbington

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Returning Maid

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

Monk and Author

Location: Hitchin (Hertfordshire) - Minsden Chapel

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Headless Monk

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

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Further Comments: 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.

Lady Fleetwood

Location: Fleetwood (Lancashire) - Rossall School

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Black Dog

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

Type: Shuck

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

Sow with Litter

Location: Bransby (Lincolnshire) - Bonnewells Lane

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Roll Call

Location: Chirbury (Shropshire) - Church

Type: Legend

Further Comments: 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.

Leaping Woman

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A ghostly woman leaps from these cliffs, fading away before she hits the sea below.

Headless Horseman

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Shuck and Friends

Location: Tuamgraney (Munster) - Wooded area

Type: Environmental Manifestation

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Misty Women

Location: Netley (Hampshire) - Netley Abbey ruins

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Ringing

Location: Armboth Fell (Cumbria) - Thirlmere Lake

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The echo of phantom bells have been heard coming from beneath the waters of the lake.

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Hunt

Location: Burnley (Lancashire) - Eagle's Crag, Cliviger Gorge

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Knights

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Man in Black

Location: Dilton Marsh (Wiltshire) - High Street

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Starting October, lasting for six months

Suicidal Person

Location: Stapleford (Sussex) - Cross Inn

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Varies: 31 October & 2 November

Fire

Location: Warminster (Wiltshire) - Cley Hill

Type: Environmental Manifestation

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

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01 November (All Souls' Eve)

Ghosts of the Future

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

Type: Legend

Further Comments: The souls of all those who will die by the following All Souls' Day walk through the church at midnight. A former member of the clergy is also reported to haunt the church, though his appearance is not date related.

Saint Juthware

Location: Halstock (Dorset) - Judith Hill (aka Abbots Hill), and area near the Quiet Woman Inn (now a guest house)

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The headless phantom of Saint Juthware, beheaded in life by her brother, is reported to walk towards the church with her head in her hands. The inn was also haunted by a female shadow which vanished as soon as it was seen.

03 November (Coleraine seen) , party seen in 1971

Constantia Screaming

Location: N17 (Greater London) - Bruce Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The Lady Coleraine is seen on 03 November, screaming as she jumps from a balcony trying to escape the possessive nature of her husband. A couple walking past the site one night in 1971 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...

05 November

Turn it Over

Location: Shebbear (Devon) - Devil's Boulder

Type: Legend - Old Nick

Further Comments: Once a year the villagers turn a large stone over that stands by an oak. It is said that if they fail to do so, disaster and ill-fortune will strike the region.

11 November

Marching Troops

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

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Grey Nun

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

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23 November (St Clement's night)

Cries

Location: Pyecombe (Sussex) - General area of village

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

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Sleeping Sentry

Location: Kilkenny (Leinster) - Foulksrath Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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)

Sunk Church

Location: Romford (Essex) - Old Church Road

Type: Legend

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

Also in November

The Duel

Location: Youlgreave (Derbyshire) - Youlgreave Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A ghostly Cavalier and a phantom Roundhead meet and fight on an unnamed night in November. It is not known who wins.

Sister Barbara

Location: Marham (Norfolk) - Vinegar Hill

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: The sister would pay men to pretend to rob travelers, 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.

Mr Goddard

Location: Whitestone (Warwickshire) - Private

house along Gypsy Lane

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A former owner of a house along here, Mr Goddard returned after his gar-

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den 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.

any evidence of the fire or figures.

Weeks leading up to Christmas

October / November

Man in Black

Location: Dilton Marsh (Wiltshire) - High Street

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Black Coach

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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

Grey Monk

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Bricked up alive for a long forgotten sin, this misty monk emerges from the wall behind the bar in this ancient building that once was a priory.

Varies: 31 October & 2 November

Fire

Location: Warminster (Wiltshire) - Cley Hill

Type: Environmental Manifestation

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

times in the twentieth cen-

tury (last in 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 ap-

parition.

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Cries of the Trapped

Location: SE13 (Greater London) - Lewisham Station, & St Johns area
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: A crash in 1957, caused partly by fog, killed ninety people and injured over one hundred. It is their cries 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
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: The famous abode of the Bronte Sisters, it is Emily who now haunts the grounds, her head bowed as in deep thought and meditation. She suddenly vanishes 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
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: The site of a murder on a distant 20th December has resulting in the ghostly footsteps coming down the attic stairs in this pub

24 December

Sound of Hooves & Screams

Location: Kempston (Bedfordshire) - Kempston Manor (currently office space)
Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Farmer on Pony Back

Location: Egremont (Cumbria) - Tarpot area
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This old man vanished without trace when returning home from an inn on a long forgotten Christmas Eve - both he and his ride are occasionally seen on the anniversary of the mystery.

Farm Girl

Location: Brough (Derbyshire) - Traveller's Rest public house
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: 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.

Harp Player

Location: Stubley (Derbyshire) - Stubley Old Hall

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Appearing once a year, the shade of Fatima gently pucks her harp strings. A Roundhead has

been reported less regularly, while a young girl skips around the fields outside.

Abigail in her Carriage

Location: High Laver (Essex) - Main road through village
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Abigail Masham spent her remaining years in the village. Her residence now gone, she passes through the village in a carriage once a year to have a quick sad look at where her house once stood before disappearing.

Sound of Silver

Location: Evesham (Hereford & Worcester) - River
Type: Legend
Further Comments: Hidden in the river when the local abbey was closed for business in 1539, the silver bells still sing their song before Christmas.

Anne Boleyn

Location: Hever (Kent) - Bridge over the Eden
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Boleyn's spirit crosses the bridge once a year. The area is also haunted by a farmer, robbed and murdered nearby.

Gilbert


Location: Marden (Kent) - Road to Hawkhurst
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Gilbert, an eighteenth century highwayman who tried to rob a coach, was stabbed to death by one of the occupants after she recognised him as having killed her brother. The killing drove the woman mad. The scene was said to silently reenact each Christmas Eve.

Grey Monk

Location: Salford (Lancashire) - Kersal Cell
Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Black Lady

Location: Bradley (Lincolnshire) - Bradley Woods
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Said by some to be a phantom nun and by others to be a woodsman's wife, local legend says this woman dressed in black will appear on Christmas Eve is one calls out 'Black Lady, Black Lady, I've stolen your baby!'.


Lost Lady

Location: Brigg (Lincolnshire) - General area
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: An old lady who left her house to beg for money to buy her Christmas lunch became lost in the snow and fog, and froze to death. Her ghost is sometimes seen, asking for directions home.

Screaming Horses

Location: Wythall (West Midlands) - Black Greve Farm
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Locals say that the horses belonged to a Roman chariot; the driver lost control in the ice and snow, and the entire team fell into a deep ditch and died.

White lady

Location: Worstead (Norfolk) - Church
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Legend says this lady has scared to death at least one young bell ringer. Poltergeist activity has also been reported, around the 1950's.

Radley

Location: Halam (Nottinghamshire) - Valley southeast of village
Type: Environmental Manifestation
Further Comments: The buried village of Radley is hidden somewhere in this area, and long vanished church bells can be heard on Christmas Eve.

Coach & Four

Location: Sandford on Thames (Oxfordshire) - Fields around the village
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Driven by a headless horseman, a coach driven at break-neck speed pulled by four horses tear around fields near the village on the night before Christmas.

Lost Bell

Location: Shrewsbury (Shropshire) - Bomere Pool
Type: Legend
Further Comments: A village once stood here, but as the villagers mocked God, He sent forth a storm that flooded the area. The church bell can now be heard pealing once a year. So the story goes.

Coach

Location: Holford (Somerset) - Normansland driveway
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Appearing on the stroke of midnight, this coach pulled by a team of black horses circles the driveway before mysteriously vanishing again.

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Headless Horseman

Location: Beccles (Suffolk) - Roos Hall driveway
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Pulled by headless horses, a coach is said to arrive by the front door every Christmas Eve. 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.

Black Tom of Scothill

Location: Dewsbury (Yorkshire) - Dewsbury Parish Church
Type: Legend - Old Nick
Further Comments: Black Tom is the name of the bell in the church, and is tolled the number of the year (ie, in 2009 it will be tolled 2009 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.

Sir Geoffrey de Mandeville

Location: East Barnet (Hertfordshire) - Oak Hill Park
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: 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 on every six years on Christmas Eve (next due 2010), the last verified sighting of Sir Geoffrey was on 17 December 1932.

Lady Ursula

Location: Madingley (Cambridgeshire) - Madingley Hall
Type: Haunting Manifestation

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Further Comments: Lady Ursula Hynde also returns to the hall once a year, upset at her son's actions - he pulled down a church, and used the wood to finish construction of the Hall.

Heavy Trampling

Location: Saffron Walden (Essex) - Cross Keys, Corner of King Street and High Street
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Any listener here is said to hear footsteps marching up and down a passageway between 11pm and midnight. They are rumoured to belong to a soldier of Cromwell. A ghostly woman is said to haunt one of the bedrooms, and it is alleged she was Cromwell's mistress.

Dickens

Location: Rochester (Kent) - Castle
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: It is believed that Charles Dickens's ghost haunts the moat; he has been seen both here and at the Corn Exchange clock.

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Butterfly

Location: Bath (Somerset) - Theatre Royal & Garrick's Head Hotel
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: A butterfly is also reported to haunt the theatre, manifesting briefly once a year.

Little Girl with Rag Doll

Location: Exeter (Devon) - Prospect Inn
Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments:

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

Chained Monk

Location: SW1 (Greater London) - Buckingham Palace
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Said to predate the construction of the palace, this monk appears bound in chains once a year on Christmas Day. The sound of a suicide (the single shot of a pistol) is occasionally heard on the first floor - the private secretary to King Edward VII ended his life here.

Lillie Langtry

Location: SW1 (Greater London) - Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This quiet little spook is said only to come out when the hotel is nearly empty. During life, Lillie was the mistress of the Prince of Wales, who later became Edward VII.

Kids

Location: WC2 (Greater London) - Courtts Bank
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Once a Mecca for toy sellers and buyers, the sounds of joyous children can be heard briefly once a year. Another entity, claiming to be an Elizabethan nobleman, was exorcised during the early 1990s - he was thought to be either the Earl of Essex (executed in 1601) or Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk.

Lucette

Location: Clayton le Moors (Lancashire) - Dunkenhalgh Hall (currently a hotel) and nearby bridge
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: 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.

Middle Aged Man

Location: Oldham (Lancashire) - Temperance Hall, next to the Colosseum Theatre
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This grey figure has been seen standing in doorways always around the Christmas period, and is believed to be the ghost of a suicide.

Breathing & Hollow Footsteps

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

Shadowy Figure

Location: Boughton Green (Northamptonshire) - St John the Baptist church ruins
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This figure, also heard moaning around the same time of year, is thought to be a criminal hanged in 1826. Others speak of a darker tale - that the ghost takes the form of a beautiful man or woman, depending on the 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 he engaged with her. William died exactly one month later.

Moaning

Location: Broughton (Northamptonshire) - Church of St John
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: A criminal once held here has returned as an indistinct shadow, softly moaning in pain and regret, always around the Christmas period.

Raleigh

Location: Southwell (Nottinghamshire) - Road between Southwell and Oxtun
Type: Legend
Further Comments: Beneath a small valley located between these two places is the town of Raleigh, swallowed up by an earthquake. A local legend says the church bells can sometimes still be heard on Christmas Day.

Jolly Monk

Location: Wonersh (Surrey) - Grantley Arms public house
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This figure once appeared every Christmastime, though has kept his head down over recent years (maybe as he was said to have been exorcised by a Roman Catholic barmaid).

Final Bear

Location: Fernhurst (Sussex) - Ruins of Verdley Castle
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This is said to be the location where the last wild bear in England was pointlessly killed; the creature's ghost now returns in protest.

Monk

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

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Further Comments: This phantom devotee of God returns to his old home once a year and tries to rebuild the alter.

Monk with No Legs

Location: Cranham (Essex) - St Mary's Lane
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This ghost is said to float silently across the road, and was last seen during the 1970s.

Betsy Jane

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

Petrified Thief

Location: Llandyfydog (Wales) - Just outside the village - Carreg Lleidr (Robber's Stone)
Type: Legend
Further Comments: 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 at midnight the stone runs three times around the field in which it stands.

Game of Shinty

Location: Dalarossie, Inverness (Highland) - Land near the local church
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: These people, during life, made the mistake of playing sports when Christmas day fell on a Sabbath. Now they all return from the grave for a quick game once a year.

Around Christmas

Pale Donkey

Location: Studland (Dorset) - Newton Heath
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: A small white donkey haunts the area where its master was robbed and murdered while travelling across the heathland. While the owner's body was found, the donkey vanished without trace, now only appearing briefly before Christmas once a year.

Headless Bride

Location: Winster (Derbyshire) - The Angel
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: The decapitated ghost caused one witness to faint as it ascended the staircase and headed towards the viewer. A local legend states that the ghostly woman and her lover both committed suicide the day before she was due to be married to another man. The building has a history of phantom footsteps and doors that open themselves.

Stealing Cashier

Location: W11 (Greater London) - Former Coronet Cinema, Notting Hill Gate
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Caught stealing from the night's takings, this cashier killed herself in the building when confronted by the manager. Her footsteps are heard running up the stairs towards the area where she leapt from, breaking her neck in the fall.

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Lady Jane Grey

Location: Bradgate (Leicestershire) - Bradgate Park
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Raised here as a child, Lady Jane's tormented shade now haunts both the mansion and the grounds surrounding the building. One ghost story says that she arrives in a coach pulled by four black headless horses at the house on Christmas Eve.

Sobbing

Location: Wimborne (Dorset) - Griffin Hotel
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: One room in the hotel is filled with sobbing around Christmas - some say the cries belong to a girl upset at her father's death. A grey haired woman in a brown skirt has also been reported in the hotel, and was seen near Bedroom 4 during the 1940s.

Headless Chicken Runs Blindly

Location: Layer Marney (Essex) - Layer Marney Churchyard
Type: Unknown Ghost Type
Further Comments: With an unknown origin, a headless chicken appears and runs blindly around the gravestones.

Incense

Location: Broadhempston (Devon) - Church House Inn
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Once a cottage for monks, the sweet smell is thought to come from the long dead monks celebrating their festivals.

The Black Abbot

Location: Prestbury (Gloucestershire) - Church and churchyard
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Maintaining the same route every year, this ghost materialises in the church before crossing the churchyard and disappearing through a wall in the High Street. It was photographed in 1990 by a Mr Stafford.

Headless Horses

Location: Penryn (Cornwall) - General area
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Pulling a coach, this team of headless horses has a tendency to manifest around the season of goodwill. Legend states if stared at, they will whisk the witness away to the nether realm.

28 December

Glowing Train with Red Lights

Location: Wormit (Fife) - Tay Bridge
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: The badly designed Tay Bridge collapsed in 1873, a passenger train crashing down with the faulty structure into the cold waters of the Firth of Tay below. The scene is reenacted on the anniversary of the crash.

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Knight in Shining Armour

Location: Kemsing (Kent) - Kemsing Church
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This gallant looking figure rides up to the church, enters the building and briefly prays at the alter before vanishing again until another year goes by.

St Thomas of Canterbury

Location: Lapford (Devon) - Road through village
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This holy figure appears passing through the village on horseback.

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Scarlet Rider

Location: Stockport (Cheshire) - Bramall (also known as Bramhall) Hall
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This figure on horseback, dressed in an unmistakable red, appears once a year - in 1630 he is said to have taken the life of the owner of the hall.

King John's Hounds

Location: Purse Caundle (Dorset) - Purse Caundle Manor
Type: Shuck
Further Comments: Once a year, this pack of devil dogs is let loose in the neighbourhood. Sounds of ghostly plainchant have been heard coming from the manor house.

Coach and Four

Location: Wadebridge (Cornwall) - Molesworth Arms Hotel
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: 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.

Drinking Cross

Location: Langton Herring (Dorset) - Ancient cross
Type: Legend
Further Comments: This stone hewn cross moves to the nearby Fleet lagoon to drink.

Coach and Horses

Location: Wickford (Essex) - Runwell Hall (no longer standing)
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: A spectral horse and carriage pulls up the driveway, a woman climbs out, walking up to the door to be met by a long dead butler. 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.

Coach & Four

Location: East Wellow (Hampshire) - Area from Embley Park to St Margaret's Church
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Moving at breakneck speed, this phantom coach leaves the park just before midnight on the last day of the year.

John Bibby

Location: Bootle (Lancashire) - Peel Road / Bibby's Lane
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Seen once a year, Bibby rides his coach with his

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decapitated head in his lap.

Man on Black Horse

Location: Ranworth (Norfolk) - Neighbourhood of Ranworth Broad
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: 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.

Green Hunter

Location: Fawsley (Northamptonshire) - Dower House
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: This woodland figure dressed in green, manifesting minutes before midnight, is thought to be an ill omen if observed.

Horse & Dog

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: 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.

Knight

Location: Downend (Isle of Wight) - Area near Knighton Gorges
Type: Environmental Manifestation
Further Comments: A large black knight on horseback is still said to occasionally visit the area.

Laird Beardie

Location: Moonzie Moonzie, Fife (Fife) - Lordscairnie Castle
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: Beardie played cards against the Devil and lost - the fateful game is now replayed once a year at midnight, 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
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: 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.

Also in December...

Hungry Children

Location: Steyning (Sussex) - Bramber Castle
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Further Comments: These wraiths have been seen begging for food, but disappearing when approached. They, along with their parents, starved to death (though strangely it is thought not at this castle, but at Windsor), after upsetting King John.

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Wailing

Location: Steyning (Sussex) - Bramber Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Maude of Ditching's

screams and cries can occasionally be heard

in the ruins - her lover was bricked up in the

dungeon after being caught by Maude's hus-

band.

Drowning Duchess

Location: Bristol (Somerset) - Duchess Lake, Purdown

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A now forgotten duchess once drowned in the icy waters of this lake - the scene was known to replay once per year, but unfortunately the existing lake is not the original; the M32 motorway was built over the top of the waters.

Dark Horseman

Location: Ellistoun (Renfrewshire) - Ellistoun Castle

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Headless Anne Boleyn

Location: Rochford (Essex) - Rochford Hall, and roads in the area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: At the family home of Anne Boleyn the former queen's decapitated ghost walks briefly around the building for twelve days following Christmas.

Winter...

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

Type: Environmental Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Woman in Blue

Location: Rothley (Leicestershire) - Railway Station

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A phantom woman in blue appears in the waiting room.

Squeaking Cycle

Location: Chester (Cheshire) - Saltney Junction railway station area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Traffic Dodger

Location: Wigglesworth (Yorkshire) - Road leading to Tosside

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

William Terriss

Location: WC2 (Greater London) - Covent Garden Station, Piccadilly Line

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A theatre manager, Mr Terriss was stabbed to death in December 1897 at a nearby theatre. His ghost, tall in stature, has been seen dressed in a grey suit with white gloves, standing on the platform late at night.

Marge in a Bridal Gown

Location: Terrington St Clement (Norfolk) - Parish Church, the 'Lovell' pew

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Legend says that the chest next to the west door once contained the remains of a bride who was trapped inside after a game of hide and seek went wrong. She is reported to emerge each Sunday before Christmas to join in with the choir.

Simon Cunliffe

Location: Colne (Lancashire) - Wycoller Hall

Type: Crisis Manifestation

Further Comments: Simon rides the area where he once lived, appearing once a year to blow his horn, normally prior to a tragedy. It is said that he scared his wife to death by riding up the staircase of their home, chasing a fox that had ran inside to escape the hunt. Another tale states that the horseman isn't Simon but an assassin, killed by a manservant before he could murder the master of the hall. The young daughter of a family living here during the twentieth century told her mother that a 'white woman' would visit her during the night - the sightings stopped when the child changed bedrooms.

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Relocation

Location: Rochford (Essex) - New houses along Rectory Road

Type: Poltergeist

Further Comments: A group of residential buildings erected on the site of a demolished mansion are reputed to be paranormally active around winter, mainly by disruption by poltergeist, though manifestations occasionally happen.

Stomping Boot

Location: Harreitsham (Kent) - Ringlestone Tavern

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Red Eyed Sailor

Location: Faversham (Kent) - Shipwrights Arms public house

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: 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.

Fast Moving Old Lady

Location: Farnham (Surrey) - West Street

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Limping, this OAP runs by witnesses at a rate of knots on wet winter nights and disappears into the doorway of a house

along the street. The same street is also haunted by a black dog which performs a similar action to that of the old woman.

Several Arm

Location: Overwater (Cumbria) - Overwater Tarn

Type: Legend

Further Comments: The severed arm of a Jamaican

woman is reported to prevent ice forming on the tarn.

As the temperature drops, the arm punches upwards

and breaks apart any frozen water.

Uther Pendragon

Location: Shap (Cumbria) - General area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A large man on horseback seen galloping around on winter nights is said to be Uther Pendragon, though his motivation for being here is unclear.

The Young

Location: Chesterfield (Derbyshire) - North Wingfield Church

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: It said that apparitions are occasionally seen carrying young children in their arms.

Lord Norbury

Location: Dublin (Leinster) - Cabra district

Type: Shuck

Further Comments: The otherworldly black hound which stalks the area is said to be the ghost of Lord Norbury, a harsh judge renown for his overuse of the hangman's noose.

Headless Horseman

Location: Dublin (Leinster) - Roper's Rest, leading to Love Lane

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This decapitated figure rides along the road once darkness falls.

Man in the Road

Location: Pentreuchaf (Wales) - Road in the area

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Coach and Four

Location: Shepley (Yorkshire) - Roads around the Shepley War Memorial

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Appearing at night, this phantom coach pulled by four horses would move at breakneck speed along the roads in and around the village.

Woman with a Red Scarf

Location: Outer London: Uxbridge (Greater London) - Ickenham Station

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: This ghostly figure stands at the end of the platform, close to where she fell and was electrocuted. She sometimes waves to attract attention before vanishing.

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Nicholson

Location: Penrith (Cumbria) - Gibbet (or Beacon) Hill, six kilometres outside of Penrith (gibbet marked by a stone)

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

ing the track in front of incoming trains, and climbing and checking the obsolete signals.

The Baron on Horseback

Location: Stainton (Cumbria) - Baron's Hill (local name?)

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: A baron who took over the land on which a monastery stood had the building dismantled and the stones used to construct his manor house. He was cursed by monk, however, and fell off his horse and broke his neck before the house was finished. His shade still rides around the neighbourhood.

Varies: 24 December and 01 January the pack hunt, date of coach unknown

Night Coach

Location: Ilmington (Warwickshire) - Roads of village, particularly Pig Lane

Type: Haunting Manifestation

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

Disembodied Voices

Location: Castle Coombe (Wiltshire) - Parsonage Wood

Type: Unknown Ghost Type

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

Varies: between 25 December - 6 January

Phantom Runner

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

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Always heard but never seen, this spook frequents the old staircase, the footsteps 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.

Signalman

Location: Barkston (Lincolnshire) - Barkston

Junction Station

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Further Comments: Maybe protesting about the automated signals, this ghost has been seen cross-

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