

The Paranormal Diary 2010



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elcome

01

Andrew Mills

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

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

Ireby (Cumbria) - Overwater Hotel

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.

Golden Coach

Manningford Bruce (Wiltshire) - The Hatches

Pulled by a team of four headless horses, this golden coach appears at The Hatches.

Thirsty Stone

Reynoldston (Wales) - Arthur's Stone

One story associated with this Neolithic tomb has King Arthur finding a stone in his boot. The king picked the pebble out and threw it to one side, thus placing the stone where it now stands. Another legend says the stone walks down to the sea on the first day of the year for a quick drink. Finally, yet another

story says the stone was split by a miller who was after a millstone - unable to lift it, the split stone has remained laying there since.

05

Squire Surtees

Kingston St Mary (Somerset) - Tainfield House

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

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Crying Lady

West Deeping (Lincolnshire) - Church

The date of this woman's death is marked by her phantom sobs heard emanating from the church at 1:00 am. Her husband was so distressed by the death that he took his own life the following day (see below).

15

Upset Husband

Tallington (Lincolnshire) - Footbridge over the railway line

After the death of his wife (see above) this grief-stricken individual jumped from the footbridge over the railway track and was hit by the train from London, which killed him instantly. The incident is reenacted once a year, at 5:50 pm.

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Horses

Lostwithiel (Cornwall) - Braddock Down

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

Spitfire

Biggin Hill (Kent) - Biggin Hill Airport & village

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, although this is not limited to the month of January.

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Lady Mohun

Redditch (Hereford & Worcester) - Moon's Moat

This small, moated island is reportedly haunted by this woman, who is reported to appear every St Agnes Eve (although her last appearance was on 21 January 2003).

25

Smith on Horseback

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

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

Stroud (Gloucestershire) - Manor House

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.

31

Lady de Wintour

Huddington (Hereford & Worcester) - Huddington Court

This decapitated shade still mourns the passing of her husband Robert Wintour - he was executed for playing a part in the Gunpowder Plot.

Normally around January

Rushing Horseman

East Malling (Kent) - Barming Woods

This figure has been both seen and heard as he darts around trees and over roads. One witness said the entity charged towards their car, disappearing on impact. The phantom was last seen in 1971.

One night in January

Coach

Brimpton (Berkshire) - Lane running through village, leading to Able Bridge

Carrying its occupants to the ball, the coach was caught up in a storm that washed away Able Bridge - the coach plunged into the water, killing all the passengers. The event is heard once a year, marking the anniversary of the tragedy, although no one can remember on which night it appears...



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Clan MacDonald

Glencoe (Argyll and Bute) - General area

Murdered in cold blood by the clan Campbell, these 38 MacDonald family members return to the scene of the crime.

24

Something Down There

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

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

Bury St Edmunds (Suffolk) - St Mary's Churchyard

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

Sir Christopher Wren

Hampton Court (Surrey) - The Old Court House

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

White Lady

Hathersage (Derbyshire) - Vicarage

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.

Generally February

Mary Queen of Scots

Oundle (Northamptonshire) - The Talbot Hotel

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

Skater of Hickling Broad

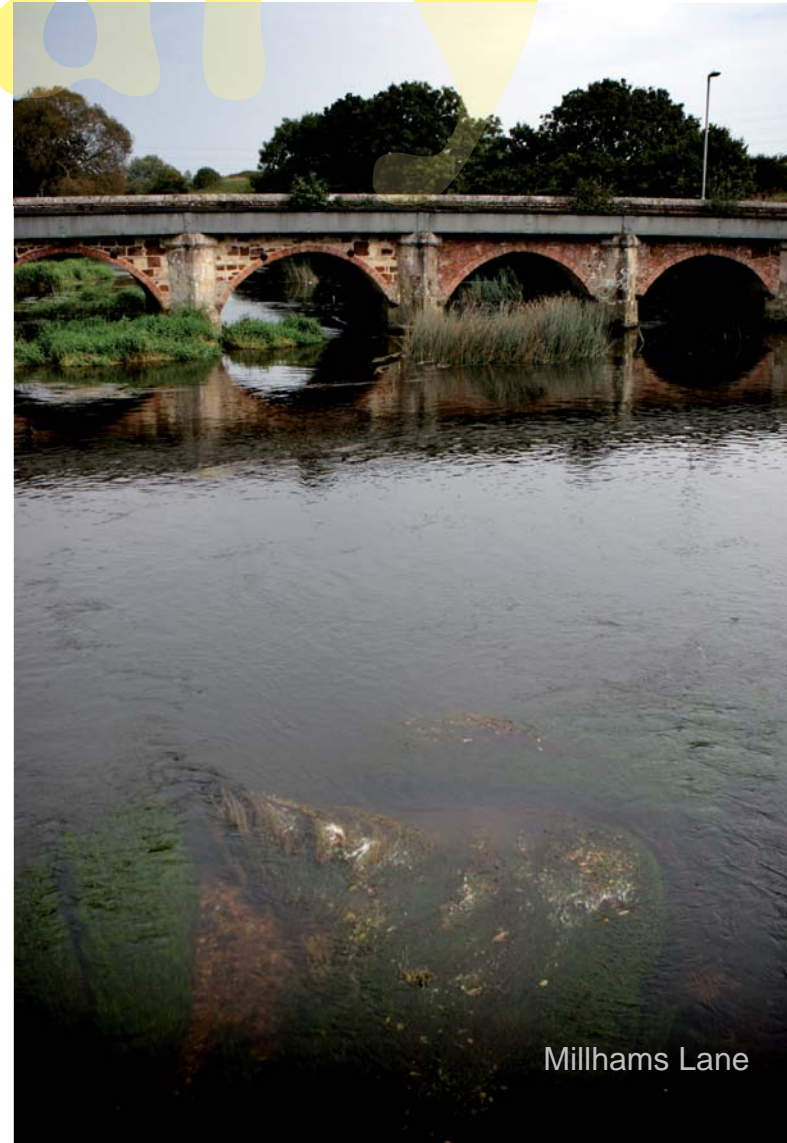
Potter Heigham (Norfolk) - River Thurne

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.

White Lady

Bournemouth (Dorset) - Millhams Lane, and surrounding Longham area

The area around the A348 bridge is reportedly haunted by a ghostly white (or grey) woman, who was killed when hit by a horse and trap along the road. One story says she tries to entice men to jump off the bridge.



Millhams Lane

01

Hymns

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

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

11

Sounds of Murder

Loch Assynt (Highland) - Banks of the loch

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

14

Parliamentarians

Hopton (Shropshire) - Hopton Castle

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

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Juliet Tewsley

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

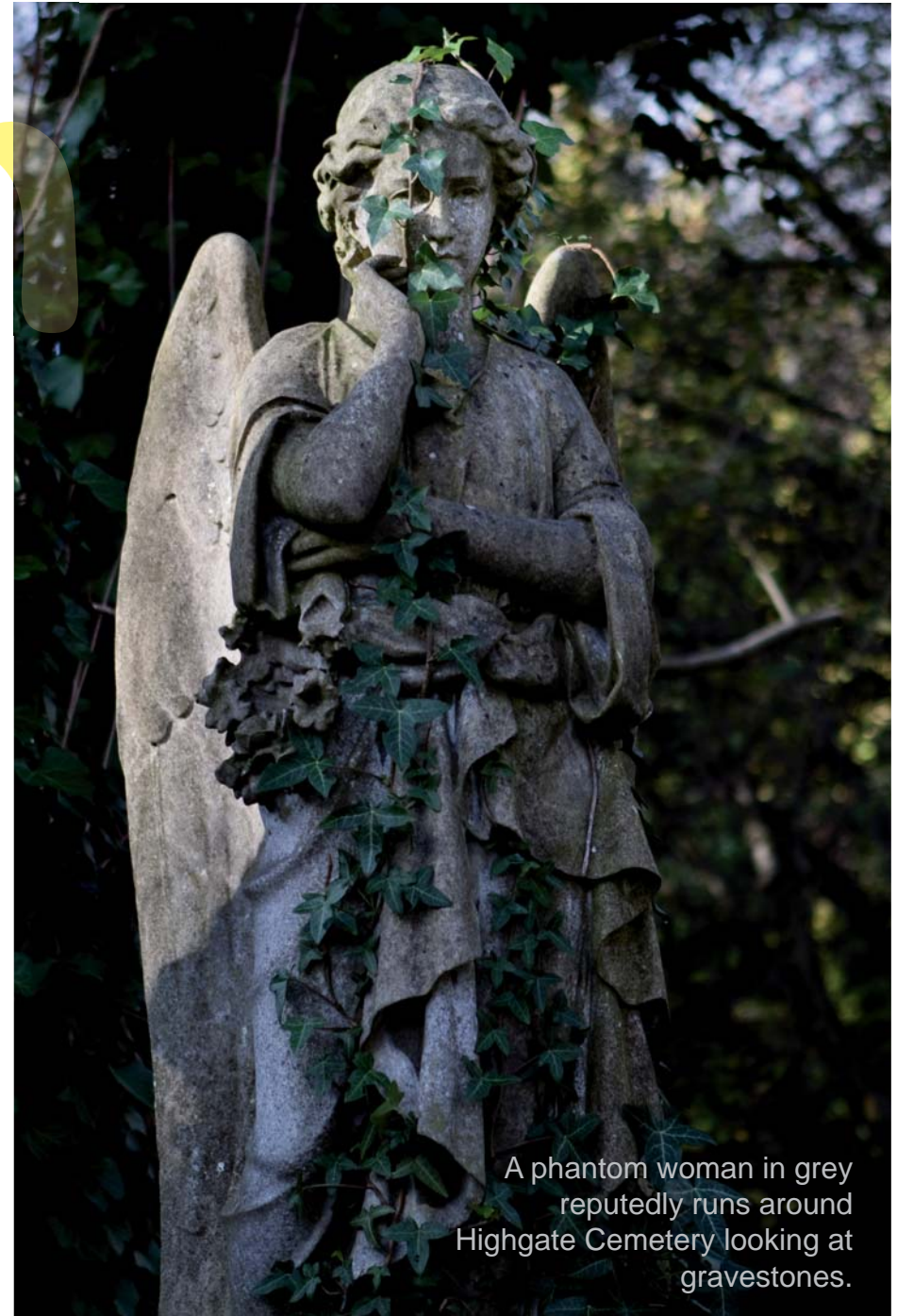
Juliet took her own life after being jilted by a lover. The pub was later built over her grave, and she is now seen in the form of a white lady, appearing near the Ferry Boat Inn and walking towards the banks of the river on the date of her death.

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Misty Figure

Ayr (Ayrshire) - Tower of St John's

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



A phantom woman in grey reputedly runs around Highgate Cemetery looking at gravestones.

02

Viking Raiders

Ludham (Norfolk) - Ludham Bridge

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

04

Lady Blanche de Warenne

Rochester (Kent) - Castle

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

Voice of Lord Marney

Layer Marney (Essex) - Layer Marney Church

Legend says that the voice of Lord Marney can be heard echoing around the church on Easter day.

07

Burge's Pooling Blood

Acle (Norfolk) - Bridge

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

09

Elderly Lady

Newport (Isle of Wight) - Orme

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

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Bleeding Stone

Hinckley (Leicestershire) - Churchyard, grave of Richard Smith

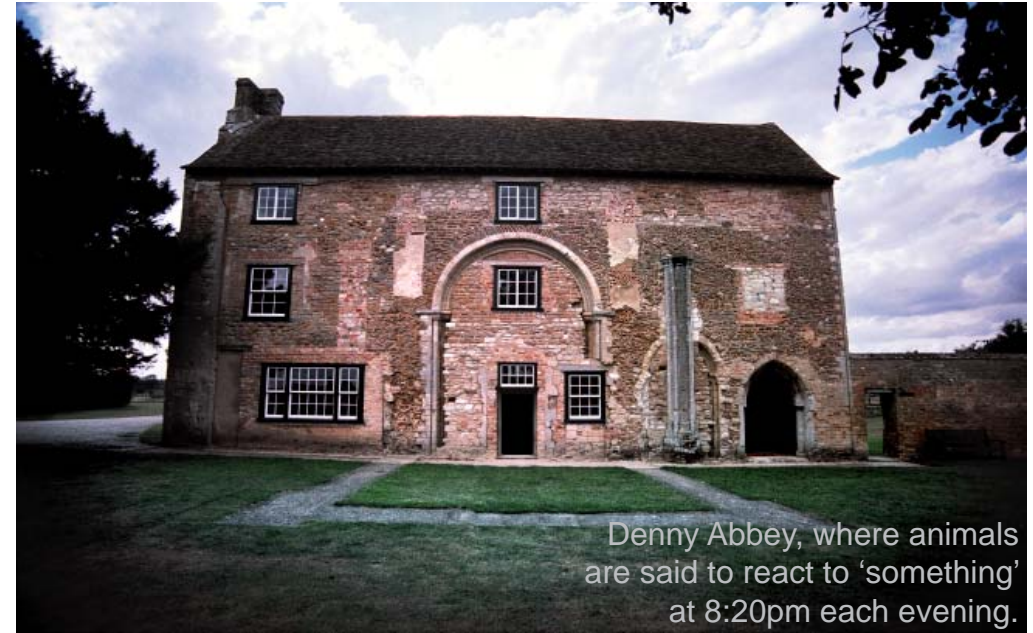
Once a year this gravestone is reported to leak blood - Richard was murdered by an army recruiting sergeant in 1727. The church itself is home to phantom footsteps, believed to belong to a monk.

14

Charlotte Dymond

Roughton (Cornwall) - Near a memorial stone to Charlotte

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.



Denny Abbey, where animals are said to react to 'something' at 8:20pm each evening.

24 (St Marks Eve)

George Marsh

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

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

The Future Dead

Scarborough (Yorkshire) - St Mary's Churchyard

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

The Not Quite Dead

Whittlesford (Cambridgeshire) - Churchyard

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

26

Kate, her Lover and her Father

Poundstock (Cornwall) - Penfound Manor

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.

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Sounds of Fighting

Burgh Castle (Norfolk) - Roman castle

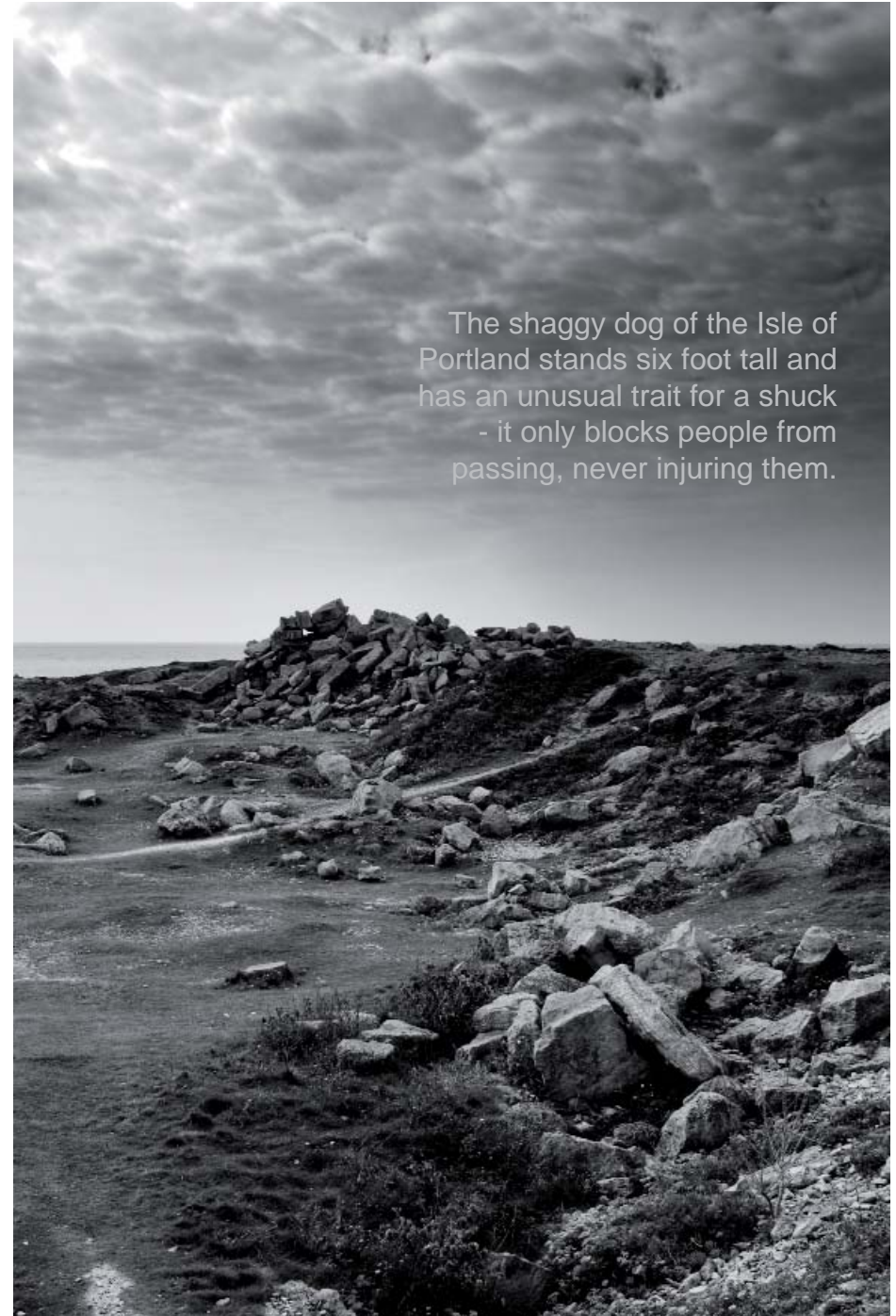
Once a year the sounds of clashing swords and Roman and Saxon screaming can be heard in this area. Another ghost reportedly observed here during dark nights is a figure that plummets from the ramparts.

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Dancing Statues

Burrough Green (Cambridgeshire) - School and village green

On this day, in the evening, 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.



The shaggy dog of the Isle of Portland stands six foot tall and has an unusual trait for a shuck - it only blocks people from passing, never injuring them.

01

Viking Funeral

South Walsham (Norfolk) - South Walsham Broad

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

Singing Nuns

Oxford (Oxfordshire) - Godstow Nunnery, Wolvercote

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

White Horse

River Wharfe (Yorkshire) - Wharfedale's Strid

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

Secret Door

Brecon Beacons (Wales) - Llyn Cwm Llwh, somewhere in the area of

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

Fighting

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

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

02

Old Nick in Waiting

Burgh St Peter (Norfolk) - Church

The builder of this church is said to have sold his soul in order to finish its construction. The Devil is said to still wait for the soul due to him, while the old man's shade lurks protected within the church grounds. There is one report that says the builder now takes the form of a clothed skeletal figure who appears on 2 May.

04

Charging Horseman

Prestbury (Gloucestershire) - Shaw Green Lane

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

08

Hell Stone

Helston (Cornwall) - Angel Hotel, Coinage-hall Street

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

12

Mediaeval Party

Salthouse (Norfolk) - Salthouse Pool

A re-enactment of a mediaeval (or possibly Roman) feast occurs late at night; the phantom scene includes singing, dancing and small bonfires. Some sources state that the event happens on the third Tuesday in May.

15

The Devil Takes His Due

Ormesby (Norfolk) - Exact location unknown

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

19

Anne Boleyn

Blickling (Norfolk) - Blickling Hall

To mark the anniversary of her death, a coach pulled by four headless horses pulls up on the

driveway, with a decapitated Anne on a seat, her head in her lap. After Anne's headless white ghost arrives, it is said then to climb out, before inspecting each room of the Hall (the place of her birth and childhood). On the same date, Sir Thomas Boleyn is said to drive a team of headless horses in this area, cursed to cross twelve Norfolk bridges (including those at Aylsham, Coltishall and Wroxham).

Phantom Coach #1

Aylsham (Norfolk) - Bridge

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 #2

Belaugh (Norfolk) - Bridge

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 #3

Buxton (Norfolk) - Bridge

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 #4

Coltishall (Norfolk) - Bridge

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 Shuck is also reputed to cross this bridge once per night.

Phantom Coach #5

Hautbois (Norfolk) - Bridge

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 #6

Oxnead (Norfolk) - Oxnead Bridge

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 #7

Wroxham (Norfolk) - Bridge

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 #8

Meyton (Suffolk) - The two bridges in the area

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.

21

Henry VI

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

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

Battle

Lewes (Sussex) - Offham Hill

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

Monk, Betrayer of the Abbey

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

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.

26

John Carver

Croydon (Surrey) - Former café in Brighton Road

John Carver was found not guilty of the murder of his wife, though most of the community believed he was guilty. After leaving court, Carver found himself hounded by a crowd who wanted him dead. Eventually Carver



The ghostly figure of the Duke of Monmouth rides in from the harbour at Lyme Regis.

moved far away to escape. Sixty years after the crime (during the 1940s), the owner of a café reported seeing the ghost of a tall man in grey, minus head and legs, climb the staircase and hover on the landing. On each 26 May (the date of the wife's death), the breaking of glass could be heard. The café was thought to be one of the locations Carver tried to hide in before leaving the area.

27

Margaret's Execution

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

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

Redhead

Southwold (Suffolk) - Sutherland House

This young red haired woman is reported to wait for the return of Lord Sandwich, who was killed in a navel battle off the coast here. Footsteps and the sound of doors opening have been heard on 28 May, the anniversary of the Lord's death.

29

Wolfhound Howls and Doom Follows

Southerly (Cambridgeshire) - Near ruins east of the town

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

Lady Waving Handkerchief

Dundee (Angus) - Claypotts Castle

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

30

Blue Lights Dance

Bawberg (Norfolk) - Bawberg Church

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

31

Small Man with Slit Throat

SW1 (Greater London) - St James's Palace

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

Antrim (Ulster) - Antrim Castle

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

Theydon Bois (Essex) - Hill Hall

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.

Generally May

Guilt Ridden Officer

Sleaford (Lincolnshire) - Colbey Grange - former RAF base

This phantom officer in RAF uniform is thought to return briefly around May time, in regret for sending dozens of young men off to their deaths, in particular a close friend of whom he was particularly fond. The remaining control tower is thought to be particularly haunted, with footsteps and crashes heard and a poltergeist like entity throwing stones and broken glass at people who venture too close.



01

Woman's Singing

Hickling (Norfolk) - Hickling Broad, south of village

Once a year a gentle female voice can be heard singing. This could be the Woman in White, seen punting from one side for the Broad to another, heading towards a mill. Another ghost is associated with the broad; a drummer is said to be a Napoleonic soldier who drowned while skating across the ice, en route for a secret rendezvous with his girlfriend, can sometimes be heard.

Hairy Earth

Wistow (Leicestershire) - Wistow's Grave

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

02

Ammunition Train

Soham (Cambridgeshire) - Approach to the station

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.

White Figure

Newtyle (Angus) - Bulb Farm (no longer standing, replaced by housing)

A white figure, thought to be decapitated,

was said to move slowly around the area after sunset, as if looking for its missing body part. Groaning is also heard in the area.

10

Lily Cove

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

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

13

Children's Paradise

Horsey (Norfolk) - Horsey Mere

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

14

Midair Battle

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

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. A photograph taken by the Northampton Paranormal Group on this date in 2008 may show a

phantom soldier, though nothing was seen when the image was taken.

Old Lady

Sevenoaks (Kent) - Maidstone Road

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

15

Goring the Cavalier

Hitchin (Hertfordshire) - Hitchin Priory

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

Piper

Glen Esk (Angus) - Waters of Lochlee

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

Swimming Horseman

Ashford (Kent) - Eastwell Park and Manor House

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

King John's Hounds

Purse Caundle (Dorset) - Purse Caundle Manor

Once a year eith on this date or the 23 June), this pack of devil dogs is let loose in the neighbourhood. Sounds of ghostly plainchant have been heard coming from the manor house.

King Arthur

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

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.

Sprites & Pixies

Ballona (Isle of Man) - Ballona Bridge

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

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

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.

Arthur's Table

Bossiney (Cornwall) - Bossiney Mound

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

21 (Midsummer Eve)

Dancing Skeletons

Worthing (Sussex) - Broadwater Green, old oak tree

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.

Fish Stone

Crickhowell (Wales) - Stone by the River Usk

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

Unfaithful Girl

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

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.

Witch Haven

Trewa (Cornwall) - General area

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.

Spinning Top

Dyffryn (Wales) - St Lythan's Cromlech

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.

The Lonely Shepherd

Clydach (Wales) - Limestone Pillar

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.

Those that will Die

Tavistock (Devon) - Church

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.

Wishing Stone

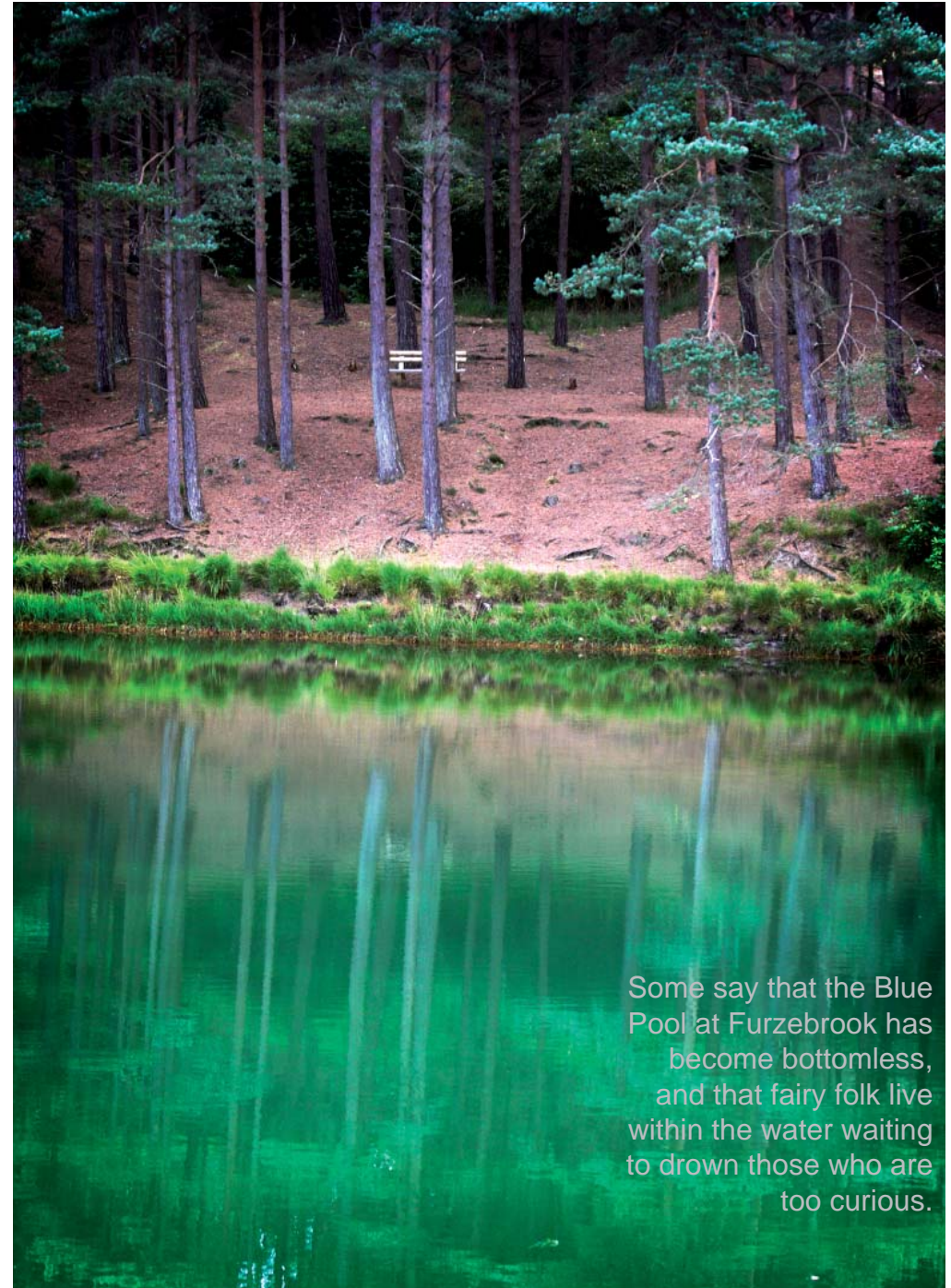
Bettiscombe (Dorset) - Sliding Hill

The hill is said to be named after a magical stone that grants wishes. Once a year, on Midsummer Eve, the stone propels down the hill, before returning the following day.

White Dog

West Kennet (Wiltshire) - Long Barrow

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



Some say that the Blue Pool at Furzebrook has become bottomless, and that fairy folk live within the water waiting to drown those who are too curious.

Nan Clark

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

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.

White Lady

Hampton Court (Surrey) - Landing Stage

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

Petrified Man

Enstone (Oxfordshire) - Hoar Stone

The three stones standing here are said to be a man, his dog and his horse. The man, the larger stone, is said to wander down to the village stream on Midsummer Eve. The stones are also said to return to their positions if anyone tries to remove them.

24

Anne Blakemore in Blue

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

Murdered in 1750, the ghost of Anne Blakemore has developed a habit of running in

front of cars, convincing the drivers that they have run over a living person. She is commonly seen around 24th June, the date of her death.

Bishop of Brundall on Barge

Brundall (Norfolk) - River

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

Alexander Cruwys

Bickleigh (Devon) - Bridge over the River Exe

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

Mayfly with Figures Running about Deck

Oulton (Norfolk) - Oulton Broad

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, reputedly visible at 12:30am.

Generally June

The Drowned

Llanfaglan (Wales) - Churchyard

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

Hounds

Galashiels (Borders) - Buckholm Tower

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.

Drowned Lad

Tidmarsh (Berkshire) - Stream near Tidmarsh Rectory

The stream that ran close to this property was said to be haunted by a young boy who once drowned in its waters. He would only return on clear nights dominated by a full moon, which probably explains why he was last spotted in the 1880s.

Young Girl

Rotherfield (Sussex) - The King's Arms

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





West Kennet (Wiltshire) - Long Barrow



The Tower of London - the most haunted building in the UK?

01

Rahere

EC1 (Greater London) - St Bartholomew's Church

This pious monk, who doubled as a jester in Henry I's court, is thought to be the man who built the church, and has been reported standing by the altar at 7:30am. He quickly disappears if seen.

04

Tristram Dillington

Knighton Gorges (Isle of Wight) - Knighton Shute

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

05

Old Soldiers

Westonzoyland (Somerset) - Sedgemoor Battlefield

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

Hymns

Bridgwater (Somerset) - Road from Bridgwater to Weston Zoyland

As the Duke of Monmouth retreated after their defeat, his troops sang hymns to try to boost their morale. Their song can still be heard.

Footsteps

East Grinstead (Sussex) - Ashdown House, Forest Row

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

10

Bride

Chagford (Devon) - Whiddon Park Guest House

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

11

Fighting Galleons

Breydon Water (Norfolk) - Breydon Water

The ships reputed to haunt this area are said to be a fleet of galleons heading towards Burgh Castle.

16

Duke of Monmouth

*Horton (Dorset) - Woodlands - Monmouth
Ash Tree*

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

Giant

Somerleyton (Norfolk) - Exact location not known

Somerleyton was once the hunting area of a giant, whose phantom is said to briefly appear on the evening of 17 July.

27

Battlefield

Pitlochry (Perth and Kinross) - Pass of Killiecrankie

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

Nun

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

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.

Generally July

Duke of Monmouth

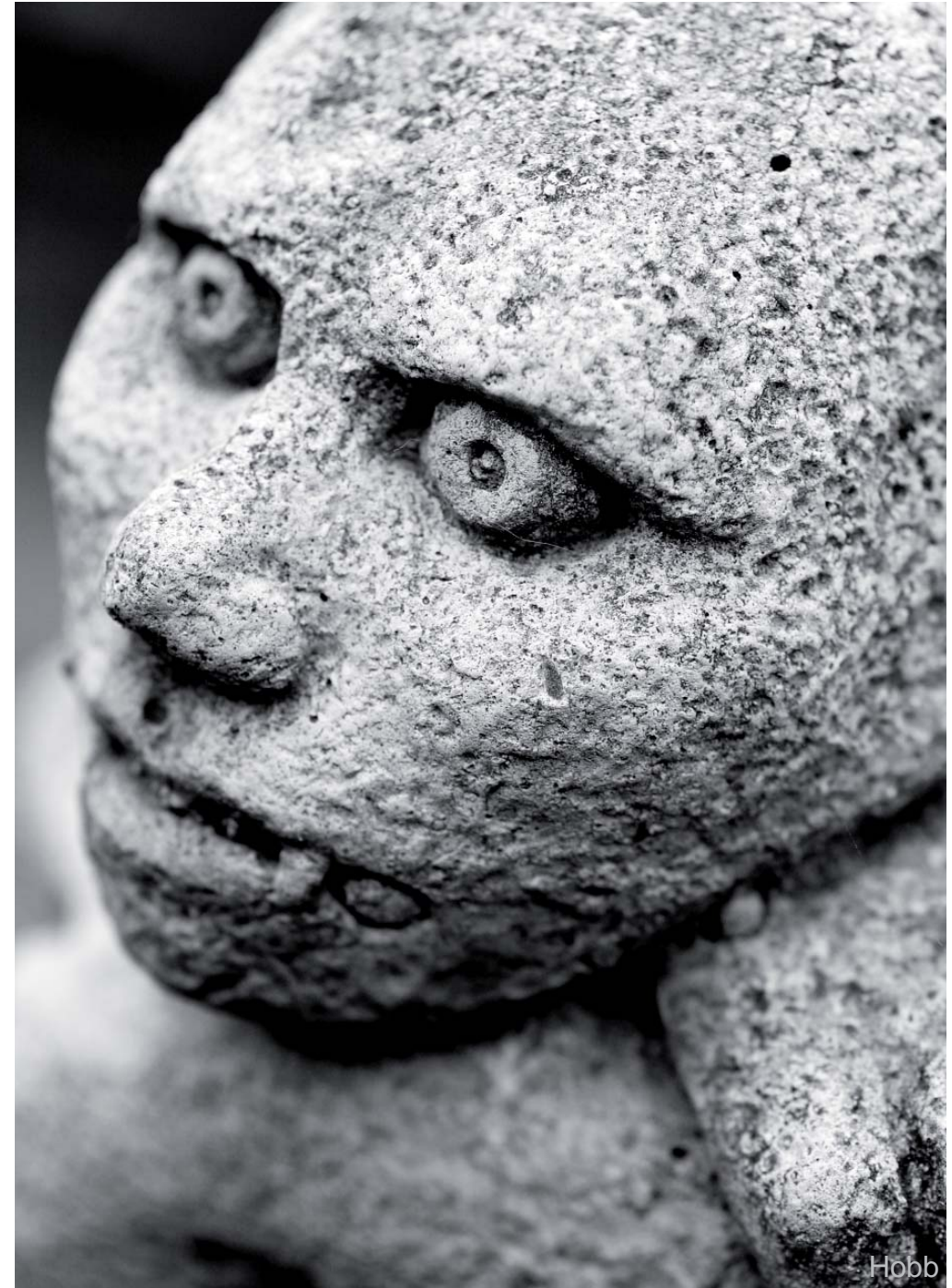
Bridgwater (Somerset) - Castle ruins

The Duke of Monmouth is said to have stayed at the castle just prior to the battle of Sedgemoor, his phantom possibly remaining in regret of defeat. The ghost is reputedly active in early July.

Nun

Exeter (Devon) - Exeter Cathedral

Seen only around this month, the nun quickly disappears once spotted. A monk has been reported in the area surrounding the cathedral.



Hobb

01

Animated Queen Anne

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

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

Walking Stone Knights

Ingham (Norfolk) - Trinitarian Priory

Chas Sampson wrote that the two stone knights in the church are said to wake once a year (either on this day or the following one) and go for a walk to the water's edge. Here they fight an Asian soldier in uniform, before walking back.

02

King William II

Minstead (Hampshire) - New Forest, the Rufus Stone

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.

Screaming

Cowbridge (Wales) - Pwyllywrach Manor

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

13

Tom Crocker

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

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

Misty Lady

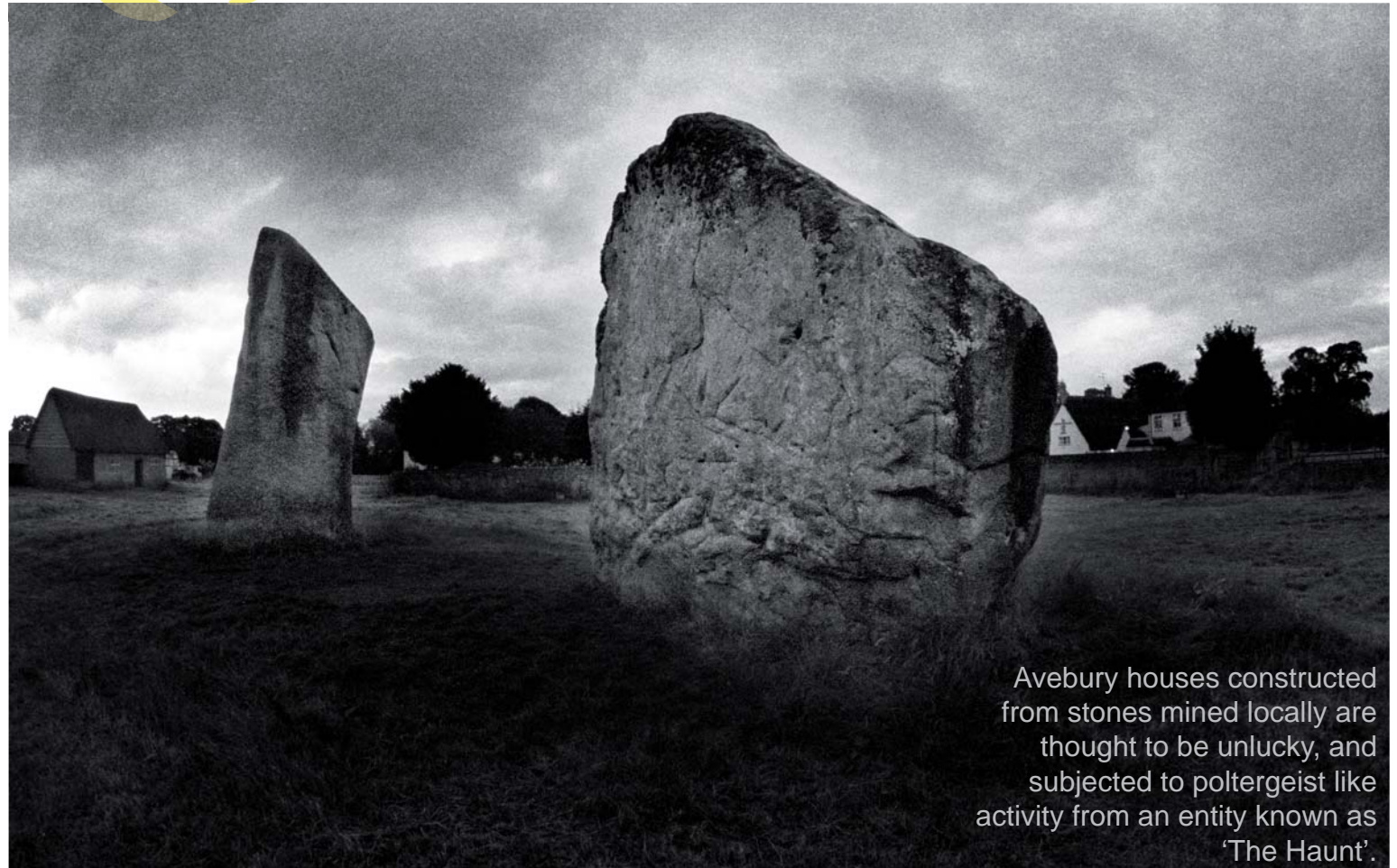
Rock (Northumberland) - Area between Rock and South Charlton

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

Pregnant Nun

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

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.



Avebury houses constructed from stones mined locally are thought to be unlucky, and subjected to poltergeist like activity from an entity known as 'The Haunt'.

August

21

Old Man Bern being Chased

Reedham (Norfolk) - High Street

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

Figure of a Hooded Person

Maldon (Essex) - Beeleigh Abbey, near Maldon

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 either on this day or the 11 August.

24

Waiting Woman

Belaugh (Norfolk) - Riverside

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

31

Spontaneous Combusting Rat Catchers

Beccles (Suffolk) - General area

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. They are allowed a brief respite once a year.

Generally August

Hanging Highlanders

Newton le Willows (Lancashire) - Hermitage Green Lane

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

Thurlton (Norfolk) - Marshes

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

Waving White Lady in a Coach

Hockley (Essex) - Road outside the church

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

Victorian Woman

Sudeley (Gloucestershire) - Sudeley Castle

It is always around this month and September that a ghostly housemaid is seen cleaning and dusting, dressed in Victorian working garb. A visiting American Professor reported encountering her during a visit to the castle.

03

Devil

Brampton (Hereford & Worcester) - Brampton Bryan Park

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

08

John and Amy

Flordon Tasburgh (Norfolk) - Rainthorpe Hall

Early evening of 8 September, a ghostly pair meet in the gardens of the hall. Amy Robsart and John Appleyard were once happily married, though Amy died under mysterious circumstances after her husband grew close to Elizabeth I.

12

Janet Dalrymple

Bladnoch (Dumfries and Galloway) - Baldoon Castle ruins

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

13

Murdered Women

Selkirk (Borders) - Newark Castle

The castle is said to contain the souls of the women and children murdered by brutal soldiers at the site, who are heard once a year.

14

Battle

Breydon Water (Norfolk) - Breydon Water

A ghostly battle between a pirate ship and two smaller vessels is reputed to occur in this part of the Norfolk Broads.

18

Bishop of Brundall on Barge Reprise

Brundall (Norfolk) - River

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

21

Edward II Screams

Berkeley (Gloucestershire) - Berkeley Castle

Murdered on orders of his wife Queen Isabella (her fate is documented elsewhere in this data-



base), the anniversary of the King's death is marked by his screams echoing around the castle.

28 (St Michael's Eve)

Sir Walter

Sherborne (Dorset) - Castle

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

30

Mad Jack

Atcham (Shropshire) - Mytton and Mermaid Hotel

John 'Mad Jack' Mytton was a local eccentric who lived with 2000 dogs and 60 cats while drinking six bottles of port per day. His money eventually ran out and he died in a debtors prison. However, once a year on his birthday, his ghost is reputed to visit the hotel that has now taken his name.

Generally September

Peg Snedde

Crackenthorpe (Cumbria) - General area

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

Lady in Black

Pembroke (Wales) - Manorbier Castle

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

Princess Alice

Thamesmead (Kent) - Thames River

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

Grenadier Climbing Stairs

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

This young trooper was killed after it was

discovered he cheated in a card game in the public house - the grenadier only appears in the month of September, as he walks around the building, looking into rooms and pacing along corridors.

Monk

Minster (Kent) - Old Oake Cottage

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



01

Screams of Spanish Soldiers

Dun an Oir (Munster) - General area

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.

03

Alexander MacAllister

Glenlivet (Moray) - Altnachoylachan Hill

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

Osyth

St Osyth (Essex) - St Osyth's Priory

While legend states that Saint Osyth herself haunts the building, manifesting upon this date, 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.

12

Seymour

Hampton Court (Surrey) - Hampton Court Palace

Jane Seymour returns on this day (the date she gave birth to her son), while Henry's other wives, also make brief appearances through the year. A photograph taken in December 2003 reportedly showing a ghostly hooded figure opening a fire escape has been dismissed as a hoax

13

The Mourning Woman

Charfield (Gloucestershire) - Charfield graveyard, memorial to those killed in the Charfield Station rail crash

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

Black Chrysler Hit by Express

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

1948 saw the tragic death of Colonel Mel-

lows, 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.

23

Battle of Edgehill Repeating

Edgehill (Warwickshire) - Kineton

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 on this day, though the visuals are not forthcoming.

29

Duel

Rye (Sussex) - Mermaid Inn

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.

30

Pack of Hounds

Todmorden (Yorkshire) - Area between Todmorden and Mankinholes

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

Lady Blunt

Lydiard Millicent (Wiltshire) - Rectory

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

31 (All Hallow's Eve)

Lady Fleetwood

Fleetwood (Lancashire) - Rossall School

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

Hunt

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

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.

Headless Monk

Erith (Kent) - Lesnes Abbey

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).

Ringing

Armboth Fell (Cumbria) - Thirlmere Lake

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

Monk and Author

Hitchin (Hertfordshire) - Minsden Chapel

The chapel is reputedly haunted by a phantom monk, and 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.

Secret Meeting

Maybole (Ayrshire) - Coves of Culzean

The little people are reported to gather here once a year for secret planning sessions.

World War One Soldier

Bournemouth (Dorset) - Bournemouth Town Hall

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.

Headless Horseman

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

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.

All of Horrors of the Lakes

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

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

Leaping Woman

Amble (Northumberland) - Cliffs close to Cliff House

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

Roll Call

Chirbury (Shropshire) - Church

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

Returning Maid

Abbots Langley (Hertfordshire) - Churchyard and Vicarage

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.

Shuck and Friends

Tuamgraney (Munster) - Wooded area

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 Hobbington

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

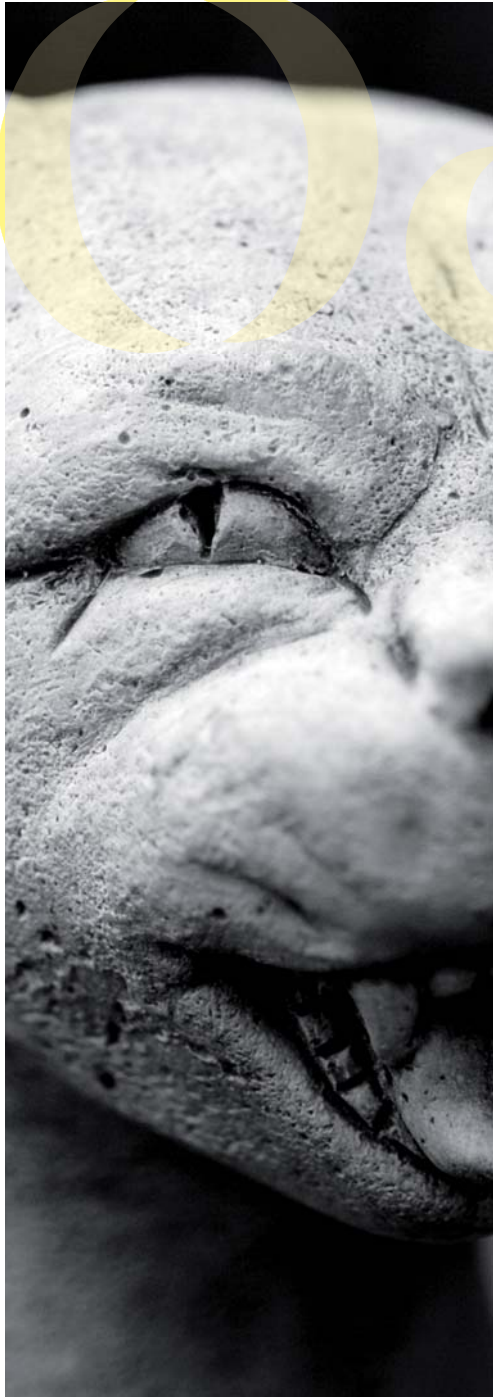
The shade of the Lady, together with a phantom white calf, would be seen moving around the house revealing all the secret priest holes once a year - during life she performed the same task, feeding those who hid within. The grounds are now said to be haunted by a young girl wearing a tartan dress, quietly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

Screaming

Inverurie (Aberdeenshire) - Pittodrie House hotel

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





Sow with Litter

Bransby (Lincolnshire) - Bonnewells Lane

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.

Black Dog

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

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.

Lantern Bearer

Dacre (Cumbria) - Hawkesdale Hall

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

Grey Ladies

Netley (Hampshire) - Netley Abbey ruins

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.

Those to Die

Crowcombe (Somerset) - Church

Anyone watching the church at midnight on Halloween would see the spirits of those fated to die over the forthcoming twelve months.

Fire

Warminster (Wiltshire) - Cley Hill

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. A legend says the hill was created by the Devil, who threw down a pile of dirt on the spot after being led to believe that it would take him several years to reach Devises.

House with Glowing Windows

Thirlmere (Cumbria) - Armbboth Hall & Thirlmere lake

After a murder of a newly wed bride, this house was left to fall into ruin - though some people reported that a glowing candle moves past various windows and a wedding party occurs. The Hall is now lost below the waters of the flooded valley of Thirlmere Lake.

Generally October

Knights

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

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

Dilton Marsh (Wiltshire) - High Street

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. He is reportedly active during this month and November.

Suicidal Person

Stapleford (Sussex) - Cross Inn

Starting this month and ending in March, 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.

01 (All Souls' Day)

Ghosts of the Future

Middleton (Lancashire) - St Leonard's Church

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

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

The headless phantom of Saint Juthware is reported to walk towards the church with her

head in her hands at 1:00am. She was beheaded by her step-brother, tricked into doing so by his mother.

03

Constantia Screaming

N17 (Greater London) - Bruce Castle

The Lady Coleraine is seen once a year, screaming as she jumps from a balcony trying to escape the possessive nature of her husband. A couple walking past one night 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...

04

Catherine

Hampton Court (Surrey) - Hampton Court Palace

A silently screaming Catherine Howard has been watched moving towards the chapel where she begged Henry VIII to save her life.

05

Turn it Over

Shebbear (Devon) - Devil's Boulder

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.

10

Mr Baker

Melbury Bubb (Dorset) - Dirt track along Bubdown Hill, known as Murderers Lane?

Mr Baker was a farmer who was murdered on the hill in 1694. His ghost returns on the anniversary of the crime, possibly driving a horse and carriage.

11

Marching Troops

Horley (Surrey) - Thunderfield Castle and Haroldslea Drive area

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.

13

Grey Nun

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

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.



Cerne Abbas,
the Silver Well

23 (St Clement's night)

Whimpering

Pyecombe (Sussex) - General area of village

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

24 (St Catherine's Eve)

Old Coles

Leigh (Hereford & Worcester) - Road passing through village, leading to river

Long since exorcised, the phantom of Old Coles would drive his coach through the village and use the local river to cool his horses.

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Sleeping Sentry

Kilkenny (Leinster) - Foulksrath Castle

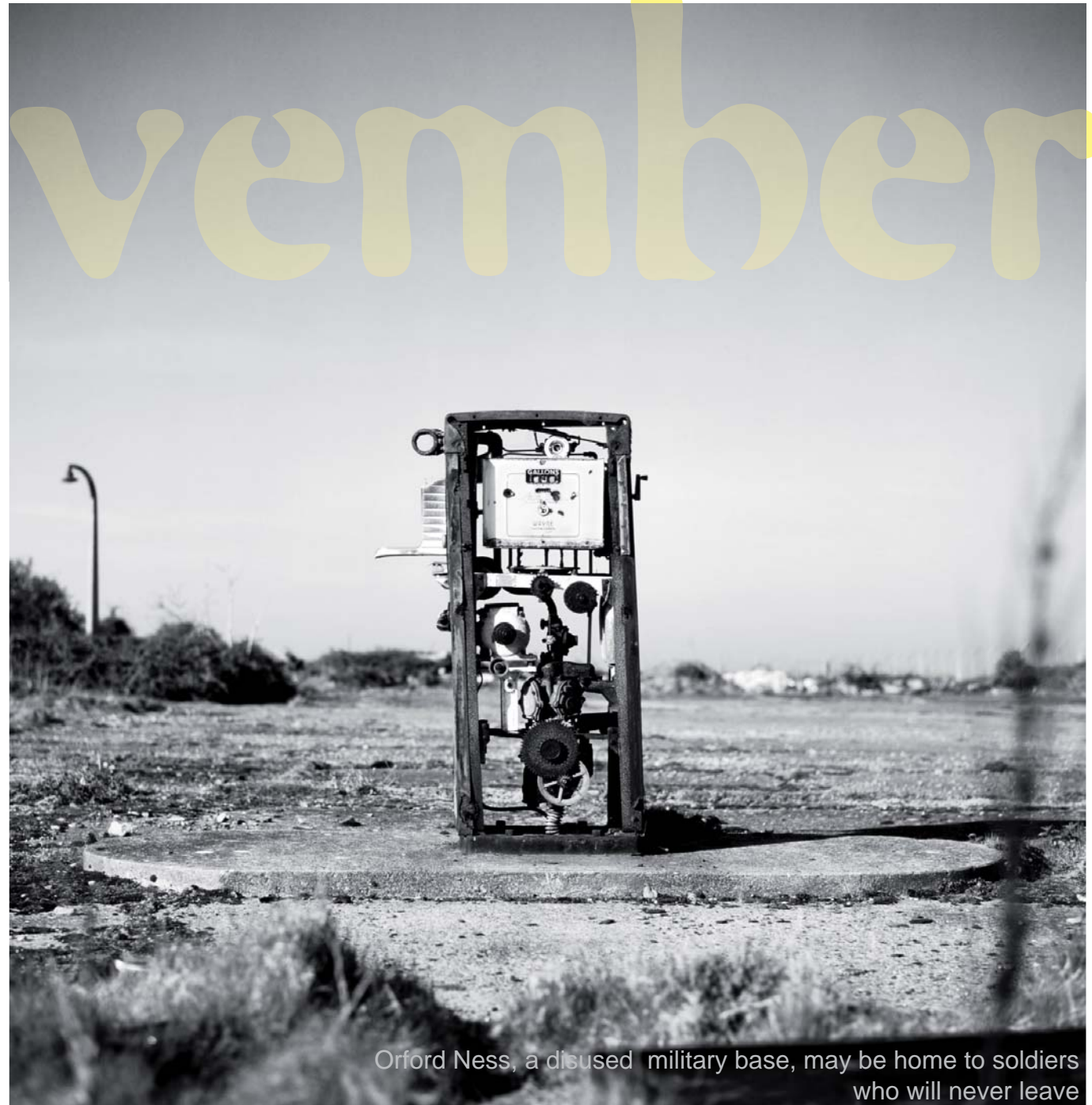
A guard at the castle once fell asleep while on duty, and was thrown from the battlements as punishment. Once a year, his footsteps are heard as he walks around to make amends for his inappropriate actions.

30 (St Andrew's Day)

Sunk Church

Romford (Essex) - Old Church Road

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



Orford Ness, a disused military base, may be home to soldiers who will never leave

November

Grey Monk

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

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. The figure appears only once during the month, before disappearing for another year.

Black Coach

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

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

Generally November

The Duel

Youlgreave (Derbyshire) - Youlgreave Hall

Once a year a ghostly Cavalier and a phantom Round-head meet and fight. It is not known who wins.

Mr Goddard

Whitestone (Warwickshire) - Private house along Gypsy Lane

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

Sister Barbara

Marham (Norfolk) - Vinegar Hill

The sister would pay men to pretend to rob travellers, before 'saving' them, and receiving rewards that she used to pamper herself. She was reported by a group of monks, and was subsequently bricked up alive behind a wall. She now walks the hill, gliding silently along.



Every one hundred years the Uffington Chalk Horse leaves to have its feet shod.

December

04

Cries of the Trapped

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

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

Emily

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

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

20

Footfalls Down the Stairs

Great Baddow (Essex) - White Horse Inn

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

21

Meeting Point

Bishops Castle (Shropshire) - Stiperstones (aka Stiper Stones)

It is a curious local legend that states that once a year all the ghosts in the UK meet at the stones, one assumes for their AGM..!

White Lady

Lower Boscaswell (Cornwall) - Pendeen Vau, aka Pendeen Fogou

This figure in white holds a red rose in her mouth, and turns and walks into the fogou. Some say to see her will bring misfortune, and anyone foolish enough to follow her... well, no one has done and reported it. The phantom may also manifest on 22 December.



The ghost of King Sil is said to ride around the base of Silbury Hill on moonlit nights.

24 (Christmas Eve)

Farmer on Pony Back

Egremont (Cumbria) - Tarpot area

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.

Grey Monk

Salford (Lancashire) - Kersal Cell

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

Harp Player

Stubley (Derbyshire) - Stubley Old Hall

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.

Carriage

Holford (Somerset) - Normansland driveway

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

Dickens

Rochester (Kent) - Castle

It is believed that Charles Dickens's ghost haunts the moat; he has been seen both here and at the Corn Exchange clock.

Night Coach

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

A ghostly hunt pack stalk the area on this day, led by a man who was killed by his hounds.

Sound of Silver

Evesham (Hereford & Worcester) - River

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

Coach

Calcutt (Wiltshire) - Bridge in the area (A419?)

This coach, pulled by a team of four horses, crosses a bridge close to Calcutt.

Headless Horseman

Beccles (Suffolk) - Roos Hall driveway

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.

Farm Girl

Brough (Derbyshire) - Traveller's Rest public house

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.

Lost Lady

Brigg (Lincolnshire) - General area

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

Wythall (West Midlands) - Black Greve Farm

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.

Lost Bell

Shrewsbury (Shropshire) - Bomere Pool

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.

Anne Boleyn

Hever (Kent) - Bridge over the Eden

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

White lady

Worstead (Norfolk) - Church

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

Red Eared Pigs

Calcutt (Wiltshire) - A419?

Several small white swine with red ears cross the road once a year on Christmas Eve.

Black Lady

Bradley (Lincolnshire) - Bradley Woods

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!'. .

Coach & Four

Sandford on Thames (Oxfordshire) - Fields around the village

Driven by a headless horseman, a coach moving at breakneck speed pulled by four horses tear around fields near the village on the night before Christmas.

Sound of Hooves & Screams

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

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.

Old Blunderhazard

Barsham (Suffolk) - Between Barsham and Norwich

Once per year, just before Christmas, a ghostly member of the Blennerhassett family leaves the village in a coach pulled by headless horses. The phantom would travel to Hasset's Tower in Norwich before returning home before sunrise.

Abigail in her Carriage

High Laver (Essex) - Main road through village

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.

Gilbert

Marden (Kent) - Road to Hawkhurst

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 every Christmas Eve.

Radley

Halam (Nottinghamshire) - Valley southeast of village

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

Black Tom of Scothill

Dewsbury (Yorkshire) - Dewsbury Parish Church

Black Tom is the name of the bell in the church, and is tolled the number of the year (ie, in 2007 it was tolled 2007 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

East Barnet (Hertfordshire) - Oak Hill Park

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 Christmas Eve every sixth year, the last verified sighting of Sir Geoffrey was on 17 December 1932.

Lady Ursula

Madingley (Cambridgeshire) - Madingley Hall

Lady Ursula Hynde 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 this Hall.

Heavy Trampling

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

Any listener here is said to hear footsteps marching up and down a passageway between 11:00pm and midnight. They are rumoured to belong to a soldier of Cromwell. A ghostly woman is said to haunt one of the bedrooms, and it is alleged she was Cromwell's mistress.

25 (Christmas Day)

Betsy Jane

Solway Firth (Dumfries and Galloway) - Waters of

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.

Raleigh

Southwell (Nottinghamshire) - Road between Southwell and Oxtun

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.

Phantom Runner

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

Always heard but never seen, this spook frequents the old staircase, the footsteps always rushing. The haunting starts upon this day and ceases on the sixth of January.

Little Girl with Rag Doll

Exeter (Devon) - Prospect Inn

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.

Jolly Monk

Wonersh (Surrey) - Grantley Arms public house

This figure once appeared every Christmas-

time, though has kept his head down over recent years (maybe as he was said to have been exorcised by a Roman Catholic barmaid).

Kids

WC2 (Greater London) - Courtts Bank

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.

Flutter By

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

A butterfly is reported to haunt the theatre, manifesting briefly on this day.

Monk

Strata Florida (Wales) - Former site of abbey

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

The Final Bear

Fernhurst (Sussex) - Ruins of Verdley Castle

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.

Shadowy Figure

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

This figure, also heard moaning around the same time of year, is thought to be a criminal hanged in 1826. Others speak of a darker tale

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

Breathing & Hollow Footsteps

Sandringham (Norfolk) - Country House

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.

Lillie Langtry

SW1 (Greater London) - Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street

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.

Moaning

Broughton (Northamptonshire) - Church of St John

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

Chained Monk

SW1 (Greater London) - Buckingham Palace

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.

Lucette

Clayton le Moors (Lancashire) - Dunkenhalth Hall (currently a hotel?) and nearby bridge

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

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

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

Monk with No Legs

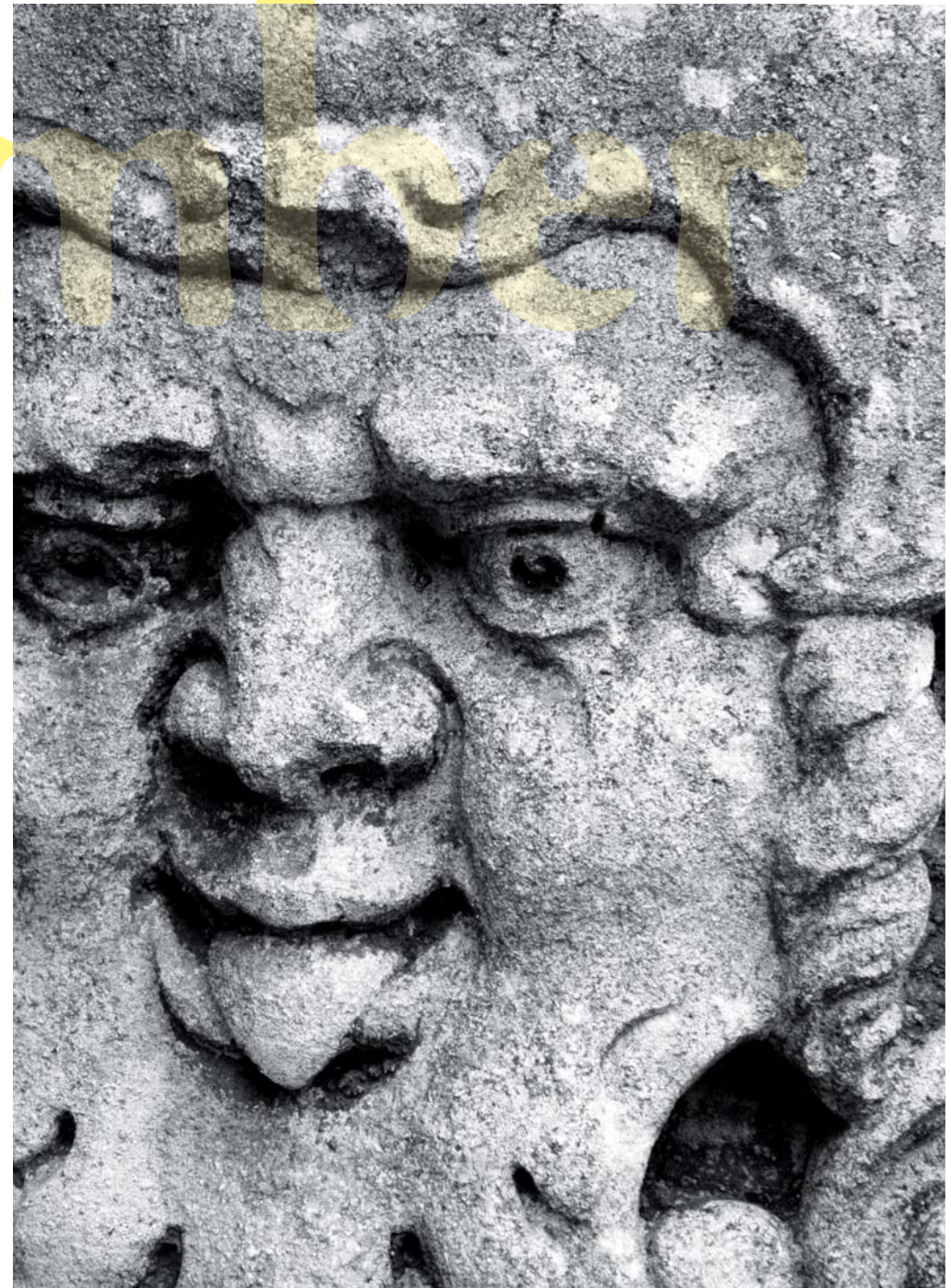
Cranham (Essex) - St Mary's Lane

This phantom monk is said to float silently across the road. He was last reported during the 1970s.

Petrified Thief

Llandyfyrdog (Wales) - Just outside the village - Carreg Lleidr (Robber's Stone)

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 Day at midnight the stone runs three times around the field in which it stands.

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Glowing Train with Red Lights

Wormit (Fife) - Tay Bridge

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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St Thomas of Canterbury

Lapford (Devon) - Road through village

The ghost of Thomas Beckett appears on the anniversary of his death, passing through the village on horseback.

Knight in Shining Armour

Kemsing (Kent) - Kemsing Church

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

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Man on Black Horse

Ranworth (Norfolk) - Neighbourhood of Ranworth Broad

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.

Coach and Horses

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

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.

John Bibby

Bootle (Lancashire) - Peel Road / Bibby's Lane

Seen once a year, Bibby rides his coach with his decapitated head in his lap.

Drinking Cross

Langton Herring (Dorset) - Ancient cross

This stone hewn cross moves to the nearby Fleet lagoon to sip the water.

Horse & Dog

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

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.

Carriage

Wadebridge (Cornwall) - Molesworth Arms Hotel

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.

Coach & Four

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

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

Green Hunter

Fawsley (Northamptonshire) - Dower House

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

Scarlet Rider

Stockport (Cheshire) - Bramall (also known as Bramhall) Hall

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.

Knight

Downend (Isle of Wight) - Area near Knight-on Gorges

A large black knight on horseback is still occasionally seen, galloping through the area.

Laird Beardie

Moonzie

Moonzie, Fife (Fife) - Lordscairnie Castle
Beardie played cards against the Devil and lost - the fateful game is now replayed on the last night of the year, though it is warned that anyone watching the game will also travel to hell with the Laird at the end of the match.

Leaping Shadow

SW1 (Greater London) - Westminster Bridge

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.

Generally December

Wailing

Steyning (Sussex) - Bramber Castle

Maude of Ditching's screams and cries can occasionally be heard in the ruins - her lover was bricked up in the dungeon after being caught by Maude's husband. The castle is also said to be haunted by two children seen begging for food, though they vanish if approached.

Drowning Duchess

Bristol (Somerset) - Duchess Lake, Purdown

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

Dark Horseman

Ellistoun (Renfrewshire) - Ellistoun Castle

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



Westminster Bridge

Weather Dependent Events



After a storm

Headless Horses

Long Compton (Warwickshire) - Long Compton Hill

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

Before a Storm

Stolen Bell

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

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

Isobel

Fraserburgh (Aberdeenshire) - Kinnaird Head Castle

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

Storm Warning

Zennor (Cornwall) - Tinner's Arms

This poltergeist could be little more than faulty wiring, as it only becomes active just

before the area is hit by electrical storms.

Suicidal Screams

Gwithian (Cornwall) - Hell's Mouth

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

Calm nights

Swallowed Sounds

Aberdyfi (Wales) - Off coast

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

Clear moonlit nights

Decapitated Horseman

Bristol (Somerset) - Ashton Court Estate

Ashton Court is best known for its ghostly headless horseman that appears when the atmosphere is right, though there are also reports of grey ladies and a phantom hound.

Grey Lady

Ruthin (Wales) - Ruthin Castle (hotel)

This spook was married to a fifteenth century steward at the castle - she decapitated her husband when she discovered him with a younger woman. In turn, she was beheaded for the act of revenge, and now makes fleet-

ing appearances at the former fortress. A man in armour is also occasionally reported.

Black Aggie

Dunbar (Lothian) - Dunbar Castle

This fitting ghost has been spotted around the ruins of Dunbar castle.

Cold winter nights

Red Eyed Sailor

Faversham (Kent) - Shipwrights Arms public house

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

Dark stormy nights

Thirsty Stones

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

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

Phantom Jaywalker

Pebmarsh (Essex) - Hanner Monk's Hill

This fleeting form is seen dashing across the road when the weather is right. It is thought

to be the ghost of Hanner Monk, though it is not clear if the man died on the road or elsewhere.

Hand

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

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

Square Cabell

Buckfastleigh (Devon) - Church, the Cabell Tomb

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

Dark, moonless nights

Boots Made for Walking

Besford (Hereford & Worcester) - Church Farm, local field named Dog Kennel Piece

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

During Storms

Biplane

Weybridge (Surrey) - Skies over the town

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

Arguing Men

Hardraw Scar (Yorkshire) - Waterfall

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

Foggy nights

Treasure Hunter

Higher Combe (Somerset) - The Caratacus Stone, just outside the village
The jutting rock is said to have treasure concealed beneath it, though it is now protected by the ghost of a man who tried to remove the stone to find the hidden wealth - his body was found crushed under the stone.

David Bowen

Aberhowy (Wales) - Road to village from Cardigan Bay

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

Foggy weather

Nance

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

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

Steam Locomotive

Elsham (Lincolnshire) - Ancholme Bridge

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

Misty evenings

Spectral Group of Monks Crewing a Barge

Ely (Cambridgeshire) - River Ouse towards Ely

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

Woman with Child

York (Yorkshire) - A64 Malton Road

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

Misty nights

Loping Phantom Dog

Hockley (Essex) - Road between Hockley and parish church

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

Heard's Lantern

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

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

Silent Stagecoach

Chalfont St Peter (Buckinghamshire) - Amer-sham Road and Greyhound Inn

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



David Davies

Dartmoor (Devon) - Prison

Davies tended to the prison sheep between 1869 and 1929. He died soon after being released, but his ghost returned, walking the prison grounds on misty nights.

Misty weather

Highlander with Hounds

Corrieyairack Pass (Highland) - Bridge over a stream

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

Scottie of Tidworth

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

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

Prior to snow

Chanting Monks

Ware (Hertfordshire) - Amwellbury House

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

Snowy nights

Naked Lady Hamilton of Bothwellhaugh

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

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

Stormy nights

Crying Child

Baldock (Hertfordshire) - Hinxworth Place

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 during stormy nights in autumn.

White Horse of Clumly

Hestwall (Orkney) - Clumly Farm

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

Moving Shadows

Elgin (Moray) - York Tower

Seen darting around the tower after dark, no

one really wants to investigate these dark shapes any further. Screeching and laughter have also been reported.

Rebecca

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

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

Sound of Stones

Sheringham (Norfolk) - Cliffs

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

Wallace

Ardrossan (Ayrshire) - Castle Hill

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

Kilmigrol

Blackpool (Lancashire) - Off the coast

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

Pointsman

Bispham (Lancashire) - Rail tracks

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

Murderer Begging for Mercy

Dartmoor (Devon) - Gibbet Hill, Black Down

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

Sobbing

Moelfre (Wales) - The Druids' Circle

Cries, sobs and loud moans are heard from the Stone of Sacrifice on certain nights of the year. During a witches meeting in the dim and distant past, this particular stone communicated with the pagan group - two of the women dropped dead on the spot, while a third went mad.

Laird on Horseback

Maxton (Borders) - Littledean Tower

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

Crying Children

Farndon Bridge (Cheshire) - General area

Two young princes were once thrown off this bridge into the river below by Roger Mortimer - their cries for help now heard on windy or stormy nights.

Stormy weather

Phantom Army

Deeside (Wales) - Ewloe Castle

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

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Bolting Horses

Trent (Dorset) - Trent Barrow, pool

The pool was once the scene of a tragedy when a horse drawn carriage crashed into it, drowning all on board. This mishap can still occasionally be heard.

Galloping

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

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

Dashing Lady

Crowborough (Sussex) - Alice Bright Lane

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

Barbara Villiers

W5 (Greater London) - Walpole House, Chiswick Mall

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

Wet winter nights

Fast Moving Old Lady

Farnham (Surrey) - West Street

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

Windy Days

Drummer

Marston Moretaine (Bedfordshire) - General area

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

Jack Aitken

Portsmouth (Hampshire) - Harbour area

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





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