

INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 3



Investigation Site	Pavenham and Ampthill, Great Park
Investigation Date	4 th June 2010
Report By	Bill King
Team Members	Bill, Dee, Sarah

Equipment List

Bill	Digital Infrared Thermometer: CHY 110 Digital SLR Camera: Pentax K2000 EMF Detector: Hutech Notepad & pen, torch and watch
Dee	Digital Voice Recorder: Olympus VN-5500PC Digital Camera: Fuji FinePix F31fd Notepad & pen, torch and watch
Sarah	Digital Camera: DSC- H50 Notepad & pen, torch and watch

Pavenham

Background

Church Lane is supposed to be haunted by the ghost of a Cavalier. The man had been stopped whilst leaving the village by a group of Roundheads and he had tried to escape by jumping his horse over a gate at the top of the lane. Unfortunately his horse clipped the gate and threw him. He was captured, executed and his body thrown into a nearby well. It is said that no gate, built in the aforementioned gateway, can remain intact for long.

Pre-Investigation

When we first arrived on the site we went over to the well so that Trevor, who was the only team member who had never visited the site, could see it in daylight. Bill and Dee went round to the north side of the well and had taken a few photographs looking down the well when they both heard a strange noise emanating from the well; this was at approximately 20:58. It sounded like something had fallen down the well and was a loud and clear sound. Dee thought she may have knocked something down the well, as she was standing close to it at the time, so she deliberately dropped a 30 centimetre long stick down but the sound was distinctly different. At the bottom of the well was a golf ball so Bill dropped another down (well away from the one already in situ) but again the sound was different. Interestingly the new golf ball ended up just centimetres away from the one already down the well. Examination of photographs taken just before the sound was heard and a little while after revealed no obvious changes to the pattern of sticks and leaves etc. at the bottom of the well.

Whilst the team were standing by the well Trevor, who was to the northeast saw a small animal, he described it as being like a vole, running around by the tree between him and the well.

General

The evening was a dry and very mild one with only a slight breeze from the southeast. The sky was clear and the area was a quiet one apart from the evening chorus, small animals in the undergrowth, occasional cars on the road past the gate and distant trains to the east.

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Vigil 1: Field Gate – 21:09 to 21:45

For this vigil Team 3 positioned themselves near to the gate to the road as shown in the plan below.

Dee's initial feelings were of slight apprehension. She placed her digital voice recorder on the top of the gate to her right.

Sarah notes that there is about 6 metres of wooded area behind her and to the left (towards the road).

21:17 Sarah made a noise with her camera.

21:18 Dee hears a faint, yet distinct series of 'puffing' noises behind her out towards the road over her right shoulder. After a short while a cyclist went past!

21:20 Dee hears two successive distant bangs.

Sarah notes that a car went by which sounded like a motorbike! She had peaceful feelings, but did keep looking behind her.

21:23 Bill measures the temperature at +13°C on the grass and +16.5°C towards the hedgerow.

21:25 Dee notes that a car goes past.

Sarah had a feeling of something rushing up on her from behind. She notes that there is a bird in the tree above her.

21:30 Dee is overcome by a feeling of anticipation.

21:31 Dee hears what sounds like giggling from some way up the road towards where the members' cars are parked.

21:33 Dee notes that a car passes and a distant train can be heard.

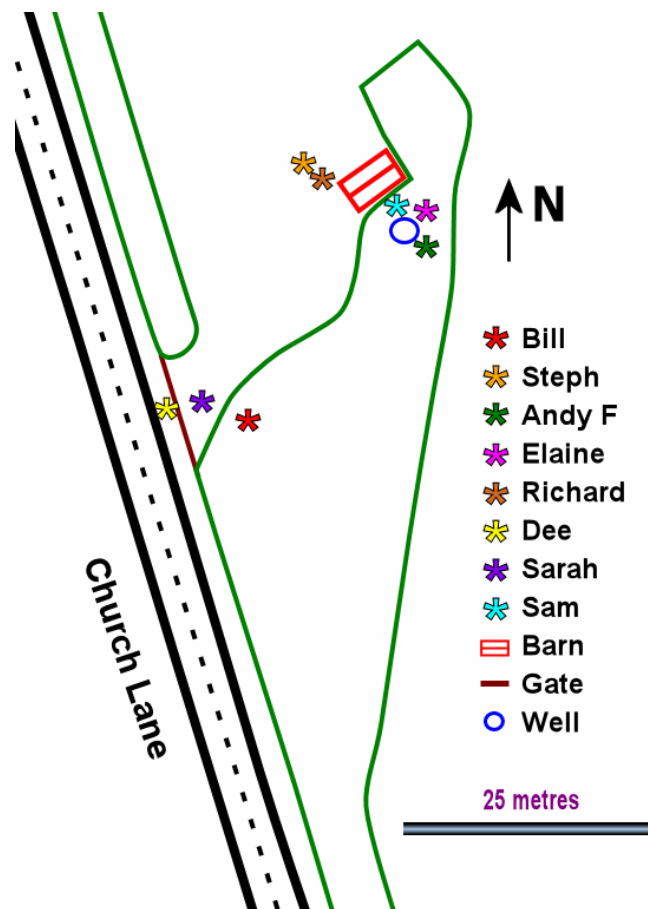
21:35 A rabbit hopped up to about 3 metres from Sarah, when she turned, it hopped away to the right.

21:36 Dee notes that two more cars pass in fairly close succession.

21:37 Dee hears voices from the direction behind Sarah in the woods. They are fleeting and no words can be distinguished.

21:38 Dee gets a clear impression of a shadowy figure darting right to left behind Sarah seated some metres away in the wooded area (she is clearly visible to Dee).

21:39 A loud thud is heard by Bill coming from the southwest by south. This was generally in the direction of Sarah's vigil site so it is possible the sound could have come from her or from a lot further away in the village of Pavenham.



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21:40 Dee notes that a car goes past.

Sarah saw a black movement across the trees near Bill through the leaves, it looked like a bird shape, but she neither saw nor heard a bird land anywhere.

Sarah suddenly gets a terrifying impression of a man (in brown clothes) running in through the gate and lying down in the undergrowth near the fencing by the road. He thought he wouldn't be seen, but someone was already there, a big man, balding, disfigured (also in brown clothes). He grabbed him to kill him by picking him up by the clothes on his back.

21:41 Dee hears a horse 'blowing' from the road area behind her (over her right shoulder). She leans out but can see nothing to explain the noise. She wonders if there are horses in a nearby field.

21:42 Dee hears what sounds like a faint horse whinny from behind her out beyond the road area and becomes convinced that there are horses in a nearby field.

21:43 Dee hears a distinct knock or small bang from over near the area of the well back in the trees just before a car passes by and a very loud pheasant calls from near Sarah.

Sarah heard a big thud where she had just had an impression of events (21:40).

21:44 Sarah is forced to move vigil sites due to an irate pheasant in the tree behind her. Sarah's initial position is shown by the ✱ on the plan whilst her second position is marked with a +.

Dee notes that the loud pheasant begins to repeatedly call from a branch directly above Sarah and causes her to flee her post!

21:45 Sarah heard a loud tap coming from the barn.

21:47 A pheasant in the trees suddenly came nearer to Sarah making lots of noise and, given what had just happened, Sarah moved sharpish from her original vigil area to the open field near Bill.

Post-Vigil

Whilst the team were discussing where to conduct the next vigil, Sarah felt a breath on the left side of her face.

Vigil 2: Well – 21:55 to 22:30

As we were settling ourselves by the well Dee saw a small rodent running around the tree to her left (towards the east), the same tree where Trevor saw a similar animal.

Dee's senses feel slightly heightened as the vigil begins. She places her digital voice recorder on one of the wooden slats spanning the well shaft.

For the positions of the team members see the plan on the previous page.

21:58 Dee hears a deer start to bark in the distance.

21:59 Bill measures the temperature at +14 to +14.5°C in the woods and +14°C around the well.

The sound of leaves being rustled by the breeze is noticed by Bill. This continued intermittently during the vigil.

22:00 Dee notes that a car passes and a distant train can be heard.

Sarah notes that she had felt uneasy from the start of the vigil.

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- 22:03 Dee suddenly gets the name *Jarvis*.
- 22:04 Dee reacts suddenly when she feels a distinct hand around her right ankle. She managed to kick a stone down the shaft when she jumped involuntarily. Her heart begins thumping hard from the fright!
- 22:06 Dee recovers from the shock of the ankle-grabbing and begins to investigate whether there are any branches etc. that could have caused the sensation. There is nothing.
- Bill does a visual scan of the area around Dee to see if there were any tree branches etc. that could account for a feeling of having her ankle grabbed that she experience shortly before. There was nothing of note.
- 22:07 A twig is heard to fall behind Bill (to the south).
- After a car passes Dee thinks she hears Sarah sigh loudly (she is videoing).
- 22:10 A very faint, red patch is seen by Bill on the east side of the well cover (this is a number of strips of wood badly decayed with gaps between the strips). When observed it was like a red mist moving to the right, into the wind.
- Dee gets a sudden pain above her right eyebrow and right ear and feels much overcome with tearfulness.
- Sarah has a feeling like someone was leaning on their arms at the top of the well looking out from under the wood bits. Sarah thinks the boulder nearby covered the well for some time
- 22:13 Something tickles Dee's left little finger. She thinks it is an insect but on inspection she can find nothing.
- 22:14 Dee notices torchlight through the trees from Andy's team nearby. Bill coughs.
- 22:15 Bill has to use his torch to enable him to see to remove a caterpillar climbing up his left sleeve.
- Dee hears movement in the woods.
- 22:16 Bill measures the temperature at +14 to +14.5°C in the woods and +14°C around the well.
- 22:17 Dee hears movement again and sees Andy moving around outside the tree line.
- 22:18 Dee feels very cold on the left side of her face and mentions it to Bill because he has a temperature gauge. He cannot get an accurate reading from his position but confirms on his own face that one side is colder than the other due to the direction of the cool breezes.
- 22:19 Dee reports that she feels cold on her left. Bill measures the temperature (from 2.5 metres away) as +24°C on her face and +16°C just to her right. Measurement of the woods showed that they were still at +14°C. Generally the temperature was +18 to +24°C around her face and +15 to +17°C near to her. It should be noted that the side she felt the cold on was facing the prevailing wind.
- 22:20 Sarah notes that a car went by.
- 22:21 Something fell off the tree to the east of the well and landed at the base of the tree nearest to Bill.
- 22:22 Dee notices flashes of light through the trees and assumes it is Andy's team.

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22:23 Bill measures the temperature of his face as a further check of the effect Dee had felt. There was a distinct 3°C difference between the side facing the gentle breeze and the opposite side.

22:28 Dee notes that another car passes by.

22:29 Bill sees a small dot of blue light to the east of the well on the wood edge.

Dee feels something touch her middle finger on her right hand. She checks immediately with her torch but can find no insects or obvious causes for the sensation.

22:30 Sarah gets reflections like water over the top of the well.

Vigil 3: Field Entrance to South – 22:55 to 23:25

For the positions of the team members see the plan on the right.

Dee feels a little breathless as the vigil begins, but this could be due to the falling temperature. She places her digital voice recorder on the ground to her right.

22:57 Bill measures the temperature at +15°C on the road and +12.5°C on the track.

22:58 Dee hears a bell ringing (a clock?).

23:00 Bill sees a small dot of blue-white light about two metres off the ground and behind Dee.

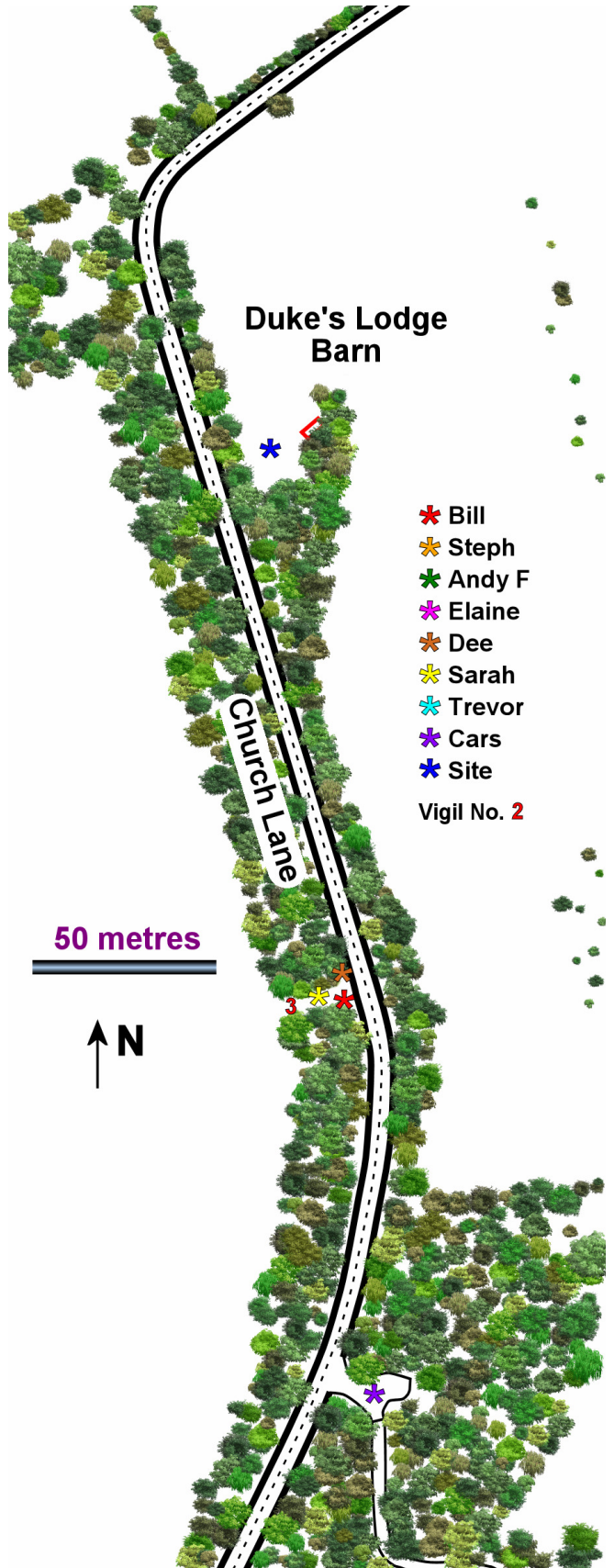
Sarah hears the bells from a church ringing then it is very quiet and she feels edgy.

23:02 Dee is troubled by an insect buzzing near her left ear.

23:03 A small dot of red light is seen by Bill on the far side of the road to the east.

23:06 Dee suddenly gets a vivid feeling of 'heavy-heartedness' washing over her.

23:08 Dee thinks she hears Sarah let out a big sigh.



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- 23:09 Dee gets a strong sense of a pack of dogs or a pack of people sounding like a pack of dogs.
- 23:11 Bill sees a small misty patch behind Dee and moving towards her head. If it was as far away from Bill as Dee was, then it would have been about 25 centimetres across and it moved about 40 centimetres. It either disappeared or it passed behind Dee.
- Dee feels uneasy, like there is something behind her.
- 23:12 Dee notices a patch of mist to her left. She couldn't be sure that her eyes weren't playing tricks, but Bill confirmed that there was a mist that moved around Dee.
- 23:15 Sarah hears creeps and clicks from the wood behind her.
- 23:16 The whole length of the road to the north seemed to turn red as seen by Bill (only the area visible to the left of Dee as Bill faced her).
- 23:18 Dee thinks she sees movement against the sky on the horizon of the road to the left like something is blocking out the light now and again. She cannot make out a distinct shape.
- 23:20 Sarah felt what seemed like an insect on her hand. She brushed it off.
- 23:21 Sarah got up to video around Dee as both Dee and Bill had mentioned a mist. Sarah did pick up a white area the camera would not focus on, then the camera did focus after Sarah had moved it away and then back, and there was no longer a white area.
- 23:22 Bill measures the temperature at +15°C on the road and +13°C on the track.

Ampthill Great Park

Background

Ampthill Great Park, landscaped by 'Capability' Brown, occupies a one hundred and twenty hectare site to the northwest of the town of Ampthill. In the park a ghost has been seen that was described as a "knight in full armour with a plumed helmet, riding a glorious white steed". A full account was given in 1965 by an ex-policeman who was holidaying in the area. Whilst strolling through the park with his family he saw "the vague shape of a man on a horse who suddenly appeared from where the castle used to be and vanished near a small brook". No records exist to explain who this rider may be or why he haunts this area though his emergence does correspond with the original location of the castle which is now marked by Katherine's Cross. This memorial was erected in 1737 and is believed to commemorate Katherine of Aragon who lived for a while in the castle.

One man, who lives locally, has reported seeing the ghost on more than one occasion and says that it goes from the site of the castle (by Katherine's Cross) and travels towards a brook where it vanishes.

General

During this investigation there was a cool breeze coming from the south and a clear sky. The breeze was quite strong at times due to the elevated and exposed nature of the investigation site. There was some noise from the roads nearby and from trains on the railway line to the north, mainly heading towards Bedford.

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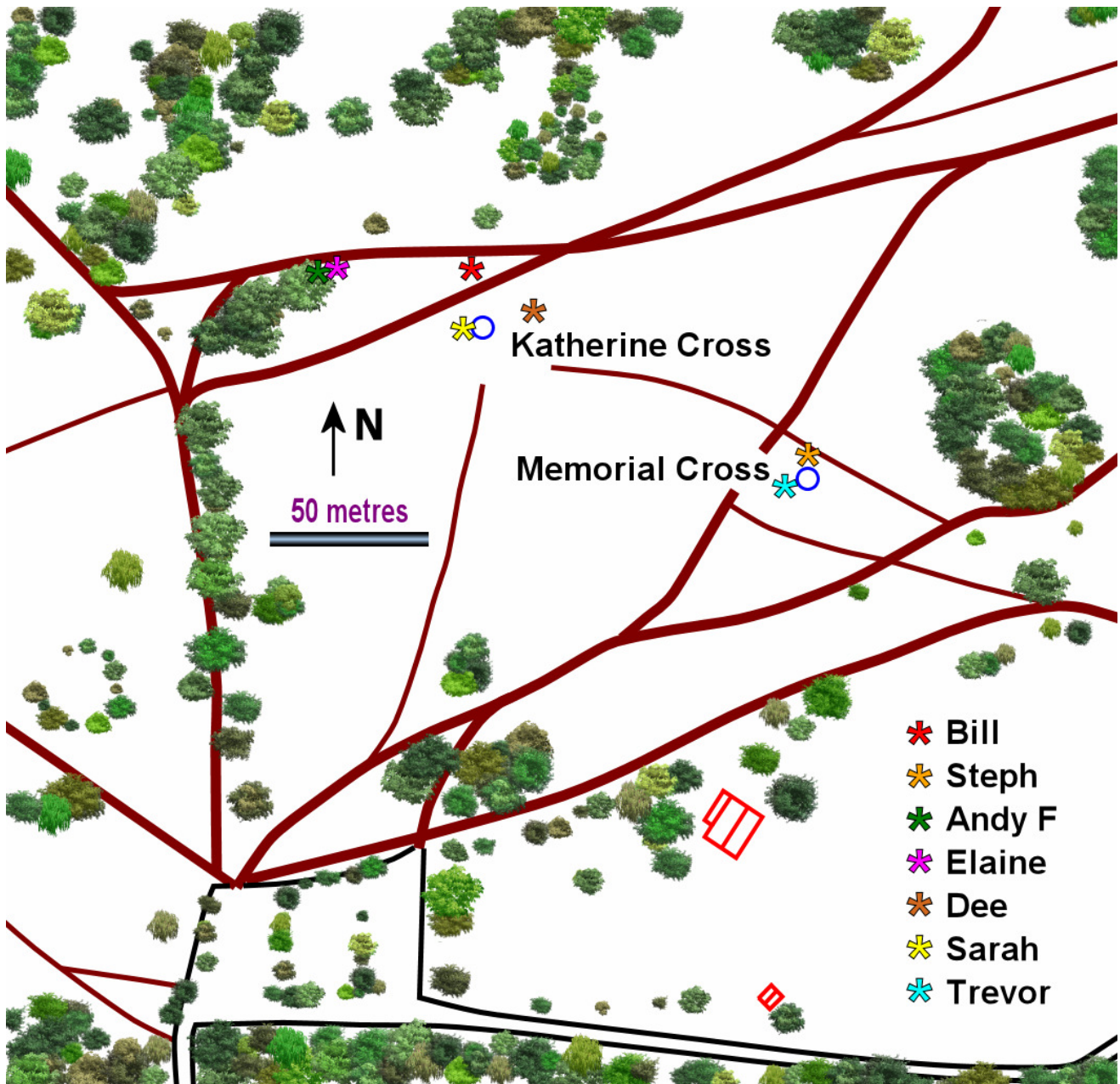
Vigil 1: Castle Site – 00:35 to 01:10

Bill sits on a bench to the north of the Katherine Cross facing out across the valley towards Kempston. Dee is positioned in an open area of grass set back to the right of the Katherine Cross (to the east-northeast), facing out towards the valley.

For the positions of the team members see the plan below.

Dee sensed nothing significant on the walk to the vigil site. She places her digital voice recorder on the ground to her right.

00:40 Bill hears three rapid clicks coming from just over his left shoulder. This sound seemed to originate very close to him.



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Sarah felt quite peaceful and did not pick up on any other feelings. However, a feather and some sticks were mysteriously arranged in the earth by the plaque. This was seen by other members too. Were they arranged or was it kids playing earlier?

00:41 Bill measures the temperature at +9.5°C.

00:48 A large dark shadow is seen by Bill moving up the hill to the east-northeast. It moved about two metres, almost to the top of the hill, before he lost sight of it.

00:54 Dee hears a dog barking loudly in the distance behind her to the left.

00:57 Dee hears a bird in the undergrowth further down the slope in front of her.

01:04 Dee hears definite strains of music (faint) coming from behind her. It fades in and out. She can see nothing (with or without a torch).

01:06 Bill measures the temperature at +9°C.

01:08 Dee is somewhat startled when 'flamingos' suddenly come into her mind. The image is very vivid, like they are allowed to wander around with peacocks.

Post-Investigation

Upon review of Dee's photos and the digital voice recording of this investigation, no unusual anomalies were noted. Dee's equipment recorded no unusual anomalies at Ampthill other than a couple of small moisture orbs near the Katherine Cross.