

INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 3



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| Investigation Date | 28 th November 2008 |
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| Team Members | Bill, Leana, Kaye |

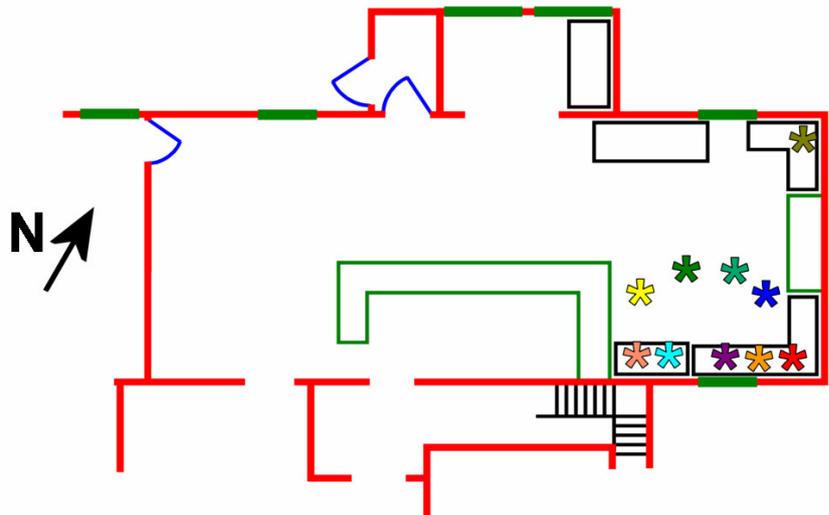
General

In these notes each team member is represented by a coloured star on the accompanying drawings as shown in the colour scheme on the right. The position of a camcorder is shown by a black star with an arrow showing the direction the camera was facing. Dictaphones and trigger objects are shown by bright green and lavender stars respectively. Finally any active areas (places where something significant happens, seen or felt) are shown by dark yellow stars. The blue star represents a guest who joined LPS for the investigation.

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| * Bill | * Claudia |
| * Steph | * Guest |
| * Marion | * Adrian |
| * Andy F | * Dictaphone |
| * Elaine | * Trigger Object |
| * Leana | * Active Area |
| * Kaye | * Camera |

Pre-Investigation

22:05 Leana and Bill entered the bar, bought two drinks then went to join the rest of the LPS team who were sitting to the right of the fireplace at the east end of the bar as shown in the drawing on the right. After Leana had sat down she said that there was a man sitting in the opposite corner marked by the dark yellow star (*) on the drawing, he was not visible to Bill. She had



seen him as soon as she had arrived and that he as about 22 years old and sitting in the corner with a drink. She described him as having dark hair that was almost black and he was wearing a leaf green jacket, like a fleece and she could see what looked liked a sky blue T shirt underneath. He was just sitting there and was still there at 22:53.

23:05 Leana pays a visit to the toilet and sees a spectral woman in the toilets who has long light brown hair that is tied up and who is wearing a long skirt and blouse. She was standing in front of the sink doing here make-up. Her hair is bunched up almost as if it had been pinned back out of the way while she does her make-up. Leana described her skirt as having fine pleats and being white in colour with delicate pink flowers. Her blouse is also white.

23:47 Leana picks up on the name Jake Richardson.

23:50 Leana sits in the corner where she saw the man sitting and reports that she feels cold. She was actually shivering but had felt warm everywhere else in the building. She says that she could not

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talk to him as he did not know that she was there, he was just a shadow of things that had happened.

Pre-Vigils

Bill set up a night vision camera on the bar facing northeast into the corner of the bar and across the areas which are alleged to be haunted (the far corner of the bar and a nearby sofa) as indicated on the vigil plan below. The camera was hard-wired to his laptop which was set for motion detection during the vigils. An additional infra-red light was placed at the other end of the bar; this was later found to be ineffective and was replaced with a second camera, placed halfway down the bar, which was used solely as an infra-red light source to illuminate the area.

Meditation: Bar Seating Area – 00:35 to 00:45

During the meditation Leana feels that there is something wrong with her right eye, it is aching and keeps watering. She also said that her throat hurt and her chest felt tight. She also heard someone whispering in her right ear but she couldn't understand what was being said as the words were garbled. The expression 'stabbed in the back' kept going through her mind but she didn't know whether this was meant literally or metaphorically. She was sitting next to the place where she had sensed the man in the corner of the room and had an intense urge to reach out to him; they both seemed to be waiting for someone.

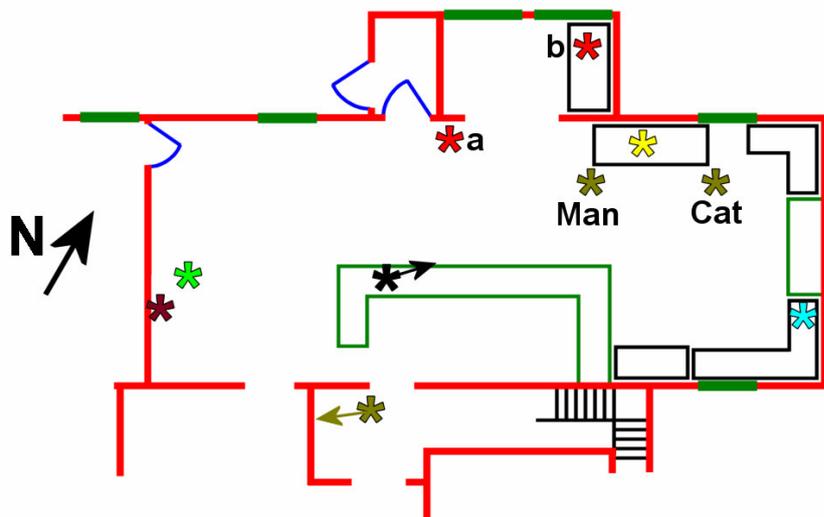
Vigil 1: Bar – 00:50 to 01:35

The vigil was done in the dark but not all of the lights in the bar could be turned off. Four strips lights over the optics at the back of the bar had no switch and a light remained on in the small annex to the east of the main entrance. Some lights also remained lit on the beer labels on the pumps.

During the vigil there was a fairly constant background noise due to the chiller cabinets. This varied in level as one of them kept going on and off.

Bill left a Dictaphone on a table in front of the modern fireplace as indicated by the light green star on the drawing on the right.

At the start of the vigil Bill sits facing the bar as marked by the red star labelled 'a' on the drawing.



00:53 Leana senses a long-haired ginger cat sitting on the pouffe which was to the left of the table which was in front of the sofa on which she was sitting, as shown on the drawing above right. The cat's name, unusually, was Tabby.

00:55 Temperature measured by Bill at +16.5 to +17°C.

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Bill eventually found the light switch to the small annex but not to the bar lights.

01:07 A strange noise is heard coming from the left-hand end of the bar which is heard by Leana and Bill. It sounded almost like someone clearing their throat and was heard twice. It did not correspond with any of the chiller cabinets going off or coming on.

A clunk is heard by Bill coming from the direction of the private dining room (on the far left of the drawing) which is where we had left our bags etc.

01:08 Leana reports that there is a drunken old man aged 65 to 70 years, who is trying to talk to her. He kept rambling on but she couldn't understand what he was saying as he was slurring his words. He was standing in front and to the right of her, beside the table, as shown on the drawing on the bottom of the last page

01:10 Leana sees a dark shadow, about the size of a large cat, run across the floor from right to left on the other side of the table in front of her.

01:12 One of the compressors goes off and the background noise level drops a lot.

01:13 Leana feels as if the temperature has dropped and keeps getting cold shivers. Bill, who was sitting not far away to her right, did not notice any change.

01:15 Bill moves location to the small bar annex (labelled 'b' on the drawing).

Temperature in the annex measured by Bill at +11.5 to +12.5°C.

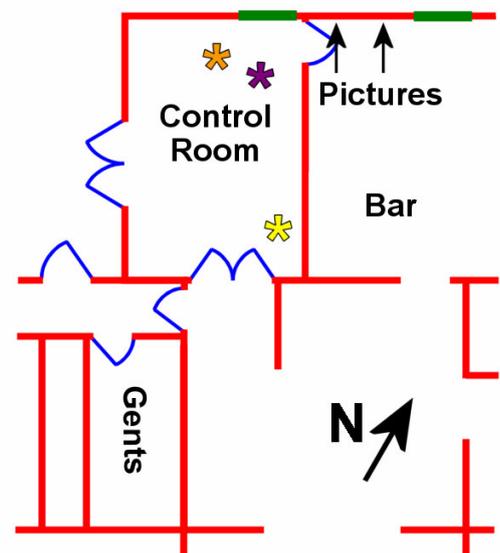
After a while Bill notices a constant ticking noise. It could be coming from the clock which is over the modern fireplace at the west-southwest end of the bar (marked by the brown star on the drawing) but the sound is a lot louder than it was when Bill was sitting outside the annex and nearer to the clock. Timing of the ticking gave 60 ticks in 22 seconds not the 30 or 60 seconds as would be expected.

01:26 Leana sees a figure through the doorway which is behind the bar. It was standing facing towards the wall which is through the doorway and on the right as shown by the dark yellow star and arrow on the drawing on the last page (←★). The figure looked male but she couldn't see any features. Later in the investigation Leana joined Bill who was standing in the area where she had seen the figure. He told her that one of the reported hauntings involved the diary which, at the present time, was just the other side of the doorway where she had seen the figure and in the area where it was looking.

01:32 Leana can hear music like that coming from a music box.

Post-Vigil

01:40 One of the members of the investigation, who was attending as a guest, asked about the pictures on the wall between the door to the private dining area and the window to the right in the bar as shown on the drawing on the right. He said that he had been looking at them before Vigil 1 started and reckoned at the time



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they were straight on the wall but when he looked at them later they are both rotated clockwise by about 10°.

01:42 Leana hears a cat meow whilst she was in the private dining area (the control room). At the time Bill was asking Steph and Marion about the pictures that seemed to have moved and Elaine was entering the room. Leana asked Elaine if she had made such a noise but she said she hadn't.

01:45 Bill straightens both pictures to see if they move again during the investigation. They did not.

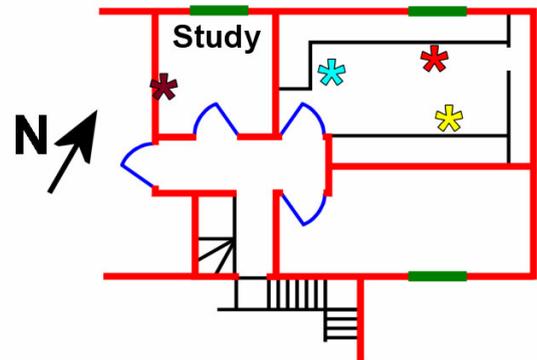
Vigil 2: Private Kitchen – 01:50 to 02:35

01:50 Sounds of a television can be heard coming from a room to the left of the study (which is on the left of the kitchen) as shown in the drawing on the right below.

01:59 Temperature measured by Bill at +15 to +16°C and +12°C in alcove.

Television sounds are replaced by talking, most likely on the phone as there were long, silent pauses.

As the room was a small one and there were three people doing the vigil Bill spent most of his time watching the graveyard opposite through the window.



02:13 A thud and a creak is heard by Bill and Kaye coming from the direction of the stairs to the attic.

02:15 Someone leaves the room to the left of the study and the talking is no longer heard.

During the vigil a persistent but varying light is seen in the hallway outside the kitchen. This is coming from a computer in the study and is due to the screen saver.

02:21 Bill gets a feeling of heat on his right shoulder and the right side of his face. He is unable to find any nearby source of heat.

02:25 The feeling of heat on Bill's right-hand side continues.

02:26 A sound like ticking is heard coming through the door. It sounds very much like the one Bill heard downstairs in the annex to the bar which is directly below the study. It is also heard by Kaye.

Investigation of the ticking revealed a clock in the study but the rate at which it ticks is not the same as the sound heard downstairs as the one in the study produced one tick per second.

Experiments

During the experiment session Bill used his Hartmann dowsing rod over most of the ground floor area (except the conservatory restaurant and toilets). There was do response anywhere except in the preparation area where it responded three times in a row just before the door to the kitchen. The response was a 90° rotation clockwise.

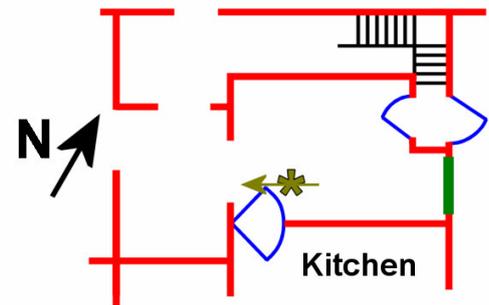
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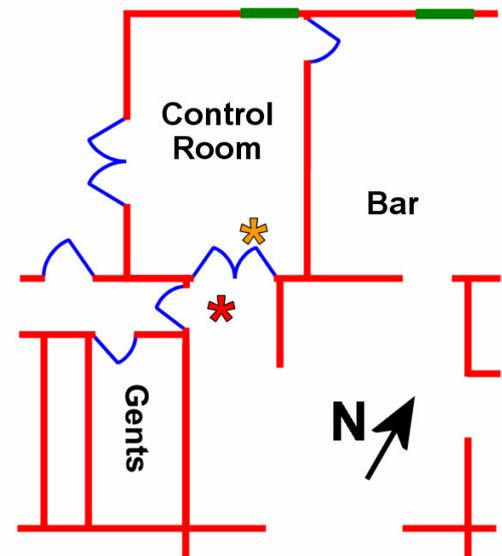
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The rod response only happened when Bill was walking in one direction as shown on the drawing on the right by the dark yellow arrow and star. It did not happen when walking across the area in any other direction. Returning to the spot 10 minutes later produced another response.



04:51 Bill confirms that the ticking he heard in the bar annex was due to the clock at the west-southwest end of the bar as the ticking rate is the same. Even though it was confirmed that it was the clock that was generating the noise it was still odd that it was louder in the bar annex than outside the annex. From outside the annex the clock could be seen directly but in the annex it was further away and round a corner, yet the sound seemed to be amplified.

04:58 Bill went out of the area being used as a control room and was standing just outside the door to the corridor to the toilets (as shown by the red star on the drawing on the right), when felt warmth on his face then he heard a clunk. Steph (the orange star), who was just inside the door to the control room, also heard the clunk.

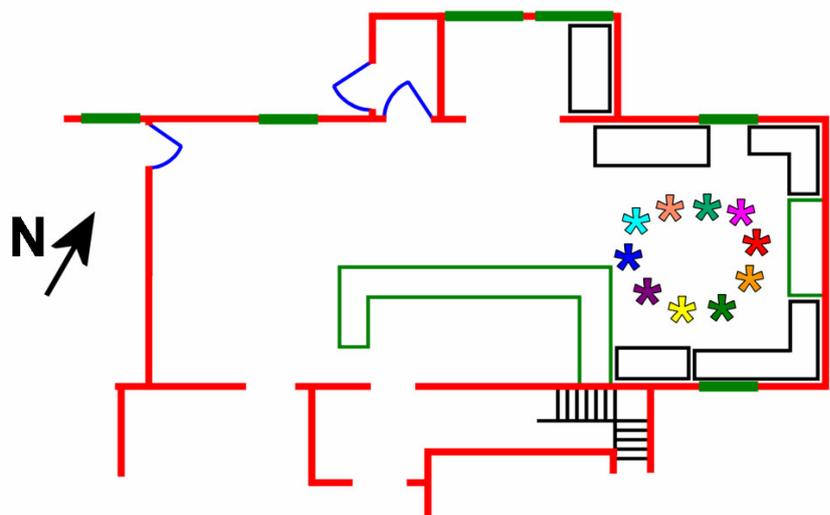


Séance

During the séance the member (shown as the blue star on the drawing below) who was attending as a guest had an interesting experience which is given below.

Shortly after one of your team members (Marion, I believe) had asked for any entity to make its presence known, I experienced something very unusual and unlike anything I have ever experienced in my life.

I became aware of an oval area on my neck, roughly in the area of my seventh cervical vertebra. This was a sharply-defined sensation, with little or no 'blurring' at the edges. My immediate impression was that it was as though someone had pressed me with the pad of the top joint of their thumb, turned sideways.



This patch 'tingled'. Not in the same way that the sensation of 'pins and needles' tingles. It was more of an incredibly rapid

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vibration. The nearest thing I can compare it to is the sensation of an accidental shock from an appliance running on mains electricity, except (say) about half as strong. This sensation continued for around a second, drawing my attention but not causing me any discomfort.

As soon as I was properly aware of it and beginning to wonder what it was, it intensified dramatically. From being a gentle but insistent ‘pressure’, it became an overwhelming sensation. My immediate and lasting impression was that having caught my attention, something was making sure that I was left in no doubt of its presence (to be precise, I thought to myself, “Yes, OK, I get the message, please leave me alone!”). The sense of rapid vibration was overwhelming and (again like an electric shock) I simply felt paralysed. I don’t remember moving at all, although I may have ‘started’ in my seat a little. I let out an involuntary noise -- a sort of shocked groan, which surprised me because I have never made a noise like it before, or even imagined that I could. It was a very unpleasant sensation (physically unpleasant, rather than frightening -- oddly, I wasn’t really frightened). It felt disgusting or wrong in an odd sort of way.

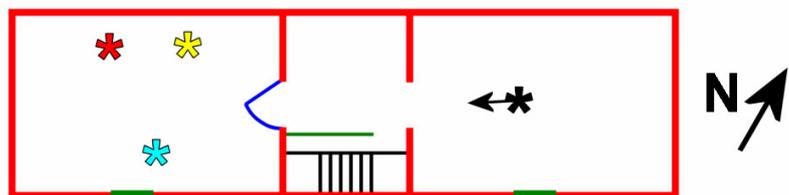
As soon as I groaned, the pressure on my neck vanished, along with the accompanying sense of vibration. At that point something else happened. I became absolutely intensely cold. The same sort of cold that you get if you sit outside on concrete for an hour or two on a very cold day -- all the heat is drawn out of you, leaving you physically cold to the core. I was aware of the bones in my arms feeling cold in my flesh as though they were literally made out of ice. It absolutely took my breath away and I think that I made two inhaled gasps of shock while the sensation flooded over me, if these gasps are recorded on video, they will roughly mark the beginning and end of this physical coldness sensation. The gasps were physical and visceral, and it was the same way that one would react if suddenly drenched in ice-cold water. I was conscious of the fact that I couldn’t speak although my mouth was moving. Then warmth seemed to flow back up my arms and my body returned to normal.

At that point I was able to speak again and I said (in a very cringing and revolted sort of voice): “I’ve just been touched.” I can’t explain why, but I instinctively felt as though something absolutely revolting had happened.

Vigil 3: Attic – 05:02 to 05:45

At the start of the vigil Bill set up a video camera with night vision as shown in the drawing on the right below. This was left running for the whole of the vigil and after (for 1.5 hours).

05:06 Bill sees a streak of light go past the doorway to the section of the attic he was in. It went from left to right, moving downwards at an angle of 10°, just beyond the door.



05:08 Kaye reports hearing tapping noises that seem to be coming from the other half of the attic.

05:16 Bill hears sounds like a church bell ringing coming from a long way off. The sounds continued for over a minute then they were swamped by the louder sounds of the clock in All Saints church, 75 metres away to the west-northwest, chiming the quarter hour (it was just under 3 minutes slow). The initial sounds were like a bell tolling (an evenly spaced series of rings) and not a peal of bells.

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05:24 Temperature measured by Bill at +15°C.

05:30 A dark patch, circular and about 12 centimetres across, is seen briefly by Bill on the white wall to the right of the door.

05:44 Temperature measured by Bill at +14°C.

Vigil 4: Bar – 06:10 to 06:45

The team for this last vigil consisted of Bill, Leana, Elaine and the guest attendee. Andy and Marion were also in the bar area as shown on the drawing on the right whilst Steph sat in the small alcove.

Bill, Leana and Elaine did not experience anything during this vigil but that may have been due to the time and the numbers of hours we had been awake which affected our concentration.

