

## INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 2



**Investigation Site** Tilsworth, Blackgrove Wood

**Investigation Date** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2009

**Report By** Stephanie Lawn

**Team Members** Steph, Dee and Sarah

### Equipment

Digital Voice Recorder

Thermometer

Gauss Meter (EMF)

Sony Camcorder

Digital Camera

### General

**Weather:** Warm; mild; breezy; dry; started out cloudy but the sky became very clear as the evening progressed.

**Visibility:** Clouds to begin with, very clear sky by the end of the investigation; not complete darkness.

**Ambient Sounds:** Birdsong; flapping wings (until dark); squirrels; distant traffic; other LPS teams; occasional aircraft; occasional wind in the trees and across the fields (otherwise very still); distant dogs barking; insects.

### Pre-Vigils

*Sarah's Notes:* As the team were coming into the wood before they had started their first vigil, they walked through an area that seemed to affect three of the investigation team by making them feel very giddy/dizzy/heady. Once past that area, the feeling didn't last very long.

*Dee's Notes:* The investigation teams approached Blackgrove Wood from the opposite direction to the last investigation, but entered the wood at the same point near the stile over a small ditch/dry brook. We turned left inside the wood and proceeded to go deeper into the trees. After a few minutes Dee suddenly felt extremely dizzy and thought she was going to fall over. A couple of other members also complained of similar feelings. After a short rest, and noticing large holes in the ground (probably rabbit warrens), she felt well enough to continue.

19:38 When walking through Blackgrove Wood, Steph feels the urge to shout and make noise. This occurred near to where the investigation team stop, a short distance from the fallen tree.

19:55 Sarah noted no birds singing, and still heavy headed.

At the start of the vigil, Dee noticed that there was an eerie lack of birdcalls, apart from the occasional distant pigeon and crow, and the trees were remarkably still.

19:56 Sarah noted a squirrel above in a tree making cracking noises.

### Vigil 1: Middle of the Wood – 20:00 to 20:45

For the position of the team members see the plan at the end of this report.

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20:00 Steph records the temperature as 19°C. She places her camcorder filming to her right with Dee and Sarah in shot and her EMF meter in front of her.

Dee was still experiencing a “thick” head and was still feeling a little dizzy. She noticed a creaking sound over her left shoulder but put it down to a nearby tree moving.

20:03 Steph has the word *Beginning* pop in to her head.

20:05 Steph hears a noise to her left which sounds like plastic tupperware tubs banging together.

Dee noticed a cool breeze coming from behind her, from deeper in the woods. (This assessment was tested only with bare hands and arms, as she had no equipment to verify the ambient temperature.)

20:09 Steph notes she feels calm and happy almost like she is protected.

Dee noticed a sound to Steph’s left. It sounded like something dropping on the floor (a soft thudding/cracking). It happened again almost immediately and Dee sensed/heard movement from the same area. It was still mostly light, but Dee could see nothing to account for the noises.

20:10 Steph is sitting close to the edge of the wood. She feels that if she was to go through to the fields on the other side, it would be a hot summer day and she would run through the fields.

Sarah noted the squirrel again.

Sarah started to feel very heavy eyed and sleepy. Then Sarah suddenly felt very sharp and alert.

20:11 Steph hears a twig snap loudly to her left followed by the sound of a crunch of undergrowth. It is approximately 30 meters away in the direction of the fallen tree. She notes that this sounded like a footstep as the noise had two parts to it like heel to toe when walking.

Dee thought she witnessed a brief flash of lightning.

20:12 Dee motioned to Sara to film area behind her, but caught nothing on camera. Sarah kept seeing dark movement around her feet out of corner of her eye.

Dee heard definite movement about 20ft behind over her right shoulder. She could see nothing. A crow suddenly called out above as though it were also disturbed by a sudden movement.

20:13 Dee noted that the air was becoming a lot cooler/cold breezes and wind in the treetops.

20:14 Dee began hearing what sounded like definite footfalls off in the undergrowth to Steph’s left and over her own right shoulder. A pigeon to Dee’s left suddenly began calling as though it had been disturbed.

20:15 Steph moves her camcorder to film the area to her left. Dee motions to Steph that she can hear someone walking around over to her right; the area front left to where Steph is sitting. Steph nods in response as she has also heard this to her left.

20:16 Steph hears movement in the area of the woods behind Dee and then movement to her left again. Steph cannot see anything when looking towards the areas where she is hearing the movement.

20:18 Dee noted that that pigeons were still calling when there was a sudden burst of noise from crows.

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- 20:19 Dee experiences a sudden sharp and momentary pain in her right foot
- 20:20 Dee quietly invites anyone who might want to communicate to come closer, as she senses someone nearby.
- 20:23 Dee was given the impression of *James, Jennison, Jack, Jew* or something similar. 'J' is important.
- 20:25 Sarah notes pigeons up above in trees making noise and cracking the tree. Sarah feels definite movement behind her to the edge of the wood.
- 20:27 Dee noted a strange bird calls to Steph's left (high up).
- 20:29 Steph hears a strange noise going past in front of her what she can only describe as the sound of material from a waterproof jacket.
- 20:30 Dee noticed the beginnings of a pain in her jaw under her right ear. Her tongue felt tingly/itchy.
- 20:33 Dee felt a very light touch on right lower arm. She noted it down because she couldn't find a visible reason for the tickling (such as an insect or cobweb).
- 20:34 Dee became aware of a rapid change in temperature; it was very cold behind her (from in the woods).
- 20:35 Sarah heard a footstep thud in the mud by the tree next to her. Sarah picks up on images of a black and white cat.  
Dee heard a (male) voice far into the woods behind her over her left shoulder. Maybe another team member?
- 20:36 Dee sensed a female 'singing' in the distance. She could not pinpoint the direction it came from.
- 20:37 Dee still had the pain in her jaw and could still hear the odd distant calling of a female voice. Child maybe?
- 20:38 Steph hears the sound of distant voices coming from the direction where the investigation team entered the woods.
- 20:41 Steph notes excessive noise from crows overhead.  
Dee was convinced that she was seeing the odd flash of lighting.
- 20:43 The pain in Dee's jaw spread to under her left ear too.

### Pre-Vigil

En route to the next vigil Sarah heard a male voice do a low *waahh* near her ear. Steph and Dee did not hear this sound.

### Vigil 2: South End of the Wood – 21:00 to 21:45

*Dee's Pre-Vigil Notes:* Dee was drawn deep into the woods beyond some overhead power lines. Dee noted that maybe the electricity in the cables might influence the atmosphere, but had no EMF meter to test this theory. In the clearing where the team was to conduct the next vigil, Dee discovered a strange formation of upright sticks. Although they could have fallen that way, the formation did look remarkably 'constructed'. Darkness was closing in very rapidly while we were settling into position,

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and the roosting crows overhead were deafening. It was virtually impossible to hear anything else for quite a long time, but (as last time we visited the woods) the raucous calls ceased suddenly and we were left in total silent darkness. We could just about make out that there was a mist closing in through the trees.

21:00 Steph sets her camera up to film the wooded area in front of her.

21:03 Steph sees a few small blue lights between two trees in front of her. This was followed by a dark shape moving briefly in the same area.

Steph notes that the noise from the crows in this location is deafening and that they are making extremely strange noises that she has not experienced before. Steph notes that she feels a mixture of emotions from humour to things being surreal and slightly spooky.

21:06 Sarah asks out loud if Steph and Dee heard anything. Steph confirms that she did hear something in the wooded area in front of her; which was movement.

21:10 Steph records the temperature as 19°C.

Dee heard a strange 'barking' periodically.

21:21 Dee jumped violently from her chair when something hit her left arm. The torchlight revealed nothing obvious but Dee shook the slender tree a few feet away and was showered with debris (dead twigs and lumps of bark). She concluded that this was probably what had happened spontaneously.

21:22 Steph feels a change in the atmosphere, like something is around the team.

21:27 Steph, Dee and Sarah have a discussion about the noise the crows are making. Some of the noises are from the woods around them and suggestions that these may be from deer or foxes. Suggestion that this is why the crows are so noisy.

Steph notes that it is a lot quieter, the crowing has died down.

21:28 Dee sensed movement but couldn't see anything out beyond the clearing.

21:30 Dee was feeling very 'freaked out'. Dee could hear movement like footfalls on the forest floor. Dee is feeling very uptight and spooked.

21:31 Steph notes that it is at last completely quiet. She hears something move through the wood in front of her. It moves from left to right.

21:32 Dee noted what sounded like distinct movement behind Sarah and soon afterwards to her own left some distance away.

21:34 Steph hears a very odd and unexpected sound of a door intercom buzzer off to her right (from the direction Team 2 came from).

Dee noted that her lower abdomen was aching on the left side.

21:35 Sarah had a movement very close to where she was sitting, which made her jump and swing round to her right, but nothing was seen or caught on camera.

Dee noted that everything was suddenly incredibly still, which increased her awareness of the distant traffic.

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Sarah did not pick up anything at this location, but did spend the whole vigil on the edge of her seat feeling very uneasy. This could have been down to crows cawing for 30 mins, all the sounds of animals around, and the pitch black!

### Pre-Vigil

Dee climbed over the stile and sat facing it from approximately 3 metres away in the neighbouring field. She noted that there was a mild breeze and due to the completely clear, starlit sky, it was not completely dark. Her eyes could make out the stile itself as well as the woods to her right and the boundary line of trees to the left of the stile.

### Vigil 3: Stile – 22:10 to 22:55

22:10 Steph records the temperature as 15°C. She places her gauss meter on the floor to her left and set her camcorder to film towards the stile.

Sarah was filming for 15 mins before batteries went dead but nothing had been caught.

22:14 Steph notes that even though she is more exposed at this vigil site, she feels isolated.

22:16 Dee noticed a succession of faint 'booms' to the right in the far distance.

22:17 Steph hears dull thuds from the direction of the A5.

22:20 The names *John/James/Jack* and *Marner/Marr/Mariner* came suddenly into Dee's mind.

22:22 Dee suddenly becomes aware of a very strong waft of what smells like sweet tobacco on her right. It was a very distinctive smell and lasted for quite a few seconds so she had the opportunity to inhale the smell several times.

22:23 Dee noted that the tobacco smell gave way to a very musty smell, which lasted only a second or two. After it dissipated there was no residue; it simply went away completely.

22:30 For the last five minutes or so, Steph has the song 'Hakuna Matata' from the Lion King going round in her head.

22:31 Steph hears the sound of rustling clothes again. This time the noise was behind her (out towards the field) and appeared to be coming towards her.

22:32 Dee noted that she felt particularly restless, agitated and fidgety all of a sudden.

22:34 Steph feels much colder and concludes that this is because she is out in the open. She measures the temperature as 16°C.

22:35 Sarah hears rustling in the undergrowth, probably from small animals.

Dee noticed the tobacco smell again. Very strong, but it didn't last as long this time.

22:37 Steph sees a small red dot of light on the floor of the path between herself and Sarah.

22:40 Dee's throat began to feel tight and her jaw ached more sharply (the pain in her jaw from the first vigil had never completely gone away).

22:42 Steph hears a short soft whistle behind her, like someone is trying to get her attention. She turns around but does not see anything.

Dee heard a distinctive creaking noise from the direction of the stile, but could see nothing.

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Dee sees a shooting star. She could also hear various intermittent noises from the houses behind her across the field. Dogs, occasional voices etc.

22:45 Sarah was very itchy on the top of her head, but again this was probably due to a bug. Nothing else was picked up.

Dee got the strong impression that “Jewishness” is important. Various random words: *red; clay; throw; chase; leather hat; wheels; carter.*

22:50 Dee jumped when she thought she could see a fleeting shadow on the ground near the hedge to the left of the stile. Torchlight showed no animals or anything that would account for the large moving shadow. A chilly breeze had also picked up.

22:52 Steph has *Green Diamond* enter her mind as she looks down the path towards the wood.

22:53 Dee noted that her left ear began to tingle and then it popped.

## Post-Vigils

*Sarah’s Notes:* At the end of the evening it was discovered that three members had had trouble with their cross chains during that week: Sarah had lost her leather necklace there at the previous visit, and her chain holding her cross had broken on the Monday prior to this visit. Dee had taken her cross and chain off the day before, and now it is nowhere to be found. Andy had his cross chain broken coming out of the wood at the end of the investigation. Is this too much of a coincidence?

## Post-Investigation Notes

- The noise that the crows were making is typical when coming in to roost in the evening.
- Hakuna Matata is a Swahili phrase which translates as ‘There are no worries’. It is also sometimes translated as ‘No worries’ and is similar to the English phrase ‘No problem’.

