

INVESTIGATION REPORT



Investigation Site	Tring, St Peter and St Paul and Little Tring
Investigation Date	11 th September 2009
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Team Members	Bill, Steph, Dee, Sarah, Terry, Chris

Tring, St Peter and St Paul

Background

A ghostly figure has been seen going from the park into the church of St Peter and St Paul in the early hours of the morning. No one knows who the figure is.

General

The night was a clear one with a brisk wind.

For this investigation the members split into three teams, Bill and Steph, Dee and Sarah and Chris and Terry.

Pre-Vigil

Sarah noted that this was a very busy evening in Tring, and it was obvious from early on that it would be difficult perhaps to concentrate, but we did our best! The church was in use to about 21:00, so we settled shortly after. Sarah did not use her Sony camcorder in case of unwanted attention (glowing behind a tree in a graveyard might not have gone down well with locals).

Vigil 1: 21:20 to 21:52

For this vigil the team positioned themselves around the graveyard extension to the north of the church (between the church and the park). Sarah and Dee sat in the shadows beneath a massive tree in the south whilst Bill and Steph sat on the eastern edge of the centre of the graveyard extension near a tombstone. Chris and Terry also sat on the east edge but near the north end of the graveyard extension. Dee noted that for the vigil there was nearby street lighting, which created pockets of dark shadow. Although the area was dark, it was not pitch darkness. She also noted that there was noise from traffic (including sirens), passers by (some very loud), distant dogs and breeze in the leaves of the surrounding trees. During the vigil Dee and Sarah were concerned about the relative openness of their position in relation to the various pathways and fairly frequent passers by. Under the circumstances Dee took no photos at this location.

During the vigil people occasionally walked along the path at the west side of the graveyard extension as the graveyard lies between a residential area and the town centre. The graveyard is also near a car park so cars would occasionally pull into the car park and sometime illuminate the vigil sites with their headlights. Groups of people also walked across the car park going to or from the town centre. There was also some car noise from the High Street to the south and Frogmore Street to the west.

Sarah noted that they did have a few problems with people walking by near to them, and not much was picked up.

21:24 Bill measures the temperature at +11°C.

21:25 Dee and Sarah settled down into position behind the tree approximately 15 feet from the back wall of the area of land. Both Dee and Sarah felt 'exposed' and 'vulnerable' (because of the location).

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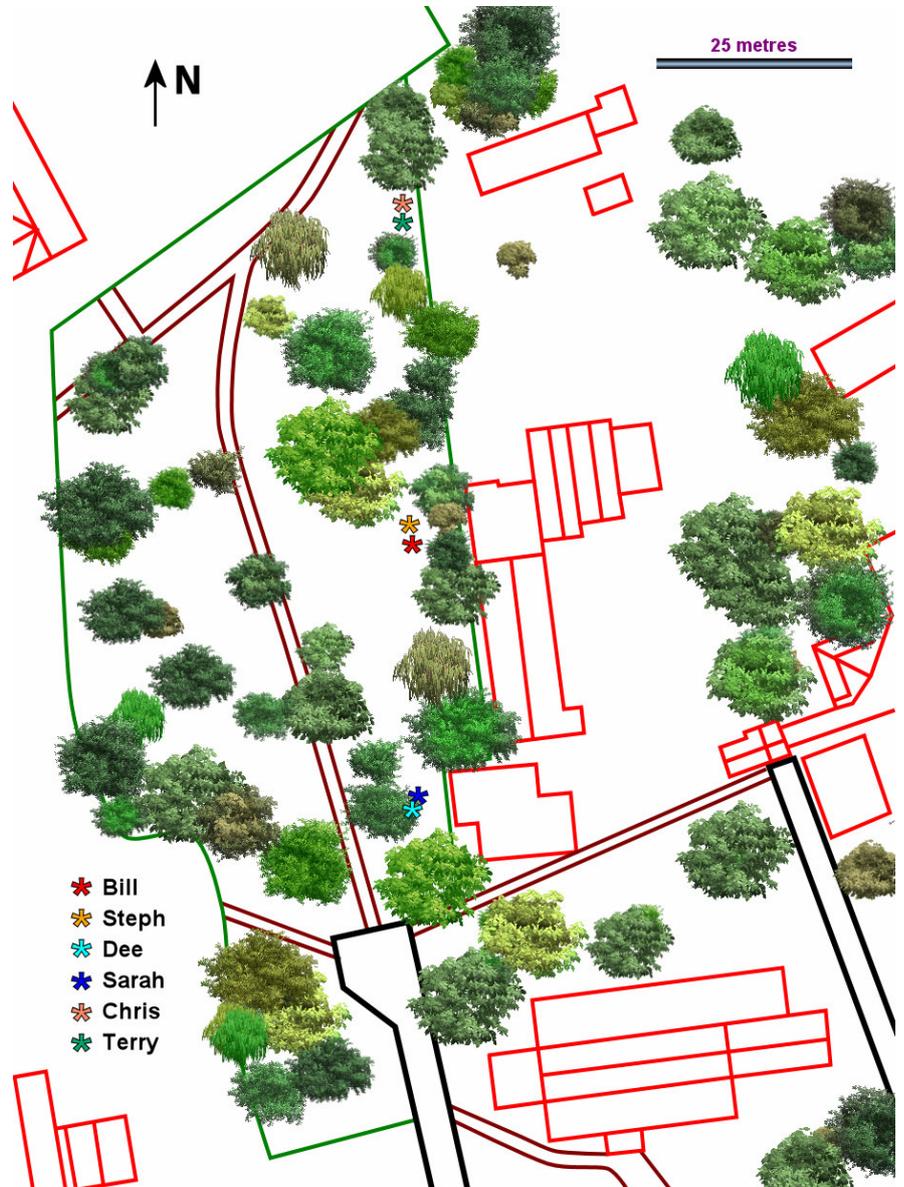
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21:30 Dee said to Sarah that she wanted to mention the military or soldiers.

21:34 Steph hears what sounds like three footsteps behind her to the right as if someone was walking through the leaves.

21:35 Steph hears more movement in the leaves behind her and thinks these noises are from an animal but cannot see anything in the darkness.

Dee heard a fairly loud and distinct sound about 20 feet to her left beyond the tree; three 'thuds' like those of horse hooves on grass or soft earth. Dee looked all around and could not account for the cause of the sound. Approximately two minutes later a female pedestrian walked by on the nearby path, but the sound of her footfalls were completely different to the noise Dee had heard earlier.



21:36 Bill see something flying close to the ground to the west-northwest. It was moving quite fast going from left to right (towards the northeast).

Bill notes that this is a difficult place to investigate because of the people going by.

The area in which Bill and Steph sat was well sheltered so there was almost no wind but they were amongst some trees whose leaves were being rustled by the wind higher up. The area was also a light one with street lamps approximately thirty metres away to the west-northwest and the southwest by south.

21:39 Dee got the strong impression that 'March' is significant.

21:42 A large group of noisy young people walked past and decided to stop not too far away, which made Dee and Sarah feel nervous in case they were spotted.

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21:45 Sarah and Dee heard sounds like horses' hooves.

21:48 Bill notes that there is a lot of talking coming from the west by north, this had been going on for some time. It turns out there is a public house only one hundred metres away (The Black Horse).

21:50 A couple of passers by decided to stop by the wall a few yards from where Dee and Sarah were sitting. Dee was nervous that we had been spotted but considered that if one sat really still then chances are nobody would notice. It was then that a third person joined the couple, asking them if they needed some 'K'. He was sent away to see someone called Pete further down the path. The couple walked away just afterwards

21:52 Throughout the vigil Steph found it particularly difficult to relax and concentrate due to the close proximity of the local night life which was often loud and distracting. This was made worse by a group of about ten teenagers who came and sat on the grass not ten metres from Dee and Sarah's vigil site. Because of this it was decided to abandon the vigil and move on to the next site.

Dee and Sarah gave up the vigil at this point, finding it impossible to concentrate because of the increasing number of distractions and passers by.

During the vigil Sarah saw some movement out of the corner of her left eye, but was not sure whether this was shadows from the trees, or something else.

Little Tring

Background

The bridge over the canal at Little Tring is said to be haunted by the ghost of a postman, or at least his lamp. The postman was last seen as he was approaching the bridge but he never got across it. He was never seen again and his bike and mail bag were never found. All that is now seen occasionally is his lamp approaching the bridge.

General

The night was still fairly clear with a thin moisture layer overhead. There was still a brisk wind which was particularly noticeable on the canal bridge. The area was a very quiet one but there were a number of cars going by (about one every two minutes).

For this investigation we kept the same three teams, Bill and Steph, Dee and Sarah and Chris and Terry.

For this investigation Dee noted that there was faint moonlight, distant security lighting on nearby houses, but mostly very, very dark. There was the noise of distant traffic' fairly frequent aircraft (flight path?), occasional animal/bird noises and a mild breeze in surrounding hedges.

Pre-Vigil

22:19 As Steph is standing on the bridge she gets an impression in her mind of a typical milk maid with long skirt, bodice, white shirt and white mop cap.

22:25 Sarah and Dee sat by the side of the road, in front of the bridge (to the south), then Sarah moved to her car.

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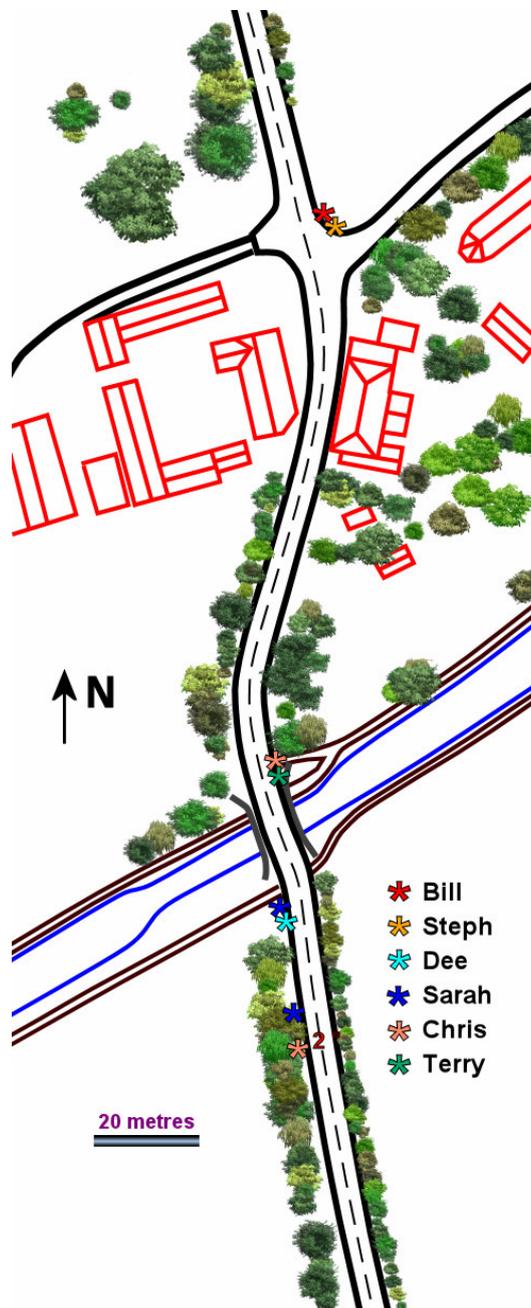


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Vigil 1: 22:30 to 23:15

For this vigil Bill and Steph sat on the north side of the junction between Little Tring Road and the track to the Grand Union Canal pumping station. This lies just north of the hamlet. Dee and Sarah positioned themselves south of the bridge with Sarah moving to her car part way through the vigil (marked by the **2** on the drawing). Dee positioned herself by the three parked cars at the roadside looking towards the bridge (as though coming from Tring). She could see none of the other members from this vantage point due to the curve of the bridge and the darkness (it was very dark). There was a hedgerow to her left; a field across the road to her right and the canal made slight sound below. There was the distinct smell of wood smoke/cooking probably emanating from one of several narrowboats moored below. Dee took a few photos at this location (to be reviewed later). Terry and Chris were positioned to the north of the bridge with Chris moving to her car part way through the vigil (marked by the **2** on the drawing).



22:34 Bill measures the temperature at +9°C.

Bill notes that there is a fairly continuous hum coming from the east-northeast. Steph thought this may be due to cars but there are no major roads in the direction from which the noise was coming. Where they were sitting there was very little wind.

22:37 Dee heard some kind of animal noise (bird?).

22:39 Bill sees a small spot of light in the bushes on the opposite side of the road to the northwest by west and about ten metres away.

Sarah walked past to sit in her car due to the cold.

22:42 Bill hears a clink coming from the area where he saw the red light at 22:39.

22:45 Steph gets an impression of a man in a suit of armour standing on the bottom of the rise in the road up to the bridge. She feels that this is someone in fancy dress.

Dee saw a faint white figure walk across the bridge from right to left. It was too far away to be absolutely certain, but Dee was convinced it was one of the other LPS members.

22:48 Dee had a sudden and strong impression of horses.

22:49 Bill sees a small red light in the middle of the road to the south by west where the road turns left just before the canal bridge.

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Dee watched the approach of a white figure walking towards her from the bridge. As it drew closer, it was fellow LPS member, Chris. Her white almost knee-length coat showed up in the darkness (faintly) but her legs did not show up, lending the image of a 'floating' mass until she drew close enough for Dee to discern and recognise her outline!

22:51 Dee got a sudden image of the Mad Hatter in her mind.

22:52 Bill sees a small pale-blue patch of light on the east side of the road about seven metres away (to the north by west). It seemed to be on the grass verge.

Ducks or geese were heard clearly down by the canal.

22:55 Bill asks for any spirits present to put an image in his mind but nothing appears.

Sarah was sitting in the car by the side of the road in front of the bridge and she had an image of someone crossing the road behind her car, standing in the middle of the road for a minute and then running across to the right hand side of the road. There was no-one there.

Dee got a strong impression in her mind of a coach lantern and horses (again).

22:56 Dee was startled (literally) by the sound of crunching on the gravel a few yards in front of her. She was so convinced that someone was walking towards her that she had to put on her torch to see who it was. There was none there and further investigation showed no animals, litter blowing in the breeze or anything else that could possibly account for the sound, which was very distinctive.

23:00 Bill measures the temperature at +8 to +9°C.

Bill suddenly feels quite cold.

23:01 Dee was feeling really spooked because she could hear the footsteps on the gravel again but couldn't see anything making the noises.

23:02 Bill asks Steph if she feels cold, she says that she does, across her shoulders and the back of her legs. She was standing up whilst Bill was sitting down and he felt the cols just across his shoulders. The breeze was coming from behind them and is the most likely cause even though it was still lonely slight.

23:03 Dee had a sharp, but brief, pain in her head (left side).

23:05 Bill hears a clink from the same direction as the earlier one he heard but this time it seemed to be higher up. He had heard another in the same area about ten minutes earlier.

Dee noted that quite a few cars had driven across the bridge in the short time she had been sitting during the vigil.

23:09 Bill was looking up at Steph whilst discussing the amount of cars on the road when he saw a yellow streak of light on the right side of her chest. It was about five centimetres long.

Dee had to stand up and walk around due to the cold. The vigil ended shortly afterwards.

Post-Investigation

Sarah reports that nothing was picked up on the camcorder.