

INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 1



Investigation Site	Tilsworth, Blackgrove Wood
Investigation Date	10 th June 2011
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Team Members	Andy F, Oz

General

Dry to start with but it began to rain during the investigation.

Ambient sounds: Noise from the nearby road and the sound of rain falling.

Vigil 1: South End of Wood – 21:45 to 22:15

Andy and Oz chose to investigate a wooded area. Unfortunately due to heavy undergrowth in the area they went into they did not make much headway and only progressed a short distance in the wooded area. The team faced in a northeasterly direction. For the positions of the team members see the plan below right.

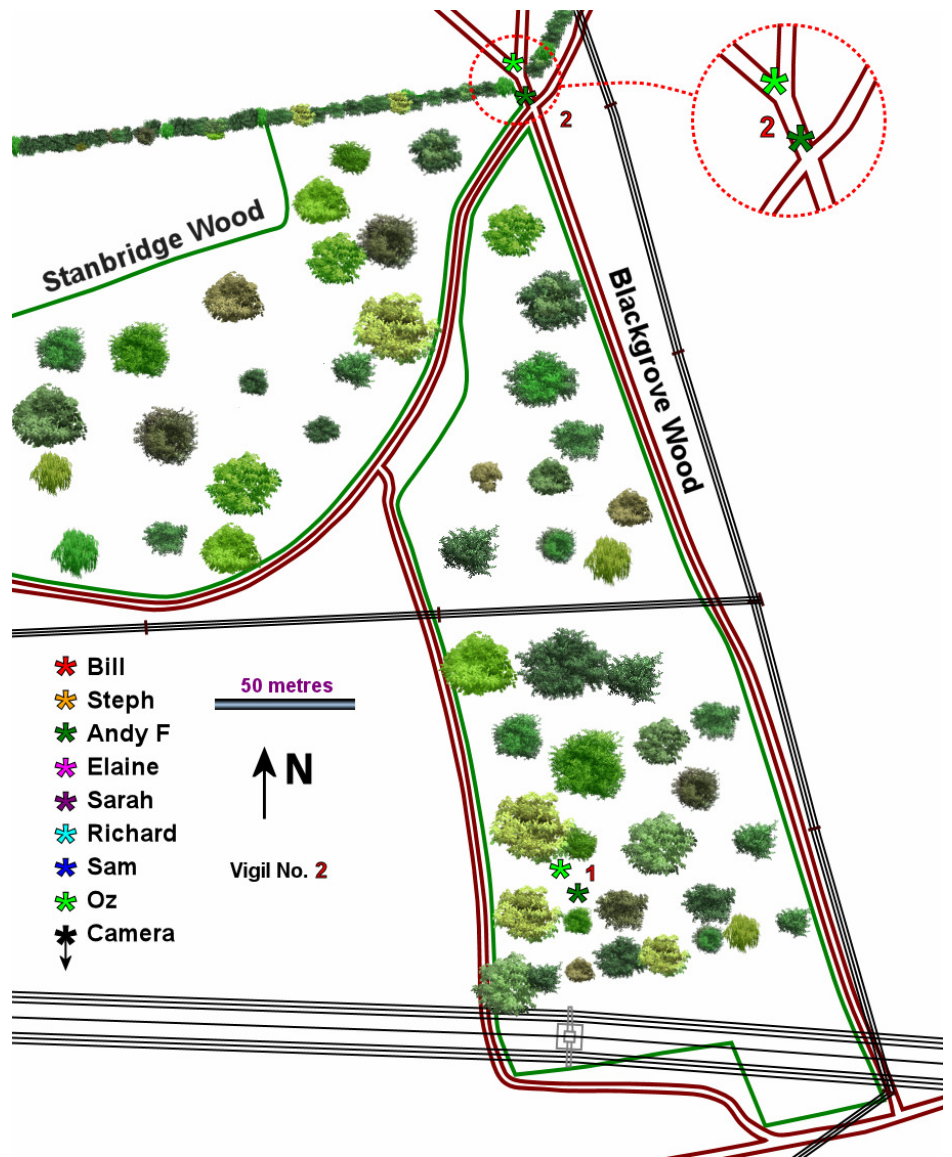
21:53 Andy places his EMF meter on the ground to monitor any EMF activity.

21:54 Oz moved into the scrub to look for any trace of a path but there was too much undergrowth. Oz held station for a few minutes to observe surroundings.

21:56 Andy hears the sound of something large crashing through the undergrowth towards the team. Andy investigates but finds nothing and nothing visual is picked up on DVD.

21:59 Andy takes a temperature reading of +9.8°C and an EMF reading which shows no activity. Andy also hears a crow flying overhead.

22:00 Andy and Oz conduct an EVP session within the clearing.



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Vigil 2: Style to Northeast – 22:30 to 23:00

By the time Andy and Oz have reached the second location there is a light drizzle and Andy decides not to film at this location due to the weather conditions. For the positions of the team members see the plan on the preceding page.

22:31 Oz briefly attempted filming using a Nokia N8 (HD video) and a Vivitar DVR 5610N (very low quality recording but with night vision).

Séance: 23:20 to 23:50

Group séance held in the woods using various KII/EMF meters and audio recording devices used by members of the team. No unexplained activity recorded on EMF/KII meters. Séance was disrupted by the weather as the rain was becoming more intense and it was agreed to end the investigation.

All Saints Church

At 00:40 Andy and Oz visited Tilsworth churchyard while Elaine and Sam waited in the car. Andy showed Oz the grave of the murdered lady and then Andy read aloud the passage in the church.

00:50 Andy and Oz make their way out of the church. Andy looks back and feels he is being followed and can feel a cold-shiver on his right-hand side.

Post-Investigation

Oz has nothing to report from any video or photographic recordings. During Vigil 1, approximately four and a half minutes into the EVP session, there is an out-of-place sound that could be a faint voice but no words are intelligible.

No paranormal activity in regard to Andy's photographic or DVD recordings. Audio sounds are still being examined and if required this report will be updated.

At home Andy still feels the cold-shiver and a strong compulsion that he must send the following information to someone as soon as possible. The next morning before breakfast Andy has the strong urge to send the following email to Bill and Steph:

Hi Bill and Steph.

I have read no information in regard to the following anywhere prior to this email.

This is going to sound mad and as I have always been drawn to this location probably insane so please advice.

Following the investigation I and Oz visited the grave and the church where I read out the inscription loudly and left the church with a cold feeling down my right side.

Following this and home in bed I have had trouble sleeping because I have had a strong feeling almost like a direction that I must write down the following information and tell someone the following words.

Andy has a very strong emotional feeling coming from his chest area "This woman loved the colour yellow and in particular yellow roses".

Andy strongly feels "I loved this woman".

Andy then gets a strong vision of standing in the trees near a path, he is observing this woman passing nearby, she cannot see him because the tree branch's overhang where he is standing. The woman is in

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her twenties or thirties with wispy hair that is lightly coloured. She is wearing a small black hat on her head and her hair is in a bun at the back. She is wearing a white blouse/shirt and has a black shawl over her shoulders. The woman passes by.

Andy then gets a strong feeling that “on the anniversary of the death someone must place a bunch of yellow roses on this woman’s grave she loved yellow roses”.

Andy also gets this will result in “finally being at peace and rest”.

Andy also gets “the man was a local”.

For the record this has been going through my head all night in a repeating loop and I feel the emotions very strongly even now along with the cold-shiver as if I was there and really loved this woman and the compulsion to write this email is so strong I have felt I was to write it before breakfast or anything else today as I could not rest until I told someone.

If you guys can explain I would be glad to hear

Andy

Andy then reports that once he has sent this information he feels more relaxed and the cold-shiver and compulsion has left him. Andy then decides to research this murder further to see if the information given to him is in any way correct to actual events and is surprised by some areas which may be correct as highlighted in red in the actual newspaper reports of the time reproduced below.

The Northampton Mercury of 18th August 1821: “Shocking Murder. - On Wednesday evening last, at about a quarter-past seven o’clock, a decent, well-dressed female was found in Blackgrove Wood, in the parish of Tilsworth, Beds, with her throat cut in two places, and otherwise much mangled and bruised. She had on a light printed cotton gown, flounced, small pattern, the colours red and blue, on a white ground; black velvet shoes and white stockings. She has **light-brown hair, with false curls**; and the little finger on the right hand grown crooked at the first joint. She is supposed to have worn a light-coloured **beaver hat**, tied with a black riband, and a scarlet **shawl**. The deceased appears to be about **25 years of age**. - The body now lies at the public house at Tilsworth, to be owned. - We are sorry to add, no traces of the murderer have yet been discovered”.

The Northampton Mercury of, 25th August: Horrid Murder. - Yesterday se’nnight an Inquisition was taken at Tilsworth, Beds, before Thomas Times, gent. coroner for the county of Bedford, on view of the body of a female unknown (the particulars of which were given in our last), who was found on the Wednesday preceding in Blackgrove Wood, with her throat cut. - The Deceased appeared to be about 30 years of age, and from the evidence produced to the Jury, they had no hesitation in pronouncing a verdict of Wilful Murder against some Person or Persons unknown.

The Northampton Mercury of 3rd September: Further particulars of the unfortunate female who was found murdered in Blackgrove Wood, near Dunstable, Beds: - She had on a light-colour chintz-pattern, printed cotton gown, closely sprigged with pink and small blue flowers, white dimity petticoat, white cotton stockings, and low velvet shoes, had round her neck a white muslin frill, a man’s jaconot muslin neckerchief, marked with blue marking thread, ‘T.S.’ and a pink check muslin handkerchief, such as is often worn by gentlemen; she was about five feet, four inches high, dark hair, with false curls in the front, of a lighter colour than her own hair, dark complexion, hazel eyes, small teeth, which appeared to be decaying; rather thin made, about **30 years of age**, and the little finger on the right hand crooked at the first joint. - She is supposed to have been at Dunstable on Sunday the 12th, and at the Plough Public House, between that place and Market Street, on Monday the 13th ult. in company with

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a man of the following description, viz.: - a healthy-looking man, about 30 years of age, round face, sallow complexion, brown hair, dark whiskers, and had generally the appearance of a gentleman's servant, about five feet eight inches high, had a fine shirt with a high collar, light fustian coat, yellow kerseymere waistcoat, light breeches, light worsted stockings, and either ankle shoes or high shoes, had a small bundle tied up in a light handkerchief, and a stick. The woman, when found, had not any head dress or shawl, but from the best information that has been obtained respecting her, she had on when seen as above stated, a brown beaver hat, and a red woollen shawl, but no traces whatever have been discovered as to who the unfortunate woman was, although every possible exertion has been used for that purpose.

In the 1886 book **Bedfordshire Notes and Queries Volume I** Frederic Augustus Blaydes wrote: In the churchyard is a stone with the following remarkable inscription [*shown below*]. It is an object of curiosity to all visitors, and probably has been frequently copied, though I have never yet seen it in print. "Master" Horne, the old parish clerk, told me that he was one of the first, if not the first, to discover the body of this unfortunate woman, whose identity has never to this day been discovered; nor was the murderer ever discovered. It appears that the murderer and his victim were seen to walk in the direction of Blackgrove wood, which is within sight of Tilsworth Church. I have been told, however, that a man named Evestaffe confessed to the murder on his deathbed. He had been tried, I believe, on suspicion, but there being no evidence to convict, he was acquitted.

This Stone was erected

by subscription,
TO THE MEMORY OF
A FEMALE UNKNOWN
found murdered in Blackgrove wood
AUG 15 1821.

Oh pause my friends & drop the silent tear,
Attend & learn why I was buried here;
Perchance some distant earth had hid my clay
If I'd outliv'd the sad, the fatal day.
To you unknown my case not understood
From whence I came or why in Blackgrove^{Wood}
This truth's too clear & nearly all that's known
I there was murder'd! & the villains flown
May God whose piercing eye pursues his^{flight}
Pardon the crime but bring the deed to light

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Equipment List

Andy Digital Camera: Panasonic Lumix DMC-FS15
 Digital Camcorder: Sony DCR-DVD306E
 Dictaphone: Sanyo TRC-525M
 EMF meter: K-II
 Digital Infrared Thermometer: IR-Notepad, pen, torch and watch

Oz Digital Camera: Vivitar DVR-510N
 Mobile Phone: Nokia N8
 EMF meter: K-II Notepad & pen, torch and watch