

### **Bovingdon Airfield**

Bovingdon Airfield was opened on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1942 as an R.A.F Bomber station. The airfield was later passed on to the command of the USAF.

The airfield has seen many notable visitors in its past including Clark Gable, Bob Hope, Eleanor Roosevelt and General Eisenhower. It has also been the scene for films and T.V shows such as Blake's 7 and The Avengers.

The derelict airfield is situated in Hertfordshire, 7 miles West of Watford. Flying from the airfield ceased in 1969 and it was eventually closed in 1972. The runway still remains, part of which is now used for Bovingdon market, and the control tower stands as a ruin within the grounds of a prison next to the airfield.

Locals are alleged to have problems with their dogs when walking them in the area of the airfield, which has a public footpath along the runway. Dogs are said to raise their hackles, howl and even run away from the area.

The investigation consisted of two teams of four, which covered different areas of the runway. Both team had some very interesting results. The name Jake was picked up and associated with a feeling of sadness. A lot of other names were picked up including John, who was picked up by different members in the same group; one gave a full name of John Lawrence who was a Flight Lieutenant. Several members reported seeing small red lights on the runway, one of which was seen by two members at the same time. A strong presence was picked up by one members of an Australian airman called Joe. He was noted as having a gorgeous smile and as he described 'an unruly mop' for hair. A dark figure was seen walking between two members and the presence of dogs and a dog handler were sensed at the top of the runway.

### **Snooks Grave**

Robert Snooks was a highwayman, and the last to be executed in England on March 11<sup>th</sup> 1802. His grave lies on Boxmoor Common; a small piece of land next to the A41. His grave is marked by a white stone, which was placed in 1901. The legend is told that if you dance around his grave at midnight and shout 'Snooks!' he will rise up and join you in a Danse Macabre (The Dance of Death).

Unfortunately LPS arrived at the site after midnight so a séance was held around his grave instead. One member had the urge to break from the séance circle and head for some nearby trees and could not explain why they felt this way. Another member sensed that Robert Snooks, despite being a thief, was jolly and would have a grin on his face, even when robbing people!