

INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 3



Investigation Site	Hemel Hempstead, Rose and Crown
Investigation Date	21 st November 2009
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Team Members	Bill, Billie

Background

The following was provided by the Rose and Crown's Webmaster, Adrian: The Rose and Crown in Hemel Hempstead was originally a butchers shop. In 1537 the owner is recorded as brewing mead for his workers. The ale business grew until it took over and the oldest ale house in the Old High Street, Hemel Hempstead began.

There are purported to be several ghosts at the Rose and Crown. One, called the 'grey lady', is said to be responsible for kitchen switches turning on and off during the night. Another could be the ghost of a young girl who lived in the pub locked in her room because she was crippled. In recent years a pair of girl's shoes was found during some renovation work. What made this particularly unusual is that the shoes were very old and the sole of one was built up.

Pre-Investigation

Before the investigation started the manager, Gill, took us for a tour of the premises.

During the tour of the pub Billie felt very drawn to the energy in the Box Room as she was able to sense a strong presence. In response to this she felt queasy, light-headed and shivery.

At 00:43 Billie felt some energy charged in the Back Bedroom just inside the doorway, which was enough to make her feel slightly queasy.

Bill sets up a video camera with external infrared source in the Cosy Bar. They were positioned on a table near the window facing along the length of the bar. This is shown on the plan at the end of this document. The field of view covered a table on which a number of coins had been placed as trigger objects (placed on a sheet of paper and the outline traced).

Equipment Used

Bill Digital SLR Camera Pentax K2000
 Digital Thermometer CHY 110
 Digital Sound Recorder Speed-Link PDR-3

Séance: Upstairs Corridor – 01:58 to 02:2

For the first part of the investigation we held a séance in the upstairs corridor. This location was chosen as at least two people had picked something up during the initial walk-round. For the positions of the team members see the plan on the next page. Before the séance started Bill left a Dictaphone in the Back Bedroom as shown on the drawing on the next page.

During the séance several members reported a distinct temperature drop on more than one occasion but this did not register on Bill's infrared thermometer. Measurements of the temperature on the floor between the séance participants gave a reading of +22.5°C whilst the temperature in the nearest rooms off the corridor was between +18.5 and +19.5°C. During the séance Dee reported that she could feel the wall behind her vibrating. Bill, who was standing 1.5 metres away from Dee, was leaning against the same wall and even had the back of his head against it but he felt no vibrations.

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Almost as soon as the séance began Billie began to feel like her torso was rocking back and forth. She checked this out with the people on either side of her who confirmed that it did not appear that she was moving. She felt very light-headed and also began to feel an unusual pain in her upper chest; just below the collar bone. She was also getting waves of shivers and goose pimples. Others in the group verbalised that they were experiencing itchy noses, ears and feelings of becoming cold; noticing a drop in temperature. Richard was also feeling pains in his chest/shoulder area. Steph picked up on a male energy and Billie was picking up on a female energy and shared this with the group...Billie explained that she felt that the woman was locked in this area and held against her will (the woman appears to be in a hysterical rage at being locked up). Billie saw an image of a tall, slender woman with long orange hair. Billie also began to sense her stomach being big and solid such as pregnancy or a growth, however Billie felt sure this was a female energy.

Séance: Box Room – 02:30 to 02:50

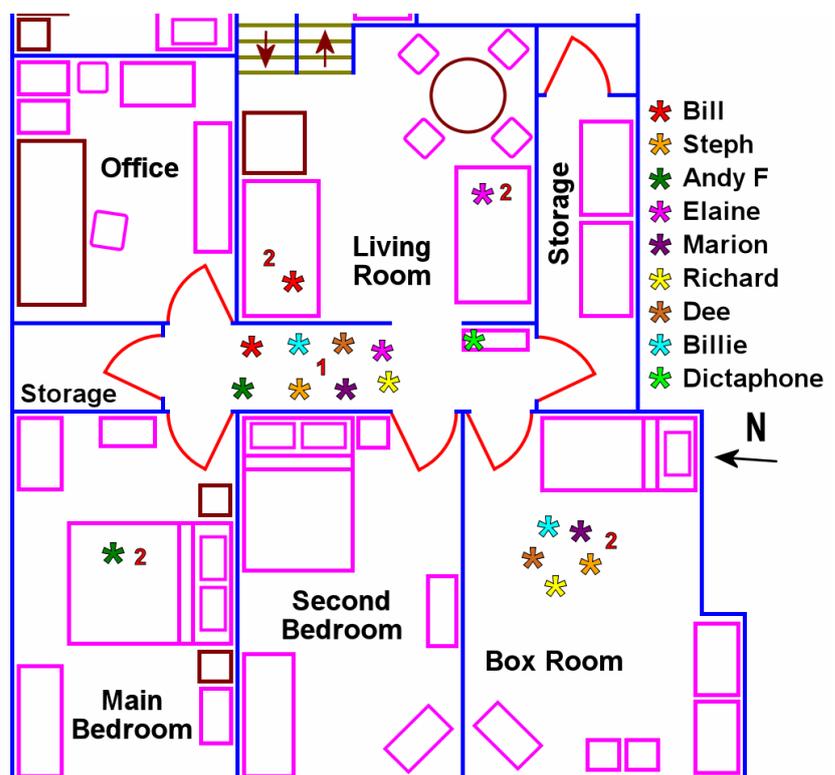
At around 02:30 Bill suggested relocating to the Box Room as this one lies directly above the small bar and, according to the manager, the sound of footsteps had been heard in the bar coming from above by a previous manager. For the positions of the team members see the plan below. For this séance Bill, Elaine and Andy were in the living room.

02:43 Bill, who had left the séance, was sitting in the living room, on the couch at the top of the stairs, when he saw a flash of electric blue light on the left-hand wall of the stairs.

02:46 Bill sees a red light, like a laser light, moving down the left-hand wall of the stairs starting high up. At the time no one in the séance room was using a laser.

02:47 Bill sees a flash of red light out of the corner of his eye on the cross-timber over the top of the stairs. This turned out to be from a smoke detector. It is unlikely this was the light he saw at 02:46 as that one moved down the wall whilst the light on the smoke detector is stationary.

In the second séance in the Box Room, Marion led verbal communication with the spirit and asked the spirit questions. Billie felt the presence coming in closer and perhaps through her when she began to get very intense waves of shivering. Most group members began to notice drops in temperature. Steph continued to pick up the energies of a short male with curly dark hair. Billie kept sensing the woman as in the earlier séance. Marion consistently smelled a strong



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perfume smell many times. Billie and Dee smelled a candle just gone out smell. Billie smelled a woman's perfume on two occasions. Billie and Dee realised that they had unconsciously raised their hands in to a ceremonial position, which may have been relevant, as Billie was picking up a female energy and Dee a definite male energy.

Vigil 1: Cellar – 03:02 to 03:35

For this vigil Bill sat at the bottom of the stairs facing the barrel-drop. The barrel-drop end of the cellar was very dark with a little light coming from the freezer at the opposite end of the cellar and some natural light through the doors above the barrel-drop. For a plan of the team locations in the cellar see the plan at the end of this document.

Billie checked out the refrigerated Cold Room at the back of the basement. The cool room was another very dark room with the only light coming from the freezer in the adjacent cellar room. Looking west along the cool room nothing was visible as it was so dark.

Billie felt an intense presence within the Cold Room. During the tour, Billie did not get a chance to come in to this area so had not picked up on anything prior. This section of the room was long and very dark with obvious low temperatures. Billie sat on a tool box on the floor looking down the length of the room into its darkest point in the west.

Billie soon began to feel very uneasy in the Cold Room and to feel a very hostile and threatening presence. Billie found it a little difficult to breathe; she could feel her windpipe tightening. Billie does not suffer from any respiratory issues. Billie felt extremely light-headed and felt pains around the back of the head/top of neck area and felt very nauseous and breathless – suffocating.

03:05 Bill measures the temperature at +17.5°C.

03:09 Billie had her eyes closed as Billie is able to pick up more information this way naturally; as well as this being a technique to remain calm when Billie had began to feel suffocated by the energy around her. However at this time, Billie saw a very bright light in front of her eyes and thought that Bill was standing there with his torch. Billie opened her eyes and there was just complete darkness.

Billie felt an energy come around her from the front of her which moved over the top of her. This energy scratched the top of her head quite firmly several times. Billie was scared, as Billie was aware that this energy was hostile.

Billie was seeing images of 'bad men' which had connections to the church – everyone knew what happened down here but no-one knew (!) men, children animals died down here. Billie is not sure if it was always a pub above this area. Billie saw torture, sexual abuse to women, children and pigs down here. Many people lost their lives down there.

Billie sensed the name *Eddison* – he had short brown hair. Immediately after sensing this Billie felt nails once more on the top of her head. It felt that the energy was behind Billie as the feelings of fingers were at the front of the head. This presence then dragged fingernails down Billie's back. Billie had opened her eyes and told the spirit to move back. Billie heard this spirit laugh and who whispered to Billie that he would not move back as he is enjoying this. The spirit then pressed what felt like a blade down Billie's spine. Billie felt this as if it were directly on her skin – and not through the puffa jacket that she was wearing. Billie felt that the spirit was 'playing' with this threat rather than actually wanting to harm Billie. Billie got scared and for the first time ever broke a vigil.

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03:13 Billie comes out of the Cold Room saying she could not stay in there any longer because of the way she felt and a dark and horrible presence. Billie said she was willing to sit in the main part of the cellar so Bill and Billie swapped places.

Billie continued to feel a bit scared – the energy Billie was picking up on still felt uncomfortable and nasty. Billie kept seeing images of women, a young boy and pigs on hay. Billie was also seeing images of dog fights.

03:14 The door to the Cold Room was on Bill's right where the only faint light could be seen. As Bill was looking along the Cold Room he saw what looked like something move across the doorway dimming the light. It sent cold shivers down Bill's spine.

03:16 Bill measures the temperature at +8.5 to +9°C.

03:20 Bill hears a grinding noise coming from just in front of him, high up, in the corner between the wall and the ceiling and to his left.

03:21 Bill again hears the same sound but now it is behind him but still high up in the corner between the wall and the ceiling.

03:23 Billie saw drunken men laughing – they had red faces and who were emanating hate and heaviness. Billie got the names *Paxton, Hedley, Scott* and *Mason*. This again felt like this was before the pub. Billie also saw a man of God coming in. Energy felt evil and sickening.

03:24 Bill hears a single click behind him and high up to his left.

03:25 Bill hears a repeat of the 03:24 click and another from the far end of the room.

03:27 Bill again hears the noise from above and to his left, the sound is more like a creaking of wood but at times sounds like a tapping.

03:28 Bill hears two taps from above him and to his left.

03:29 The sounds reoccur and are once again behind Bill.

03:30 Billie's stomach is still in knots at the images that had continued to come.

03:32 The taps continue as Bill hears 'tap pause tap tap pause tap'.

03:34 Bill hears a click from the far end of the room.

03:35 The pair of green eyes. This spirit looked like a dog – had the same shape as a dog but was not a dog and nor was it a pig. This spirit was not from this planet. This was about one metre in front of Billie and it just stared. It did not feel like a good spirit – it emanated fear but was also hostile and unpleasant in its energy form.

03:37 A comment from Billie - Thankfully the vigil came to an end!

Vigil 2: Back Bedroom – 03:45 to 04:20

This room was fairly dark except for a turquoise glow from a clock radio. Bill sat by the door and Billie sat in a chair at the far end of the room. The position of the team members is shown on the appropriate drawing at the end of this document.

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The energy that Billie had picked up earlier before the first séance had left the room completely. The energy was now clear and light. Billie was confident that there was no presence here. Billie felt relieved after the basement vigil!

03:52 It starts to rain outside and it can be heard hitting the window.

Billie could hear endless chattering between males. The males chattering were not of a hostile energy. Billie sensed that the spirits upstairs are not the same as the spirits in the basement. They stay apart – separate.

Billie thought that the voices may have been coming from through the wall – neighbours; however the layout of the property was such that at the other side of the wall there was an office room. To Billie's knowledge there were no LPS members in there doing any vigils – this continued until 3.54.

03:54 Bill measures the temperature at +17 to +18°C.

03:58 Billie heard sobbing from a distance – this sounded like a female.

04:01 Bill and Billie hear the sounds of birds chirping. A very early dawn chorus?

04:04 Billie was aware that the sobbing noise came back in to the foreground.

04:05 Bill sees a small flash of electric blue light in the middle of the wall behind Billie.

04:08 Billie could hear the males talking again and continued until the end of the vigil.

Post-Vigil

After the second vigil the teams took a break for about 15 minutes.

Bill moves his video camera into the cellar and starts a recording in the Cold Room. The camera is placed at the west end of the room facing along the room as shown in the drawing at the end of this document.

Vigil 3: Box Room – 04:50 to 05:20

For this vigil Billie sat near to the bed to the left of the door whilst Bill sat on the floor by the wardrobe in the opposite corner to the door. The position of the team members is shown on the appropriate drawing at the end of this document.

04:52 Bill measures the temperature at +18°C.

Billie noticed a temperature drop and felt coldness down the outside of the right thigh. The coldness was coming from the doorway.

05:03 Billie felt another energy drop.

05:05 A constant clicking noise is heard by both Bill and Billie from the area near the door to the room. It sounded like hot water pipes but the radiator was cold.

05:08 The clicking stops.

05:09 Billie leaned over and felt the radiator and this was not switched on as the radiator was making cracking noises. Billie also recalled the landlady stated that she had not put the heating on and it was agreed that the heating would interfere with the investigation.

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Vigil 4: Cosy Bar – 05:27 to 06:00

For this vigil Billie sat to the right of the bar between the bar and the door whilst Bill sat to the left of the front window. The position of the team members is shown on the appropriate drawing at the end of this document.

Billie observed that the temperature was very cold in this room.

05:32 Billie's windpipe began to tighten. Billie began to cough continuously and she could barely swallow. She does not have any health issues like this. She felt that this was a reaction to the energies in the room. This continued until 05:40.

Billie could smell a very strong sour stench.

05:40 Billie began to hear pipes playing. Like Scottish bagpipes in the distance. Again Billie kept getting the name *Eddison, William T. Eddison* then came. Billie continued to find it difficult to swallow and continued to endlessly cough as a result. She also noticed that there was a very strong sour stench in the room.

05:44 Billie sensed a relief of the presence. Billie knew that this presence had left the room.

Bill began to cough a number of times in a row.

05:49 Loud sounds are heard by both Bill and Billie coming from the area of the bar in the adjacent room. Billie believed it was coming from pumps under the bar and that it sounded like running water. Bill asked Elaine and Richard, who were in the Big Bar, if they had heard it and they reported that they had heard a faint noise.

Experiment

Dee, Marion, Steph, Richard and Billie did an experiment in the upstairs lounge involving a glass on a table. The group carried out the experiment whilst Bill and Andy filmed. The experiment brought some very subtle results with slight movement of the glass in response to some questions.

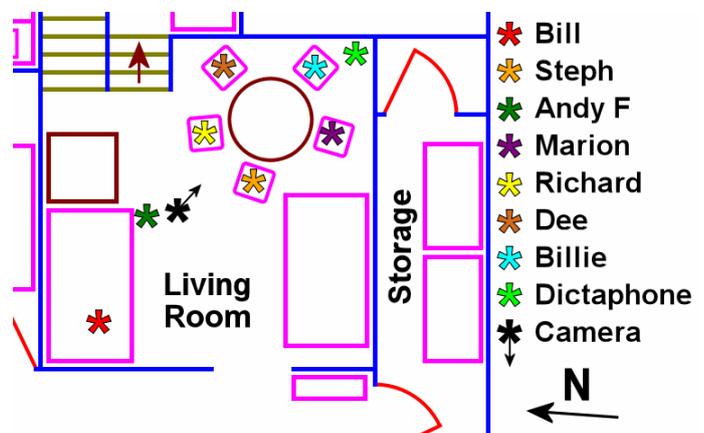
The group held hands and had a séance to try and build up some energy to support the spirit. However the results were not so successful. Again, slight glass movements were observed.

Vigil 5: Big Bar – 07:15 to 07:45

For this vigil Billie sat to the left of the front window while Bill sat by the fireplace to the right of the window. We were joined by Team 2 with Marion sitting on the left of the "Pool Room" (the far end of the room and up a couple of steps) whilst Steph sat on the right. The position of the team members is shown on the appropriate drawing at the end of this document.

07:17 Billie heard continuous knocking.

07:22 A sound is heard coming from the bar. It could have been related to the sound we



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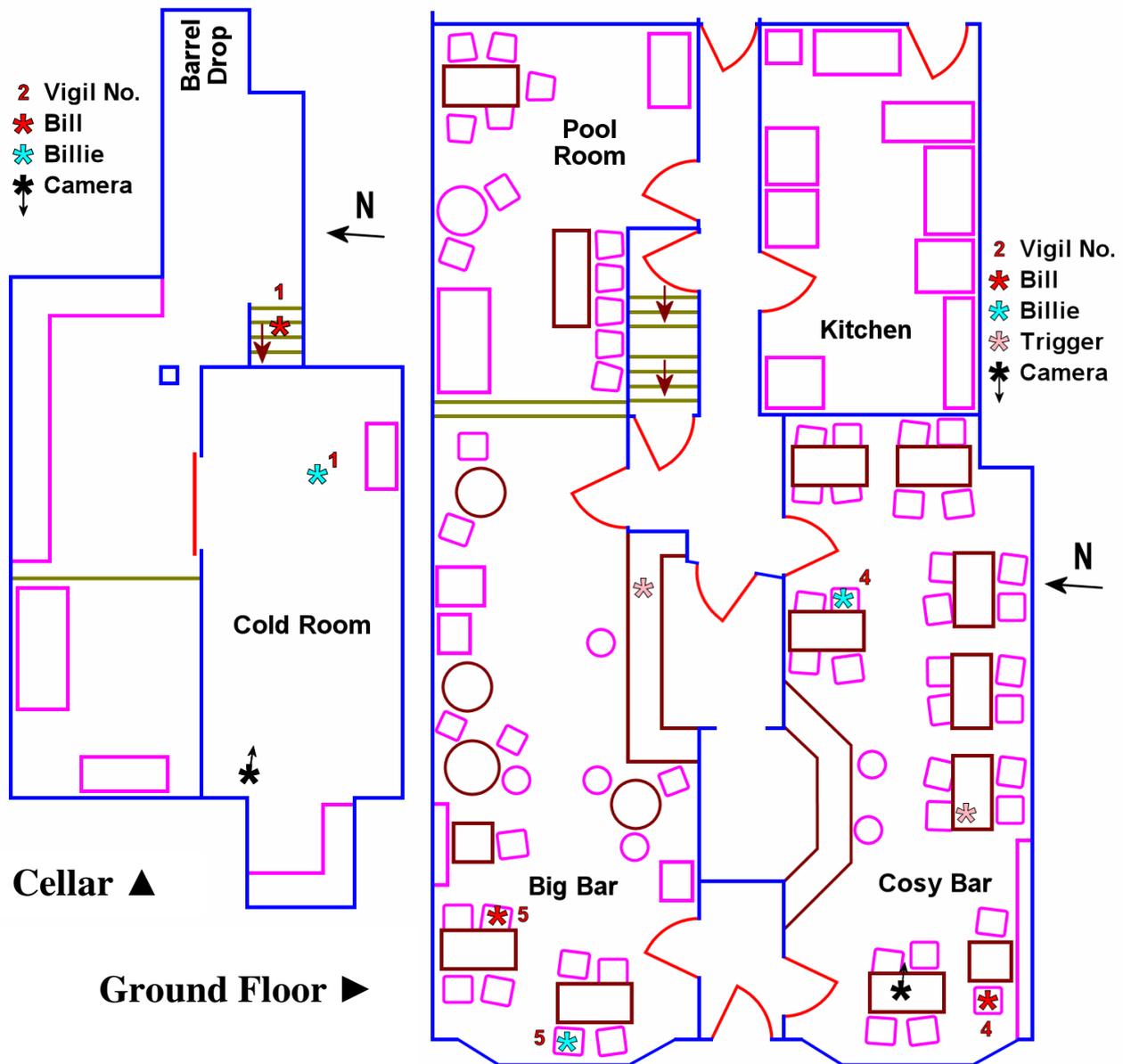
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heard whilst we were in the Cosy Bar. It sounded like a pump but was a lot quieter than the noise we heard earlier.

07:24 Billie heard a door handle opening – but there was no one present.

07:37 Bill measures the temperature at +18°C.



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