

INVESTIGATION REPORT



Investigation Site	Nuthampstead Airfield
Investigation Date	12 th October 2012
Report By	Bill King
Team Members	Bill, Andy, Elaine, Dee, Sarah

Background

Being an aviation enthusiast Adam Gurney decided to pay a visit to the old airfield at Nuthampstead along with an old school friend. It was 1984 and by that time the airfield was a mere ghost of its original form with only a few remaining buildings and a section of runway in a very poor state.

It was just after dusk when they drove onto the runway and at first everything seemed alright. Twenty minutes later Adam suddenly felt compelled to look into his rear-view mirror and when he did he was surprised to see a ghostly horse and rider bearing down on the car at full gallop. Adam nudged his friend who looked round at the figure then quickly locked his door. This was all too much for Adam and he drove off as fast as he could, given the condition of the runway. Realising he couldn't go fast enough Adam drove around a clump of trees on the runway and turned off his car's engine and lights. When the figure did not appear Adam drove back onto the runway only to find that the horse and rider had vanished.

Four years later Adam Gurney met with Kerry-Leigh Parish, another aviation enthusiast, who was very interested in his story of the ghost. Kerry-Leigh tried to persuade Adam to take her to the airfield but it wasn't until the autumn of 1989 that he acquiesced. It was again just after dusk when they entered the airfield and Adam pointed out the area where he had encountered the ghost. Kerry-Leigh noted that at the time that the airfield was unusually quiet and that she felt uneasy and cold. After a while they started to explore the rest of the airfield and were on another track when they saw a pool of what at first they thought was water. Closer examination revealed it to be a 1.2 metres diameter pool of what looked like blood.

General

The night was a cold one with a slight and very chilly breeze. The sky was clear and the moon was only 9% full and waning. The area was a very dark one as there were no streetlights in the area. The area was also a very quiet one with just the faint sound of occasional cars and aircraft. It had been raining heavily in previous days, but there was no rain this evening. A large amount of puddles were left!

Pre-Investigation

Several things should be noted, which are directly relevant to Dee's perspective of this investigation.

1. Dee's physical hearing was severely impaired on this investigation due to an infection, which affected her ability to pick up on and/or pinpoint the origination of ambient sounds.
2. Dee had never heard of Nuthampstead before, and therefore knew nothing about its location or history.
3. While in the car en route to the investigation (passenger), Dee began thinking about 'Nuthampstead' and soon began to get very strong impressions. She began to tell Sarah C (driver), who also confessed to 'feeling something'. Sarah suggested that Dee make notes of her impressions.

The major impressions involved NUMBERS coming at her in streams – lots of numbers, but the most important ones seemed to be 1, 0, 3, 9, 8, 6. She also heard in her mind the words "Your

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dad". Sarah C asked if Dee's father had been in the RAF, as she knew that Nuthampstead was an airfield. Dee then revealed that her father was in the USAF and that maybe there was an American connection. The last major impression Dee had was that the letter "H" was somehow important, and she noted two capital H in the notebook.

When Dee and Sarah arrived at the rendezvous location it was very, very dark. Dee immediately told Bill about the impressions en route and whether 'numbers', 'Americans' and 'H' were relevant to why the LPS was investigating. Bill explained that most RAF airfields were connected with Americans in some way during WW2 then led Dee to the entrance of the pub car park. Then he switched on his torch and illuminated a stone monument set back from the entrance. Dee showed Bill the notes she had made in the car. The stone monument showed an etching of a USAF bomber over which were carved the words "HELL FROM HEAVEN" (the two 'H' references Dee had noted?). Also, under the main etching were lists of the various military units involved – lots and lots of numbers. This tied in with the numbers being impressed upon Dee's mind while in the car earlier.

Initial Walk

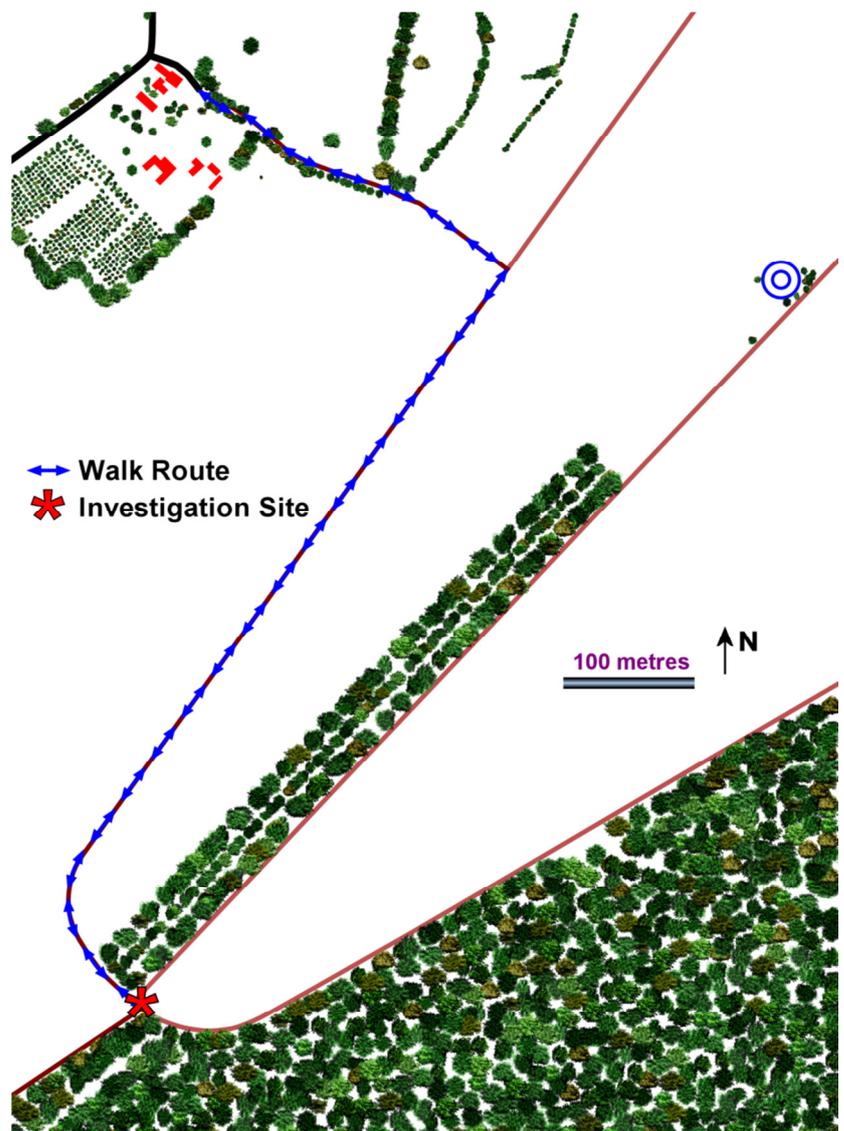
For a plan of the route see the drawing on the right.

21:00 The team reach the perimeter track. Once on the track the team turn southwest and head towards the southwest end of the main runway.

As the team are walking along the perimeter track Bill shines his torch towards the wood that follows the line of the main runway. This wood is only 170m long and starts where the main runway meets the perimeter track. As his torch reached the northern end of the wood two bright spots were seen near some farm equipment. The lights were several metres apart and there were only two. The team were just discussing what they could be when the left-hand one went out briefly then seemed to turn away into the wood. Basically the lights were the eyes of two animals seen sideways on (one of whom blinked).

While walking along the track to the location for the vigil, Dee gets a very strong impression of searchlights.

21:19 Elaine gets the name *Burgess*.



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21:23 Elaine feels like she is being watched.

21:25 The team reach the end of the main runway and decide to do a vigil.

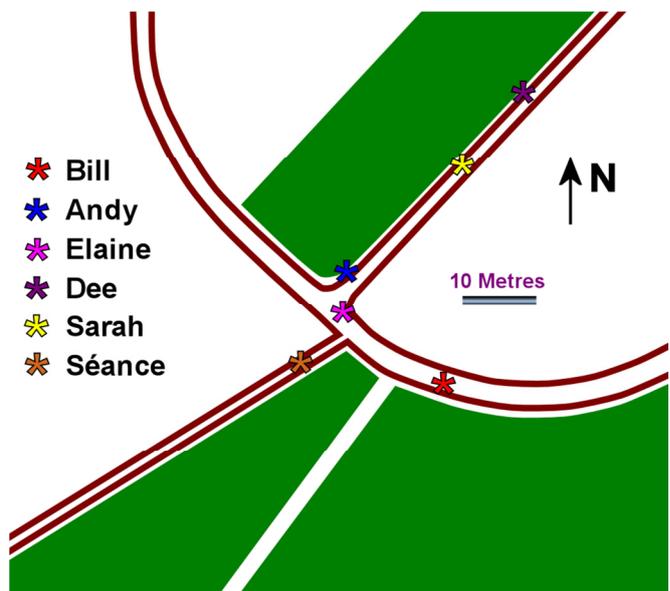
Pre-Vigil

21:26 While everyone was deciding where to do vigils Elaine feels something brush up against the bottom of her calf. When Elaine looked nothing was there.

Vigil: Southern Part of Airfield – 21:30 to 22:10

For this vigil the team spread themselves along the southern end of the perimeter track and the main runway. Bill sat 50m to the east-southeast of the main runway and facing north by west. He sat with his back to the wood to the south (where the ammunitions stores were) on the outer edge of the perimeter track. Dee sat along the main runway as she said she was attracted to it. Sarah said she didn't like the area at the southwest end of the main runway and Elaine said she did not like an area on the footpath which runs southwest from near the end of the runway. Andy sat by the end of the line of trees near the runway sign.

Dee positions herself about 50m along on the right-hand edge of the track, which runs along the treeline on the left side of the runway. She sits with her back to the rest of the group, facing down the runway. She cannot see very far due to the darkness, but the sky is beautifully clear and star-laden. She sets her digital voice recorder on the ground to her right.



For the positions of the team members see the plan above right.

21:30 Sarah had *hand* come to mind.

21:35 Andy takes a temperature reading of +5.5°C and an EMF reading of zero.

After settling down for the vigil, Dee begins a period of meditation to try to acclimatise to the surroundings.

21:42 Bill notes an odd sound from over his left shoulder, it was like something heavy rolling over a hard surface and lasted for several seconds.

21:43 Sarah heard breathing in front and to the right of her as she was facing toward the line of trees that marked the old runway. Sarah kept hearing ticks and possibly animal movement in the wood, and got the name *John Wood*.

Elaine sees two flashes of green light on the floor to her right.

21:46 Andy hears two dull thuds, but thinks this is the sound of car doors shutting nearby.

21:47 Andy observes a shooting star overhead.

Dee sees a shooting star overhead.

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- 21:49 Dee gets a sudden severe heartburn sensation and a tightness in the throat; it feels like she has inhaled something hot or caustic.
- 21:50 Bill hears the sound of a distant voice, again from over his left shoulder.
- 21:52 Dee has strong impression, once again, of searchlights being important somehow.
- 21:53 Bill measures the temperature at +6.1°C on the ground.
Andy observes another shooting star overhead.
Dee 'hears' what sounds like an old-fashioned cash register, or shop bell.
- 21:54 Sarah saw red and green lights by the end of the wood by Andy, and a flash of white light in the woods over by Bill, on the opposite corner, as Sarah turned to look around
- 21:55 The words *Maltese Falcon* come to Elaine's mind.
- 21:56 Andy takes a temperature reading of +8°C and his EMF battery dies (probably not fully charged).
- 21:57 A sound of a chiming bell is heard by Bill coming from the northwest.
Dee sees a flash of light in the trees to her right – it is in the trees, not torchlight ON them.
- 21:58 Dee notes a distant church bell chiming 10 o'clock (a little early!!).
- 22:01 Andy hears voices in the distance that appear to be coming from a wooded area behind Andy and the team near to Bill.
- 22:06 Dee hears (inner hearing) a word that sounds like "chaperone".
- 22:09 Dee feels a very cold, 'solid' breeze on the back of her head, which causes chills down her spine.
- 22:10 Sarah saw a white light low in the wood which was too low for an aircraft. She felt a black whoosh come out of the trees opposite and touch her on her left index finger. Sarah did not "like" any part of the area by the woods, but she did not feel scared.

Post-Vigil

The team regroup at the end of the main runway and decide to do a séance in the area of the footpath to the south of the perimeter track, which most of the team felt they did not like. The location of the séance is shown on the plan on the preceding page.

Séance: Track to South – 22:20 to 22:45

For the location of the séance see the plan on the preceding page.

Andy did not experience anything during the séance.

Bill's Report: Not long after the start of the séance Bill placed his Electrosmog meter on the ground within the circle. Very quickly the single green light that it was displaying began to dim and the battery was found to have gone flat. This may not have been paranormal as the battery had never been changed in the meter.

At 22:42 Dee, Sarah and Elaine all heard a noise like a horse snorting, this was not heard by Bill or Andy.

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Sarah's Notes: We all took turns to call out; Dee had the feeling of being pulled backwards and the urge to laugh uncontrollably. Sarah did not record séance.

22:46 Sarah, Elaine and Dee heard the sound of a horse snorting/ humming!

Also straight after this was the sound of what can only be described (by Sarah) as a turkey gobbling/calling. Maybe someone was trying to tell us the time of year!

A very interesting investigation.

Elaine's Notes: As we were doing the séance Elaine could feel Dee being pulled backwards, we decided to move back to where Dee was being pulled, then Dee's right hand shot up in the air followed by Elaine's.

22:42:06 Dee, Sarah and Elaine all heard a horse snorting (this was not caught on Elaine's sound recorder).

Dee's Report: The group decides to do a séance at the start of the runway. As Dee did not use her voice recorder for this session, she cannot remember the precise times or chronological order of the following moments.

Soon after the séance began, Dee experienced a very strong sensation of being pulled backwards. She dug her heels into the mud. This resulted in the feeling that the top half of her body was being pulled backwards and if she hadn't been holding hands with Elaine on her right, and Andy F on her left, she feels she would have fallen backwards. Sarah C mentioned that this same kind of sensation happened to another LPS member (not present) at a previous investigation and that we should try repositioning to where Dee was 'being pulled'. Therefore, Dee took a few paces backwards until the sensation seemed to stop and the circle reconvened.

At the time of writing, Dee cannot recall much of note about the séance other than having noted down on paper that at 22.42.06 she, Sarah C and Elaine all heard a loud noise that sounded distinctly like a horse blowing somewhere close behind Andy.

Post-Investigation

23:35 When we all got back to the cars Elaine decided to get a drink then walk back towards everyone else, Elaine feels something brush up against the bottom of her calf again.

Andy has not found anything paranormal on audio or video.

Upon review of her digital voice recording (using headphones) from the vigil on the runway, Dee could find no significant abnormalities or anomalies. However, she was amazed at how many sounds were occurring in the area (birdcalls, people, traffic etc.) that she had not physically been able to hear due to her ear infection!!

Equipment List

Andy Digital Camcorder: Sony DCR-DVD306E
Digital Camera: Panasonic Lumix DMC-FS15
Digital Infrared Thermometer: IR-102
Digital Voice Recorder: Olympus WS-560M
EMF meter: K-II
Notepad, pen, torch and watch

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Bill Compass: Silva Type 7 NL
 Digital Camera: GE E1480W
 Digital Infrared Thermometer: Karknee DT-300
 Electrosmog Meter: Cornet ED-7
 Notepad, pen, torch and watch

Dee Digital Camera: Fuji FinePix F31fd
 Digital Voice Recorder: Olympus VN-5500PC
 Notepad, pen, torch and watch

Elaine Digital Camera: Kodak C913
 Digital Voice Recorder: VN-2100PC
 Notepad, pen, torch and watch

Sarah C Digital Camera: Sony DSC-H50
 Notepad, pen, torch and watch