

Investigation Report



Investigation	St John Church Boughton
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Background

Boughton is a village just north of Northampton. But less than a mile to the east everything lays the original site of Boughton and here you will find the ruins of the church of St John.

The Victoria County History described it thus in 1937:

The ruins of the old church of ST. JOHN stand to the north-east of Boughton Green on a site which falls from west to east. The building consisted of chancel, north chapel, nave, and west tower with spire and was of 14th-century date, but the remains have long been neglected and are undergoing a gradual process of disintegration by the agency of weather and the unchecked growth of ivy. The site is thickly overgrown and at the west end is a confused mass of rubble, broken gravestones, brambles, and nettles. Where the walls stand to any height their architectural features are generally hidden by ivy. Bridges, early in the 18th century, described the building as then 'in ruins, without a roof, the walls in several parts levelled with the ground', (but the tower and spire stood till about 1785.

But things were worse in the 16th century:

The rabbits invaded the churchyard itself, making the place so dangerous that the inhabitants were afraid to go to mass for fear of breaking their necks. It was said that the bones dug up by the conies would fill a scuttle and 'that a man can go skantly in a corner of yt but he shall fynde it full of dead mennes bones, a thing most pytyous to be seen'. One of the parishioners stated that a 'great number of conyes have so undermined the church yarde of Bouckton that it wold abhorre any Crystiane manys harte in the world to see it'.

Today the ruins are picturesque, but the steeply sloping churchyard makes it difficult to explore and there are disconcertingly recent burials. There is also a spring issuing from beneath the east wall of the ruined chancel, making one think that this must be an ancient site whose sacredness predates Christianity. St John Church also has the reputation of being the most haunted site in Northamptonshire.

Two hundred years ago it is alleged that a young couple who had been married only a few hours when the groom dropped dead. Grief stricken and unable to live without her love, the young lady ended her own life next to her husband's grave.

And it continues:

Following on from the tale of the doomed newlyweds, the most famous ghost is said to be that of a beautiful red haired woman. She entices male passers-by, and asks for a kiss. Be warned, for the legend follows that if you receive a kiss from this young woman, you will come to your death exactly a month after.

This is said to be the fate of William Parker. He was passing by the churchyard on Christmas Eve in 1875 when he met a beautiful red haired girl. She invited him to sit with her for a while. After saying

farewell, the young woman vanished and sure enough, William died exactly one month later, to the day.

Again, on Christmas Eve, a moaning spirit makes his presence known. It is believed to be the spirit of Captain Slash, but why would he haunt the churchyard? Perhaps he is in search of the other members of his gang, ready to patrol the highways once more.

The spirits of children have been reportedly seen amongst the grave stones. There is evidence that several children are buried on the site. A figure of a woman in white robes and a headless man have also been seen.

For further information please reference;

liberalengland.blogspot.co.uk/2016/06/the-ruins-of-st-john-boughton-most.html

Pre-Vigil

The weather was very cold with snowy showers. When the team got there we all went off and took photos, Kerry went into a corner and felt pressure so Jess stood in the same place and felt the same.

At one point, to the left of the church in the far corner, Sheila stood near a tree, she immediately felt a pressure feeling in her head, went dizzy with eyes feeling very strange, and nausea. Once she moved from said spot she was fine. Sheila said it was a very unpleasant feeling. Sheila had the name "Dorothy Stunt" come to mind. She still doesn't know if it relevant to this investigation.

Investigation Begins.

At first Paul took some of the team to a certain area down the hill away from the church, here some of the team felt head pressure on top of the head, Kerry felt there was a man in the area, Jessica and Sheila felt dizzy, as soon as we walked away from the area the feeling went, Kerry got the name Edward.

Kerry could feel a theatrical woman around her that would change her dress attire to look like a man, was very interested in the men that were in the team and was swaying back and forth in-between them as to cause attention.

Kerry Asked Paul if something happened in the area that the team felt pressure to their heads as Kerry felt the man was still angry about what happened and would not come near the church, Kerry felt that there were three spirits around at the moment two males and one female, the Lady was flamboyant and was around Andy and Paul, Kerry heard the word "Bitch" amid at herself from the Lady Spirit, because Kerry was telling the men that she was around them.

Séance

The Team decided to do séance in the centre of the church, using K2 Meters and REM Pod, A camera was set up inside the church but due to it being very cold on the night it just kept switching off.

Paranormal Investigators began the investigation with a Victorian sing song and much laughter and hilarity which resulted in the ghost of a number of ghostly children being observed by mediums present standing nearby giggling along with the group. Much has been said about Victorian Séances using singing as a tool to entice paranormal activity and this was no different with the spirit of a woman who was swaying standing behind the male members of the group as she was interested in attracting males. Was this the spirit of the red haired woman? We do not know but thankfully she did not kiss anyone.

While the group decided to sing (quite badly!) to build energies, Charlotte felt a presence of a woman, in her mid-30's going by the name of Annie - She was slim build around 5ft 4 had mousy brown curly hair that hanged down around her shoulders she was wearing a old Victorian style dress with short black boots. She was very weary of us but liked Paul and Andy as she was a bit of a ladies man, as the team undertook the séance and she seemed quite interested in what we were doing.

The Lady was coming around Paul and Andy, a lot around Paul, Kerry felt the lady was not very friendly. Kerry was opening up the Séance Kerry felt the Lady come very close to her face, and was interrupting the opening.

Kerry could feel a man behind her peering through the arch of the church, but would not come inside of the church, he has come out of his comfort zone and Kerry felt that her throat was sore, Kerry asked spirit to come closer to the group, Andy asked the young lady to come and touch one of the men, Kerry then felt the woman was maybe a man dressed as a woman,

Andy asks Spirit to come close and get one of the lights to go off on the K2 Meters,

Lorretta asked spirit to see if they could push one of the stools over as that happened last time Lorretta was in this church.

Kerry asked Charlotte if she was getting any feelings and Charlotte said that she could feel the woman around here and was weary of her, and she was moving around the group and keeps going to Andy and Paul, Paul asked the spirit to touch the green light and see if they can make it flash.

Charlotte also felt a presence of a young girl around seven years old that was quite cheeky she laughed with us as we were singing and having a laugh again she was also a little timid and didn't want to come to close to us so she hang back a little. Charlotte couldn't quite figure out what she was wearing or what her name was but she was happy and content with us being there.

The girl was hiding behind a tree, Charlotte could see that the girl was watching too, the Charlotte said that last time she was here she saw a boy in grey shorts and got the name Edward.

Andy asked if the woman was around, Kerry said yes and she's not happy being ignored! Charlotte said that she is peed off.

Lorretta asked the spirit lady to see if she can push one of the stools over, Andy said or give ones of the guys a hug, Lorretta asked the spirit to use her energies and push a stool over, Andy said or give one of the guys a hug!

Kerry felt a lot of pressure down one side of her face as we were talking about the Priest controlling the Spirits, Andy felt shivers around him.

Paul asked the priest to let the little girl come forward, Paul asked why the man at the arch won't come forward, Kerry felt that the man was not allowed but would not come inside the church anyway even when he was alive.,

Jessica saw behind Lorretta a blue wellington boot, and it made Jessica's stomach drop as she really thought someone was right behind Lorretta, Charlotte got shivers when Jessica said this,

The group started laughing and Kerry saw a girl laughing back at us in the cemetery. Andy asked if anyone was getting anything. But no so Kerry closed the circle.

Paul asked Kerry where the man was which Kerry showed him but he was no longer there, Kerry said that he did not want to come into the church, it's not his place, Charlotte got the name Annie for the lady that was wondering around.

Kerry tried to set the camera on again but it went off again.

Paul got the Echovox out and Kerry heard it say "Stop Talking".

Kerry Jessica and Charlotte heard Slut.

Paul asked spirit to give a name.

Andy asked for the lady to give a name or the child that is here to give a name.

Paul asked if John was here with us?

Andy asked if the priest was here or anyone from the Church was here.

The group heard a squeak as if a metal gate had moved, Paul asked if the priest was here with the group and let the spirits come forward.

Echovox Experiment

After the séance the group moved to a far corner of the graveyard to a grave of a wealthy landowner who when alive owned the land where the cemetery was. It was known that this was an angry spirit who should not be provoked.

No surprise then that when one of the investigators who was sat on his camping chair next to the grave of the landowner shouted out to this male spirit that he was going to buy up the land and built a badly designed house. The seat promptly collapsed under him leaving him lying flat on his back. Further to this a voice came through an echovox with the words "Bastard" a number of times. Was this the ghost exacting revenge or had the chair finally gave up the ghost?

Charlotte also observed that she didn't see or hear anything except whilst down in the bottom left hand corner of the graveyard which is alleged to be haunted by an angry spirit and former land owner of around the area. However when that team was asking out and Andy F said he was going to build a house on the land and bring in the digger and through the echobox. Charlotte heard what sounded like bastard a couple of times and other swearing.

Whilst Sheila was listening to the echovox, she was positive she heard the words "slut", whilst the echovox was in the church area and "bastard" whilst right by the same spot where she had the unpleasant feelings.

Paul asked the Echovox if the boy was here with the team,

Paul asked if John was with the Team,

Andy asked if there were spirit that would like to communicate with them this evening,

The team heard Bastard from the Echovox, Paul asked who is a Bastard?

Lorretta asked the Echovox if spirit could tell her what her name is,

Kerry heard the name Neil or Phil, Paul said last time they came here they got the name Phillip,

Paul asked Kerry if the man that wouldn't come into the church was here, Kerry said she could not feel him around, Charlotte said she feels it's quite around here,

Paul asks for John again and asks who he is calling a Bastard.

Paul asks John to come to the Team and speak to us.

Paul asks if Dorothy is with us.

Andy asks spirit John about building a house on this land and asked John what he thinks? Echovox said Fuck off

Kerry heard voices also clearly heard "come on then"

Paul asks John if he wants us to leave,

We decided to end the Echovox due to no response.

End of Investigation

Paul asked a member to go to the other end of the cemetery near the road. Once there the member and Kerry got the feeling of fear, also could see children all along the metal fence looking in at Paul and herself, not looking happy, Kerry got the feeling of Hanging, the children were sad and not coming into the cemetery, where Kerry and Paul walked the children would turn their heads in the same direction still looking at them, Kerry was not liking the feeling that was in that area, Kerry said she got hanging where they felt head pressure and was getting the same feeling where the children were which was right over the other side, but both sides the same feeling, Paul said a man was hung over there.

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