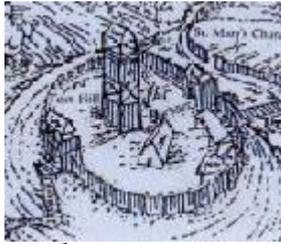


# Motte & Bailey



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**Luton Paranormal Society's SIT team were on location again in June, investigating The Motte & Bailey PH in Pirton.**

The name Motte & Bailey derives from the motte and bailey castle that stood opposite to where the pub now stands through the medieval period c1066-1500s. The historic site is more commonly known as 'Toot Hill', which appropriately means 'look-out'. The current Motte & Bailey building goes back just over a hundred years to 1905 and was previously known as The White Horse. Records show another pub with the same name resided on the site until it was demolished in 1900.

For this investigation, members decided to conduct an Ouija board experiment and a séance at the beginning of the night to try and raise the spiritual energy. The glass on the Ouija board did not move through the experiment but members both sitting in and observing had experiences almost from the start. Shadows were seen, numbness and pain sensations were felt with some members plus an LPS member and pub owner Jane also experienced being touched on the arm. The name 'John' was picked up and the majority of the information coming through was centred or associated with a war scenario. Whispering and sighing sounds were also heard and distinct smells were experienced during the séance in the bar.

The vigils then followed, covering the cellar, ground floor bar and restaurant and the upstairs rooms. Cold breezes were felt along with presences. Light anomalies were captured on camera and shuffling noises were heard. One member experienced psychic images of a 1940's street party and a man in white walking up the stairs in the pub. Dictaphones were also set up for EVP experiments.

Detailed results of the individual team investigations can be read on our website at [www.lutonparanormal.com](http://www.lutonparanormal.com)

Luton Paranormal would like to thank Jane and the Motte & Bailey for the opportunity to investigate the building.

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