

INVESTIGATION REPORT



Investigation Site	Nuthampstead Airfield
Investigation Date	7 th August 2015
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Team Members	Andy F, Andy G, Bill, Steph, Dee, Elaine, Rachel

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.

Investigation

For this investigation the team met up in Park Farm Lane to the west of the old airfield. We then walked away from the airfield heading west along the road before turning south toward the Woodman Inn. Opposite the inn, at the memorial to the USAF 398th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) we turned east-southeast to follow Stocking Lane onto the airfield. When we reached the perimeter track we paused for a few minutes whilst people took photographs as it was reasonably light, then followed the perimeter track anti-clockwise until we reached the point where the track met the end of the former northeast to southwest runway. On a previous investigation several members of the team had picked up things in the woods of Scales Park whilst on the perimeter track just a bit further on than the end of the runway, so it was decided to move to that area to undertake the investigation.

21:25 Andy is sat in the wooded area alone as the rest of the team are on the pathway.

Andy hears steps in this area and assumes this is a wild animal in the bushes in front of him. Andy also notes that a tree has a small branch that looks like it has been jammed into the tree.

Andy feels very uncomfortable in this area and it feels unnaturally cold. Andy feels that there is a man nearby watching him and after a period sat in this area Andy feels so uncomfortable that he has to leave

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the area. Upon doing so Andy informs the team and in particular Andy Garrett that he felt a man was behind him and Andy F told Andy G that he felt the name was John and he was also a cut throat.

Olivus Three Experiment - Wooded Area

Base - Spring – Alphabet – Fly – Cold – Anthony – Anthony – Anthony (Olivus repeated this name three times in the area and once again on the pathway while Andy is talking to the team after coming out of the wooded area)

21:29 Elaine has a unnerving feeling as she is looking into the woods

21:32 Elaine gets the name Willis

21:39 Elaine observes Andy F was sitting in the wooded area alone and she can see someone standing to his left. The rest of the team are on the pathway

21:40 Steph feels like she doesn't like this area (this is the area that presence's were felt in the previous investigation, the right hand path of the field, in the woods on the right of the path)

21:45 Steph goes into the area of the wood with AG, RW and R. AG hears a man say 'what are you doing here?'

As Steph walks out she remarks that it's not a place you want to turn your back on and walk out of. It doesn't feel nice at all.

21:45 Andy is sat by himself on the pathway

21:56 Andy can hear dogs from the nearby pub barking While sat on the pathway filming the team who are in the woods except for Elaine who is nearby on the pathway and Bill who is investigating elsewhere. Andy suddenly hears two males who sound as if they are behind him talking to each other. Andy is unable to make out any words but the voices are coming from an open area behind Andy. Andy goes to speak to Elaine and asks her if she has heard anything but Elaine tells Andy she has not heard anything

Olivus Three Experiment - Pathway Area

Stones – Substances – Born

21:50 The team hears a voice to our left. RW asks EE if this was her. She said she was talking but not in the last 30 seconds.

21:55 Steph thinks she sees someone standing by the tree in front of the team. It looked like a dark figure that back away into the darkness of the woods.

21:57 Steph sees a flash of light near the bushes over to the right. RW sees it too.

21:58 Elaine picks up the name Trevor

22:01 Steph can hear what sounds like footsteps in front of the team. AG agrees and says they sound like they are pacing. AG says this is a bald man, white shirt, leather trousers, he is the leader and a

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highwayman. AG feels this is the area where they were camped. The bald man then lifts the side of his shirt up to reveal a knife in the top of his trousers.

22:03 AG tells the rest of the team that the bald man says he can get in our heads and mess with us. His name says his name is Johnathan Wainwright and he has come down from the North.

22:13 AG says that 'Johnathan' doesn't sound like a highwayman's name. The whole team then hear a clicking noise. AG asks him to repeat it and the noise is heard again. AG then hears it for a third time.

22:14 Elaine observes a red dot of light to her right about 4ft away

22:15 AG asks if he had a nickname. The answer came back as 'cutthroat'/'

22:19 Steph hears movement and whispering. AG also hears movement at the same time.

22:21 Steph and R hear the sound of footsteps again walking in the woods in front of them.

Investigation Report General Information

Bill

At the investigation site I stood on the track facing the wood for a while and watched as three of the team members walked a short way into the wood (the first 20 to 30 metres of the wood consists of trees with relatively open areas in between then further in the wood becomes denser). They were only in the wood for a minute or so before they returned. I then decided to follow what looked like an animal track into the wood and continued for about 200 metres or so into the wood. At the furthest point I paused for a few minutes and turned my torch off. Without light it was almost impossible to see more than a metre in front of you. At no time, even with the torch off, did I feel uncomfortable in the wood and found it to be a very quiet wood with almost no animal sounds.

Returning to the path I again spent a few minutes on the perimeter track before deciding to walk further along it going anti-clockwise. I proceeded as far a point to the northeast of the Barkway (BKY) VOR air navigational beacon. The hay crop in the field to the west had been cut up to this point, so this was the last easy place to walk across the field. I walked up to the beacon then turned southwest along the main runway. Nothing happened during my walk until I was just northeast of the location of the rest of the team. At that point I distinctly heard the sounds of two men talking in the distance but it was to the east and not towards the team. I could not discern what was being said but the sounds were clear and sounded as if they were only just across the field and not coming from within the wood as it is unlikely that sound would have penetrated the wood. I had earlier walked along the perimeter track across the line from which the sounds were coming and had heard nothing. I continued along the runway then along the perimeter track to rejoin the team.

Shortly after re-joining the team we headed back along the perimeter track to the cars. As we walked Andy F and I were hanging back behind the rest of the team and had just reached a point where we were west of where I had heard the male voices as I was walking down the runway, when Andy said he heard voices coming from the east. I heard them too coming from the same direction as I had

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heard them before and equally as loud. This in itself was odd as we were now 200 metres from where I had previously heard the voices but they were still just as loud.

Andy

When informing Andy G and some of the team about John and cut throat, Andy G told Andy F that when Andy F had gone into this area he had stirred it up. Andy G does not tell Andy F anything more until after the investigation when he states he had seen a male spirit called Johnathon who had the nick name of cut throat.

When walking back along a path after the investigation both Andy and Bill are some distance from the team and they stop as they can hear two men talking in the middle of the tree line and having a conversation among themselves although it is hard to make out what they are saying

Elaine

While the team are sat around using the Olivus three on the pathway Elaine gets the year 1949

Post Investigation

There have been no reports of paranormal activity recorded on either audio or media equipment by member of the team.