

# Wilsden Avenue

## Background Information - 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005

The house has been occupied by John and Kath (late 40s) for 20 years along with their two daughters Leanna and Carrie (now aged 21 and 25 respectively). Both daughters now live elsewhere.

The family is normally happy, with little stress and financially comfortable but the latest incidents have put a massive strain on the family. John is a sceptic but has had his scepticism challenged recently.

The house was built by a local builder in 1929 (stands roughly on the spot where some of Farley Farms outbuildings lay). It is said that a previous owner used the living room as a downstairs bedroom and he died there. Other owners included a doctor who had his surgery in the building and the owner of a taxi company.

Both feel that there is something there and has always been there but it is a friendly spirit. Now they feel that there is something else that hides itself and is malignant.

Five to six years ago Kath and John were talking about the spirit and they both said that they felt it should be exorcised. As they were talking an object shot off the table. This was the first time anything like that had occurred. Prior to this the presence was no bother apart from the occasional cold feeling.

Kath and her daughter Cassie are the ones who have been involved in most of the instances with the daughters experiencing the greatest number of events. Three to four years ago a friend called for Cassie, she opened the door, said hello and then her mum heard her say "mum, I'm off". The friend was only at the door for a second and had never been inside the house. As they drove off in a taxi the friend said to Cassie that she (Cassie) had a ghost in the house as she had seen it. The friend had no prior knowledge of it as it had never been mentioned. The girl had the gift of sight but didn't want it. It was about that time that everything really started.

Sue, a white witch, told the spirit it was a guest in the house, talked with it and left the family with amulets as protection. At the time they didn't want it removed. She felt that it was just an evil spirit passing through.

Carrie experienced the ghost regularly when she was sleeping upstairs (she left the house about 5 months ago). Many a time she felt the bed dip as if something had sat on it (felt to be one of their former pet dogs).

Kath and John had gone on holiday when they received a phone call from the girls saying they could hear a buzzing sound. At the time it was night and the house had been filled with lit candles. They blew out the candles and the buzzing stopped. Later they lit some in the bathroom and the noise returned. It was found to be coming from a smoke detector which was in a cupboard under the stairs where smoke is unlikely to have reached. The detector had been taken down about a year ago and it did not contain a battery. John felt the spirit was being helpful as it was warning them about the smoke.

They have been trying to sell the house and each time they try the activity escalates. So far three buyers have pulled out at the last minute for no apparent reason. Over the years they have had two dogs, a cat and a parrot put down all of whom had suddenly become ill for no reason. One dog developed cancer in its leg and was dead within 2 weeks.

One of their dogs was a large German Shepherd who was kept in the kitchen. To stop him getting in the living room a chair was placed under the door handle so that the door couldn't be opened. This was done as usual on a Friday evening but when the daughter came down Saturday morning she

found that the parrot's cage had been smashed and thrown 6 feet across the room. One animal (a cat?) was cowering under the television and another pet was dead in a pool of blood. The chair was still under the handle so it could not have been the German Shepherd, anyway the dog grew up with the other pets and there were never any problems even when little kittens used to play around near its muzzle. An autopsy revealed two puncture wounds 14mm apart which the vet said would have come from a small dog like a terrier. None of their pets had such incisor spacing. One of the wounds had punctured the animal's heart and it had been shaken around by the killer. None of the other dogs had reacted, there was no barking, which was strange as they would bark at the sound of the front gate opening. There appeared to have been a big struggle but no one heard a thing.

Photos have been taken revealing orbs in the hall, dining room and living room by the front window.

One day when Kath's mother was visiting they both heard a noise coming from the space between the settee and display cabinet in the middle of the living room. It sounded like a dog with long ears shaking its head so that its ears were slapping against its body. The noise was not coming from a dog and the source was never found, at the time there was no one else in the house. There is also a cold spot that is felt regularly on the stairs. The pet dogs would quite often sit at the bottom of the stairs and howl whilst staring up the stairs. Two cats and a kitten would sit and watch 'something' as it moved around the living room.

One spirit seems to like the spare room (used for storage) as the light keeps coming on though this may be the girls as they don't like the spare room. Both girls had a tendency to leave the television on in their rooms as they didn't like the night.

A male friend, who was visiting John on a Saturday morning, asked him who his other friend was that he had just seen. John told him there was no one else in the house. Through the obscure glass of the living room door the friend had seen the figure of a woman cross the hall.

One of the daughters saw a woman in black standing by her bedroom door when she woke up during the night. Being half asleep she thought nothing of it at the time. Numerous times she has told the spirit to leave her alone.

Kath and John feel that things have escalated since they decided to sell the house with the intention of moving to Leighton Buzzard. They also own a large two bedroom caravan on the south coast which they visit regularly. Where their caravan now stands there was previously an older caravan which they used for a while before buying a new one. Kath feels that someone died in the older caravan. Several times Kath has been spooked by 'something' in the caravan. When their new caravan arrived the old one was moved 100 metres away and they set about transferring their goods to the new one. John was in the old caravan when he distinctly heard the door at the far end open and close but there was no one there. It is in that region that Kath kept feeling the presence.

On a visit to Clophill St. Mary Dave (the partner of one of the daughters?) felt as if he was being followed when he returned to his Land Rover. As he was driving back down Church Path he looked in his rear view mirror and saw a figure sitting in the back seat (one more person than there should have been). All those in the vehicle suddenly felt a chill.

Quite often Kath sits up in bed on her own and reads, and sometimes she feels as if she is being watched.

Nothing has ever happened in the kitchen or the conservatory (only the first 6 feet of the former are part of the original house).