

Investigation Report



Investigation Site	Rougham Airfield
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Background

The airfield was built during 1941 and 1941 with three intersecting runways one of which was 2000 yards long and aligned from the west to the east. The airfield included living sites dispersed in the local woodland to house 3000 personal (see photographs). Mostly Americans flying bombers such as B-17, s B-52,s and B-26's. On May 29th 1943 a B-26 crashed onto the airfield killing the crew and damaging a hanger.

After the war the main tower became a family home for a time and the concrete areas of the base were broken up with the original outer buildings becoming part of the industrial estate. If you visit the area you can still make out some of the buildings now used for other purposes.

Weather conditions

Cold; clear sky (though dark) to start with but clouding over later with some rain; slight breeze.

Ambient sounds:

Occasional traffic noise from nearby roads and industrial estate; occasional people walking past talking; rain on rooftops and against windows later in the evening.

Equipment used by team

Dee's equipment - Notepad, pen, torch, K-II meter, Olympus VN-5500PC digital voice recorder. A few photos taken with iPhone.

Andy equipment – Two static infra-red cameras – One full spectrum camera – Hexcom – PSB11 Ghostbox – Flir 5 Thermal Imaging Camera – Stereo voice recorder – Dowsing Rods – Note pad and pen – Olympus Camera. K2 – Two types of Rem Pods, EDI Meter.

Ben equipment – Note pad and Pen – Motion Detectors

Maria – Note pad and pen

Pre-investigation

On Saturday the 19th of November 2022 a very small team consisting of the ever-present Andy, Ben, Maria and Dee made the long drive to Rougham Airfield which is situated to the Southeast of Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk. It was a location that LPS has previously investigated since 2018 (see our website for reports on those investigations).

While driving to along the A14 to the location, Dee had a very strange experience in the car...she was suddenly aware of buzzing in her ears, which is usually a sign to her that someone is trying to come through and speak to her psychically. It was so strong that she had to turn her usually loud music off to try and 'listen' to the voice in her ear/mind. She was given the strong message that "someone had stirred something up" at Rougham Airfield Museum and that she should be mindful and double her protection. Dee did mention this to the team upon arrival at the location.

The obligatory fish and chip supper prior to the investigation enabled all members present to eat in advance of the investigation thus cutting down on the time required for breaks with the first of the night's vigils commencing at 19:10 on the upper floor of the control tower.

Preliminary walkthrough:

Dee, Ben and Maria wandered over towards the Huts and the Control Tower while Andy waited for the keys to the property. Dee felt uneasy near the Tower (felt like they were being watched). Met a flight school member, who was leaving the airfield - he stopped and chatted a while.

19:10 – 19:45 Control Tower upper floor and stairwell

On entering the building, Dee instantly feels that something is 'off' in there - it does not feel like it did on previous visits to the location. She is immediately on alert, because it is unsettling. Dee also keeps getting wafts of a floral smell (not a nice one) throughout the building. Upstairs, the team members spread out at various locations on the first floor to do a silent vigil. Dee seats herself just inside the doorway of the Signals Room; Ben is nearby in the corridor by the window at the top of the stairs; Maria is in the doorway of the Control Room; Andy is seated on the half-way landing on the stairs.

Ben placed himself at the top of the staircase on the landing and placed three motion detector balls on the landing floor spaced out evenly.

Maria sat at the entrance door to what would have been the main control room.

Dee placed herself at the doorway to what would be known on the evening as the signals room.

Andy sat at the top of the landing between the two staircases leading up to the upper floor.

The temperature at this time was recorded by Ben as being 11.9 degrees.

19:15 - Three almost simultaneous activations on one of the motion detector balls followed by an addition two activations within in a minute of the last. In response to the question 'Were you one of the Airman stationed here?' there is a further motion ball activation and a further activation at 19:20 in response to the question 'Are you English'. The temperature is recorded at 11.6 degrees as Dee suggests we swap the ball the is activating continuously for another ball which is duly complied with.

19:20 The ball has lit up a couple of times so Dee requests that it be swapped with a different one to see if it's the ball itself that is lighting up, or if it's the location on the landing. [Note: neither of the balls light up after being swapped]

19:21 Dee feels her heart rate pick up significantly. This lasts for about a minute.

19:26 Dee thinks she sees a fleeting shadow in front of her from left to right in the Signals Office near one of the display cases. Very fast movement.

19:28 Dee hears a very brief strange moaning noise from her left in the room.

19:29 Dee psychically hears the name Garth/Grantham/Grant - a 'Gr' name (not clear).

19:30 Andy notices a draught coming up the stairs

19:30 Dee is not sure if it's a trick of her eyes, but she can see the shape of a man standing in the room diagonally opposite (calling it the Uniform Room for reference).

19:31 - Ben sees a Dark shadow in the doorway to the Signals room where Dee is sat. Dee states that she can see a shadow in the room opposite her and as no one is covering this room Ben decides to place a motion detector ball on the floor in the area that Dee had seen the shadow and places the K2 EMF meter with it.

The temperature in this room is recorded at 10.5 degrees and there is a brief motion detector ball activation as Ben leaves the room.

19:33 Dee can see the figure standing in the Uniform Room again and describes it as a man wearing what appears to be a light-coloured dressing gown. Very odd.

19:35 Dee sees movement in the Uniform Room - a shadow moves across the doorway just inside the room. Ben goes in to check the visibility and position in the room and mentions that there are mannequins in the room. Dee cannot see them from her seated position. Dee gets Ben to move to where she saw the figure standing and Ben says there is a display case in the way in the far corner, which means that the figure Dee saw was standing where no human could be standing.

19:37 Dee sees the shape of the man in the dressing gown clearly standing in the same corner.

19:38 Ben places an EMF meter and a cat ball in the Uniform Room. The EMF detector flashed red when Ben had just left the room.

19:42 Dee can see light play like headlights against the wall in the darkness of the Uniform Room and asks if there is a window in there. At the end of the session, it is revealed that there is a window, so the moving lights are debunked. The figure Dee has witnessed cannot be debunked, however.

19:45 - Conclusion of first vigil in the Tower upper floor before the team move onto the ground floor of the building to continue the investigation.

20:00 – 20:30 Control Tower Lower floor

20:00 Ben and Dee made their way into the room on the ground floor of the Tower that has a sofa in it. There is also the mannequin of a female radio controller, and the temperature was recorded at a much warmer 14.6 degrees. Five motion detector balls were placed at various locations within the room, Ben sat on a chair and Dee placed herself on the centre of the sofa.

20:00 Ground Floor Andy who is sat at the end of a corridor in a display room suddenly senses an angry negative energy come at him down the corridor

20:02 Dee experiences a weird sensation in her right arm; it feels numb and painful at the same time and her hand feels sore. It wears off quite quickly

20:04 Ben and Dee can hear some people talking outside the building (a male and a female) and determine that these are definitely not paranormal!

20:05 Dee and Ben hear a definite, clear 'clonk' from somewhere behind Ben. (Later investigation after the vigil reveals that there was nothing loose, no pipework and no heater in that area, so the noise remains unexplained.)

20:05 - Ben hears a 'clonking' noise which appears to emanate from near where he is sitting. Dee hears this also, but the origin cannot be established.

20:06 - Motion ball detector activation on a ball opposite where Dee is sat on the sofa.

20:08 Dee feels a strong wave of what she describes as 'agitation' - not anger, but agitation. Very intense

20:11 - Ben sees a shadow on the sofa to Dee's left-hand side and the temperature drops to 11.9 degrees

20:12 A man whistling is heard by Andy outside the building

20:12 Ben mentions a strange smell and Dee also gets wafts of the sickly floral scent too and asks if maybe the staff use a floral scented cleaning product.

20:13 The cat ball to the right of the table lights up again. Dee mentions not sensing a presence.

20:15 The tapping noise is heard again by Ben and Dee and there are two quick motion detector ball activations almost simultaneously followed by a further at 20:16

20:15 Dee gets a strange pain down her right leg and just after she notes this, there is another 'clonk' behind Ben, who has not moved. Then the cat ball on the right lights up again...

20:16 Dee gets up and swaps the cat balls around to see if that makes a difference to them lighting up, hoping that she hasn't disturbed the energy she is starting to feel.

20:17 Maria suddenly speaks from out in the hallway somewhere for someone to "move away" from her.

Maria notes she saw a dark shadow on the floor near her, so she told it did not have permission to come close to her. Due to Maria saying this the shadow went to the room Ben and Dee were in and with what they were saying the shadow was being a pest. Also, (at this time maria was getting more and more pains in her belly and when this vigil ended, and the team retired back to base camp (the cafe area) to have a break and review what had happened and maria pain had gone and feeling fine again).

20:19 Dee suddenly starts to feel an energy/presence directly in front of her, which moves right up to stand by her knees (Dee is still seated on the sofa); it feels very real, like having one's eyes closed and sensing a living person standing knee-to-knee. Dee is not happy about it, because it feels like the definite presence is getting right up into her personal space. She puts her hands out instinctively to gently push the presence away and tells it to "move back". Ben also tells it to step away from Dee. Dee's knees feel freezing cold.

20:21 - Dee starts to feel uneasy and unconfutable telling something to step back from her. There are two simultaneous activations on the motion balls at the time that she says this.

20:22 Andy can feel negative energy around his face and body and the area is very cold

20:22 - A further two motion ball activations in quick succession followed by a further at 20:23. Temperature increases to 13.1 degrees with a jump of almost two degrees on the previous reading some moments before.

20:22 Dee feels the very intense agitation again that she felt earlier. The cat ball lights up again. Dee puts her left hand on the sofa to her left just as Ben says he sees a shadow there at the same time.

20:23 Dee can sense the extreme agitation and tells the presence that it cannot touch anyone without their permission. Dee can sense the presence and says it can come closer but not touch.

20:25 Dee can feel the presence standing by her knees again, but not as close as before. She gets the strong impression of a male energy and notes that this is a definite presence, not something residual or unclear.

20:25 - Another activation on the same motion detector ball opposite Dee is recorded followed by a tapping noise at 20:27.

20:26 Cat ball lights up again. Dee lifts her hands to push the presence away and gently pushes it towards Ben asking it to go stand near him.
20:27 The clonk/tapping is heard behind Ben again.
20:28 Dee is rattled when she feels something/someone sit on the sofa to her left. She can still feel the waves of agitation.
20:29 Dee notes that things have gone suddenly quiet, which suggests the presence has moved away from her, though she can still feel it is agitated and is still standing between Dee and the table in front of her.
20:30 - Vigil is concluded and team stop for the first break of the evening. Temperature is recorded as 12. 1 degree.

Post Session Note: Dee has to insist that the presence steps away from her, as he is still 'clinging' to her after the end of the session. Ben helps to order the presence to leave Dee alone. Dee has not experienced that kind of intense agitation before and certainly not at Rougham, which is usually has a very calm and peaceful atmosphere. Something feels different this time.

21:22 – 21:51 Nissen Hut 1

At 21:22 the team moved into Nissen hut 1 with access to Hut 2 unavailable on the evening of the visit. K2 meter which was placed on a piece of damaged aircraft engine.
21:26 - Lights were turned off for a vigil to be completed in Darkness.
Maria asks, 'Are you English' to which you vaguely can make out the word 'YES' from the spirit box. Maria then asks the question 'Did you work here' to which you just about make out 'NO'
21:26 Start of PSB11 EXPERIMENT followed by an EVP in shack results in no activity
21:42 End of SB-11 session - nothing to note.
21:42 - Lights are switched back on in the Hut and Andy commences an EVP session with various questions being asked.
21:44 EVP session - Andy records the questions and will review his recording post-investigation for any responses.
21:52 End of session.

Radio Room 22:25 – 22:54

22:25 - The members decide to investigate a room adjoined to the canteen that had not been investigated by the team before on previous investigations. The room would be referred to as the Radio Room and the temperature was recorded by Ben as being 9.9 degrees.
22:27 Dee hears what sounds like a chair scraping in the canteen (the Radio Room door is open, leading to the Canteen). Ben goes to investigate but cannot establish the origin or cause. Members agree that it sounded like a chair being scrapped across the floor, but all members are in the Radio room at the time of the noise.
22:37 Ben mentions hearing footsteps near the doorway as Dee mentions feeling sudden coldness down her legs from knees to the floor. Temperature is recorded at 8.7 degrees and Ben hears footsteps immediately before Dee announces that she feels cold around her legs.
22:51 Dee hears a couple of very faint shuffling noises, which seem to be coming from the direction of the Canteen.
22:54 - A faint knocking noise can be heard by members that appears to be emanating from the canteen area. Decision made by members to move into the canteen to continue the investigation.
22:55 Session ends

Canteen Area 23:00 – 23:26

23:04 Dee starts playing Glenn Miller music to try to build some energy, as this was the Clubhouse where dances were held when the airfield was in use during WW2 for ten minutes to charge up any energy. The team then sit in darkness for a silent vigil.
Andy places a Rempod on the canteen counter. 4 x Motion detector balls are placed at various locations around the room and the K2 meter is placed onto one of the canteen tables.
23:08 Andy feels a draught in the room, however two camcorders captured nothing on film.
23:08 Silent vigil commences with the temperature recorded as 9.9 degrees
23:12 Dee feels air movement around her, particularly around her legs. This is not paranormal, as Dee notices the bunting tied across the ceiling rafters is swaying slightly, so there is a draught from somewhere.

23:19 Maria points out that Dee is very restless - almost like "something is making her disrupt the vigil". Dee admits that she is feeling agitated.

23:22 Maria mentions the vibe she is getting from Andy is that "he is trying to tell whatever is here not to scare him".

23:26 vigil ends when nothing is really picked up by any member in attendance in this area with the concluding temperature recorded by Ben as being 9.4 degrees.

00:05 – 00:25 Control Tower upper floor

At 00:05 the team decide to venture back into the area that the most activity had been experienced on the night and they duly made their way back to the control room in the Upper floor of the Control Tower. It was decided that the 'lights' would stay on for this one and everyone sits in a circle not too far from the doorway. Dee can see straight down the corridor.

Andy commenced an experiment using the HEXCOM.

JENNY, CIRCLE, HEMATHUS, DRAW , SACRIFICE, It then went very quiet for a long period of time with no further words from the HEXCOM produced.

Temperature is recorded as being 9.9 degrees

00:14 Dee has nothing of particular note during this session, except for coming over very drowsy as though her energy is being drained. However, she also notes that she definitely feels something is 'off' in this building, not a comfortable atmosphere. Dee also wonders who stirred something up before we arrived at the location -

00:25 Vigil Ends

Post Session Note: Andy is to find out if any other paranormal groups were present in recent times prior to this investigation by LPS.

00:30 – 00:58 Control Tower Ground floor

As the night was getting late and having a break it was decided to go back to the tower. At this point maria started to get pains again and a sense that she wanted to go home. Dee was unusually stressed and Andy as if he was in a different dimension Ben was ok. All this started knowing the team going back to tower.

For the final vigil / experiment of the evening the team moved back to the ground floor of the Control tower to the area that most of the team had found and felt quite uneasy on the first vigil. Dee returned to the sofa with other members taking up position around the room at various points.

Andy sets up his camera in the far-left corner near windows behind the sofa; Ben is seated in the corner as previously during the session with Dee; Maria and Dee are seated on the sofa. Equipment being used: Hexcom, cat balls, video camera. Two motion detector balls were placed in exactly the same locations that there had been previous activations from earlier in the evening but during the final vigil there were no further activations.

00:34 Dee sees fleeting movement from the corner of her eye past Maria by the doorway.

00:37 Something brushes past Dee's left ankle.

00:45 Dee feels that something has come into the room.

00:47 Dee senses the male presence again and notes that it is "observing us like we are observing him".

The HEXCOM was used by Andy which yielded the following words, CORNER, DEAL, REAP, HUMAN, OBAMA, CANDLE and FORREST.

Andy's infra red camcorder captures a light anomaly move on the back of the room. However, this could be the reflection of lights the team have on their pens that is being reflected off the glass displays on the wall onto the camera lenses and this evidence remains inconclusive.

The final temperature was also recorded as being 11.2 degrees

00:58 Vigil Ends

Post Session Note: 01:00 When Ben put the light on, it was noted that this wasn't working during Ben and Dee's earlier session! Also, Dee finds an air freshener on the table - so the smells picked up earlier in the evening are debunked.

Post Investigation

Team members in attendance took some time to discuss potential causes for the earlier feelings experienced by both Dee and Maria in this area and it was concluded that potentially another Paranormal group may well have 'stirred something up' on a previous visit. The investigation was concluded at 00:58.

Analysis

Dee - No unusual anomalies were found on any of Dee's digital recordings, nor in any of her photos.

Andy did find out that another paranormal group had visited the site in October, and on visiting said group's website, it was seen to be a group that uses a variety of methods 'for fun' including the Ouija board.

Ben - Rougham Airfield is a fantastic venue to investigate. In Ben's opinion there was a presence that appeared 'Sinister' whilst completing the first vigils and this cannot be explained. Luton Paranormal Society will be returning to Rougham in 2023.

Andy – EVP and photographs produced nothing. The film clip of the light anomaly is interesting as the light is like a half circle moving through mid-air. However, if you take into account the walls have protective screens on them and in the dark the team are using lighted pens to take notes then the strange light could be explained by lens flare or reflections from the protective covers acting like mirrors to produce this effect which is a more likely explanation (see the clip on our you tube page and decide for yourself).

LPS has been to this location many times and never encountered such an angry spirit and energy as tonight. Further research revealed that a Tourist and Scare group had hired the building two weeks prior and use many methods of scaring their customers including Ouija boards which if not properly closed can allow negative energies through. Maybe this is what has taken place or maybe on the night there was one very pissed off energy in the building we will never know. The group that hired the building for a public scare night two weeks before was contacted by LPS but did not respond to any questions.

Maria - All in all this was a great investigation. the Tower being the most port of call and effecting the team in different ways. Preys were said before and after the investigation for protection and team packed up all the gear. Please read all reports from the team but one finial thing that was seen by the team looking back at the Tower all saw a face in the window.