

# INVESTIGATION REPORT



**Investigation Site** Great Hormead, St Nicholas & Rushden, Offley Green

**Investigation Date** 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**Report By** Bill King

**Team Members** Bill, Steph, Andy F, Dee, Sarah, Elaine

## Equipment

Dee Digital Camera  
Bill Digital Thermometer CHY 110  
Digital Camera Pentax K2000  
Hutech EMF Detector  
Steph Digital Camera Pentax K-m

## Great Hormead, St Nicholas

### General

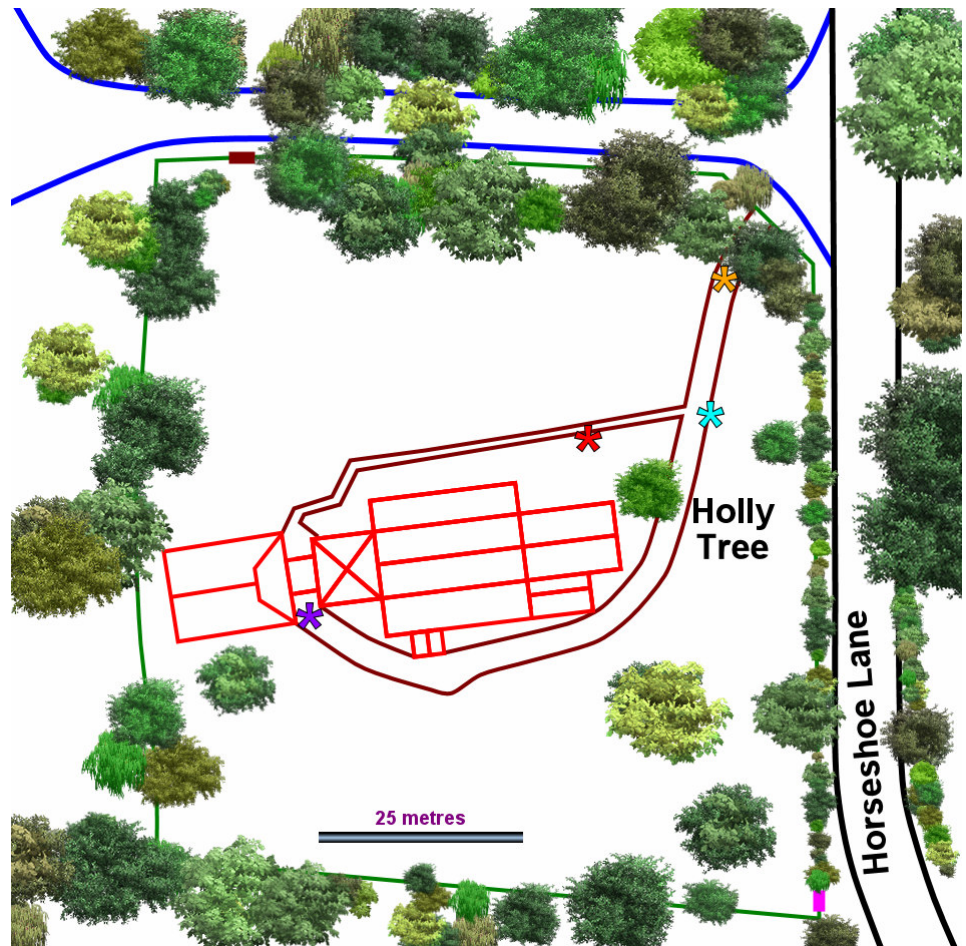
The night was a mild one but with very strong winds and intermittent rain. The site is a dark one with virtually no local lighting except for a light on the church near the south entrance which only came on as you approached it. There was very little man-made sound apart from distant traffic, aircraft and the rare passing car. Most of the noises came from the wind, water dripping off the trees and falling leaves. None-the-less we decided to go ahead with the investigation but without doing vigils.

### Bill's Report

21:22 The team enter the churchyard through the public path access gate in the southeast marked by the ■ on the drawing above.

21:53 Bill measures the temperature at +9.5°C in the northwest corner of the churchyard.

21:56 Bill sees a small flash of light in the northeast corner of the churchyard whilst he was standing in the northwest corner. At the time all of the team were on the south side of the church.



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22:01 Bill hears a loud metallic chink coming from the east towards the road. At the time he was standing by a bench on the north side of the chancel as marked by the ✖ on the drawing on the last page. There were no cars on the road and the nearest habitation was over sixty metres away. The sound seemed to come from an area of gravestones to the east of the church. Bill approached Steph and asked her if she had heard the noise and she said she had. At the time she was standing on the path to the church near the entrance in the northeast corner of the churchyard as shown by the ✖ on the drawing. She was facing the entrance and heard the noise behind her. This would make the origin of the sound somewhere in the area of the path as shown by the ✖ on the plan on the last page.

22:07 Whilst Bill was on the path just to the north of where the sound, reported at 22:01, originated he heard a click from the direction of a holly tree (see the plan on the last page).

## Steph's Report

21:29 Steph walks up towards the church door to take a picture and hears definite movement in the leaves in front of her. She thinks she has disturbed an animal (like a rabbit) but when she looks there is nothing there and she does not see anything moving away from the area. She switches her torch on to inspect the ground but can find nothing.

Steph has the colour pink in her mind when looking at the church.

21:53 Steph is at the fence/gate on the northwest side of the graveyard (marked by the ■ on the drawing on the last page), Dee is on the other side of the fence to her left. As Steph looks around she sees a dark figure walk from her left to right behind Dee. Steph feels that it is a male. Steph tells Dee what she has seen and Dee replies that she has the feeling that someone has been following her and keeps looking over her shoulder.

22:00 Steph is standing facing the north east gate inside the churchyard when she hears a loud metallic clink. It sounded like it came from behind her.

## Andy's Report

22:10 Andy, located around a corner from a church passageway (see the ✖ on the drawing on the last page), saw what he thought to be Dee going into the passageway and decided to follow in order to take a photograph of her and thought the passageway might lead somewhere. However when he went around the corner there was no one there and the passageway was empty. It transpired that Dee was in fact at least ten to fifteen feet away from the location Andy was in.

Andy describes what he saw as a solid black figure wearing what appeared to be a black coat as Andy could make out folds down the back of the figure. Andy does not remember hearing any sound and it would have been impossible for the figure to pass by him coming the other way due to the time span involved of a few seconds.

## Possible Explanations:

- The area does have glass window panelling however Andy was still around the corner by the church wall when he saw the figure. Andy did not see a face on the figure as it was turned away from him and had its back to him. This rules out a reflection.

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- Andy did indeed see the back of Dee, however by the time he had got his camera out and ready to take the photograph Dee had moved away to another area. The fact the time span involved was probably a few seconds and Dee was in fact some distance away also rules this out.
- Andy saw another member in the location. Again no one was in the area at the time and this was confirmed by other members.
- Although the area was lit up by lighting at the time, it could have been a trick of the light.
- Imagination

## Elaine's Report

21:23 As we entered the churchyard Elaine saw the figure of a man standing by the church doors.

As we were leaving the church Elaine had the feeling of being followed.

## Dee's Report

Due to the weather conditions, we felt that it was not practical to conduct the usual vigils, so we entered the churchyard as a group and walked around the cemetery and the outside of the church building. While we all waited by the parked cars for the rain to ease off upon our arrival, Dee was strongly drawn to sit on the wooden fence near the main gate to the cemetery of St. Nicholas' Church.

Once the rain had died down everyone entered the churchyard via a small gate further down the road. We walked around taking photos, listening and observing. The church had a working clock, which chimed the hour; and also PIR security lighting, which was triggered by team members as we neared the building.

Generally, Dee found it very hard to concentrate due to the sound of the strong wind in the trees, the rain, the church clock and the movement of fellow members. At several points Dee went to talk to the person she sensed standing behind her to the right but found that when she turned to look over her right shoulder, nobody was there.

Not long after the clock had struck ten o'clock, Dee was strongly drawn to walk along the side of the church to the more modern hall at its rear. After peering into the building through a window, she was startled by Andy who called to her, surprised that she was so far away. He was adamant that he had followed Dee around the corner into the dark doorway of the church hall. Andy had taken a photograph and was stunned to find nobody in it, as Dee was some distance further down the path by the church hall. Dee confirmed to Andy that she had not gone into the doorway at all; in fact, Dee had not even noticed the doorway until Andy drew her attention to it. Andy was absolutely certain that he had followed a dark figure into the doorway, believing it to be Dee.

Later, we all left the churchyard via the smaller gate and walked along the road, past the main gate and left down a lane that led to a private property behind the churchyard. Just before the gate to the private property, there was another gate into the churchyard on the left (marked by the ■ on the drawing on the first page). We gathered here. Once again, Dee felt like someone was standing behind her to her right when nobody was there.

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## Post-Site Investigation

At the end of the investigation, as she walked along the lane back to the where the cars were parked, Dee felt very concerned that someone was 'following' her and kept looking over her right shoulder. It was particularly strong by the car as she was taking off her wellies in preparation to drive to the next location. Elaine also mentioned that she felt like someone was following.

## Post-Investigation

One of Dee's photographs in the churchyard shows half the frame slightly obscured by something.

For the record, let it be known that for most of her life Dee has been phobic about coffins, funerals and graveyards...so thank you to the LPS for helping her to find, through companionship, the courage to walk around a cemetery in the dark during this investigation!

## Sarah's Report

On arriving at St. Nicholas' church, the first thing noticed was it was very, very dark, and a wild and windy night.

Vigil around the church-Sarah had generally wary feelings about walking around the church, which usually means (for Sarah) that there is some kind of paranormal goings on happening, which Sarah can't always pinpoint.

However, on the walk around, Sarah only picked up on peaceful feelings, and nothing sinister.

## Offley Green

### General

The night was still windy with intermittent rain. This site was a very dark one with no street lights. There was the very faint sound of distant traffic and aircraft with, very rarely, cars going along the road. Humming and hissing from the nearby communications mast.

## Bill's Report

22:44 Investigation starts

Bill measures the temperature at +8.5°C near the junction with the track to Friars Grange.

22:51 Whilst standing in the field to the north of the track to Friars Grange (marked by the ✖ on the drawing on the next page) Bill sees a flash of light in the trees to the west about sixty metres away. He saw the flash in the view-finder of his camera. It did not appear to have been caused by the other team members as it was too small (not a torch).

22:57 Bill measures the temperature at +8.5°C just to the west of the bend by the telephone exchange.

## Steph's Report

22:48 As Steph walks up the track to Friar's Grange she gets the image of a cavalier to her left. He is standing in the trees. Steph then gets 'King Charles Cavalier' come in to her head.

22:51 Steph walks to the bend in the path where it opens out into the fields. She turns round to walk back down the track and gets 'lone Cavalier. A Cavalier in hiding'.



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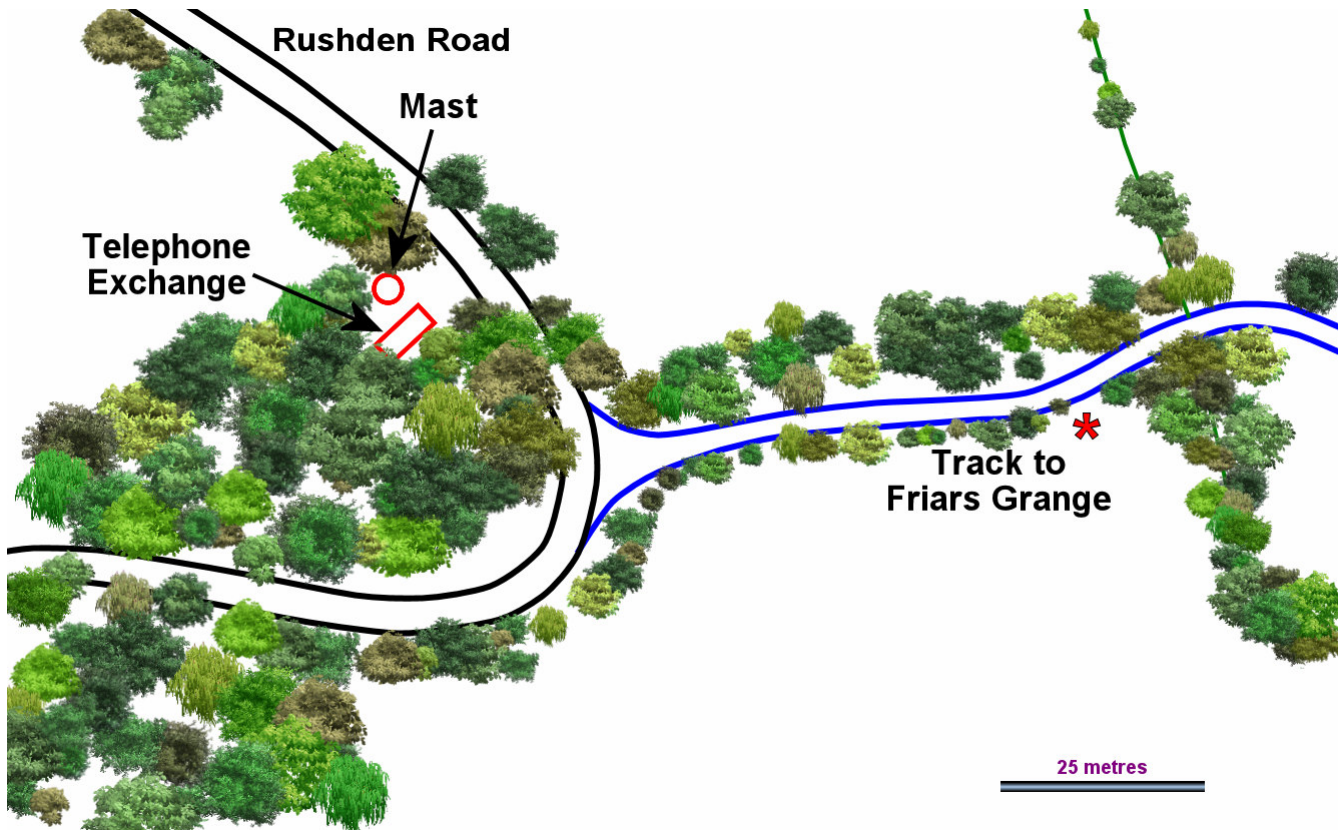


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22:53 As Steph gets to the area where the track curves to the left she gets a pain in the right side of her head that goes down the back her neck on the right side. Steph has the feeling of being immobilised.

23:01 As Steph continues back down the track towards the road, she feels like she is being lured in to a trap and that there are eyes watching her.



## Dee's Report

Once again, due to worsening weather conditions, we felt that it was not practical to conduct the usual method of vigil. We parked near the telephone exchange and telecommunications mast. Dee was very drawn to that area but could not discern why and was very aware of strange noises right from the outset of the investigation. She spent a couple of minutes standing near to the security fences before everyone wandered along the road and up a narrow lane.

Once again, Dee found it very difficult to concentrate, but away from the telephone exchange felt 'clearer' to her. The strongest impressions she got were a child with dogs along the main road and the sound of drums beating a fairly slow marching rhythm. Along the main road there was also a fleeting impression of a fine carriage, but Dee was convinced these things were not directly connected with each other.

Dee found herself strongly drawn back to the telephone exchange building/mast. Something about it made her uneasy. She felt as though she was being watched by many people. There was also an oddly regular faint hissing noise that intrigued her. She was sure it was not paranormal, but needed to determine where it was coming from, so Dee and Elaine went up to exchange building. It seemed to be

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some kind of faintly mechanical sound coming from the back of the small building. Dee was very drawn to the area but could go no further due to security fencing.

## Post-Investigation

In the car on the way home, Dee wondered whether the uneasiness and feelings of being watched etc near the telephone exchange/mast could possibly have been caused by high EMF. As she did not have any equipment with which to read the EMF at the location, she could neither prove nor disprove this theory.

Note – During the investigation Bill had his emf meter turned on all the time and it did not significantly react during the investigation. The meter beeps when levels of greater than 2mG are reached which it didn't do during the investigation.

## Additional Notes

During this investigation Dee lost one of her gloves. She eventually found the glove lying in the middle of the narrow lane, but the image of the 'hand' on the wet, muddy ground in the torchlight actually spooked her and she couldn't shake the image for several hours after the investigation resulting in her not being able to get to sleep till after 4am!

## Sarah's Report

On arriving around 10.40, Sarah and other members noted a whooshing sound, like a 'hooomph'. This was investigated further to be an electrical sound coming from the old telephone exchange.

On the walk up a side lane, Sarah felt a bit uneasy, and actually picked up on 'sex'- 'sex up the lane!' (not literally!). This was near the house.

As most of us walked back to the road and where the cars were, Sarah was standing on her own for a while at the side of the road, and had a big impression of a horse drawn carriage whizzing by at great speed. It had six horses and was a large carriage with luggage on top, almost tipping round the bend.

Sarah thinks all the horses were white, and the carriage was a pale colour.