

Investigation Report



Investigation Site	Pitstone Windmill
Investigation Date	21.01.2022
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Team Members	Andy, Rachel D, Maria, Marc, Sheila

Pitstone Windmill History.

It is thought to have been first built circa 1627 as this date is carved on part of the framework. This is the earliest date to be found on any windmill in the British Isles. It should be remembered that such a structure would have had to have frequent repairs made to it, so it is quite possible the mill predates 1627. It was dendrochronologically dated in 2004 by Dr Martin Bridge of the Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory, when the oldest pieces in the buck were found to be from trees felled in winter 1595/96 and spring 1597. The 'new' crown tree was made from a tree felled in spring 1670, while the quarter bars of the trestle were from trees felled between 1824 and 1826, so like most mills it is a mix of old timbers variously recycled or hanging on from their original use.



For many hundreds of years grain grown in the two adjoining villages was ground at the mill into flour. In 1874 the mill was bought by Adelbert Wellington Brownlow Cust, 3rd Earl Brownlow who owned the nearby Ashridge Estate. He subsequently let it to a local farmer, who ran a successful milling business from the mill.

In 1902 the mill was seriously damaged during an enormous gale, damaging it beyond the price of economic repair. Around 1922 the derelict ruined mill was bought from the Ashridge Estate by a farmer whose land was close to the mill. In 1937 he donated it to the National Trust. However, it was not until 1963 that a band of volunteers began to carry out renovations at their own expense. The mill appeared in an episode of *The Champions* titled *The Invisible Man* which was filmed in 1967.^[2] In 1970, after an interlude of 68 years, the mill once again ground corn.

This was our second investigation to this site the last being 2019. The windmill is on open ground so making it that bit colder and open to the wind and the freezing conditions did not disappoint playing havoc with batteries and equipment.

Pre- Investigation

21.10: The team were invited to spend time walking around the investigation area. As Rachel was walking around the base of the Windmill she had a very brief uncomfortable feeling. she looked at the brick wall, which made up the base of the Windmill. This looked like it had been a window but had been bricked up at some point. Feeling went and Rachel never felt it again.

21:20 Paranormal Investigation begins with a silent vigil.

Marc and Rachel are on one side of the windmill with Maria and Sheila sitting on a nearby seat on the other side and Andy is monitoring the stairwell. Andy has set up a Mel- 8704R – EMT 7.1 Professional Mel meter on the stairs.

Maria reports that everything was quiet but she still had the sense of children and American soldiers around the area of the windmill.

21:30: Rachel was given the name Joseph. Rachel is alerted by something she hears sounding like a long loud breath, she shared this with Marc who listened to what she heard. Unsure of what this is due to hearing traffic in the distance possible contamination.

21:40 End of silent vigil

Andy discusses with the group if anyone had anything to share with the silent vigil, nothing to report, the team move on to an EVP experiment Andy asks Rachel to lead this part of the investigation. The team gather on the stairs to conduct this, Marie at the top of the windmill stairs with the rest sat in the middle and at the bottom.

21:41 EVP Experiment led by Rachel using her EVP recorder wristwatch

Equipment used EVP digital voice recorder and headphones (Rachel)

Ghost watch (Sheila)

Andy is using an Olympus Digital Voice Recorder VS-560M

Marie is sat at the top of the stairs for the rest of the investigation. Whilst she was on the stairs in her mind's eye she could see a shire horse pulling hay children running around the era was the 1940s. Also, she had a strong sense of wanting to go inside the windmill, but the doors were locked.

Rachel asks spirit to draw close, to communicate through any devices they feel drawn too, to connect with us. If there are spirits connected to the land to also come forward.

Marc asks if any is here?

Rachel asks is there any children here, that are drawn to the land, to us or the equipment?

Is there any family's here men and women that used to work here?

Rachel acknowledges hearing a strange sound, she tells the group she thought she heard a male voice.

Marie asks William Smith do you remember a man on a tractor delivering grain from Stopsley?

With one eye?

Rachel again hears faint voices through her headphones possible contamination from a pub nearby.

Rachel introduces herself the team follow by saying their names

Rachel asks can you tell me your name? See EVP summary end of report

Rachel tells the group she can hear male voices.

Andy asks Did you used to work at the windmill.

Marc, are you attracted here?

Rachel asks who gave the huge breath she thought she heard?

Sheila tells the group she is getting the name Joseph

Rachel asks, does the name Joseph mean anything to you?

EVP experiment ends at 21:51 due to ambient wind conditions which are getting worse.

Andy directs the team to do a spirit box investigation this will be led by Marc, all team head under the stairs to keep a little warmer.

21:56 Spirit Box Experiment led by Marc

Equipment used spirit box

EVP digital recorder OLYMPUS WS-853

Ghost watch EVP recorder

Questions asked

Did you play here, was you miserable here?

Are you happy hear? Do you miss the place being in use?

Are you trapped here?

Did you work here?

Spirit box frozen possible the freezing cold weather had affected this equipment

Andy stops the spirit box experiment at 22:00

Andy discusses with the team, and all decide that, they will change to the SP7 spirit box

Start 22:04 Team remain under the stairs to keep out of the cold wind.

Andy asks if anyone there?

Female voice tells us to turn it off!

Gemma

Forget, forgive

Tom

Bye

The team stop for a quick break at 22:13

22:20 – 22:45 Ovilus Three Experiment

Digital voice recorder and EVP watch

Cat balls

Ovilus: Born Nick Solo Reverend appear

22:23 cat balls triggered unsure if the wind is triggering these so cat balls moved to the grass

Andy asks did you work here, give us a name?

Cat balls triggered

Ovilus: factors, markers, cat ball triggered

Question asked- are you hiding from us? Can we speak to nick or pat?

Are their soldiers here? Did you make flour?

did you work with metal?

Did you get married here?

Are you asking us to come through the door?

Quill (the team are writing down the words with pens)

Factors and markers (The team have put cat balls around them for spirit to light up

Earthen bottle Size

Rates (full signal strength) amount (Andy was talking about prices of buying goods from the windmill at the time). Rise Reason then Harvest tin

Uncle Tom affair Pat night squeeze lick glance think haste door run bike wave

Enough Dirt

Send Pluto (this came up at home when Andy was setting up the olivus) levitation

Team talk about the cold wind and the response comes up as Zero

Video

Placebo

Marc asks the question “are you trapped here”? and the response came up “jerk”

Andy asks is there any last words spirit would like to say as we are leaving soon it’s very cold!!

Olly words- PARANORMAL!!!! Wow perfect lasts words to the investigation.

22:45 End of investigation due to the increasingly freezing cold conditions

Post investigation

Racheal has since listened to the Recordings she did that night and has found some EVPs

1st EVP captured was 5min into the silent vigil, at the side of the windmill, where she thought she heard the loud breath is actually a loud eerie scream, Racheal needs this to be analysed further as the scream doesn’t sound human??

2nd EVP captured was doing the EVP experiment on the stairs Marc asks if someone is there a male. EVP says no! In response

3rd EVP captured is with the EVP experiment when Racheal said she can hear voices when she asks for a name a male voice Racheal then says Kevin.

4th EVP captured within EVP experiment Racheal tells the group she hears a male voice; a male voice is captured saying male.