


# INVESTIGATION REPORT

<b>Investigation Site</b>	Segenhoe	
<b>Investigation Date</b>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	
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<b>Team Members</b>	Bill	

## Background

Segenhoe has always been a small place with few inhabitants and dominated by Segenhoe Manor and the church, dedicated to All Saints. It is now effectively part of Ridgmont which was the birthplace of the Countess of Strathmore, Mother to the present Queen Elizabeth, the late Queen Mother, but at one time was a village unto itself.

Segenhoe was the original Saxon village and it was renamed Ridgemont (Rougemont) after the Norman conquest of 1066 (at the time its name was Segenehou).

The church, now a ruin, is located just off the Segenhoe Manor Road, which lies to the left of the Eversholt Road about six hundred metres from the A507, southwest of the centre of Ridgmont. The church was built in the eleventh century close to Segenhoe cum Ridgmont (on the map this is labelled as Segenhoe Manor). The church was adapted over the centuries so that it includes architecture from the eleventh up to the nineteenth centuries. In the end the church suffered from structural problems making it uneconomical to repair and it was finally decommissioned and a new church built in nearby Ridgmont. The old church started to decay and was going to be demolished but Bedfordshire County Council bought it in 1982. Even though the church itself is no longer in use the site is still used for burials.

There is no reported haunting of the church and its surroundings but one paranormal group, who investigated the site, did report "Within 10-15 minutes I witnessed a flash of light that kept appearing at the top of a pillar and moving quite rapidly across the width of the church, this happened about 3-4 times."

## Investigation

Due to the way this investigation was conducted Bill was unable to keep notes so that any times associated with the events are approximate

**Initial Walk:** For the first part of the investigation the entire team spent 15 minutes, starting at 20:50 exploring all of the site including the extensive churchyard and the interior of the ruined church. This was scheduled to end at 21:05 with the team congregating inside the ruined church. During this time Bill wandered off to the west end of the churchyard and tried to clear his mind but was constantly disturbed by the 'searchlight' of two team members who were walking 50 metres behind him (Bill had chosen not to use a light as it is distracting and the grass paths were clearly visible).

At 21:02 Bill met up with Andy by a bench just to the west of the north door to the church and east of the churchyard entrance. Together they walked into the church. At 21:06 very few team members had returned to the church so Andy called out for them to proceed to the church.

**Séance:** For the second part of the investigation the team assembled in the church to undertake a séance. The team were congregating in the nave (some members were already sitting down) but Bill decided that we should hold the séance around the memorial in the middle of the chancel. There is no logical reason to have relocated, Bill just felt as if that was where the team needed to go. Before the séance started Dee had tried to light a tealight in several locations (bottom of the stairs to the rood

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loft, south window of the chancel and finally the sealed south window at the west end of the chancel) but was being defeated by the wind.

The séance started around 21:25 with everyone except Dee and Paul forming a circle holding hands around the memorial. Shortly after the start of the séance some team members, specifically Bill, Richard, Steph and Dee, started seeing odd light phenomena both in the chancel and the nave. Bill observed a red point of light halfway up the tower at the end of the chancel. The light was a bright red spot like that from a laser, but no-one was using a laser at the time, and positioned close to the northeast corner of the tower on the south side of the corner. Later Bill saw another red spot halfway up the column that forms the north aisle and three columns in from the west end (the column to the east of the north door). More interesting was a bright red spot of light on the memorial the team were standing around and about a metre to the west-southwest from where Bill was standing. Other lights were on the memorial due to a sound recorder and a KII meter but the spot Bill saw was between them. Other spots of light included high up on the northeast corner of the chancel and lower down on the southeast corner.

During this time Andy G seemed to have entered a possessed state and Dee had moved next to him to help protect him. Eventually he came out of the state and had to sit down on Richards stool for a few minutes.

The most remarkable phenomenon was not just witnessed by Bill but seen by other team members especially Dee. From Bill's point-of view it started as a bright blue dot close to the floor and below the southern half of the west window in the chancel. This appeared more than once and the last time the spot was visible for some time. Whilst watching this last spot Bill noticed more lights around it consisting of pale white dots that came and went creating a scintillating area around the blue spot about 20 centimetres across. As Bill watched this area started to move away from the wall and proceeded about half a metre across the chancel in the direction of Bill, Dee and Andy F (Bill was standing near the northeast corner of the memorial with Dee and Andy G to his right close to the north wall of the nave and north of the memorial). This occurred after Andy G had re-joined the circle and had again gone into a trance-like state and was talking in his voice but not with his words. During that period Bill had been asking him questions and getting responses when he noticed the cluster of lights. At the time Bill was holding Andy G's left hand and Dee was standing behind him.

As Andy G was being affected by this spirit communication it was decided to end it shortly after the lights were seen so as to give him a chance to recover.

**Experiments:** After the séance ended it was decided that the team should undertake experiments in the church or wherever they were drawn. During that time some members headed to the west end of the chancel where several lights had been seen and Richard had sensed a figure coming in through the north door and walking towards the surviving base of the font before returning to the door.

Straight after the séance Bill walked alone down the nave and as he passed the third pillar from the west where he had seen the red light he got major cold-shivers.

During this time Bill talked with Andy G who had been outside the church to recover and had found a grave relevant to some of the things that had been sensed during the séance when he had got the name Hannah and Steph had got Thomas. Bill followed Andy G outside to an area with a cast iron fence around it and graves inside. On one of the grave tops was carved the name Hannah Thomason (very close to Hannah and Thomas).

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## Conclusion

From Bill's point-of-view this was a very interesting investigation, especially the séance. In the past Bill has seen white, yellow, orange and red lights but never bright blues ones. In addition Bill only sees a light or two and has never seen a scintillating group of lights like he saw this night.

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