



**Bisham Abbey**

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This report is a compilation of the Ghost Walk and the group vigils throughout the night.

**Abbey Grounds**

<b><u>Investigator</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>
Jannine	Did not feel that the present building was actually used as an Abbey but there was an Abbey previously on the site with a Knights Templar connection. It was felt that knights passed through here on the way to crusades and were looked after by monks. Felt there was a connection with Henry VIII which involved the dissolution of the original Abbey - <b>Confirmed from previous reports although no monks lived in the present Abbey. The 13th century preceptors of the Knights Templars forms the nucleus of the present house</b>
Jannine	Felt that one of the monks had been dragged out and a curse put on the house whereby first born sons will die young.
Jannine	In the grounds pictured a burial ground where monks and others are buried - <b>confirmed it is believed the burial ground is in the area under the tennis courts. A batch of clothes belonging to a Boy Bishop (a practice which was banned by Henry VIII was found in the area of the Holy Well.</b>
Jannine	Felt the name "Richard" was attributed to a knight who was killed in the crusades and brought back to the Abbey for burial. - <b>The tomb of Richard Neville, Earl of Salisbury and Warwick is said to have been moved to the present hall when the Abbey church was destroyed.</b>

**Great Hall**

<b><u>Investigator</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>
Jannine	Picked up a sense of manic activity in the entrance to the Abbey. Not a comfortable area.
Jannine	Felt an energy change walking into the Great Hall and there would have been affairs of state planned here.
Jannine	felt she was being followed by a dominant female character who was prominent in Abbey history and the presence of a small boy. The lady had a connection with Court and the Queen and she was very aware of court rules and regulations and would use them against people. The name Lady Hoby was mentioned. - <b>Confirmed Lady Hoby has been seen to step out of her portrait in the Great Hall</b>
Jannine	Lady Hoby was very strict with her children and there was tragedy surrounding one of her sons who died as a result of not doing his homework. It was felt he was dyslexic - <b>Confirmed there is a reporting that one of her sons had been locked in the Tower room for messing up his schoolwork. Lady Hoby was suddenly called away to Court to attend the Queen and forgot she had tied him up in the room and when returning one week later he had died.</b>

**Warwick Room**

<b><u>Investigator</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>
Jannine	Felt that the crests over the fireplace had a connection with Lady Elizabeth Hoby and portrayed a family business in weaving
Jannine	Felt there was a priest hole in one corner of the room to the left of the fireplace which was used as an escape route and there was a secret passage - <b>There are reports of a secret passage beside the Holy Well in the grounds and an underground passage to the south of the Abbey.</b>
Jannine	Felt that Mary Queen of Scots had been held captive at the Abbey and there was a connection with Robert The Bruce and the presence of a Sister Catherine. - <b>Elizabeth of the Scots, wife of Robert the Bruce, was believed to have been here during in 1310.</b>
Jannine	Felt the room was used as both a dining room and meeting room
Team 3	One of the team's fully charged camera batteries died - <b>No cause found</b>

**Elizabethan Room**

<b>Investigator</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Jannine	Experienced a headache
Jannine	Felt prisoners were allowed to socialise and have "free" time in this room
Jannine	Felt that the room had been used in the past to teach children
Jannine	Picked up on a connection with an old man who had died in the room and the name Lord Salisbury - <b>Richard Neville Earl of Salisbury and Warwick owned the building</b>
Team 1	Connected with William and Elizabeth and Elizabeth wrote the figure 3 in answer to how many other spirits were with her
Team 1	The EMF meter was buzzing and dictaphone batteries died - <b>no cause found</b>
Team 2	Via glass divination felt there were 3 spirits in the room - <b>picked up by other teams also</b>
Team 2	One team member was drawn to Henry's picture and the room felt quite cold - <b>no cause found</b>
Team 3	Received messages from Templar Knights and some personal messages for team members.
Team 4	No reported activity

### Henry VIII Room

<b>Investigator</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Jannine	Had feelings of sadness and wanted to cry as she felt that when Lady Hoby found out her son was dead she came in here to express her grief.
Jannine	Picked up on the name William for the son who had died in the Tower room.
Jannine	Felt that the room had been used as a childrens room in the past
Jannine	Felt the room also had connections with Queen Elizabeth I - <b>Queen Elizabeth I was imprisoned here during Mary, Queen of Scots reign</b>
Jannine	Boy servant frequented the room and came up to play with the children in secret
Team 1	No reported activity
Team 2	Connected with Victoria, via glass divination, who looked after her brother Jack and sister Rosetta.
Team 2	Heard laughter in the room and felt a cold breeze - <b>no cause found</b>
Team 3	Connected with Lady Elizabeth Hoby via glass divination who was a lady in waiting - <b>Confirmed in previous reports</b>
Team 3	Felt they were not welcome and that Lady Elizabeth did not like questions about William. The room went very dark and Keith became very emotional and had to leave the room. Upon returning to the room the same feelings reoccurred and had to leave the room again
Team 4	Had some good movement with the pendulum

### Vansittart Room

<b>Investigator</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Jannine	Upon entering the room felt the presence of a male with a wooden leg and that it was originally a bedroom.
Jannine	Felt that someone (possibly Lady Elizabeth) had lain in state and there were many people of the court in the room.
Jannine	Connected again with the names Lord Salisbury and Mary Queen of Scots
Jannine, Jim	Experienced chest pains and breathing problems at the same time - <b>No cause found</b>
Jannine	Felt a maid (formerly a street child) called Deborah who had been very ill with a high fever had died in this room after being made to work whilst ill - <b>confirmed a maid named Deborah Raymond had been reported previously</b>
Team 1	Solo vigil with crew member and tapping and footsteps heard outside the door. The temperature dropped by 2 degrees - <b>no cause found</b>
Team 2	Various ailments felt including heavy legs, nausea, pain in head and generally uncomfortable - these feelings have been reported before
Team 2	Saw light flashes, heard strange noises and one team member saw a mist ball pass her - <b>no cause found</b>
Team 3	One team member experienced a tight feeling in his leg - <b>no cause found</b>
Team 3	The temperature dropped in the room and saw a light on the wall above the screen - <b>no cause found</b>
Team 3	Connected via dowsing rods and crystal with a boy named William who was a bit of a joker
Team 4	No reported activity

### Sonning Room

<b>Location</b>	<b>Experiment &amp; Activity</b>
Jannine	Felt the room was a male dominated room where gentleman came to socialise , more like a smoking room, and women were not allowed

### Margaret Dickinson Room

<b>Location</b>	<b>Experiment &amp; Activity</b>
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Jannine	Felt this room was more of a female dominated room and a male artist would work in one corner of the room
Jannine	Children would have used this room and Janine felt that a child who had suffered from polio stayed in this room in the 1960's. The child could be seen dragging his leg which was in a brace
Jannine	Any presence found in this room seemed to relate to 20th century rather than earlier times and Janine felt their was a hospital connection and treatment of injured people (dressing of wounds, etc)
Jannine	Felt there was a connection with a golfer named Alfred

### Donnington Room

<u>Location</u>	<u>Experiment &amp; Activity</u>
Team 1	Both crystal pendulum and dowsing rods moved in answer to some questions
Team 1	Connected with a male child who indicated he was stood beside Richard
Team 1	Asked Elizabeth to communicate via the planchette producing some movement of the pencil
Team 2	Increase in temperature by 2 degrees - <b>no cause found</b>
Team 2	Using the planchette had "yes & no" answers and seemed to indicate a boy called James
Team 3, Jannine	Connected with a stable lad named Robert
Team 3	On request flashes of light were seen across the wall at the back of the room - <b>No cause found</b>
Team 3	Janine asked one team member to stand up and he was overshadowed by Robert. his face changed and he felt cold and light headed
Team 3	Via the planchette Robert seemed to take a liking to two team members one of which reminded him of his brother
Team 4	No reported activity

### Experiments

<u>Location</u>	<u>Experiment &amp; Activity</u>
Donnington & Elizabethan Rooms	Planchette used with good results
Various Rooms	Glass divination carried out with good results
Various Rooms	EVP experiments conducted, <b>nothing to report</b>
Stairs to Tower	Placed a toy elephant as a trigger object - <b>slightly off centre at the end of the evening. This area was closed off.</b>