

## Case File 1012

### The Secret Castle

#### 1st Visit

The name of this location has been omitted at present until we can conduct further investigative work.

#### Team members present ...

Alex – Lead Investigator/Camera/Sensitive

Alec – Camera/Sensitive

Maryann – Sensitive

Zoey – Investigator/Research

Jac – Investigator/Tech

Lorraine – Investigator/Scribe/Research

We have summarised our experience during the initial walk around as the first 3 hours or so, it was reasonably quiet with a few things that we noted in different areas during taking the baseline readings. Then it went from naught to 100 in an instant ...

#### **Chapel:**

We began our investigation in the chapel.

Nothing was initially felt by the sensitives present until Maryann had identified an energy source emitting from the floor, just a little up from the benches.

Maryann physically shuddered and stated that some energy had just came up through the wooden floor. She was unable to identify what it was as it was gone as quick as it came.

She felt uneasy with it but was unable to get anything more from it so we moved on.

Maryann wanted to follow up on the energy that she had seen come up from below. We placed a torch over one of the cracks on the floor to enable us to get to the correct spot downstairs.

At this point Alec and Zoey went upstairs to carry out the intro. Upon their return they explained that they had heard footsteps in the kitchen but no one was seen and the rest of the group were still in the chapel.

We did not find anything further downstairs with regards to the energy that was detected earlier. Baseline readings all indicated normal levels.

We navigated between the rooms below and the Pit Prison, but we're not really detecting any anomalous readings or spiritual activity.

We moved into the hallway to begin our ascent upstairs when we could all hear footsteps moving above us even when we were all stood still. We did not detect anything unusual on returning upstairs.

### **Grand Hall:**

As we were taking the baseline readings in the Grand Hall the research report fell to the floor from Zoey's back pocket. She stated that it felt like it had been pulled out of her back pocket.

## **Kitchen:**

There was a room next to the Grand Hall which was currently being used as a kitchen. Alec had stated that he did not like it here but didn't know why. He had no rational explanation for it at the time; he just felt uneasy in the room.

Maryann concurred and stated that there was just something wrong about the place but couldn't put her finger on it.

## **Queen Mary's room:**

Alec, Jac, Maryann and Lorraine all witnessed a cupboard door opened by itself, however the floorboards were very springy and this could have caused this as we were able to replicate it.

At this point Alex and Zoey joined the rest of the group and stated away from the presence of Maryann that they were in the room with the giant fireplace adjacent to the Great Hall talking; they heard someone in the Grand Hall walking around the table.

As they walked into the Grand Hall they fully expected to see Alec but there was no one there and it fell silent. They returned the other room and the same footsteps were heard. They also heard a clinking noise. They later discovered that the cutlery clinking together made a similar noise as to what they had heard. Alex explained that he felt two spiritual presences; a female who he felt lived in the castle but also had a domestic feel to her presence.

There was also a male presence which appeared to be dressed in a dark robe but neither were interacting with him, so we

would return to the Grand Hall after our walk around to see if we could get more information on them. This was stated away from Maryann just in case she would also pick up on the same thing.

### **Grand Hall:**

Subtle voices were heard by Alex and Maryann but they were incoherent whispers which they were unable to decipher.

Alex felt the sensation of something touching the top of his head.

We attempted to record some EVP here but got no luck on the recordings. As we started to record Alec's camera shut off.

There was no reason for this to happen as there was battery life left in the camera. Alex advised that he would test the cameras and batteries post investigation.

Maryann mentioned that she was getting either the name Sutherland or south land and stated that there were low landers here.

Alec and Lorraine heard a noise from the kitchen, like something was being put down. There was nothing obvious that was out of place.

Maryann felt that the year 1528 was significant. She felt there was an attack and a fire by the window. She stated that she was getting the names James and Nesbit but was unsure if the names related to the fire incident.

Maryann also stated that she saw a red flashing light on the door to the side of the window. We could not find the source of this light but both Alex and Alec also seen this later during the night in the same room.

Zoey reported that her camera appeared to malfunction and did not power up any longer. Post investigation revealed the camera to have permanently malfunctioned. She can no longer use the camera.

Maryann said that she could see that the room was filling full of smoke residually. Since it was a quiet night as far as spirit interacting with us directly, we decided to leave a voice recorder on the dining table and left for a tea break.

Alex was last to leave as he was positioning the recorder and just before he left he said allowed, that if anyone wishes to tell us a little bit more about what happened here or anything about themselves then to please talk into the box that was left on the table.

As he was leaving he felt a searing hot sharp pain at his back and jerked as he moved forward to descend the stairwell causing him to lose his balance slightly and yelp out loud as he stabilised himself.

He immediately rationalised the pain to that of a kidney stone as he had passed one recently within a few months and thought perhaps it may be another looming.

Post investigation it was discovered that it was not a kidney stone and has not received any more back pains since. He's unsure why the pain occurred at the time but it has been noted for the report.

## **Chapel:**

Maryann stated that she had an underpinning feeling that some type of monks were present at this site. She felt there was a connection with the reformation and Henry the 8th. Perhaps monks were being hidden here as she had sensed the residual feeling of a hidden or secret door but perhaps the two are connected.

It was at this point Alex stated that he had felt the spiritual presence of a man dressed in a dark robe and wondered if it was perhaps a monk, although he did not feel it was the typical colour of a monks robe. He added that the monk like figure that he had sensed earlier did not exactly emit positive energy.

Maryann believed the fire that she was sensing earlier happened during the reformation and that the building was sacked and burnt.

## **Grand Hall:**

As we entered the Grand Hall, Lorraine, Alex and Alec could smell burning. Alex looked to his left towards the kitchen doorway as he sensed a very dark negative presence stood there.

He could not believe what he was experiencing as the particular spirit which was stood in the doorway he had encountered approximately 10 plus years ago at Yester Castle (See Case File 1000).

He immediately felt uneasy as he and his team had four individual encounters in the past with him. Each time he

provided excellent personal results to sceptics of the highest order to get their heads around each time, which I will not go into here as it will take the focus away from this investigation, but there have been few spirits that Alex would have considered “evil” that he has encountered over the many years investigating locations and this particular spirit was one of them.

The spirit thrives off fear, pain and suffering and was involved in the practicing of dark arts during his life. Alex decided not to announce the spirits presence so as not to startle the group.

Alex tentatively picked up the voice recorder and began to play back the recording. As we were about to listen to the recording the camera drained.

There was no explanation for this as there was 3 hours left on the battery when entering the room.

The recording itself hosts several class A EVP’s which were both chilling and horrific to listen to.

It sounds as if a woman was being tortured to such a high degree you could hear her screams very clearly on the recorder.

It is unlike anything we have ever recorded before and was very difficult to listen to repeatedly afterwards to try and establish what else was being said in the background too.

You can clearly hear a female voice say “Do you want me?” And you can hear an angry less clearer but very vocal male begging to help “her”.

I think the female that has been recorded saying “Do you want me?” is a different person from that which you hear the chilling cries from.

Maryann jumped out of her seat and explained that an energy presence had appeared from the mouth of the fireplace.

Residually, could see a naked woman being pulled into the fire and held there to burn. She stated that it feels like the hell fire club or something sadistic and evil.

This immediately caught Alex attention as he had sensed the evil presence too.

They both said “Yester” together, but both did not understand why that spirit presence would be there.

Alex seen something move at the kitchen doorway from the corner of his eye and went to investigate. He emerged from the kitchen a little paler, but reassured the group that it was nothing and to continue.

Lorraine and Jac both heard a thump coming from the room with the giant fireplace in it but couldn't see what would have made the noise.

Alec panned the camera towards the kitchen and could swear he thought he saw a face in the darkness looking at us.

Zoey and Lorraine both heard another thump, this time it came from the kitchen.

Alex asked the group to form a protective circle and talked the group through the practice of channelling energy around the circle from left to right.



As we sat in the circle we could all hear footsteps moving around the room and closer to us. Maryann stated that the male was trying to get her to allow him to talk through her.

Alex could feel the spiritual presence move close between him and Zoey. He felt him let out a roar which was later backed up by the recording on the voice recorder which we had left running during this time.

Zoey could feel the presence there too as she explained that her nose piercing was being tugged at. She could feel the movement of the rod being pulled.

Alex felt the energy pull back and so decided to close the circle and end the investigation as he was concerned for Jac as she was pregnant and he didn't want her to be out under any undue stress.

We packed away our equipment and left the castle with so many questions unanswered.

Just why was that evil spirit present at the castle and why has he shown up 10 plus years on since we last encountered him.

The previous encounter was not fresh in any of our minds, nor would we have any reason to think that the spirit would be present at the castle.

Post investigation, our research team discovered that the spirit in question had a daughter which had married into the family which had owned the castle at the time.

This investigation certainly had our team sceptics heads all in a burl as they had experienced things personal to them that night also together with that remarkable EVP that we managed to capture.

## 2nd Visit

Team members present ...

Alex – Lead Investigator

Maryann – Sensitive

Alec – Camera

Zoey - Investigator

Lou – Research/Investigator

Lorraine – Scribe/Investigator

Mac – Tech/Investigator

Екатерина (Catherine) – Journalist from Moscow

Grand Hall:

After the amazing results we experienced during our 1st visit, we just had to make the most of our time by starting in the Grand Hall.

Whilst we were setting up the equipment, Alec and Zoey stated that they heard a noise just at Zoey's head as if someone had just snapped their fingers.

Alex was setting up the new custom equipment that was purchased to monitor the infrasound in the room, so he did not hear the noise.

Maryann mentioned that as she was sat on a chair at the wall by the big tapestry, that she had a strange feeling at the same time this happened.

Alex conducted a baseline reading of the rooms ambient noise level which was levelled at 32 decibels which is normal for a quiet room.

As Maryann was sat at the tapestry she got the impression of the name Semple, but she wasn't getting much else with it so Lorraine noted the name for the report.

Lorraine walked over to Alex to show him a photo and he flinched as if she was going to hit him. He stated that he felt as if someone had just physically walked in-between them.

Mac noted that there was a spike response on the EMF meter. He was approximately 2 to 3 foot away from Lorraine and Alex. All mobile devices were on flight mode and no wiring or other electrical device seemed to have caused this fluctuation so that was quite interesting.

Just after that the lights then flickered in the room. It's an old castle with old wiring which could potentially explain this although this never occurred during our first visit.

We setup four lock off cameras in the Grand Hall; an Infrared camera recording the length of the Hall; the live stream camera which covered the length of the Hall in the opposite direction; another infrared camera to cover the opening of the fireplace and the ultraviolet camera to record the fireplace also.

We also left a tri-field EMF meter in the room to detect any disturbances in the EMF field once we had left. It would make an audible sound if triggered for the cameras benefit and also the Live viewers.

The infrasound equipment monitored and recorded any fluctuations on an infrasonic scale.

The baseline readings seemed normal, reasonably flat in general. We set the camera and voice recorders to capture the recordings between the same times that we recorded our last horrific EVP recording.

Chapel:

We returned to the chapel. Lorraine stated that she heard what sounded like someone in the stairwell. Catherine and Maryann also heard what sounded like someone running up the stairs in the same stairwell. All team members were present in the chapel at the time. The source of the sounds could not be explained.

As the group were chatting and preparing to go upstairs Lorraine, Mac, Zoey and Maryann heard a growl in the middle of them. Everyone reacted to the noise at the same time.

Pit Prison:

As Lorraine walked past Lou she seen an arm come from behind Lou and stopped to see who it was. No one was stood behind her at this time. Alex had his torch on at this time although pointing in the opposite direction. We tried to recreate this but could not. However as she was not sure exactly where everyone else was stood at this time and the light was on in the corridor it could have been a shadow from one of the team, although we could not replicate the effect.

On walking around the ground floor by the original entrance door Alec and Maryann both reacted at the same time they felt as though someone was following us but couldn't see who.

There was a bit of an echo effect which appeared to deliver a false sense of sound behind us when the noise came from in front of us naturally.

We were able to replicate that effect by stepping on a loose floorboard and listening to the sound as it ricocheted off the walls; so the senses could have been confused by this.

We wrote it off as a naturally occurring phenomena as we were able to replicate it, plus the sensitives were not detecting anything more that they could elaborate on.

Grand Hall:

We returned to the Grand Hall with great trepidation. On entering the room the light that had been placed on the table was off.

Alec stated that the camera battery had drained from 300 minutes. Lou also stated that her iPhone battery had drained. The infrared battery on the table had also drained. Alex replaced all equipment batteries post investigation to rule out natural battery failure.

Viewers of the Live camera feed had left messages to state that they had witnessed shadows moving in the room plus the light appeared to switch off and on at random times.

There was quite a bit of disturbance registered on the infrasound monitor for approximately an hour after we left, which corresponded with when we captured the horrific EVP the last time then after that the infrasound field settled down to almost no disturbance at all until the point where we were conducting some EVP experiments.

More research will need done into this, but there did appear to be small disturbances in the infrasound when we would receive a reply on the voice recorder and in the instances we never there was no disturbance. I look forward to investigating this further.

We eagerly played back the voice recording but there did not appear to be any screaming this time from the locked off recording, although we did try some EVP experiments afterwards which I think may have captured a faint scream but we are still attempting to clear this up at the point of writing this report.

Maryann could feel a presence in the room as we listened to the recordings.

This EMF meter was lying on the table in front of Mac and Lou and it hit a spike. All phones were in flight mode. No explanation for the spike was found.

We also hit a secondary spike on the meter as we were asking questions via the voice recorder.

A computer sounding beep was heard by Mac, Alec, Maryann and Lorraine. We were unsure where this originated from as it did not sound like it was from our equipment.

Lorraine heard a sound like someone knocking on the kitchen door, but we were all sat in the Grand Hall around the table.

Mac stated that his back felt very cold and Lou mentioned that her arm and side felt cold also. Both were seated next to each other. All windows were closed and this feeling was not felt by the whole team. We are unsure where this cold draft could have come from.

Catherine and Alex turned around at the same time having heard movement beside them. Alec mentioned that he felt as though something had brushed past his arm.

We decided to conduct a séance. Maryann mentioned that during this she was getting the names Simone and Rachel and the impression of a little Indian boy who was kept there.

She was also getting the year 1856 but was unsure if this year related to the women or the boy.

We closed the séance as we were not getting much more information; just before we did close though there was another spike triggered on the EMF meter.

It was a lot quieter this time around, and the nasty spirit which was there during our first investigation did not appear to show himself directly this time around.

Will we return for a third visit? Only time will tell.

## 3rd Visit

Present:

Alex – Team Lead

Maryann – Sensitive

Ian – Camera

Zoey – Research/Investigator

Lorraine – Scribe

Chris – Audio analysis

Mac – Investigator

Claire – Guest investigator/Camera

We arrived on site filled with great trepidation of what the night may have in store for us.

Our first visit to this location seen us reunited with a spirit that we had encountered over 10 years ago.

He was not in our thoughts beforehand nor would he have any reason to be as the location in which we first met him was quite a distance away from this one.

After some extensive research, Zoey uncovered that his daughter had married into the family which owned the castle at the time and that he would have spent time there.

When we last encountered his energy it had quite a negative feel to it.

The sensitives that had met him previously all felt the same, with the exception of one, which felt that he was just misunderstood.

After meeting him again at this location my heckles were immediately raised.



In the past he had demonstrated that he seemed to be capable of draining power from our batteries and use it for his own nefarious purposes against the team as they experienced unpleasant sensations as he interacted with them when we met him a decade ago.

There were two groups that night and two celebrity guests present, Lisa Rose Harrison & Nikki MacLachlan from the tv show Popstars and the band Lemonescent.

Lisa was a strong sceptic and that came across on camera at the time, however she was soon to change her mind after encountering this spirit.

There were plenty of us and we all witnessed the torches being snuffed out one by one as easily as if they were candle lights. As he moved from person to person the torches died before our very eyes. I had never seen anything like it.

A former team member was also shook to the bone that night. He thought he could hear something moving towards him from the tunnel. As he peered in to investigate he looked the other way then back and there was a face right in front of his within nose touching distance. He freaked out and it took a bit of time to calm him down.

He also assaulted Lisa that night when we were attempting to make contact with him to understand a little more about him. She was quite shook and upset by that experience.

The impression that he put forth was that he didn't want to converse. He just wanted to cause chaos and hurt people.

It was a year ago to the date that we first conducted our initial investigation at this location. During our first visit we had recorded an EVP on the voice recorder in the grand hall which sounded quite horrific.

It sounded like someone screaming in agony with some aggressive sounds also.

The impression that the spirit conveyed when we initially listened to the recording was one of omnipotence. The impression that he gave was that he was responsible for overseeing and torturing souls in the afterlife. It was his reward for his service in life and now he would luxuriate in these pleasures eternally.

I feel I have to state at this point, that this goes against my own belief system. I do not subscribe to any one particular religious belief but I do believe that we go on to further our life development spiritually after we depart our physical body.

Having seen first-hand what this spirit was capable of previously, my heckles were immediately raised at the time.

I did not express any panic or alarm at the time nor did I channel the spirit's message to the team as that would only have escalated things in the right direction for him and the wrong one for us.

We ended the investigation soon after, which was the right decision as one of our team members was pregnant at the time and I did not want any harm to come to anyone in the team.

We returned a year later exactly with the hope of recording the same screams that we had captured before, thus embarking on a series of investigations that would help prove that this was a ghost that we were lucky enough to have recorded and not a spirit; a recording in time potentially playing out each year at the same time and not some spirit being tortured by another.

We laden the grand hall with several locked off cameras, thermal, ultraviolet and infrared not to mention the watchful eye of the public with a live camera streaming the experiment.

There were 12 EMF meters scattered throughout the hall and we setup some trigger objects since there appeared to be some sabotage to the equipment from our previous visits.

We had two thermal recorders documenting the temperature in the room in a graph format and the infrasound meter was recording any fluctuation of inaudible sound below our hearing range.

We also had speakers setup to detect ultrasonic sound and report that to establish if there were any animals perhaps messing with our readings.

The thermal camera also serves this purpose, assuming the animal were to move past it's field of vision.

And finally, we had switched the all important voice recorder on.

We were determined to record a ghost from times past and expunge the notion that there may potentially be a Hell of sorts where spirits could be tortured.

We locked the room off and proceeded downstairs to the chapel.

We took a quick break and as some of the team progressed to the courtyard to get some "fresh air".

Maryann stated that she could see a woman with long dark hair with a black dress and high collar/ruffle. She appeared to

be watching us. She stated that she was stood by the gate side and felt her name was Jean.

This was very similar to what another member had experienced during our first visit. She did not interact with us throughout the rest of the night, again similar to before, but she was aware of our presence indicating that she was a spirit and not a ghost.

The team were then reunited in the chapel where Maryann felt the name Templeton forthcoming but nothing further.

We then descended to lowest level of the building where a well was situated.

Maryann was getting the impression that the well had been used to gain access to the castle stealthily.

Maryann felt a presence but could not quite establish who or what it was so we proceeded with attempting to record some EVP.

Whilst the group were conducting the EVP session my attention was drawn to the passageway. Peering into the darkness, I was sure that I could see a figure creeping in at the wall watching us. I was sure there was someone standing there watching us so I moved towards the area where I felt the person was stood.

I was not getting any further impressions other than his presence so I returned to the group only to feel drawn back.

Claire eagerly filmed the corridor hoping to record something moving.

As we tried to establish which spirit was present through the EVP experiments, it sounded like the name Chris was

mentioned. During our next recording attempt I got the impression of the word "Trinity".

When I mentioned that to Chris, he was a little taken aback. The school he used to attend had the name Trinity included in its title.

Chris then asked if there was someone that wanted to talk with him from his high school, would they clearly identify what his nickname used to be. To his astonishment on playback, he was sure he could hear the name on the reply.

As we were recording the EVP session I felt drawn back to the energy in the passageway. I felt a cobweb sensation over my fingers but could not understand why at that point. The EMF meter also spiked at this point without explanation.

As I approached the area where I felt the figure was stood, I could physically see it move back towards the room that was listed as the prison.

I turned the corner, fully expecting nothing to be there but the figure was still stood there. He was an old man, tall and thin with protruding large eyes, dressed in rags and I could still seem him physically, albeit it was a dark figure but enough to make out those details.

Maryann stood next to me and could see him too. I wanted everyone to see him but not all at once so as not to scare him. Immediately my first thought was pick off the sceptics!

I asked Claire to come and stand next to me and look down into the room. I asked her not to film as the light from the screen may have interfered with the spirit in front of us and it was more important to me for everyone to see him before I thought about recording him.

Strange that... I spend all my years trying to record something and the moment I have the perfect opportunity I tell everyone to down tools and witness the amazing phenomenon for themselves.

Claire was able to see him and described him just as I had in her own words.

Next up was Mac. Hardened sceptic and very grounded. He stood at the entrance to the room and could see the figure too. He even saw the spirits face looking back at him and became extremely excited. He could sensations over his body and couldn't wait to make contact with him.

Next up was Zoey. She was pleasantly surprised to see a figure stood there but could not make out any discernible features as the spirit had moved further back into the shadows at that point.

Lorraine felt a sensation of being drawn in towards the room but couldn't see a figure.

Chris could not see a figure either but was keen to investigate further.

Ian barged forward in a desperate attempt to see the figure but was also unlucky and could not see anything at this point.

There was a residual impression from the spirit that I would describe as demented.

There wasn't much in the way of conversation but I did feel that his name was Malakai (forgive the spelling if incorrect, I'm typing phonetically).

This encounter was later validated by Zoey as she has researched the location post investigation and found a hit on the description from old text dating centuries back.

The literature happened to mention that he had bitten his fingers off which may explain the cobweb sensation that I was getting across my fingers as I encountered him.

The name Malakai (although Zoey will be able to correct the spelling) was also found associated with the castle but we cannot be sure if that was him from the historical texts as the name is not directly mentioned in regards to the man in rags.

I felt he had been hung as he appeared to show his neck as twisted and slightly elongated.

I also got the impression that he would have taken pleasure in taking the lives of females in particular.

I'd like to offer a huge thank you to Zoey for all your hard work with the research. You are a diamond.

There were two other experiences that occurred at the prison area.

Maryann, Zoey and Mac all heard what sounded like a growling noise coming from the area of the well. Mac seemed to think that the noise was caused by the wind blowing from outside which may have been the case, although separately and without the knowledge that this phenomenon had been witnessed by the team, I mentioned that I felt that there was a large dog at the end of the passageway. Residual, not spiritual I felt; interesting that it matched the experience of the team though.

I also felt a stabbing pain at my back, similar to what I felt from my first visit when I left the voice recorder in the great

hall. Maryann could also see a black mist forming behind us so we decided to take a break at that point and see what the public response was from the live feed in the grand hall.

There were several reports of tapping noises which could be heard frequently but they would stop when we entered the room. We discovered that the window was loose and when the wind blew against it, it would make the same noise that could be heard on the live recording.

The reason the tapping stopped when we entered the room was because we broke the seal or air in the room and gave the draft another avenue to escape from. When we closed the door, naturally the tapping would resume.

What we did manage to record on film was the door opening in the room by itself after it was tightly shut.

The phenomenon only occurred once and I'm more inclined to believe that if it was a draft that caused the effect, because you can hear the wind from time to time, then why did the phenomena not occur more frequently similar to the window; at least more than once.

It still doesn't rule out the possibility that it could have been a draft though. Interesting all the same and it looks quite creepy when it happens.

Other points of interest from locked down experiment were as follows...

The ultraviolet camera recorded footage for a brief minute then darkness covers the lens. Although the camera recorded for the full duration, it only recorded a minute at the start as we left then complete darkness. The camera has been checked for faults and I'm pleased to report is fine.



The trigger object that was set on the pressure pad was triggered on occasion.

You can see the flashing red light from the live camera.

The Buddha head trigger object was also spinning, although when I looked back on the locked off footage, I'm not entirely satisfied that it was setup correctly so I think this is a false positive.

The infrasound machine detected some fluctuations in the room and a large spike of activity too.

Most importantly the voice recorder had recorded some EVP's but they were not the same as before, so we had failed to capture the ghostly recording that we were hoping for but we had recorded some fresh recordings which will need to be analysed post investigation.

All other equipment failed to detect anything unusual.

Prior to Mac joining us in the grand hall, he had a quick look downstairs again with a camera. He thought he seen something move next to the well.

We checked the camera but couldn't see anything on film.

Whilst our team were in the grand hall during the break replacing the thermal camera battery Lorraine walked in to the room to see if any unusual activity had occurred so far. My eyes immediately darted behind her as I could see a dark shadow follow her but appeared to move independently from her. Chris and Zoey also heard a shuffling noise behind Lorraine at the same point.

Then that dreadful negative spiritual energy that we had experienced from previous visits made itself known.

I knew at this point that he was in the room with us. I could see the dark shape move around the room from one piece of equipment to another.

I got the impression that he was physically draining the power from them just as he had done before with the torches when we encountered him a decade ago.

I informed the team and we checked the batteries in the equipment only to discover that they were indeed dead; the same with the other equipment.

I placed new batteries into the equipment, switched it on to ensure it was working and set it up again only to see him do exactly the same thing right before my very eyes.

I said to the group that he's just sapped the energy from the battery again.

Mac could not believe this as that was impossible, so he checked the batteries and they were indeed dead again.

Trying to shake the reality he was facing, he witnessed new batteries being retrieved from the case, checked and passed by a battery tester as fully charged at that specific time and witnessed by the team, then setup the equipment only to watch him do the same again. He was definitely preparing for something and the fact that he wasn't giving any impression of what put me on edge.

We checked the equipment once more and it was dead. The batteries were then tested and once again they were completely drained.

Mac could not believe what he was experiencing. "That doesn't happen" he said as he stared at the empty batteries in disbelief.

He had witnessed two major events which had messed with his belief system that night.

From my point of view it was good to see this phenomena occurring, not just for the skeptics to witness but also it helped validate and reinforce my claim that this was the same spirit from years ago as he was able to physically demonstrate the same phenomena that he had before.

Now the sceptics in the team were faced with the possibility that perhaps this nasty spirit that I had warned them about was actually a reality.

Lorraine heard what sounded like footsteps come from the stairwell, the spirit was nowhere to be seen so we locked the room down again and proceeded downstairs.

Maryann felt that she was sensing another spirit that was hung here. His name was Joseph but she didn't sense much more from him.

Lorraine heard a female voice but could not make out what was said. Mac heard what sounded like a female giggling.

I felt drawn towards the roof at that point and so we decided to investigate further.

I was expecting to get more information about the spirit that had been hung but not much was forthcoming at all.

Chris stated that he felt a sensation that was hard to explain but that he felt that he was detached from himself.

I kept a close eye on Chris after that as I feared he may of been targeted by the spirit that we had encountered in the grand hall.

I thought it best for the investigation to come to a close at that point so we headed towards the great hall to review some more of the EVP recordings and pack up the equipment.

Mac stated that he saw a figure from the corner of his eye move into the kitchen area. Following up on that experience he could see no one physically there.

We ended the investigation with the knowledge that we were unable to replicate the ghostly recording from our first visit.

I couldn't help but feel eyes burning into the back of us as we left and all the time the same thoughts replayed themselves over and over in my head as we drove away ...

What actually were those screams?

That spirit in the prison area still appeared to be suffering or at least I felt that impression.

Is it actually possible that there is a type of Hell?

Were we stood at the gates of it?

Is the veil between the spirit world and our physical world thinner at this location, hence why we were able to see and hear such phenomenal things?

Just what more activity and possibilities does this location hold in store for us?

Only time will tell.