

Great British Ghosts

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Do you believe in ghosts ? Do you think that dead people come back to haunt the world ?

This is a book about ghosts in Britain. It is a book about ghosts of today, and ghosts of the past. Some of the ghosts are famous, some of them are unknown.

What is the truth about ghosts? I have met and talked to several people who have seen ghosts. You will read some of the stories in this book. I believe that they were telling the truth.

This book does not try to explain ghosts. It just reports them.

Perhaps you don't believe in ghosts—yet. Read this book, and try to explain the stories in it. Then perhaps you will find that you must believe in them.

Borley – the most haunted village in Britain

About one hundred kilometres northeast of London, near the beautiful old town of Long Melford, you will find the village of Borley. Borley is on the top of a small hill; it is a very small village—just a church and a few houses.

In 1863 the Reverend H.D. Bull became priest at Borley church. He built a house, Borley Rectory, near the church, and he lived in it with his family.

When the Rev Bull died at the rectory in 1892, his son, the Rev Harry Bull, became priest at Borley Church.

On the evening of July 28, 1900, three of his young daughters—Ethel, Freda and Mabel—were returning home to the rectory. They were nearly home



when they saw a figure. It was a nun, and she was walking near the house. They could see the nun clearly, but her feet made no sound. The girls were very frightened, and Ethel ran into the house to fetch her older sister.

The older girl walked towards the nun. She wanted to ask "Who are you?", but the nun disappeared. One moment she was there, and the next... gone!

Some people said: "Ah! The Bull girls aren't telling the truth. They're only children and they're making up the story."

But a doctor saw the nun, and a teacher, and in 1972 a team of scientists saw her too. Were they all making it up?

Since 1900, the famous Borley nun has appeared to many people in the village. Who is she? No one knows. Some people think that this story is true.

Hundreds of years ago, there was a nunnery at Borley. A nun fell in love with a man from the village, and they wanted to leave Borley together. But the other nuns found out, and they killed the poor girl. Now, every year on July 28, the ghost of the nun returns and looks for her lover.

Some people say that the ghostly nun is about twenty; others say that she is older. But they all say that she is very sad.

The ghostly nun is not the only phenomenon at Borley. People have heard the sound of footsteps, and they have heard music in the empty church. Lights used to go on and off in the rectory, and furniture used to move.

The Rev Guy Smith moved to Borley Rectory in 1928. He didn't like the noises, the lights or the ghost, so he asked Harry Price to come to Borley. Harry Price was a famous "ghosthunter". He visited Borley many times between 1930 and 1939, and wrote books about the Borley phenomena.

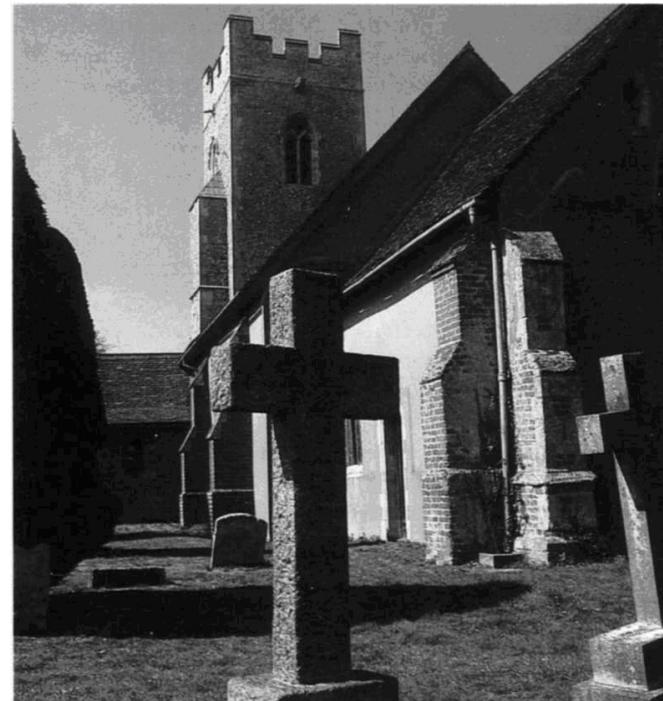
In 1930 a new priest, the Rev Lionel Foyster, moved to Borley with his young wife Marianne. They were very friendly with Harry Price. At this time the Borley ghosts were very busy: doors locked themselves, furniture moved, lights went on, writing appeared on the walls. Harry Price wrote about all these things.

But now people say that Marianne Foyster was not telling the truth about the phenomena; they say that she wrote on the walls herself. They say that we cannot believe Harry Price's stories; that he made them up.

Maybe we cannot believe Marianne Foyster and Harry Price . . . but there were phenomena at Borley before 1930 and after 1939. Can we believe nobody who saw and heard things at Borley from 1863 to today?

There was a fire at Borley Rectory in 1939, and it burnt the house completely. If you go to Borley today, you can still see the field the old house used to stand in. People still hear strange noises in that field, and the church is still haunted.

Perhaps there will always be ghosts at Borley.



Information on the real ghosts that haunt the British Isles. Includes an A-Z listing of the ghosts and haunted places to be found on the site. Phenomena that seems to be peculiar to Britain. I have also included an index of the real haunted places you can find on the site. The British Tourist Board estimated that there are over 10,000 haunted places. UK ghosts represent every class and status of person. In the ghost directory you will find the names by which the phantoms were known in life. A Fascinating Foray into Folklore with Dee Dee Chainey's "A Treasury of British Folklore". greatbritishghostsguy1, May 21, 2018. The Exorcist "Horribly Good Fun". greatbritishghostsguy1, January 24, 2018. Uncategorized. Treading the Haunted Streets of Oxford with Oxford Ghost Tours. greatbritishghostsguy1, December 21, 2018. As we're led down the main road we get a fascinating insight into this beautiful historic city.