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OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION
REPORT

**GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION,
GREENOCK, INVERCLYDE
INVESTIGATION NO 66**

SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2015

OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT INTO ALLEGED HAUNTINGS
GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION, GREENOCK, INVERCLYDE.



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**Scottish Area
Investigation Case No: 66
The Old Fire Station. Greenock, Inverclyde – 25 April 2015.
Investigation Team Schedule and Rota**

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Investigative Night Visit to **The Old Fire Station, Greenock**, Saturday 25 April 2015.
Owners and Occupants: **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Museum.**

Address: Greenock Munciple Buildings
Wallace Place, leading off Dalrymple Street
Greenock
Inverclyde
PA15 1LY

GHOST CLUB INVESTIGATION SCHEDULE:

18:00 hrs - Arrive at **The Old Fire Station**. Car parking on Wallace Place.
NB: All Investigators must arrive at the Old Fire Station for no later 18:15 hrs.

18:15 hrs - Brief Tour.

18:35 hrs - Equipment placed by Investigators.

18:50 hrs - Briefing by Derek Green

19:00 hrs - Investigation teams make way to first location.

NB: PLEASE REFER TO THE GHOST ROTA BELOW TO SEE THE TEAM YOU ARE IN AND THE PARTICULAR LOCATION YOU ARE IN FOR EACH TIMED VIGIL.

**Rota of Investigators / Experiments
Investigation at THE OLD FIRE STATION, GREENOCK, INVERCLYDE
Saturday 25 APRIL 2015**

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Please also refer to your **GHOST CLUB INVESTIGATION SCHEDULE:**

**THE OLD FIRE STATION, GREENOCK, INVERCLYDE.
INVESTIGATION TEAMS ROTA OF 9 VIGILS
ALL EQUIPMENT WHICH IS OWNED BY INVESTIGATORS MUST BE BROUGHT
TO INVESTIGATION.**

ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MUST BE PAT TESTED.

Investigations Officer/Health & Safety: Derek Green

Team Leaders: Andy Glanville
Kia McCracken

Investigation Support: Bill Green

NB: Responsibility of Team Leader is to ensure that Group vigils run to time and groups are in correct location.

NB: ROTA MAYBE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE DECISION OF THE INVESTIGATIONS OFFICER.

INVESTIGATION TEAMS ROTA OF 9 VIGILS

TEAM 1

Derek Green (Investigations Officer)
Bill Green
Stephanie MacDonald
Marco Piva

TEAM 2

Andy Glanville (Team Leader)
Lisa Howell
Soraya Badar

TEAM 3

Kia McCracken (Team Leader)
Barry McCracken
Fiona Bisset
Joan Green

BASE CAMP: TO BE DECIDED.

NB: The following times have been agreed with permission of The Old Fire Station Museum. Museum Supervisor Arthur Wilkins will be in attendance.

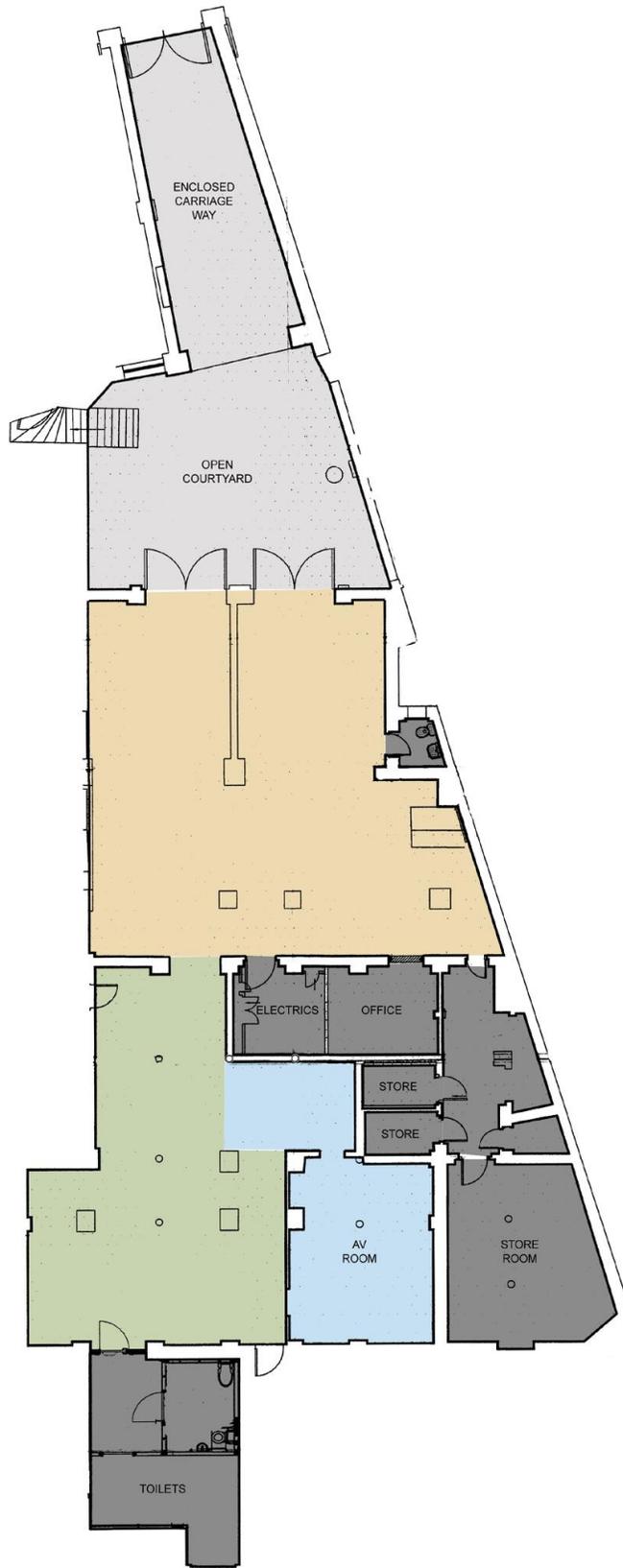
<u>Vigil</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time Allocation</u>	<u>Team Number</u>
1	19:00 - 19:30 hrs	Fire Engine Area	30 Minutes	1
		AV Room	30 Minutes	2
		Store Room	30 Minutes	3
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2	19:35 - 20:05 hrs	Fire Engine Area	30 Minutes	3
		AV Room	30 Minutes	1
		Store Room	30 Minutes	2
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3	20:10 - 20:40 hrs	Fire Engine Area	30 Minutes	2
		AV Room	30 Minutes	3
		Store Room	30 Minutes	1
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4	20:45 - 21:15 hrs	Toilets	30 Minutes	1
		Encl Carriage Way	30 Minutes	3
		To Be Decided	30 Minutes	2
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	21:15 - 21:45 hrs	BREAK	30 Minutes	ALL

5	21:50 - 22:20 hrs	To Be Decided	30 Minutes	
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6	22:25 - 22:55 hrs	To Be Decided	30 Minutes	
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7	23:00 - 23:30 hrs	To Be Decided	30 Minutes	ALL TEAMS
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8	23:35 - 00:05 hrs	To Be Decided	30 Minutes	ALL TEAMS
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9	00:10 - 00:30 hrs	To be Decided	20 Minutes	ALL TEAMS

Ghost Club Investigation notes

Official Report compiled by Derek Green from notes of the Investigators

ACCESS FROM STREET



The following information has been taken from the notes of the investigators present and where possible notes have been copied verbatim and listed by location.

PRIOR TO THE GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION INVESTIGATION.

MARCO PIVA

“18:35 hrs, for the last 30 minutes I keep thinking of WW2 Bombs.”

“18:45 hrs, during briefing an old man who is tall and skinny with a long pointed nose and bald is here. He is a genuine man though but not too pleasant and somewhat rude but really rich.”

“18:59 hrs, just out of AV Room, man with a handlebar moustache and in his 40’s, not too clean (dust/mud).”

OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT



Greenock Old Fire Station

VIGIL ONE

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION - MAIN ENGINE MUSEUM AREA

TIME: 19:05 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1

OUTSIDE WEATHER CONDITIONS: DRY



Derek asked out and Marco sensed a male energy with the name Blair, he described this man with red hair and gave dates of 1967 – 1968 and Marco explained that Blair was interested in what the group were doing. Marco did add that the man had dirt on his face. Stephanie then noted that she sensed the name Anne Marie and also a child and was confused as to why she was sensing this. Stephanie then added that she sensed corpses in the area and that one was a suicide which had happened in the building. (Later this was confirmed but the suicide had taken place at the back of the station near to the stable.) At 19:10 hrs, Marco sensed a small boy who seemed to have fallen into the river. It was the 1970's and the boy was 3 or 4 years old and was rescued by Firemen and kept until his parents were found. Marco said he was not sure if it really related to the building but the boy had since grown up and walks by the old Station now in his 40's and just has a strong sense of gratitude to the Fire Brigade for saving his life. At 19:10 hrs, Marco sensed "The wee man is deid" being said, there was no real sadness but Marco could not really relate it to anything. Marco then said that at some point in the 1980's he could see the building empty. (The Fire Station operated from 1887 – 1960)

Stephanie then said that she was sensing what looked like a crate of chickens which seemed to be brought back to the station. By accident the crates seemed to be opened and Stephanie said there was chickens running about all over the station. (Dave Adam, Former Asst Divisional Fire Officer) confirmed the chicken story as being correct.

19:26 hrs, Marco said that the Column to the left of the harness area had a man leaning on it crying, saying "he is Dead". Marco did not know who this man was but he did pick up on a surname of Sinclair and a possible colleague from the 1920's. Marco then explained that he was sensing a small jazz orchestra playing towards the left door. Marco explained that the Firemen were wearing what looked like comical uniforms and there seemed to be a celebration of some kind. Marco also said he could hear "You'll Never Walk Alone" being played at some time. Stephanie then said that she was sensing someone dressed up in a Chinese Costume and looking like Fu man Chu with a comic droopy moustache and again a party.

Derek all through this noted in his book that he was picking up on a very mischievous male who played a large number of pranks on fellow crew members. He would knock doors and walls with very loud fast knocks when folk were least expecting it. Derek and Stephanie then moved further into the back of the museum near the toilets and while standing quietly they heard something hit the floor to their left. On investigation, they found a piece of plastic lying beside a mannequin. On later questioning, Derek confirmed that the broken piece of plastic had come from a display board frame. However this was also odd as the frame in question had been removed quite a time prior to the investigation and the floor had been swept and cleaned a number of times since then.

VIGIL ONE

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION – AV ROOM

TIME: 19:05 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2

Soraya sensed a male energy and Lisa also sensed a male energy with the year of 1908. The Fireman had a black jacket and a helmet which was ornate on the top. Lisa added the name Alfred saying that he came through the back door of the AV room. Lisa added that he was very curious and she started to experience a feeling of nausea. Lisa now described the man as having a full moustache and beard, brown in colour, and he was in his early 40's and the surname was John. His name was Alfred John. Lisa said his energy was drawing too close to her and she was now feeling very dizzy, Lisa said he kept repeating his full name to her. Soraya then stated that she had a date of 1879 and a strong male energy connected to that year with the name of Morris. Soraya had also sensed this earlier. (The Greenock Municipal Buildings were built in 1879) Soraya then said that she had the feeling that there had been TB as she could sense the man coughing and coughing and that this man had passed away in 1879 with TB. Andy then stated that Alfred had said it was pointless the group being there. Lisa then said that Alfred was asking what the AV room was being used for. Soraya said that she could see a long table being in the room at one time. Andy said that there was a man putting up frames on the wall and Lisa added that Alfred was married with kids. Andy was now feeling nauseous and Soraya said that Alfred was impatient and Lisa added that Alfred was still shouting his name in her ear. Andy then said he could sense that Morris was by the door and that the energy was coming into the room and Morris was now standing beside Andy near the white board. Andy then said that Morris was reading his notes over his shoulder. Soraya added that she could feel the coldness around Andy. Lisa then added that Morris had been in trouble at work and there had been some kind of disciplinary of some kind. Andy then said he could smell smoke and Soraya said there was a feeling of unfinished business..

VIGIL ONE

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION – STORE ROOM

TIME: 19:05 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 3

Barry placed a pen on the table and asked spirit if during the vigil the pen could be moved. The group then held a pendulum session as an experiment and the following information was deduced.

A Male energy was sensed and this man had been in the Fire Service and had lost his life in action. The time period was the 1940's and at this point the surname started with the initial A. The man had served at the Greenock Old Fire Station and had lived nearby. The first initial to his first name was J and that he had been a fireman all his days. The Fireman would also have been involved in a tragic incident in the 1920's involving the fatality of a number of children. The man said he had received a medal posthumously. Further questions were asked and further answers were given. The month of February was given and the year 1942 was given for his death. The group tried again and were sure they now had the first name of John and he said that he now visited the station quite a lot. The Officer gave the impression that there are items possibly in the museum which belonged to him. The Team then ascertained he had died when he was about 30 years old and that he would appear to have been killed in a local house fire which was due to a bomb.

VIGIL TWO

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION – AV ROOM

TIME: 19:40 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1

Stephanie asked out and Derek said that he could sense there was a male energy in the room and it was moving about. Marco said he felt he had walked into a room which may have been an office and that he should not have been there. Marco added that he sensed an older man who seemed to be standing down in the area of the screen, Marco said Travis or Travers and a first name of Christopher and also Jenkins. Stephanie again asked out and

Marco said there was also an energy dating back to 1800's and that it had been a man's place and that women would not have been allowed. This man was not nasty just old fashioned and that he was called Jimmy and had been used to issuing orders to people. Marco stated "It's a man's world, not for women". Marco sensed that we were causing some interest and that he could also sense the Station Cat. Marco then said he was being offered wages and Stephanie said that there was an older woman, rosy cheeked, jolly and in her late 50's and the the name of Betty was mentioned but she preferred Bet. There was also a brass telescope in the room and Marco said there were various other scientific instruments or items that looked like it. (Could this have been the brass branches for the hoses) Marco then said that Jimmy spoke about astronomy and a connection to Rabbe Burns, and he added that there seemed to be a bit of upset by the harness area still being there. The team then held a short silent vigil but no sounds were heard or recorded on the dictaphones .

VIGIL TWO

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION - THE STORE ROOM

TIME: 19:40 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2

Lisa became aware of a very smiley and Jolly fireman come to the entrance of the Store room, she actually thought he was going to welcome them. Lisa then said she could sense the impression of a very nice man, no information about him was coming forward but he was dressed in black jacket and again ornate type of helmet. Lisa said she was getting cold in the area where she sensed he was standing. Lisa then heard a strange noise which sounded as though somebody was trying to turn a tap on. Lisa then said that she could actually see a dark figure moving about in the area that had shelving, she described seeing the figure with dark hair and dark clothing. Lisa was standing at the end of the corridor from the store which lead back the Engine Museum area. She then noted that she could see a figure moving about near the door to the Fire Station. Andy then said that he was sensing the name Edward, black moustache and that he had a problem with his lip. Andy then asked out and said that he could smell tobacco.

VIGIL TWO

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION – MAIN ENGINE MUSEUM AREA

TIME: 19:40 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2

Barry placed a pen on Fire Engine (99X689). The team had another pendulum session, Joan held the pendulum and Barry, Kia and Fiona observed.

The following information was recorded by Fiona Bisset:-

Key: Q)= Question A)= Answer

- A male Energy
- Letter J
- Q) Was this man there during WW2? A) No.
- Q) Was it WW1? A) No.
- Q) Were you in the Fire Service? A) Yes.
- Q) Were you there all your working life? A) Yes.
- Q) Were you in a position of authority? A) Yes.
- Q) Did you retire at 60? A) No.
- Q) Did you retire in your 50's? A) Yes
- Q) Were you local? A) Yes
- Q) Did you attend a fire at your own house? A) Yes.
- Q) Was it early in your career? A) Yes.
- Q) Do you like coming back here? A) Yes.
- Q) Are you pleased with the way the building is being maintained? A) Yes.
- Q) Could you try and move the pen for us? A) Yes.

The Team then asked if communication could be made with the other groups when coming into this room.

VIGIL THREE

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION - THE STORE ROOM

TIME: 20:05 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1

Derek asked out and Marco said he could smell fag smoke. Team started to feel that there had been a lot of fun and that there had been a prankster who had worked for years in the station. The team then asked out if it had been the area of the store room that they had taken breaks. A male energy then gave Marco a date of 2nd June 1941. The man said he was going to man the battery, not at that moment but later. (Was this anything to do with the Cloch Coastal Defence battery which was about 4 miles along the road, now the site of the Cloch Caravan Park) Stephanie then asked for an item on one of the shelves to be moved if possible but nothing was recorded as moving. Marco then said he was aware of a Fireman having been nicknamed The Magpie. Marco did then explain that The Magpie was a gentleman who liked to joke but did have this nickname and also added that the Magpie had a great sense of Honour.

VIGIL THREE

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION – MAIN ENGINE MUSEUM AREA

TIME: 20:05 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2

Soraya said that she thought she saw movement from within Engine 99X689, she then shone a torch into the engine But nobody was there. Lisa then noted at the entrance to the display area by the big doors she was sure she had seen an apparition standing in front of the engine looking at her. Lisa then touched the 1940's engine and felt that it was wanting to move, Lisa then picked up the name Bert Campion. At 20:17 hrs, Andy was sitting and heard a distinct chuckle from the area of Engine KHS842

VIGIL THREE

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION – AV ROOM

TIME: 20:05 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 3

The Team opened up their vigil with a period of silence and just before 20:25 hrs, Barry asked out for a response. Barry then placed his torch on the floor and asked if spirit could move it. Barry then asked if spirit could tap on something. Joan remarked that the room was quiet. Kia then asked for previous Firemen to step forward and give an indication that they were there. The team took turns in trying to communicate but no response was recorded. As team left the room Barry's torch flashed. The team did record the following temperature fluctuations during their vigil: - 18.8C 18.6C 19.2C 18.6C 17.8C

VIGIL FOUR

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION – MUSEUM AREA REAR

TIME: 20:50 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1

Derek, Marco and Stephanie all had strong feelings of something moving about the museum. Derek then said that he felt that any members of the public visiting may have had some strange experiences and would have reported them to museum staff. Marco then said that he felt there was a very strange energy around the area of the toilet door. Marco then stated that there had been something hanging from the ceiling and he could see men helping to take it down but Marco was not sure what it was. Stephanie then took a few photographs and there were orbs in the photographs but the team did not feel the photographs really proved activity although one large orb did seem to be moving around.. At 20:16 hrs, Marco noted feeling the area could have been quite busy with very efficient people going about their business. At 20:57 hrs, Marco noted that there was something around the area of the Mannequins,

but he was not sure what, but he was sensing that the atmosphere in this area was not right.

VIGIL FOUR

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION – THE AV ROOM

TIME: 20:50 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2

Soraya noted that she had wondered if the AV Room had actually been a Mess room at one time as she was sensing a man with his hair combed back and he was eating a meal. The male was not wishing to communicate with anyone and the team felt that the atmosphere in the room had changed a bit and that another male energy was also present in the room. At 21:10 hrs, Andy sensed the name Thomas Unwin, Andy described Thomas as appearing to be quite sad and crying, Lisa then picked up on a male energy and described him as being young. Andy then added that Thomas was about 5ft 10 with a black moustache and he was about 24 years old and in uniform.

VIGIL FOUR

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION - THE ENTRANCE YARD(OBSERVATION)

TIME: 20:45 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 3

The team spent 20 minutes in the Yard, no information came forward, after a period of time the Team moved back into the Museum and went to the Store Room.

STORE ROOM 21:05 HRS.

The Team held a pendulum session in this room. The Team asked various questions from the answers it was deduced that they had a male energy who was quite a joker. (Very similar to team 1 V3, could it have been the same person)

BREAK

During the break at 22:00 hrs, Kia McCracken was in the toilet and whilst there, she clearly heard a door opening and a person whistling loudly. When Kia came back to base room it was realised that nobody had been in that area when Kia heard the door open followed by the whistling. (This same sound has been heard by staff in the museum)

VIGIL FIVE

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION – THE STORE ROOM

TIME: 22:15 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: MIXED TEAMS

Vigil conducted by Bill, Barry, Fiona, Joan, Kia and Marco

At 22:15 hrs, Marco asked out for a communication. Barry asked if John was there and pendulum confirmed John. Marco had sensed an older man who went by the nickname Queen Victoria. Marco also sensed the name McAuley. Marco then stated that the Magpie was back and that Marco had seen him with a shiny chair and this was pre 1943 when he went to work at the battery. Magpie was linked in some way to the French but Marco was not sure why. (Could this have been possibly due to the loss of the French Destroyer anchored off Greenock and the fire brigade attended?) Joan then put a coin in her hand and asked spirit to confirm what it was. Marco asked if Joan was holding a penny and Joan said no it was a farthing. Marco asked for Magpie's real names and Marco said Mark Gourley. Marco then sensed the name Coffee. Marco also sensed the name Simpson

VIGIL FIVE

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION – AV ROOM

TIME: 21:18 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: MIXED TEAM

Vigil conducted by Derek, Stephanie, Lisa, Andy and Soraya

Andy asked for Thomas to return. They asked a few times for Thomas to communicate then Lisa announced that Thomas had gone. Lisa said she was sensing a man with bushy eyebrows, dark eyes, black helmet. This man was very thin in the face and in his 20's. This young man had died in active service. Derek then called out at 22:30 hrs, and Andy was sure somebody was right beside him at the door.

VIGIL SIX

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION – THE ENTRANCE YARD

TIME: 23:05 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: MIXED TEAM



Barry, Bill, Marco, Stephanie & Andy.

Stephanie had a strong feeling of a child dying out in the courtyard. The time was 1920's early 1930's and there was a name of William. Marco said he had two groups of firemen arguing in the yard about equipment, this was between 1935 and 1939. Just outside the museum front door, the team heard something fall from height as a thump was heard but nothing could be found. While outside in the yard Marco sensed information about the child falling and Marco said he had the name Chris. Barry said that he had also sensed the name Chic in relation to the grey NFS Austin wagon. While everyone was standing in the yard three knocks were heard which seemed to have some from the Austin, Barry was standing fairly close and said that nobody was inside the wagon. Marco also sensed that there had been some kind of accident in the 1800's with a man being hit by a horse just outside the Fire Station. Marco then said that he had a feeling that the Fire Station was being closed and he could see the front doors being shut for the last time. Marco then said that he was sensing the name Billy McCallan or McCallum and that he was quite upset as he was locking the doors for the Last time. Marco also had noted the year 1922 in his notes and had wondered if this was connected to the boy's death.. Andy also noted that he also had the impressions of someone falling from an upper window and landing in the courtyard below.

VIGIL SIX

LOCATION: GREENOCK OLD FIRE STATION – FIRE ENGINE MUSEUM AREA

TIME: 23:10 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM MIXED TEAM

Joan, Lisa, Soraya, Kia and Fiona.

At 23:10 hrs, Kia sensed a little girl having a connection with the Fire Station. Joan then decided to try a circle and the investigators above gathered beside the glass cabinet with the medals. From the circle it was deduced that long before the Fire Station was built the area was used possibly for illegal gambling and smuggling and Soraya said that there could have been a second entrance to the previous building leading through a passage. Soraya also said that a woman had suffered a severe head injury and the name which came forward was Myrtle. The Circle was closed at 23:40 hrs.

END OF INVESTIGATION

ADDENDUM

During the investigation, some of Inverclyde's ex Firemen including Retired Assistant Divisional Officer Dave Adam (Greenock Sector Officer) out of interest had settled quietly into the office to watch the investigation being conducted on CCTV. Interestingly, Dave Adam was the Fire Officer in charge when Glasgow Airport suffered the Terrorist Attack in 2007. At the end of the night I called a de-brief in the AV Room and all the lads from the Station Museum joined the members of The Ghost Club. During this de-brief, we asked Dave Adam a few questions relating to information which our mediums on the night had sensed. Dave was answering our questions with very detailed explanations for them all when all of a sudden there was a loud bang which came from within the main museum building. We all went out en masse to investigate and after a thorough investigation of the area, it was discovered that a piece of wood which had come from old panelling, was lying under the horse drawn engine.



The Horse Drawn Fire Engine



The Piece of Wood which appeared.

The Two ladies who were present, and who clean the museum, stated that the piece of wood was NOT there prior to the investigation as they had previously swept the whole floor. The Ex Fire Staff were very puzzled by this piece of wood which was only a couple of inches in length. The lads said they would carry out an investigation themselves to discover the whereabouts of the item. It had basically appeared with a bang as though it had been thrown with some force. A few weeks later I revisited the museum to have a chat with some of the lads and Graham Kirkwood the Station Historian confirmed that the piece of wood had come from a wall in an area of the museum. Graham showed me the wall in question and to my surprise, the area that the wood had come from, was covered over with a large display board which stretched along the whole wall and has been there for four years. Graham said that there was no way that piece of wood could have just slipped down from behind the enormous display board on that wall. Graham pointed out that if it had fallen off behind the wall, it would have just landed on the floor directly behind a display. To our further interest, the said wall was approx 10 feet from the area that the wood was discovered lying on the floor. The area of wall directly above where it was found does not have that wood panelling on it. Graham admitted that we had a very strange incident on our hands which 9 of the museum staff could not explain.

From a thorough investigation of the incident, the Fire men and myself are pretty sure we had experienced genuine Poltergeist activity, which had happened when no one was in the area to witness the activity, and while a team of 12 from the Ghost Club and around 7 Ex Fireman, a retired Asst Divisional Officer and two female Museum staff were all accounted for in the AV Room during the De-briefing. The main access to the Museum was also closed and locked during the evening. Therefore I am confident that this incident was not due to a passer by sneaking into the building. CCTV also proved that nobody had entered the main Museum during this time. I was also informed that Poltergeist activity has been reported previously in the museum when staff have closed up at night. Full checks are carried out when the museum is locked up for the evening. The next day on entering the Museum items are found lying on the floor or are not in the area where they were left the previous evening. The Ghost Club will return soon to the Old Fire Station in Greenock to carry out further investigation. It is hoped to get to the bottom of the activity and perhaps even identify the Phantom Fireman of Dalrymple Street.

SUMMING UP

Firstly on behalf of the Ghost Club Council, our investigation team and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to Mr Dave Adam Chairman of the Greenock Old Fire Station, Arthur Wilkins, Dick Carlyle, Graham Kirkwood and the staff of the Greenock Old Fire Station Museum, for all their help and kindness in making this investigation possible for members of the Ghost Club.

I would like to sum up this investigation with some interest. During the course of the night there was some very interesting incidents. Some we rule out, some we could put down to accidental occurrence and some could be beyond explanation at present.

Some of the Investigation Team I do believe are what we would call sensitive. This can be broken down to either being sensitive to receiving communication as a medium or very simply sensitive to the atmosphere around them. We had both on the night and the Mediums received some good information which will now be researched and added as an addendum if required. Marco received good information with some names, dates and information of historical interest. Stephanie also sensed a suicide and the free range chickens which were confirmed and have been mentioned in the report. Lisa, Soraya and Andy linked in more with names of possible members of staff who worked at the Fire Station and these names will be researched in due course.

The main interest for me on the night was the small piece of wood which appeared with a bang on the floor during the de-brief. The full detail on that can be read above. Since then I have returned and have examined the wood and had a look at the area where we believe it may have come from. At this present time, I am still trying to offer a rational explanation but am having great difficulty. We are returning later in the year and will carry out further investigation into this odd occurrence.

This was indeed an interesting investigation and again my thanks go to the Investigation Team on the night, and all the Staff at the Greenock Old Fire Station for making this investigation possible for the members of The Ghost Club Investigation Team.

Derek Green
Investigations Officer for The Ghost Club (1862)
Wednesday 4 November 2015

