# HAUNTINGS IN LINCOLNSHIRE

Stephen Wade

Lincolnshire is a county rich in folklore and mystery, embedded in its ancient narratives of historical conflict and countryside tales of spectres and black dogs. The notorious paranormal stories from 'Yellowbelly country' are related to halls, castles and mansions. But there are also an infinite number of everyday unexplained encounters, in shops, offices, churches or even in cars on the road.

Hauntings in Lincolnshire gathers many of these ordinary meetings with the ghosts, poltergeists, restless spirits and tortured souls from the other world. Included here are stories from the city of Lincoln, a place of gaols and hangings, and ghost stories from the Fens in the south and from the fishing communities of the Humber estuary. Tales by ordinary folk mix here with some of the famous and infamous spectres of Lincolnshire.

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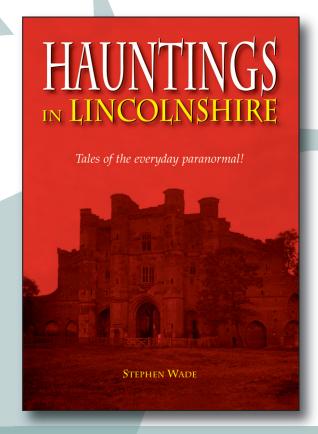
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then started walking towards the dog and both of them definitely said it was a black Labrador, the same breed as Guy Gibson's dog which is seen on a regular basis...'

The dog ran away and the camera was too late to grab a shot of the animal. Was it simply a stray dog? We will never know. All we do know is that sightings of the dog who may be Nigger have been frequent, and have carried on for many years.

#### Hemswell and East Kirkby RAF Stories

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Keen enthusiasts of the paranormal will recall the Most Hauntof investigation at East Kirkby. The two highlights of that programme were
undoubtedly the tall of the halpess pilot who was tool the could not land,
and then when he did so, he crashed and died, and the noises and
shadows on camera of a ghost who was clearly moving about in one of
the hangars. East Kirkby is clearly not only haunted but infilitated by
spirits who died violently in that terrible time of the fighter was over
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The base is where the Aviation Heritage Centre is now located; there visitors may see a Lancaster bomber and a control tower. The latter is where one of the ghosts of the base is reported to be. The figure seen is of an American flyer, in his uniform, and he tends to walk close to the tower and pulls behind him a burning parachute. The general feeling is that he may have been on the crew of The Belle of Liberty, the one that was not given permission to land and made an emergency landing. Derek Acorah, on the television investigation at East Kirkby, picked up on this and gave interesting and convincing information about the young airman and his sad doath. There have been other figures seen walking to the tower as well.

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the tower as well.

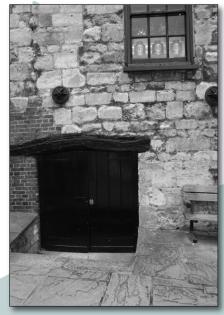
Mediums tend to pick up the emotions of rage, injustice and vengeance, or on some effort to communicate feelings about a wrongful act. That certainly made sense at East Kirkby when Acorah applied his

act. Inst ceramy mane sense at East KINDO WHEN ACOURT applied in tallents to the case.

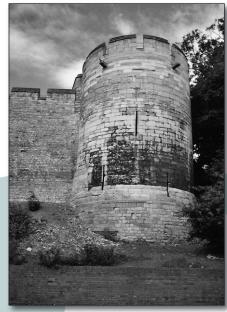
Henswell, once a set of ruins, is now an antique centre. Its collection of World Wor II airplanes, once on display, has now gone. There is a prosperious feel to the place, but little to evoke the RAF of former times. The base has been remarkable for a range of auditory phenomena,

GHOSTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY





Medieval cellar entrance.



Cobb Hall Tower.

## Thornton Abbey.

