

GHOSTS

Maybe you have heard of dowsing the dead? My wife died in 1995, but I found quite by accident I could keep in touch with her and my first question was: "What programme did you use on the washing machine?" I went through the alphabet, all NO until I reached J, then YES.

Another interesting encounter last year was in ruined Eastwell churchyard which has been in my care for over thirty years. In Eastwell is buried an illegitimate son of King Richard III and I was kneeling down, cleaning the tablet on his rough altar tomb. As I was working I became aware that someone was standing on my left, watching me but there was no one there. I had (as usual!) a pendulum in my van and used it to find out who the spirit was. Seems it was this Richard Plantagenet, son of the King and he was still around after dying on 22 December, 1550. I sent him on his way and he has now gone where he should be, with his mother, it seems, not with his father and I did the right thing in helping him.

My ghost hunting author friend, Andrew Green, is having another book on modern ghosts published this month, and the front illustration will be my 'mist photograph' of St Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury, which was printed in the Journal last year.

Extracts from personal letters from BSD member Michael Jack, Hythe, Kent

REPORTS FROM GROUPS

Sussex Dowsters

In November 1998 we spent a day in the lovely Hampshire village of East Meon, where Patrick MacManaway gave us his inspiring workshop on 'Walking among Dragons', explaining earth energies and earth healing. The weather was mild enough for us to work outside, and there was intense interest and some surprise at what we experienced.

The following June, Kate Fortlage of the Surrey Dowsters came down for two days to give us an excellent course in dowsing for beginners and improvers, in a village hall. Twenty-two people attended each day, some were taught to dowse for the first time and many said how much they had learned and hoped that Kate would come to us again.

At our Chichester meetings we have had talks by Molly-Ann Fairley on self-development and psychic awareness, by John Atkins on detecting and evicting spirits, and an illuminating discussion by Anne Silk on the effects of earth energy on humans and the interaction between man-made electronic fields and human brain wave frequencies. We have also held a dowsing quiz, worked with a large array of crystals brought by Morgarian from the Litlington Crystal Store, and learned much from a slide show and commentary on the megaliths of Brittany and New England given by our Chairman, Sandy McKenzie.