

# MORSE CODE MESSAGES FROM THE GRAVE



Elizabeth Winton, 83, (inset) claims she ran out of her room at Beaumanor Hall in her nightie after being scared by a ghost sending a Morse Code message.



**I've never been so scared in my life says granny, 83**

By HELENA REID

GHOSTS forced another couple from room 13 once again at Beaumanor Hall this week after Morse code messages woke them at 01:30 am.

Peter and Elizabeth Winton were staying at the Leicestershire hotel, when a string of Morse code messages from the grave said, get out! and Go to the cellars.

Mrs Elizabeth Winton, 83, was disgusted and said: "I have never been so scared in my life"

Her husband and former RAF pilot asked the ghost to name himself and the reply, according to Mr Winton, came back ERIC TOPPLE in Morse code.

After researching his name, they discovered that Eric had in fact been based at Beaumanor Hall during WW2.

Receptionist, Jodie Griffin said that there is

a safe room next to number 13 and whenever she walks past, she is overcome with a cold, wet wind.

The couple have demanded an apology from the hotel but manager, Sian Tower suggested it was publicity a stunt aimed to secure compensation.

By FREYA BUCKLEY

GRANNY Elizabeth Winton has told the Beaumanor Bugle about her haunted night in Beaumanor Hall, known for being one of the most haunted places in

Britain. The wife of RAF veteran Peter Winton, revealed: "In the morning about 1.30, something woke me from my sleep." She went on to explain how her 60th wedding anniversary evening was

ruined by paranormal activity and the spirit of Eric Topple who used Morse Code to tap out warnings like, "Get out now! They are coming!" Further investigations revealed that Eric Topple

had been a former resident of Beaumanor Hall during WW2 working with the Bletchley codebreakers who were based there.

Elizabeth confessed to freaking out and ran down

to reception in her slippers. Her demands for a refund were refused and she was only offered a free night at the hotel instead.

"I wouldn't spend another night there ever," she said.

**"Get out now! They are coming" said so-called spook**

# PARANORMAL NEWS

## Beaumanor Hall: The facts behind the frights

By IZZY SMITH

**B**EAUMANOR Hall has long been the subject of paranormal activity; but how many of these alleged hauntings are the product of overactive imaginations?

What are the facts behind the frights?

The hall is reputed to be extremely haunted and there has been many a report of things going bump in the night: from a coachman who sadly hung himself in the attic due to a broken heart to a blood drenched female who wonders up and down the main staircase – the stories are endless.

In fact, this woman can be spotted in a chilling painting which dates to 1850. Perhaps this painting was completed seconds before she toppled down the stairs to her death? The faces of the people sitting in the foreground may have given way to panic as they realised William Perry Herrick's wife was doomed...

Beaumanor Hall has beautiful grounds, that cannot be denied, but one cannot ignore the way the jackdaws circle overhead like vultures! Perhaps they are a warning to the people who spend the night here? Spirits will watch you quietly until the right time to pounce: the way jackdaws wait for worms and vultures descend on carcasses...



The chilling painting which dates to 1850.

## Are hauntings just a hoax?

Could there be any truth behind the ghostly goings-on? **ROSHAN WEBSTER** thinks not

**H**AVING a rational and logical mind, I question everything out of the ordinary. I interviewed one of the ground keepers, who wished to remain anonymous. He said,

"Here at Beaumanor, the crew do tend to enjoy a little prank. Usually it is kept between us but sometimes we do involve the guests."

I also tried to interview the Assistant Manager, but they declined to comment. She said that due to budget cuts, we haven't replaced a

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faulty first floor heating system for a few years now.

This points to the fact that the heaters at Beaumanor could be a blank canvas for any merry prankster to use. I think that someone who works with heaters has done their research on Beaumanor and decided to creep out the occupants of room 13.

They could easily do so. And who has access to the heating system? The maintenance crew – maybe they should consider talking to them - Hmmm!



Was this statue pushed off the roof by ghosts? Or was it a windy night?

## Grandmother's grizzly night

By FRAN GLOVER

**A GRANDMOTHER**, Elizabeth Winton, reports hearing Morse code during her stay at Beaumanor Hall. The messages spelled out the name of Eric Toppie, a former RAF officer stationed at Beaumanor during WW2.

Yesterday, in the early hours of the morning Elizabeth reported hearing a hollow knocking sound on a radiator in her room which her husband recognised as Morse code.

The messages began with phrases such as Get Out! and Get into the Cellars. They're Coming! Her husband, Mr Winton allegedly asked the perpetrator his name which was then revealed in Morse code as Eric Toppie.

They were staying in room 13 for their wedding anniversary.

She commented: "13 is unlucky for some, it was certainly unlucky for us!"

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Elizabeth Winton



The hotel should warn guests about ghosts, says Mrs Winton.

## 'I ended up going downstairs in my nightie,' claims gran

By FEARNE TURNER

**P**ETER Winton 85 former RAF pilot had his wedding anniversary ruined by a series of Morse code messages after midnight.

Beaumanor Hall is no stranger to hauntings and has been the subject of two episodes of 'Most Haunted'. But are any of these claims real?

"I never wanted money when I ended up going downstairs in my nightie," his wife Elizabeth Winton says. "We only got in touch with the Bugle because we think the hotel should warn guests about the ghosts."

Elizabeth, although visibly shaken by what had happened, told us her story.

"I woke up some time after midnight and I could hear a hollow tapping sound coming from the other side of the room. So, I woke my husband and he identified the sound as Morse code."

"I said what's going on. And after a couple of minutes he went as white as his bed sheet and said it was saying to get out, get to the cellars, they're coming!"



How Mrs Winton may have looked on the night she was spooked out of Room 13. (Pictured posed by a model)