

The Ghosts of Temple Newsam

Have a go at this ghostly word quiz and see how much you can learn about Temple Newsam and our disembodied residents! Use the dotted lines to find how many letters and words are in the answer.



These monks were seen by early morning walkers, crossing the - - - - - . They left no footprints in the heavy dew.

Q. Where were they seen?

- House
- By the lakes
- On the Golf Course
- In the gardens
- In front of the



Many visitors to Temple Newsam House have entered the - - - - - and been frozen to the spot with fear. Most, when questioned later said they did not actually see anything, but felt an overwhelming sense of dread. Some people became rigid and were unable to move. Often they shook with fear and had to be led gently from the room. Some have run straight out and no one has been able to persuade them to return there. One or two people have reported actually seeing a cowed figure in a brown monks habit, staring at them malevolently. Could he be the Hissing Monk? (More later!)

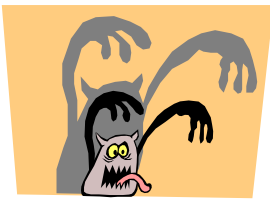


Q. Where is he seen? The Blue Damask Room The Darnley Room
The Portrait Gallery



The bottom half of a male figure dressed in baggy trousers and leather boots has been seen coming down the - - - - - in the House.

Q. Where was he seen? In the Great Barn
On the back staircase In the Great Hall
On the Main Staircase



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A man walking his dog across the - - - - - one night was suddenly alarmed by the sound of his dog whining pitifully. He called it, but it was so terrified that it ran off into the darkness. As he looked about him, the man saw a great shape looming out of the night. He later described it as a "great, shambling beast, very like a bear. If that was a dog, it was the biggest dog I've ever seen." The man took to his heels and ran. He got home in record time, only to find his own dog waiting for him at the door, lathered up and still terrified. One of our woodlands is called Menagerie Wood. Perhaps in the past, a bear really was kept here?



Q. Where was the great beast seen? On the Front Lawn Near the lakes
On Rhododendron Walk



THE HISSING MONK



Our Education Officer, based on the Farm and Estate was working late one evening (helping on one of the annual Ghost Walks, ironically dressed as a Monk). She was waiting with another member of staff, hidden in shrubbery on - - - - - to ambush the party of visitors enjoying the scary tour. Suddenly, somebody hissed very loudly in her ear. Thinking this was some kind of practical joke, she swung her arm out to grab at whoever was there. She could actually feel their breath on her cheek. Her colleague had not moved an inch from his hiding place. She asked him "Was that you?" and got the reply "Was *what* me?" He had not heard a thing. The ground was littered with dry, crackling leaves. No one could have sneaked into the bushes without being heard. She switched on her torch. Sure enough, there was just her companion, staring at her with growing unease. "Why, what did you hear?" he whispered. She told him. Without another word, they both picked up their robes and ran for it! Was this another encounter with the "Hissing Monk"?

Q. Where was the Hissing Monk heard? By the Lakes On the Avenue
On the Farm On Rhododendron Walk



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Phoebe Grey was a maid who worked in the House at the turn of the 18th century. In 1704 a great bonfire was lit one evening to celebrate the British success at the Battle of Blenheim. It was rumoured that William Collinson - another servant - had seduced Phoebe and got her with child. Collinson used the distraction of the celebration to kidnap and suffocate the young girl while everyone else was at the bonfire. He dragged her body to the ----- and threw her down the -----



Q. Where did he drag poor Phoebe and where did he try to hide her body?

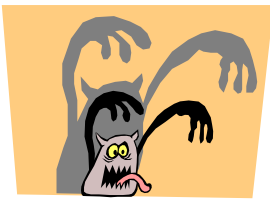
In a ditch In a hollow tree In the lake In the well in the farmyard



William Collinson wasn't very good at hiding dead bodies and very soon a search for the missing Phoebe revealed his foul deed. He was arrested and charged with murder. Found guilty, he was hanged at York Assizes. But his ghost still haunts Temple Newsam and he has been seen in the ----- in the Great Barn. A plasterer talked with a man one day, whilst he was plastering a wall near the entrance. The man appeared to be wearing "very old fashioned clothes, with breeches and leather boots, like he was dressed for working with horses." Without warning, he disappeared while the plasterer turned his back for a second. The man couldn't have passed him as the plasterer was standing at the only entrance and exit! After checking that all the rooms in the Stables were empty, he dropped his tools and ran up to the Rangers Office in a state of shock. He was so upset that he even refused to finish the job or go back to collect his tools.

Q. Where was the ghost of William Collinson seen?

The Stables The Lime Store The Cow Byre The Farm Office



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A man was walking his dog around the outside of the House one night, when he looked through one of the downstairs windows. To his amazement he saw what he thought at first was a theatre group rehearsing a play wearing - - - - - century costumes with tall wigs and make-up. The more he watched, the more alarmed he got, because the "players" didn't seem to be acting. A very posh-looking woman was beating a black servant with a cane. A man in a frock-coat and silk knee breeches was watching nearby. The child was cowering on the floor and was pleading for mercy with real tears running down his face. The man began to realise that these were not actors at all. He couldn't rationalise it, but it was obvious that this child was being threatened and hurt and he had to do something about it. He returned home and called the Police. When they arrived at Temple Newsam, all the lights were out, no one was visible and the alarms inside the House had not been set off. No one could have gained entry to the House without setting these off. No drama production was using the house that night!

Q. What century did these ghosts belong to?

The Sixteenth The Eighteenth The Twentieth



Don't forget that Temple Newsam has a **Study Support** Project for local schools called "The Ghosts of Temple Newsam". Tell your teachers about it and see if you can persuade them to book your school. The programme runs from October to March each year. If you book in "after school hours" the programme is free. Your teachers just need to get your group to Temple Newsam for 3.30 pm. You get to learn about loads more Ghosts and maybe see them too! Scary or what?



We have left the last ghost story without a cartoon, deliberately ... so you can draw one for yourself. If you draw some pictures of any of the Ghosts of Temple Newsam and you think they are really good, send it to our Ghost-Hunting Education Officer for Parks and Countryside. She has also been collecting local ghosts stories for over twenty years. If you have any you would like to share with her, please write to her at The Reception Office, Stable Courtyard, Temple Newsam Estate, Leeds, LS15 OAD