

Ghost hunters look for spirits at public house

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FLOATING pint glasses, uninvited visitors and a disgruntled odd-job man have led to a Swale pub enlisting the help of ghost hunters.

In actual fact, Ghost Search UK approached landlords Tony DeBelle and Adrian Hall at the Fruiterers Arms in Rodmersham, near Sittingbourne, to ask if they could search the 200-year-old building for spirits as part of their tour of public houses.

Curious members of the public are invited to join the professionals and make a paranormal night of it after closing hours.

Adrian has experienced spooky goings-on in the pub and is keen to see if the ghost hunters discover anything exciting.

He said: "One day there was a glass of lager on the bar and it fell off on to the floor. It ended up upside down with hardly any of the lager spilt. There were only two of us in and we weren't anywhere near it.

"Sometimes I'll feel somebody tap me on the shoulder and there's nobody there. When things like that happen I'll say, 'Now pack it in, Bill, stop doing that.'"

Bill was a young man who apparently lived in one of the pub's outbuildings and helped out around the village.

When he died, villagers gave Bill a pauper's funeral, which they say he wasn't happy about, and consequently he returned to haunt the pub and the descendants of those responsible.

Adrian added: "It will be an interesting night, just to see if anything happens or if they find anything."

Two mediums will conduct separate ghost hunts on the night with six guests in each group.

The evening will involve a serious paranormal investigation and will be filmed.

A cold buffet and hot drinks will be supplied throughout the night, which is open to over-18s only.

The ghost hunt takes place at the Fruiterers Arms, Rodmersham Green, Rodmersham, from 11.30pm to 4am, starting on Saturday, July 17.

Tickets cost £35 from www.ghostsearchuk.co.uk, although just one was left last week and spaces are restricted to just 12.



Paranormal activity? Landlords Adrian Hall (left) and Tony DeBelle at the Fruiterers Arms, which is set to welcome the ghosthunters in July. 50-5110015/Fruiterers 2 and 3

Spooky? Could a ghost be lurking at Rodmersham's Fruiterers Arms?

