

The New Bell Inn Ghost

SPECIFICATIONS:

Date: October 9, 2010

Location: New Bell Inn Pub, Harwich Essex, England

Photographer: Name withheld

Type Camera: Sony Ericsson 810i

Other Information: Faces of subjects in photo intentionally blurred.



This remarkable photo, taken at the New Bell Inn pub in Harwich Essex, England in October of 2010, may be the clearest “capture” of a ghost ever! The woman in the fireplace was not seen when the photo was snapped, and a closer examination shows brickwork in the fireplace being evident through her face, suggesting a degree of transparency. What’s especially interesting about the photo is the way the figure is dressed; she appears to be wearing clothing consistent with what a pub maiden would wear in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, complete with banded cap. This was the only photo of the many she took that evening in which the figure of the “barmaid” was present.

The exposure time was 1/20th of a second, which explains the mild motion blur (the faces were intentionally blurred for privacy sake), while the ISO of 800 explains the yellow lighting and general graininess of the photo, but it remains a remarkable photo none-the-less.

The lady who sent me the photo tells me the structure was built as a blacksmith shop in 1620 and was converted into a pub in 1743, which it has been ever since. I can find no evidence of trickery in the photo, making this possibly the clearest evidence of post mortem existence on record. *(Photo used with permission. All rights reserved.)*

