

# Parity for Disability Night in a Haunted House

**Saturday 10 April 2010 8pm – 3.30am**

**Wymering Manor, Hampshire**

Steel yourself for one night at a ghostly 1,000-year-old Manor House, in support of a local charity...



**PARITY**  
For People With Multiple Disabilities

## About Wymering Manor, Portsmouth's Oldest Building

Dating from before the time of William the Conqueror, Wymering Manor is a renowned ghost-hunting site and recorded in the Domesday Book as being Portsmouth's oldest building. It is said that some of the Manor House's previous owners loved the building so much they could not leave and haunt it to this day.

It is likely the site was first used about AD500 or before, when an Anglo-Saxon settlement was established.

Under the site are cellars that are cut into the chalk and lined with flint that dates back to the Saxons.

The first recorded occupant of Wymering Manor is believed to have come across with the invasion of 1066 from his home in Normandy. Priest holes within the Manor and the "secret chapel" are attributed to a family of the Roman Catholic faith which occupied the Manor from 1570. The small hiding hole in the South East corner bedroom is adjacent to an unusual depth of chimney which creates suspicion of other hidden works, from a time when there was no religious freedom and members of the Roman Catholic church were hunted down and persecuted. There is said to be an underground tunnel reaching from the Manor House to Wymering Church.

A set of gallows once stood on the south west corner of land adjoining the house. It was removed about 1750. It is said that many highwaymen, guilty of robbing coaches as they jolted between Portsmouth and Southampton, died there.

Just some of the ghostly legends of Wymering Manor include...the ghost of Sir Francis Austen, a churchwarden buried in the churchyard opposite, said to haunt the Manor. ...a choir of nuns regularly crossing the hall at midnight and chanting to the sound of music...outside the small attic bedroom above the Panelled Room, a nun with her hands dripping with blood, looking down the narrow staircase... the touch of unseen hands in the Panelled Room...

The most infamous legend is that of Reckless Roddy from Portchester Castle, who called on the Manor House one night to visit a new bride while her husband was called away, in the hope of seducing her. The husband returned unexpectedly and slew Roddy as he attempted to mount his horse, which then bolted up the lane. The ghost of Reckless Roddy is said to visit Wymering Manor whenever a new wife is brought there and that she and her husband hear the noise of a horse outside...

## About the Experience

You will be taking part in a *Most Haunted* -style experience. Are you brave enough to hunt for ghosts in this centuries-old site?

The medium overseeing the experience, Stevie, will introduce herself and explain what she will be doing and what has been experienced already in the Manor. She will demonstrate different types of equipment.

Participants will be split into groups to explore various parts of the Manor with the support of either a medium or a 'sensitive'. They will be invited to try out different equipment including heat sensors and dowsing rods.

Digital cameras and video equipment can be used which may capture images in the room that no one saw at the time.

Afterwards, for the brave souls who have stuck it out to the end, there will be a chance to discuss ghostly findings...

## What are the Fees and Where Does the Money Go?

Individuals are asked to pay a £25 registration fee. Each person must commit to raising £100 in sponsorship for Parity for Disability. All monies raised will go to maintaining the charity's vital services for children and adults with severe and multiple disabilities in the community.

## What Happens Next?

When you return your application form and registration fee, sponsor forms will be sent to you together with further information including directions.

We welcome enquiries from people with disabilities and will discuss your specific requirements. If you have a medical condition, disability or have any reason to doubt your fitness to participate, we advise you to contact your doctor.

**If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Helene on 01252 375581 or [info@parityfordisability.org.uk](mailto:info@parityfordisability.org.uk). We hope to hear from you soon.**

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## Entry Form

<b>Location:</b> Wymering Manor	<b>Date of Event:</b> Saturday 10 April, 2010
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Post Code:</b>	
<b>Tel No (Day):</b>	<b>Tel No (Evening):</b>
<b>E-mail address:</b>	
<b>Club Name or Place of work (if entering as part of a team):</b>	
<b>I heard about this event from:</b>	
<b>Date of birth (minimum age is 18):</b>	

I have enclosed my £25 deposit.

We welcome enquiries from participants with disabilities. If you have a medical condition, disability or any reason to question your ability to participate in the event (e.g. cardiovascular or respiratory disorders or epilepsy), please give details (if in doubt please consult your Doctor):

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I, the undersigned, wish to take part in the event specified above. I understand that this is a sponsored event and will endeavour to raise £100 minimum in addition to the deposit. I accept that Parity for Disability reserves the right to cancel or postpone the event and to refuse participation if it is deemed necessary and that deposits are non-refundable. I understand that any photographs taken may be used by Parity for Disability for publicity purposes. I accept that the organisers cannot be held liable for injuries and damage sustained when not under direct supervision or from failing to follow instructions.

SIGNED:.....DATE:.....

**Please return the completed form(s) to Parity for Disability, 94 Whetstone Road, Farnborough, Hants GU14 9SX.**