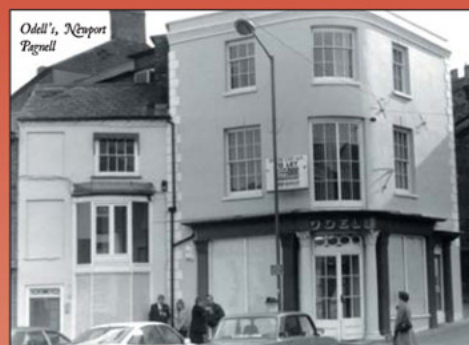


Myths, Murders and Mysteries

‘Accidents Will Happen...’

‘Accidents will occur in the best regulated families... They may be expected with confidence and borne with philosophy.’

Charles Dickens (1812 - 1870)



The Blind Pond of Bow Brickhill

In the old days a much used track passed this pond and it was here that a richly bejewelled lady, with a coach and four horses, jewels and all was swallowed up in the pond. And once, a horse and cart fully laden with corn disappeared in the unknown depths of this pond...

The Passenham Phantom

The phosphorescent skeleton of a huntsman with a broken neck, dragged along in the stirrups of a phantom steed disappears among the gravestones at Passenham Church. He is known as Bobby Bannister's Ghost, who was killed in a riding accident.

Sources: 'Northamptonshire Villages'; 'The Changing Landscape of Milton Keynes'; 'Bow Brickhill - A Brief History of the Village and the Church' by Rev R Conyers Morrell

Odell's Fire Ghost

Odell's restaurant in Newport Pagnell High Street is said to be haunted by the ghost of an old woman who died in a fire.

Another version says the ghost is a girl called Emily who tragically fell into a fire and was burnt. Although she was rescued, she didn't survive and is said to look for her sisters in the building.

The Drunken Soldier on the Churchyard Bridge

This bridge is said to be haunted by the ghost of a soldier who fell into a disused well in the churchyard at Newport Pagnell. He'd had far too much to drink, fell into the uncovered well and drowned.