Pillory at Michelham Priory





What, exactly, is a pillory?

Resembling a set of stocks—into which a seated person's ankles (and sometimes wrists) would be inserted—a pillory usually requires its occupant to stand (not sit).

And ... unlike stocks (which focus only on hands and feet), a pillory includes a hole for a person's neck.

Michelham Priory—located southeast of London in the UK town of <u>Hailsham (East Sussex)</u>—still has an old pillory. Once a place where Augustinian monks lived, this priory has records extending back to 1229.

People tell tales about Michelham—especially tales that the place is haunted.

One of the many ghosts which people claim they've seen, at Michelham, is that of Thomas Sackville. Once the priory's owner, Sackville—so the stories go—still haunts the halls of his old place to this very day. Click on the image for a better view.

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