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## Disappeared Victims of London Vampire

### Search on for women targeted by 'Highgate Vampire'

CHELTENHAM, 6 February 2016 – Vampire enthusiasts are asking for the public's help in finding Elizabeth Wojdyla and Jaqueline Frances (or Frances) Cooper. The two women are reported to have been attacked by a vampire in North London during a spate of incidents that occurred between 1969 and 1973. The first hand testimony of these victims promises to settle the mystery of the 'Highgate Vampire', a supernatural puzzle which continues to inspire media coverage around the world.

On 6 February 1970 the *Hampstead and Highgate Express* newspaper first brought details of the case to public attention, printing a plea for witnesses to a grey figure in the vicinity of Highgate Cemetery to come forward. 46 years to the day, the editors of *Vamped* and the *Highgate Vampire* websites are appealing for assistance in locating two key figures involved with the case.

"Elizabeth Wojdyla and Jaqueline Cooper feature in the writing of self-styled vampire hunter Sean Manchester," explains the *Highgate Vampire's* Trystan Lewis Swale. "Miss Wojdyla met Manchester by chance in the summer of 1969 whilst she was suffering from a number of health complaints. He attributed her condition to repeated attacks from what he would call a 'King Wampyr'; supposedly an undead medieval nobleman from central Europe.

"Miss Wojdyla survived the vampire's attentions and is regularly mentioned in media features on the 'Highgate Vampire'. However, to the best of my knowledge she has never spoken publicly about what occurred. I'm eager to know what she makes of Mr Manchester's recollections and if she has anything to add to them."

*Vamped's* Anthony Hogg considers the involvement of Jaqueline Cooper more problematic.

"Establishing her identity has been tough. I'm in a possession of a *North London Press* cutting from

1971 in which a distinctive looking young woman is named as Manchester's 'wife Jacqueline'. This same woman features in a *Witchcraft* magazine article from 1973 as 'Jacqui Frances'. She is also in various photos that have accompanied Manchester's writings since 1975. In these she is called Lusia.

"I'm confident this person's true identity is Jacqueline Cooper. A number of former acquaintances are convinced the woman in the photographs are her. I just really want to confirm this. I'm also interested in her view on Manchester's suggestion she was attacked by the vampire."

So far, neither *Vamped* or *The Highgate Vampire*'s editors have been successful in their attempts to trace Wojdyla and Cooper. Members of the public who have any knowledge of their whereabouts are encouraged to email Trystan Lewis Swale: [severnforteana@gmail.com](mailto:severnforteana@gmail.com).

*Vamped* is an online magazine intended to unite people interested in vampires. It examines vampirism and how it is portrayed in news, folklore, the arts, entertainment and other forms of popular culture. It can be found at <http://vamped.org>.

*The Highgate Vampire* explores tales of the supernatural originating in London's Highgate Cemetery since the 1960s. It is available from <http://thehighgatevampire.co.uk>

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