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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169209)

by **DustysGirl** » Sun Mar 29, 2015 6:04 pm

Whoa, Claudia!! I totally believe in that kind of stuff and I definitely think she was there with you and made sure to let you know! All of that is way to much to be a coincidence! 🤩 And that's so cute that you saved her a seat! I'm sure she appreciated it and loved the show! I'm sure a lot of us talk to Dusty so never feel like a fool for doing it - I have a feeling she really does listen! And I think she was last night, for sure!

And congratulations on your performance! I was in the drama club in high school but didn't last long because I discovered really fast that I was afraid of putting myself out there in front of people! So you are way braver than I could ever be and I'm sure you're a great actress, too! I'm very proud! 🥰

And yes, Linda, I make tiramisu (not as often as I want to because mascarpone cheese can be pricey) and that will definitely be on our tea party menu! And Claudia - get your teleportation device serviced! You're gonna need it!! 😊

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169215)

by **darren2722** » Sun Mar 29, 2015 7:00 pm

Love this thread, although I wish I could contribute more to it. Great recollections all 😊  
I Always come away feeling hungry though. 🍷

Claudia. First of all Congratulations on the play's run, I'm sure you were brilliant, and did Dusty and every one else proud. Like Gina says, you sure are brave for putting yourself on that stage in front of an audience, I'm nervous of being nervous. I Haven't seen a play of Our Town but love Sam Woods film version.

I'd love to think that was Dusty announcing herself in that way. Just hearing those high heels of Dusty's walking on to the stage at the start of Soft Core gives me goosebumps

🥰 And your friend having *Where Am I Going* playing on a ipod seems to be the clincher.



Perfectly and economically told too. 😊

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169219)

by **FionaJ** » Sun Mar 29, 2015 7:55 pm

Claudia, thank you so much for sharing that Dusty experience. I have to echo what Gina and Darren have so eloquently said, that there surely can be no doubt that Dusty was there with you.

I love your honesty and openness, and I'm quite sure that all Dusty's fans on here totally understand your affection and attachment to her.

You are obviously very tuned in psychically to Dusty, and as a consequence of this there will be times, maybe when you most need her, when the gap narrows between where she is, and where you are.

I remember you asking on here if it is possible that you could miss someone that you've never met - Dusty. That just shows how deeply and genuinely you care for her. That is why you are so 'tuned' into her.

My maternal Grandmother, to whom i was very close, had many psychic experiences during her lifetime, the first of which was whilst she was a young child.

I would like to tell you briefly about one of her many experiences.....

My Grandmother was a nurse for many years at a local Cottage Hospital.

On this particular evening, she was working a night shift. The staff changing room was in a separate building to the main hospital. Having changed into her uniform, she entered the hospital and began walking down the corridor towards her ward. In the corridor she passed a female patient, walking in the opposite direction, that she recognised from her ward, having been at work there the previous night. The patient, wearing a dressing gown and slippers, smiled at my Grandmother and continued down the corridor.

My Grandmother reached her ward, and the Sister began to give the night staff a 'patient handover'. She informed them that one of the patients had unfortunately passed away a short time ago, and obviously the necessary procedures needed to be carried out.

The patient was the lady my Grandmother had just seen in the corridor.....

Claudia, congratulations on your play.....bet you were fantastic! ❤️🌟❤️

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### **Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169229)**

by **DustysGirl** » Sun Mar 29, 2015 9:50 pm

Whoa, Fiona! That seriously gave me goosebumps! That's really spooky! Sometimes I wish that I could have psychic experiences like that but then I think twice about it knowing I'd probably freak out completely! 😱

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### **Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169231)**

by **FionaJ** » Sun Mar 29, 2015 10:50 pm

Hi Gina, sorry didn't mean to spook you! 🙊 I chose that particular tale because it's relatively short and simple. My own personal 'supernatural' experiences are much more complex, and are too lengthy to describe on here. I was trying to make the point that I understand completely what Claudia so brilliantly wrote about ❤️. I know that you understand too, and hey, how lucky are we to have such beliefs?! 🙏

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## Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169235)

by [RenegadesEPC](#) » Mon Mar 30, 2015 12:16 am

Well, thank your very one! I appreciate your kindness and encouragement! Might I say, the last night of the play went the best out of all three nights 🙏

It was a little spooky. I've never experienced something like that before, but the fact that I'd just been talking to her before that happened, it gave me the chills, but I wasn't afraid. Like I said, I got up and checked both corridors, and they were empty, and I made a point to look and see if anyone was wearing heels! It was a strange experience.

And of course I saved her a seat, Gina! Only the best, center-most seat for Dusty! 😊  
Hope she was able to see in the front row, if she was there! And I'm glad I'm not the only one who talks to her. It's very comforting sometimes, to always have a friend even when I'm alone or need someone to talk to. Especially after last night, I no longer have any qualms as to whether or not she listens to us or not. I also used to be afraid of putting myself out there. My first role, the director gave me the part of a man, and that was interesting! Really took me out of my comfort zone, and I haven't left theatre since! 😊

I've seen the film too, Darren! It's wonderful! I may have considered it a coincidence if the song had not been playing on the iPod, but it stopped me dead in my tracks! Thing was though, I didn't feel afraid or spooked at all. I felt safe, and comforted - like I knew Dusty was in the audience and nothing could go wrong.

Couldn't be better said, Fiona. I'm sure everyone here could understand being affectionate towards Dusty - even though a lot of us have never met her. I consider it often, Fiona, whether or not it is possible to miss someone you've never met. Sometimes I find myself thinking about Dusty and realize my feelings are not sadness, or infatuation, just the feeling of when you wish someone close to you was there again, as if they were far away. So, I don't know, but I'm glad you can relate to it and understand ❤️

And that's quite an occurrence, Fiona! Gave me goosebumps to read it too. I once heard someone (in an interview or television, something of the like) who worked in an old civil war medical center that had been converted into offices. Upon riding to the basement floor with a colleague when all other workers had gone home, the doors to the elevator opened to the basement to a doctor among many patients in beds, amputating a soldier's limb. He stopped and looked up at them, although they were standing there dumbfounded until one pushed the button to close the doors. I'd have to go with Gina on that one, I'd be too spooked to do anything else but get out!

And thank you, all of you, for your congratulations about the play and your support! ❤️  
❤️ You're all too wonderful for the world's own good 🙏

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## Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169236)

by [Lucy](#) » Mon Mar 30, 2015 12:35 am

Wow' Claudia. What an experience you had and who's to say it wasn't Dusty!! Especially with the heels. You are obviously very attuned to things and a great 'receptor' . I think that most people have psychic abilities but, they either choose to ignore them or embrace the experience. There are lots of things we can't explain in this world but I

think it's good to have an open mind 🤔

I'll just relate a little story that happened to me many years ago. I'd never been to a séance in my life but I thought why not?? There were about 4 or 5 of us including the person that had the 'experience' and had done many before.

So there we are with the upturned wine glass and off we venture....(I have to say I was apprehensive about it) We asked the 'spirit' several easy questions and then I asked it what was the name of my Nans village in Italy?. Now I had never mentioned the name of the village let alone the spelling to anyone in that room not even in passing. To my astonishment 'the glass' spelled out the correct spelling without any hesitation!!!!

In fact I had trouble keeping my finger on the glass..

Mind over matter? Who knows but I think it's a bit more than that...

Fiona your Grandmothers experience gave me goosebumps but in a nice way.. Did she have many more after that episode?

Glad you had a good show Claudia. You are indeed a talented person . 🌟🌟 I have a feeling that Dusty was there watching you and enjoying your performance. ...and clapping like mad 🙌❤

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169239)

by **Hampson** » Mon Mar 30, 2015 3:11 am

I like to think Dusty is watching over all of us fans. And you are right Linda, there is nothing more useless than a closed mind. I never dismiss anything.

Some fascinating stories girls.

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169271)

by **RenegadesEPC** » Mon Mar 30, 2015 12:23 pm

Thank you, Linda! 😊 It was a little eerie, but like I said, I wasn't afraid - maybe a little perplexed, but I knew the numbers had to add up to something. I think it was the most strange because I was alone, and I'd just been speaking to her. Dusty works in the most mysterious ways, and I don't believe she has forgotten about us. I've only read that she adored her fans as much as we adore her. ❤ It's no wonder she cares for us.

And whoa, Linda - that's eerie! I've never been to a seance before, but last fall I was doing a photo shoot for a woman at an old foreclosed house, and some strange things happened. I'll start off by saying I am NOT in any way photogenic 😊 or a model, but the woman was a photographer who wanted more photos for her portfolio, and wanted photographs of twins. I wasn't sure what we would be doing, but it was close to Halloween and the house looked haunted 😬 I doubt anyone had lived there for years and years, and there was a leaning barn full of creepy old furniture.

There was only a board over where the front door would be, so we ducked under. It was still light outside, just simming, but everything was boarded up, so it looked completely

dark inside. The photographer started taking random pictures so the flash illuminated the house, and it had to be the strangest thing I've seen in a long time - the house was untouched since the 1960's, presumably, because all of the old furniture and appliances were left in place, covered in dust and cobwebs. I got a strange feeling and I bolted out of there! 😬 It was probably just me getting worked up, but I just felt like I shouldn't be there. The pictures turned out spectacular though! She photo edited them to be more interesting and we look like we're floating in some.

Thank you so much for the compliments, Linda :) I have a feeling Dusty was there too 😊 Especially after that happened beforehand!

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169275)

by [darren2722](#) » Mon Mar 30, 2015 1:31 pm

Wow! great stories and recollections Fiona, Linda & Claudia. 🙌 I agree with Wend, I try not to dismiss anything unless there's evidence to the contrary. Like Gina, I wish/don't wish something would happen to me, (Especially Dusty related) but I guess some people are more receptive than others. 🙏

The only thing I can add to this is a couple of years ago a friend of mine took a photo of a apparition or ghostly figure at my place of work, which was rumoured to be the spirit of an employee who had died at the site decades previously. Unfortunately I got to the scene too late, so didn't see the ghost 'in person' but looking at the photo it certainly seemed authentic and to fake it would have been very time-consuming and pointless. 🙄

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169283)

by [FionaJ](#) » Mon Mar 30, 2015 3:16 pm

Really enjoyed hearing about those 'strange happenings' Linda, Claudia and Darren. It just goes to show how many of us have experienced such unexplained occurrences, or know someone who has 😬

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169293)

by [Lucy](#) » Mon Mar 30, 2015 10:54 pm

Claudia you must have the 'Receptor' gene 😊 As a kid I always thought old houses were spooky. Still do I suppose...

Talking of 'spooky' buildings . On one of the headlands in the Sydney harbour is the old 'Quarantine Station' where in the early settlement days people coming out here had to spend so many weeks before being allowed into the mainstream population. It had hospital wards and several 'surgery' rooms plus accommodation . I went on one of the tours of the complex and was having a good look round and was quite enjoying the tour until we got to the 'Operating' room. I took one step inside and the hair on my neck stood up and a cold chill came over me. My husband asked if I was OK as apparently I'd gone as white as a sheet. I just backed away from the room and waited outside. The guide told me later that they had a lot of deaths in the Quarantine Station and of course on the operating table as in those days surgery was very primitive .

Is the place haunted? Probably. With so many people arriving with disease, not everyone made it out.....

Darren that story of the photo I think is very plausible. As you say a very time consuming thing to photoshop it!!!!  
And for what purpose???

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## Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169294)

by [DustysGirl](#) » Mon Mar 30, 2015 11:02 pm

Wow, awesome stories, everyone!! Aside from some strange/unexplainable dreams I've had at times there has only been one thing that has happened to me that I would consider supernatural or otherworldly.

I have a cousin who very unfortunately was killed before I was born. It was in 1973 and she was only 21 years old when she was killed in a parking garage that's actually around the corner from where I live now. I've always known the story, not only because my grandmother saved every newspaper clipping but also because it was a big story locally (and eventually was even featured on Dateline and 20/20) because it was unsolved for so many years and one of the many suspects was the mayor's son.

Anyway, many years later when DNA was available they reopened the case in 1999. No one knew if anything new would be found out but my family (especially her dad) was very hopeful so she could rest in peace. One day I got an email from an address I didn't recognize. The only thing in the email was "EG". I just thought it was spam so I deleted it. I worked at a bookstore at the time and one night I was straightening a bookshelf and there was a label peeling off of one of them. I tried to stick it back on. It said "E - G". I thought about it for maybe a second because it was weird to see those 2 letters again and also because usually the stickers have a wider range of the alphabet on them instead of just a 3 letter area. A few days later I was watching TV and they were about to show a movie and it starred Edward G Robinson. The guy telling about the movie and the actors said that he preferred to be called E.G. and then before the movie started he said "So here's E.G., folks". I was officially freaked by then and had no idea why these letters kept popping up. A few weeks later, it was on the news that the DNA evidence in my cousin's case had given them a suspect (there was blood left in her car that wasn't hers but the killers). His name is Edward Grant. He was a mechanic at the time who had a nametag that read "EG". I don't know if it was my cousin's way of telling me who did it or what, but it was way too much to be a coincidence for me. I told my grandmother and she's always believed in that sort of thing so she said "Penney si fida" (Penney trusted you in Italian). There was a trial and he was convicted and eventually confessed. So she was able to rest in peace 26 years later and I think she tried to tell me who did it (even though there was really nothing I could do about it). I had always felt close to her because her photo was on a shelf in our living room and at the time this experience happened I was the same age she was when she died.

So that's my crazy and creepy story. Now that my grandmother has since passed away I have the photo in my hallway and I keep a dried rosebud from the bush outside in front of the frame out of respect. 

I definitely think that people who have passed look after us or occasionally try to tell us things or make themselves known. It can be really scary but it could also be comforting.

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## **Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169295)**

by **DustysGirl** » Mon Mar 30, 2015 11:16 pm

This an article from around the time I had this weird experience:

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## **Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169298)**

by **FionaJ** » Tue Mar 31, 2015 12:24 am

Gina, that truly is a remarkable story of a horrific event, and your own amazing experience of what surely must have been messages, sent to you via various means, by your cousin Penny. I can only hope and pray that she is now at peace, knowing that justice has been served.

What a dreadful waste of a young life, bless her. I love that you keep her photo in your hallway, and think of her often. She looks like a very beautiful young woman. 🌹❤️

I 100% agree with your last sentence Gina, that some people who have passed on, need

to make contact with us, for whatever reason, and it is vitally important that we allow ourselves to be 'open' sufficiently to receive these messages. 

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169299)

by **Lucy** » Tue Mar 31, 2015 12:48 am

Gina. What a terrible thing to happen to such a young woman.. I'm pleased that things finally bought some closure for your family. We probably get messages all the time but don't realize it. Your cousin Penny was a pretty girl. 🌹 Such a waste of life!!!!

Life is so full of unexplained events.... You just never know what's around the corner!!!!

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169300)

by **DustysGirl** » Tue Mar 31, 2015 1:56 am

It was a big loss for our family, she had a really bright future. Her dad was (understandably) distraught for the years afterward (he raised her and her sister alone) and wanted nothing more than justice for her. He passed away before her killer was caught. It was a terrible waste. 🌹

Even though the thought of spirits and ghosts scares me, I still try to be open. You never know what might happen or who may try to contact you. I do believe, also, that when you talk they listen and vice versa!

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169307)

by **darren2722** » Tue Mar 31, 2015 7:23 am

What a sad and poignant story Gina. It's good that the man who committed the murder of your cousin was eventually bought to book for it, but sad that Penny's father never got to know that his daughters killer got what he deserved(If not the Death Penalty) 🌹

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169333)

by **FionaJ** » Tue Mar 31, 2015 6:54 pm

When I was in junior school I had a very special friend called Robert. I adored him. We were too young to 'love' each other but it came as close to that as is possible at an early age.

My parents divorced when I was 11, and we moved away.

Soon after I heard that Robert had died after being hit by a car whilst crossing a road.

My dad is an undertaker, and he arranged Robert's funeral, and afterwards placed some flowers on his grave, on my behalf.

I have never forgotten him, and there will always be a place for him in my heart.

Fast forward 15 years, and I am expecting my first baby. As is usual, and not knowing the sex of the baby, lists of names were drawn up, names that both my husband and I agreed on (and there weren't that many!).

We decided upon Katie for a girl, and Daniel William for a boy. That was that, the choice




was made.

The big day arrived, and 'eventually' my son was born. Having weighed him etc, the midwife wrapped him in a blanket, handed him to me then asked what we were going to name him.

I looked at her and said, "Robert.....Robert William".

What was amazing was that we had never discussed that name as a possibility, and after I said it, my husband didn't query it! He just seemed quite happy with it, and I knew that this baby just HAD to be called Robert.

Since then of course he's been Robbie and now seems to have settled on Rob.

I shall never forget my first Robert though..... 

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169344)

by [DustysGirl](#) » Wed Apr 01, 2015 2:14 am

Fiona, your post brought tears to my eyes. It's so sad but beautiful and touching! Poor Robert, so sad and he must've been young. If you had another name for your son all picked out but then you looked at him and knew he was a Robert, I feel like the first Robert was in your heart and you still carry part of him with you. I'm sure he's honored that your son bears his name and it's almost like he lives on through him!

That's just so beautiful. How old is your Rob? Does he know how he got his name?



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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169345)


by [Lucy](#) » Wed Apr 01, 2015 5:09 am

What a lovely story Fiona. Like Gina, it brought a tear to my eye.

It's yet another example of events that happen that aren't pre-planned and a little bit out of our control!!!! I'm a big believer in that our lives are mapped out for us. It's like coming to a fork in the road. Go left. Go right??

What makes you take one way as against the other?????. That's my personal belief anyway.

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Is your son anything like the 'first' Robert was? I'm sure he does honour to the name,,   
Bye the way is he a Dusty fan???????

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169353)

by [FionaJ](#) » Wed Apr 01, 2015 9:44 am

Thank you for your lovely comments Gina and Linda 

Gina, my friend Robert was just 11 when he died. It was my dad who broke it to me, after the funeral had taken place. He knew I'd be devastated.

On a happier note.....my Rob is nearly 26. He does know about his 'name change' at

birth, but he has a very laid back nature, and always just sort of accepted it.

Haha Linda, is he a Dusty fan? Well, I think he 'humours' me! I have been listening to Dusty A LOT for the last few months, so he has to listen whether he likes it or not!! Last night I showed him your blouse collage, and he said, "Why don't you actually meet these people, instead of just talking to them on there all the time?!"

Looks like Sydney.....here I come..... 😊

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169356)

by Lucy » Wed Apr 01, 2015 10:29 am

Hey Fiona. That would be great, any time you'd care to pop over. If my memory serves me correct don't you have relatives in Perth????

Your son sounds like most people of his age group. In as much as he's thinking practical. Don't think about it just do it!!!!!! Easy for them to say huh!,,, 😊  
I'm hoping to come over for a visit myself to the UK in 2017. And of course apart from hopefully meeting maybe some of you lovely Dusty people I want to make a visit to Dusty's memorial in Henley.. I know it sounds like a long way off but, time seems to have a way of flying by real quick!,,.

You never know we may meet one day. Here's hoping... 🙌

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169362)

by RenegadesEPC » Wed Apr 01, 2015 1:04 pm

Wow, Gina - I'm sorry about your cousin, and even though you never got to meet her, it seems that she must have entrusted you. It's a shame she was lost so soon and so young, but she put a lot of trust in you for a reason! Probably because you are kind and trustworthy! But it's interesting, how these things just sort of happen and we don't know exactly what to think of them. Obviously, your cousin had a lot of faith in you. Because you are really open and accepting. She was a very beautiful young woman.

And I'm sorry about your little friend Robert, Fiona. I know you were young when the accident occurred, but I can understand being very heartbroken and upset. I would be too, but I'm sure he'd be enthusiastic that you passed on his namesake! It's a very nice name - in fact, one of my best friends is named Robbie. He's Robert Gerald the third, but he told me he doesn't plan on passing on his name because he doesn't like it much. We have a "family name" too - my Nana is Dawn, which is also my mother's name, and my sister's middle name, and my cousin's middle name. I told my sister it's her job to pass on the name! 😊 It does make a nice middle name, which reminds me that I'm constantly getting fun of my initials because it's "CPR". 🙄 Robbie says "Are you CPR, because I have cardiac arrest?" His idea of a smooth pickup line...

And my friends are always telling me things like that too, Linda - "why don't you talk to

these people in real life?". My answer is, says "I would if I could!" 🙄 Implan on visiting Dusty's memorial in Henley too, and I would love to visit the UK anyway as I've

never been out of the U.S. I want to go "Far Away Places"! 🤔 But I do want to visit and meet you all one day! You are all so lovely and kind! ❤️



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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169363)

by [darren2722](#) » Wed Apr 01, 2015 1:46 pm

Oh Fiona, What a tragedy, and to happen at such a young age (for both of you) 🌹 Maybe you and your school friend Robert would have spent the rest of your lives together ? Who Knows? 🙄 At that very moment you named your son Robert, I guess what was in your heart overpowered what was in your brain. ❤️

Rob's still got time to be gently persuaded to the delights of Dusty, and maybe the arrival

of Faithful will tip the balance. 🙄  

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169388)

by [DustysGirl](#) » Wed Apr 01, 2015 9:59 pm

Wow, Fiona, 11 years old? How sad, that poor sweet boy! I'm so sorry! 😞 I agree with your Rob, why are we talking to each other on here? Let's just bite the bullet and have our tea party 🤔 No matter where we meet, it would be fun! It would be cool if we could all pay our respects to Dusty by visiting her, talking each others ears off and I'll cook things that will send you all home with 50 extra pounds to remember it by 😊

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169397)

by [RenegadesEPC](#) » Thu Apr 02, 2015 2:20 am

Well, I've been working on my teleportation device and it should be up and running soon, Gina! 🙄

And let's have that tea party! It's such a nice idea. I feel like we'd all have so much to talk about, too! And so much to eat, too! 🙄

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169400)

by [Lucy](#) » Thu Apr 02, 2015 4:56 am

I'd better go on a big diet before we meet if we are gona have a big 'Food Fest'.... 😊 Especially with those deserts of yours Gina 🙄

We can dream can't we???

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169404)

by [DustysGirl](#) » Thu Apr 02, 2015 6:41 am

I need to go on a diet first, too, for sure! It's not something I normally make but Dusty liked chocolate cake so I could make one and we can all throw it at a window in her honor! Wherever we're staying, they're not going to be very happy with us but you only live once! 🍷

So everyone get the teleportation devices ready! Hey, you never know what the future might hold - our tea party may happen for real someday! And you're right, Claudia, we'd have tons to talk and laugh about! My better half doesn't like to fly so I'd be by myself and needing the talking and laughter to prevent me from eating my feelings 😊 It would be a ton of fun, for sure! 🍷

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169414)

by Lucy » Thu Apr 02, 2015 9:45 am

We'd have to have a taste of that choc cake first Gina just to make sure that it was fit to throw!!!!

That's a shame Gina that your better half dosent like to fly. If only we could really teleport ourselves. Wouldn't that be someting????

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169421)

by FionaJ » Thu Apr 02, 2015 10:52 am

Aww I'm quite sure that we will all get to meet one day...Like Gina's Amanda, I'm not too keen on flying. I can just about manage 2-3 hours, but anything longer than that I try to avoid completely.

Linda - Yes my mum's sister has lived in Perth since the '70s. She married a chap from NZ and they settled in Perth. Both her sons live in NSW. She has invited me there, but the flight time is a HUGE problem for me. 😞

'Goin' back' to my Rob....he has no such problem with flying. He lived in Japan for 2 years, and happily flew back and to via various routes, some journeys lasting over 30 hours! He was completely unfazed by it - lucky boy! 😊

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169427)

by Lucy » Thu Apr 02, 2015 12:10 pm

As you say Fiona it's a long flight to OZ. Can't say that I'm too fussed on sitting in a plane for that long but, it's the only way to go. I think the best time is about 22hours. So I guess it's teleporters all round then!!!!

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169433)

by RenegadesEPC » Thu Apr 02, 2015 2:26 pm

Gina!!! 🍷🍷 Great idea about the cake! You whip it up, and I will supply slingshots for all of us to fling it at the window. But really, we'd have so much to talk about... But I'd probably have to stop eating for a full month before I arrive so I have room to gain it back and eat whatever I wish 🍷

Can't say I'm too bothered by airplanes and flying. We have a biplane from WWII, a yellow tiger moth, and it's open cockpit. I've flown in it plenty of times, and let me tell you, there is nothing like flying an an open cockpit biplane. I feel like Amelia Earhart every time 😊

But jet planes, they're just boring. Especially because I just feel as though I'm sitting there the entire time not moving an inch. But I can usually get through the boredom with music 🙄

Here's a picture of what the tiger moth looks like - this one's not mine, but it could be its twin! Any of my pictures of it are on my laptop!

Teleportation machine - activate!! 🙄

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169436)

by **darren2722** » Thu Apr 02, 2015 3:36 pm

Wow! Love it Claudia. 🙄 if only we could combine your Biplane *with* a teleporter, that would be something else, to get everyone to The Dusty tea party. 🙄

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169439)

by **FionaJ** » Thu Apr 02, 2015 4:06 pm

**darren2722 wrote:**

Rob's still got time to be gently persuaded to the delights of Dusty, and maybe

the arrival of Faithful will tip the balance. 🙄



Darren, I showed that to Rob and he laughed! To be honest I think my lads like me to be happy, 'cos that benefits them 🙄 Listening to Dusty makes me happy so they accept it 🙄 As I said on here previously, I have heard the younger one singing 'SOAPM' when he didn't know I could hear! You are absolutely right though, 'gentle persuasion' is the best way forward... 🙄

Love your plane Claudia 🙄 What's the story behind that? 🙄



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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169440)

by **RenegadesEPC** » Thu Apr 02, 2015 4:14 pm

Darren, I will hang a rope ladder from the tiger moth and you all can jump on as I fly by 😊

Thanks, Fiona! My family has been airplane enthusiasts for years and years, and it was my grandfather's dream to have a biplane from WWII, since his own father flew a similar one in the Canadian Air Force. I believe my grandfather and dad closed on it just before I was born, or just after, I can't remember! I think there's a picture of my dad holding me in the cockpit, somewhere around my cluttered room!

Zooming through the clouds on a summer day through the blue sky, it feels like everything is weightless. Strange experience! 🤖

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169442)

by FionaJ » Thu Apr 02, 2015 5:43 pm

That's a great story Claudia! Very impressive having your own plane.... 😊

Now I'm wondering where it's kept? I can't even fit a car in my garage, never mind a plane! 😊

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169444)

by RenegadesEPC » Thu Apr 02, 2015 5:50 pm

😊 It's a neat old contraption!

We own a hanger that we keep it in, amongst many other hangers. It's a nice place to have a barbecue 😊

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169450)

by Michael Muccino » Thu Apr 02, 2015 6:59 pm

**Claudia - Cool plane! My Dad trained to be a fighter pilot at the outbreak of WWII. He entered the Army Air Force and was sent to Texas where he taught pilots to "fly blind" - Using instruments to fly during storm conditions. People have asked me if I intended to follow in his footsteps and become a fighter pilot. He tell them that I get nervous when the barber pumps up that wooden horse. 🤖**

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169451)

by RenegadesEPC » Thu Apr 02, 2015 8:36 pm

Thank you, Michael! I am proud of her! 🤖 It's always an interesting topic that comes up when having conversations with new people. It's under maintenance currently, and I hope

she will be up and running during the summer!

My great grandfather joined the army because he crashed his father's car and didn't want to face him! So, he left a note and journeyed to Canada to join the Royal Air Force. His plane didn't survive the war, though, and if it did, then it was scrapped because it no longer exists, but he had a large panda bear with pistols for nose art painted on the side 😊 The panda was named "George" after his father, because he still felt awful about ruining his car!

I have the panda bear George painted on my wall as well. It makes a nice wall decoration! 😊

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169457)

by [DustysGirl](#) » Fri Apr 03, 2015 12:56 am

CLAUDIA!!! We've been discussing teleportation when you have an actual plane?!?!? For one thing - that is the coolest thing ever and I give you major props for being brave enough to fly it! Sometimes I'm afraid of walking down stairs, so that would be a total disaster! And two - it may not fit a lot of us but hell if we won't try! We can all jump in! And all feel like Amelia Earhart with a much happier ending! 😊 And I love the Italian flag on the butt end of the plane (I don't know what plane parts are called so "butt" seemed like the only thing that fit) in the pic!

So chocolate cake throwing (after tasting for quality assurance) and gabbing it is! Linda, I wish you didn't live in the future on the opposite side of the planet (I always tease my friend who lives in Oz that he lives in the future so he can warn me if anything bad is going to happen 😊)! And I wish Amanda didn't mind flying but in order to get her even on a short plane ride she needs to be on so much Dramamine that she'd be comatose. And she's almost a foot taller than me so I can't carry her around 😊 I'll see what I can do, though!

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p169462)

by [RenegadesEPC](#) » Fri Apr 03, 2015 1:55 am

Ha, Gina!! I didn't think about it until we started talking about flying! Like I said, that is not a photo of my own, but they could be fraternal twins 🙄 Don't remember if I mentioned, but it was recently in a crash (I wasn't flying at the time!) and is under maintenance. It's no longer going to be yellow, probably the color it was originally in the 40's.

I'm glad you think it's neat, Gina! But it's funny, because I'm afraid of walking down stairs too fast, especially when I'm carrying things. I'm afraid I will miss a step and, down I go! How about I swing by and pick everyone up for the tea party, and you can ride on the wings! 😊 There's also room for one more to strap into the cockpit in the front, as it's technically a two person plane, so whoever I pick up first gets dibs! And for reference, the butt of the plane is called the fuselage, but the "butt" is so much more fun!

And I think it's only fit that we taste the cake for quality before tossing it around 😊

Ha, Amanda sounds like such a fun person to fly with! 🙄 Although sleeping brought it

wouldn't be that bad. You close your eyes and when you open them again, you're somewhere else!

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### [Re: Something strange just happened..... \(#p169466\)](#)

by [DustysGirl](#) » Fri Apr 03, 2015 2:39 am

I hope no one got hurt in the crash, Claudia! 🙄 The yellow is fun but I'm sure it'll look just as cool with the original color! I think I might be closest to you so I'm hoping that means I won't be on a wing! Then I'D need to be comatose!! And I'll try to remember "fuselage" but I'm pretty sure I'll always end up calling it the butt 😂  
And it's a ton of fun flying with an unconscious person! That's why all our trips are road trips 😊

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### [Re: Something strange just happened..... \(#p169498\)](#)

by [RenegadesEPC](#) » Fri Apr 03, 2015 2:04 pm

Don't worry Gina, no one was hurt! It wasn't really a crash landing, just a brush-up really. Now it's just in for repair 😊 Well, looks like you'll be riding in the front cockpit, so you get the best view! The pilot sits in the back cockpit, so that means the front's all yours! Hey, I still call it the butt too, it's more fun, and who needs technicalities? 🙄

Road trips are better, anyway! You get to see more interesting things, I think 🙄

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### [Re: Something strange just happened..... \(#p169510\)](#)

by [DustysGirl](#) » Fri Apr 03, 2015 4:52 pm

Yay! If I'm in the front I can pretend that I'm flying the plane even though I'm just sitting there doing nothing! Glad no one was hurt, except for the plane - that's a shame but maybe it'll end up being even better after the repairs! And butt can be a fun word that you can apply to almost any inanimate object, but I also have the tendency to be quite immature at times so.... 😊

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### [Re: Something strange just happened..... \(#p169521\)](#)

by [RenegadesEPC](#) » Fri Apr 03, 2015 9:31 pm

That's what I used to do when I was little! Pretend I was flying the plane sitting in the front, and I like riding better anyway because there is a better view and you can directly see the propeller turning. It seems kind of timeless in the sky, a feeling I'll always love. And yes, I have optimistic feelings about the plane! It was up for a new upgrade, anyway! It hasn't ben recovered since the 50's, I think! You're right, now that I think off it - butt can apply to anything! I'm told I'm very mature for my age, but every time someone says such a thing, I laugh a little inside because I am completely immature! 🙄

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### [Re: Something strange just happened..... \(#p169526\)](#)

by [Lucy](#) » Sat Apr 04, 2015 4:54 am



Ah! Claudia. You have a plane? How fantastic to have one like that . I've often thought that I'd like to learn to fly myself but, I don't know if I'd have the courage to learn... 🤔  
I've flown in a glider before and the experience was 'awesome' and of course with there being no engine, you put a lot of faith in the 'Thermals' and a trusty pilot sitting in the front.....

Now. Gina says that I live in 'the future' so does that mean that you pick me up in your plane first??? 😊 😊 or last 🗨️ 🗨️ . Just wondered!!!! Either way would really be fine with me... 😊

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p170307)

by **Cecelia** » Thu Apr 16, 2015 11:21 pm

Today, while on the way to the Shenandoah Valley National Park, something strange happened. We were singing Happy Birthday to Dusty and making a video of it. While looking on the screen of the iPhone this is what I saw. We tried to figure out where it came from but there was no explanation. There was no such light in the car. It only appeared in the video. Perhaps it was a visit from Dusty?

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p170309)

by **FionaJ** » Thu Apr 16, 2015 11:42 pm

That is amazing Cecelia!! I have no doubt that it was a sign, an acknowledgement of the fact that you are both making that special trip on Dusty's special day, and a sign of appreciation that you were singing to her ❤️ 🎵 ❤️

What a wonderful experience for you both 🤔

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p170311)

by **RenegadesEPC** » Fri Apr 17, 2015 2:57 am

We'll, I allow people to have their doubts, but I think Dusty acknowledges us in the best of times, Cecelia. Especially since you made a special trip on her birthday 😊 How magnificent it is to be alive, and to enjoy Dusty, her blonde hair, green panda eyes, flaws and all. I have a feeling she wouldn't ever forget that we all adore her. Just lovely, Cecelia. ❤️

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p170312)

by **Lucy** » Fri Apr 17, 2015 3:16 am



That's wonderful Cecilia!! What a sign from Dusty that she knows we care still for her!! ❤️

How was your visit to the National Park??

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## Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p170320)


by [dusty nut](#) » Fri Apr 17, 2015 6:19 am

Glad you managed the trip Cecelia and that you had a sign from our girl  


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## Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p170353)

by [darren2722](#) » Fri Apr 17, 2015 5:21 pm

That's amazing Cecelia, Our Angel threw some light on your trip.  Hope that Fog Rolls



Away. 

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## Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p170486)

by [jennifer49](#) » Sun Apr 19, 2015 8:39 pm

WHAT'S IT GONNA BE/SPOOKY

Saturday 18th April Record Store Day dawned. I thought of the saying 'the early bird catches the worm' so I set off early. As I was walking down the footpath to where I live, lying in the grass and gently flapping in the breeze was a £5 note. I looked around me and not a soul about so I picked it up and at the same time silently thanked the heavens.

I reached the record store and asked for Dustys' record and was told 'sorry haven't got any'.

This is what happens when you take things for granted, because it just did not occur to me that this would happen and I hadn't sorted an alternative store.

I asked the assistant if he knew of one and he told me the name and the area, my disappointment was so great though my brain didn't register the information and by the time I got outside I hadn't got a clue of the name of the store, and not being familiar with the area either just got on the no.1 which I had an idea was close but not sure. After about fifteen minutes and not really recognising where I was I asked the driver and told him of where I needed to be and he said oh you are on the wrong bus you need the number 5. He said get off here, walk back to the lights and turn left. On my way I asked someone who was standing at the lights and told him where i needed to be and he said no you don't need the bus now can get there with a bit of walking.

He was right, I eventually reached the store after a bit of a walk, I knew where it was though before i could even see it because of the music coming from there.

I asked for Dustys' record and breathed a sigh of relief when she reached into a box and pulled one out.

While I was paying I glanced to my right and noticed a lad of about 16/17 clutching Dustys' record in his hands, I said snap, he smiled but didn't speak, I didn't care, he knew who she was.

As I was handed my carrier bag I was momentarily transported back to another time when I would race to the record shop, paper round money in hand and buy a piece of Dusty vinyl that had been released that week.

Happy days.

I think I floated out of the shop and as I left I looked back and looked up at the name of the shop Fives.

What was the significance of this series of 5's that I encountered along the way.

I think I will take on board my own advice I gave to Fiona at the start of this lovely

thread, savour the moment,  
don't question it and just go with it.  
As for the record, its still in shrink, can't bring myself to open it I just keep looking at it.

Jennifer

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p170490)

by [FionaJ](#) » Sun Apr 19, 2015 9:21 pm

What a really lovely story Jennifer 😊 Congratulations on getting your Dusty record - I'm

Please

going to make my attempt tomorrow 🙏

Yes, your advice to 'savour the moment' was excellent, and I'm glad that you're able to do the same!

That may not be the end of your '5' experience....I wouldn't be surprised if something else occurs involving that particular number. Please keep us posted...

Enjoy the record - if/when you open it! 😊

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### Re: Something strange just happened..... (#p170498)

by [RenegadesEPC](#) » Mon Apr 20, 2015 1:20 am

Glad you were finally able to obtain your Dusty record, Jennifer! 🙏 As for the fives, I'm glad you're taking your own advice to heart. Seems like Dusty REALLY wanted to make your take a hike to finally get your record! Probably her idea of a joke 😊 Like Fiona, I don't think this will be the end of your experience with fives. Whatever it means, I don't believe it must just be a coincidence!

I had a strange experience with Dusty records just the other day while I was in Ohio. I went to a huge trade show with kiosks of random things, and there were multiple record shops within the bustle. For some reason, they were playing show tunes over the loud speakers the entire time I was there.

I searched tirelessly for Dusty records, sifting through shops full of vinyl, and came to a box of 45s, and found a disc with All I See Is You and I'm Gonna Leave You on the B side. Through the loudness of the crowd, I made out Where Am I Going? over the loud speaker. I thought it was awfully strange, sort of like your experience with fives, Jennifer! I got this weird feeling, though, as I went to purchase the record. The man running the shop seemed a little perplexed when he asked me who I was buying a Dusty Springfield record for and I told him it was for myself!

I hope you enjoy your record, if you end up opening it! 😊 I have Dusty Springfield's Golden Hits and I spend a lot of time staring at the cover too 😊

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