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Today, E F Benson is probably best known for his light-hearted satires of upper- and middle-class society, especially the *Mapp and Lucia* stories. But in his lifetime, it was his "spook stories", as he called them, that were the chief source of his fame.

Hugely varied in style and tone, Benson's supernatural tales take in everything from fraudulent mediums to hideous manifestations of pure evil, and revenge from beyond the grave is a frequent theme. Out of print for many years, these stories are now available once again, so come and sample the dark side of E F Benson in the house where many of these tales were probably written.

Richard Crowest is a writer, photographer and broadcaster based in Kent. He works extensively for the National Trust, and can be heard as the voice of Kipling at Bateman's. His readings of E F Benson's ghost stories and Saki's *Chronicles of Clovis* are available online, and have won praise from around the world.

Tickets £12 (£10 under 16, over 65), including light supper, on sale at Grammar School Records, High Street, Rye (01797 222752) or on the door, but availability limited – advance booking recommended.

Supper and cash bar for wine, etc, during interval.

Doors open 7pm; performance ends about 9.15pm.

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