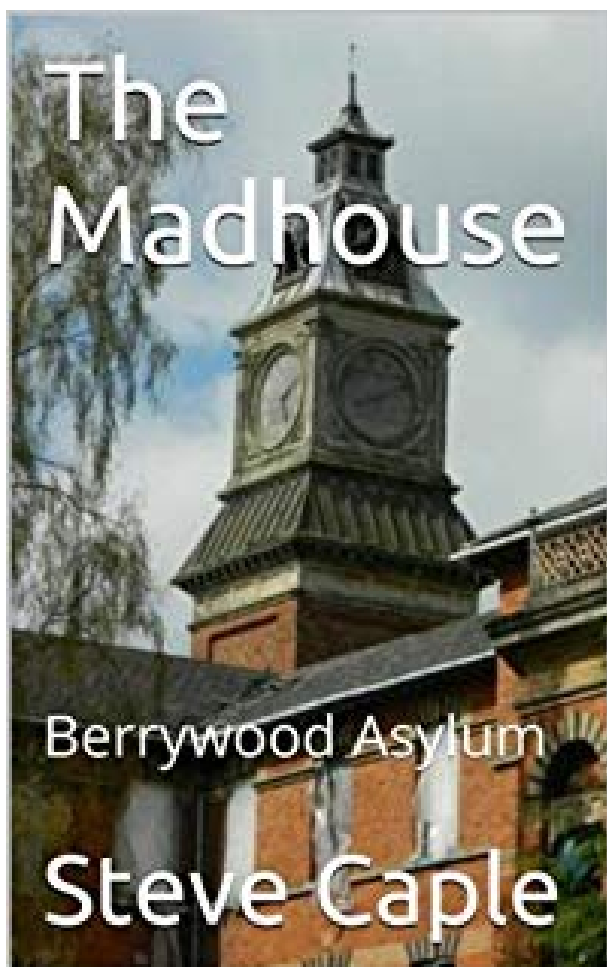


The Madhouse: Berrywood Asylum



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St Crispins Hospital, formally Berrywood Asylum, has stood in the village of Duston, Northamptonshire, since 1876. Built of red and blue bricks, with a slate roof, it was typical of the Victorian Institutions at that time. I was fortunate to have trained there as a psychiatric nurse in the early 1970's and this short book contains details of what it was like to work in a "Madhouse". Tales of ghosts abounded and the patients could be pretty volatile at times. Read all about what it was REALLY like to work within the foreboding walled asylum, from someone who actually worked there. The hospital closed in 1995 and the derelict buildings are part way to being regenerated as luxury apartments. They say that the fabric of buildings can retain the memory of past inhabitants. I certainly hope that when they are asleep in their beds at night they don't get a spectral visit from a former inmate...!