

Return to The Albion, Liskeard, Cornwall

The Albion is located in Liskeard town centre and is a popular pub with both locals and tourists. The SI team were asked to come back in following more strange happenings (of which we were not briefed on) to see if the phenomenon would repeat itself. The group split into two teams and began in the flat above the pub itself, it was found that the bathroom was very quiet, a total contrast to last year. There was one particular occurrence from the first investigation we were looking to happen again, a strong rush of air had been felt by the team, coming out from the airing cupboard. Sadly this did not occur this time, however we could not rationalise an explanation for what might have caused this on the initial visit.

The most interesting point to note from our time upstairs was a recording on a voice activated dictaphone locked off in the bathroom. A series of bangs and high pitched noises, including one which resembles a human voice was captured. Our voices are heard on setting up the dictaphone and then on collecting it at the end of the session, confirming that it is placed in the bathroom. After consideration the noises could be explained by the Grey Parrott in the Lounge. But what we cannot explain is how these sounds were captured at a significantly louder volume than when in the Lounge itself. Furthermore one group was actually in the Lounge at the same time, and commented on how quiet the bird had been whilst they were in there. There were no unusual sounds recorded during the other sessions, including the five other times the dictaphone was set up in the Bathroom. This highlights the weakness of audio only recording, as had a video camera been running at the same time, an explanation may have been offered.

After we moved downstairs, there was an unusual draining of a camcorder battery in the Toilet area, which went from full to flat in less than a minute. This has never happened before with this piece of kit, however it could still be a fault with the equipment. The other point to note was a loud bang heard from upstairs, on inspection nobody was found (we were at the bottom of the only stairs when the sound occurred) nor could a cause for this bang be identified. The dictaphone running in the Bathroom failed to pick up anything, strange as three of us heard this from downstairs.

The Cellar was again the scene of unusual occurrences, although the first couple of sessions passed without incidence. Later on noises were heard from outside, although the timing of many of these sounds appeared to be in response to questions, this was not always the case. Two of us both spent time outside looking for causes of the banging noises, none were heard whilst outside nor could any suggestion for a cause be found. That said, dragging or shuffling noises were also heard, but these were identified as due to the wind lifting a section of plastic roofing just outside; so given the wind on the night a mundane explanation for these bangs cannot be ruled out. However the audio recordings from in here argue the case for a paranormal cause, particularly as when sitting or stranding quietly no noises are recorded. A strong male presence was

identified in here and at one point one of the team reported smelling sulphur – a smell commonly associated to a negative/dark presence being close by.

An unusual investigation in which largely audible phenomenon was experienced, both with the naked ear (heard by all the team) and on dictaphone. After now reading the original report it is interesting to note that no bangs or unusual noises were reported by any of the team. It is hoped that on reading the witness statements following submission of the report to the owners, that some of what we picked up on the night is relevant to what has been experienced in the past. Once again more questions than answers were raised on this investigation, and several of the team feel The Albion is home to many spirits/presences, whether they are grounded or just passing through they have indeed made themselves known to the living over many years and will continue to do so.