

Black Swan Hotel

Market Place, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 1JQ

29th September 2007

11.30pm – 2am

The Black Swan is a former coaching inn located in Devizes Market Place, dating back to 1737.

As with all investigations none of the Mediums or investigators will have gained any prior information about the location they are visiting.

Our investigation took place on the 29th September 2007 at 11.30pm. We had three Mediums working with us; Kerry Boosey, Ann Walker and Karen Ford, along with Paranormal Investigators Jeff Boosey, Gary Walker, Claire Moss and Barry. The job of the Investigators is to record and measure anything unusual using a variety of instruments. On this particular investigation we used digital photo cameras, digital video recorders with infra-red, digital thermometers, digital voice recorders, electro magnetic field detectors and a number of items to be used as 'trigger' objects.

Our investigation focused on 5 areas of the hotel; the bedrooms, conference room, bar, cellar and the outside of the hotel. Once briefed, Gary and Jeff went to set up 'trigger' objects in the conference room. This included a cross which was drawn round to measure any movement and a cup was placed upside-down in a tray of flour. They also set up a voice recorder and a video recorder and locked off the room so nobody could access it. The two of them then rejoined the group as they started their initial tour of the property.

We use an initial walk-around to get a feel for the property and to pick up any energies. During this particular walk-around Karen was subjected to some heavy breathing and felt movement whilst alone in one of the ensuite bathrooms and Claire was certain she had seen an arm move in front of her in the same ensuite. After this we decided to break into smaller groups so as to spend more time in each area trying to find any signs of paranormal activity.

The cellar transpired to be our most active area, with both Mediums and investigators picking up signs of paranormal phenomena. Gary was the first to spend time in the cellar and movement can be heard on his video camera despite him being alone, Jeff and Barry also recorded what appear to be faces in the brickwork around the cellar walls. When our Mediums visited the cellar they decided to try to contact the other side by using a glass and asking any Spirit to move the glass for them. This proved to be very successful and by asking Spirit yes/no questions to verify anything they were picking up they found that the cellar had once been connected to tunnels which had been used by soldiers and also by poor families as living area. More recently they felt that black magic had also been used in the cellar area. All of which was confirmed later.

With the exception of the earlier mentioned ensuite bathroom, the only other area to show signs of paranormal activity was the Conference room. In this room the Mediums held a séance and picked up images of fire and prostitution, as well as a young girl, aged 4, playing in the room who they felt would have been seen by people looking up at the window from the outside, again all confirmed later. Also in this room, although unfortunately not recorded, a door which had been closed when entering the room was then opened and closed again. This was witnessed by Jeff and the proprietor of the hotel. Upon investigation there was found to be nobody else around that could have done this.

To close the investigation we decided to attempt some table tipping in the cellar. This worked extremely well by first using a stool, then, as the Mediums felt a strong presence was involved, a large bar table, all of which was captured on video camera and was also witnessed by the hotel proprietor.

The Black Swan Hotel showed strong signs of paranormal activity and is somewhere the Heavenly-Spirited team would certainly visit again.