

Kings Arms Inn

Leg Square, Garston Street, Shepton Mallet BA4 5LN

16th February 2008

11pm – 2am

The Kings Arms, aka "The Dusthole", is a 15th Century coaching inn tucked away in the historic market town of Shepton Mallet in Somerset.

Our investigation was carried out in February 2008. Four Mediums attended this investigation; Kerry Boosey, Ann Walker, Karen Ford and Angela Smith with two Investigators Jeff Boosey and Gary Walker. We also had three of our friends along; Donna Boosey, Graham Canning and Peter Griggs. Our investigators carried infra-red digital video cameras, digital photo cameras, digital thermometers, EMF readers and digital voice recorders, trigger objects were used in a locked room.

We had three guestrooms and the bar area in which to focus our attention, as the guestrooms were in close proximity a quick walk round was carried out to get a feel for the inn and to set up some of our equipment. During the initial walk round Ann was having trouble breathing which she attributed to a feeling of fire on the staircase. This was a sensation to be picked up by other members of the group later on in the investigation.

Due to the size of the group we decided it would be better to split into two separate groups. The first group contained Ann, Karen, Jeff, Graham and Peter. The second group was Kerry, Angela, Gary and Donna.

The first group began their investigation in Room 6. Both Mediums immediately sensed a Spirit by the name of Jack. He was showing to be a very dominant figure who seemed to insist on making his presence felt. He made both Mediums feel uneasy and despite a number of other Spirits being sensed he continued to stay around the room. Other Spirit picked up in the room were brief visits, and were felt to be residual rather than visiting. There were two ladies, one in a very poor way and lay dying in bed, the other also quite tragic after losing her baby and sat rocking gently on the edge of the bed. A young politician named Charlie was also picked up as having been stabbed/murdered in the room dating back to the early 1900's. One Spirit that was very prominent was a young girl, aged 6-8 years old and named Louise. She would come into the room down from the attic, the stairs, we believe, have been blocked off. She played in the attic and came down merely to see what was going on, her presence was felt not only by the Mediums but also by the rest of the group as a soft cold breeze could be felt whilst the group stood in circle. This young girl disappeared very quickly when Jack started to make his presence more strongly felt when the room temperature dropped from 18.7 centigrade to 13.5 centigrade in just a few minutes.

While this was happening in Room 6 the other group were in Room 4, this group were also experiencing children. There was a child sitting in one of the chairs in the room along with the sound of children either singing or crying, it was difficult to tell as this was very faint, and the feeling of cold air moving around the room was noticed. Kerry also picked up on a large male suffering from chest problems and having trouble catching his breath.

After spending an hour or so in the rooms the groups moved round. The first group moved to Room 5 and the second group to Room 6. The group now in Room 6 were stood quietly when they heard a sound coming from the bathroom. The bathroom is where we believe the blocked off stairs would have led to and whilst holding a séance in this room the group felt the presence of somebody looking for 'the children' and the names Beatrice and Betty were felt. As with the other group a young man was picked up in the room having been stabbed in the chest and dying from his injury. The séance was ended when the sound of somebody coughing was heard coming from the hallway, when this was looked into there was nobody around.

In Room 5 three members of the group started to complain of feeling nauseas, light headed and having stomach pains all coming on very suddenly. One of the Mediums felt a surge of fear as the presence of Jack was felt again, this coincided with another drop in room temperature from 17.1 centigrade to 16.0. The group felt quite uneasy in the room and were preparing to leave when foot steps were heard outside the door. When they looked there was nobody in the hall, we later found out that this had happened at a similar time to the group in Room 6 hearing the coughing. Both groups insist they had looked out of the rooms but none had ventured into the hallway so do not believe they had each heard the other group.

After meeting up, the groups decided to visit the bar area. After a while sat talking with the owner of the inn the team split up, whilst some members visited the kitchen, the rest stayed in the bar area. Silent vigils were carried out but, with the exception of a Victorian style bar maid showing her presence, they were very quiet vigils.

Before closing down for the night the team decided to attempt some table tipping. This is a popular way of trying to interact with Spirit and is something which the Heavenly-Spirited team have always had a lot of success with. Something that made it more interesting during this investigation though was the owners dog. She had been quite happy sitting and being stroked by the team during their visit but as soon as the table tipping began she started to bark and run round seeming quite unhappy. The owner of the inn had to call her to him before she would calm down.

The Heavenly-Spirited team thoroughly enjoyed their night at The Kings Arms and look forward to returning soon.

(We are currently searching for documentation into the history of The Kings Arms, to confirm the information gained on our investigation, and will report back in due course)