

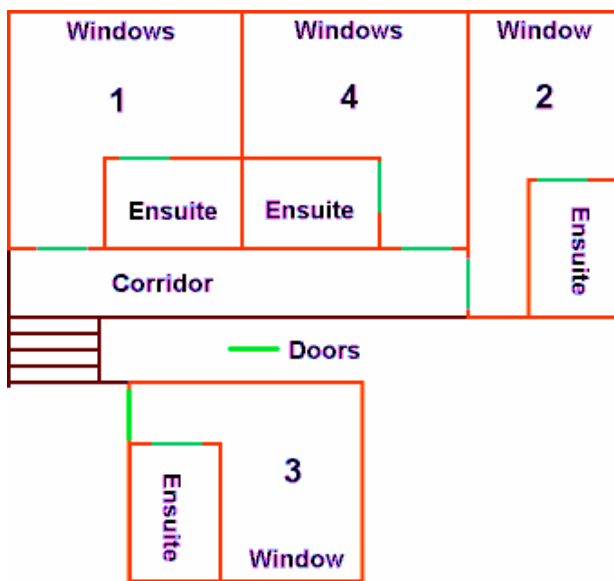
The White Hart Ampthill

Team One Site Report - 24th July 2004

William H. King..... LPS Member
Andy Fazekas LPS Member
Nicky LPS Member
Darren LPS Member
+ 1 male and 1 female member of staff

Room 1 – Edith Bray’s Chamber

Like all rooms in the hotel this one was bare of furnishings but complete with ensuite shower. A general plan of the rooms in the area is shown left (this is not to scale). At first only the four LPS members were present but we were later joined by two members of staff. The staff members remained for about twenty minutes then left. The male member said that we should visit the room at the end of the corridor (the corridor to the left of the room we were in as you leave the room). He also said about the ghost of a child which is believed to be Katherine of Aragon’s daughter (later to become Queen Elizabeth I).



We occupied the room from 1130 until 1225 which is not a recommended time slot as the room was very noisy due to people using the Inn. Initial temperature readings were +22°C in the room and +20.5°C near the window. The room is very bright due to streetlights in Dunstable Street and Woburn Street. No one felt anything strange about the room during the time we were in there. Nothing was heard and a tape recording for 45 minutes had

nothing bar our voices and natural sounds on it except for one incidence with a strange set of sounds the origin of which is unknown. In it you can hear Andy Fazekas talking to the male staff member of the White Hart with the strange sound over the top. The room temperature was very stable even with us in there so by 1215 it was still +22°C.

Nothing showed up on photographs except a few dust orbs. One general note, the inn has room doors which close slowly by themselves until there is just a couple of centimetres to go then they slam shut. This generates a lot of noise which can be heard throughout the Inn. In addition all of the floors creak partially due to the old nature of the building and partially due to the extra boarding attached to the floorboards to try to level them.

Room 2 – Gatehouse Chamber

Apart from a brief period at the start of our 1240 to 0140 there was too much of a disturbance going on in the street outside to have made any time in this room meaningful. Initial temperature was measured at +21.5°C over the whole room. We did leave a trigger object (cross with outline drawn on paper) in the shower which we collected at 5am when we left but it had not moved. To ensure no living person medalled with it we marked the shower cubicle door so that we could see if it had been opened – it hadn’t though the two marks were slightly misaligned.

This room is again a very light one due to the street lights outside. When we first entered the room the window was closed but there was a distinct smell to the room which Andy reckoned was cigarette smoke. After a while and with the aid of an open window this dispersed.

Again the only things on photographs were a few dust orbs and no strange feelings were felt whilst we were in the room.

Room 3

This was the room with the oak beamed wall; we occupied it from about 0145 to 0300. Again this room felt OK and showed a fairly constant 21.5°C the entire time we were in there. One thing which made the investigation difficult was the constant flashes which were seen on the ceiling due to photographs being taken downstairs in the bar area.

During the time we were in the room we tried 10 minutes of silence so that we could record any sounds in the room but without any success. At one point Nicky said that she had seen a shadow pass the door. Darren confirmed that he had seen the same out of the corner of his eye. To try to find out what could have caused this Andy went outside the room and walked back and forth. At no point could he reproduce the effect that Nicky had seen without walking right up against the door though this meant that Andy walked into the wall to the right of the door.

Bright spots of light had been reported by a previous group and while we were in there Bill saw a total of nine light effects which all occurred in the first half of the hour. Nicky Darren and Bill were sitting on the floor with Andy sitting on the window ledge. Bill sat to the right of the window and Nicky and Darren under the wood arch on the opposite wall. The lights that Bill saw included the following:

- A bright patch of red light to the right of Nicky's head, almost like a halo.
- A red blob in the right corner (right of Darren and about 2 metres off the ground with respect to the wall).
- A purple blob, in similar position to the red blob, but to the right and lower.
- A streak of white about 15cm long which appeared to be one metre off the ground and half way to the entrance corridor.
- Six white dots randomly distributed over the far wall.

Room 4

Whilst in Room 3 we decided to place sound recorders in the two rooms we had previously occupied. Nicky placed hers in Room 1 whilst Bill placed his in Room 4 (placed at about 0230). On Bill's recording, which lasted 1.5 hours, there is a strange sound which occurs not long after the other team members had changed rooms. The sound could have come from elsewhere but that does seem unlikely as it is quiet but not distorted as you would expect if the sound came from another room. Some time after 3am you can here people moving around and the usual muffled voices that you get when you hear a sound through a wall or floor. The woman's voice is not muffled; it is quiet as if it has come from some way away but not through the walls.

Cellar

When we entered the cellar we had to wait 15 minutes due to noises coming from above (the bar area). The general temperature in the cellar was 21°C but one side cellar measured only 17.5 to 19°C. A trigger object (again a cross outlined on paper) was left in the refrigerated room at the end of the cellar. Before we left it was found to have moved by about 1.5mm (see the picture). Darren



set up the object and can not be certain that he didn't move it but it seems unlikely. The object appears to have been rotated on the paper with the pencil outline corresponding well with the cross but misaligned. If he had knocked the cross whilst tracing its outline you would have expected part of the outline to be correct and part out of place but this was not the case. The only way for it to have been done by Darren would have been for him to have knocked it when he finished but he would have noticed. It is

suggested that from now on the trigger object is checked by someone else immediately after it has been set up so that you have an independent witness.

For twenty minutes Bill shut himself away in the side cellar with the door closed so that it was pitch black trying to reproduce the bright light effects he had seen in Room 3. With the room fully dark or partially lighted he was unable to see the same light flashes.

Bar Area

Our last investigation was in the bar area though this was more of a brief check of the trigger objects that had been left there. One interesting photograph taken by Andy is given herein. The picture was taken from the top of the stairs leading down to the bar area and shows an orb over the trigger object on the stairs. The original picture is much larger than that shown as only the relevant area is depicted.

