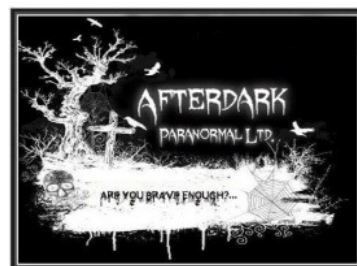


Afterdark Paranormal Ltd

Stonehaven Tolbooth

26th July 2014

Midnight to 6.00am



On arrival we received a warm welcome from Mr Dennis Collie. The weather on the evening was heavy rain but a warm muggy atmosphere. Inside the Tolbooth was also very warm but a pleasant atmosphere.

The investigation began in the area of the building which the shop is within. Everyone stood round the glass display cases and in the darkness we started to call out for spirits to come forward. Banging and knocking was heard and the noise of metal clanging. The area became very cold despite the rest of the building still being warm. We asked that spirit affect some of the group and some members felt cold air being blown on their cheeks and one lady felt she had a child standing beside her holding her hand. On a previous investigation of the Tolbooth we had a young boy called David and his sister. Could this have been the same child?

Further calling out for things to move or for people to be affected gave rise to a baby's crib being moved. Although on further inspection the crib hadn't moved but the noise we had heard was recreated by us gently moving it. We called again for something to happen to the crib and again we heard the same noise. This time, an information sheet appeared on top of the crib. Again we asked for something else to happen and the crib gave a louder creek and when we put the torches on, the bonnet on the doll had been pulled down covering the entire doll's face. Before leaving this area, we noticed that the large doll on the glass display unit had completely turned round and was facing the opposite way. She was replaced back to her original spot but later on in the investigation she had turned around again.

Part of the group went to the other are of the building and began an Ouija board and table tipping session. From this they were in contact with a spirit child called Billy. Could he have been the child holding the ladies hand earlier? Billy told them that there was other spirits in the room but as he was unable to read and right they could only ask him questions with yes/no answers. This made it difficult to ascertain just how many other spirits were in the room. Whilst this was going on the other group moved to the area where the cell is. A motion detector light was placed on the table/cabinet in the cell. To get the light to come on something or someone had to pass over the top of the sensor. Whilst no-one was in the cell, on several occasions the light came on. To prove that the light would only come on with motion over the top we deliberately did this and as a result the light came on. After re-setting the light we left the cell and sat in the area outside the cell. We noticed that the security sensor in the tolbooth came on with a blue light every time someone passed it. However, when we asked for spirit to pass the sensor, the blue light came on. This happened on several occasions. Two of the ladies from this group went and sat on the floor in the area with the shop. The rest of us

asked for things to happen to them and almost immediately they had a stone thrown at them. Both of them were shocked but one of them threw the stone back in the direction it came from and asked for it to be thrown back. Again almost immediately the stone was thrown back. This happened several times. At the same time the rest of the group became aware of a dark shadow moving behind the ladies. It seemed to be hovering about, watching them. Both said they felt they had shivers going down their spines but at this point they didn't know that the rest of the group were watching this dark shadow.

Another group then sat round the table with an Ouija board. We made contact with a spirit that had decided to come and visit one of the group members. Unfortunately as we are a public group we could not allow the contact to go on, but before we broke the link we did allow the person to ask the spirit a couple of questions and she became a bit emotional when she got her answers. At this point we cut the link. The group then tried table tipping and on asking for the table to be moved most of the group felt an icy cold blast on their hands. Although the table was large and heavy, spirits did come forward and did move the table.

Another experiment was done in the shop area with marbles that we carry with our equipment. Marbles were rolled down into the darkness and the group asked for them to be rolled back. After an anxious wait of about 30 seconds they did in fact get rolled back. The group then continued to roll one marble at a time and asked if it was a male spirit could roll the marble back and nothing happened. The group then asked if it was a female spirit, could she roll it back again nothing happened. But on asking if it was a child the marble rolled back. Using the same techniques the group ascertained that it was the spirit of a male child.

To finish the evening off the entire group took part in a human pendulum. From this we appeared to have a spirit of an old inmate from the Tolbooth. Whilst asking questions, one member of our group became unwell, feeling as if he was swaying and feeling very nauseous. He left the group and went outside for some fresh air but was actually very sick. A member of the Afterdark team also became unwell with the same feeling and symptoms as the other person. It was felt that this spirit was a bit malevolent and we decided to cut the link. We then did some more calling out and were pleased to hear more banging and tapping on us asking.

Throughout the night people were experiencing the feelings of being very hot or very cold although the temperature in the room never changed. People felt they were being watched by someone or something behind them. Others felt the presence of a dog. Headaches were experienced by a number of people too.

Another fantastic investigation was had at the Stonehaven Tolbooth Museum. We hope that we can return to investigate again in the future to find out what else is lurking within its walls!!

Once the investigation was over both the gentlemen who had become unwell were perfectly fine and back to normal health.

Afterdark Paranormal Ltd would like to thank Stonehaven Tolbooth Museum for their warm welcome and look forward to possibly returning again next year. Both times we have investigated here, we have not been disappointed. It is a great venue for us to work in, and the Tolbooth staff are so helpful and friendly.

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