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Episode 34:

Halloween: *The Skirrid Inn*

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00:00	<p>Hello there, dear listeners! Welcome to this episode of <i>The Déclic Anglais Podcast</i>. You have found <i>the</i> podcast for French speaking, intermediate learners of English. This podcast is a steppingstone (<i>un tremplin</i>) a steppingstone, for you to build confidence and develop your listening comprehension skills. As with all episodes of this podcast, we have a transcript (<i>une transcription</i>) a transcript available that is freely downloadable. Look for the link in the notes for this episode, or go to our website: www.declicanglais.com/podcast.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
00:45	<p>So, dear listeners, we are in the end of October 2021. Love it or hate it, Halloween is near, just around the corner. Today, I would like to ask you a question: do you believe in ghosts, phantoms? Have you ever seen a ghost? Or has something unexplainable ever happened to you that gave you goosebumps (<i>la chair de poule</i>)?</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
01:24	<p>I personally have never had a strange, supernatural experience. But I am always interested to hear stories of strange phenomena.</p> <p>Near my hometown in Wales, lies an inn (<i>une taverne</i>) an inn, and a very old one at that. It's called <i>The Skirrid Inn</i>, and it is believed to be upwards of 800 years old, making it one of the oldest inns in Great Britain.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

02:03	<p>You can go to <i>The Skirrid Inn</i> and have a drink, eat a good meal, no problem. You can even stay the night in one of its many rooms upstairs. But watch out, many guests at <i>The Skirrid Inn</i> have reported strange happenings in the dead of night... Apparently, the inn is haunted (<i>hanté</i>) haunted.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
02:31	<p>You see, <i>The Skirrid Inn</i> has a long, troubled history. Many centuries ago it also served as a courthouse (<i>un tribunal</i>) a courthouse, a place where people were brought before a judge to answer for crimes. Some of those people were sentenced to death, and they were hung (<i>pendu</i>) they were hung at <i>The Skirrid Inn</i>. Indeed, above the stairs there is a large beam (<i>une grande poutre</i>) a large beam that bears strange marks, apparently made by the noose (<i>le noeud coulant</i>) the noose that hung around 180 people over the course of the centuries.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
03:26	<p>So, what do guests experience exactly when they stay at <i>The Skirrid Inn</i>? Well, for some, they simply spend the night in a lovely, old, inn set in the beautiful Welsh countryside. I can confirm, it's in a beautiful place. But for others, they don't sleep so soundly. Some guests have reported extreme changes in temperature. One moment everything is normal and then suddenly the ambiance of the room changes, the temperature plummets with absolutely no explanation.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

04:05	<p>People hear voices, whispers (<i>des chuchotements</i>) whispers in their room while they are all alone. Strange shapes, silhouettes have been seen wandering the rooms and corridors. Some guests have the feeling that even though they are in an empty room...they are not alone.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
04:31	<p>Objects have been reported to move all on their own. Glasses have spontaneously flown across the room and smashed. And if that is not enough, some unfortunate guests have had the feeling of being strangled (<i>étranglé</i>) strangled. They feel the weight of a rope around their necks, it pulls tighter and tighter. They struggle to breathe like the people sentenced to death many centuries ago.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
05:08	<p>Hmm, what do you think? Would you be tempted to spend the night at <i>The Skirrid Inn</i>? Are these just hallucinations by overactive imaginations? Did the guests drink too much of the local beer before going to their rooms at night? Maybe, maybe not. All I know is, I wouldn't spend the night at <i>The Skirrid Inn</i> even if you paid me!</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

05:43 So, what about you, dear listeners? I would love to hear about any stories you might have. Have you ever experienced something strange, completely unexplainable?

Let me know, send me an email to contact@declicanglais.com, I'd love to hear from you. Perhaps I could even include your stories in a future episode of this podcast!

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06:18 Alright then, on that spooky note, dear listeners, I will leave you and let you consider the mysterious *Skirrid Inn*. Have a nice day, happy Halloween and I look forward to seeing you next time.

Bye for now!

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