



**May & June  
2017**

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# CHURCH NEWSLETTER

PAIGNTON SPIRITUALIST CHURCH & CENTRE

As we approach the summer months in our Church calender there are a few up dates to keep our readers informed. Two new members voted onto our Committee at the March AGM are Gregg Hopkins and Kevin Hodgkinson. For the list of “who does what” in our Church, see page 10. For the “feed-back” on how successful our Easter Seminar was, plus photographs, see pages 5-7.

More Workshops coming up in July with International Medium Darren Brittain details on the church website and the next Newsletter, also information leaflets in our Church.

Again our country is plunged into a political frenzy as we were told of the forthcoming General Election. “Not another one” we all heard! Whatever happens this voting game seems to be a yearly event.

A seagull collecting false teeth, a great photo and news to make us smile! Perhaps you will find that creative and funny picture to include in our next Newsletter. Or a spirit story to inspire us. Let your words of wisdom make us think.

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<http://www.paigntonspiritualistchurch.co.uk>

A WARM WELCOME  
INSIDE OUR LOVELY  
CHURCH



SEAHORSES



MERMAIDS



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**MAY & JUNE**

**May 2017:-**

06 <sup>th</sup> 07 <sup>th</sup> 08 <sup>th</sup>	Angie Wilde CSNU &	
	Joann Allen CSNU	Redditch
13 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>	Darren Turner	Northampton
20 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gail Riding CSNU	Stafford
27 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	David Cole	Windsor
25 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	Kevin Hodgkinson	Paignton
26 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	Minister Shirley Chubb	Plymouth

**June 2017:-**

03 <sup>rd</sup> 04 <sup>th</sup> 05 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret & Hugh Davies	Tamworth
10 <sup>th</sup> (daytime)	Tareth	<b>Healing Day Workshop</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Berry	Bolton
17 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sharron Hall	Northampton
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Denise McNulty & Scott Lorrie	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Hodgkinson	Paignton

**GUILD SPEAKERS**

**Wednesday Afternoons**

<b>May 2017</b>		<b>June 2017</b>	
03rd	Kim King & Sybil Steadman	07th	TBA
10th	Amanda Dawes	14th	Glenda Osborne
17th	TBA	21st	Joan Boydell & Students
24th	Dawn Lodge	28th	Marie Hines
31st	Stephen Haywood		

**All the above is subject to change at very short notice**



## Seahorses & Mermaids

### **Seahorses**

There are about 40 known species of seahorses. Seahorses prefer to swim in pairs with their tails linked together. They swim upright and avoid predators by mimicking the colour of underwater plants. Except for crabs, few marine predators eat the seahorse – it is too bony and indigestible. Seahorses have good vision and can move their eyes independently of each other, like a chameleon.

Seahorse is the name given to 54 species of small marine fishes in the genus Hippocampus.

"Hippocampus" comes from the Ancient Greek word hippos meaning "horse" and kampos meaning "sea monster".

Seahorses are truly unique, and not just because of their unusual equine shape. Unlike most other fish, they are monogamous and mate for life. Rarer still, they are among the only animal species on Earth in which the male bears the unborn young. Created in stories and made into toys.

**Mermaids** are legendary aquatic creatures with the head and upper body of a female human and the tail of a fish. Mermaids appear in the folklore of many cultures worldwide, including the Near East, Europe, Africa and Asia. The first stories appeared in ancient Ayssyria, in which the goddess Atargatis transformed herself into a mermaid out of shame for accidentally killing her human lover. Mermaids are sometimes associated with perilous events such as floods, storms, shipwrecks and drownings. In other folk traditions (or sometimes within the same tradition), they can be benevolent or beneficent, bestowing boons or falling in love with humans. It is a water spirit.

Mermaids have been a popular subject of art and literature in recent centuries, such as in Hans Christian Andersen's well-known fairy tale, *The Little Mermaid* (1836). Used in operas, paintings, books, films, comics and toys.

11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Trip to Bournemouth by Coach  
plus Visit to Bournemouth SNU Church**

**Thursday, ALL DAY EVENT  
Afternoon Tea with Sandwiches**

**Leave Paignton 8am  
Leave Bournemouth 6pm  
COST £30**

**WORKSHOP WITH GAIL RIDING CSNU**

**SATURDAY 20 MAY 2017 10am to 4pm**

**International Trance Medium**

**"Embracing Spirit"**

**Working within trance energies to attain a  
closer connection with our Spirit Guides &  
communicators**

**COST: £20 members : £25 non-members**



## Spiritual Healing

### Every Week

Monday	2-4 pm
Tuesday	4-6 pm
Thursday	2-4 pm

Everyone is welcome to come along and receive Spiritual healing at the Church. Many people find it hugely beneficial and come on a regular basis.

Our healers are dedicated in providing this service, giving their time freely and selflessly to help others.

Spiritual healing involves the channeling of healing energies from the Spirit world through a Spiritual healer to the patient. Healing can bring about harmony to the mind, body, Spirit and emotions of the recipient.

Healing Circle  
Fridays fortnightly  
7.30pm.  
See dates on notices in church.

## Annual Healing Day

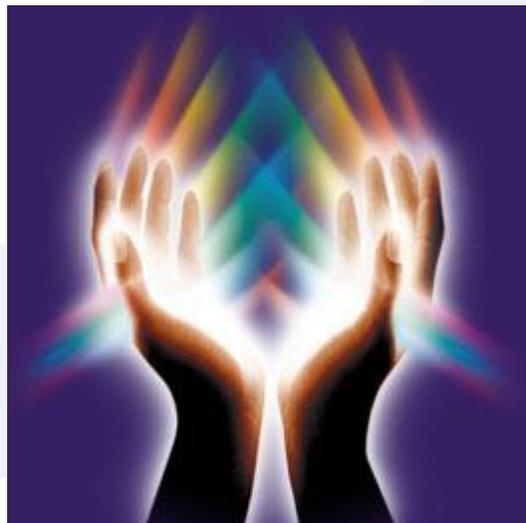
10am to 3.30pm  
With Crystal Stall & Raffle  
Refreshments available all day

### Workshop with Tareth

1.30pm to 3.30pm

Tareth is a Spiritualist Healer from Glastonbury

Donations gratefully received for  
healing and workshop



# FEED BACK FROM OUR EASTER SEMINAR

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## COVERAGE OF THE EASTER SEMINAR AT PAIGNTON SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

By Anne Jenkins one of the Church Healers

What an amazing three day Easter Seminar we had with two very gifted Mediums, Mark Stone from Poole and Sonia Driscoll from Norfolk. First rate Tutors and ambassadors for Spirit. Around 22 students attended the whole weekend.

No matter what your interest and chosen pathway is: be it mediumship, healing, physical phenomena or just a wanting to know your potential. The workshops catered for all.

The first day started with a talk about Trance and the benefits of sitting in the power to blend with the spirit world and feel that power within you building.

After the talk we all sat in silence for around 45 minutes and were encouraged by Mark and Sonia to let ourselves be at one with Spirit and to blend, accept and feel whatever or whoever came to be with and around us.

Each student in turn were asked how or what we felt and then given wonderful feedback from Mark and Sonia as to what they were witnessing was happening with each of us, this was invaluable in helping each of us on our pathway of discovery.

After lunch we split up into pairs where we sat opposite each other and while one went into the power the other observed, we were encouraged to speak if our Spirit guide inspired us to speak. Some amazing philosophy was given in this way, some felt inspired to speak and some to give healing to the other, whatever was needed.

In the evening Mark did a Trance Demonstration where his Spirit Communicator spoke for around one and half hours with some amazing philosophy, the congregation were then encouraged to ask questions which were answered in a clear and comprehensive way.

DAY 2: Mark gave a talk on Trance Healing and psychic surgery including the examples of great healers such as Harry Edwards. Our Healing leader Lyn Churchward then gave a demonstration of Trance Healing which was wonderful to see. We were then paired to give healing to each other.

DAY 3: Today each of us had the experience of sitting in a cabinet. There were five cabinets and while five sat the others watched, it was amazing to see the influence of Spirit with each person. The day was dedicated to creating a closer link to our Spirit Helpers.

Our thanks go to Mark and Sonia for the dedication and encouragement they gave each of us in our enfoldment. Every person connected in some way and enjoyed the whole experience.

As a group we all blended beautifully, the energies in the church were wonderful and very high.

This is the response from Mark and Sonia about the weekend

**MARK:** Thank you to all who attended you really were a treat and pleasure to work with, lots of serious work with spirit mixed with laughter and friendship I hope you all continue on your journeys guided by spirit and inspired to be who you are in every aspect of life.

Big thank you to everyone at the church who worked so hard to make it such a fab weekend for us all, without you all we would not have had such a wonderful event. And thank you to everyone who attended the demonstration of trance, Sunday services and demonstrations, was lovely to see you all.

**SONIA:** Yes I absolutely second all that Mark has said. Thank you all so much for making us so very welcome. The students were absolutely wonderful! Some very exciting potential amongst them all too, which is always an absolute joy to be a part of.

**Thank You** also to Joan, Alan, Anne, Sue, Amanda, Peter, Mary, Debbie and all of the committed volunteers for looking after us, and supplying us with copious amounts of coffee, food and some amazing CAKE! We both really did have a really great and very enjoyable weekend with you all.





**Mark & Sonia**

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### **HEALING GOLDEN LIGHT FOR SELF HEALING**

Put on some soothing meditation music.

Take a deep breath in and as you breathe out feel your body becoming heavier and heavier, feel it sinking down, and try to relax every single muscle in your body, every single cell, and allow yourself to release any tension, any pain, any discomfort feel a sense of luxury under your blanket or any comfortable place as you completely unwind, let yourself go and just be here, right now, in this moment.

Now imagine a ball of golden light in front of you. What does it look like, how many colours does it contain, how does it make you feel?

See your ball of light glowing and feel the warmth emanating from it. Reach out and touch it. How does it feel? Are your fingers tingling and becoming warm from this golden glowing light.

Dip both hands into the light now and draw it towards you. As you do, feel your chest becoming warmer and massaged by the light.

It feels soothing and healing so you now bathe yourself in the golden light, imagine washing every part of your body with this warm healing light. Concentrate on the parts where you have any discomfort.

Allow this light to also cleanse and take away any thoughts that no longer serve you.

Let it sink deep into your body and heal you from the inside out... and now notice how every part of you is tingling, shimmering with the golden healing light.. notice how much lighter and freer you feel, indulge yourself in this feeling of lightness and allow yourself to be healed, healthy and happy.

## PIONEERS PAGE



### **Harry Edwards: The Great Healer**

Harry Edwards was born in London in 1893. One of nine children, his father was a printer and his mother had originally been a dressmaker. As a young man, Harry entered a seven-year printing apprenticeship and also became interested in politics - an interest that was to stay with him for many years.

Following the completion of his apprenticeship in 1914, he enlisted in the Royal Sussex Regiment in order to serve his country during the First World War. He was commissioned in the field, achieving the rank of Captain, and was sent to Persia (now Iran) to take charge of scores of local labourers who were tasked to build a link between two sections of the Baghdad to Mosul Railway.

Injuries and illness led to many of the locals coming to him for medical treatment, despite the fact that Harry had only the barest essentials with which to treat them. Nevertheless, the recovery rate was remarkable and word soon spread of his healing powers.

In 1921, he returned home to England, marrying Phyllis, whom he had met when both families lived in Balham. They opened a stationer's shop and printing works in Balham, and in the meantime his long-held interest in politics led him to stand for parliamentary and council seats on several occasions over the next few years.

Harry came from a Church of England background and had been rather sceptical of spiritualist claims. However, in 1936 he was led to an 'open circle' which caused him to reconsider his views and, ultimately, to become a medium himself. Other mediums with whom he came into contact convinced Harry that he was a healer, and he was encouraged to intercede on behalf of a person dying from tuberculosis, who subsequently made an excellent recovery! His next patient was a person suffering from terminal cancer, but who – following Harry Edwards' help – soon became well enough to return to work. Many similar cases followed and, as media interest increased, Harry's reputation – and that of Spiritual Healing in general – soared. Harry Edwards' healing work now became a major part of his life and threatened his ability to continue running his printing business. He healed on evenings and weekends, queues forming at his house and an increasing number of healing requests and progress reports arriving by mail.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, Harry joined the Home Guard, providing healing to members of the Armed Forces and even his own son. His healing endeavours continued, despite the bombing of his house and the subsequent loss of all of his distant healing patients' records. Following a move to Stoneleigh shortly after the war, he began to use the front room of his house as a healing sanctuary. Hearing of his new location, his distant healing patients' re-established contact, having continued to benefit from distant healing in the meantime. Harry continued to commute to his business in Balham, but by 1946 his healing work was by far the larger part of his life. His brother took on the printing business and Harry, with the support of one of his sisters and her husband, purchased Burrows Lea, a large house in Shere set in several acres of beautiful gardens and woodland. He moved in along with his wife and children, one sister and her husband. Part of the ground floor became offices, and the former billiard room was extended and turned into his Healing Sanctuary.

Harry Edwards' reputation and Spiritual Healing in general continued to grow and, to this day, vast numbers of people from all over the world continue to contact the Sanctuary that he founded, benefiting from the healing help given.

Harry Edwards passed into Spirit in 1976, but the Sanctuary that he founded, and which he established as a registered Charity in 1966, carries on, continuing his legacy and bringing healing to thousands all over the world.

**Above article researched from Harry Edward's web site.**

## WHO DOES WHAT IN OUR CHURCH

Joan Boydell	President/Circles Co-ordinator
Sue Bancroft	Vice President/Membership Secretary/Rotas
Alan Boydell	Vice President/Mediums Booking Secretary
Peter Bancroft	Treasurer/Health & Safety
Tina Bredonchel	Secretary/Welfare/Health & Safety
Joy Biell	Shopping
Sid Shuttleworth	Maintenance/Shopping
Caroline Sorensen	Fundraising/Shop/Coach Trips
Sandra Hastings (co-opted)	Fundraising/Shop/Coach Trips
Kevin Hodgkinson	Open Circle with Jackie Cox
Amanda Dawes	Advertising/PR
Gregg Hopkins	Librarian/All Rotas
Tina Jordan (co-opted)	Special Events

### CIRCLE LEADERS:

Joan Boydell	Development Circle
Peter Egan CSNU	Development Circle
Ron Webster	Meditation Group
Lyn Churchward	Healing Leader
Kevin Hodgkinson	Open Circle
Jackie Cox	Open Circle Assistant

### OTHER WORKERS:

Carole Stapenhill	Guild/Cleaning
Pat Lovis	Cleaning
Mary Cushing	Catering
Anne Jenkins	Assistant Healing Supervisor/Website
Jackie Cox	Newsletter

### ORGANISTS

Val Chapman & Brenda Crispin