



**JULY & AUGUST
2017**

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CHURCH NEWSLETTER

PAIGNTON SPIRITUALIST CHURCH & CENTRE

We are halfway through the year as the summer weather appeared early having already had the longest day. This has been no ordinary year so far, the whole country is in sombre reflection at the great sadness that has crushed our hearts leaving us all asking why? The shock and suffering is relentless. Communities are pulling together and the people in authority are now moving in the right direction. Lets all pray for peace and those affected by these tragedies.

Our church has been busy with a successful Open Healing Day and our Charity day last month; thank you to all the volunteers who worked really hard to raise much needed funds.

A few members of our church returned to Bournemouth Spiritual Church reciprocating their friendship with an enjoyable Service followed by refreshments. Another successful meeting of like minded spiritualist.

The Tiverton & Exmouth Trip was very enjoyable and those that were unable to join in the fun missed a lovely day.

We should all try and support all the trips, events, and fund raising functions as much as we can thereby supporting the organisers in our church who work hard to give our members something different and interesting throughout the year. A big thank you to them.

Keep sending in those articles for our Newsletter helping to make it a worthwhile and interesting read.

Enjoy your summer and be kind to one another.

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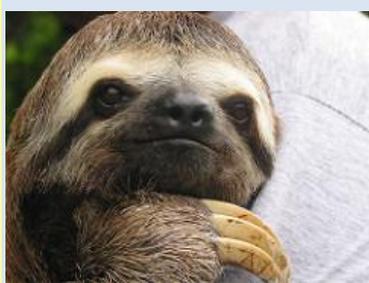
by visiting:
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A WARM WELCOME
INSIDE OUR LOVELY
CHURCH



SLOTHS



Take your time. No, really take your time. It can take a slow-moving **sloth** up to a month to digest one meal! **Sloths** spend most of their time sleeping and eating in the tropical rainforests of South & Central America. They have one baby a year. Swim well and only poo once a week. Eat leaves & insects.

July 2017:-

1 st	Darren Brittain	Northampton
	Special Evening of Demonstration	
2 nd & 3 rd	Peter Bancroft	Paignton
8 th & 10 th	Marie Hines	Paignton
9 th	Ruth Freya & David Wallace	Axminster
15 th 16 th 17 th	Billy Cook CSNU	Paignton
22 nd 23 rd 24 th	Geoff Hayward CSNU	Bournemouth
29 th 30 th 31 st	Sean Gray	Bristol

August 2017:-

05 th 06 th 07 th	Al & Jeff Potts	Bournemouth
12 th 13 th 14 th	Les Henderson	Darlington
	Special Evening of Demonstration	
19 th 20 th 21 st	Debbie Campbell	Redditch
26 th 27 th 28 th	Craig Morris	Cannock

GUILD SPEAKERS

Wednesday Afternoons

JULY 2017		August 2017 CLOSED
05th	Caroline & Gillian	re-opens in September
12th	Val Chapman	
19th	Guild Mini Sittings	
26th	Janet Barton & Kevin Goulding	

All the above is subject to change at very short notice



Nature

HEDGEHOGS



Did you know....Baby hedgehogs are hoglets, males are boars, and females are sows.

These prickly little creatures are loved by millions, created in cartoons, books, knitting patterns and in films.

But are we looking after them in the wild and in our gardens? We can all do more to give them a chance to survive. Many come out of hibernation struggling with the dangers around them. They give so much pleasure by just being so cute and prickly. On TV recently it showed how we can help. A rough patch for insects, where hedgehogs can curl up; leave water, dog food and make a small entrance into your gardens just for them. Report injured to a Hedgehog Sanctuary.

SPECIAL EVENINGS OF DEMONSTRATION

DARREN BRITTAIN
SAT 1.7.17 : £15
(Book before event)

BILLY COOK CSNU
International Medium
SAT 15.7.17 : £5
(Pay on the door)

SHAUN GRAY CSNU
SAT 29.7.17 : £5
(Pay on the door)

LES HENDERSON CSNU

SAT 12 August 2017
£5 (pay at the door)

ALL ABOVE DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

COMMENCE AT 7.30pm TO 9pm

Raffle takes place after events

Thank you to all our Mediums



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.

SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2017

WORKSHOP WITH INTERNATIONAL MEDIUM

DARREN BRITTAIN

*“Advance your mediumship using the
Altered states and Trance”*

COST £30
FOR CHURCH MEMBERS
COST £35
FOR NON MEMBERS

One Day Workshop
From 10am to 4pm



A few facts about the Modern Movement of Spiritualism
Written by an SNU Healer, contributed by Anne Jenkins

Modern Spiritualism is generally considered to date from the events which occurred at Hydesville, New York State USA on March **31st 1848**, when two sisters **Margaretta** and **Catherine Fox** (known as the Fox sisters) established intelligent communication with a spirit entity which had been responsible for noisy rappings in the household. The publicity which this aroused and the many investigations carried out at the time allowed mediumship to come out into the open once more and many home circles sprang up for the purpose of further communication.

Both the phenomena and the teachings attracted the attention of eminent scientists and intellectuals in America and (from 1852) Britain, to which Spiritualism was brought by **Mrs. Hayden**, who was both persecuted and insulted by the press and the pulpit. In spite of this her mediumship was defended by many public figures including **Robert Owen**, Socialist and one of the founders of the Co-operative Movement, who embraced Spiritualism after sittings with her, and many others were attracted to the cause.

In 1853 the first Spiritualist Church was established in the British Isles by David Richmond at Keighley in Yorkshire. By 1870 there were numerous Spiritualist Societies and Churches throughout the country. The British National Association of Spiritualists was founded in London in 1873, later renamed as the London Spiritualist Alliance and now known as the College of Psychic Science. This was followed by the Society for Physical Research in 1882.

Five years later the Two Worlds Spiritualist weekly newspaper was founded by **Emma Hardinge Britten**, through whose mediumship in 1871 **Robert Owen** had communicated the basis of the **Seven Principles of Spiritualism**, which were later to be adopted by the Spiritualist National Union as the basis of its religious philosophy.

Some twenty years later after the introduction of the new movement in Britain it was now becoming apparent that there was a need to unite the many scattered churches and societies into some kind of federation in order to present a common front against persecution, win religious recognition and freedom of worship, and to achieve a greater unanimity of opinion concerning the fundamental basis of Spiritualist beliefs, and give a new impetus and direction to the movement through co-ordination and co-operation. This task fell to Mrs. Britten, a gifted orator and writer, who had launched the Two Worlds in 1887 and was joint composer of the Lyceum Manual, published the same year.

Eventually in July 1890 the Inaugural Conference of the Spiritualist National Federation was held in the Co-Operative Hall, Ardwick, and Manchester. At first the federation was little more than a moveable annual conference at which delegates from Spiritualist societies and Individual Spiritualists could discuss problems of common interest. As a result of these conferences it became clear that the field of co-operation could be widened if the Federation obtained the legal status of a corporation which could hold real property. Accordingly in October 1901 the **Spiritualist Nation Union Limited** was incorporated under the Companies Act as a company not for profit and limited by guarantee, and in July 1902 it succeeded to, and took over the property rights and obligations of the Spiritualists National Federation.

For the purpose of providing a definition of Spiritualism and Spiritualist for incorporation in the Memorandum of Association of the new company the framers of the Union's constitution in 1901 adapted the Principles given through Mrs. Britten's mediumship and so established the Seven Principles of Spiritualism as the basis of the religion and religious Philosophy of the Spiritualist National Union.

Other dates of interest

- **1916**- Parliamentary campaign for the legal recognition of Spiritualism instituted by the Spiritualist National Union under Ernest Oaten (then President of the SNU)
- **1917**- Arthur Conan Doyle proclaims his belief in Spiritualism
- **1923**- Formation of the International Spiritualist Federation
- **1924**- Hannan Swaffen proclaims belief in Spiritualism
- **1931-5** - Publication of Arthur Findlay's Trilogy, On the edge of the Etheric, the Rock Trust and Unfolding Universe
- **1932**- Psychic News founded by Arthur Findley under the editorship of Maurice Barbanell
- **1937**- Spiritualism investigated by a Church of England Committee set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Lang. Its subsequent favourable report was suppressed but leaked to the Psychic News.
- **1940**- Spiritualist National Union granted a certificate to act as a trust corporation
- **1944**- Helen Duncan trial in London.
- **1951** - Passing of the Fraudulent Mediumship Act which repealed the Witchcraft Act 1735 and removed Spiritualist mediums from the Vagrancy Act 1824, thereby enabling Spiritualists openly and legally to practice their religion.
- **1964** - Stansted Hall bequeathed to the Spiritualist National Union by Arthur Findlay to be used as a College for the advancement of Psychic Science and studies
- **1985**- Government policy introduced to allow Doctors to prescribe therapies (to include Spiritual Healing)
- **1991**- GP's allowed to delegate a patient's treatment to a Complementary therapist as long as the Doctor always remains clinically responsible for the patient
- **1994**- National executive Committee of the SNU created a standing committee dedicated to Healing, known as the Spiritualist Healing Committee.

Helen Duncan

During the Second World War HMS Hood sank and many lives were lost. Helen Duncan was a very good Physical medium and received communication from Spirit of the death of one of the crew men. She informed the family of what she had been told. Ultimately, the Government thought Helen was a spy and she was convicted in 1944 at the Old Bailey in London and sentenced to 9 months imprisonment in Holloway Prison. There has been an ongoing attempt to clear her name for she was a genuine medium. This was the catalyst for the changes required in the Law and the Fraudulent Mediums Act came into being in 1951.

HEALING

Recommended Book to read

The Healing Spirit
The story of Dennis Barrett by Jack Angelo

This book tells of the life of a great Healer and medium called Dennis Barrett. Some people considered Dennis Barrett to be one of the most effective spiritual healers in Britain. He had an international clientele, and his inspiration had changed many lives. The book covers his gift for healing, his early life and his experiences as a clairvoyant and exorcist.

Extract from the Introduction

Lives are completely changed by disease and tragedy. Overnight, love and justice can become words without meaning. Yet those who deal with such events on a daily basis have come to terms with them and somehow help the distressed to find purpose in their lives.

This is the story of a healer, a man who has himself known personal tragedy, and who devoted his life to restoring the health of others, whether physical, mental, emotional or spiritual.

Dennis Barrett was born and brought up in Bristol. His life seemed quite ordinary until his forties when he discovered his gift as a healer. Dennis never charged for his services, nor did he ever advertise, yet he was known worldwide.

He gave regular healing demonstrations around Wales and the West Country. Dennis was a modest man of remarkable achievement the Spirit entities who worked with him called him 'a perfect instrument'.

This book tells of the remarkable work he did and his time with the Native American people where wonderful healing miracles were achieved. His time and experience with Sai Baba bought a sense of completeness in his life.

Dennis passed to Spirit in 1999 and I am sure he is helping others in their healing work on the earth plane. The book can be bought on line from as little as £2.

Contributed by Anne Jenkins



DENNIS BARRETT

Healer & Medium



Poem
by Teresa Emberson

Teachers All

Everyone that you meet is of value to you;
there is no exception to the rule.
Each person that you touch on the path of life
Adds a drop to your wisdom's pool

Every soul, no matter how you view them,
Has a valuable lesson to share.
Sometimes that lesson is wrapped in Love
All others are hard to bear.

Let no one disturb the peace of your soul,
No matter how barbed word or deed,
Look beyond the emotions of the core of the truth
That meets your own soul's need.

Take all that is offered in the palm of your hand
Then stop to consider awhile.
Keep hold of the grains of the truths that are yours
And blow the chaff away with a smile.

Remember, this learning is a two way exchange
You're of value to all others too,
Shine brightly and mirror the best in all
And they will mirror the best in you.

Special Report on Kim Moore-Cullen OSNU DSNU Ordination to Minister Held at Paignton Spiritualist Church

Our Church was very honoured to be asked to host the Ordination to Minister of a friend of the church, Kim Moore-Cullen a very highly regarded International Medium, Tutor and Healer. The service was held on Sunday 18th June 2017 at 2pm.

After 28 years of service in the SNU Kim had done all studies, theory and practical, she holds Diplomas in Speaking, Demonstration, Teaching and Healing and is an Approved Tutor at the Arthur Findley College. After a national assessment Kim was invited to become a Minister in the Spiritualist National Union which is the highest honour the union can bestow.

Our President Joan Boydell read out a reading and paid tribute on behalf of the church. SNU President Minister David Bruton conducted the service and Minister Dinah Annable was Kim's sponsor. Minister Shirley Chubb chaired the meeting.

Around 70 Invited guests attended from around the country, and many tributes were paid to Kim on the work and dedication she has given to serving the SNU and Spirit.

After the service a wonderful sit down buffet was served by members of the church, which was enjoyed by all guests who attended. A gazebo was erected outside the church which was very much appreciated due to the heat of the day.

Thanks go to all who helped to make this wonderful afternoon of celebration for Kim on her Ordination a day to remember.

Many Congratulations Kim from us all

