



NEWSLETTER

PAIGNTON SNU SPIRITUALIST CENTRE

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2019

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AUTUMN SEASON STARTS HERE



The colours of our beautiful planet keep reminding us how lucky we are to live surrounded by such natural splendor. We all have our favourite season of the year but Autumn is without doubt one of the best with the summer heat still with us. Each season has its own spiritual serenity to keep us calm and peaceful.

Our Centre has many Workshops and Visiting Mediums to help us on our spiritual journey as we move through Autumn and into Winter. You may also enjoy meeting fellow members and friends at our Coffee Mornings each Saturday; a good way to get to know our Centre. Supporting the community and spreading the word of Spirit wisely.

The theme for this Newsletter is awareness of our planet, mother earth and all who live on her.

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR MEMBERS & VISITORS.



Saturday Coffee Mornings

A reminder those Coffee & Tea mornings with the Craft Group continues from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

A good way to catch up on the busy schedule of functions, groups, workshops, special medium demonstrations and Open Days. Dates, Times, Costs and Posters are displayed in the Kitchen Hall of our lovely CENTRE.

Our Committee and Fund Raisers are always working hard to bring new ideas for us all to enjoy.

Suggestions and ideas are also welcome.

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SEPT & OCT

SEPT 2019

1 st 2 nd	Sharon Bird	Clevedon
7 th 8 th 9 th	Ruth James	Cannock
14 th 15 th 16 th	Shaun Gray DSNU	Bristol
21 st 22 nd	Minister Carol Ellis	Cardiff
23 rd	Glenda Osborne	Torquay
28 th 29 th 30 th	Jamie Tennant	Paignton

(see Special Evenings & Workshops for Shaun Gray & Minister Carol Ellis)

OCT 2019:

5 th 6 th 7 th	Craig Morris	Torquay
12 th 13 th 14 th	Kay Cook	Iceland
19 th 21 st	Marie Hines	Paignton
20 th	Ruth Freya & David Wallace	Axminster
26 th 27 th 28 th	Angie Wylde & Jo Allen	Redditch

GUILD

SEPTEMBER

- 4th Glenda Osborne - Torquay
- 11th Joan Boydell & Friends – Paignton
- 18th Minister Kim Moore-Cullen – Paignton
- 24th Tina Corns – Paignton

OCTOBER

- 2nd Ricky Whitemore – Paignton
- 9th Kim King & Sybil Steadman – Paignton
- 16th Nicola Monks – Paignton
- 23rd Dawn Lodge – Paignton
- 30th Sonia Clatworthy - Teignmouth

All of the above dates are subject to change at short notice



Open Circle

The Open Circle meets every Wednesday Evening from 7.30 to 9pm and everyone is welcome. Although we enjoy seeing regular like-minded spirit friends each week, you can attend this group as often as you like. It is not like the closed Development Groups where full attendance each week is expected. The Open Circle is more casual and it is up to you when you can attend. It is a gathering of like-minded spirit people. It is not a teaching class. For those who wish to development their skills and learn more, the next class is the Awareness Class. Usually March to September. After this class you may decide to choose to be a Medium or a Healer. These classes vary from 2-5 years. Weekly or Fortnightly. The Open Circle includes an Open & Closing Prayer, Meditation and working with Spirit e.g. you say what you get. It is also good to take part in discussions and decide what you would like to do next. Watching Medium demos, Sat or Mon evenings or attending Sunday Services is also beneficial. You can become a member of our Centre at any time by completing necessary forms and giving them to a member of our Committee.

SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION
WITH INTERNATIONAL MEDIUM

SHAUN GRAY DSNU

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2019
7.30PM TO 9PM

COST £6 AT THE DOOR
DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

**WORKSHOP WITH
INTERNATIONAL MEDIUM
MINISTER CAROL ELLIS**

**SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2019
10am to 4pm**

**“DREAM INTERPRETATION”
Carol’s Workshops are designed to help you on
your pathway of discovery giving you
confidence & expert tuition you need**

**Cost: £20 Members : £25 Non Members
PAYABLE ON BOOKING**

(limited places so please book early)



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 Centre. 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 the kitchen/hall area.



UPDATE
ON OUR CHARITY COFFEE MORNING
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR
CENTRE CHARITIES
On Saturday 24th August 2019

The above event was very enjoyable and everyone who attended worked hard to raise much needed funds for our chosen charities for this year.

A big THANK YOU to those who gave up their time and energy with a big smile and much laughter. This was appreciated by the following charities:

DEVON AIR AMBULANCE
&
ROWCROFT HOSPICE

We are pleased to announce that we raised £411, shared between the above.

THANK YOU

SPIRITUALISM IN THE MODERN WORLD (PART 2)
RECEIVED UNDER SPIRIT DIRECTION BY ELAINE RHODES

Let us consider the teachings of Jesus the Nazarene, he said that we should love one another i.e. advocating the Brotherhood of Man, he also said that he came from the Father and gave the Lord's Prayer as an example of how to pray, advocating the Fatherhood of God. He appeared after his physical death to his disciples, thereby proving existence of an afterlife and also the Communion of Spirit. He did not claim to be God and most certainly did not at any time suggest that he himself should be idolised or worshipped. Stating many times that he came from the Father who was in heaven and from whom all blessings came and to whom only should we worship, having no false idols.

He was a very humble man, the son of a carpenter, not an Academic Scholar, but with a tremendous love and compassion for his fellow man and with a burning desire to see moral justice, and taught of the equality of all peoples. He taught that all men, regardless of colour, race, greed or condition were all part of God's Creation and as such equally pleasing in his sight. He also said that what he did, all men could do likewise, if they opened their minds and hearts. Stating that it was easier for a rich man to go through the eye of a needle than to get into the kingdom of heaven, thereby teaching us to get a sense of perspective, not to be too materialistic, whilst still being in a material world. However after his death, and in the fullness of time, man forgot what Jesus said, and revered Jesus building a religion up around him and placing him between Man and God. Many wars have been fought in the name of Christianity, The Holy Crusades and many millions have been put to death in his name in for example the Spanish Inquisition. Then later in the 17th Century there was the bloody 30 year war with the Pope in collaboration with the Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand 11, the man who next to Hitler was responsible for more deaths, misery and suffering than any other, decided that the time had come when all Protestants should be destroyed.

When it was over the population of Bohemia was reduced from three million to less than one million, only 6,000 out of 30,000 villages remained. Germany had become a land of desolation, her population being reduced from 20 million to 6 million. Berlin's inhabitants declined from 24,000 to 6,000. Germany for 100 years ceased to be a force in Europe.

However religious persecution continued in Europe until the 19th Century. Then of course it is well documented and very well remembered by those who lived through the last war World War how the Jews were persecuted by Hitler, being sent to concentration camps, the thousand, men, women and children were slaughtered wholesale for no other reason than the fact that they were Jews.

Religion has of course been a source of great comfort to many people; it has given them something to live for, and has helped them to die in peace. All religions have helped the believers, but on the other hand, it has been the cause of tremendous intolerance and continues to be so even today. Certainly during this the 20th Century, there has never been a time when there has not been a war going on in some part of the globe, not counting the two World Wars. Both sides praying to their conception of God, to ask that they may be victorious, but if God is as we believe and are taught, the One God Creator of all, then surely having exhorted us to love one another, he would not take sides and help one army to destroy another. Since we are all his children and equal in his sight.

We must if we are ever to make any progress whilst still here on this Earth plane, start to have more tolerance, understanding and compassion and learn that sometimes we should agree to disagree accepting that each individual is entitled to his or her opinions and beliefs.

What is important is that we learn to live together in harmony and peace, for therein lies the physical salvation of mankind.

The principles of Spiritualism are such that they allow us to embrace all religious creeds and conditions, as you will see, they are as follows:

- 1 The Fatherhood of God.
- 2 The Brotherhood of Man.
- 3 Communion of Spirits and Ministry of Angels.
- 4 The Continuous Existence of the Human Soul.
- 5 Personal Responsibility
- 6 Compensation and Retribution hereafter for all the Good and Evil Deeds done on Earth.
- 7 Eternal Progress Open to every Human Soul.
(with liberty of interpretation)

Thank you Elaine

Submitted by Anne Jenkins for Elaine Rhodes

To be continued



NATURE TALES FROM SUMMER

We have all experienced weird weather during the summer months. July was hot and August was wet dark and unpredictable. I guess we were all spoilt last year with month after month of really hot sunny days. It has certainly been a mixed bag all over the country. Floods, dams crumbling, hail storms, lightening and even earthquakes. Thankfully, the last ten days of the school break sunshine has made an appearance; temperatures reaching 33° in some parts of the country.

During the summer, I looked out of our lounge window to see a scene from Alfred Hitchcock, *The Birds*, where hundreds of seagulls were flying high above, in every direction, eating the flying ants. The sky went dark as the seagulls swarmed around feeding; baby seagulls joined the other birds on the ground covering the paths, grass verges and roadways. It was an awesome sight which lasted nearly 15 minutes. Then I noticed my washing was still hanging on the whirly-gig! Do I run out and retrieve my smalls or do I wait? The flying ants were dropping from the sky covering everything, and they were big! Yuk! I don't know what is worse, wet washing or ant infested pants!

We have two tortoises, the female is old and a good size and the male is small and still quite young. When the temperature is consistently hot, the female finds her favourite spot and lays her eggs, in the same place every year. The male spends hours chasing her around the garden. I can tell you tortoises are not slow. One day we had a workman doing a repair job in the back garden. He had been working away for hours and he said to my husband, "I can hear this knocking, but I can't see anything." "Oh don't worry," my husband replied, "It's only the young male tortoise in the Tortoise House. He won't leave the female alone." Sometimes we have to separate them, to give the female a rest as her shell is starting to brake.

Again I was looking out of my lounge window firstly to see what the weather was doing on that particular; as we approach the end of the summer the fields in the valley opposite are shrouded in a grey mist. A slow start to the day as the mist takes ages to burn off at this time of year. Out the corner of my eye I noticed a green woodpecker with the red head. He was bobbing up and down eating insects, flicking bits of rubbish around and totally oblivious to my presence. A small wren flew by, and then a pigeon joined the woodpecker. Pigeons can be quite pushy and it obviously wanted to take the leftovers but the woodpecker wasn't having any of this intrusion. The woodpecker eyeballed the pigeon, thrusting his long pointed beak towards the pigeon. The most surprising thing was that they weren't on a tree, they were on the driveway down on the ground and it was a soiled filled crack in the drive that the woodpecker was getting his breakfast. They stepped towards each other a few times but the woodpecker won and the pigeon crept away. I did try to take a photo but the minute I put on my white glasses the woodpecker left.

It's amazing what Nature has to offer. What is going on around our homes early in the morning? Maybe you have some tales from summer that you would like to share with our readers.

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