



THE LINK

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER



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Greetings!

Welcome to this, the first issue of *The Link*! It is the new quarterly newsletter for the members of Manchester Spiritualist Centre.

The committee are keen to help create a close-knit community of people with like-minds and like-hearts. A spiritual family. We hope this newsletter contributes to that feeling..

The Link will regularly include news about the centre and its members, informing you of vital developments in managing the centre, and celebrating people's lives and achievements.

You will also be updated on upcoming events, including workshops, specials, and other meetings. There will be brief summaries of philosophy and inspirational writing printed but we also welcome letters from you, the members, so we can publish them.

Centre News

The last couple of years have been a turbulent time for the centre – several familiar faces have retired from the committee and the centre has been placed under the supervision of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the SNU.

In December 2016, the NEC asked Graeme Donald to become president of the centre. He accepted.

Graeme first visited the centre 13 years ago and considers it to be an honour and great responsibility to be appointed to this position and promises to do everything in his power to make the centre a great place to be and serve the Spirit World.

The committee has also changed a lot recently; the current committee members are Graeme Donald (President), Irene Bowden (VP), Tim Greening-Jackson (Secretary & Treasurer), and Cathy Graham, Helen Ndow & Michelle Registe (Committee members).

On behalf of all the members and centre regulars, we offer our deep and heartfelt thanks to all those who have served on the committee and given themselves and their time to help keep the centre doors open. Specifically, we would like to publicly thank Jessie MacMillan, Bob Little, Irene Stewart, Karen Shenton, Simone Donohue, Lauren Shenton, Neville Gordon, Nirvana Joy, and Jennifer Rose-Bennett.

Upcoming Events

To kick-start regular, special events at the centre, we are holding a divine service in May that will feature the Spiritual Art of Billy McBrush.

Graeme has completed teacher training in mindfulness meditation and teaches it to his students at the university and patients with chronic illnesses. He will be taking a course that will start in June, get in touch if you're interested!

In addition, there is to be a Celebration of Spiritualism night on Tuesday 6th June, where Adam Berry, an upcoming medium, will be demonstrating and Graeme will be giving a lecture on science and Spiritualism, taking you through how science supports Spiritualist teachings. Come along to this somewhat different evening!

Future events in 2017 are set to include a demonstration of trance mediumship from Minister Martin Colclough, a workshop with Phil Dykes and Andy Byng, and a visit from Paul Jacobs CSNU, amongst some other plans in the pipeline.

Members Meetings

The centre AGM is rescheduled to take place on Sunday 23th April, please come along to help us have enough members present. It will start at 1200. All full, associate, and honorary members are urged to come along to take part.

As part of being under SNU

supervision, centre elections are currently suspended. We intend to hold regular general members meetings, in support of democratic principles and so members can connect with each other more often.

Membership

Don't forget that membership of the centre means you are part of a community. We encourage you to make use of our library with many books on spiritual and psychic phenomena. Full and honorary members get £1 discount on evenings of mediumship and associate members get 50p off.

Healing

Please send healing thoughts to Michelle Registe, who needs them.

Inspiration Corner

This section will feature selected writings to inspire and lift the spirit.

The Winds of Fate

One ship sails east and another sails west,
With the self-same winds that blow,
Tis the set of the sails,
And not the gales,
Which tells us the way to go.

Like the winds of the seas are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along through life,
Tis the set of the soul,
That decides its goal,
And not the calm, or the strife.

Letters

We would love to receive your letters, which could be published and stimulate healthy debate on a range of Spiritualist subjects.

Please address your letters, which can be on anything from suggestions for centre services to ideas about Spiritualist philosophy, to:

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You can also email your submissions to us using info@manchesterspiritualistcentre.org.uk.



APRIL 2017 LISTINGS

| | TUESDAY | THURSDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| | 04/04/2017 | 06/04/2017 | 08/04/2017 | 09/04/2017 |
| WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 3RD APR | SPECIAL - FLOWER SERVICE: DOREEN HODKINSON | OPEN DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE ¹ : AKUTU | CLOSED | DIVINE SERVICE : COLIN LOMAX PAS & HELEN LOMAX PAS |
| | 11/04/2017 | 13/04/2017 | 15/04/2017 | 16/04/2017 |
| WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 10TH APR | MEDIUMSHIP: CONNIE BRIDGE | OPEN DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE ¹ : ADAMBERRY PAS | CLOSED | DIVINE SERVICE : GREG KING |
| | 18/04/2017 | 20/04/2017 | 22/04/2017 | 23/04/2017 |
| WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 17TH APR | MEDIUMSHIP: AKUTU | OPEN DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE ¹ : AKUTU | CLOSED | DIVINE SERVICE : DIANE BLUNDELL |
| | 25/04/2017 | 27/04/2017 | 29/04/2017 | 30/04/2017 |
| WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 24TH APR | MEDIUMSHIP: SUE PRESLEY CSNU | OPEN DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE ¹ : DR GRAEME DONALD | PRIVATE SITTINGS ² : SARAH BUCKLEY | DIVINE SERVICE : AKUTU |

Committee

We are the volunteers that work to keep the centre open, and we always welcome help!
There has been a lot of upheaval lately, we would warmly welcome any offers to help running the centre in any small way.

