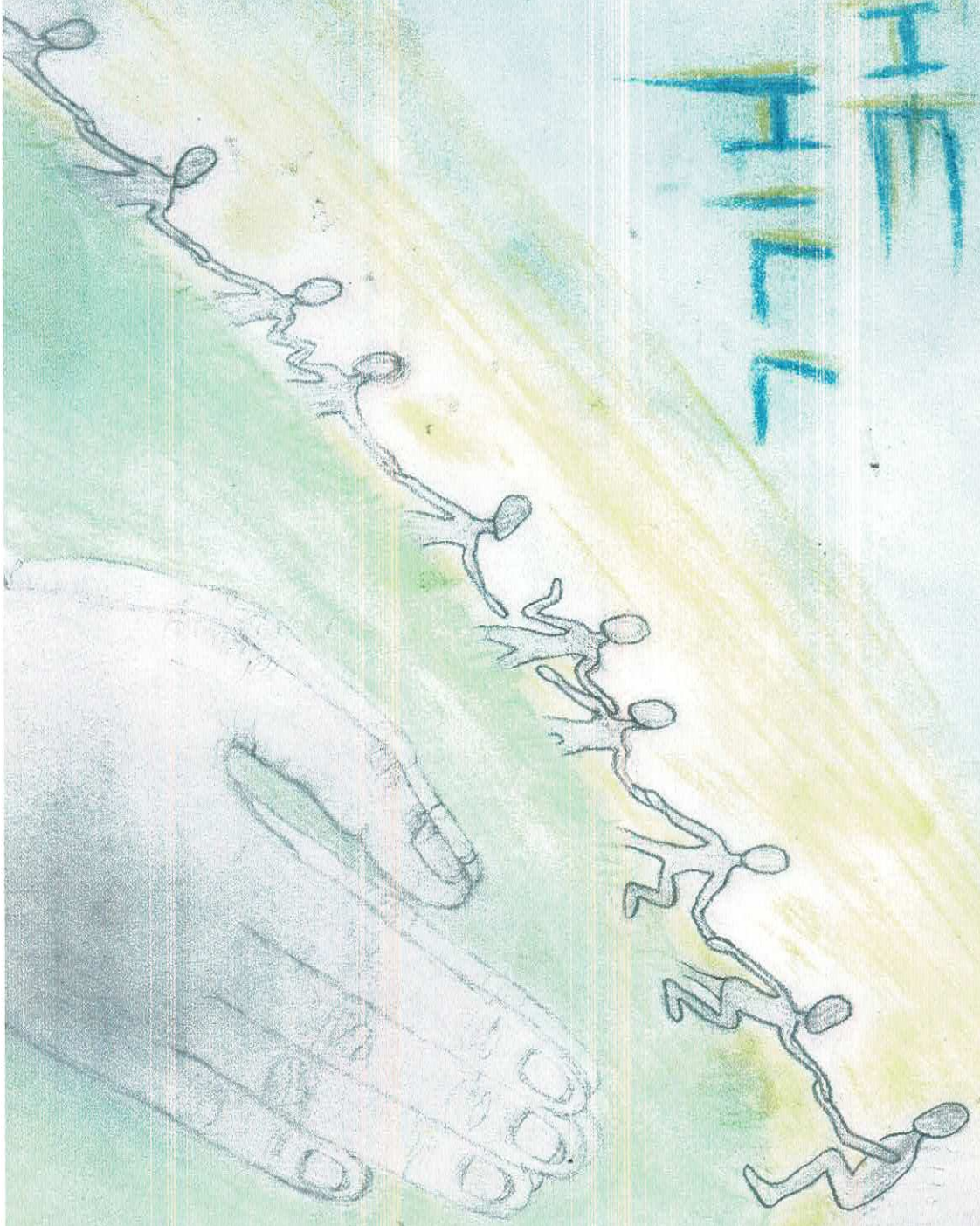


THE LIGHT ON THE HILL



After the First World War spiritualist meetings were held in various halls in Harrow and in 1936 the Harrow Spiritualist Church, accommodating 180 people, was opened in Vaughan Road. (fn. 23) Home circles in the Wembley area developed in 1929 into the Wembley Spiritualists' Society. Rooms were hired until the Wembley Spiritualists' National Church was constructed in 1957 in St. John's Road. (fn. 24) In 1940 a Spiritualist church, meeting in a private house in Rayners Lane, was registered in Pinner (fn. 25) and a Christian Spiritualist church, St. Michael's, was registered in Northolt Road, Roxeth, and, later in that year, in Kenton Road, Kenton. (fn. 26) Another Christian Spiritualist church, founded in 1948, met initially in Cecil Park, Pinner, and, from 1949, in Bridge Street. (fn. 27) The Evangelicals met in a wooden building in Wealdstone from 1921 until a brick building was opened in Mason's Avenue in 1928. (fn. 28) A second church was opened in Charlton Road, Kenton, in 1959. (fn. 29) Jehovah's Witnesses were established in 1936 in Harrow, using hired rooms until a Kingdom Hall was erected in Peel Road, Wealdstone, in 1939. (fn. 30) A Kingdom Hall was opened in Oakington Manor Drive, Wembley, (fn. 31) in 1956 and a separate community was founded at Pinner in 1958. (fn. 32) The Assemblies of God opened the South Harrow Pentecostal Assembly in Northolt Road, Roxeth, in 1938 and re-registered it as the Full Gospel Church in South Hill Avenue in 1959. (fn. 33) They also registered rooms in 1941 in Wembley, first in Neeld Parade and then in Wembley Hill Road, but this registration was cancelled in 1954. (fn. 34) The one Seventh Day Adventist church grew out of services held in the Majestic Ballroom and other halls in Wembley in 1940; a house in Barham Close was bought and registered in 1941. (fn. 35) Christian Scientists first met in Oddfellows Hall, Maxwell Lane, Pinner in 1920. A Sunday school and reading room were erected in Elm Park Road in 1926 and the community was recognized as a branch of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in 1929. The church was built and registered in 1937. (fn. 36) A Harrow branch was formed in 1953 and met in the Labour Hall, Railway Approach. (fn. 37)

Harrow National Spiritualist Church, "The Light on the Hill"

Harrow N.S. Church advertises in most of the psychic press and when doing so, the expression "the Light on the Hill" is always used. This set me to wondering who had coined this phrase and so I determined to try and find out some of the history of this, my own church. This led to other questions; when had the church land site been purchased? From where and from whom had the church building itself been purchased?

The answers given to me by church members were hesitant and uncertain and the only definite information was that the church was erected "some time in the thirties". After the passage of years three past presidents could not even pull from their memories the dates when they were in office!! With the words, "all the years seem to roll into each other", the project was shelved.

That is, until six months later when I was approached by a man and his wife who live ten houses away in my road. This man's brother had been a past president of Harrow Church and had lived with them for many years. He had recently died, in South Africa, and when tidying up some of his effects that had been left in their house they had found several large bundles and bags of church papers. All of this just ten houses from where I live!!

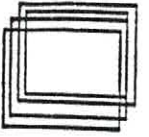
The earliest letter was dated 3rd December 1934, from Sydney Ward, Surveyors and Valuers, Land and Estate agents of Bank Chambers, Stanmore, Middx., offering a site for sale. This site was situated on the corner of Wealdstone High Road and 129, Spencer Road and was known as Harrow Weald High School. An advert for this school appears in Kelly's Directory of 1934; today it is a kindergarten.

The leading members of what was then called "The Harrow Spiritualist Society" had fixed a date of Sunday 17th December 1934, to view this site, when another letter arrived from Sydney Ward Ltd. on the 14th of December. This letter informed the society that instructions had just been received to sell a new freehold site at 1, Vaughan Road, Harrow, for £450. This site was well served by bus and Underground services and was "no more than a quarter of a mile" from the Conservative Club in Lowlands Road. This was advantageous because the Harrow Spiritualist Society rented a room twice a week from the Conservative Club, to hold their Services there.

On the 17th December 1934, the Society made the vendor an offer of £350 for the Vaughan Road site, which was rejected. On 19th December a revised offer of £450, (the original asking price), was made and duly accepted. All of this correspondence was carried out on behalf of the Spiritualist Society by Mr. A. Marks of 10, Hibbert Road, Harrow Weald. He was sent a letter on 15th March 1935 by the Society's solicitors, Hall, Brydon and Chapman of Manchester saying, "We thank you for your letter, returning the contract, signed on behalf of the Society". This same letter states that the normal completion time was one month from the exchange of contracts, and so the assumption has been made that this procedure was followed and that the present church site was purchased on or about, the 15th April 1935.

If anybody out there has any further information on Harrow Church, please contact me, Bob Ward, 57 Oxford Road, Harrow, Middx. HA14JH
(0181 4273770)

Well, all this started with me trying to find out who had coined the phrase "The Light on the Hill". I still have not found out yet!
Better press on.



A Quarterly Review of the Harrow N.S. Church

NEW YEARS SOCIAL

Never let it be said that the organisers of the social events are afraid to "let their hair down". We told you that the evening would be entertaining and full of surprises and you weren't disappointed. Members arrived in fancy dress, which was optional, and a prize was awarded to the 'Phantom of the Opera' (heavily disguised as Richard)! Sylvia and George entertained us by miming to a recording as did Sarah. Robin hosted the evening which commenced with a mini trivia quiz. Following the break for refreshments Robin, accompanied by Vivian Craggs on piano, led the revellers in song (he even did a dance routine!! - oh yes he did!) The end of the evening saw a send up of Harrow, a song composed by Dawn and Pat (well disguised as clowns) which was a great hit with the audience and requests for copies of the words have been pouring in (eat your heart out Andrew Lloyd Webber)! The whole night proved to be a truly great success with everyone entering into the spirit of the occasion.

We'll see what we can do for next year.

TRIVIA QUIZ

These are always popular and since their first introduction have proved successful with friendly rivalry and banter. Our thanks must go to Maggie who painstakingly researches the questions for the event. Ealing Church always have representatives at our quiz nights and I am told that they are going to organise one at Ealing. Come on troops, lets get a couple of teams together and support their evening - lets show them who has the best teams.

PSYCHIC SUPPER

Firstly our thanks must be expressed to Dave and Susan for their hard work in preparing the buffet for this event. As usual this evening was well attended and enjoyed by both the Mediums and sitters. We would also like to convey our thanks to Alice and Vera who worked tirelessly throughout the evening.

WLDC CENTENIAL CELEBRATION

The trip to Worthing on 12th May has now been arranged. We shall be joined by a dozen members of Ealing Church for a full day out in Sussex. The coach is expected to leave Harrow around 8.30am and pick up passengers at Ealing before heading south. It is expected that you will arrive in Worthing at lunchtime when the afternoon is yours to do whatever you want, just remember we would like you all sober by 7.30pm for the big demo in the Pavilion. The special demonstration features Gordon Higginson and our own Robin Stevens. I have made sure you all have the best seats, so be sure and behave yourselves and dont rustle the popcorn bags too loudly! Kiss me Quick hats should be removed upon entry!

Another important date you will want to note is Saturday, 28th July. Robin Stevens and Mary Duffy will be appearing at the Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage. All those interested in this special event should contact me (Dawn) and I will provide further information.

Just as a matter of interest, Robin Stevens was elected President of the West London District Council on Saturday, 17th March and we congratulate and wish him well during his term of office. (I was elected Secretary of WLDC - perhaps commiserations are more in order!)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Spring Fair is drawing closer - April 21st. We do need your contributions in order to make the event a success. So please bring in anything saleable. Cakes can be frozen, so we willingly welcome these. Robin will be in attendance providing auragraph readings and Chris will be there to give healing to those who wish it. The usual stalls will be manned and refreshments served throughout the afternoon. Come along and give us your support. Only you can make it a success!!

June 16th sees Harrows' first Photographic Fair. For full details contact Ken Valentine who is organising this event.

STOP PRESS HARROWS TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY 7TH JULY

A TOUCH OF HISTORY

THE LIGHT ON THE HILL, by Bob Ward

Even before I became a member of Harrow Spiritualist National Union Church, I had noticed that the expression "The light on the Hill" was mentioned in all of their adverts in 'Here and There' and 'Pyschic News'. Then after joining and becoming a member of the Church for some 4 - 5 years, I took it into my mind to put together a "potted history" of Harrow Church. I wanted to determine who had coined the phrase "The Light on the Hill" and also when the land of the present site had been purchased.? From where and whom had the Harrow Church building itself been purchased? What had this building been before and when was it erected on the present sight?

The answers given to me by Church members were hesitant and uncertain and the only definite information forthcoming was that our present Church was erected 'sometime in the early thirties'. After the passage of time, even past Presidents could not remember the dates for their terms of office. With the words ringing in my ears "All the years seem to roll into each other", the project was shelved in August 1989.

That is, until February 1990. In our street, living some 10 doors up the road, were a man and his wife who I knew had been interested in Spiritualism many years ago. It transpired that this mans brother had been a past president of Harrow Church. The past President, Mr Derek Waine had passed in January 1990 in

South Africa and they had found in their house, just up the road, a considerable amount of Church papers and minutes. These were passed onto me, and I am indebted to Mrs C Waine for doing this.

The earliest letter in this bundle was dated 3rd December 1934, from Sydney Ward Ltd, Surveyors & Valuers, Land and Estate Agents of Bank Chambers, Church Rd., Stanmore, Middx., offering a site for sale, freehold or leasehold. This site was located on the corner of Wealdstone High Road and Spencer Rd., and known as Harrow Weald High School and 129 is opposite the Roman Catholic Church. It was offered freehold for the sum of £850. for the site and £100 for the buildings. An advert of this school appeared in Kellys' Directory of 1934 and is reproduced herewith, it is still a kindergarden school today.

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child grew up under the ghostly eye of Patience, who insisted on her wearing Quaker-like dresses with white collar and cuffs which made her stand out from the other girls at school. When she grew up she moved to California, where she married twice.

Mrs Curran died in 1938 and Patience Worth was never heard of again. But five years later, when she was only twenty-seven, her adopted, 'shared' daughter had a premonition of approaching death. She began to lose weight rapidly and just before Christmas 1943 died in her sleep.

So who was Patience Worth? She dictated the following poem to Mrs Curran which is all we shall ever know, for records have shown no trace of her.

A phantom? Weel enough,
Prove thee thyself to me!

I say, behold here I be,

Buskins, kirtle, cap and petty skirts,
and much tongue!

Well, what has thou to prove thee?

Coral Polge

Coral Polge would probably be considered an excellent portrait artist by any standard. Her work has one difference that makes it remarkable. When she draws in the features, hair-line and fine character details that make a face instantly recognizable she is not working from a living model. She is a psychic artist who draws her inspiration from the spirit world.

Through her thousands of people have received sketches in pencil or pastels of faces they thought they would never see again.

She has demonstrated her extraordinary artistic talent in Europe, Scandinavia, Canada, the United States and Australia. Television crews have filmed her at work, and she has been seen by large audiences at public demonstrations, projecting her drawings as they 'come through' onto an overhead screen so that every stroke of her pencil can be followed. Yet she still thinks of what she does as an intensely personal thing. Some people burst into tears when they see the outlines of a much-loved face begin to appear on a sheet of drawing paper. Others are just overcome with joy. Others are sceptical and talk about telepathy.

Her first drawings were done in graveyards. She grew up in the East End of London, where her father was a cinema manager, and as a schoolgirl had a morbid interest in death. She took to haunting churchyards, and used her emerging artistic talent to draw weeping stone angels.

The family moved to Harrow, where she attended Harrow Art School and decided to specialize in textile design. She was, she once said, fine at drawing things she could actually see, but her teachers considered her to have little imagination. 'Obviously in psychic art, imagination is a hindrance and just gets in the way, so my lack of it has proved an advantage.' Her first job on leaving art school was painting lampshades for a shop in Regent Street, then she found work as a commercial artist, drawing the illustrations for advertisements. Later she moved to a firm which specialized in retouching copies of old photographs, a job which demanded both patience and skill in dealing with fine detail.

As an attractive young woman of twenty-three, she was introduced to Spiritualism. Both her parents had visited spiritual healers at one time or another, but neither of them claimed any psychic bent. She had an aunt who read tea cups and a grandmother who might have possessed second sight, but she thought of herself as perfectly ordinary. One night, however, she went to Harrow Spiritualist Church and was singled out by a medium who asked her if she knew she had the potential to be a psychic artist. On separate occasions several other mediums asked her precisely the same thing.

With some trepidation Coral Polge took her first psychic 'circle' in 1950, just a year after her first marriage. She had no idea what would happen. To start with she found she was able to take down messages 'from the spirit world' in automatic writing. Then she found herself drawing lines, circles and meaningless shapes. Gradually faces began to appear on the paper in front of her.

To start with she tended to draw only spirit guides — solemn Red Indians and wise-looking Chinese — but as no one knew who they were, she felt her work had no point. It was when she began to draw recognizable faces that people began to get excited. One sitter watched her solemnly as she drew the features of an old man with a drooping white moustache. Suddenly she jumped up and exclaimed, 'That's my father, the living image of him!' Coral knew then she was on the right wavelength.

In the early days of her career she would usually ask the man or woman who had consulted her to give her a letter or something that had belonged to the dead person, but in time she realized it was better for her just to sit and wait until the drawing came through.

She does not, she says, see the person she is about to draw, nor is her hand controlled by psychic forces. When 'linking up' she feels a

complete change of personality taking place within her. 'Having become that person, I attempt to portray his or her personality'. She 'feels' the person coming through. What appears first on the paper is an expression — a laugh or a scowl, a look of gentleness or of strength. Actual features follow after she has caught the personality.

The sketches are produced in a matter of minutes because, as she told the *Psychic News*, 'I know exactly what to draw without thinking about it. It's involuntary, like breathing or walking.' Remarkable likenesses appear on the paper of people she has never seen or known. Not only are their features usually instantly recognizable to those who love them but the psychic often portrays them in the sort of clothes they favoured when they were alive.

She married Arthur Polge in 1949, but became so engrossed in her psychic work that the marriage broke up after eight years. Faced with the necessity of earning her own living, she turned to full-time mediumship. Her second marriage was to Tom Johansen, secretary of the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain.

At the last count in 1984 Coral Polge was estimated to have produced in the region of 90,000 spirit drawings, which must make her the most prolific portrait artist of modern times.

CORAL POLGE



A Tribute to the World-Famous Psychic Artist

The world-renowned British psychic artist, Coral Polge, passed into the spirit world on 29th April 2001 in Surrey, England. Coral had given 54 years of dedicated service to the people in the world of the spirit, and to their loved ones who searched for evidence of their survival here on the earth.

Just take a look at the two psychic portraits on the right, and you'll see why her mediumistic gift was so highly valued and praised, and why it will be so greatly and sadly missed.

Coral Polge worked tirelessly across the globe to promote the wonderful message of the survival of the soul after death, and her excellent book *Living Images* contains startling examples of her work.

It would be impossible to say how many people were helped by this remarkable woman's talent and psychic gift: she worked in nearly every country of the world, was often interviewed on television and radio, and in the press, and she dried the eyes of countless thousands of bereaved people worldwide. It is fitting that she is remembered and paid tribute to here.

On hearing the news of her passing, the renowned British medium, healer and psychic author Stephen O'Brien, with whom she'd worked many times, wrote a tribute to her work in *Psychic News*. In it he said of her:

'She raised the spiritual awareness of her audiences. Huge crowds of people sat entranced as, from out of nowhere, their loved ones' faces appeared again before their tearful eyes. Mourners were comforted; broken hearts were mended; and her delighted recipients were always thrilled with their sketches. Her mediumistic skills will be praised as highly as they will be missed. Coral Polge has earned her place as one of the twentieth century's most outstanding psychic artists.'

And those whom she helped worldwide, would certainly agree.

Two Impressive Examples of Coral Polge's Acclaimed Psychic Portraiture:



Above: the father of Kay Hunter, who wrote Living Images with Coral Polge; but Coral knew nothing of the writer's family history prior to drawing this sketch.



Above: the son of Mrs Bayles of Rhodesia (S. Africa), who died while having an operation to correct his broken nose, which is shown in the psychic portrait as being in slightly better shape in his spirit body. This drawing was done as a 'postal reading', and the lad's character is clearly captured.

(*Living Images* was written by Coral Polge, with Kay Hunter, and has appeared in several

editions and in several languages: Regency Press/Thorsons publishers/ and there's a current 1997 paperback edition by the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain: ISBN: 090069717)

Click the title to purchase it from amazon.co.uk).



Harrow National Spiritualist Church

Celebrates its sixtieth birthday
with

Coral Polge
(Psychic Artist)
&
Bill Landis

7.30pm Saturday 20th January 1996





A Psychic Photograph of Red Cloud,
Estelle's Spirit Guide



ESTELLE ROBERTS
in her later years.
(May 1889 - May 1970)

One of Britain's Most Gifted 20th-Century Mediums

All those who properly understand and appreciate the gift of mediumship agree that Britain produced an outstanding all-round medium in the 20th-Century: Mrs Estelle Roberts. She displayed a wide variety of the gifts of the spirit, including mental mediumship, physical materialisation, direct-voice phenomena, and remarkable healing powers.

In the 1950s, this woman was probably responsible (with the help of a small handful of other notables) for getting the Spiritualist religion legalised and respected in Great Britain because she visited the Houses of Parliament and gave stunning demonstrations of clairvoyance to the Lords and Ladies of the Realm and to the MPs. So convinced by her abilities were the MPs that they rallied to the Spiritualist Cause.

Even though more than a quarter of a century has passed since she died, the impact of Estelle Roberts's gifts is still keenly felt. Many modern-day mediums hold Mrs Roberts in high regard, and when they're delivering clairvoyant messages they try to achieve her degree of accuracy.



Famed Novelist and Health Guru, Dame Barbara Cartland described in her autobiography how her mother, Mary, received astonishingly accurate facts through the mediumship of Estelle Roberts, whose survival evidence all hardened sceptics and cynics would find impossible to explain away:

Brilliant Survival Evidence

Dame Barbara's mother, Mary, had received news that one of her sons, Ronald, had been shot and killed in action in the War; and in the same year she endured further agony concerning the fate of her other son, Tony, who was reported missing.

"My mother wrote to every man in the

In the 1940s and 1950s verbatim reports were made of Estelle's messages by stenographers present at her public meetings. Here are a few simple snippets of her messages, and in the first one a 'dead' brother is returning to his sister who is seated in a crowd:

Estelle: He has brought Jim with him.

Woman: I can't place a Jim.

Estelle: He's your mother's brother.

Woman: Yes that's right!

Estelle: He's met Aunt Jinny

Woman: I don't remember her.

Estelle: She's an in-law connected with your mother. Her name was Mary Anne Jane.

Woman: Oh yes!

To another lady, whom Estelle had singled out of a large crowd of people, she said:

Estelle: There is a young airman who wants to talk. *You are his mother.* Before this meeting, you went to his portrait and asked him to get through tonight, if he could.'

Woman: Yes.

Before going on to relay the boy's poignant message of love, Estelle gave his correct age as twenty-two.

Another recipient received through Mrs Roberts news of her four 'dead' brothers, then the medium announced:

Estelle: They have brought Mary with them.

Woman: Mary? I can't recall her.

Estelle: Well, I must help you. She is your father's sister.

Woman: Oh yes!

"My mother wrote to every man in the Lincolnshire Regiment who was taken prisoner," writes Dame Barbara Cartland. "Several replied that they had heard that Captain Anthony Cartland was a prisoner."

At Dame Barbara's suggestion, and using the pseudonym of Mrs Hamilton, her mother booked a sitting with Estelle Roberts. Dame Barbara records that::

Estelle suddenly announced, "You have come to consult me about your sons. They are both here beside you."

"Not both," said Dame Barbara's mother, defensively. "One is a prisoner."

Estelle Roberts shook her head. "No," she insisted. "They are together. The youngest one tells me that he was killed *the day before* his brother. Now they are both talking together; they have so much they want to say to you."

But Dame Barbara's mother refused to listen, certain that Tony was still alive. "What a waste of money!" she commented after the sitting.

But Estelle Roberts had been correct - the next year a letter arrived from the Ministry of Defence stating that Tony had indeed been killed in action, on May 29, *exactly one day before the death of his elder brother, Ronald.*"

Because Estelle had made this announcement even before the Ministry of Defence had received any news of the missing boy - she could have received this information only from the spirit world.

The remarkable autobiography of Estelle Roberts is now out-of-print but is still available through specialist Internet bookstores and second-hand bookshops. It's called:

Fifty Years a Medium (Corgi Books: 1975).

There was also an earlier version called:

Forty Years a Medium

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My Memoirs of Light on the Hill



**By
Italia Cross**

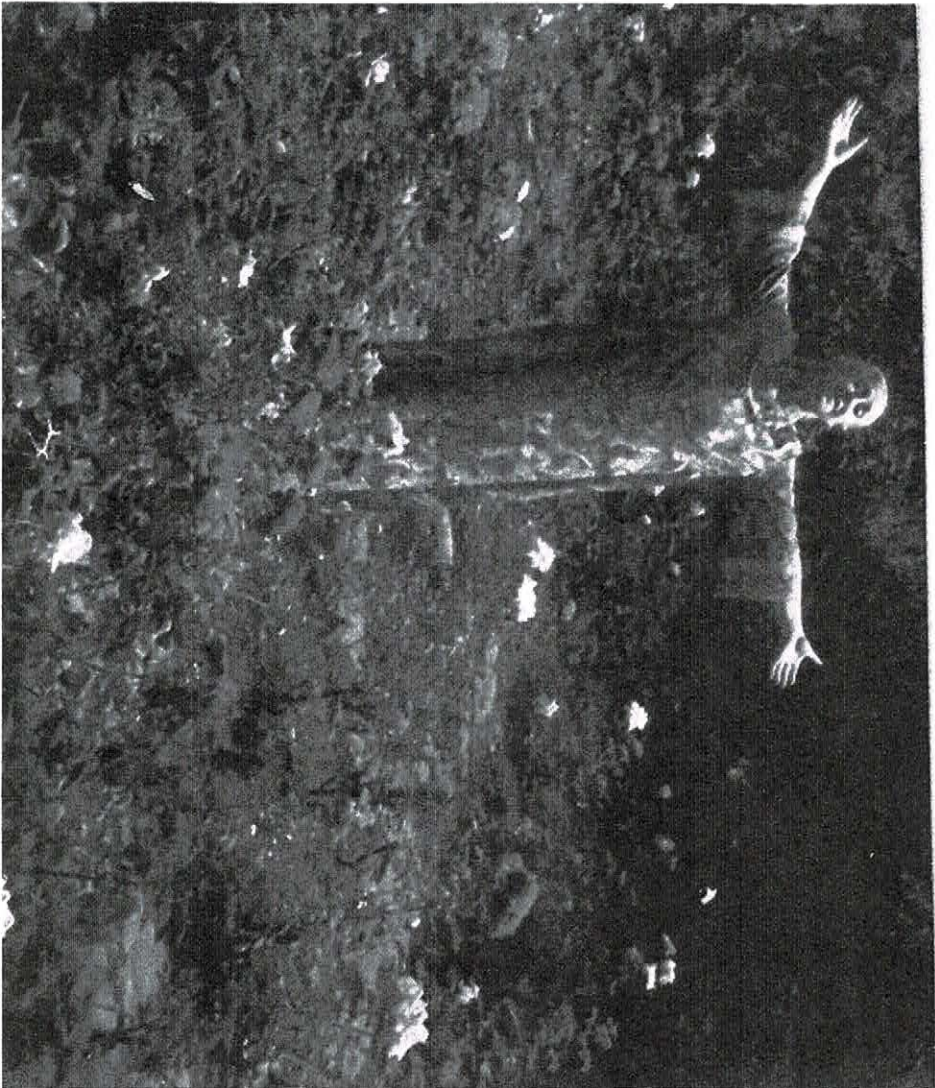
**People often asked me about my name
I was actually named after a stage school.
I used to play to an audience having been to stage school from a
young age I was trained by my mother
I eventually had a successful career as a fashion model and
met my then future husband Larry Cross at a function
I first started to come to Harrow Spiritualist Church in 1973
It wasn't intended but because of my friend suggested that I
may get some comfort and even a message from my beloved
deceased husband Larry Cross who was a well known actor
It was rather strange situation as he collapsed whilst playing on
the golf course and died on the way to the hospital**

**I had what is known as a "reading"
But me being me not expecting anything really was astounded
by what happened next
When the medium during the service came to me and
described what I felt as my husband's brother
The medium was clear and said "its your husband" and
described the recent events that led to his death
How remarkable that it was my first time in a Spiritualist
Church and this was my first message!
Through this being my first message I became more involved
with the church and eventually joined the committee
I became President for about two and a half years and stood
down to be taken over by Robin Stevens
During my stint as President
My mother had a sideboard at home and when she died she
donated it to the church I regularly chaired and the first time I
did this the medium said I sounded like a dose of salts but that
initial experience was best it certainly
grounded me!!
When I look back on my time at the church I have fond
memories about a number of things
One Remarkable situation that proves how Spirit exist was
Were used to have circle on Wednesdays and it was in the office
or committee room as we called it then
A lady who attended often had some financial problems
So much so that the bank suggested she rents another
accommodation with her family.
But a message from spirit said "fear no more all will be well"
She went home and over the following few days a letter arrived
from a close friend with £3,000**

The Spirit message came from no other than Leslie Flint a well known medium and teacher
This circle was run by Marion Findlay very strict but supportive
I am sometimes asked if it is possible for a medium to cheat with their clairvoyance my answer to that is it is more likely to be difficult than not because if the sincerity and the intention is genuine then the communication is clearly from the Spirit World
If I can say what is important about this movement I remember how another close friend who introduced themselves Dhyllis Rutland whose husband was also briefly President and Dhyllis was a regular healer
And how they made me feel most welcome
But to highlight how this church has helped and so many people over the years
When I first attended a lady called Clive Porter asked if I would like a cup of tea after the service
She was the church librarian and because of this gesture I suggested to other members of the committee that we allow refreshment for people after the service to talk and mingle with each other.
A wonderful memory that still serves to this day



A lifetime of love shared – some now departed
with relatives: Father and Mother, Larry, Ray, Aunt Blanche, Uncle Sidney, Patti, Graham, Brian, Robin and Astrid, Sheila and Gord, Gaggie, Doris, and Susan
with friends: Roddy, Ernie, Phyll, Nora, Janet and David, Elena, George, Tom, John and Pat, Barbara, Kim and Guy, Pam, Lois, Alan, Lynsey, Kim, Paul and Laurie, Dawn, Franca, Bill, Frank, Elio, Selwyn, Roger and Stella, George and Greta, Caroline, Jason, Jerry, Joan, Jasmine and Michael, Marlene, Irene, Melody, Elizabeth, Patricia, Sheelah, Yvonne, Mary Teresa, Mike and Louise, John and Irene, Ernie and Yvonne, Lyn, Nellie, Alice, Betty and Alf, Stobhan, Terry, Sarah, Hazel, David, Asha, Hazel, Denise, Evelyn, Florie and David, Josh, Peter,
and neighbours: Surekha and Clive, Irene, Tessa and John, Joan, Joyce and Ron, Pauline and Brian, End and Ruth, Val, Richard and Graham and Jo, Patrick, Bill, Chris and Louise, Dani, Valda and Mervyn, Marlena, Alan and Renate.
Also with Rocky, Trudy, Oliver, Poppy, Chuck Chuck, Foxes, Rabbits, Dogs, Cats, Donkeys, Birds, Gorillas, and pretty well anything animal vegetable and mineral including the Woodland Trust, The Animal Welfare Trust, Wildlife Hospital, D Fossey Gorilla Fund, PDSA, and RSPBA charities.



Italia Cross



Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there. I do not sleep.
 I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glint on snow.
 I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain.
 When you wake in the morning ...hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush
 Of quiet birds in circling flight. I am the soft starlight at night.
 Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there. I do not sleep.
 (Old Indian Prayer)

1916 - 2008

Tribute from Melody

Truly beautiful in every way,
And inspirational, I have to say,
Her kindness was there for all to see,
In particular; she was there for me.
A new star now shines in Heaven above,
Looking down on us all with love.

From Ernie

How we laughed. Like the time you went to work and a lady opened her umbrella, caught your hat and sent it flying off with you dressed up to the nines, chasing after it along Oxford Street and your hair exposed full of curlers!

From Jason

I could talk to her about anything. She was never old. Always modern and with it.

From Anne

When I styled her hair I called her "Rock Chick"

From Bill

From years of wonderful memories, Italia the perfect hostess with always a beautifully set table; gracious and patient with a willingness to take back and change the champagne if it wasn't up to her Mother's high standard! At lunch June 26 2008, touching up her lips with lipstick like a true sophisticate!

From Pam

An irreplaceable dearest friend.

From Jerry

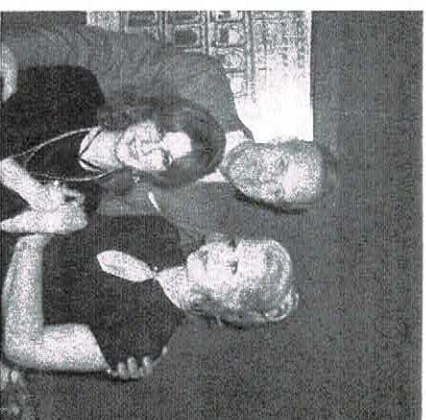
From the start I could open up to Italia in a way I couldn't with other people. She was a solid part of my life; a rock. I miss not having her there, like a part of me is missing. I enjoyed making the garden look nice for her.

From Barbara

Your generosity. When you came to meditate at our house, you brought me a kaftan. You said "You will be much more comfortable in this Barbara" and I was. I still have it.



Service for Italia Cross Breakspear Crematorium 21st August 2008



Minister

Yvonne Stanbridge

Readings

Barbara Barker

Music

Larry Cross

Announcements:

All are invited to an ashes scattering party to continue to celebrate her life on Saturday 23rd August 2008 at 48 Parkfield Avenue Harrow Middx HA2 6NP 020 8428 2984 from 5pm till late

Close Friends and Neighbours are invited to a dinner immediately following the service at Black Pepper Champagne Bar 461 Uxbridge Road Hatch End Middx HA5 4JS 020 8421 4349

All are invited to attend a Memorial Service at Harrow Spiritualist Church on Sunday, 14th September 2008 at 7.30pm 1 Vaughan Rd Harrow Middx HA1 4DP tel: 0208 537 0760 Les Pilgrim

Italia's daughter, Patti, would like to thank you for your attendance today and a special thank you to those who have assisted her, particularly Barbara Barker and Surekha and Clive Short for their help.

Remembering

GORDON HIGGINSON

20th-Century Medium



(1918 - 1993)

Gordon Higginson's authorised biography, *On the Side of Angels*, written by Jean Bassett, details his action-filled life, and records his views on a range of topics and some of the compelling evidence of survival he received, and gave, from people in the afterlife.

He recounts that his mother received predictions from the spirit world about his birth and his mediumistic abilities, both of which were fulfilled. His gifts included not only trance and clairvoyance, but also the dramatic faculty of materialisation when the so-called dead appear in the seance-room to be reunited with their loved ones - though his materialisations were not as consistently impressive as those of Helen Duncan and Alec Harris.

Gordon began his mediumistic calling when he was twelve years old: his mother, Fanny Higginson (herself a medium) trained him, and in the course of his lifetime of service to the spirit world he travelled relentlessly up and down the United Kingdom, appearing before hundreds of thousands who witnessed his brilliant clairvoyance not only in Spiritualist churches, but also in halls and theatres, including

In his book he recalls a wartime, spirit-world intervention:

"One time we became trapped behind the enemy lines. Our escape route, a bridge, had been blown up. There seemed to be no way out; there was a river, but we knew it was treacherous and very deep in places. I had been taught how to swim in full kit, but not everyone could do so. I was in charge and wondered what I could do to save these men and get back to our lines.

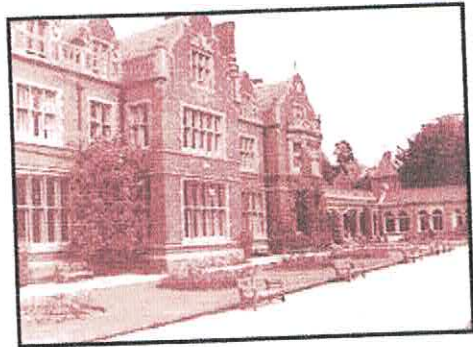
"I went aside and spoke with my spirit friends, desperately asking for help. Cuckoo (*his black child guide*) was there, and she said I was to trust her. She promised to show me the way, and said, 'Remember the bouncing ball!' Cuckoo reminded me of the first game we used to play together; now she would use that to bring us all to safety. Approaching the water, I saw the ball. I knew that I must follow it, and I must trust. We crossed that river with the water sometimes up to our chins.

"We all got through, even the shortest men. How pleased we were to be safe on the right side of that river. It is little wonder that the platoon loved my little black guide. Some of them collected pictures of black children and named them Cuckoo."

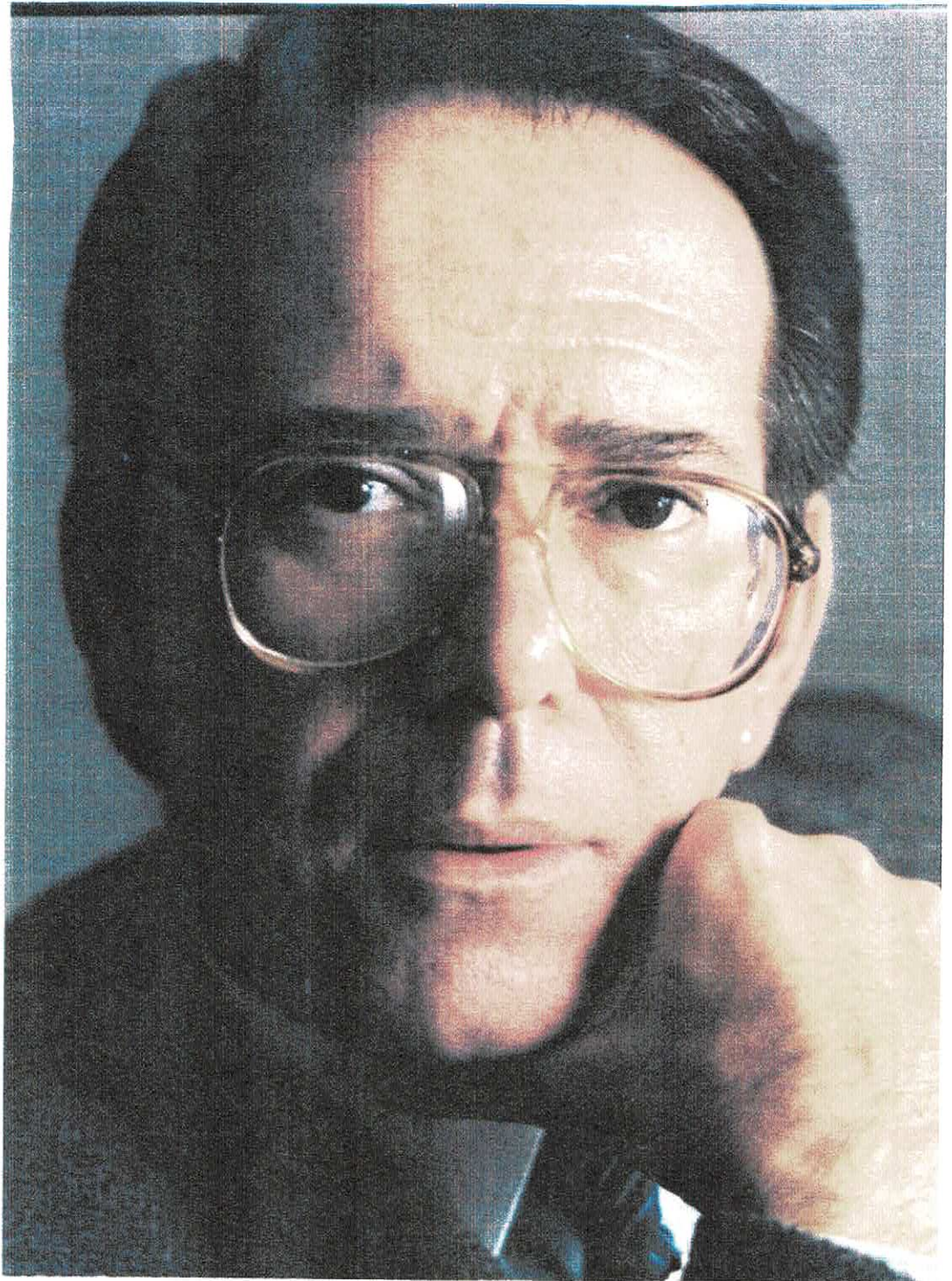
London's Royal Albert Hall. His messages often contained the full names and sometimes the addresses of his recipients.

A dedicated Spiritualist, he held on to the Presidency of the Spiritualists' National Union (SNU) for over 20 consecutive years, and he was one of its ordained Ministers. In addition to being the Principal of the Arthur Findlay College (*right*), which he thought of as his 'second home', he was also the long-standing President of Longton Spiritualist Church, Staffordshire, England.

Following a series of mini-strokes, Gordon passed over from a heart attack at his home in Longton, in 1993.



Stansted Hall in Essex, England, the former home of Arthur Findlay, and now the headquarters of The Spiritualists' National Union and The Arthur Findlay College of Psychic Science, which is visited by thousands of students each year.



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Spiritualist Association of Great Britain - SAGB

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History of SAGB

by Tony Orben

1875-1876-1877

The History of the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain (1872-2004)

Try and imagine this scene. It is a chill night - February 7, 1872, to be precise. See, sense and smell Victorian London. Outside, gas-lights flicker in an evening breeze. Indeed, it looks as though snow might be on the way. Horses jostle for space on the ever-crowded roads, their warm breath looking like ghostly vapour. People are rushing home, everyone from the street urchins and traders to the professional classes. Even the old lady selling violets seems anxious to vacate her pitch and head for the often foul-smelling East End and her large, ever-demanding family. Women, many wearing fur mufflers and sensible hats against the increasingly bitter cold, occasionally lift their now absurdly long dresses just an inch or so to escape puddles, some of which are just starting to ice over...

Now the scene switches to 16, David Street, Marylebone in London's West End. Around a dozen friends have gathered. Perhaps they were very different in class, size, education and background: that we do not know. But what we do know is that they had but one purpose - to discuss forming a Spiritualist society. After all, Modern Spiritualism had begun in America in 1848. Surely it was time to establish a Spiritualist organisation.

Perhaps seated informally around a table - the well-stacked fire occasionally belching smoke as a north wind blew down the chimney - the friends decided that, yes, they would form a society. A few informal meetings were arranged.

On July 10 of that same year, the Marylebone Spiritualist Association came into being as an organised body. During the early years, meetings were held at various locations throughout London, even including a carpenter's workshop and former police court. A major problem was that Spiritualism was still a taboo subject. Indeed, so great was the prejudice that occasionally the Association changed its name (unofficially, of course).

Now leap forward to September 1894, and to London's Mortimer Street where, thanks to an anonymous donation of £50, "a commodious meeting place" was secured. Incidentally, Emma Hardinge Britten, who founded "Two Worlds" and was the medium responsible for the Spiritualists' National Union's Principles, delivered the opening address.

Over the next decades, the Association met at various places, such as Steinway Hall, where famous trance medium J. J. Morse similarly delivered an opening address. Another well-known venue was New Bond Street's Aeolian Hall.

In fact, it was not until February 1930 that the Association secured permanent premises at 42, Russell Square, in Holborn. By that time some of the most famous names in contemporary Spiritualism had - or were - to serve it, such as Florence Marryat, the novelist, W. T. Stead, Alfred Vout Peters, Estelle Roberts, Annie Brittain, Horace Leaf, trance healer Fred Jones, trance and direct voice medium Kathleen Barkel, Nan Mackenzie, Bertha Harris... the list is almost endless.

Not even the Second World War could halt the Association's activities, for an official air raid shelter was established in the basement. Amongst active staff members then were Joe Benjamin. Within a comparatively short time other well-known mediums were to join the Association's ranks, like Ena Twigg and Ivy Northage.

A major move - literally! - occurred in 1955 when the Association purchased a lease on its

present premises, 33, Belgrave Square, in the heart of plush Belgravia. The cost of the then 92-year-long lease was a now unbelievably low £24,500. Famous Spiritualist Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding declared the magnificent building open. Indeed, he later took part in one of a number of "At Homes" in order to raise money for the new headquarters. Later, after an approach to the Board of Trade, the Association was renamed The Spiritualist Association of Great Britain, a move which rightly reflected its growth and status.

The SAGB celebrated its ninetieth anniversary in 1962 by building six new rooms on the ground floor specifically for sittings. These are still in use, providing ideal private venues. Still, the Association continued to offer sittings with top class mediums, such as psychic artist Coral Polge, Lillian Bailey, Ursula Roberts, Doris Collins, Magdalene Kelly, Harold Sharp, Nora Blackwood, Robin Stevens and David Young, to name but a few.

In recent years, the Association has undergone a carefully planned refurbishment, still honouring Spiritualist pioneers by remembering them with the Oliver Lodge Hall, Dowding Wing and Conan Doyle Hall. Indeed, on display is a chair in which Sir Arthur wrote a number of his famous Sherlock Holmes' stories. Facilities have been upgraded all round, with glittering new chandeliers in the Oliver Lodge Hall, with its original Adam fireplaces.

As well as offering sittings, the Association also provides spiritual healing on a daily basis, and organises both lectures and workshops whilst the recently opened Adam Suite is devoted to various complementary therapies. Naturally, classes are also held for those wishing to develop their innate psychic gifts.

True to its founding fathers, the Association is at the very forefront of promoting high-quality younger mediums from all parts of the UK in addition to already established mediums. Public demonstrations of clairvoyance are held daily so that everyone - convinced Spiritualist or not - can attend and, perhaps for the first time, come into contact with mediumship and Spiritualism in conducive surroundings.

As such, the SAGB does not have an official Mission Statement, to use a hideous modern expression. But if it did, perhaps it would run along these lines:

"To offer evidence to the bereaved that man survives the change called death and, because he is a spiritual being, retains the faculties of individuality, personality and intelligence, and can willingly return to those left on earth, ties of love and friendship being the motivating force.

"To offer spiritual healing to those suffering from dis-ease, whether in mind, body or spirit, in a warm and loving environment.

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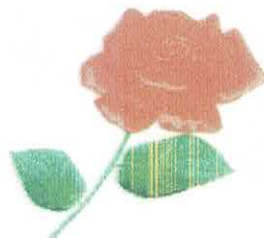
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£5.00 Admission

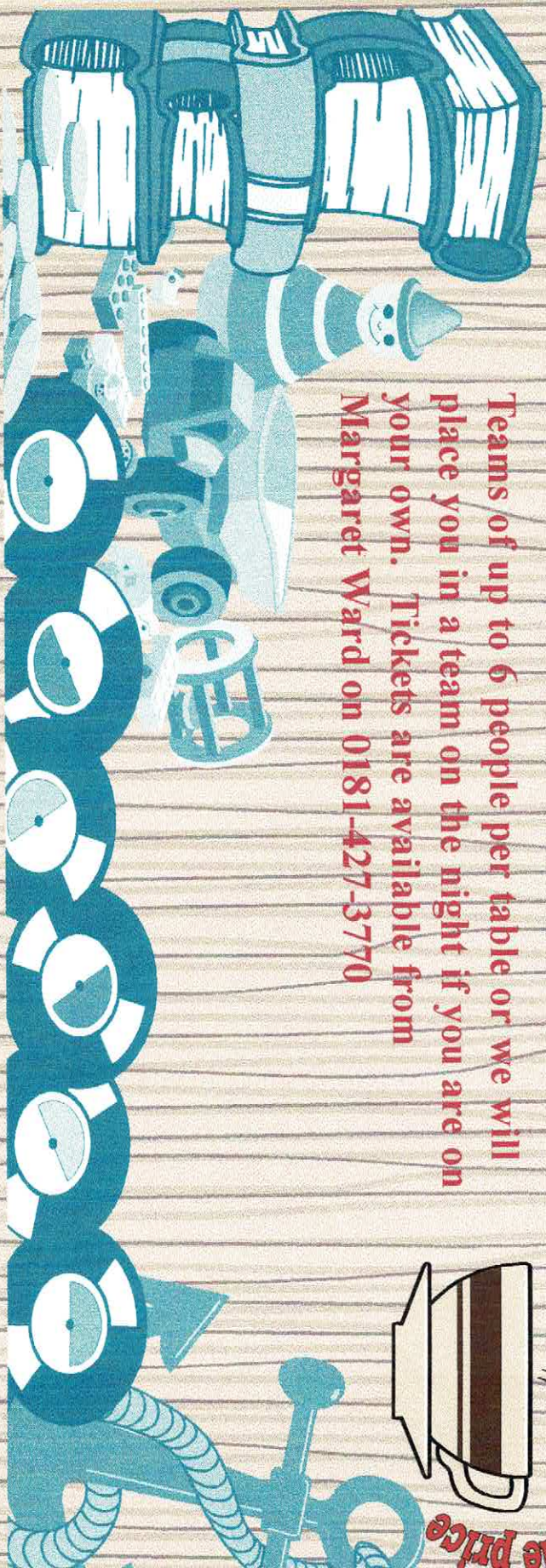
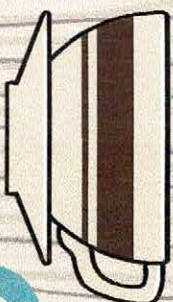
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Trivia Quiz Night

**Saturday December 7th
7.30pm for 8.00pm start**

Teams of up to 6 people per table or we will place you in a team on the night if you are on your own. Tickets are available from Margaret Ward on 0181-427-3770

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December & January

Saturday the 24th of December at 8 pm

The Harrow Carol Concert with Paul Meek

You are cordially invited to join the officers, Committee Members and friends with seasonal refreshments following the Carol Concert.

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Saturday the 3rd of December 1994 7.30 PM for a prompt 8.00 PM start
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Teams of up to 6 people, if you are on your own don't worry we will help place you in a team. There will be prizes for the winners and an excellent buffet will be provided.

Saturday the 28th of January 1995 7.30 PM

Admission £3.00



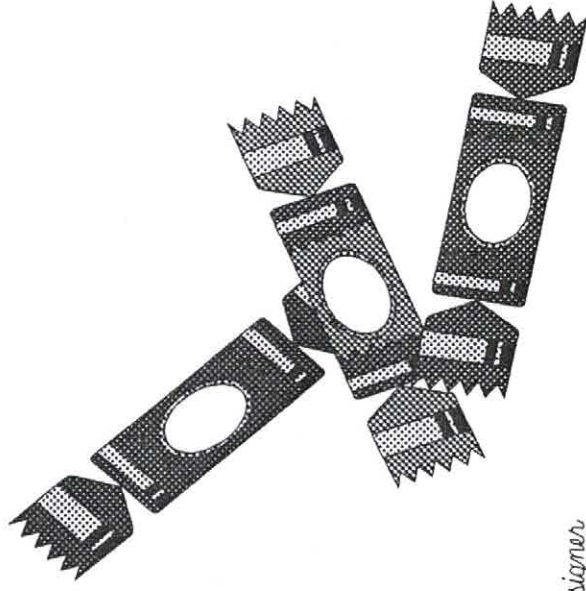
An evening with Ron Jordan

Tickets are available from Ken Valentine after the services on Wednesday's and Sunday's, or phone 0923 242156.

Christmas Raffle to be drawn on the night of the Carol Concert

Anyone wishing to donate a prize, are most welcome to do so. All money raised from the Raffle and the Concert, will be divided between St Lukes Hospice and our own Church.

The Officers and Committee extend the Seasons Greetings to all Members and friends. May Christmas bring you joy and Peace in the new year.



**Please note
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Happy Christmas and have a Happy new year from the poster designer

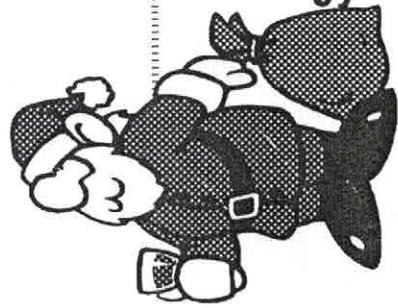
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25th Closed

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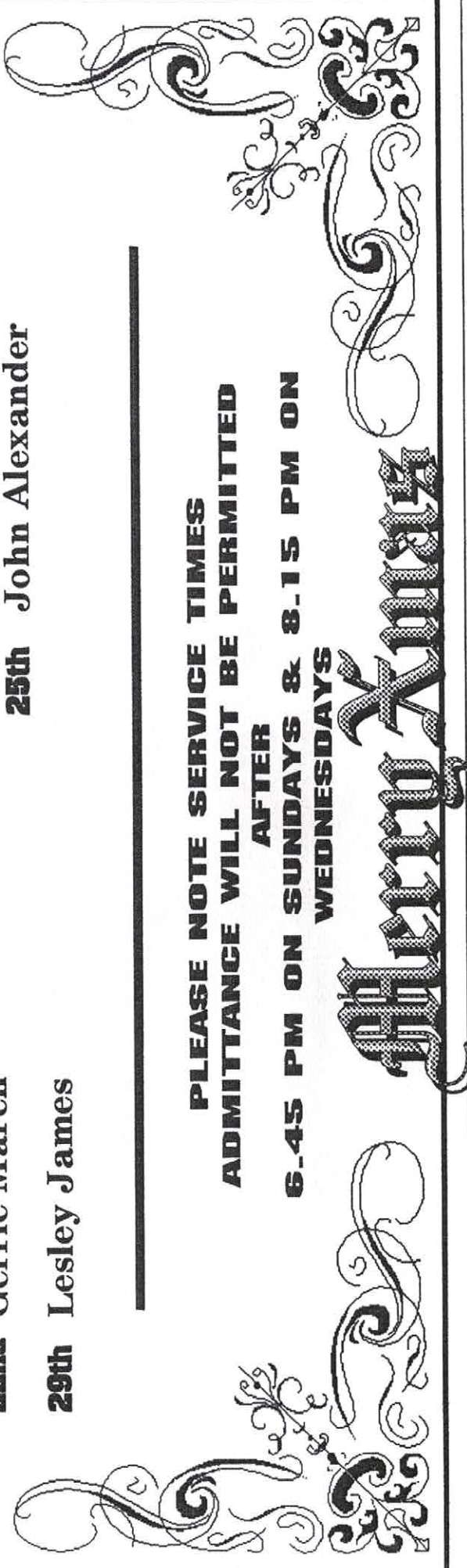
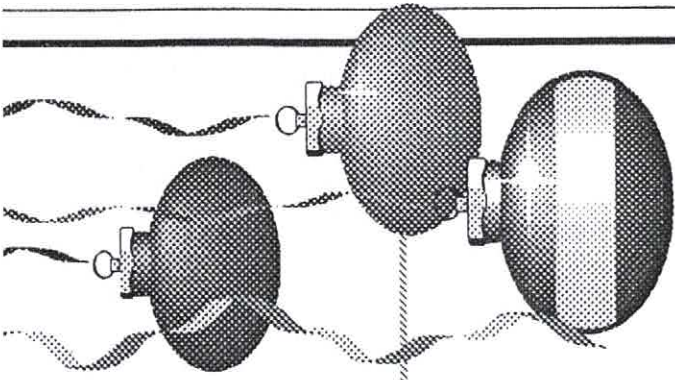
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 3rd Margaret Horsford 6th David Roy
 10th Ann Michael 13th Brenda
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 24th Charles Neville 27 RMS
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Please remember to bring either a pillow or a blanket as we will be sitting or laying on the floor.

Group Leader: **Jessica Palmer (Little Deer Comes Dancing)**
Lakota by ancestry, Palmer has been teaching courses about Native American culture in the UK for the last two years.

- Date: **Saturday, 5 December, 1998**
- Time: **1.30 pm through 5.30 pm**
- Place:
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23rd	ROBIN STEVENS	MSNU	28th	BILLY ELTON MSNU
30th	MIKE TURNER	CSNU		

HEALING

Healing is available EVERY MONDAY morning from 10.00 a.m till noon.

Healing is also available, ON REQUEST, following each Sunday service.

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DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday. June 20th at 8.00 p.m. "ELEMENTS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH"

Thursday, July 25th at 8.00 p.m. "SUPERSTITION AND SPIRIT"

The Group is led by ROBIN STEVENS MSNU.

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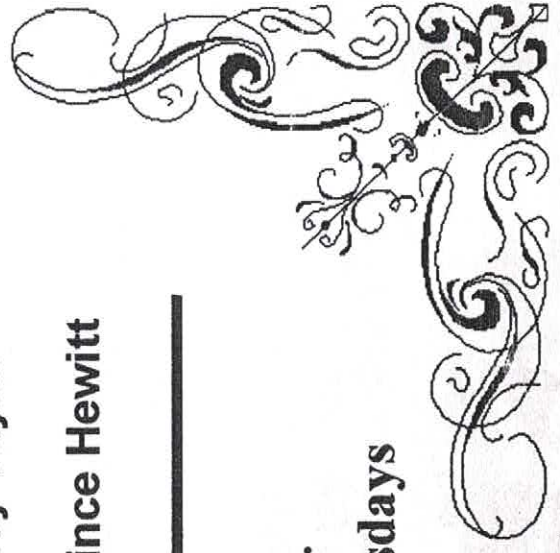
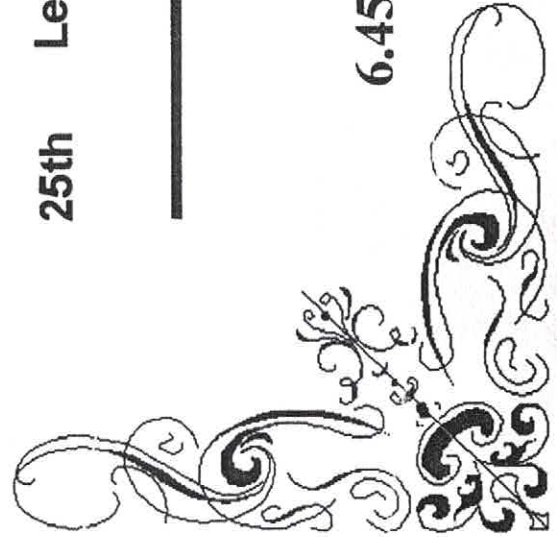
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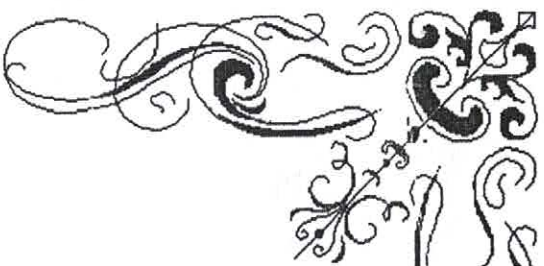
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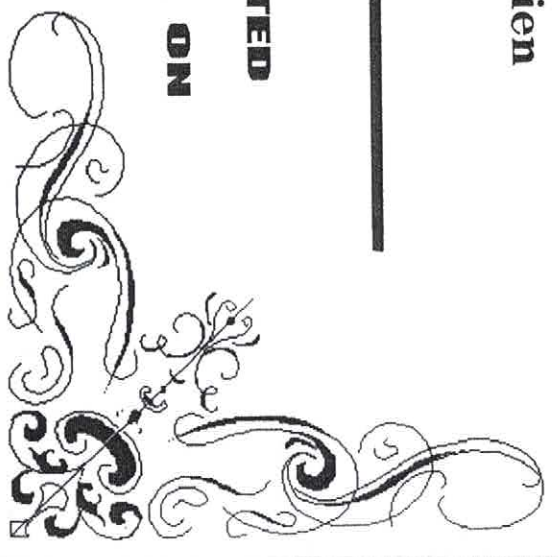
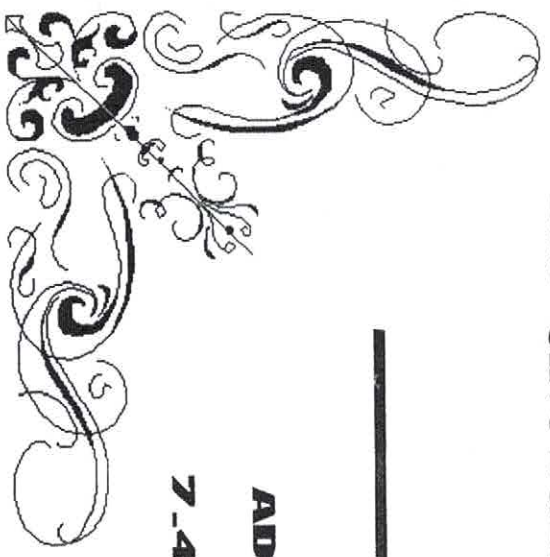
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A practicing Spiritualist, Denise Pilgrim had been a member of Harrow Spiritualist Church (The Light On The Hill), for over 20 years when she was encouraged to join the church committee. Denise tells us: I was happy to be a part of the church committee and after a short while was asked to chair the services, which I did with much trepidation, as I have an aversion to being the focus of other peoples attention. Despite her bashfulness, our authoress unknowingly took the first steps towards writing this book.

When told I would need to do a reading for each service that I chaired, I thought that an easy task and all I would need to do is find a book from the library on spiritual matters and read an inspiring section to the congregation, that would uplift them and help them in their daily lives. Denise searched and searched through countless books for many days, but could not find; just what I wanted to say within the limited time slot for a reading she tells us. I then began to ask spirit for some inspirational words to share with the congregation.

Fortunately for Denise (but more probably a tribute to mediumistic abilities), words began to flow and Denise was delighted by the information she was receiving, and she soon lost her fears about public speaking. After a little while in this role, Denise found her self being approached after her talks by members of the church, who would ask for a copy of my reading, who claimed they had enjoyed it so much. I continue to chair the services Denise tells us, and to receive inspirational writing, which I still share with my friends at Harrow Spiritualist Church. I kept each reading that I received and this has now formed my first book.

SPRIT INSPIRATIONS is a brilliant source of material for church reading, and has a modern originality along with some nice traditional touches. A timely and rather apt example of which tells us: At this time of year, there are many gifts exchanged, but there is one gift from spirit that costs nothing and is given to us freely, it is available to us every day of the year, and it falls into our laps unannounced and without ceremony, and that gift is love. I know you are not surprised by this revelation, for you hear that this is given to you weekly in your services, and as it is given to you, so you should also give it freely. It truly is the only thing that you can give away and become rich, not in earthly riches, but spiritual riches. With each gift you give this Christmas, make sure there is plenty of love wrapped up inside.

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The gifts you receive this Christmas, may not be many in number, but can be spiritually multiplied many times over if the right thoughts are used. Do not forget that your thoughts and the motive and reasoning behind those thoughts affect those that they are directed to. In thought and deed, send your love and be fruitful, for the gift of love you send today will undoubtedly be yours in the future. Denise Pilgrim was a new name to me, but one I will look out for in the future. She has a fresh and modern-day style of writing, with a old-school classic approach. However, I am now at a puzzle as to whether this book is a mark of her extraordinary literary ability, or the quality of teaching from her Spirit Guides!

Denise reminds us: It has been said to us many times by communicators from the world of spirit, that there is but a thin veil, which separates this physical world from the world of spirit. This has been demonstrated to us many times throughout our lives with the constant love and words of wisdom and encouragement that they bring to us through mediums. SPRIT INSPIRATIONS should be compulsory reading material in every church.

With almost one hundred entries written by a mediumistic speaker, primarily for church read-

ings, this book is a real must. However, I also recommend the book for people to read at home as it makes for a profound reading, and Denise herself tells us:

This book has been written for use in churches and for the comfort of individuals, who are seeking spiritual comfort and knowledge. When a short reading is required in church services, this book is ideal. When the problems of life become overwhelming and threaten to overpower your self worth, just pick up this book and turn to the appropriate page. Each reading can be a tool to help you to get through those difficult times, the words can help you to rise above your troubles giving you that extra strength of endurance and strength and proving that the power of spirit is at work in your life.

Without question, one of the best books ever written of this type Very highly recommended.



'The Light on The Hill'

Harrow SNU Church Vaughan Road

The 2010 - 2011

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The Light on The Hill

Harrow SNU Church

Sunday 16th January 2011

75th Anniversary Service

Medium: Chris Drew CSNU

Chairperson: Mrs Denise Pilgrim

Vice President and Life Member

Our Church was officially opened by

Estelle Roberts on 16th January 1936

Order of Divine Service

The Healing Silence

Names Read from Our Healing Book

The Healing Hymn No 3 remain seated

The Opening Prayer by Medium

Followed by saying together

The Lord's Prayer

A Reading by the Chairperson

1st Hymn

The Mediums Address

2nd Hymn

Demonstration of Mediumship

*Notices and Collection of Freewill
Donation*

The Closing Prayer by Medium

Vesper 358

'Lord Keep us Safe this Night'

The Officers and Committee warmly welcome you to The Light on the Hill Harrow SNU Church to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. Whether you are a regular member of the church, returning after some time, or if you are new to the church, you are all most welcome

Our service will start at 6.30 pm with a welcome from our President Hazel Middleton

Tonight we are encouraging our guests to share their memories of this wonderful church with those present which will all add to the rich history of this very special church

This will be followed by our Divine Service

Our Medium for tonight is:

Chris Drew CSNU

Our Chairperson is: Mrs Denise Pilgrim Vice President
& Life Member of this Church

Please join us for light refreshments

Our History of light on the hill

by
Bob & Margaret Ward

Margaret joined the Church about 1982 and later was elected to the committee when Italia Cross was president. After about one to two years Robin Stevens became president. I joined the Church about 1984 and about 1986 was elected vice-president, (Robin was president.)

Robin, as you know, was a great medium and in demand around the world; and so it was marvellous to chair for him at Harrow Church and even more so to chair for him at his Experimental Mediumship Evenings, which were done as a Saturday Evening Special. These evenings were extra special and usually included the following:

1. Blindfold Clairvoyance

This was clairvoyance where the medium could not see the person who was receiving the message, or see their body language, or hear their voice. Robin would be blindfolded and he would give out information and I would ask that any person taking it should not speak but to raise their hand and from then on just shake or nod their head in reply. I would then tell Robin the answer to his clairvoyance as a 'yes' or 'no'.

Before the blindfold was taken off, one tray was filled with psychometry items and another was filled with photos which were put into sealed envelopes with numbers written on.

2. Psychometry

You need to be careful here that the item had not been recently handled by lots of other people.

3. Photo reading

Robin would describe the features of the person in the hidden photo and some facts about them. The envelope would then be opened and the facts discussed with the owner of the photo to see how much of the information was correct.

Robin would then be taken to the committee room.

4. Book Reading

I would then take two or three volunteers to the library area. One would choose a book at random, the second person a page at random and the third any quotation of their choice from this page which was memorised, then written down.

I then placed it in a sealed envelope and returned to the platform. Robin then left the committee room and joined me. I would hand the envelope to him and he would hold it, sometimes to the centre of his forehead, and then say what had been written down. The results of this were often truly spectacular!

5. Raffle Ticket Reading

On entry each person would be given a raffle ticket. Each ticket stub would be placed in a box. I would select a ticket stub at random and hand it to Robin. He would then give a 'reading' from the ticket-stub alone, not knowing who had drawn the ticket. Then the person holding that ticket number would be asked to reveal themselves and a discussion would follow on how accurate the

6. Precognition

During the week prior to the evening of clairvoyance Robin would write down on a card 20 facts about a person attending the event. This was placed in a sealed envelope. On the outside of the envelope was written a seat number in the Church, (say third row on the left, fourth seat from the central aisle.) This was given to me in the committee room before the congregation arrived at the Church and I kept it in my pocket at all times. At this point in the demonstration I would identify the person on the seat number and then open the envelope and read a fact about this person from the card. Robin would then discuss this with them. The lowest Robin ever scored was 18 out of 20.....not bad eh?

I mention these things because they seem to represent the very pinnacle of mediumistic ability. Perhaps more spectacular than, but not as important as, first-class evidence. Perhaps you know of someone today who might be able to do some of these things at Harrow. Perhaps you and Denise might give them a go privately. Unfortunately, I've never experienced direct-voice, physical mediumship or apports.

My investigation into the origins of Harrow Church led me to the following info. which may be of use.

Harrow Spiritualist Society was formed in the early 1900s and used a home in

Wealdstone. Some time later, perhaps in the 1920s, a Mr. Crosoer became president. He was a dentist with a 'Hindes Road' address so perhaps he had his dental practice and living accommodation there. (I think that the Harrow Spiritualist Society may have held their meetings there.)

Anyway, Sunday meetings were moved to the Conservative Club Harrow and remained there until the Church was constructed at Vaughan Road. When I moved to Harrow in 1964, the Conservative Club was still there, situated on the main road by the back entrance of Harrow on the Hill metropolitan line station. A few years after 1964 it was knocked down and replaced by the current office blocks.

Mr. Crosoer was responsible for seeking to buy the land firstly at what is now the 'Sacred Heart School' site, (on the right as you go from Wealdstone High Rd. towards Long Elmes), and finally at Vaughan Rd. The corrugated-iron building of Harrow Spiritualist Church was originally a church, or more likely a church hall, from Feltham Middlesex. This was purchased by Harrow Spiritualist Society and re-erected on the newly purchased Vaughan Rd. site. In order to preserve the Church for future generations and to prevent the possibility of Church assets falling into individual hands, Harrow Spiritualist Society became affiliated to the S.N.U. and changed it's name to The Harrow Spiritualist Church.

Margaret served on the committee as Membership secretary from 1984 to 2001. We both trained as healers and were awarded our C17 certificates after which we worked at the Healing Clinics on Mondays and Thursdays.

Both Margaret and myself also ran Private Sitzings on Saturdays, once a month, for several years.

In addition we were happy to organize many Church social events which were not only good fun but raised funds for the running and upkeep of the Church. All in all we worked hard for the Church as it was an important part of our lives. We sadly miss this now we are living in New Zealand, (but not the hard work!) There's nothing as good as dear old Harrow Church over here.....more's the pity!

29/10/07

Nothing Hill

Dear Jerry,

Thank you for a lovely weekend at Harrow Church, and for organising everything so well!

Please say thanks again to David Hazel & Peggy for the job they did as gallery slaves. Also to Les & Denise for their contribution - am so happy to see Les has taken the plunge !!

Thanks for changing your Programme to enable next year's workshop to be on Sat. 29th Nov. with the

Service on 30th Nov.

I'll get Jennifer to have a chat about a Spring workshop and will ask John, Donna and also Carol from my advanced class to phone and arrange dates for services and/or evenings of meditation - it is really very satisfying for me to know that you are prepared to give them the start - thanks for that.

Hope all goes well with progress at Church, and in your own work for Spirit too - I'm sure they appreciate your efforts!

Much Love

Gertie

xx

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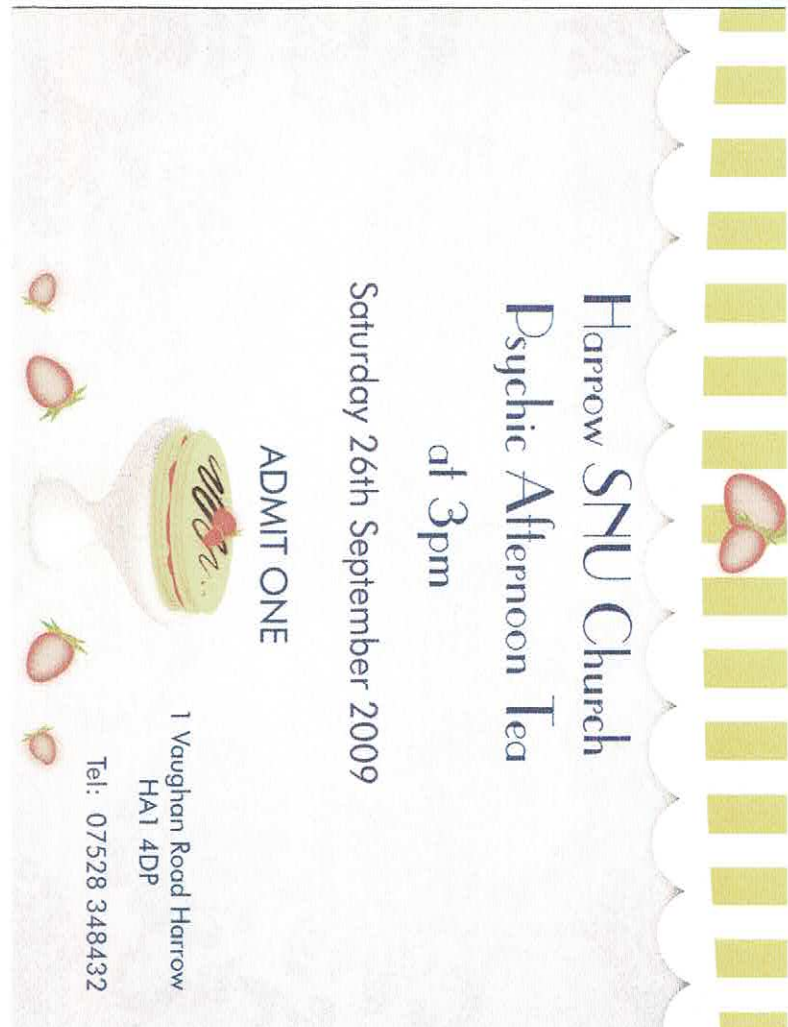
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15.03.12.

Dear Hazel,
Just to thank you,
Denise, Les and Ken(?) for an
interesting and thought provoking,
'Introduction to Spiritualism' last
Saturday.

All, that I spoke to, about
it - did enjoy it. The healing
session, went very well, in
particular.

Yours sincerely,
Steve.



Carol Service

Sunday 20th December

7:30pm

Clairvoyance

By

Douglas Harvey

Followed by

Christmas Raffle

&

Light Refreshments

Happy Christmas

See you all on

Sunday 10th January 2010

Date: 05/07/10

Thank You

**As I stepped into the Harrow Spiritualist Church,
I felt at home, so I decided to stop and search
Welcomed by the kind and gentle Hazel and other smiling faces
so many backgrounds, cultures and races**

**I entered the church for some answers and comfort
as I was confused and going round in a circumference
When I am at the church I feel blessed and caressed
all because of the great people and the voice of God Les.**

**I had many sleepless nights,
all because of my deadly frights,
but As David and Les induced me with their healing powers
it is now so much easier to climb those long and endless towers**

**I was feeling very low and so I was given a book
as I read the book I was amazed and became hook
Written by the beautiful Denise Pilgrim herself,
May she write more great books, so she can fill more shelves.**

**The Wonderful Psychic Circle facilitated by Douglas,
He is full of knowledge and to meet him is a great must
Not once I have I been treated like a stranger,
I feel so happy and never in danger.**

**Hazel, David, Denise, Douglas and Les
You bring harmony, and the Church with bless.**

**Thank you Church for all the acceptance and all your love
since I have met you great people I feel all above
May God continue to bless this Church and Sanctuary
as forever to come will be more souls in search just like me**

Amen.

Thank you my Guides, Sai Baba Ji, Angels and Spirit Helpers for writing this wonderful poem.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Church raises over £400

ON SATURDAY 20th March, Harrow (Light on the Hill) Spiritualist Church opened its doors for a day of fundraising in aid of the victims of Haiti's devastating earthquake.

Membership Secretary David Middleton told PN: "The day started with a coffee morning. There were private sittings, healing and stalls selling crystals and spiritual books.

"We then had a demonstration of clairvoyance by Les and Denise Pilgrim and Terry Bowen. This was popular, with around 40 people attending.

"We raised over £400 for the welfare of the victims.

"I must report that it was a very enjoyable day, helped by the positive energy of all those who gave up their time to run it, and all those generous people who supported the day."

For further details of events at the church, visit: www.lightonthehill.co.uk



Origins of Light on the Hill

After the First World War spiritualist meetings were held in various halls in Harrow and in 1936 the **Harrow Spiritualist Church**, accommodating 180 people, was opened in Vaughan Road. (fn. 23) Home circles in the Wembley area developed in 1929 into the Wembley Spiritualists' Society. Rooms were hired until the Wembley Spiritualists' National Church was constructed in 1957 in St. John's Road. (fn. 24) In 1940 a Spiritualist church, meeting in a private house in Rayners Lane, was registered in Pinner (fn. 25) and a Christian Spiritualist church, St. Michael's, was registered in Northolt Road, Roxeth, and, later in that year, in Kenton Road, Kenton. (fn. 26) Another Christian Spiritualist church, founded in 1948, met initially in Cecil Park, Pinner, and, from 1949, in Bridge Street. (fn. 27) The Evangelicals met in a wooden building in Wealdstone from 1921 until a brick building was opened in Mason's Avenue in 1928. (fn. 28) A second church was opened in Charlton Road, Kenton, in 1959. (fn. 29) Jehovah's Witnesses were established in 1936 in Harrow, using hired rooms until a Kingdom Hall was erected in Peel Road, Wealdstone, in 1939. (fn. 30) A Kingdom Hall was opened in Oakington Manor Drive, Wembley, (fn. 31) in 1956 and a separate community was founded at Pinner in 1958. (fn. 32) The Assemblies of God opened the South Harrow Pentecostal Assembly in Northolt Road, Roxeth, in 1938 and re-registered it as the Full Gospel Church in South Hill Avenue in 1959. (fn. 33) They also registered rooms in 1941 in Wembley, first in Neeld Parade and then in Wembley Hill Road, but this registration was cancelled in 1954. (fn. 34) The one Seventh Day Adventist church grew out of services held in the Majestic Ballroom and other halls in Wembley in 1940; a house in Barham Close was bought and registered in 1941. (fn. 35) Christian Scientists first met in Oddfellows Hall, Maxwell Lane, Pinner in 1920. A Sunday school and reading room were erected in Elm Park Road in 1926 and the community was recognized as a branch of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in 1929. The church was built and registered in 1937. (fn. 36) A Harrow branch was formed in 1953 and met in the Labour Hall, Railway Approach. (fn. 37)

From: 'Harrow, including Pinner : Protestant nonconformity', A History of the County of Middlesex: Volume 4: Harmondsworth, Hayes, Norwood with Southall, Hillingdon with Uxbridge, Ickenham, Northolt, Perivale, Ruislip, Edgware, Harrow with Pinner (1971), pp. 261-264. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=22475>. Date accessed: 08 July 2008.