

We hope that you enjoy this latest issue of our newsletter. As ever, if there are items that you wish to be considered for publication or wish to comment on any of the articles please write or email.

THE COUNCIL

There have been some more changes to the USF Council.

Rev. Alan Bowley has withdrawn from the Council. His position as Ministry Co-ordinator passes to Rev. Ray Robinson.

Rev. Ralph Neale has been appointed as Chair.

Rev. COLIN FRY

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Rev. Colin Fry last year when he lost his battle with cancer. Colin joined United Spiritualists as a medium in 2003 when he was already well known through his television programme.

He was ordained as a minister in 2012. He was a wonderful kind and caring person and will be deeply missed.

Rev. Ray Robinson conducted his funeral service.



USING A "STAGE NAME"

We sometimes hear that one of our members uses a "stage" name when they are working as a medium, healer, etc. rather than the one that they have registered with us. We do not have a problem with that but will you please let us know if you do and what it is. In that way if anyone asks us to confirm that the person is one of our members we will be able to do so.

CHARITY DONATIONS

You will know from last year's renewal invitations that we are to make more charity donations this year to celebrate our 20th anniversary. We asked for members to nominate their favourite charities. As a result we received 27 suggestions. We had intended to select 20 of these, but in the event we decided to divide the £20,000 between all of them.

So, the following charities will receive £750 each:

Alice Cross Centre
 Alzheimer's Society
 British Humanitarian Aid
 Camphill Family
 Citizen's Income Trust
 Dr Hadwen Trust
 Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust
 Essex Blind Charity
 HALO
 Home Start UK
 I Can
 Leuchie Life
 London's Air Ambulance
 Mission Care
 Orbis
 PACT Animal Sanctuary
 Renfrewshire Carers Centre
 Romney House Cat Rescue
 Salvation Army
 Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale Mind
 Skegness Day Centre
 Soft UK
 Spitalfields Crypt Trust
 Suffolk Family Carers
 The Cinnamon Trust
 The Compassionate Friends
 Tibet Relief Fund

You will also know by now that renewal for existing members will be free this year.

We thank you for your support for this organisation over the years.

HEALER QUALIFICATIONS

We have photographs of two healing groups for this issue.

The first is Barbara Mitchell's group in Lancashire. The healers are: Linda Webster, Ann Norris, Ellouise Pickles, Heather Ainsworth, Lesley Stewart and Cath O'Sullivan.



The second is Christine Vidavski's group in London. The healers are: Barbara Clarke, Elaine Cornford and Terence Stephens.

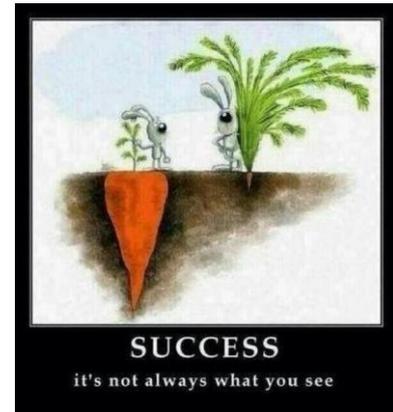


Our congratulations to these members and all those other healers, mediums, and ministers who have qualified this year.

JUNIOR ASSOCIATE

We introduced a new form of membership this year, that of Junior Associate. This applies to younger people who are over 15 of age and less than 18.

Our first recruit to this form of association was Bradley Carpenter.



And Finally

Two campers are walking through the woods when a huge brown bear suddenly appears in the clearing about 50 feet in front of them. The bear sees the campers and begins to head toward them. The first man drops his backpack, digs out a pair of trainers, and frantically begins to put them on.

The second man says, "What are you doing? Trainers won't help you outrun that bear"

"I don't need to outrun the bear" the first man says. "I just need to outrun you."

UNITED SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

USF are pleased to announce that these members have qualified as shown since the last issue (2015).

Certificated Medium

Kirsty Post
Danny Wheeler
Graham Watson
Julia Hart
Maria Hayes
Darren Turner

Caroline Hackett
Ann-Marie Westwood
Rachel Davis
Elaine Cornford
Terence Stephens
Barbara Clarke
Linda Scoular
Helen Rankin
Claire Hemmings
Audrey Quinn
Susan Irvine
Linda Merritt
Lindsey Thomas

Patricia Rowlands
Smith
Jenny Brown
Heather Ainsworth
Cath O'Sullivan
Linda Webster
Ann Norris
Ellouise Pickles
Lesley Stewart
Shirley Barber
Robert Brissett
Elaine Wilkinson
Karen Drury

Healer Counsellor

Steven Austin
Martin Fallon
Sarah Di-Benedetto
Maxine Fenn
Treville Lobendhan
Danielle Knight

Healer

Deborah Stevenson
Eloise Furst
Darren Gorham
Linda Card

Ordained Minister

Marjorie Jones

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