

## **QFAS conference, Woodbrooke, 21-23 September 2018**

### **Information on presenters**

#### **Don Mason – Frederic WH Myers, Science and the Afterlife**

Don will present on the life and work of Frederic William Henry Myers (1843- 1901), one of the founders of the Society for Psychical Research and a pioneer in challenging the materialist perspective which still dominates current scientific thinking today. The SPR did not set out to prove life after death but to examine the evidence for it, and Myers made a significant contribution to its work.

#### ***About Don Mason***

Don Mason is a British immunologist and former professor of immunology in the MRC Cellular Immunology Unit at the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology at the University of Oxford. Professor Mason is best known for his work on regulatory T cells and their role in preventing autoimmunity. Although Don began his working life as a physicist studying nuclear fusion, he is best known for his work on cellular immunology. Don's most important contributions to immunology are his studies defining the existence, cell surface phenotype and function of regulatory T cells. He retired from research in 1999.

#### **Linda Hoy – The Effect**

Linda will explore reflections on a tearful rabbit, a disappearing cat, a dimension-hopping goldfish, and the relevance of all of these to studies of the afterlife.

#### ***About Linda Hoy***

Linda is a member of Sheffield Central Meeting and best-known for her award-winning books and plays for children and young adults. As well as leading writing workshops at retreat centres and running Quaker residential courses, Linda has been the Royal Literary Fund's Fellow at York St John University and also at Sheffield University in the Department of Animal and Plant Science where she was able to research her latest book, *The Effect – where science meets spirituality*.

*The Effect* explores connections between time, spirituality and the latest discoveries in scientific understanding as well as offering evidence for the existence of the human soul and an afterlife. It can be ordered from <http://theeffectbook.com> or as an e-book or in print.

#### **Michael John Lovett & Catherine Reidy – The Spiritual Crisis Network and Transpersonal experiences**

Catherine and Michael will discuss the work of the Spiritual Crisis Network (UK) and explain how the experiences that individuals contact SCN about may be understood as a transformative process. They will outline the way that these experiences may manifest and offer a way forward when understood within a positive context. Transpersonal experiences are becoming more accepted into mainstream perceptions of spirituality and psychological intervention.

The SCN is a non-profit organisation that relies on donations to offer information and an email support network entirely run by unpaid volunteers, many of whom have had their own spiritual breakdown and subsequent breakthrough. The SCN offers information and an empathic ear to those experiencing a crisis and those who support them. There are also a growing number of local peer-lead support groups.

### ***About Catherine and Michael***

*Catherine Reidy* is a psychotherapist with particular interest in unconscious processes. She studied psychoanalysis and undertook dream research at Goldsmiths College. Catherine's other interests include symbolism, alchemy, astrology and the afterlife. She is currently undergoing further in training in Jungian Sandplay therapy, and is a volunteer at Spiritual Crisis Network.

*Michael John Lovett* has had a keen interest in comparative religion, the esoteric, paranormal, and mysticism since an early age. He studied psychology at Northampton University College, and Transpersonal Psychology & Consciousness Studies at Liverpool John Moore's University. Michael is the treasurer for the SCN.

### **Tim Walter - Healing our houses with Modern Geomancy**

Some years ago Tim encountered what would ordinarily be called a ghost living in his family home. But this was no ordinary disincarnate soul, this was a lady who he subsequently discovered was called simply 'Jane'. Her initial request was that she wanted to be treated as part of the family. It was this act of acceptance that led to a complete change in the way Tim saw his world. In this presentation Tim will explain how he and his family first met Jane and the implications of his conversations with her over a period of some fifteen years. Part of Tim's immediate life-change resulting from this meeting was finding his mentor, the late Hamish Miller. Hamish was a dowser of extraordinary insight who (jointly with author Paul Broadhurst) rediscovered the earth energy lines that stretch across southern England from Cornwall to Suffolk which are jointly known as Michael and Mary. These are probably the most well-known earth energy lines in Britain. Tim will touch upon how earth energy can be found in every home, its importance to our well-being as individuals and to the world as a whole. Tim will include in his presentation some examples of his house-healing dowsing work.

### ***About Tim***

Tim Walter is a Modern Geomancer (house healer), alternative life coach and writer. An ex-film maker, he has completely changed his life direction to spend his time researching aspects of human awareness in order to help people realise their individual extraordinariness in the everyday ordinary. Using intuitive skills such as dowsing and a grounded spiritual philosophy he helps people overcome personal obstacles such as fear, anxiety and depression to be able to face life with more confidence and clarity. [www.knightsrose.com](http://www.knightsrose.com)

More info on Tim's dowsing and house healing can be found on his YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/KnightsRose](http://www.youtube.com/c/KnightsRose)