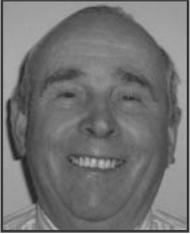


# Terry tailors his mediumship

THE EDITOR'S E-MAIL INTERVIEW WITH A SERVING MEDIUM



*This month, Tony Ortzen interviews Kent clairvoyant Terry Tasker (pictured), the organiser and tutor of the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain's (SAGB) healing course.*

*A teacher of all forms of mediumship, Terry outlines his psychic story and answers an array of other points. The first question Terry answered was, "What was your job before becoming a full-time medium?"*

**I** WAS manager of a clothing factory, having gained City and Guilds certificates in men's tailoring.

*How long have you been a medium?*

Since 1969. I started going to Batley Spiritualist Church, West Yorkshire, in October 1968.

In March 1969, the medium did not turn up for the Sunday services so the vice-president asked me if I would take the services, which I agreed to do. I was nineteen years old.

During the clairvoyance, I could see my Uncle Jack, who had died before I was born, and also an American Indian chief, who told me who to go to at the demonstration and what to say.

When it came to the address at the evening service, I was aware of a vicar from Spirit helping me to give a 45-minute talk on spiritual philosophy. That is how long addresses were expected to last in those days!

*Where were you born? Were your parents religious?*

I was born in Batley. My mother enjoyed attending Salvation Army services and then started going to the Spiritualist church. My father was very open-minded about religion.

*Please describe your first psychic experience.*

My first psychic experience was at the age of fifteen. I saw my grandfather's spiritual self coming up the stairs, although he was dying in hospital some fifteen miles away.

*What do your family think about your mediumship?*

The family is all supportive of my mediumship, being quite psychic themselves.

My partner's name is Averil. She is president of Hythe Spiritualist Church. I have a daughter called Nicola and two sons, Richard and Jason. Nicola is a housewife and part-time actress.

Richard is a drainage engineer whilst Jason is at the Bridge Theatre College in Camden, NW London, studying to be an

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actor. I have a stepdaughter, Maria, who works part-time in Averil's ladies' boutique, Pixie of Hythe.

*What psychic gifts do you have?*

Clairvoyance, clairaudience and clair-sentience. I am also a physical medium and healer.

*Where do you live?*

In Hawkinge, which is famous for its Battle of Britain aerodrome, near Folkestone in Kent.

*What's your age?*

I am 59 years old.

*What was the best day in your life . . . and the worst?*

The best days were when Nicola and Richard were born, and when we adopted Jason. The worst day was when my brother Alan died suddenly aged 23.

*What's the best piece of advice you have ever been given and by whom?*

My mother told me to be myself and do my best.

*If because of some disaster you had to leave your home in ten minutes, which items would you save?*

I would make sure everyone was out safely, then perhaps rescue some family photographs.

*What kind of programmes do you like watching on TV or listening to on the radio?*

I like a good old-fashioned comedy or a whodunnit. I also like listening to classical music.

*If you could invite six people for dinner, "dead" or alive, who would they be and why?*

Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy and Winston Churchill because they all

had an effect on the world's history, and two were sympathetic to Spiritualism.

Ethel Moore, past president of Batley church, for her encouragement, and Stella Blair, for giving me the opportunity to work at the SAGB.

Then there's Duncan Gascoyne, president of the Spiritualists' National Union, for giving me the first opportunity to be a tutor and course organiser for spiritual healing.

*What would you serve them to eat – starter, main course and pudding?*

Melon or home-made soup, vegetarian roast with Yorkshire pudding and strawberries and cream.

*What really irritates you in life and other people?*

The main irritant? Man's inhumanity to his fellow mankind.

*Who would you most like to be stuck in a lift with for an hour?*

The escapologist Houdini. He might get us out of the lift even quicker!

*Do you ever think we are deluding ourselves and that mediumship can be explained away?*

No, I don't think we are deluding ourselves. I have had so many wonderful experiences of spiritual evidence both on a personal level and from the evidence brought through to me for other people.

Here's just one example. Last year, when I was doing a sitting at SAGB, a young man came into my room. As he sat down, I could see a spirit gentleman, whom I knew must be his father. I told the young man, who replied that his father had only been "dead" for two weeks.

Before his death, it had been arranged between them that the father would give a code to prove his survival. I saw his father write in the atmosphere 007, which was indeed the code they had arranged between them. The father was Russian and could not speak a word of English.

*What makes a really good medium?*

One who can give enough evidence to establish without any doubt who the communicator is and who is caring and dedicated.

*Where have you worked abroad?*

I have worked in Belgium, Japan and the USA, but mainly in Germany.

*What would be your perfect day?*

To have all my family around me and close friends relaxing and enjoying ourselves.

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*If you could choose to live in a different country, which one would it be and why?*

Canada has always appealed, but for no particular reason.

*How do you think your friends would describe you?*

My friends think of me as quiet and dependable with a good sense of humour.

*If you could change anything about your personality or appearance, what would it be?*

I would like to lose a few pounds . . . and a few years!

*Are there any bad habits you would like to give up?*

I am a bit of a chocoholic!

*Can you tell me something about your healing?*

I have given healing to many people, but three examples stand out.

One lady's growth disappeared just hours before the operation. I was asked to go to Guy's Hospital in London to see a boy dying from meningitis. Doctors gave no hope, but through healing and the excellent care from the medical staff, he survived.

I was also asked to see another patient who was in intensive care, where I gave healing with the staff nurse, who was one of my students, present. All the monitors went to normal while the healing was taking place.

My main task in healing is to teach and encourage those who are interested as I am tutor and course organiser at the SAGB and also a tutor for the Kent International Healers' Association.