

Healing Awareness Week

The Healing Awareness Week last year was a success with events being arranged across the country and a substantial amount of money being collected and donated to charity.

The Healing Forum is therefore organising a Healing Awareness Week this year.

It is being planned for the week of Monday 30th April to Sunday 6th May. As before we will be asking volunteers to arrange events that make the general public more aware of healing, especially those who have had, as yet, no experience of healing.

This year, any funds raised through Healing Awareness Week activities will go to The Sam Buxton Sunflower Healing Trust, which provides complementary healing therapists to work alongside conventional medicine for children, teenagers and adults on their cancer journey within NHS Hospitals and Hospices

We will soon be providing publicity material so that volunteers can let their local press and other media know all about it.

We hope that you will be able to make this event a great success.



Healing Harry Edwards Style at the Arthur Findlay College

It has been some decades since Harry Edwards stood on the platform in front of 50 plus Spiritualist Healing Mediums and an audience of several hundred, who had come to see him offer Spiritual Healing and witness the amazing power he channelled from Spirit to help the sick and infirm. At venues as huge as the Albert Hall in London, and the Victoria Hall in Manchester, he would demonstrate the power of Spiritual energy using the gathered healers as a boost for his own prodigious attunement to Spiritualist Healing and the power of the Spirit healers he worked with.

In the words of a then young healer, Bill Fletcher now, an experienced Spiritualist Healing Medium, and member of the Stansted Hall Healing Team, who was back then helping Harry by bringing patients to the stage when Harry asked them to join him: "More than once I helped a person with walking difficulties on to the stage and after Harry had worked on them, walked behind the patient carrying their crutches,

which they had discarded. "That was a wonderful thing to see", he said. Since then Bill has dedicated his life to Spiritualist Healing Mediumship and is now, after over four decades, a powerfully attuned Spiritualist Healing Medium in his own right.

For decades this kind of demonstration has been neglected, however during Healing Awareness Week (Monday 30th April until Sunday 6th May 2018) there will be a new demonstration of the Harry Edwards style of Spiritualist Healing. Not since Harry Edwards passed to Spirit has his own unique style of Healing Demonstration been replicated, that is until this year at the world's leading residential college for Psychic studies: The Arthur Findlay College on the evening of Saturday 5th May 2018, during Open Week and Healing Awareness Week.

Minister Steven Upton will give a demonstration of Spiritualist Healing Mediumship, with the support of S.N.U. healing mediums, in the style of Harry Edwards; this has not been seen in the UK for many years. The evening will also include a demonstration of Trance Control for Healing.

Steven will be supported during the evening by over 20 of the SNU's most experienced Spiritualist Healing Mediums, in the same way Harry Edwards used his team of Spiritualist Healing Mediums to turbo-charge his attunement to the Spirit World and the team of Spirit Healers working with him.

This will be a ticket only event and sadly the numbers of tickets will be limited to just 150 in the audience, so booking early is essential, along with booking your ticket to the Open Week at the Arthur Findlay College. The SNU and the AFC feel staging this Harry Edwards style of Healing event is a fitting tribute to the man who is still considered one of the most spiritually connected Healing Mediums and the most well-known Spiritualist Healing Medium of our age who was also a Minister of the Spiritualists' National Union.

The event will be held in the Sanctuary at Stansted Hall where Harry Edwards was part of the team who dedicated this special space, when it was first transformed from the Stansted Hall Orangery to become the hub of the SNU as our church, truly a special place for Spiritualists from all around the globe.

Full details of this event can be found by visiting the Arthur Findlay College website at www.arthurfindlaycollege.org or the Spiritualist's National Union website at www.snu.org.uk

Aspects of Healing In Action

The Confederation of Healing Organisations (CHO) introduced Healing to a whole new audience when it took its *Aspects of Healing* initiative to the Mind Body Spirit Wellbeing Festival last November.

The initiative, designed to introduce and promote the practice of Healing to as wide an audience as possible, included a series of nine well received talks, which attracted much interest and prompted some interesting questions and discussions. Subjects included:

- How developing your own spiritual practice helps you maintain good mental health
- Learning simple self-healing techniques to help you in your daily life
- Practical and emotional tips to support ourselves and loved ones on the final earthly journey
- How the power of connectivity aids both personal and global wellbeing
- The gentle way to address trauma - regression therapy using flower essences
- Feeling the power of collective healing.



Between the talks, visitors to the Birmingham based festival were invited to try out healing for themselves, through a short session with one of a team of healers. All the available slots were quickly booked up and many festival visitors stopped by to find out more about what was happening. In total, 104 people received healing, many of whom said it was their first experience and expressed how positive they had found it. Over £800 was generously donated by the recipients and will be put to good use to further promote the practice of Healing.

The healing sessions were successfully delivered by a team of fantastic volunteers from CHO members, who also enjoyed taking part:

"It was great to be part of the event; I enjoyed the opportunity to connect with people in healing mode and it was a privilege to be providing their first experience of healing".

The CHO is very grateful to everyone who participated for their part in taking the **Aspects of Healing** initiative to a new and wider audience.



BAHA Reflects on the 'Healing Forum'

We have come a long way since Sheila Holmes, Chair of the British Alliance of Healing Associations (BAHA) first contacted Ken Wyatt of the Harry Edwards Healing Sanctuary with the view to setting up a meeting to discuss ways of bringing together all healing organisations to bring about a united healing movement in order to promote greater awareness of Healing. During the discussions it was felt that it would be useful to have a meeting. Sheila asked Ken if he would bring along Colin Baker of UK Healers (UKH) to the meeting.

It was decided to approach other organisations to see if they were willing to share. Accordingly, representatives from Spiritualists' National Union (SNU), BAHA, UKH and the Confederation of Healing Organisations (CHO) met at Arthur Findlay College in July 2015.

At this seminal meeting, all four organisations agreed that the way forward was collaborative participation with each participating healing organisation retaining its own autonomy. Each organisation takes it in turn to organise and host meetings and acts as facilitator for that meeting. We all agree that we come together in this way to work toward the common aim of raising awareness of Healing, to achieve a greater understanding among the general public and the medical profession of the many benefits of Healing for people's wellbeing, and that Healing is practiced as complementary to conventional healthcare and not alternative.

The "Healing Forum" was chosen as a working title for the group, as we also share commonalities and discuss any challenges within our individual organisations. We work as a team, which is a huge step forward for the Healing Movement in this country and of benefit to our organisations' members.

We were jointly involved in presenting a Healing Awareness Week during May 2017, which was considered by all to be a success therefore BAHA has accepted that we will jointly participate in another Healing Awareness Week during 2018. This year it will run from 30 April to 6 May.

There has been quite a lot of interest from healing organisations who share the BAHA commitment to bringing all healing organisations together on equal terms whilst strictly retaining each participating organisations own autonomy, the result of which has achieved a great deal of respect from various sources, and a number of applications from healing organisations wishing to join BAHA, which in turn is taking BAHA from strength to strength on its road for bringing all its healers and the healing process forward. We are so proud to be part of the Healing Forum and maybe in the not too distant future we can and will include other healing organisations to participate in bringing the Healing Movement together in order to promote a greater awareness of Healing and its benefits to the General Public and the Medical Profession.

UK Healers

Following a House of Lords paper recommending regulation of complementary therapies, UK Healers was formed to develop and implement Quality Criteria for healers.

We have done this now, twice!

We have been considering for a while whether we should continue on this rather narrow path, or to expand our mission. There is now internal agreement that we would like to expand our activities. We have some exciting provisional ideas about what we should be doing in the future. When they are finalised, we will be announcing them to everyone.

Watch this space!
