

# Terry tailors his mediumship

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

*This month, Tony Ortzen interviews Kent clairvoyant Terry Tusker, the organiser and tutor of the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain's 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 fulltime 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 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 Folke -  
stone 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 clas-  
sical 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, presi-  
dent 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 our-  
selves. 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.

*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.